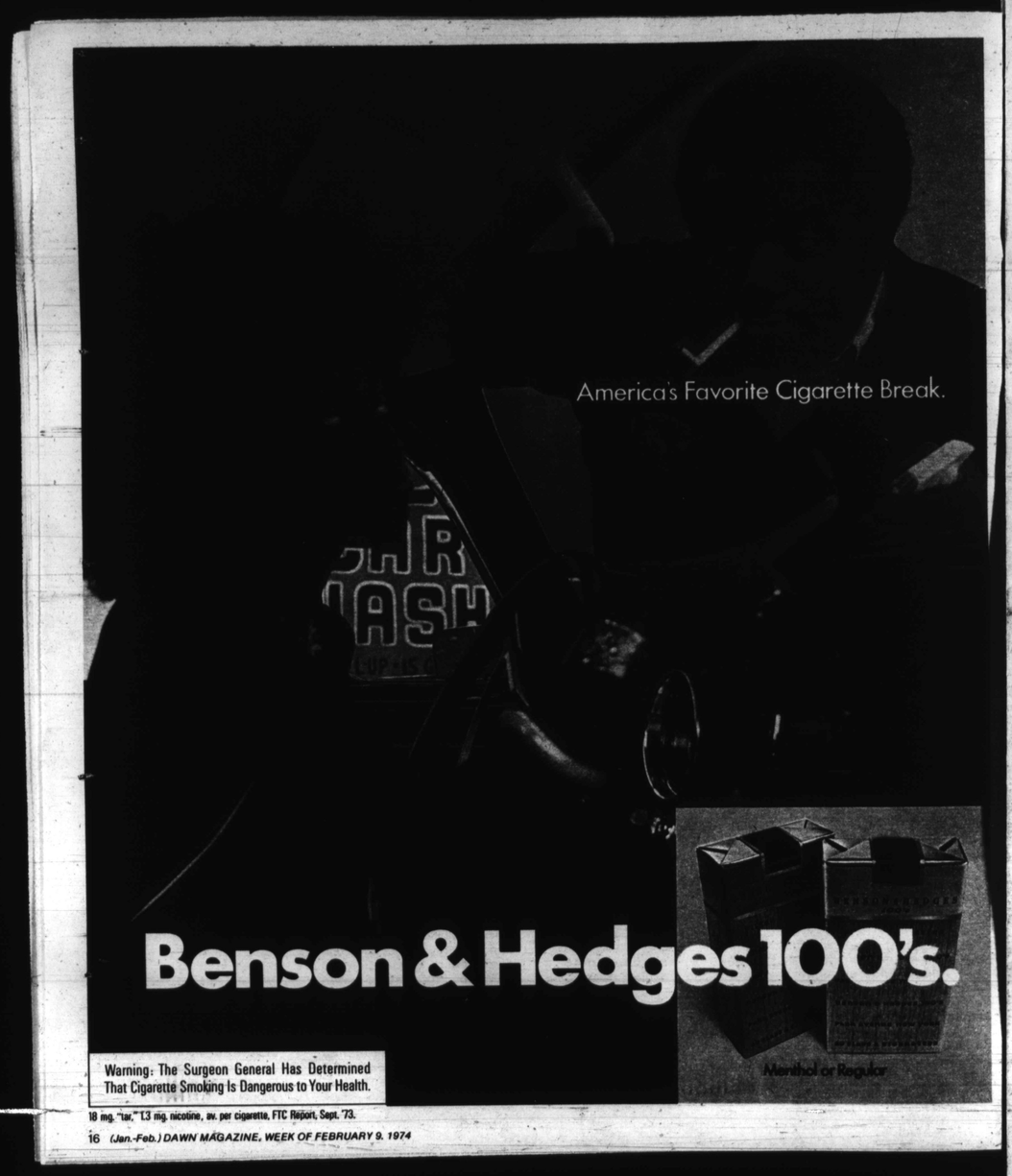

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'Get Rid Of Patterson' Rumor Enrages Citizens

Secret plans denied after news leaked out

Mayor Schaefer, City Council President Walter Orlinsky and others have been burning gas, running up and down the road to Annapolis this week getting together with Gov. Mandell "to pull a rabbit out of the hat" on the school situation.

A surprise plan is supposed to come today (Friday) whereby Mandel, presto, waves a wand and unveils a scheme to end the 2-week strike, satisfy the city's 8,000 teachers and file the 196,000 children back to class.

The rumor, burning holes in AFRO wires, tying up State House and governor's office lines, has included in the magic package deal, "Sen. Clarence Blount goes in as school superintendent; Dr. Roland Patterson is run out of the job and suddenly all is well."

Rumor lays the scheme separately and collectively at the feet of Mandel, Orlinsky and even Schaefer.

Sen. Blount says if he ever finds out who is back of it, "I'll nail him to the cross, so help me."

A statement printed herewith plainly states Blount is not interested and wouldn't take the job if it were offered him.

Orlinsky through an aide, Roger Nissly, said he never started any rumors against Dr. Patterson, has made no moves to "get rid of him."

Mr. Nissly told the AFRO Schaefer has no pull in Annapolis and Orlinsky is the real one who is getting through to the governor.

Gov. Mandel told an AFRO reporter Thursday he "doesn't know a thing."

Meantime the entire black community is furious to think whites feel Baltimore is "Uncle Tom Country." Strong spokesmen say, "We know where it's coming from" and they have been smelling a "rat" for sometime.

All say "dirty tricks" abound to get rid of Dr. Patterson or any black man who makes $50,000 a year.

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Black members of the General Assembly all heard

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Sen. Blount is furious

SENATOR CLARENCE BLOUNT

Sen. Clarence Blount said Thursday:

"This is an answer to a rumor that has started flowing around that my appointment as superintendent of schools to replace Dr. Patterson is a part of a package that is being negotiated in settlement of the teacher's strike.

"As far as I am concerned, the situation and whatever package they are getting together will have to stand on its own merit but it will not include Sen. Clarence W. Blount.

"As far as I am concerned, it is only a rumor. There is no fact nor substance to it. No one, the mayor, the governor, nor any of the negotiators has mentioned this to me at all, even in public or private conversation.

"I am not interested in being the superintendent of Baltimore City public schools.

NOT INTERESTED

"I am not interested in replacing Superintendent Patterson.

"My only interest at the present time is representing the people of the 5th Legislative District in

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Confession Tells How Bird Cage Owner Died

AFRO Honor Roll last call, Feb. 23

Who made the greatest contribution to Baltimore area progress in 1973?

Who, in terms of individual accomplishment, courage, sacrifice, unselfishness or generosity, did the most to advance the cause of the community?

The AFRO is looking for such persons and organizations.

AFRO readers are invited to nominate them for a place on the 35th Annual Honor Roll. Deadline for nominations is midnight Feb. 23, 1974.

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Nominees may be from all walks of life, but must be persons not previously elected to the Honor Roll.

Service is the only criteria, services that are not average but superlative, without thought of personal gain.

Nominations should be addressed: AFRO Honor Roll, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. Those elected to the Honor Roll will be cited at a public ceremony and receive a handsome, engraved plaque.

MERGENTHALER HIGH SCHOOL'S best poster painter is (second from right) Kevin W. Bailey who designed the third-place poster and received a savings bond from an outdoor firm vice-president and general manager Philip Kershnew. Along with the handsome young man on the occasion were his art teacher, William Von Schulz and pretty sister, Miss Edith Bailey.

Woman admits 'I shot him'

A Criminal Court jury on Thursday heard the confession of the woman who is accused of killing one of the Bird Cage Owners. The statement police testified she gave them the night of the murder said, "I shot him three or four times."

The signed confession was given Det. Leonard Willis on May 24, 1973 at 5:35 a.m. at homicide headquarters.

In the statement the accused woman, Mrs. Rose Laverne Roberson, 22, admitted she shot Lee Wallace, one of the owners of the Bird Cage Bar located at North Ave. and Chester St. The matron lives in the 1700 block E. Lanvale St.

The before dawn shooting took place in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Goodnow Rd. where Wallace, 42, lived.

In the confession, the matron said she had been the dead man's girlfriend for four years and resided with him at another apartment.

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Mrs. Roberson's attorney, Howard Cardin, objected to the confession being read in open court, but Judge Mary Arabian who was presiding, admitted the statement as evidence.

Jim Schneider is the prosecutor. The trial continues today (Friday).

The statement which homicide Det. Willis testified was given "strictly voluntarily" said:

"There was a shrimp party at the Federal Lounge. I left the Federal Lounge and went to the Star Light Bar. I got a phone call to stop at the Bird Cage.

"When I got there the bar was closed. Lee let me in, we took the girl who was working in the bar home. At North Ave. and Gay St., when he (the victim) stopped for a red light, he took the back of his hand and slapped me.

"I said why don't you stop. . . ." We were pulling in the parking lot and he hit me again. I told him to leave me alone. While we were struggling, I was trying to get the gun out of my pocketbook."

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According to the confession read by the detective, Mrs. Roberson said, "I shot him three or four times. When the gun went off, he said, 'Rose, you shot me.'

"After he was shot two girls and a fellow came over to the car and took the gun and my pocketbook then left. The police came, I asked them were we under arrest and the police said no.

"I walked three blocks and caught a cab. I went to my mother's house and told her I shot him."

Among questions and an-

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Mayor: No truth in it

When asked what was his role (if any) in a rumored, "Trade Blount for Patterson Scheme," Mayor Schaefer told the AFRO Thursday:

"I have never discussed Dr. Patterson with the governor. In fact I have a closer relationship than ever with Dr. Patterson since the strike.

"There is absolutely no truth in it at all. He has never been mentioned by the governor or me.

"If the strike does end tomorrow (Friday) it will be a miracle. Most of the money has to come from Baltimore city. We're living in a dream world if we think it's all coming from Annapolis.

"I went down there with a package of things that deals with the problems of Baltimore. The package was drawn up by me and taken there by me. Who gets the credit doesn't matter.

"I don't care who talked with whom. I am the mayor of this city. I met with the governor from 3 p.m. (Thursday) to about 9:15 p.m. We are talking again tonight (Thursday).

"People sometimes forget I am the mayor, but I am the mayor. I am the one who has to deal with the problems of the city."

Teachers' Strike Bulletin

At 12 noon presstime, the 1 p.m. Civic Center meeting of all Baltimore teachers was still on schedule. However, PSTA officials would only say, "We're just going to tell the teachers where negotiations may or may not be at this point."

When the AFRO reached spokesmen for the governor, the mayor and City Council president Walter Orlinsky, the answer was, "There is nothing further to report. Oscar Jones, PSTA member, said a report that teachers were about to sign a contract, "is not true".

Policeman Quits, Used Illegal Bullet

The bullet Officer Paul Mitchell used to kill young Stephen J. Janey last Feb. 5 was not a part of regulation police equipment, the AFRO learned Thursday morning.

Young Janey was shot dead culminating a high speed chase after being suspected of stealing an automobile.

The 158 grain 38 caliber lead hollow point (dum dum bullet) has a muzzle velocity of 1060 feet per second and an impact of 395 f.p.s.

The standard 158 grain Smith and Wesson lead-nosed bullet has a velocity of 855 f.p.s. and an impact of 255 f.p.s., a difference of 205 and 140 f.p.s. respectively.

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Dennis Hill, police public information director, told the AFRO that Mitchell quit the force when he learned he would have to face a police department trial board.

"It was found out sometime after the shooting that he was using ammunition that was non-regulation equipment.

"We informed him that he would be brought before the trial board and terminated from the force if found guilty. He exercised his prerogative and resigned," explained Hill.

Hill said that Mitchell admitted he had hid the bullet during inspection that day. "Police are inspected daily to make sure they are in proper uniform and are using regulation equipment," Hill added.

"What makes the "dum dum" bullet so lethal is that when the bullet strikes a person, rather than mak-

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Mrs. Brooks gets top post

Director Carl Behm has announced appointment of Mrs. Glenda Brooks to the newly created position of employee liaison representative at S. Baltimore General Hospital. Mr. Behm said, "We are the first hospital in Maryland to create such a position."

Mrs. Brooks' role is like that of a hearing commissioner. Where there are grievances, Mrs. Brooks attempts to work out the problems.

Mrs. Brooks, her husband and two daughters, live in Glen Burnie. A native Baltimorean, she attended schools in Brooklyn Park and Linthicum.

MRS. GLENDA BROOKS

LOTTERY WINNER at the last Millionaire drawing is George N. Briscoe, Baltimore, who collected a neat $300 check. The next Millionaire's Party is March 5 at he Baltimore Hilton Hotel with $1,145,000 in prizes.

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Bishops Bryant, Nichols head Kansas AME confab

The Council of Bishops which superintends over 1,500,000 African Methodists throughout the United States and abroad, will assemble in Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri in mid February for its winter meeting.

Approximately 3,000 persons are expected for the Council and other Connectional meetings during the week of Feb. 17-21.

The Rt. Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, who presides over the Fifth Episcopal District is host for the Council.

Dr. William F. Dancy is host Presiding Elder and the Rev. H. Solomon Hill, First AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas is host pastor.

The Rev. L. Fisher Hines, Trinity AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas is co-host.

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The Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will launch its Centennial Celebration Feb. 16-19, with a Creative Arts Festival.

The theme, OUR HERITAGE-OUR FUTURE will be carried out through workshops of unusual crafts, rare art displays, and performing arts demonstrations and presentations.

Miss Mary Frizzell, Con-

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BISHOP HARRISON BRYANT

BISHOP D. WARD NICHOLS

HEW TOLD

More time needed for desegregation

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare in a letter from Washington has asked that Baltimore achieve desegregation of schools within 30 days.

Quoting the law Peter Holmes, HEW Civil Rights director, reminds it is incumbent upon the school board to come forth with a plan.

Mr. Holmes says there are 10 elementary schools with one-race staffs, nine black, one white and refers to the Pinderhughes Ele-

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Liddie's mom returns, was on FBI list

BULLETIN

Mrs. Ada Jones turned herself in Thursday morning and accompanied by her attorney William Carrier submitted to authorities at the Court House in Towson.

Mrs. Ada Harris Jones, mother of convicted narcotics dealer John E. (Liddie) Jones, went on the Federal Bureau of Investigation list Feb. 12.

She is a material witness for the state in the case against Steven L. Miles, Liddie's former Baltimore County attorney, who is accused of larceny after trust of $72,000 (more or less) from Mrs. Jones, conspiracy to bribe, perjury and tax evasion.

FBI Special Agent Charles Mathews III said in an affidavit that he checked with Jones' family members and now believes Mrs. Jones to have fled outside Maryland "to escape giving testimony against Miles.

The indictment against Miles claims Mrs. Jones paid him $72,000 to get Liddie "off the hook."

A Federal warrant issued after FBI check has gone out to each of the 50 states and all U.S. territories.

All airports are being checked daily and all ship ports. Federal marshals stand by for possible arrest throughout the nation.

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MRS. ADA JONES surrenders

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