MISS TINA LOUISE GREEN

—Murder trial

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having a large rear end" were in the hospital. Miss Green was sitting in the emergency ward waiting room while Miss Brown was being treated for a gashed hand.

He further said that uniformed officers took both girls to police headquarters and, to his knowledge, weren't placed under arrest, nor were their parents notified until he arrived to interrogate them at 5 a.m.

At present, Miss Green is being charged with murder and attempted robbery with a deadly weapon.

According to police reports, the murder occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. Miss Lessem was stabbed with a butcher knife in the ladies' room on the second floor. She and her companion, Mrs. Flossie Jernigan, were attempting to secure lodging prior to catching an 11:30 a.m. flight to Bermuda from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport when Miss Lessem went to the restroom.

Further, the report says that Miss Lessem was found lying in a puddle of blood on the landing leading to the bathroom, where she apparently staggered from the bathroom. Two 10" butcher knives were found lying inside the restroom.

Assistant State's Attorney Phillip Tamburello told the AFRO that forthcoming testimony will reveal that the girls were in need of money and had planned to rob someone.

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—Mello says

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the chair and looking directly at the jury, Capt. Mello said, "Spencer was a good detective and did a good job."

The captain testified Spencer would often attend meetings for him when he was not available and also act as his chauffeur. When a rumor began to spread, that Spencer was the 'captain's boy," Mello testified, he began using other officers as his chauffeur.

During cross examination, prosecutor William Pope asked Capt. Mello, "Isn't it true Spencer was closer to you and you allowed him to become your bag man?

Capt. Mello stared at the jury and said, "That is untrue."

The prosecutor stated, "Isn't it true you told him (Spencer) that dirty money sure comes in good?"

Capt. Mello smiled and answered, "I don't even use words like that. The only envelope Spencer delivered to me was an envelop with my pay check.

"Everyone who knows me know I would not do that. I don't need it and I have worked on those type of cases before," Capt. Mello told the jury.

Capt. Mello testified, "Gundy was a true and honest man. I had to beg him to take the job as sergeant."

—Witnesses

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from God, a state of ignorance and conducting oneself contrary to the commands of God."

Quoting the Scriptures, he warned against loose conduct as he pointed remarks to the life-style of today's younger generation.

He singled out pre-marital sex, drunkeness, use of drugs and smoking as degrading and without any redeeming value either physically or spiritually.

None of Jehovah's Witnesses use tobacco in any form.

H. P. Bryant spoke on the topic: "Preach, Saying, 'The Kingdom of the Heavens Has Drawn Near.'"

Bryant referred to the kingdom of God as a real government. He stated that the preaching work of Witnesses is specifically designed to call attention to that heavenly government and to announce that it will ultimately exercise authority or control over this world.

THE WORLD TODAY

"This Kingdom message has taken on even greater meaning in our day. People stand in danger of losing, not just a few years of life, but life everlasting, with no prospect of a resurrection," he said.

Witnesses' beliefs include understanding that God's kingdom started its rule in heaven in 1914 and that this invisible government will soon act against all wickedness and oppression in the world and restore God's purpose of peace and life.

Predicting that world peace will come soon, Coonce said the world is weary of strife and indesperate situation.

NIXON IN CHINA

Coonce said strange events are taking place in our time but their true significance goes much deeper than their surface appearance.

He outlined important events that have signaled a change in world affairs.

After 22 years, Communist China—controlling more than one-fifth of the earth's total population—finally gained membership in the United Nations.

For the first time in history, a U.S. president went to mainland China, making a "journey for peace" in February, 1972.

SEEKING RESPITE?

"Would a political world peace heal the rift between religious groups, as in Ireland where the Catholic-Protestant conflict has brought death to hundreds of men, women and children?" Coonce asked.

"Would it eliminate racial disunity and hatred as found between Arab and Jew or tribal rivalry as that in the African country of Burundi?"

Coonce said the only permanent solution to the problem is God's kingdom by Christ.

Coonce concluded by saying that if people wish to escape that "sudden destruction" with the present world and enjoy peace and life in the future, they must support God's kingdom as man's only hope and uphold it as the true means of peace.

"It is man's only hope," Coonce concluded.

According to Capt. Mello's testimony he had never heard of Donald Harrington and John Dobbins until he was arrested.

Defense attorney Russell White asked the nine character witnesses that spoke on behalf of Capt. Mello, were they familiar with his reputation in the community for truthfulness and honewty.

Each witness described the captain as a man who was honest, outstanding and had an excellent reputation in the community.

The witnesses were Colonel William Harris, Mrs. Francis T. Evans, Lieutenant Thomas J. Copaing, Lieutenant Charles H. Hellins, Marvin L. Slugg and Father Henry J. Offer.

John (Flathand) Dobbins, who is known as part operator of the gambling business and Stanley Brown a suspended policeman who is charged with taking payoff, did not testify.

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Herman Clayborne, owner of the Club Astoria, 1300 block Edmondson Ave., denied making payments to policemen. According to the government witnesses, payoffs were made from Club Astoria.

The other men on trial are Calvin M. Cason, Gilbert Derrenberger, Willie Cheeks.

SEN. MITCHELL TESTIFIES

When defense attorney Harold I. Glaser called Sen. Clarence Mitchell III to testify at the police corruption trial this week the courtroom was packed with spectators.

The 35-year-old senator was scheduled to testify Tuesday, however, he told the jury the subpoena was left with his mother's secretary and he had not seen it.

Sen. Mitchell emphatically denied he had made any arrangements for a job concerning Donald Bernard Harrington. He told the jury he has known Harrington and Robert Gordon for quite a while.

The senator was named June 10 by government witness Gordon who testified, Sen. Mitchell was the man who arranged to have a phony job created to employ the convicted gambler Donald Harrington on a work release program.

Sen. Mitchell did admit he wrote a letter for Harrington to be released from prison but did not know that Harrington was in the numbers business.

He testified he has written "hundreds of letters for people incarcerated." According to Sen. Mitchell's testimony Harrington met Gordon in Mitchell's office.

Defense attorney Glaser asked the witness, "Did you at any time tell Mr. Gordon you were going to ask Mr. Harrington for $5,000?

The senator hesitated and said, 'I have never operated that way in the past or the future."

—High interest

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he first made his intentions known in a City Council meeting in February and again on March 19 City Council Budget and Finance Meeting (on his Bill No. 693 to exempt school buildings from required spending of 1 per cent total construction costs for ornamentation.)

Making it quite clear as only Dr. Julian can do, he states, "I am filing for the Senate of the state of Maryland. My filing has nothing to do with Sen. Mitchell's current problems. I would feel ashamed of myself if I were to use this to run for office.

"I would like to work vigorously to see that the state assume its proper responsibility of funding Baltimore City education totally. If we are going to have quality education, then someone else is going to have to help pick up the tab."

He says that many school administrators feel the same way.

In addition, he said "There are many faults that I see in areas such as medicaid, which I think that a doctor with 30 years of experience could work hard to alleviate."

—The Grants

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in 1970. After a four months course in Texas Southern University, they were sent to Liberia.

There, they were assigned to teach in government-owned schools in Gbarnga, a city about 125 miles from Monrovia, the capital. Janice taught English and Social Studies while Woody taught chemistry, biology and general science.

Speaking about their experiences the couple noted, "Our people in Liberia knew very little about black Americans and teaching there afforded us the excellent opportunity to fill in the gaps as much as we could."

Now reassigned to Monrovia Mrs. Grant is a teacher in an all-girls mission school and Woody is an assistant co-ordinator for UNICEF in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs.

"The experience of living and working with our people is one which cannot be equalled in a life time," stated Mrs. Grant, elegant in a native Liberian gown.

Back home in the U.S., Mr. and Mrs. Grant have an impressive history in the struggle for equality, justice and freedom for black Americans.

As staunch NAACP members, the couple were plaintiffs in Harford County's suit against the county's Board of Education demanding desegregation of school faculties.

Mrs. Grant, a native of Harford County, holds a Master's degree from UCLA and was for a while secretary of the county's NAACP. Her husband is a graduate of Virginia Union University and Meharry Medical College.

—Mandel

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grove, as Administrative Judge to the court.

Informants within the State House had advanced speculation that Mr. Mandel further endeavoring to engratiate himself to black Marylanders, favored the appointment of District Court Judge Solomon Baylor to the position given Judge Borgerding.

With Judge Hargrove moved to the Supreme Bench for Baltimore the Governor probably sensed that a void existed within politically influential Baltimore.

Where he had hoped to retain a black as 'second in command', Judge Sweeney's action clearly overruled any such wishful thinking on Mr. Mandel's part.

Further, the recent appointment of Judge Benjamin Brown to serve as the City Solicitor for Baltimore, leaves the District Court with one fewer black judge.

Fear not Mr. Governor, you still have three District Court selections and one appointment to the Supreme Bench to make.

Will these selections be a further reshuffling of old, familiar faces or will the cards be thrown in and dealt anew?

As one state legislator complained recently the Democratic Party in Maryland is a "closed party." During an election campaign the Governor always reaches for the same "pocket Negroes," he said.

—Jim Kelly

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about 2 a.m. Tuesday to say he had a good day and was very tired.

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