—Fr. Franklin wins appeal

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"Looking at the record in retrospect, as we do, we see the absurd spectacle of a murder trial involving, as a substantial issue, the question of whether candies, to be sold by St. Martin's Church for fund raising purposes, were really worth the $5 price being asked, or were actually worth not more than $2.50 as Bishop Leighton testified."

Bishop David Leighton of the Diocese of Maryland, was called as a witness in surrebuttal of Melvin J. Sykes, engaged to advise St. Martin's Church of Christ located in the 400 block Orchard St.

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Michael Mitchell was the attorney who successfully argued the appeal case before the State Appeals Court.

Father Franklin was sentenced to eight years on June 27, 1974 for committing a hand gun violation in the murder of James Lee Gregg, 18, in an incident on Dec. 29, 1973. He was later released on $35,000 appeal bond.

During the hand gun violation trial, Assistant State's Attorney Edwin O. Wenck, contended that Gregg was shot by Father Franklin following an argument over a homosexual pass.

However, the accused and his attorney produced testimony that the minister was set up and nearly robbed by the victim and his companion, James A. Turner.

The minister's attorney in the hand gun trial, Nelson Kender, argued throughout the criminal court trial that his client was tried on his religious beliefs. Mr. Wenck, the prosecuting attorney was an ordained minister.

Upholding the defense contention the Appeals Court stated:

"A perusal of the transcript could lead a reader to believe that the central issue of the trial involved appellant's church, and that the alleged homocide was a collateral issue."

On the attitude of the trial judge in the questioning of witnesses the court wrote: "It is understandable that a seemingly harmless question or two, lacking obvious relevancy, might be permitted by the trial judge, relying as he expressed it, upon the State 'to tie this in to some relevancy.'

"The State never did so, beyond a claim that appellant's credibility was involved But the floodgates were opened and the murder trial was engulfed by evidence not material to any proper issue."

Baltimore coed who fell 4 stories reported better

"She seems to be progressing nicely. Her parents are in Philadelphia now and it is hoped that they will be able to bring her home."

A relative was telling the AFRO about the progress of 19-year-old Rhonda Ammons, who was injured in a four-story fall from her University of Pennsylvania dormitory on Friday.

Miss Ammons is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Ammons. Her father is a veterinarian and her mothe, Mrs. Mary Ammons, is a Baltimore city teacher.

At AFRO presstime, the coed remained a patient at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Miss Ammons is a sophomore, majoring in medical technology.

Police report they are still investigating how she suffered the broken vertebrae.

A spokesman told the AFRO police have not been able to complete their investigation but will have a report when the coed is well enough to be interviewed.

Miss Ammons is the neice and godchild of J. Hiram Butler, former city police detective lieutenan who also has been at he bedside.

Food stamps armored truck

Following is the May schedule for the two Federal Armored Express trucks leased by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to sell Food Stamps in the city:

May 2 — 3220 W. Belevedere, 9-12:30; 23 E. North Ave., 1-4; Lexington Market, 9-4.

May 3 — 23 E. North Ave., 9-4; Cross Street Market, 9-4.

May 5 — Claremont Homes, 9-12:30; Patterson Park, 2638 E. Baltimore, 1-4; Govans United Methodist Church, 3210 York Road, 9-12:30; 3942 Reisterstown, 1-4.

May 6 — St. Edwards Church, 901 Poplar Grove, 9-12:30; Forest Park Food-A, 3805 Liberty Hghts, 1-4 Gilmor Homes, Pressman and Gilmor Streets, 9-12:30; Latrobe Homes Hillman Street and Barnes Court, 1-4.

May 7 — Westport Homes, 9-12:30; Fairfield Homes, 1-4; Brooklyn Homes, 9-4.

May 8 — 3220 W. Belvedere, 9-12:30; 23 E. North Ave., 1-4; Lexington Market, 9-4.

May 9 — 23 E. North Ave., 9-4; Cross Street Market, 9-4.

May 12 — Claremont Homes, 9-12:30; 2638 E. Baltimore 1-4; 3210 York Road, 9-12:30; 3942 Reisterstown, 1-4.

May 13 — 901 Poplar Grove, 9-12:30; 3805 Liberty Heights, 1-4; Gilmor Homes, 9-12:30; Latrobe Homes, 1-4.

Changes to this schedule may be obtained by calling "Voices of Baltimore" at 396-1900.

Persons not receiving Public Assistance who wish to apply for Food Stamps may do so at their local office of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. For information on eligibility requirements and the office serving their address, they should call 234-2762 at the Department.

—Feds nab

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a cutter and bail was set at $10,000.

CCB STUDENT

BERNARD BYNUM, 25, of the 700 block Woodington Rd., is on parole from a five-year sentence for possessing cocaine.

Bynum, a student at Community College of Baltimore told Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz, "$50,000 bail was too high. However, if my bail is reduced, I would be able to attend school."

JAMES RONALD MOORE is the father of three children and on parole for another offense. His bail is $50,000.

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Mr. Radding told the court, "The people were found in the act of cutting and bagging heroin."

City and federal investigators recovered approximately eight pounds of suspected heroin and a large quantity of suspected marijuana from the apartment. Also seized in the raid were assorted glassine envelopes, quinine and other paraphernalia used to cut and process heroin.

According to an affidavit, an informant met Miss Cheryl Henson on April 14 at the corner of Pimlico Rd. and Woodland Ave. at 8:30 a.m.

Miss Henson then took the informant to 4801 Laurel Ave. She instructed the informant to "bag heroin." According to the informant all of the suspects bagged heroin for approximately 14 hours.

The affidavit states, after 200 bundle were packaged, Stanback left with the bundles and indicated he was taking the heroin to Moore.

According to the informant, the heroin was already "cut" and ready for bagging when it got to the apartment. After the heroin was bagged and closed with cellophane tape, 25 bags were counted out and placed in an unmarked white envelope which was then sealed by tape.

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The affidavit states, after the 400 bundles were packaged, the packaging was completed.

According to the affidavit, Miss Henson was paid $149 for bagging heroin on April 14. Several females were observed on April 28, 10:43 a.m. entering the apartment carrying packages. James Moore and Bernard Bynum were also seen entering the house.

$300.00 Reward

For any information leading the arrest or conviction of the murderer of Sandra Morrison. Miss Morrison was shot on March 27, 1975 in front of her home at 3740 Overview Road. If you have any information please call the Baltimore City Police Department or 448-0808.

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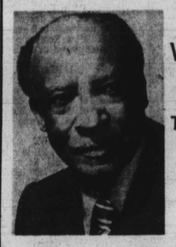

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