# Russell sues police spy probers

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sophson, a former ISD member.

A total of 43 present and past members of the ISD are covered by the class action, the brief states.

Defendants are listed as Senator Edward T. Conroy, chairman of the investigating committee and its other seven members.

The committee is accused of having sought to hide behind its "legislative label" in taking on the status of a super grand jury, prosecutor, judge and jury while denying policemen right to due process.

Specifically, the brief contends Pomerleau, et al are being denied equal protection and due process granted by the First, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments.

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Russell's brief also contends the denial of a right to confront witnesses and cross examine violate guarantees of Maryland law covering fair procedures for legislative investigating committees.

According to the brief, brief, the preamble of the Senate resolutions approving the probe is "accusatorial."

Accorind go the brief, from its inception the committee proceeded "to blithely ignore every basic concept of due process . . . .

"Secrecy and dignity were replaced by the bombast of publicity mongers . . . ."

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It is contended Miss Schulte has described Gladstone for the press as a "tough ex-prosecutor" who "never lost a homicide case" and who "blows smoke in people's faces."

Russell's brief claims Gladstone started living up to his billing by "sequestering" the former ISD operative Robert White to his private law office in the Tower Building "under threat of subpoena."

During the interrogation, the brief says, "this individual was threatened, questioned on criminal conduct without warning of his rights and told his phone was tapped.

The overpowering, coercive and intimidating tactics employed against this black man by these two ex-prosecutors violated his most fundamental constitutional rights."

Both Gladstone and White taped their conversation by mutual agreement and some of the language was rough. At one point:

WHITE: (Inaudible) I've never heard you cuss before.

GLADSTONE: That's because you (deleted) me off.

Before that there was this exchange:

GLADSTONE: With your training and with your background, and the fact that you went directly into ISD without even going to the God Damn Academy, they wanted you for your special training — —not because you were some poor black boy who they felt was just as good as anybody else.

You happened to have had a specialty and they wanted to use that specialty and you were (inaudible) to use that specialty . . . and that's the truth.

According to the Russell brief, this was the pertinent portion of the exchange regarding the telephone tapping:

GLADSTONE: I had your phone bugged. I know exactly (inaudible) . . .

WHITE: Then you're going to jail.

GLADSTONE: See that, there you go.

WHITE: You have no cause (laughs).

GLADSTONE: Yeah, but I had a judge, the judge signed the order.

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Russell's brief for Pomerleau included other charges previously made, including one that influence of the police union which had been disciplined by the commissioner for an illegal strike, was involved in the bringing of the spy claims.

Affidavits were introduced from former legislator John H. Gallagher and his wife in which they contend the main reason for the police probe is to oust Pomerleau.

The brief says the Senate probers have taken on a judicial role without "accepting the constitutional responsibilities" of a fair trial.

It also is contended that the Congress and Justice Department are conducting investigations that would cover the Baltimore situation. Federal issues are at stake, the brief says.

Continuing the probe as now conducted poses a threat to policing in Baltimore, the brief argues.

# —Morgan State last commencement

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in English and American literature and a firm footing in German. She is reading extensively in the literature of the German-Jewish liberation movement in the thirties, in order to compare it to the Afro-American liberation struggles in the sixties.

Her outstanding scholastic achievement has won her four honor awards which include Alpha Kappa Mu, Promethean Kappa Tau, Julius Holfman award in German and Walters E. Turpin award in English.

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Youngest of four children, Miss Batts intends to do graduate studies in vocational rehabilitation at the Coppin State College in June.

Asked how she felt about her graduation she smiled, reflected for a moment and stated: "It is the beginning of something big and better."

She told the AFRO, "I enjoy working with people especially those in need of assistance. With diversified background in English and a strong background in vocational rehabilitation, I can better relate and associate with other people."

She is interested in sports and reading. Miss Batts is the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Batts and the late Samuel C. Batts, a retired longshoreman.

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Miss Smith is a Social Work major with a strong likeness for people. An outstanding scholar with 3.00 average she was constantly on the dean's list.

Attractive and hard working Miss Smith plans doing graduate studies in community organization in September.

Born in Staunton, Va., Miss Smith has four sisters and two brothers.

She enjoys bowling, tennis and interior decorating. Very active in community affairs, she is the chairperson of the Howard Park Recreation Council.

She told the AFRO "I feel very excited that I'm graduating however, I will miss Morgan." She plans to do extensive traveling in the future.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith of Staunton, Va.

# —Dr. Swann trial

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said, the state presented a very neat package to the jury."

However, Mr. Murphy told the jury, "The Medical Examiner made a very unusual examination on the body of the Rev. Dr. Swann. The most the state can say is there were fingerprints in the home of the Rev. Dr. Swann."

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The defense attorney also said he has evidence the police arrested two other people and charged them with an offense.

However, after they interviewed the two men they were later released. One man was called PJ and the other is named Martin (Marty) Weldman, Mr. Murphy revealed.

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Testimony this morning (Friday) is leading to the finding of the body of the slain minister.

Mrs. Sarah Holley testified the last time she saw the Rev. Dr. Swann alive was on Nov. 11, 1974 when she went to visit Mrs. Swann at City Hospitals.

crime.

He said that after Spence made the statement, the person called police.

According to Mr. Lyons, "The fingerprints of Spence were found on a soda can in the Rev. Dr. Swann's home, the day after he was killed. Spence is also charged with robbery with a deadly weapon.

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# —Baptist re-elect

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# -Orchard St.

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chuch down "unless citizens show vital interest."

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# -Dr. Patterson

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ments and have shown how he 'cleaned up the mess' he found in this system."

All the various pamphlets, awards, photographs and other documents used during the sessions by Dr. Patterson and his attorney may be submitted to the board for review while preparing the summary.

# —Headless Body

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there were buckets of water, soap powder and bleach in the middle of the floor.

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In another room, Det. Timmons told the jury, he found "an ax soaked with blood and a saw with flesh in the teeth of it."

Recovered from the basement by Det. Timmons was a pile of "blood-soaked clothing."

Among questions and answers Det. Timmons read to the jury from Scott's statement were:

Q. "Where did you put the clothing" A. "In a plastic bag in my mother's house in the 1900 block W. Lexington St.."

Q. "Who wiped the blood up" A. "She used her clothes to wipe up the blood."

Q. "Who stabbed Banks with the screw driver" A. "We both did."

Q. "Whose idea was it to wash the floor" A. "It was her (Ms. Brown's) idea."

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TESTIMONY OF SUSPECT

Scott testified on Thursday the statement the detective read to the jury was not exactly what he said.

Scott explained he does not read and write well and the officer changed his statement after he gave it to the police.

Dressed in a brown turtle neck sweater and gray pants, with a gold cross around his neck, Scott told the seven white and five black jurors, "I had no reason to argue with him (Banks I have a wife of my own and do not need to murder a man just to get a woman."

Scott described Ms. Brown as a jealous and violent woman. He testified he had lived with Ms. Brown for several months.

## Schools

The Baltimore City Public Schools will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Friday, May 30.

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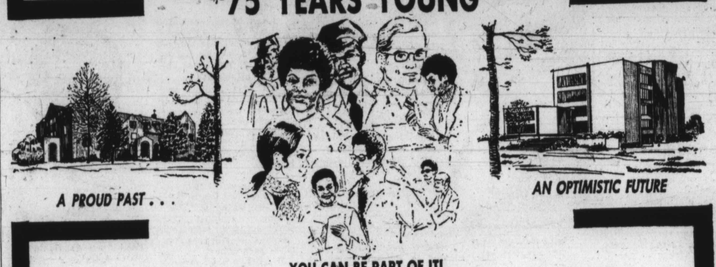


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# For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

**SIGHT-SEERS** around town are astonished at the way the inner city is so green with trees flooding nearly every block. The Agriculture Dept. says this is a bumper year for fruit, berries, vegetables and everything that grows. Roses are going twild with buds clustered on every bow.

**BUMPER CROP** also predicted is the one swimmers dread, the Sea Nettles group of jelly-like stuff with tentacles. The Bay is due to be clogged with the brainless, troublesome creature giving bathers a fit, tummy cramps and stings and burns.

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**SPEAKING OF HISTORY**, an occasion at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church last Sunday included much to be noted for the record.

**JOHN ELEYETT PICKETT** (see photo) was christened at the altar of the church whose congregation is listed in the 1807 History of Baltimore.

**AGE 6-MONTHS**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemie (Marilyn) Pickett of Wheaton, Md., grandson of AFRO President John J. Oliver Sr., of Baltimore and the late Mrs. Marya Thompson Oliver and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eleyett Pickett, all of Somerset, Pa.

John Eleyett is great grandson of Dr. Jacob B. Oliver, the late physician and Mrs Rose Murphy Oliver of Brazil Ind., and AFRO founder John Murphy Sr. and Mrs. Martha Murphy.

He is also the fifth generation christened at the church where his family has held membership over 150 years.

His great grandmother and father were married there and buried from there as were his great, great aunt and uncle, Miss Frances Murphy and George B. Murphy Sr. His grandmother and grandfather were wed there as were his mother and father.

**THE NOSTALGIC** occasion witnessed his uncle, John J. Oliver Jr., a New York attorney, as godfather and aunt, Miss June Pickett, Pittsburgh, godmother with the Rev. Reginald Daniels presiding.

The Madison Avenue Church officials and Mrs. Daniels stood as witnesses. Attending ceremonies and reception were Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Del. and Mrs. Troy Brailey and Norman Brailey, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, aunt of Justice Thurgood Marshall and many, many church members.

Also, grandmother, Mrs. John (Sallye) Oliver Sr.; aunts, Elizabeth O. Abney and Hazel Barrett and other relatives including Carol Smith, Ann Koger and John Koger. Also, Mesdames Ruth Williams, Mattie Moore, Eva Barnes, Harriett Vernon.

**OUT-OF-TOWNERS** included Mrs. Carolyn Peyton, Mrs. John J. Oliver Jr., all of New Jersey; Mrs. Elaine Johnson and daughter Lenny, New York; Mrs. Ruth Fisher and Misses Patsy Fisher, Pricilla Collins, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pickett and son, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. David Huddleston and daughter, Connecticut.

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# Food prices down in April

BALTIMORE (UPI) — For the first time in 10 months, retail food prices in the Baltimore Metropolitan area registered a decline, with April's price index dropping 0.7 per cent, the U.S. Labor Department reported.

The Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said cereal and bakery products, led by declines in bread and rice, dropped 3.1 per cent to lead the overall drop in prices, although they were still 13.4 per cent more expensive than one year ago.

Dairy products, which rose 0.1 per cent, were the only one of five grocery categories to show an increase, the Bureau of Labor said.

Meats, poultry and fish, which have dropped in price for the last three months, were down 0.5 per cent in April and now are 1.6 percent cheaper than a year ago.

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Pork chops, canned ham, round steak and chicken breasts all declined substantially in April, with porterhouse and sirloin steak and turkey showing increases.

Prices for fruits and vegetables declined 0.4 per cent the Bureau of Labor said and "other" food, such as eggs and sugar, was also cheaper. The price of a five-pound bag of sugar was $2.29, which was 93 cents below December's high.

Restaurant meals and snacks, which have risen steadily for two years, were up again in April, this time 0.4 per cent, and are now 11 per cent higher than a year ago.

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