# Charles Burman narcotics case ends In mistrial

## Jury could not reach a verdict

The 10-day narcotics trial of Charles R. Burman Sr., 42, ended around 11 a.m. June 12, in a mistrial.

Criminal Court Judge Charles D. Harris told the AFRO, "The jury was unable to agree on a verdict. They had previously said on Wednesday night they had reached a verdict on Edward L. McClain, but two jurors objected and stated they were not ready and the verdict was withdrawn."

The 11 black citizens and one white citizen deliberated eight hours Wednesday before being sent to a downtown hotel for the night.

Since a mistrial has been declared, the six defendants will have another trial. No date has not been set.

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Other defendants on trial with Mr. Burman were his two sons, Michael, 18; Charles, 19. They were charged with heroin distribution and possession with intent to distribute as well as conspiracy to violate state narcotics laws.

Mr. Burman Sr., is charged with maintaining a nuisance house at the Caro Tavern in the 600 block E. 36th St. He is also accused of heroin distribution and possession with intent to distribute as well as conspiracy to violate state narcotics laws.

Elmer Gross, 36; Edward L. McClain, 34 and Harry Chase Jr., 39 are charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin and conspiracy.

Corporal Garland Menefee of the State Police testified that on Nov. 9, 1974 when he and seven other officers conducted a raid at Mr. Burman's home in the 3600 block Burmont Ave. they did not find any drugs.

However, the corporal told the jury the officers recovered one hand roll cigarette, a pipe, one plastic water pipe with suspected marijuana residue, a video tape and a box of photographs.

"The raid took approximately two hours and we had to scale the front fence in order to get in the yard. The dogs were closely behind us. We had to run and used a maul to break down the door," Corpral Menefee told the jury.

Defense attorney Henry L. Belsky asked the witness to explain how he searched the Burmans.

Corporal Menefee testified, "Michael and Chucky ran downstairs in the basement. Mr. Burman Sr. and Ms. Carolyn Gray were in the bedroom dressed in their bathrobes."

According to Corporal Menefee's testimony Mr. Burman Sr. and Ms. Gray were not searched because of the way they were dressed. However, Mr. Burman's two sons were patted down by Corporal Menefee.

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Defense attorney Howard Cardin told the jury in his closing statement that Mr. Burman Sr. is a "friendly person, a businessman and likes to party. However, he does not deal in narcotics.

"The man (Mr. Burman) lives in a beautiful house. The state alleges this house came through his being involved in narcotics."

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Assistant State's Attorney John Denholm stated to the jury, Ms. Carolyn Gray who was living with Mr. Burman had the bar in her name for a front for Mr. Burman.

"How does this man have a large house, property and expensive cars, when he is not employed? This is a large sophisticated organization and Mr. Burman Sr. is the organizer."

CHARLES R. BURMAN SR.

# C and P revitalizes E. 43rd community

In cooperation with citizens' efforts to revitalize the community, C and P Telephone has begun an extensive renovation program at its Plant Work Center at 807 East 43rd St.

To mark the inauguration of this project, C and P's North Central Community Relations Team invited City officials, representatives of the St. George Village Community Association, and members of the Baltimore school system to the 43rd St. Center on June 13.

"As we have planned this project to enhance the appearance of our properdone along the other three ty, and thus to have a positive effect on the entire community, we have consulted closely with our neighbors, and it seems especially appropriate that we all get together at this point," George G. Brown, community relations manager at C and P, said.

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C and P plans to construct a brick wall to form a visual barrier to the front of the Work Center, and landscaping will be sides.

Storage sheds and a new cable pad to be constructed will provide for more orderly arrangement of construction material and cable used in providing telephone service in the area.

A contract has been awarded to Omega Builders for the renovations. Architects for the project are Cochran, Stephenson and Donkervoet, Inc.

The work is scheduled to be completed early this fall.

# Pressman calls 'spy' probe fee deceitful

City Comptroller Hyman Pressman told members of the Board of Estimates Wednesday they have been victims of deceit by Commissioner Pomerleau when they gave him additional $1,500 in the police spying probe.

"Gentlemen, you have been had ... I feel the wool has been pulled over your eyes," Mr. Pressman told his colleagues.

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The statement, was in reference to an additional $1,500 approved by the board in payment of George L. Russell's services as an attorney to the Police Department in the legislative investigation of alleged SID spying of citizens.

Mr. Pressman voted against the measure.

When the money was approved, the comptroller observed, it was meant to defend the commissioner but not to be used to sue the state legislative body.

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Stating the action does not help relations between the city and the state but jeopardizes everything, Mr. Pressman noted: "This would endanger future state aid to the city."

On May 23 the Commissioner through his attorney, Mr. George Russell filed a suit seeking to stop further probing of the Police Department because, the suit claimed, the interest of members of the department was not being adequately protected.

# Man convicted of narcotics charges

A 27-year-old man was sentenced to 10 years in prison for distribution of heroin.

Judge Meyer M. Cardin imposed sentence June 10, on Sylvester Fletcher, 27, 1800 block Appleton St.

Court records state Fletcher dropped a package of narcotics when two plainclothes policemen approached him on Nov. 19, in the 1700 block Presbury St. According to court records the package cotained 14 baga of heroin.

# IRS agent tells jury about Evers

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) An Internal Revenue Service agent said Fayette Mayor Charles Evers failed to report income from several savings accounts he maintained during 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Testifying during the third day of Evers' federal income tax evasion trial, special agent Timmie G. Millis of Miami said the accounts were at savings institutions in Chicago and Jackson.

Millis said the 1968 return of Evers and his wife, Nan, reported interest income on only one of three savings accounts; the 1969 return reflected income on two of four accounts, and the 1970 return indicated none of four accounts.

The IRS claims Evers failed to report taxable income totaling $159,335 and evaded taxes amounting to $52,553 during the three-year period. The government is attempting to show that the civil rights leader quadrupled his assets during that time.

The defense contends Evers, first black mayor of a biracial town in Mississippi and an unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate in 1971, had about $160,000 in cash that he earned through illegal gambling and other operations in Chicago during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Millis was an IRS agent in Jackson when he entered the investigation of Evers in 1972. He said he went to Fayette on Oct. 16 to discuss the matter with the mayor. He said Evers answered a number of questions and gave him three large boxes of records to assist in the case.

He said Evers was cooperative and "referred to the fact that he had nothing to hide."

# Woman, 74, found slain in her home

A 47-year-old West Baltimore man is under police interrogation in the death of a 74-year-old woman police alleged was found butchered to death in the 800 block Vine St. Wednesday night.

According to homicide detectives, Thomas Wagstaff who shared the same apartment with Mrs. Goldie Hartman, was arrested on the scene where a butcher's knife was recovered.

The woman was stabbed once in the back and was pronounced dead on arrival at the University Hospital.

Detectives arriving on the scene found Mrs. Hartman face down in the front doorway suffering from the fatal back wound. Police quote neighbors as saying they heard an argument between the couple shortly before the 10:45 p.m. stabbing.

The body of Mrs. Hartman remained at the City Morgue at AFRO press time.

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# 15 Afro employees honored for serving 215 years on job

By Pam Widgeon
(see photos on another page inside today)

Honorees at the AFRO 1975 annual service awards ceremony have served a total of 215 years at the AFRO.

The awards ceremony was held recently at the AFRO with Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss, vice president publisher as mistress of ceremonies. John H. Murphy, III, Chairman of the Board, presided. AFRO board members were introduced to the guests by John J. Oliver Sr., president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Company.

Awards went to 15 employees who have completed from five to 50 years of continuous employment with the AFRO as of Dec. 31, 1974.

Number one is Howard Hughes Murphy who has rounded out 50 years service. John H. Murphy III, chairman of the Board of Directors, presented Mr. Murphy with a silver tray.

Mr. Murphy is also ecalled "Pat" by his many friends.

During his 50 years at the AFRO, he has served as accountant, business manager, comptroller and since January, 1974 assistant to the publisher.

40 YEARS

Miss Dorothy Jackson came to the AFRO on Feb. 12, 1934 and was honored for 40 years of service. Kenneth Wilson, vice president of advertising, presented Miss Jackson with a silver pitcher, and check for $100 from the AFRO and an extra week's vacation.

Miss Jackson has the reputation of being one of the best secretaries ever to work at the AFRO. She has been faithful, loyal, honest and courteous in her dealings with her employer and associates. Miss Jackson was also given an extra week's vacation.

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John J. Oliver Sr. was awarded a silver pitcher, a check for $100 and an extra week's vacation from the company. The presentation was made by Leon Brown.

During the past 40 years, Mr. Oliver has served as Composing Room foreman, mechanical superintendent, vice president in charge of production, vice president-general manager and since 1973, as president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Company.

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Mr. Oliver turned the tables and presented gifts to key employees who have played a part in his career.

Employees who received appreciation gifts by Mr. Oliver were Mesdames Margaret Brown, Odessa Dyson, Lela Henderson, Beatrice Wilson and Carolyn Tutman.

Also, Leon Brown, Frederick Lewis, Howard Murphy, Joseph Goldman, Louis Cox, Simon Merritt, William Thompson, Eli Barber, Robert Mathews, Arthur James, Mahlon Oswell, Medford Reynolds and John Quarles.

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30 YEAR HONOREE

Sam Lacy has been sports editor at the AFRO since 1943. He was honored and received a silver pitcher for 30 years of service.

Mr. Lacy has the unique talent of saying a lot in a few words and has also been a sports commentator at WBAL-TV since 1968. He was honored on March 11, 1975 at induction ceremonies of the Black Athletes Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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25 YEARS

Frederick A. Howard, vice president in charge of production of the AFRO, has completed 25 years with the company. Mr. Howard received a silver engraved tray for his service at the AFRO.

He first joined the AFRO in 1941 as an engraving apprentice immediately following his graduation from Douglass High School. He worked at the Houston Publishing Company and the Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Va. while a student at Hampton Institute.

15 YEARS

Mrs. Dorris R. Robinson has rounded out 15 years with the AFRO as an employee in the dispatch department. She started out as a clerk and is now senior clerk in her department. Mrs. Robinson received a gold pin for her outstanding [illegible]

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Mrs. A[illegible]sine King has served 10 years with the AFRO beginning as a clerk typist in the business department. In 1966, she was promoted to cashier and served in this capacity until August, 1972 when she was promoted to payroll comptroller.

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Raymond H. Boone, a Boston University journalism graduate, has served 10 years at the AFRO and was given a silver pin along with Mrs. King. Mr. Boone has worked as a copy editor at the Baltimore AFRO. In 1960, he left to accept a job in the public relations department at Tuskegee Institute.

On his return to the AFRO, he was assigned to the Washington office for more than a year, then was promoted to editor-manager of the Richmond AFRO in May, 1965.

FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES

Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV was actually been a part of the AFRO all of his young life. His mother, AFRO vice president-publisher, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, would bring him to the office when he was still an infant.

When he began to walk, his father, the late Frank W. Phillips, former AFRO art department director, would bring him to the plant and take him along on photographic assignments.

Today Mr. Phillips supervises the department. He also writes for the AFRO's Reflection Department.

Other five year honorees were Edwin Allen, who came to the AFRO in December, 1969 as a linotype apprentice. He became acting linotype foreman in August, 1973 and full foreman in November, 1973.

Edward Mitchell is employed in the composing room as an ad compositor. He is considered a capable, reliable and cooperative employee.

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Nathanniel Boyd began full time employment in November, 1969.

He is cooperative and willing with excellent work habits and is regarded a valuable asset to the AFRO family.

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Mrs. Yvonne Major has worked in the New Jersey office of the AFRO since 1969 as a clerk typist in the advertising department.

Eli J. Barber joined the AFRO in August, 1969 as a stuffer in the mailroom. His duties include wrapping subscription copies which he does with expertise and overseeing the work of transient stuffers.

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Miss Mattie Conerly has been employed at the Washington AFRO since 1969 as a switchboard operator. Just last November, she was promoted to senior clerk in the advertising department. She is dependable and courteous.

All five year employees received a silver pin.

MOTHER OF THE YEAR

The AFRO Reflections department honored the mother of the year at the AFRO service awards ceremony.

Mrs. Jean Causion, mother of 14 children, was presented a check and flowers from Mrs. Marie P. Cooke, women's editor.

# Schaefer's appeal denied, given 30 days in City Jail

City Councilman John A. Schaefer was sentenced to one month in the city jail and five months probation for his May 23 conflict of interest conviction after his motions for a new trial were denied Thursday.

Automatically, explains Council President Walter Orlinsky, Mr. Schaefer, a very strong juvenile curfew advocate, loses his seat. Mr. Orlinsky stated the Council would have to wait for recommendations from two other Councilpersons from the first District to determine what action to take with regard to Mr. Schaefer's replacement.

Criminal Court Judge Shirley B. Jones freed the councilman on bond following an appeal filed by Mr Schaefer's attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz

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In passing sentence, Judge Jones said Schaefer had taken "a calculated risk and gotten caught at it." She also said the evidence presented during the two-week trial made it "abundantly clear...the defendant violated the charter ... and did so knowingly."

Schaefer was convicted of violating a provision in the City Charter that prohibits city officials from having a financial interest in any firms that receive city contracts.

He was accused of having interests in two firms, Baltimore Wreckers and Capitol Hauling, that benefited directly or indirectly from work on city demolition projects.

# Plo wins boost to sit at UN meet

GENEVA (UPI)—Arab countries, with African and Communist blocs' support, overrode strong United States opposition Monday and voted to let the Palestine Liberation Organization attend the annual meeting of the International Labor Organization.

It was another setback worldwide for Israel and followed a series of other anti-Israeli votes engineered by Arab and African groups in United Nations organizations over the past few months.

The U.S. workers delegation, backed by other major Western worker groups, insisted that any liberation movement wanting observer status would first have to "recognize the right of existence" of ILO member states, including Israel.

# —All We Know

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elry, fashions, booths and displays.

A miniature City Fair, this event.

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LEST WE FORGET, the Douglass High graduation not only saw several graduates of 50 years ago there to greet Justice Thurgood Marshall but also his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall.

Beauteous as usual in a flowery summer frock, Mrs. Marshall was celebrating her 60th Anniversary of graduation from Douglass. Douglass High has had some illustrious grads.

FOR THE LONG HOT SUMMER, can anyone see to it that the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind gets fresh milk and ice cream? Perhaps this could be one organization's special gift of kindness.

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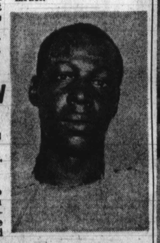

WANTED—Troy James alias known as Joe Troy described as about 5 ft. 11 ins. tall, weighing 175 lbs and with front tooth missing, has reportedly escape from the Maryland House of Correction since April 1974 while serving four years for narcotics violation. Since his escape he is also wanted by the Police Department for two counts of assault by shooting with intent to murder and one count of burglary. Troy James is known to frequent the 1300 block Edmondson Ave. and a bar on Pennsylvania Ave. Call 396-2636 or 2273. He is considered dangerous.


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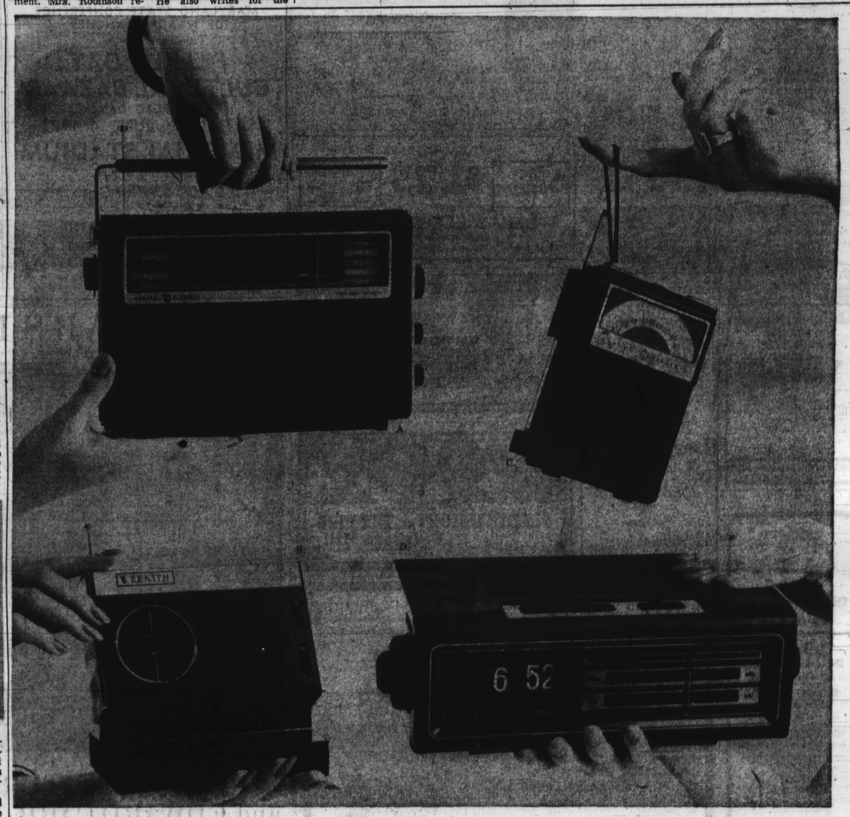



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