Deputy Commissioner Hardy moved to Patuxent

Boslow on vacation, resi gns Oct. 1

By Willie Egyir

J. Brown Hardy, the second high ranking prison official in the state of Maryland, has been appointed acting chief administrative officer of the Patuxent Institution in Jessup.

Dr. Harold Boslow, the first and the only director of institution since 1954, is on vacation effective July 1 prior to his Oct. 1 resignation.

Robert J. Larry, Secretary of Department of Safety and Correctional Services, told the AFRO he appointed Mr. Hardy at the request of Advisory Board of the Patuxent Institution.

According to Mr. Larry the deputy commissioner "seemed the only qualified man around," in this temporary position and so he readily accepted the recommendation of the board.

Asked if Mr. Hardy is likely to be appointed a permanent director of the Patuxent when Dr. Boslow resigns on October 1, Mr. Larry said that would require the interpretation of the law.

He said the law requires that the head of the institution be a psychiatrist which Mr. Hardy is not. However, the legislature might set aside the law if it so desires to appoint Mr. Hardy. In his present position Mr. Hardy gets slightly higher salary, Mr. Larry explained.

At present the only man who meets all the requirements at the institution will be leaving the Patuxent soon for another position out of state, according to Secretary Larry.

Mr. Hardy is no stranger to the Patuxent Institution having worked there from November 1956 until 1970 rising in the ranks from classification counselor to assistant superintendent to the Jessup facility.

A former patrolman with the Baltimore Police Department, Mr. Hardy started his career in correction

J. BROWN HARDY

at the Maryland State Reformatory for Males in Hagerston in 1956. He served as superintendent of Reception Diagnostics and Classification Center and acting warden of the Myraland Penitentiary and as assistant Commissioner of Operations for Division of Corrections before being elected to his present position in May.

Born in South Carolina, the 50-year-old man graduated from the then Morgan State College and holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from Howard University.

Married to former Miss Elaine Smith, the couple has one daughter.

Dr. Boslow was expected to be honored by Dr. Mandel at a banquet in Annapolis last night (Thursday night).

LAST MINUTE RECONCILIATION FA ILS

Dr. Williams, Mr. Sloan plead in vain

Commissioners Dr. Beryl Williams and David Sloan pleaded in vain Thursday morning to stave off the firing of Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

In lengthy statements read by Dr. Williams in Mr. Sloan's absence, both board members, faithful to the end, highlighted Dr. Patterson's many contributions.

Both noted that his far-reaching innovations have been praised in Baltimore and nationwide.

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Mr. Sloan said:

"There is substantial agreement by foes and friends alike that superintendent has been a steadfastly hard worker at his job (b) personally untainted by corruption or immorality; (c) totally committed, as a master teacher, to supplying the educational needs of the school population.

"These are the important matters; all else in my view must take secondary position."

Noteworthy were Dr. Williams' unsuccessful efforts to reconcile the board and Dr. Patterson.

Voted down by the board were the following motions:

1. To postpone taking of the final vote on retention of the superintendent pending further consideration of the board in executive session.

2. To terminate the present superintendent in office as of June 30, 1976, unless at least 30 days prior thereto, the board requests his further service beyond that date, and that date is June 30, 1976."

DR. BERYL WILLIAMS
her pleas were denied

Ms. Brown convicted of murder

Ms. Regina Brown, 27, of the 1600 block Lorman Ct. pleaded guilty to manslaughter in Criminal Court on July 14, and was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Shirley B. Jones.

According to court records Ms. Brown told police that she and James Watson, 38, of the 1600 blk. Lorman Ct. were fighting over a gun when it accidentally went off.

Court records state Watson had been drinking on January 12, when he was shot in the chest. Ms. Brown told the court she took the gun from a drawer and Watson tried to take it from her.

Provident exec denies alleged incapabilities

Provident Hospital Executive Director Dennis Gowie held a press conference this morning Friday in answer to charges of irresponsibility and incapability at the hospital.

Mr. Gowie told AFRO reporters that he did not feel that the statements were being made in the best interest of the hospital, and he said that the hospital is definitely not in jeopardy.

Many speculated this to be the situation as the hospital has still not received the needed $1.6 million for operational costs.

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Mr. Gowie stated, "It is true that we have not received the money, but we are, by no means, in jeopardy.

"Also, the fact that we have not received the funds is not attributable to lack of effort. We have tried continuously and are still doing so."

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He stated that community support of the multi-million dollar complex has been constantly growing, and it is his hope that it continues to do so.

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Mr. Gowie also stated that the occupancy rate has increased, rather than waned as some observers state. The rate has grown from 69 percent to 84 percent in two years.

Much controversy began when a letter written by Provident Trustee Jerome M. Asch became publicized.

In the April 1975 letter, Asch stated, "It is frustrating to . . . people who struggled through the administration to keep the hospital [illegible] efforts 'go down the tube.'"

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LIARS, TRAITORS, Judases, Toms, these words were echoed in the War Memorial Building as citizens expressed disdain at the fate the superintendent suffered.

Preston not informed on court house charges

"I really don't know what Judge Howard's complaint is. Besides a few newspapers articles and your phone call, I don't know what he is charging or what he requests."

This is what Wilbur D. Preston, president of the Maryland State Bar Association, told the AFRO when asked his position on recent charges by Judge Joseph Howard that the courthouse is a "bastion of discrimination by race and sex."

Mr. Preston says he did not know of the Justice Department investigation requested by Senators J. [illegible] Spa[illegible] and Charles Mathias, and Rep. Parren [illegible] Mitchell.

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He declined comment on the probe until the department completes its investigation and he learns more about it.

He did say, however, that a survey was recently conducted by the Bar Association of over 900 lawyers and all the courthouse clerks concerning a number of matters in the courthouse.

Mr. Preston is confident that if discrimination is being practiced, it will come out in the report.

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Judge Howard has charged that there is token employment of black persons and females in policy-making and administrative positions in the courthouse.

Further, he says that employees on the five of the courthouse's six floors appear to be nearly lily-white and that this discrimination extends to maintenance and guard employees who are predominantly white.

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As a result of the charges, the State's four black Senators recently met with Md. Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy.

Sen. Verda Welcome told the AFRO, that Judge Murphy was "understanding" and that there has been progress.

The senators were to meet with the chief judge of the State's highest court again this week.

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In addition to Judge Howard, there are three other black judges. They are Judges Harry A. Cole, John R. Hargrove, and Robert B. Watts.

Other judges are Meyer A. Cardin, Solomon A. Liss, Albert Sklar, James Perrott, Marshall Levin, and J. Harold Grady.

Also, Judges Mary Arabian, Shirley Jones, Robert I. H. Hammerman, Charles D. Harris, Basil A. Thomas, Anselm Sodaro, James W. Murphy, David Ross, and Robert Karwacki.

The AFRO has interviewed all the judges with the exceptions of Sodaro, Karwacki, and Ross who is presently on vacation and did not leave notice at the Supreme Bench Administrative Office as to where he could be reached.

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AREA BOY SCOUTS were in attendence to greet President and Mrs. Ford July 4 at Ft. McHenry. Scouts from troops 446, 272, and 414 are shown in this photo by Werner Jordan. Pictured are, back row, left to right: Keith Harbaugh, Richard Hunt, Joseph Dikes, and William Nelson. Second row, left to right are Matt Donnick, Mark Donnick, Anthony Pope, David Moore, Hilward Harmon, and David Cuffie. Front row, left to right are Dennis Barthowiak, Robert Mills, Kenneth Hartley, Jim Dockey, Brian Suvanavitz, Vernon Helm, and Brian Death. . . .

CLEARING PATH—Russell McDonald (C), bodyguard for Jordan Little (R), yells for a crowd of an estimated 300 supporters to move out of the way as they left the Wake County Courthouse, Monday, for noon recess in Miss Little's trial where she is charged with premeditated murder in the slaying of a white jailer. (UPI Telephoto)

Coleman 'convinced'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. said Wednesday he was "convinced" the federal government should not assume more than two-thirds of the funding share for the Washington area's rapid rail transit system.

Coleman, responding to a departmental task force report on funding for the subway, asked for public comments n the issue by Aug. 1.

"Of one thing I am convinced," Coleman said, "the proposal to change the present funding ratio from 66 per cent federal and 33 per cent local to 80 per cent federal and 20 per cent local isnot justified by the unique history of this project and would be an unjustified burden to place on the taxpayers across the nation."

The task force report listed a series of "tentative" conclusions on the difficulty of Metro (Washington metropolitan Area Transit Authority) funding, concluding that it appears the entire system will cost as much as $5 billion.

"I am convinced that Metro funding through fiscal year 1976 can and should be primarily provided by transferring funds earmarked for interstate highway construction to the Metro project," Coleman said.

He said the success of the 23-mile construction project hinges on "initiative of state and local governments of the to request such transfers following which the government will expedite action."

He who wears too fine clothes shall [illegible] in [illegible]

49-year-old female juror, first for Joan Little trial

RALEIGH (UPI) — The prosecution, which had been accused by the defesse of racism for rejecting five black panel members, Wendesday, accepted a 49-year-old black woman to serve on the jury that will try Joan Little for the murder of a white jailer she claims tried to rape her.

Mrs. Pecola Jones, a machinist from the town of Fuquay-Varina near Raleigh, was selected even though she said she objected to the death penalty. She joined two white women and a white man, all under 30 years old, thus far selected for the 12-member jury.

Her selection came after the state had rejected five blacks, using up four if its nine peremptory challenges and sparking defense charges of racism and demands for a mistrial.

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Miss Little, charged with first degree murder with the slaying of Clarence Allgood, 62, last August in her Beaufort County jail cell, faces a mandatory death penalty if convicted.

Mrs. Jones said, "I try to live a Christian life. I'm afraid I have to be against the death penalty because the Bible says don't take away what you can't give."

But she said that if the court directed it, she would return a guilty verdict even if it meant the death penalty.

When District Attorney William C. Griffin turned to Judge Hamilton C. Hobgood and said "the state seats this juror, your honor," murmurs of surprise filled the courtroom.

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Assistant States Attorney General Lester Chalmers used the prosecution's fourth peremptory challenge to dismiss James S. Morrison, a heavy equipment mechanic from the Wake County town of Apex, during the third day of the trial.

The rejection of Morrison, the fifth black among the 17 jurors so far examined, brought Chief Defense Attorney Jerry Paul to his feet.

"I would like the record to show that the state is again using the peremptory challenge to exclude blacks," said Paul, "And I again move for a mistrial."

Judge Hobgood acknowledged the motion, saying "The record will so show. And motion denied."

Tuesday, Paul accused Hobgood of favoring the prosecution and suggested he step down as the judge in the case.

The National Conference of Black Lawyers followed up Wednesday's demand for a mistrial with a scathing statement, saying "The district attorney's overt hostility, contempt and racism against black people precludes Joan's ability to receive a fair trial."

Mark W. Nielson, 26, a white employee of a stereo equipment store in the town of Wake Forest about 10 miles north of Raleigh, received approval of both the defense and the prosecution despite qualms about capital punishment.

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"I object to the state's penalty of death, but I could vote for a verdict of guilty," he said. "I realize it's my duty to make up my mind based on the evidence."

Two women, ages 21 and 25 and also white, were earlier picked for the 12-member jury, one of the women, Cornelia Howell, is a waitress at a natural foods restaurant near the North Carolina State University campus. The other, Jennie Lancaster, is a youth counselor for the state prison system.

PROMOTED — Sixth grader Dion Christian stands proudly with his mother, Mrs. Margaretta Christian after closing exercises of the James Mosher Elementary School No. 144.

SEX PROBLEMS IN SCHOOL

Towson slates seminar on changing sex-roles

The Women's Summer Committee at Towson State College will present the two-day institute "Changing Sex-Role Stereotyping in the Schools" on Wednesday, July 23 and Friday, July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center on the Towson State campus.

Lectures, workshops, and discussion sections will focus primarily on enabling teachers to recognize sex role stereotyping and its implications in the schools. It will also help them design non-sexist approaches and curriculum materials for use in their own classrooms.

The workshops will be given in three sections—early childhood, elementary, and secondary—so that participants may concentrate on the topic most relevant to their own work.

There is a $20 registration fee for the two days which includes all materials. Lunch will not be provided on the Towson State campus. Space will be available, however, for participants to eat box lunches, and a list of restaurants in the Towson area will be provided.

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