POINT WORKER KILLED BY SNIPER'S BULLETS

Slain son bought dress mom wore to his funeral

HAROLD MICHAEL DAVIS
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By Bettye Moss

"He was well loved by everyone . . . an open heart for everybody. On Mother's Day, he gave me a $1,200 mink cape. Five weeks ago, he gave me money to buy a dress . . . I bought it, but didn't wear it, because I wanted new shoes.

"On Saturday, he gave me money for the shoes . . . it's a beautiful black and white dress. Just to think, my son paid for the clothes that I'm to wear to his funeral. . ."

The words are those of a grief stricken mother as she talked about the death of her 20-year-old son, Harold Michael Davis, 1200 block Glenwood Ave.

The mother, Mrs. Marie Davis, a nurse, and her husband, Enoch, a Transit Storage employee, led the large crowd of relatives and friends at the funeral services today (Friday) at Lock's Funeral Home.

Police reveal the Mervo High grad who was employed at Sparrows Point, was shot in the head and chest by a sniper and died instantly about midnight Sunday in the 5300 block Sinclair Lane. A second victim of the shooting is a Mrs. Bonita Scott who is reported in fair condition in Hopkins Hospital with a bullet in the liver.

Mrs. Davis told the AFRO earlier reports that the double shooting occurred in an apartment were untrue. Rather, she explained, her son was an innocent victim. She accompanied an AFRO reporter to the scene where police marks were still visible on the pavement, indicating the shooting did occur outside.

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Mrs. Davis explained what happened this way:

"My oldest son, Samuel, who lives in the 5300 block Sinclair Lane was going to the station to pick up his girlfriend and her girlfriend. When they came back from the station, Samuel and his girl went inside.

"This left Harold sitting on the bench talking to the other girl. While they were talking, a car came up and the fellow inside started shooting. Harold got off the bench and started to run. The fellow jumped out the car and shot him in the head. The girl was shot too. . ."

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Mrs. Davis told the AFRO this version of the tragedy was confirmed by Homicide Detectives "They told me and my husband our son was outside and that is the way it happened . . . he was an innocent victim. . ."

The mother added: "He would never hurt anybody. He worked hard and he saved his money . . . he was always giving something to somebody in the family . . . my husband had dental work done, $200 . . . and he paid for it . . . If he had to go to work and stay home a whole week and listen to his music, if it was something he wanted to do, he'd save his money."

"All he liked to do was play his music—he had an eight - track in the basement and a Datsun, 200-Z which he was always cleaning . . . He was a fine boy, next to my oldest and to think he was an innocent victim in all this."

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Mrs. Davis said her family has resided in East Baltimore for sometime. At one time, her grandmother, Mrs. Susie Anderson was an AFRO saleslady . . . "she got her AFRO's from Mr. Garnett," she recalled.

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In addition to his parents and the older brother, Samuel, 21, who works at an insulator plant, the slain youth is survived by two other brothers, Ronald, 17, Lake Clifton High Senior; and Wayne, 12, Northwood pupil; and a sister, Carmelita, 19, a nurse trainee this fall at Md. General.

The family attended Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Meanwhile, homicide police state Edward Scott, Mrs. Scott's husband, has been charged with the death of Mr. Davis, attempted murder of Mrs. Scott, handgun violation, discharging a fire arm, and possession of fire arm.

MOTHER OF DEAD MAN points to murder scene.
(Matthews photo)

Conaway charges Orlinsky with hiring discrimination

Frank M. Conaway (D) candidate for president of City Council has charged Walter Orlinsky with racial discrimination in hiring practices. Mr. Conaway charged that Orlinsky employs seven people in his office and opt of the seven only one is black.

"In a city that is over 50 per cent black there should be more than tokenism in the employment of blacks. Are we to believe that there is not more than one qualified black in the entire city who can perform duties in the President of the City Council's office?

"Tokenism hiring of blacks has been a problem throughout the United States and particularly in cities that have over 50 per cent black population.

"The Jewish people here and across the country historically have been very humane people. They have created jobs and joined together with blacks in the past to see that minorities obtained their fair share of employment. Yet here in Baltimore we have a Jewish president of the City Council who has only seen fit to give token employment to blacks. He should be labeled Judas Iscariot in that he has stabbed black people in the back and has gone against his Jewish heritage."

According to Mr. Conaway in the past election Mr. Orlinsky promised black voters that he would be fair if elected. Yet he has only hired one black and is hiding her in a dark corner at a low rate of pay.

Mr. Conaway has filed a complaint with the City Community Relations Commission and the State Human Relations Commission asking for an investigation into the Council Presidents' hiring practices.

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Center thanks donors

The Provident-Druid Center has completed its relief effort for the family of Elizabeth Watts, victims of a tragic murder-arson last month in which six persons were killed.

The public response to the center's appeal netted over $1,200, and many essential household items were contributed to give the family a head start in establishing their home. In addition there was an overwhelming response to the request for clothing for the family.

An estimated 5,000 to 10,000 items of clothing were picked up and sorted by the staff and volunteers, and the Watts family were able to select much of what they needed to replace the wardrobes they lost. The majority of the clothing which was not needed for the family was subsequently donated to local charitable agencies.

The center wishes to thank all those who contributed; their generosity has given this family a new start. Special thanks are in order for some who gave beyond the call of duty:

The Enoch Pratt Library, Branch 17, who lent their facilities, Urban Services Agency — Area D; Youth from the Baltimore Summer Corps who did much of the physical labor of moving furniture and sorting clothing; Mrs. Louise Golden and her daughter Belma of the 3800 block Reisterstown Rd. who collected over $180 from businesses and residents in their neighborhood; John Wesley AME Zion Church, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Simmons Memorial Church and J. J. Brill Co. for generous donations and Ms. Alice Brock of Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

C and P gives Provident 'miracle' electronic unit

The gift of a Sony Video Cassette Recorder and Monitor has been donated to Provident Hospital by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.

George B. Brown, community relations manager, made the presentation recently of a check to cover the purchase of the unit. The donation was accepted by Dennis A. Gowie, Executive Director of Provident Hospital, Dr. Joseph Miller, director of Medical Education, and Col. Arthur Hudgins assistant director for Support Services.

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The recorder-monitor, used for educational purposes, plays cassettes and will pick up microwave transmission of the closed-circuit variety.

The unit can pick up a surgical procedure or lecture being filmed by video camera, from any other hospital in the city, and transmitted here.

It also has capabilities of recording a film that is being shown, and saved for later viewing.

"The educational potential of this unit is tremendous," added Dr. Miller.

"With this unit we can communicate directly with other hospitals and view their surgical techniques as they are in the process, or sit in on lectures on the other side of town. Provident will benefit greatly from the donation of this monitor."

SUPER PRIDE MARKETS board member is Charles P. Tilghman, longtime businessman and owner of the Sphinx Club. The Park Circle Super Pride Store opens Sunday, Aug. 17.

A PRESENT FOR PROVIDENT — C and P Telephone Co. officials recently presented a Sony video cassette recorder and monitor to Provident Hospital Executive Director Dennis A. Gowie (second right). From left in photo by J. D. Howard are Dr. Joseph Miller, director of Medical Education, George B. Brown, community relations director, C and P., Mr. Gowie and Col. Arthur Hudgins, assistant director for support services.

Gun victim in fair condition

Willie Briddie, age unknown, 500 block N. Fremont Ave., remains in satisfactory condition at the Bon Secours Hospital after being shot in the neck in the 900 block N. Mount St. Aug. 11.

A juvenile, according to police, is being held for questioning in the 10:22 p.m. shooting. Police state they have no motives for the crime.

Investigators state they followed a trail of blood from the intersection of Mount and Mosher Sts. to 920 N. Mount St. where an eye-witness told them of the address of the suspect. Police responded to the address and the gunman was apprehended.

Police later learned the weapon was thrown over the enclosed lot beside the Old Real Laundry but search of the place for the gun produced no results.

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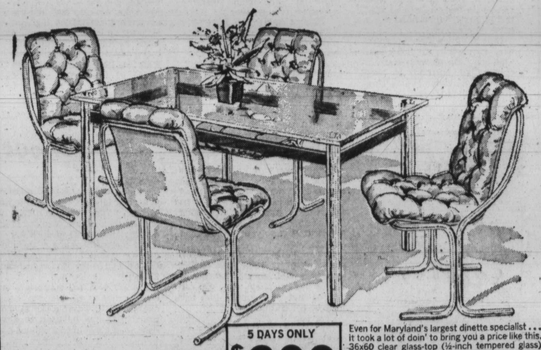

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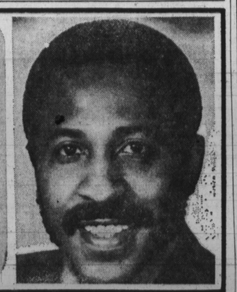

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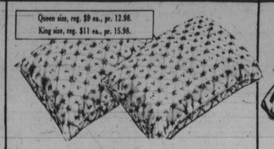

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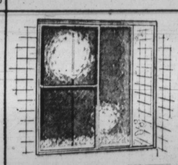

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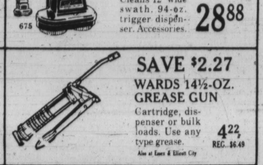

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