GANG WAR BRINGS POLICE ACTION

Dope crackdown

SALT AND PEPPER SQUAD raiders get the message to move in after a reliable informer notifies headquarters there is action in a certain location.

Police in Baltimore City have put the "heat on" dope pushers according to Col. James A. Watkins, after a dope related gang war July 30, resulted in injuries to three innocent bystanders and put bullet scars on buildings in the area of Edmondson and Carey Sts.

According to Col. Watkins, a "well know pusher" from the area of Edmondson and Carey Sts. crossed territorial bounds set by another dope gang at Fulton and Baker Sts. igniting a spark which brought havoc to the West Baltimore area.

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A gang feud resulted and on July 28, according to the police colonel an altercation ensued between the two factions in a park located at Edmondson and Gilmor Sts.

Col. Watkins then said on July 30 a dope pusher from the Fulton and Baker area went to the Edmondson and Carey area with a large caliber handgun and shotgun, and "shot-up-the place" bringing injury only to surrounding buildings.

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That same day, at 9:45 p.m. just over 1½ hours after the first incident, a group of lieutenants (gunmen) from the Edmondson and Carey gang went to Fulton and Baker Sts. with plans to make a "hit" on the gang there, said the police official.

The Fulton and Baker group spotted the gunmen and a fierce gunbattle ensued.

Three innocent people were injured before it was over, with all of the gunmen escaping injury, police reports show.

Col. Watkins states one woman was shot twice in the back with a .44 caliber magnum handgun, the weapon which injured all of the victims.

The woman was shot as she attempted to save an 8-month-old baby from injury by throwing it from the seat of the car into a gutter.

Her husband who was with her at the time of the shooting was uninjured, but the car was hit three times by flying bullets.

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Also wounded were Douglas Christian, who was shot in the right arm and James H. Brown, shot in the leg.

All of the shooting victims resided in the Gilmor Homes.

Col. Watkins states that

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DAYLIGHT CRACKDOWN required quick action. As officer (second from left) rushes after another suspect, others pin two more up against the schoolyard fence.

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MAN ARRESTED DRIVING VICTIM'S STOLEN CAR

Did suspect attend Mr. Pryor's funeral?

A 25-year-old Northwest Baltimore man has been charged with the murder of Charles B. Pryor, 32, a Coppin State College instructor, found slain in the attic of his Lochearn home last Saturday afternoon.

Baltimore County police state William Warren Haywood. a resident of 3500 block Woodland Ave. in the Pimlico area, was arrested at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block W. Lanvale St. operating the dead man's stolen car. The arrest came five hours after the 11 a.m. last rites for the dead man.

Three other persons in the car at the time of the arrest are being held for questioning. Haywood is being held without bail.

Haywood, before his arrest by Western District Officers Thomas B. Freeze and John J. Christain, was a prime suspect in Mr. Pryor's death, according to County police.

And now the question arises: Did the suspect attend Mr. Pryor's wake and funeral? Many people think he may have since the suspect and the victim are reported to have been friends.

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A relative told the AFRO Thursday morning he was not aware of all Mr. Pryor's associates but that the suspect may have been a friend since he had been to Mr. Pryor's house.

Another source stated, "I heard him (Mr. Pryor) mention his name before but I have never seen him."

A great deal of intrigue surrounded the tragedy before police announced that suspects were being questioned.

AFRO received a newstip Wednesday that "the possible murderer" was attending the funeral. On Thursday the AFRO received another call that a man who could have been

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CHARLES B. PRYOR
1942-1975

A VIETNAM VETERAN, Mr. Pryor was accorded military rites at the Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery. Here soldiers fold the flag which was given his mother, Mrs. Lucille Pryor.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.)

Maryland is lily-white at top

Del. Troy Brailey (D-40), told the AFRO this week that he has made a survey of the State Department of Personnel and found the make-up as to administrators to be lily-white.

He stated, "We probed. the department for about a month and found that there is not one black person in a top-line position.

"The highest ranking black there is a Bob Matthews who is an equal employment policy officer, but really carries no weight."

Del. Brailey found the same lily-white employment conditions in offices of Governor Mandel.

Mandel has no black cabinet members and all secretaries are white.

Personnel that sets all employee policy for state agencies and also regulates hiring and firing procedures.

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The department also includes the Employment and Social Services Division formerly headed by David Mason, now a Court of Special Appeals judge.

Brailey further reveals that the Department of Employment Security, funded almost 100 per cent by the federal government, is headed by whites.

WINDOW GARDENER Hargine Byrd, 11, takes care of her petunias as she helps beautify the 1800 block Montford Ave. in photo by Cynthia Grandison. For more AFRO clean block photos and stories see inside today.

Morgan, Coppin need more white students

By Portia E. Badham

Morgan State University plans extensive recruitment to increase its white student population to meet federal desegregation orders.

The university, now seven per cent white, must reach a 23 per cent white enrollment by 1980.

All state colleges have been ordered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) to accelerate desegregation or face termination of nearly $50 million in aid.

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, Morgan president, told the AFRO, "We have a person on campus who will go into the area to recruit white students.

"And we will continue to request additional scholarships to attract these students."

However, Dr. Billingsley could not speculate whether the university would achieve a 23 per cent white student population within five years.

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Coppin State College President Dr. Calvin W. Burnett said Coppin wants to achieve a 23 per cent white student population, not because it's law, but

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DR. WILLIAM H. BEAMAN stands beside the trunk of his car and tells the story of his imprisonment to AFRO Reporter Bryan D. Holt. AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.

THIEVES LOCK DR. BEAMAN IN CAR TRUNK

'I thought I had seen my last days'

By Bryan D. Holt

Dr. William H. Beaman quietly resumed his Gwynns Falls Pkwy. dental practice Thursday morning after coming face-o-face with death the day before.

The 75 year-old doctor was emptying trash at about 3:15 Wednesday afternoon, as was his routine, when he was grabbed from behind and a gun forced into his back.

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Dr. Beaman told the AFRO, "There were two men who took me inside my garage, stood me up against a wall and frisked me.

"They shook me by my coat, took my money and then turned me around by

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Schools open doors to all next week

Although every public school in Baltimore City will hold an Open House Aug. 28 and 29, regional staffs have planned additional activities to introduce community groups, new students, and parents to how they will function under the desegregation plan.

REGION II

In Region II, an Open School Door Day is set Aug. 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All schools in the region will welcome the community with informational handouts, principals will answer questions and counselors will assist visitors with materials on their services.

REGION III

An all day program is scheduled Sept. 3 at Hernwood Junior High in Region III. Seventh graders and their parents will tour the facility.

Also in Region III, Patterson Park Senior High, will be orientation for parents of all new students Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. New 11th and 12th graders will have orientations the same day.

Canton Junior High has orientation Sept. 4 for old and new students who will attend assemblies, three scheduled in the morning and three in the afternoon.

REGION V

Greenspring Junior High is among schools in Region V holding special activities. A bus tour of the community is set Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. to introduce faculty

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EVEN MICHAEL JACKSON CAN'T MAKE ME SMILE or that's the way it seemed as the Jackson Five visited Baltimore's Kennedy Center, Wednesday, Aug. 20, and young Franco Gbologah broke into tears from all of the excitement. The J-5 toured the center passing out posters, games, records and signing autographs. Though Franco cried, just about everyone else at the center smiled. AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.

She's first Hampstead principal

By Portia E. Badham

Mrs. Magdalene Rice, a 23-year veteran in the school system will take on the top post at Hampstead Hill Junior High when doors open for the fall term Sept. 4.

In this International Women's Year, it is significant that Mrs. Rice is the school's first woman principal in its history.

She succeeds Dr. Warren P. Culbertson who retired in June to teach on the college level.

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Teaching in both junior and senior high schools, she brings a variety of past experiences including teacher of English, librarian, department head, special assistant at Woodbourne Junior High and as-

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MRS. MAGDALENE RICE succeeds Dr. Warren P. Culbertson

NOTICE FOR CANDIDATES

In order to identify the Primary Elections candidates for ARO readers, each person who seeks election may mail in his answers to the AFRO's questions:

(1) Why should I be elected?
(2) If elected, what will I do to improve race relations?
(3) What will I do to increase jobs and housing and eliminate dscrimination?

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