Suspect in Northwest Baltimore shop robbery nabbed in New York

A 35-year-old man suspected of sticking up the Mondie's Beauty Shop at gunpoint last Saturday afternoon is being held, together with his younger brother, in New York City for handgun violations.

Det. Steve Ches of the Baltimore City Robbery Squad told the AFRO this week Samuel Cleckley and Raymond Cleckley, 25 were arrested while trying to sell in Manhattan, a gun licensed to Mrs. Sarah Mondie, owner of the robbed Northwest Baltimore salon.

Police records show $13,000 in cash and jewelry was stolen from customers and Mrs. Mondie when a gunman and a woman accomplice heldup the 3800 block Belle Ave. shop Jan. 9.

Det. Ches said the two are also charged with trying to sell stolen goods. According to the detective his department has issued a warrant for the immediate arrest of the brothers as soon as New York authorities finish dealing with them.

Mrs. Mondie, 43, told the AFRO she and her customers were threatened, gagged and terrorized during the robbery which occurred shortly before 3 p.m.

According to Mrs. Mondie a woman who identified herself as Mrs. Johnson called on Friday to make an appointment for 2 p.m. Saturday. At 1:48, she said, the woman walked in with a man.

The shop owner recalled; "She came in and she had this gentleman with her.

"I thought he was her husband. They sat down for about 20 minutes and the man stood up, pulled out a .32 caliber revolver and clicked it back and said: "This is a stickup. If everybody does what she is told nobody will get hurt."

After the shop owner had been tied by the man, he herded the customers into a back room, ordering them to lay on the floor. He also told the woman accomplice to search their bras and pocket books to make sure nothing was hidden away.

Police state after the man and the woman had collected the customers' pocketbooks they started for the door. However, the man came back and put a gun to Mrs. Mondie's head and clicked but the gun misfired.

As the gunman was fleeing the shop, according to police, he warned the victims not to come outside for three minutes because there was someone across the street who might shoot them.

With the help of one of the customers, Mrs. Mondie said, she untied her hands and went across the street to call police. Police records show the bandits ripped the salon phones off the wall. In addition, they took Mrs. Mondie's gun as they fled.

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GIANTS COLLARDS — Miss Denis V. Howard, 13 and her brother James D. Howard Jr., daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. (Geraldine) Howard of Baltimore, admiring their grandfather's unusual collards in his Norfolk, Va., backyard garden. Denis stands 5-ft-6-ins. tall and her brother James, 4-ft-2-ins., but they are dwarfed by the collards which normally grow no more than two-feet tall. The photo was taken by their father, a popular Baltimore photographer, on New Year's Day.

Gunman frees hostages, surrenders

LANHAM, Md. (UPI) — Police, Monday, arrested an unidentified armed man following a three-hour siege in which he held his wife and several other persons hostage in a restaurant.

Prince George's County Police Sgt. Robert Law said it was not immediately known whether the man gave himself up or whether he was overpowered by officers.

Police had cordoned off the area around LUMs Restaurant on Old Annapolis Road while an unarmed officer met inside with the gunman.

Law said the man's only demand was that "he wanted the police to leave or he would kill his wife," an employee at the restaurant.

Police speculated the incident, which began about 2:30, was the result of a domestic argument.

More than a dozen customers were permitted to leave the restaurant after the trifleman took command, and he had started releasing hostages one by one during the siege.

Greenwillow housing project groundbreaking set Jan. 19

It will be a dream come true when the groundbreaking ceremony for the long awaited Greenwillow housing project is performed at 11 a.m. Jan. 19.

The site is the 900 block of Pennsylvania Ave. and, expected at the historic ceremony are Mayor Schaefer; Housing Commissioner Embry and other city dignataries.

After a protracted negotiations and planning HUD gave final approval and the papers were signed on Dec. 22 at a meeting in the Union Baptist Church.

The 147 apartment units would be built in four-brick buildings of the three-storey walk-up type. An attractive landscape has been planned.

The project is expected to have amenities such as air-conditioning, security systems, laundry facilities, etc.

The low income housing project is the first step in renewal of the Upton area, where a high-rise for the elderly and other buildings are to follow.

The idea for the project was conceived in 1969 during the Lenten season when 13 churches in the Mt. Royal - Fremont area co-operated to sponsor mid-week Lenten Services at Douglass Memorial Church.

Later six of the 13 churches agreed to spawn a non-profit corporation which would be chartered to build decent rental housing in the Upton area for low and moderate income familes. The name Greenwillow Corporation was decided upon when it was clear that the housing project would be constructed on or near Greenwillow St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Churches involved are: Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Douglass Memorial Community Church, Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Memorial Episcopal Church, Providence Baptist Church, Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church and Union Baptist Church.

Credit for achieving the objective of the churches is given to Mark Joseph of the firm of Gallagher, Evelius and Jones, recently appointed president of Board of School Commissioners.

After many consultants and architects failed, Joseph, "by some miracle" put together a package which included the Greenwillow Corp. as the non-profit partner with a Washington corporation which will do the building and another which will supply the mortgage.

Members of Board of Directors include; Charles Anderson, the Rev. Mr. Marion Bascom, Mrs. Alma Bell, Mrs. Lena Boone, vice-president; Harry Carpenter, Mrs. Catherine Brown, Miss Sue Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chesley, the Rev. Mr. Richard L. Clifford, the Rev. Mr. Vernon N. Dobson, Dr. Charles R. Ehrhardt, and the Rev. F. Lyman Fariham.

Others are Frank Fulton, treasurer; John Jones, Reuben Jones, president; Micheal Mitchell, the Rev. Mr. William J. O'Brien, Mrs. Clara Palmer, Mrs. Harry Swope, secretary; Robert Winter and the Rev. Mr. Marcus C. Wood.

Dr. Massie receives state county, city, NAACP honors

Dr. Samuel P. Massie, professor of chemistry at the Naval Academy, has been awarded the Anne Arundel County NAACP award for service to the community.

At the same time, Dr. Massie was cited by the chief executives of Maryland, Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

The NAACP citation was for "years of vanguard service, superior achievements and valuable contributions in the fields of education, community affairs and human relations."

Gov. Mandel sent a "Governor's Citation" in recognition of Dr. Massie's "outstanding service to the citizens of this State."

County Executive Robert A. Pascal presented the "Executive Citation" to him "in grateful appreciation for tireless, devoted and able service rendered to the people of Anne Arundel County."

Mayor John Apostol saluted Dr. Massie with a letter detailing a career "which began with high school graduation at age 13 and has been marked with worthy contributions to our country."

Mayor Apostol cited Dr. Massie for his part "in bringing about social changes and growth," his "shared experience of others, especially younger generations, through interracial discussions in YWCA, Cub Scouts, as a Sunday School teacher and through participation on educational boards and councils for the advancement of science and people."

DR. SAMUEL P. MASSIE

Professor Massie, who has been on the faculty at the Naval Academy since 1966, came to Annapolis after serving three years as president of the North Carolina College in Durham.

City crime rate down 7.6 per cent

Crime in Baltimore generally decreased 7.6 per cent in 1975 and arrests increased 4.6 per cent, reflecting the crime prevention efforts of police and the awareness and determination of citizens, Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau said Tuesday.

Violent crime—including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault—dipped 7.4 per cent and property crimes—including burglary, larceny and auto theft—were generally down 7.7 per cent, Pomerleau said.

Of the seven major categories of crime, only larceny showed an increase, rising 2 per cent above 1974 levels. Since 1970, crime in Baltimore has been reduced 13.7 per cent through an average annual reduction of 12 per cent, according to the commissioner.

Thirty-four fewer murders were committed in Baltimore during 1975 as compared with 1974 and murders by handguns dropped by 42 incidents, a decrease of 23.6 per cent.

However, the large majority of homicides continued to occur among friends, relatives or acquaintances and within families, in what Pomerleau said were circumstances beyond the control of police.

Body found but whose?

AFRO's publication last week led to the identification of a 19-year-old man whose body was discovered by a hunter at New Market in Frederick County, Md. The victim, apparently murdered, was identified as Ralph Weedon.

State Police in Frederick County report another body of a young male has been found in a field east of State Route 75, and north of State Route 144, at New Market.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY of a man found east of State Route 75 at New Market in Frederick County, Md.

The victim is described as about 5-ft. 10-ins. tall, is in his teens, and had medium length hair bush. Police state he had a 3-inch scar on the outside of the right elbow. His teeth are reportedly in good condition and no dental work has been performed.

Discovered on Dec. 23, the body was clad in a knee length multi-colored plaid outer coat, grey zip-up sweatshirt, with a hood, and blue T-shirt under the sweatshirt. He was also wearing blue jeans over red, long legged sweat pants, which had a white stripe down the legs. He had on white converse tennis shoes with a blue star on them.

Police state they suspect the victim was not from the area where his body was found.

Club to help theater goers

The Theatre Goers Club, scheduled to begin in February, is a program sponsored by the Urban Services Agency Cultural Arts Project.

The project is designed to give opportunities to 300 Baltimore City residents to attend several cultural art activities of their choice worth $30 in value, with the purchase of a membership card of only $5 for each individual member.

Some of the participating theatre organizations are the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Opera, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Painters Mill Music Hall, Arena Players, Left Bank Jazz Festival, Walters Art Gallery and many others.

Theatre Goers Club will open Feb. 2. All applications must be in by Jan. 27. Apply now, membership is limited to 300 participants.

Applications are available at the following locations:

Urban Services Agency, Cultural Arts Project, Dunbar Community School, 1400 Orleans St.

Urban Services Agency, main office, 11 East Mt. Royal Ave.

Cultural Arts Centers, Center A Dunbar Community School, 1400 Orleans St.

Center B. Federal and Eden St., School No. 20;

Center E. Performing Arts Center, St. Gregory's Church, Gilmor and Baker St.

Center F. Druid Hill Ave. and Preston St., School No. 122;

Center G. Hollins and Schroeder St., School No. 19;

Cherry Hill. Cherry Hill Road and Seabury Ave., School No. 160;

For further information call 276-4646.

This program is supported by the Maryland Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Norman E. Ross is Urban Services Cultural Arts director at Dunbar. Del. Hattie Harrison is president of the board of directors.

Mrs. Durham leaves 72 near relatives

Mrs. Louise Armstrong Durham, 86, died Thursday morning at St. Agnes Hospital following a brief illness. Born April 5, 1889 in Rocky Point, N.C., Mrs. Durham was the widow of James Andrew Durham, Sr. who died in 1962.

She and her husband moved to Baltimore in 1929 where they reared their 14 children, 7 of whom survive.

Funeral services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday at St. John's AME Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., where Mrs. Durham had been a member for 55 years. She served on Stewardess Board No. 2. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mesdames Pauline D. James, Luberta D. Stanciel, Ruth D. Pitts and Miss Gurtha M. Durham; and three sons, William E. Durham, James A. Durham, Jr. and Leroy Durham, all of Baltimore.

Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 10 great, great grandchildren.

Burial is Monday 8:30 a.m. at Arbutus Memorial Park.

THE BALTIMORE ALUMNI chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. last Saturday presented a check for $1,000 to the NAACP on its Golden Life Membership. Presenting the check to NAACP President Mrs. Enolia MacMillan is Mrs. Ruth J. Pratt, chapter president, while Mrs. Pearl Exum, last year's chapter fund-raising chairwoman, looks on. The 500-member organization has also given $2,000 to the Arena Players and recently paid $1,500 out of $10,000 pledge to the Provident Hospital. The next donation of $700 will soon be made to the Madison Ave. YWCA.

THEY'RE ENGAGED — Robert c. embry, 38, Baltimore city housing commissioner, and Miss Mary Ann Mears, 28, assistant professor of art at Community College of Baltimore, have a date with the parson. Wedding is scheduled for March 20. Miss Mears is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mears of Chatham, N.J. Mr. Embry is son of the senior Robert Embrys of Baltimore. Couple was photographed at Wednesday evening reception honoring Federal Communications Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks and Mrs. Hooks.

(AFRO staff photo by Ben Phillips)

Mrs. Browne named manager

Mrs. Sarah H. Browne, a Howard University graduate with 24 years of service with the Employment Security Administration, has been named manager of the Greenbelt Office of that agency of the Maryland Department of Human Resources at Greenblet, Md.

As manager of the Greenbelt office, Mrs. Browne will be respondible for coordinating the unemployment insurance and public employment service programs provided for rsidents of the area served by that office.

$1,000 REWARD

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Two die from carbon monoxide

Woman delegate of the 1199-E Hospital and Health Care Employees Union found dead. Man, 38, dies in hospital five days after the two were overcome by fumes.

Gas space heater blamed

Mrs. Phyllis Shorter Jones, 39-year-old nurse's aide at Lake Drive Nursing Home was found dead in bed Jan. 11 in the 900 block N. Stricker St.

A spokesman for the City Morgue said the cause of death is listed as "accidental." However, Mrs. Jones' relatives told the AFRO she died of "carbon monoxide inhalation."

Mrs. Jones who lived in the 900 block Chauncey Ave., was the union delegate for Lake Drive employees who are members of the 1199-E Hospital and Health Care Employees.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were held Saturday at Mount Calvary Star Baptist Church. She is buried in Pleasant Rest Cemetery.

SECOND DEATH

Police state a second person, Samuel Anderson, 38, 1900 block W. North Ave., was found sitting in the bedroom in "serious condition."

The gas space heater had been turned off by the time police arrived.

He was taken to University Hospital and died Jan. 16, five days later, of "carbon monoxide inhalation with complications."

Funeral services were held Jan. 20 at City Temple Baptist Church for Anderson. He is buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

POLICE REPORT

Police report they responded to a call Jan. 11 around 6 p.m. from 900 block N. Stricker St. residence. Upon entering the first floor bedroom, they observed Mrs. Jones lying across the bed and Anderson sitting on the side of the bed.

Mrs. Nancy Richardson told the police Anderson and Mrs. Jones came to the house around 4 p.m.

Police reveal Anderson's brother knocked on the bedroom door around 3 p.m. and heard "snoring."

Anderson's brother is quoted as telling the police, "I left them alone because I thought they were sleeping."

SPACE HEATER

Police state Anderson's brother said several hours later he knocked on the door and "could not gain entrance." After calling another brother, the two men forced the door open.

According to police, Anderson's brother stated, "The room was so hot from the space heater, we had to turn it off."

Anderson's brother attempted to help Mrs. Jones and his brother, but because of their "serious condition" he called an ambulance.

Police reports show Mrs. Jones was pronounced dead on the scene and Anderson who was unconscious was rushed to University

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WHOSE MONEY is earned and spent in Baltimore if the population is nearly 60 per cent black citizens? Learn more about money and Baltimore when the AFRO publishes its Money Market edition in the Friday, Jan. 31 edition.

White hoodlums attack black students in Boston

By James R. Dorsey

BOSTON (UPI) — Black and white students fought with fists and chairs at Hyde Park High School Wednesday. Across the city in East Boston, whites tried to block a major Boston Harbor Tunnel during the morning rush hour to protest school desegregation.

At least 17 persons were arrested in the two incidents. Five others, including a Boston policeman and the mother of a student, were treated for minor cuts and bruises stemming from the Hyde Park incident.

School officials said fighting began at Hyde Park when whites confronted black students in corridors as the blacks emerged from a protest meeting held in the school cafeteria. Blacks had refused to leave the cafeteria until they had received assurances that scuffling in the hallways with white students would be stopped.

Blacks and whites had fought sporadically Tuesday and school officials said someone burned an American flag in the auditorium.

Police said the black students clashed again Wednesday in the streets around the school with roving bands of white students

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Mandel may raise subway taxes

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Gov. Marvin Mandel said Thursday some state transportation taxes may have to be raised to pay for the Baltimore subway if a poor economy continues to depress state transportation revenues."

The governor said it would be premature to say presently that any taxes might have to be raised, but over the long haul if revenues remain at their current levels "there will be a need for additional revenuue."

Earlier in the week the governor had left open the possibility of a future increase in auto registration fees. Aides to the governor said that is one of a few revenue sources that is being considered.

Gasoline tax revenues have increased only about 2 per cent the past year because of declining gasoline consumption, compared to normal annual increases of 6 or 7 per cent.

Two delegates have introduced legislation to charge a per-gallon fee for state inspection of gasoline which comes into the state and to charge a wholesale gasoline tax which they say would be passed on only in part to consumers.

At the same time, Mandel said failure by Anne Arundel County to agree to pick up some Mass Transit Administration bus and subway operating deficits would not leopardize the first leg of the subway.

"It won't affect what we're doing at all," he said. He said he would make no effort to try to win support of County Executive Robert A. Pascal of Anne Arundel County, but predicted the county might agree to the plan after two or three years of resistance.

Mayor William D. Schaefer has committed Baltimore to pay part of the operating deficits, but County Executive Theodore G. Venetoulis has not yet agreed to Baltimore County cooperation.

Asked about the prospects for Venetoulis cooperation, Mandel said, "I can't say that we've reached any agreement. I can't say what that agreement will be."

Mandel provided for $120.5 million for the first leg of the subway, from

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S. Africa pullout hinted after MPLA gains in war

By Raymond Wilkinson

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — South Africa and its allies have suffered a stuttering defeat if the latest reports from the Angola war are accurate, the South African press said Thursday.

Renewed speculation swept South Africa that the government may pull out of the conflict following the battlefield communiques which said the Soviet-backed MPLA movement had made significant gains in southern Angola this week.

(In Moscow, where Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is conferring with Soviet leaders, U.S. sources said they believe South Africa intends to withdraw its troops from Angola, although they had no firm confirmation. They said also Cuba now has more than 10,000 troops in the African nation and more are on the way.)

The war and South Africa's continued involvement was expected to be a [illegible] when Parliament convenes in Cape Town Friday.

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The latest news also added urgency to the military's constant reassessment of the likelihood of a major victory or defeat for South Africa and its allies in the fighting.

War news was splashed across the front pages of the country's newspapers

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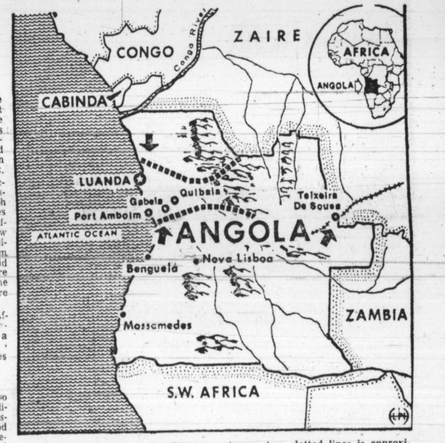

GAINING GROUND—Despite a massive arms buildup by the Soviet backed forces in Angola, the civil war in the Southwestern African nation appears to be swinging in favor of pro-Western forces. Territory between two dotted lines is approximate area held by Soviet backed Popular Movement. Arrows indicate points at which Popular Movement has suffered setbacks at the hands of pro-Western forces. (UPI)

Bicen Bits

Friday, Jan. 23, 1791, Benjamin Banneker was commissioned to help draw up the plans for the city of Washington, D.C. A Maryloander, he was born near Ellicott City.

Snow tracks lead to four in bank heist

Police report they followed footprints in the snow and eventually came anon four persons they suspect were involved in a broad daylight holdup of a bank Jan. 21.

The Union Trust Bank in the 5700 block Reisterstown Rd. was entered at about 11:40 a.m. Two tellers reported to police that there were 10 customers inside when three men arrived carrying guns and warning everyone, "Don't move."

After grabbing some $1,400, according to police reports, the trio ran out the bank and turned into Emmart Ave. where one dropped his gun in the snow.

Footprints then led to the fence over which the suspects jumped, police state. Their reports claim the tracks in the snow stopped

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Indians want own commission

BY BEN PHILLIPS (AFRO BUREAU)

ANNAPOLIS — "We were happy to be with our black brothers. However, we are there in name only. No Indians have been hired on the commission. It is not the fault of our brothers, but no additional funds came when we were added to the commission."

This was part of the testimony of Herman Running Deer Hunt, a commissioner on the Afro-American and Indian History and Culture Commission.

He and 60 other proponents of the Senate Bill No. 101 were here last Wednesday to testify for and support the bill and Senate Joint Resolution No. 8.

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The Senate Bill which was sponsored by Sen. Verda Welcome, 40th District, would change the dual purpose of the commission back into the single purpose to be known as the Commission on Afro-American History and Culture.

Also before the committee was a Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 by the same sponsor, which would study the need for a permanent commission on Indian history and culture.

Sen. Edward Conroy, chairman of the Senate Constitutional and Public Law Committee, suggested that maybe a permanent commission should be established rather than a commission to study if it should be done.

The senator's comments came after Mr. Hunt said, "I think we need to establish the tradition of a new year get together with friends, not to discuss busi-

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Cong. Mitchell sets Sunday open house

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell will host an open house on Sunday, Jan. 25, from three to six o'clock, 1908 Bloomingdale Road, Baltimore. Refreshments will be served.

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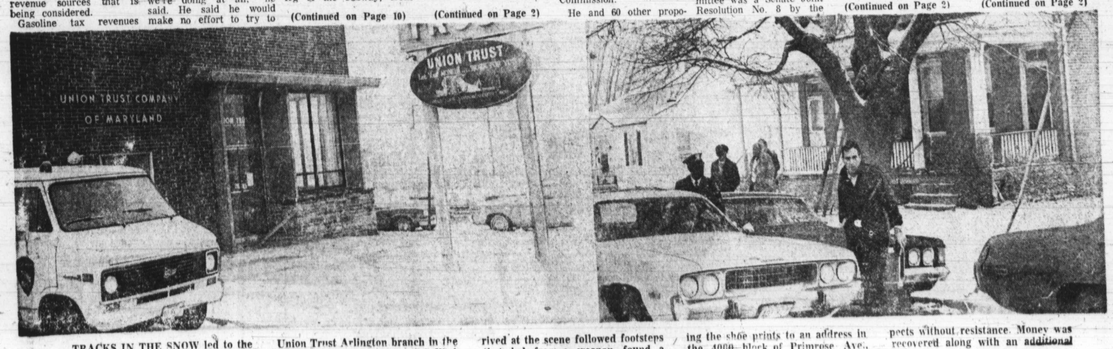

TRACKS IN THE SNOW led to the capture of four men who police arrested after the hold-up of the Union Trust Arlington branch in the 5700 block of Reisterstown Road Wednesday before noon. Police who arrived at the scene followed footsteps that led from a weapon found a block from the scene. After following the shoe prints to an address in the 4000 block of Primrose Ave., police took into custody four suspects without resistance. Money was recovered along with an additional weapon.

Photo by Kenan Washington