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Wife of famed physician accused in his gun death

Noted neurosurgeon was first Hopkins medical school grad

DR. ABDUR-RAHMAN YUSUF IBN-TAMAS noted nationwide as a neurosurgeon, he is dead of gunshot wounds.

WASHINGTON

Dr. Robert Lee Gamble, 35, a famed neurosurgeon, died Monday, Feb. 23 shortly after being shot about 8 a.m. at his home, 7852 16th St. NW Washington, D.C.

Known as Dr. Abdur-Rahman Yusuf Ibn-Tamas, the brilliant young man adopted the Muslim faith in 1971.

Charged with second degree murder is his wife, the former Miss Beverly Hodge of Columbus, Ohio, who was released the same day on $5,000 bail.

She returned to the home where the tragedy took place to await the arraignment which 'was held' March 1 in Superior Court. Still free on bail, Mrs. Ibn-Tamas is now awaiting grand jury action which is scheduled for March 12.

Mrs. Ibn-Tamas was not present at the last rites and burial which were arranged by members of the Muslim faith.

Dr. Ibn-Tamas was widely known in Baltimore medical circles.

Police reports show Dr. Ibn-Tamas, the first black man ever to finish Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, was shot in the lower abdomen and left chest while in an upstairs bedroom.

Blood trails followed downstairs disclose he landed at the bottom of the steps and was shot between the eyes at close range and fell inside his offices on the first floor.

MET IN N.Y.

The wife met the neurosurgeon who was classed as a genius, when she was a nurse and he was resident in neurological surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx Municipal Hospital and Montefiore Hospital-Medical Center in New York.

Mrs. Ibn-Tamas was previously trained and employed at Harlem Hospital. She went with Dr. Ibn-Tamas to his next post as chief resident in neurological surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital and Miami Veterans Administration Hospital in Miami, Fla.

They were married in Florida in September, 1972 and have a daughter, age two years.

Mrs. Ibn-Tamas was previously married to a policeman and divorced shortly before marrying the physician.

Dr. Ibn-Tamas at his death, was clinical instructor at Georgetown University Medical School and served on the staffs of Providence, Cafritz and Greater Southeast Community Hospitals in Washington.

HIGHEST HONORS

He had received highest and numerous honors in neurosurgery. Patients from across the nation sought his services.

Born in Charleston, W. Va., Dr. Ibn-Tamas was the grandson of Dr. Henry Floyd Gamble Sr. (1852-1932) also a nationally famed physician of Charleston.

The dead neurosurgeon's brother, Dr. Henry F. Gamble III, is also a famed surgeon and physician who resides in Staten Island, N.Y.

Dr. Ibn-Tamas's father was the late Henry F. Gamble Jr. of Charleston and his mother, who survives, is Mrs. Faye Gamble Davis of Washington.

FIRST AT HOPKINS

After Dr. Ibn-Tamas finished education in Charleston, he was graduated magna cum laude from Howard University and elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1963.

An avid lover of books, he began reading at age two. During college he independently learned many languages "almost over night".

In 1963 he became the first black American ever to be admitted to the Hopkins Medical school. At that time he had been ac-

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MRS. BEVERLY IBN-TAMAS, formerly Miss Beverly Hodge, Columbus, Ohio, charged with shooting her physician husband with a white metal revolver.

Supreme Bench committee reports on bias charges

When Judge Anselm Sodaro was inducted as Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench, he stated he would answer the charges made by Judge Joseph C. Howard Sr., "Of discrimination on the basis of sex and race in the Courthouse."

The committee members which investigated the charges are Judges Shirley B. Jones, Robert L. Karwacki, Marshall A. Levin, Basil A. Thomas and Harry A. Cole serving as chairman.

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The group has met with all elected officials in the Courthouse including judges of the Orphan's Court, the clerks of the courts comprising the Supreme Bench, Register of Wills, the State's Attorney and the Sheriff. It has also consulted with the chairman and staff of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations and members of the Community Relations Commission. They have met seven times over the past four months.

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Records maintained by the administrative office showed that out of a possible 282 positions under the direct jurisdiction of the Supreme Bench in 1975, only 65 of such positions were held by blacks.

The percentage of blacks making up the working age population of Baltimore in 1975 was 43.1 per cent.

The committee reported that the employment practices of the Supreme Bench are in "need of immediate attention to implement the

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Dr. Patterson scores high as civil suit nears conclusion

By Clarence W. Hunter

Today, Friday, is the fifth day in Dr. Roland N. Patterson's $1 million civil rights suit against seven members of the Board of School Commissioners.

Presiding Judge Joseph H. Young is not expected to hand down a decision even though testimony could end today, Friday.

However, close observers feel Dr. Patterson's attorneys have scored high in proving the School Board's actions in firing him last July did indeed, as he contends, damage his reputation and deprive him of his civil rights under the Constitution.

For example, highlighting the Thursday cross examination by Patterson's attorney Larry S. Gibson, Norman P. Ramsey, the man who was School Board president at the time Dr. Patterson was fired, made a very important statement.

Under questioning by Gibson, Ramsey admitted that during the evaluation hearings held in May, 1975 he told Dr. Patterson that he saw no problems as far as school finances were concerned.

This admission would seem to disprove the charge of financial mismanagement.

Other testimony during the previous four days also seems to shoot down the School Board reasons for firing and uphold his contentions that he was subject to illegality.

The suit is an attempt to collect damages and return Dr. Patterson to the $50,000 a year job as the superintendent of public instruction.

Being sued are, Norman P. Ramsey, Commissioners Dr. Eugene Scott, Mrs. Sheila Sachs, Grover L. McCrea, Oscar Helm, Howard Marshall and former commissioner Robert W. Schaefer.

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Dr. Patterson testified for almost three days explaining how the board did not grant him a due process hearing act as an im-

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FEDERAL COURT SCENE in the suit of Dr. Roland N. Patterson against seven members of the School Board. (L to R) Charles Lee, associate counsel for Dr. Patterson; Larry S. Gibson, chief counsel; law clerk, Gerson Mchelman; Dr. Roland Patterson in the witness chair, court reporter, Frank Figiel; court clerk, Bruce McElhone and Judge Joseph H. Young. (AFRO drawing by Thomas Stockett)

Blackwell fire case could kill Maryland's death penalty law

By Pam Widgeon

Defense attorney Mrs. Elsbeth Levy Bothe has asked Judge Paul A. Dorf to declare the Maryland death penalty law unconstitutional in the Anthony Lee Blackwell trial.

Blackwell, 20, of the 200 block N. Mount St., is the first person to be indicted under Maryland's new death penalty law. Judge Paul A. Dorf has postponed a ruling on his attorney's motion.

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In a 34-page motion, the brilliant woman attorney not only challenged the death law which is less than a year old but also questioned the right of a jury to determine a verdict "being ignorant of the law" governing the supreme penalty.

The case could go all the way to the Supreme Court.

SIX FIRE DEATHS

Blackwell is charged in 12 indictments with first degree fire bomb murder of six persons.

The deaths occurred July 17, 1975 little over two weeks after the effective date of the death penalty statute).

Blackwell is charged with throwing one or more "molotov cocktails" into a house at 536 Laurens St., thereby causing a fire in which six occupants were burned to death and others seriously injured.

Blackwell was then over the are of 18, having been born Oct. 27, 1955.

ABOUT THE DEATH INDICTMENTS

In moving for dismissal of the death indictments, Mrs. Bothe contends on behalf of Blackwell that the death penalty has been outlawed as violative of the eighth and fourteenth Amendments and that neither Maryland nor any other state can effectively enact legislation prescribing capital punishment.

Even if some kinds of death penalty laws are constitutional, those which make imposition of the death penalty mandatory, no Maryland statute can meet the test since under the Maryland Constitution and laws, jurors are judges of both the law and the fact.

The mandatory provisions of any Maryland death penalty statute can always be vitiated or nullified, at the descretion of the jury.

In Mrs. Bothe's motion placed before the court, she states, "The death sentence will not be mandatory upon conviction. Maryland does not and cannot have a mandatory death penalty.

"Whether any state can currently enact a constitutionally acceptable death penalty statute is yet to be decided by the only court which can finally resolve the question."

"Until the Supreme

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Morgan U. budget cut by $1 million

LIFETIME FRIENDS — Mesdames Mildred Thornton, Florence Jones and Catherine Brooks, active members of Ebenezer Baptist Church, were converted, baptized and united with the congregation 60 years ago in 1916. Their terms of service total 139 (rulitful years. (See story inside today)

By Ben Phillips
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — "By being a university, they did not get their fair share." Sen. Clarence Blount, D-41st, made this comment on the $1 million reduction in Morgan State University's budget for fiscal year 1977.

The cut in Governor Mandel's budget to the legislature was explained by Ken Miller, analyst from the Department of Fiscal Planning.

He said that in a letter received from Dr. Roger K. Williams of the university, a formula was used in which Morgan's enrollment came out to 4,613 full-time students as opposed to the 5,200 student figure submitted by the university.

Senator Myer Emanuel, D-Prince George's County, and Senator Blount established through their questions that the figure Miller arrived at was not actually stated by Dr. Williams.

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Morgan president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, told the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, "The budget before you does damage to the work you did last year in creating Morgan State University.

"The budget is based on incorrect estimates of students enrolled in our institution. It says we have 4,800 students when actual-

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LATEST WORD

ADA picks P.J.; fete set for March 12; Du Burns out

The March 12 "Evening with Parren" (Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.) (Tee Hee) set for 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, is destined to see an unprecedented interracial gathering of supporters.

Although the $25 each tickets are tax-free and the affair is billed as a friendly social evening complete with banquet-type dinner and drinks, the result is certain to be 'a show of strength' politically for the 7th District congressman.

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The guest speaker is dynamic Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan who is noted for her ability to move any crowd to its knees."

The announcement of the Mitchell banquet which ends in dancing at the wee hours, is followed by other announcements of importance to his running for reelection:

(1) City Councilman Clarence DuBurns told the AFRO he has no intention of running against Congressman Mitchell.

(2) The Baltimore Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) in a news release an-

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WELCOME SWEET SPRING—Reflecting the wonder we all feel at the first blossoms of this sweet season is Druid Park Conservatory Horticulturist Victor McNeil.
AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz

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