# 'Sex school' leader guilty of statutory rape

George J. Matthews, known as the "Leader" of the North Ave. "Sex school" asked Judge J. Harold Grady to sentence him Tuesday, after a jury found him guilty of statutory rape of two teenage girls.

Matthews, 51, was the leader of the Flaming Sword Society at 1322 W. North Ave., also known as the "Sex School." Two teenage girls testified their mother forced them to attend the "Sex School" and stated, "You'd better hurry up and get it over with."

The girls testified their mother was a member of the organization and took them to the headquarters so they could have sex with Matthews, also called "The General."

The 14-year-old told the jury she had to have sex in the General's room and she cried for several days after having sex with him.

Matthews, who wore an Army officer's uniform with marksmanship medals told the jury in his opening statement, "I was the teacher at the Flaming Sword Society and have done nothing wrong."

The mother of the girls and another woman are awaiting trail as accessories to the statutory rape of the girls. The girls are now living with their grandmother under court orders.

The Flaming Sword Society was raided June 11 when police found members of the organization sitting naked on the floor in rooms papered with photographs of nude persons.

The semi-religious naturalist program teaches youngsters sex education from the age of three until they reach the age of puberty during which period the self-styled high priest allegedly has sex relations with the children, followed by other members of the organization.

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Bernard Gail, a former member of the organization testified when the female members have children they would have full control of their daughter until she reached the age of three.

When the girl becomes three, her father takes care of her until she is nine. Gail told the jury the father also teaches his daughter how to read and write.

At 12 years old, the girl goes back with her mother, who "teaches her how to please a man when he comes home from work," Gail told the jury.

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Members of the organization are required to sign papers declaring their voluntary involvement in the training and their consent to their children's participation.

Police report on May 28 a group of concerned relatives of some of the children went to Western District police station complaining about the organization's activities.

The relatives made charges of sex relations between the children and male members of the group. The Flaming Sword Society has allegedly been in existence for 13 years and has branches all across the country.

## Amin offered role in film

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Ugandan President Idi Amin was offered a chance to be in the movies — playing himself in a film about the Israeli raid that freed Palestinian hostages at Entebbe airfield.

## Security report shows increase

Baltimore city school officials said this week that although the October security report showed an increase in reported security incidents the occurence were 48 less than those reported in October, 1975.

According to Larry Burgan, chief of the school's security divison security the incidents numbered 692 for the month of October compared to 740 reported situations in October, 1975.

"This report demonstrates a continuance of the stability noted in past reporting period despite the expectde increase," Burgan stated.

A breakdown of the monthly reports revealed that incidents determined to be violations of law averaged 19 9 per day this October compared to 18 a day this time last year.

However, according to the report, as in the September security report, the total number of crimes against persons showed a decrease when compared to a similar reporting period last year.

The report also shows an increase of 42 crimes against property this year over October last year offsetting the categories which decreased, resulting in a net increase of 11 incidents over last October.

Disciplinary incident for the month during October numbered 303 compared to 262 incidents during October, 1975.

These incidents, according to Bugan, showed a 15.5 from a 17.2 figure last October.

**CAMEROON RUBBER**

The International Finance Corp., an affiliate of the World Bank, is to invest over 10 per cent of the cost of a project to expand production at an existing rubber estate in Cameroon and to diversify output into palm oil and palm kernels.

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ANGRY, EAST BALTIMOREANS—Scene was last Saturday at the site of the Continental Can Co., 3100 block East Biddle St., where black and white community residents staged a vocal and vigorous protest against state plans to place a minimum and medium security 900-bed prison there. A number of politicians and civic groups protested the state's intentions. At left are Wendell Carter, Earl Jackson and Jack King. Center is Ms. Zatella E. Giles, co-ordinator of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore, an activist group. At right is shot of the variety of residents who participated.

RESIDENTS INSIST

# 'No more prisons in East Baltimore

Rather than "jam" the proposed East Baltimore prison site at the Continental Can Co. down their throats, the politicians, community associations and residents of the area are asking the state and city to consider an alternative.

An angry, lengthy vocal demonstration last Saturday at the 3100 block E. Biddle St. location drew over 400 chanting, cheering citizens who heard local and state elected officials, and Congresswoman-elect Barbara A. Mikulski, say they would do "whatever is necessary" within their respective position to stop state action.

This week in City Council, Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke (D, 2nd) said she was disturbed because the site was purchased in August, at $1.9 million by Second Biddle Associates and four months later, the state offers to pay $4 million for the building.

This is the same theme Mrs. Clarke echoed Saturday afternoon. "This stinks. It stinks all over East Baltimore," she said.

Second Biddle Associates is headed principally by Morton T. Sarubin, an influential real estate owner in the city.

The state, through Gov. Mandel's prison co-ordinator, Richard C. Wertz, said last week that despite community opposition the state would continue with its plan.

But that contention may have softened after the outspoken, determined kind of outburst and anger displayed Saturday.

Still, the issue will have to be faced, even if the residents are successful in East Baltimore. It will have to be faced in another part of the state, * not Baltimore City.

The state lacks adequate housing facilities for its growing prison population.

And sooner, if not later, the entire question of prison reform and prisoner rehabilitation and how effective it is in redirecting the aggression of the men coming into penal institutions, which is one of the reasons which landed them there in the first place, will be have to boldly faced.

Still, the residents say the state has displayed unusual insensitivity to their neighborhoods because the city jail and the state penitentiary are already there.

Alternative sites as the vacated building of the Gas and Electric Company on the Fallsway corridor have been mentioned by East Baltimore politicians as another site.

Building high-rise prisons, similar to other major cities, also has been proposed.

At the rally Saturday, a representative of the Armistead Garden Neighborhood said, "East Baltimore would not be beautified by another prison. We urge legislators: No more prisons in East Baltimore."

A spokesman from the Belair-Edison Community Association said, "As large as Maryland is, there are other places for prisons." The Ellwood Park Improvement Association denounced Mr. Wertz's position.

Representatives from the Fountain Baptist Church, 1200 block E. Monument St. said, "We have spent a fortune re-modelling our homes. If Schaefer wants a prison, put it where his mother is on Edmondson Ave."

Ms. Zatella E. Giles, coordinator of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore, and leader of the rally, said she had worked at the can company when the floors and ceilings fell in.

Councilman Clarence "Du" Burns (D,2nd) said, "Don't pay any attention to the newspapers. Newspapers don't print the truth. The Second District offered to accept alternatives on the Fallsway Corridor where the penitentiary and jail are."

Mrs. Yvonne Harvey, representative of the Public School No. 85 and 86, said, "The P.T.A. is behind us 100 percent. The mayor hasn't had a fight until he's up against mothers protecting their children."

Mary Pat Clarke added, "I am going to carry my voice to Annapolis. We are not going to see our best neighborhoods destroyed.

Del. Joe Chester (D,45) said, "We are violently opposed to the site."

"We have just begun to fight. We expect to go to court if necessary. They are trying to ram this thing down our throats." This is the opinion of Del. John W. Douglass (D,45).

Del Hattie Harrison said, "This is the most gorgeous sight I have ever seen. We intend to be in this to the end. And we intend to win this."

"We are proposing alternatives," said Councilman Nathan Irvin (D,2nd), a prime mover of the community's opposition. "We are proposing alternatives, sensible alternatives. In our Bicentennial year, it appears that government is opposed to the people in East Baltimore. This is not a lost cause," he added.

"You have our very experienced support," said Councilman John Schaefer (D,1st).

But the most vocal cheers were saved for his councilmanic colleague, Congresswoman-elect Mikulski, she told the crowd, "Fellow freedom fighters, I am sick and tired of them using East Baltimore for every damn thing they don't want. We can fight them by community organizing and we can fight it by politics."

Leaders said they expected to meet with the mayor and the governor's aides on the matter soon.

Wertz's, Mandel's aide for prisons, was out of town when the AFRO called for comments.

He had said previously that there was no strong opposition to placing the prison in East Baltimore.

Neither the mayor nor the president of the City Council, Walter S. Orlinskv, is opposed to having another prinson in the city.

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