State police still hunt killers of motel owner

Maryland State Police said Thursday they are still seeking the two men who shot and killed Leroy Ferguson Bass Monday while holding him up in his small motel office on Washington Blvd.

The two men, according to police reports, were described as thin black males between 20 and 30 years of age and standing approximately six feet tall. One man was said to be clean shaven with a medium afro hairstyle and the other had a thick moustache with a short afro.

Police said a composite drawing of the two men has been circulated but no identification has been made.

Bass of the 7900 block of Washington Blvd. and owner of The Bass Motel at the same address was pronounced dead by a medical examiner at Howard County General Hopital in Columbia late Monday. He was 68.

Relatives said an after-the-funeral wake will be held from 7-8 p.m. tonight, Friday, at Rose of Sharon Baptist Church on Roosevelt Blvd. in Elkridge, Md. Funeral services were held at noon today, Friday, at the church. He is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

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Born in Morgan County, Ga. on May 14, 1908, Bass owned and operated the Bass Motel at the same location for close to 20 years.

Neighbors and relatives considered Bass a kind man who once sold some of his property so Rose of Sharon Baptist Church could be built.

He is survived by one daughter, Ms. Wanda Harris; one son, James Bass; four sisters, Misses Elizabeth, Martha and Gertrude Bass and Mrs. Geneva Jones; three brothers, Booker T., Warren and Douglass Bass; two daughters-in-law; two sisters-in-law and a host of nieces and nephews.

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The incident which led to the shooting death began shortly before 3:30 p.m. when the two men came into the motel inquiring about a room, a police spokesman said.

He stated Bass told his 11 year old niece, who police refused to identify, to go get some clean sheets and prepare a room.

When she returned, police said, she found the two men chasing the victim into the kitchen, located at the rear of the motel, demanding money. They stated the men went through the victim's wallet then apparently ransacked the bedroom.

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The report shows one of the men during the robbery, grabbed the girl and locked her in the bathroom. Police said the niece told them after hearing the two men shout orders to Bass she heard at least two shots.

Moments later the girl broke through the bathroom window, escaped and telephoned the State Police at the Waterloo Barracks.

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The police, according to the report, arrived shortly after 4 p.m. and broke through the locked office door.

They stated they found Bass lying at the foot of his bed in his apartment with one bullet hole in the back of his head and his empty wallet by the body.

1199-E gets Hopkins contract

Johns Hopkins Hospital and District 1199-E, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, have reached agreement on a new, two-year contract to run from Dec. 1, 1976 to Dec. 1, 1978.

Both wage and payments to the union's national health and welfare fund will be increased under the new contract which was ratified Monday by bargaining unit employees.

Hospital Director Dr. Robert M. Heysel has termed the new contract a "reasonable and equitable package which takes into consideration both the needs of the employees and the financial constraints imposed on the hospital by the Health Services Cost Review Commission."

The Commission has stated that increases in wages and benefits to be passed through in hospital rate increases must not exceed the Baltimore Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase, which was 5.3 percent for the past year.

The total economic impact of the new contract over the old will be about 5.3 per cent for the first year.

Some 3.8 per cent of the increases will be in wages and 1.5 per cent in the hospital's payments to the union's health and welfare fund.

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Under the terms of the agreement, the hospital will increase its payments to the union's national health and welfare fund by 1.5 per cent effective December 1, 1976. This will bring the hospital's contribution to the fund to ten per cent of the gross payroll for bargaining unit employees.

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Wage increases will be distributed in a manner designed to provide adequate compensation for employees in the lower pay grades while allowing the hospital to attract and retain the more highly skilled employees.

Bargaining unit employees will receive an across the board increase to the minimum wage for each pay grade each year of the new contract. On December 5, 1976, this increase will be 15 cent an hour. On November 27, 1977, a 20 cent an hour increase will be added to the minimum wage for each pay grade.

In addition to these across the board pay increases, mid-year wage adjustments will be made to certain pay grades, with adjustments greater in higher skilled areas.

The new contract has a cost of living clause identical to that of the old contract, with a cost of living Consumer Price Index keyed to the Baltimore Consumer Price Index rather than to the national CPI.

The new contract also contains changes in vacation and holiday policy, seniority policy for promotions and lay-offs, the grievance procedure, salaries and probationary periods for new employees, and unpaid leaves for educational purposes.

There are 1,453 members of 1199-E at Johns Hopkins Hospital, comprising 34 per cent of thehospital's employees' Employees covered by 1199-E are all service and maintenance employees (nursing assistants, certain technicians, and housekeeping, maintenance, supply, and dietary employees).

Approximately 70 per cent of the hospital's total operating budget is represented by employee wages and benefits.

Negotiations between the hospital and the union began Oct. 15 and were interrupted for the first two weeks of November by the fact-finding process of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in accordance with Taft Hartly legislation affecting hospitals.

James Williams, Commissioner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, participated in the entire negotiating process.

Members of the Hopkins negotiation team were: A. Samuel Cook, attorney, Venable, Baetjer and Howard; E. Dean Volmer, director of employee relations, JHH; Wesley A. Jennings, manager, labor relations, JHH; Carl Crozier, labor relations specialist, JHH; Nancy R. Sullivan, manager, compensation, JHH; and David Burke, manager, personnel relations, JHH.

Union negotiators were: Ronald Hollie, union president; Ed Kearl, union treasurer; Bernard Rubenstein, union attorney; and a committee of 17 employee-delegates.

Marionette dance troupe to give holiday shows

Mayor Schaefer's Office of Special Projects presents the Montobanco Marionette Troupe in its second winter season of free touring marionette performances.

Under the direction of Michael Montenegro, the troupe will tour Baltimore's recreation centers, the Inner Harbor and the City Hall rotunda. Professional marionette theatre for young and old alike will be presented on the following days at the following locations:

Friday, Dec. 3, 3 to 5 p.m., Falls Road, Community Center Lillian Jones Recreation Center.

Mon., Dec. 4, 3 to 5 p.m., Franklin Square Recreation Center, Lexington Terrace Recreation Center.

Mon., Dec. 20, 3 p.m. Ralph Young Recreation Center, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Inner Harbor.

Tues., Dec. 21, 3.00 p.m. Moravia Park Recreation Center, 7 to 7:30 pm. Inner Harbor.

Wed., Dec. 22, 3 p.m. Mullan Recreation Center, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Inner Harbor.

Thurs., Dec. 23, 3 p.m. Scott Street Iact Center, PS No 223 7 to 7:30 p.m. Inner Harbor.

Mon., Dec. 27, 3 p.m. Kresson Street Community Center.

Tues., Dec. 28, 3 p.m. Roosevelt Recreation Center.

LONDON — A new style counterfeit pound note is worrying police in the north of England, where several have already been passed.

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For All We Know

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destined to bulge with most lists but some citizens will be delighted to go through life remembering "once upon a time" name was written there.

NO HOTEL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE for the Jan. 20 events. All motels and rooming places are spoken for from Washington to Virginia and nearby Maryland. This weekend the throng from coast to coast will spill over into Baltimore motels and hotels.

Skyrocket Rates are anywhere from $125 to $160 a night for single rooms and $185 to $200 for doubles at hotels close in to D.C.'s center. Some suites "set aside" can be had for $500 a night "if you have the cash."

ESTIMATED 150,000 Inaugural Week visitors from around the globe will swell to countless numbers before Jan. 20.

TOURIST BUREAUS have guesstimates reaching over 500,000 who will tie up traffic hopelessly trying to "be there" when the Jimmy Carters enter the White House.

IT WILL TAKE YOU two days to get from the Georgetown outskirts to anywhere near the scene of the swearing-in ceremonies if ever.

THE WEATHER as in past Inaugurals will be bitter cold, with snow.

TAXIS you'll never catch. Walking miles in your ball gowns and tux to get to the ball locations will be the thought for the day.

CAMPING CLOSE to the swearing-in scene in a sleeping bag a week ahead will do no good unless you are prepared to starve. Leave for a sandwich and someone will have your place.

SOUVENIRS by the thousands will include the Peanut in every shape, form, size and style. Some vendors will get rich quick, others won't.

EATING PLACES will never be able to stock enough food in Washington and some plan to sell out, lock up and go home after 24 hours.

SECRET SERVICE, Executive Protection Squads will work around the clock but beefed up troops can't be beefed up enough to handle it.

CARTER'S HOROSCOPE, all on the beam thus far, says he will NOT be assassinated but it does not reveal someone won't try.

AMY'S SCHOOL in D.C. will be watched by armed gunmen from every tall building surrounding for blocks. Ideally situated, the Stevens Elementary is sunk deep inside protective structures and every window is destined to hold a watchman.

BUMS, beggars, ladies of the evening passing by may each be carrying police badges and secretly watching every parent who brings his kid to school.

GEORGIA MAFIA HEADLINES saying the roughnecks are moving into the White House are backlash from news media which guessed wrong and backed Gerald Ford for president.

WATCHING FOR EVERY WRONG MOVE, the losers are alert to twist the truth around as they scratch for headlines to sell papers.

NAMES NAMED

HAWAII described as Carter's farthest West state, issue for rewards. Representative Patsy T. Mink, member of the House Budget Committee and Education and Labor Committee, is mentioned for the top Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) job.

NO GUARANTEES can be placed on anyone at this point but here are those destined for top jobs.

TOM C. BRADLEY, Los Angeles, mayor, HUD

KENNETH GIBSON, mayor, Newark, N.J., HUD

ANDREW HATCHER, Gary, Ind. mayor, HUD

JAMES W. ROUSE, Baltimore developer, HUD

VERNON JORDAN, Urban League executive director, HUD

COLEMAN YOUNG, mayor, Detroit, HUD

JOHN GUNTHER, director, National Council of Mayors, HUD

DAN SWEAT, Atlanta Progress Committee director, HUD

HEW NAMES LISTED

REP. JOHN BRADEMAS, Indiana

REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH, Notre Dame Univ. president/ ex-chairman of Civil Rights Commission.

CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA JORDAN, Texas

REP. PATSY MINK, Hawaii

VERNON JORDAN, Urban League

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, former NAACP lawyer

GRACE OLIVERAS, New Mexico

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DR. PAUL HOLLOMAN, New York City Health Commissioner

AMBASSADORS

Jody Powell says firmly Carter will more easily send black diplomats to white nations than the other way around.

Mentioned as possible are

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING SR., Atlanta.

MRS. CORRETA KING, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ATTORNEY CLARENCE L. MITCHELL JR., Washington NAACP Bureau and former UN representative

CARTER'S BIG STATES DUE TO GET the lion's share of big posts are these states whose Electoral Votes are:

Massachusetts — 14
New York — 41
Ohio — 25
Tennessee — 10
North Carolina — 13
Florida — 17
Texas — 26
Missouri — 12
Illinois — 26
Minnesota — 10
Georgia — 12
Pennsylvania — 27
Louisiana — 10
Maryland — 10
Mississippi — 7
Hawaii — 4

1,000 JOBS AVAILABLE

FUTURE ADMINISTRATION posts worth their salt number 1,000 and include high spots like at Social Security in Baltimore. Flooding in from January to spring will be persons from across the nation who will fall into slots from $40,000 down to $10,000. executives, that is.

WILLIAM T. Coleman Jr., transportation secretary under Ford, is a senior partner in a Philadelphia law firm and the first black Cabinet member since Robert Weaver in 1966 under Lyndon Johnson.

HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED since the Congressional Black Caucus has said he's got to go for another of his race they have already tapped. NOW THERE'S A BEST KEPT SECRET GOING and that job is now sewed up.

Likeable and a smart cookie, Coleman is known worldwide for the Concorde supersonic jetliner he has allowed to land in D.C. The pointed-nosed and giant jet goes in and out of Dulles Airport six days a week while hundreds of persons gaze in the sky to watch like they used to when an airplane was a novelty.

ELIGIBILITY and quality of ability still surpasses the race qualification in selection of persons for the new administration soooo didn't worry that "the wrong person" will slip in and mess things up.

TALENT SCOUTS are still searching through some 25,000 Carter supporters for experience, personality and trustworthy people.

NOT ALL IN ONE DAY will the jobs be filled and some important posts will have to wait maybe a year.

SOME 100 Federal judges will be placed on the bench after Congress okays.

TOP WOMEN

UNSALARIED will be of course Mrs. Carter, the president's wife who it is said will be consulted on

—Washington today: even Pearl Bailey's gone

MISS LILLIAN, seen directing traffic in Plains the day Kissinger was there, will also be a great force behind the White House scene.

ROBERTA FLACK, star singer, will definitely move out Pearl Bailey, the favorite in the Ford-Nixon - Sammy Davis Days

ALL RACES

CARTER'S 51-3 Per Cent Women's Committee chosen last spring is heading a list.

Senator Roealie Abrama, City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clark, Kathleen Carter and Dec. Pauline Menes, coordinators from Maryland.

ALSO, national members "considered for presidential appointments: Milly Jeffries, Wayne State University Board of Governors, Detroit, Mich.

Gloria Johnson, American Electrical Workers, Washington, D.C.

Mary Anne Krupsak, Lt. Governor of New York, Albany, N.Y

Mary Dublin Keyserling, Economist, Washington, D.C.

Odessa Komer, Vice President, UAW, Detroit.

Dr. Shelia B. Kamerman, Co-Director, Cross National Studies of Social Services/Family Policy New York.

Joyce Ladner, Assoc. Prof., Sociology, Hunter College, New York.

Mrs. Albert Lasker, Health Care Philanthropist, New York.

Carmela G. Lacavo National Executive Director, National Association of Mayors of Spanish Descent, Los Angeles.

timore, Ruth Morganthau.

Dr. Junita Williams, Bal- Professor, Brandeis University, Foreign Political Advisor, Cambridge, Mass

Gwen Martin, Assistant to the President, CWA, Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Anne C. Martindell, St. Senator, Princeton, N.J

Pauline Menes, State Legislator, College Park, Md.

Olga Madar, President, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Detroit, Mich.

Margaret Mead, Anthropologist, New York.

Joyce Miller, Amal. Clothing Workers, New York.

Helen Meyner, U.S. Representative, N J. Washington, D.C.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Commission of Human Rights, NYC.

Dona O'Bannon, First Vice President, National Assoc. Women Business Owners. Arlington, Va.

Angela Cabrera, Deputy Director, Women's Division, New York

Dottie Lynch, vice president, Cambridge Survey Research, Cambridge, Mass.

Marion Fine Knowles, Professor of Law, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Harriet Cipriani, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C.

Simone Paulain, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Susan Fraser, Vice President, Rafshoon Advertising Corporation, Atlanta. Coleen Nunn, Washington, D.C.

Cornelia Wallace, Montgomery, Ala.

Joan Leibold Cohen, Art Historian, Boston, Mass.

Ella Grasso, Governor, Connecticut.

Marsha R. German, mayor's assistant, Honolulu, Hawaii

Gloria Steinem, Editor, Ms. Magazine, New York.

Kathy Sloane, Social Services Advocate, Louisville, Ky.

Dorothy Stetson, Florida Atlantic University, Upper Division Graduate Director, Boca Raton, Fla.

Nancy Schlossberg, Professor of Education, College Park, Md.

Betty Talmadge, Businesswoman, Washington, D.C

Delores C. Tucker, Secretary of State, Harrisburg, Pa.

Irene Tinker, Director, of Int'l. Science, AAAS, Washington, D.C.

Jill Wine Volner, lawyer, Washington, D.C.

Edith Van Horn, United Auto Workers, Detroit.

Anne Wexler, Associate Editor, Rolling Stone, New York.

Nivea Hernadez McClintock, Professor of English, U. of P.R., Rio Piebras, Puerto Rico.

Clelia Steele, Educational Specialist, Washington, D.C.

Martha Keys, U.S. Representative, Kansas,

Lindy Boggs, U.S. Representative, Louisiana

Jacqueline Wexler, president, Hunger College, New York

Betsy Wright, Executive Director, National Women's Education Fund, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Nanette Wenger, Emory School of Medicine, Atlanta.

Carleen Waller, Political Organizer Wellville.

Gwill York, Expert of Volunteerism, Cleveland,

Shirley MacLaine, actress, New York

Jo Freeman, writer, New York

Paula Kent Meehan, president, Redken Laboratories, Van Nuys, Calif.

Dr. Gloria Zamora, University of Texas, San Antonio.

Loretta Bowen, Communication Workers of America, Washington, D.C.

Larrie West Stalks, Registrar of Essex County, Newark, N.J.

Karen Lab, Health Specialist, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Eunice Fiorito, president, American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, New York

Trish Van Devere, actress, New York

Evelyn Gandy, Lt. Governor of Mississippi

DiDi Conn, chairperson, St. Dem. Party, Las Vegas, Nev.

Roberta Flack, singer, composer, educator, New York

Raquel Frankel, Hispanic Affairs, DNC, Washington, D.C.

Lucy Covinton, Tribal Chairperson, Colville Tribe, Colville, Washington

Dale Deal, Morrisonville, Ill.

Esther Peterson, consumer advisor, Giant Foods.

Ruth Prokop, Senior Counsel, General Telephone and Electronics Corporation, Washington, D.C.

Maria Antoinette Pro, Professor of Psychology, Miami

Letty Cottin Pogrebin, writer, New York.

Lisa Rudd, State Representative, Anchorage, Alaska

Ann Sutherland Ramsay, Asst. Sec. of Admin. / Fin., Boston.

Esther Raushenbush, Former Pres., Sarah Lawrence College, New York.

Lilia Rockey, Community Organizer, LaMirada, Calif

Sister Francis Bordia Rothenebber School, Sisters of St. Francis, Milwaukee.

Laura Shields, coordinator, Alliance for Displaced Homemakers, Oakland, Calif

Lorli Skaggs, Anchorage Municipal Assemblyperson, Anchorage.

Gladys Noon Spellman, U.S. Representative

Florence Mahoney, Health Advocate, Washington, D.C.

Martha Gaines, S'estern Reg'l, Dir. NOW, Atlanta,

Rachel Horowitz, American Federation of Teachers, Washington. D.C.

Laura Valdez Demeron, La Luz Magazine Denver, Colo.

Jane O'Grady, Amal. Clothing and Textile Workers, Washington, D.C.

Thelma Stovall, Lt. Governor, Louisville, Ky.

Liz Carpenter, executive director ERAmerica, Washington, D.C.

Miriam Cruz, Administrative assistant to Mayor Daley, Chicago Ill.

Emily Card, Sociologist - Political Activist, Los Angeles.

Sidney Cornellia Callahan, author, New York.

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Ms. Susie Elson, Mental Health Advocate, Atlanta.

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Aryonne Fraser, Women's Equity Action League, Washington, D.C.

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Eleanor Clark French, Former NYC Commissioner of Human Rights, New York

Martha Griffiths, former U.S. Representative, Farmington Hill, Mich

Joan M. Goodin, assistant director, International Affairs, Brotherhood of Railway / Airline Clerks, Washington, D.C.

Ellinor Guggenheimer, commissoner, Department of Consumer Affairs, New York.

Gwen Giles, St. Louis Human Rights Commission, St. Louis

Pamela Harriman, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hazel Henderson, Co-Director, Center for Alernative Future, Princeton, N.J.

Janet Gray Hayes, mayor, San Jose, Calif.

Fannie E. Hill, Tulsa, Okla.

Fannie Lou Hamer, Civil Rights Advocate, Ruleville, Miss.

Marite-Herandez, Hispanic Activist, New York.

Betay Harris, publisher and organizer, New York.

Koryne Horbal, National Women's Political Caucus, Coon Rapids, Minn.

Mary Anderson, Former State Senator, Nashville,

Mayor Craig Benton, Illinois State Coordinator, 51 3 Per Cent. Evanston, Ill.

Carolyn Shaw Bell, Economist, Wellesley, Mass.

Clara Mortenson Bever, Former Government Official, Washington, D.C.

Sandra M. Brown, The Executive Woman, New York.

Dorothy Bolden, National Domestic Worker's Union, Atlanta

Dr. Dorothy L. Brown, surgeon, Nashville.

Josephine Burson, Former Commissioner, Employment Security, Memphis.

Amalia V. Betanzos,

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)
EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE guard, Officer Freddie McMillion.

BEFORE HE KILLS US ALL, this is what Steven B. Williams (center) of Sante Fe, N.M. is alleged to have given as his reason for ramming his truck into the White House Dec. 1 in his own protest against President Ford.

Baltimoreans on Transition

Attorney A. Dwight Pettit, Dr. Paul Vance, attorney Larry Gibson and Daniel P. Henson III have been requested to work with the Carter Transition, on the national, regional and state levels.

It is reported that Dwight Pettit is involved with the Justice Department; Paul Vance in the area of Education; Larry Gibson, with the Federal Energy Administration and Danny Henson with the Commerce and Labor Departments.

Pettit has been asked to head up a regional team with members from Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. He will be coordinating activities for Region III, which includes the districts of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the local district of the District of Columbia.

When contacted, Mr. Pettit stated that he has not joined the team in Washington, D.C., but is handling the matters from his office here in Baltimore.

He further stated that he is not employed with the Administration, but is assisting the administration as before, in a consulting status, while maintaining his law practice. He would not comment on what his responsibilities on the transition were, other than stating it was personnel and talent related.

Ellington's granddaughter is at the Mechanic Theatre

(See photo Page One)

Mercedes Ellington, the pretty girl on Page One all bundled up in fur against the Baltimore cold spell, is granddaughter of the famed Duke Ellington and daughter of Mercer Ellington now leading the Duke's band.

Miss Ellington, 25, is with the Hellzapoppin, cast now at the Morris Mechanic Theatre and starring Jerry Lewis.

She is choreographer and dance captain in the "Swinger Girl" portion with Donald Saddler, head choreographer.

A dancer since age 3, Miss Ellingaon, once in the June Taylor dance line, is now engaged in Ed Palafax, New York's multimedia producer. He'll meet her in Washington when Hellzapoppin plays there Dec. 3 through Jan. 2.

She has played in Westside Story in versions in Australia, Puerto Rico and Canada. In summer theatre in Connecticut last year, Miss Ellington starred in Guys and Dolls. She assisted June Taylor when the group starred with Jackie Gleason in Miami.

A graduate of Juilliard as a dance major, Miss Ellington was reared in New York. She followed appearances in Broadway's No, No Nanette, the Harry Chapin Show and the Miami Bicentennial Tribute cast of hundreds.

Her mother and stepfather are Dr. and Mrs. James Bitts of New York and Philadelphia. Other children are Edward Ellington, a guitarist with Mercer Ellington's orchestra and Gay Ellington, in advertising and designing in New York. EMO

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