Will Sachs bring in blacks?

[illegible] have said the [illegible] less than [illegible] with the uncertainty of the situation and believe none of them is being considered for any type of supervisory position.

There is speculation that a woman is being considered for chief of the criminal division and consumer protection division and anti - trust division have already been filled.

Reliable sources in the Maryland Human Relations Commission said that the HRC office has been attempting to effect changes in the Attorney General's office for years but that assistant attorneys generals serve at the pleasure of the attorney general and can be dismissed or promoted without reason.

Ed Smith, president of the Monumental City Bar Association, Inc., angrily said Sachs must effect some "catastrophic changes" in the attorney general's office adding that "Affirmative action looms as large as impropriety" referring to Sach's directive forbidding assistant attorneys general from moonlighting on outside.

"We have 150 to 200 lawyers interested in working for the attorney general's office," he said, "but he (Sachs) has not seen fit to hire any of them."

Smith said Sachs has had every opportunity to talk to black bar group officials but as yet has not approached them.

He admitted, however, that Monumental officials have not gone to him to discuss the situation.

Sachs admitted he has made no formal plans to talk to any minority legal organization.

"It had not occurred to me," he said, "but it's something to consider."

—Watkins decision Jan. 26

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[illegible] Kenneth Thompson filed motions for a new trial and stated that Assistant State's Attorney John S. Denholm failed to furnish the defense with names of certain witnesses as they were required to do under court rules.

State witnesses testified that a picture of Watkins and Burman that was taken at an affair sponsored by the Thirty Flat Club is missing from police files.

However, Watkins testified that the picture was never taken and he was attending a public affair as part of his police duties.

Burman, who is now confined to City Jail and was the star witness for the state in the Watkins trial, in his testimony, he said he knew Watkins and Watkins had been friends for many years and grew up together in the same neighborhood.

Denholm and Nell Ruther, an assistant state's attorney, gave the disputed grand jury testimony to Judge Grady and were also instructed to give defense attorneys copies of the testimony.

J. D. Howard, a commerical photographer, signed an affidavit after the trial stating that he had gone before the grand jury and said he had not taken a picture of Watkins shaking hands with Burman.

Denholm based testimony at Watkin's trial about the picture to allege that Watkins and Burman had a close relationship.

—Secretary shot

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to appear in court on an assault charge brought against him by the late Miss Smith on Dec. 22 but he failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued, he was arrested and later released.

Relatives stated Miss Smith had talked about being afraid and would never go out alone because she had been attacked several times.

The accused was scheduled to appear in Central District court on Jan. 23 for assault charges. Funeral services for Miss Smith will be held 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at City Temple Baptist Church, Dolphin and Eulaw Street.

In addition to her father, Miss Smith is survived by a sister, Mrs. Linda Cammon; four brothers, George, Harry, Michael and John Smith.

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-Mandel conviction reversed

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The AFRO learned though that Lee hastily called a press conference and stated he had talked to Mandel and was told that his June 1977 appointment as acting governor stood until further notice.

Lee said that Mandel told him he needed time to think about whether he wanted to return to office for the final five days of his administration.

Lee said he telephoned Mandel at his home in nearby Arnold moments after hearing the decision and Mandel told him he needed time to think about the effect of the decision and would call him back Friday morning to say whether he plans to return to office.

Lee, who planned to move out of his state house offices and the governor's mansion this weekend anyway, said, "I really don't care at this point."

A spokesman for Gov.-elect Harry R. Hughes, who is to be inaugurated Wednesday in a cermeony to which Mandel was not invited, said he would have no immediate comment.

Lee said he hopes a new trial in the case is not held.

"I think Maryland is very, very tired of this entire matter. We've been through this trial from end-to-end, twice. Mr. Mandel's term runs out next Wednesday and there is little to be served by a new trial at this point," he said.

The judges said the U.S. District Court's judgment of acquital on one count of the indictment was affirmed but "the judgements of conviction on such other counts of the indictment as to which of the defendants were not acquitted or were not dismissed are vacated and remanded for a new trial."

Mandel was convicted Aug. 23, 1977, of accepting lavish gifts, interests in lucrative land and businesses, money and vacation trips from his five codefendants in exchange for influencing legislation favorable to a race track they secretly owned.

Mandel admitted accepting the gifts, but denied influencing the Legislation.

U.S. District Judge Robert Taylor, the presiding judge in the case, said he did not fine Mandel because the governor had incurred huge expenses in a divorce and an earlier trial and claimed to be bankrupt.

Mandel, reached by a radio station at this home in Arnold, near Annapolis, said in a voice choked with emotion:

"I first want to thank all of the people of the state of Maryland who have stood by me through this very difficult time, not only for me but for the members of my family. It wasn't easy. I never defrauded the people of this state in any way. I also had an inner faith that the American system of justice in this case would prevail."

Mandel, 58, Maryland's 56th elected governor, finished out Spiro Agnew's term in office and then was elected and re-elected overwhelmingly.

The appeal was filed in March and oral testimony in the case was taken while the court sat in Abingdon, Va., in July.

Convicted with him were: W. Dale Hess; Ernest N. Cory Jr., Irvin Kovens, Harry Rodgers III and his brother, William A. Rodgers.

Mandel relinquished executive duties to Lee in June 1977, shortly after suffering a mild stroke prior to the start of his second trial.

The first trial ended in a mistrial Dec. 7, 1976, after two men were arrested for jury tampering.

Kovens, Hess and Harry Rodgers each were sentenced to four years in prison and fined $40,000; William Rodgers was sentenced to 30 months in prison and fined $40,000 and Cory was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The six were prosecuted as part of the same federal investigation that earlier had driven Mandel's predecessor, Spiro T. Agnew, from the Vice Presidency.

The prosecution contended that in 1972 Mandel influenced legislation beneficial to the now defunct Marlboro Race Track, which was secretly owned by his friends, the codefendants.

In return for his help, the prosecution said Mandel was given clothing, jewelry, money to pay for his divorce from his first wife Barbara, and a Florida honeymoon vacation with his second wife, Jeanne.

The suspended governor steadfastly refused to resign and said for a long time he planned to return to the governor's mansion if he won on appeal.

Technically, he remained the state's governor. But he was forced to move from the mansion, lost his $25,000 - a - year salary and was stripped of all the trappings of office except his around - the - clock protection by a state trooper.

He and his family moved into an expensive home in Arnold, a town just north of Annapolis, Md., where Mandel and his wife also opened a consulting business in a small office nearby.

Report cites FBI abuses

In a report released this week, the Committee for Grand Jury Reform says the FBI uses the grand Jury as a tool for domestic intelligence rather than utilizing its resources to apprehend real criminals.

The new report titled "Index of FBI Crimes" provides a concise list of crimes the FBI has allegedly been involved in ranging from conspiracy against the rights of citizens to murder.

"The booklet is designed to demonstrate the fact that the FBI is more concerned with domestic intelligence, personal Bureau - wide vendettas, and the suppression of political expression, than it is with curbing the growing crime in our streets," said Kathleen Wilhere, Washington Director of the Committee for Grand Jury Reform.

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WILLIE'S HOME — Trent lives in the back of his old truck trailor. Most of his food come from neighbors.

—Willie Trent

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"We really don't have the manpower to make home visits. We are very, very short manpower wise," said Ms. Mildred Tailer, deputy director of the Social Services Department.

"There really is no place in the county for poor people to live because the rent is so high."

After telling Trent they couldn't help him because he had no proof of his age, the Social Services Department referred him to the Social Security Administration.

The Social Security Administration told Trent that he needed a birth certificate or a marriage license before they could give him any assistances.

"We then sent to Richmond for a birth certificate and they sent us a letter back saying he didn't have one," said Mrs. Clarrisa Harris, coordinator at the Edgemere Center of HRDA.

"I told Mr. Trent that and he said the house he was born in had burned down and his birth was recorded in the family Bible that was in the house when it went down."

Mrs. Harris, along with HRDA Housing Coordinator Hester Peck held off contacting the Health Department because they feared the inevitable, the trailer would be condemned and Willie would have no place to go.

She did contact them on Jan. 11 and they promised to go out to the facility on Jan. 12.

"I'm going to start working overtime beginning this evening," Mrs. Harris said Thursday. "I'm going door to door to try to get one of the neighbors to take him in because I know they'll condemn it."

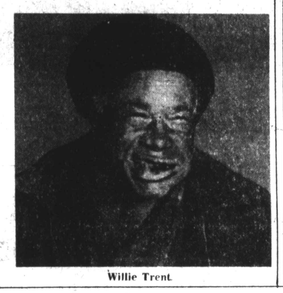
Mrs. Harris first found out about Willie from two of his neighbors, Frances Porter and Brodus Funderburk, who regularly bring him food, clothes and wood.

"I've been knowing Trent since 1953 when he first moved back there. He lived in two other trailers that were in similar condition until they burned down," Funderburk said.

"His wife came to Maryland one time, stayed awhile and went back. He doesn't take baths and the only way he gets water is when it rains. It's a bad way for anybody to live."

Baltimore County Councilman John O'Rourke, of the 7th District, which includes Edgemere, said he had not heard about Trent's situation but that he would "certainly pursue it today (Jan. 12) to find out" what he could.

How someone could live like that or anything like it for 25 years somehow escapes imagination. But how he could live like that without being discovered by public officials is even more bizarre.



Willie Trent

Montgomery County to hold 4th annual King program

ROCKVILLE — Floretta McKenzie, deputy superintendent in the Montgomery County public schools, will be featured speaker at the County's 4th annual observance of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday on Jan. 15.

Also featured during the 8 p.m. program at Silver Spring's Northwood High School auditorium will be Rev. Ernest R. Gibson, executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington.

Providing musical entertainment will be the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra and Junior Symphony and the Men - O - Tones, a choral group.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee was established by the Montgomery County Council to foster and support local community observances and recognition of the contributions of Dr. King. The committee is a microcosm of efforts around the country to eventually attain recognition of Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday.

Persons interested in serving on the committee should call Mrs. Marilyn Ordway, County Council office, 279-1234.

Chairperson for this year's event, which will highlight the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's birth, is Mrs. Bessie L. Williams.

Mrs. Williams, a media specialist in the Montgomery County public school system, noted in commenting on this year's program that past observances "of the birth of this great American have enjoyed wide community support. This occasion of his 50th birthday should lead to even greater participation. We hope that the school auditorium will be overflowing."

Mrs. McKenzie, a graduate of the D.C. Teacher's College (BS in history) and of Howard University (MS in history), joined the Montgomery County public school system in May 1978 in her present position.

She had previously worked as an area assistant superintendent in the County before leaving in 1977 for a position with the Maryland State Department of Education.

Rev. Gibson is a graduate of the Howard University School of Religion and also holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from that institution. Rev. Gibson has served as director of the Council of Churches Inner City programs working in group ministry and with interracial groups and is currently pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Washington.

New renovations at Laurel

Laurel Raceway has started substantial renovations, many to be finished in time for the 1979 meet, which begins June 18.

Planned for completion by June are an additional three inches of racing surface, for a better and faster racing surface, a new hubrail, new stalls, and a brand new, quarter - million dollar paddock and detention barn.

Religious film to be shown

Pilgrim's Progress, a feature motion picture based on the famous book, will be shown Saturday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m. at Southern Baptist Church, 134 L St., N.W. Second only to the Bible itself in volume of sales, Pilgrim's Progress was written three centuries ago by John Bunyan. A common man by trade and lifestyle, Bunyan nonetheless became an astute student of the Bible.

As a result of his studies, he voiced sharp disagreement against many of the religious practices of his day. Although never brought to trial, he spent twelve years in prison. It was while he was in prison that he wrote the book.

The motion picture version, produced by Ken Anderson Films, selects highlights from the extensive story. Pilgrim is shown on his night from the City of Destruction, as he seeks the way to eternal life. He encounters such well - remembered characters as Pliable, Obstinate, Help, Faithful, Hopeful, Mr. Interpreter, and of course, his arch enemy Apollyon. For further information call 638 - 7597.

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