Inmate talks about City Jail conditions

An AFRO reporter managed to penetrate the intense security surrounding Dennis Daniel Wise at City Jail Wednesday for an exclusive talk with him.

Many reporters have been stymied in attempts to speak with Wise, who says he is being kept under tight security.

Although the other inmates in the visitors center sat behind the low glass windows as they conversed with visitors, Wise was forced to stand behind a shield with parallel bars to talk.

Wise, who is charged with the Feb. 24 slaying of James Reid, appeared in Criminal Court Sept. 21 before Judge Martin Greenfield.

The 28-year-old inmate who is known as an alleged contract murderer for a major narcotics operation, told the AFRO he has not been treated fairly at City Jail.

He is being held without bail and says he has been eating cold food and is confined to an area that he says is "unfit to live in."

He was recently transferred back to City Jail from Prince Georges County after reports of a planned escape attempt were made to authorities at City Jail.

While confined to the Prince Georges County Jail, Wise says he was forced to sleep on the floor with 23 other inmates several nights before he was given a bed and they would not let him see his wife.

Wise was returned to City Jail on Sept. 6 and says he is still confined to a restricted area. "The system is so polluted and they don't make any attempt to rehabilitate a man.

"I haven't had a full-course meal since I have been here and the showers in my section is where the water is scalding hot" said Wise.

The man Wise is accused of killing in February had been involved in narcotics in the past. Reid had just arrived at a friend's apartment carrying a box of Chinese food and sodas when he was killed.

Police report he was found holding keys and food in his hand. Wise was one of 17 persons indicted on heroin - conspiracy charges in United States District Court. He was found not guilty of narcotics charges.

Wise is married has one daughter. His wife, Mrs. Lavern Wise, 20, stated, "Dennis is not what everyone says he is. Every since he has been in City Jail he has not been treated fairly.

"When our baby daughter died, Dennis was not allowed to attend the funeral. I do not understand why they treat him like he is a dangerous person."

Mrs. Wise, who is unemployed lives in East Baltimore with her daughter and mother.

Dennis Wise

Candidate blasts Pressman

Crosse may get Douglass' endorsement for comptroller

Delegate John Douglas, D.-45, may be one of the leading black Baltimore Democrats to "Cross over to Crosse" in the Nov. 6 general election.

Douglass, who lost the Democratic bid for city comptroller in the Sept. 11 primary, said he is seriously considering endorsing the Rev. St. George I. B. Crosse, the black Republican nominee for the seat.

"I am thinking about it but haven't made any decision yet," he said, adding that an announcement may be made sometime next week.

A Democrats for Crosse Committee has been formed to add the 40-year-old Methodist minister in his bid to unseat incumbent Hyman Pressman.

Antonio B. Smith, chairman of the group, said he believes it is "time for black people to realize the Democratic party or any political party, should not have a monopoly on black political participation.

"Our situation in America and this city calls for new strategems, avenues and innovative approaches to the acquisition of political power and Democrats supporting St. George Crosse is one of those ways," he said.

Smith said the committee presently only has about 20 members, but Crosse supporters are trying to enlist the aid of notable Democrats such as state Delegates Troy Brailey and Isaiah "Ike" Dixon, State Sen. Clarence Mitchell and City Council nominees Michael Mitchell and Kweisi Mfume.

Crosse began his general election campaign by accusing Pressman of mismanagement of city funds and calling on voters to elect a black comptroller.

Holding his first news conference since the primary at Belair Market in Oldtown Mall, he pointed out that the problems of the eight city markets are "a perfect example of mismanagement and inefficiency of Mr. Pressman's office.

This inefficiency and poor management is costing Baltimore's taxpayers hundred of thousands of dollars," he said. "There is but one way to address this problem and that is with the replacement of Pressman and the head of the bureau of markets."

Crosse said the $1.7 million renovation of the market creates new problems for merchants because direct sunlight and hot spotlights spoiled food.

He also charged market management with discrimination because there are no blacks, women or Jews in upper-level positions.

He said if elected he will replace the management with competent, efficient supervisors who are sensitive to the needs of the merchants.

Pressman said there was no discrimination in market management.

Community College of Baltimore Spotlight

Is higher education necessary?

Special to the AFRO
By Dr. Raymond C. Bowen

Several years ago, many black students enrolled in colleges and universities hoping to enjoy the social status and economic security derived from a higher education. Few considered themselves instruments for social change for the urban black community.

During the tumultuous '60s blacks began to discuss their own long-range plan, which did not necessarily coincide with that of the rest of society.

Events of the '60s coupled with depression, recession and inflation of the '70s have had a profound effect on the way in which blacks receive the values of higher education.

Many residents of the black community question seriously the relevancy of higher education as it applies to the solution of their practical problems. More specifically, they question the validity and sincerity of the higher educational system in its willingness to work constructively toward the solution of their immediate problems.

Rather than responding to the social status of higher education or the economic security derived from higher education, I pose the issue as a question, "Is Higher Education Necessary?" I will attempt to answer this question.

Although it is not the only path toward self-determination, higher education is necessary, especially for blacks. It is necessary because it represents a means whereby blacks can learn and explore the process of conceptualization, assuring that their concerns are never again ignored.

Dr. Raymond C. Bowen

Black students, even on traditionally oriented campuses, represent a tool to penetrate an established institution — an institution which has, like most others from the government to industry, excluded black people from its normal development and continual growth.

As long as black students attend colleges and universities, they assure a perpetuity of concern with ideas emanating from black communities. As long as black students are enrolled on any college campus, the black community has less chance of being slighted in the various academic disciplines from which many of society's values evolve. Thus, philosophically, higher education is necessary.

Most economic analysis presented by top governmental and industrial experts fail to realize the potential impact of each black graduate on his or her community. This impact cannot be measured in months; this impact can only be measured in years. If one expects sustantial economic gains immediately, then it is a waste of time and money to invest in higher education. Chances for immediate payoff would probably be better by playing the numbers game or weekly lottery.

Although corporations are presently being developed and expanded in Baltimore City, "mon and pop" stores are still an intricate part of the black communities. In today's highly technological society these businesses and industries will need competent administrators, computer personel, accountants and other highly skilled people if they are to survive and flourish.

It is false to think that minimally trained people will have the skills which will enable these businesses to compete with the national and multinational corporations.

The necessity of higher education is not the question, but will the black community have enough college graduates to insure its survival and growth?

As we move into the 1980s, as we move into our businesses and industries, as we move into our corporations, we must increase our movement into colleges and universities. Remember black is beautiful only if it is in motion — not if it gets strangled in self-appreciation and love.

Dr. Raymond C. Bowen, currently vice president for academic and student affairs at the Community College of Baltimore, (CCB) came to the College in 1976, after having served as dean of academic affairs at LaGuardia Community College in New York. Dr. Bowen has been involved in the field of higher education as a faculty member and as an administrator since 1962.

Dr. Bowen received his B.A. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1956; his M.S. degree from the University of New Mexico in 1962; and his Ph. D. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1966. He has also done some post-doctoral work at Ohio Wesleyan University and at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Bowen has authored a number of scholarly studies and publications and is a member of several professional associations, including American Society of Parasitologists, National Association for Afro-American Education, American Association for Higher Education, American Personnel and Guidance Association American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and National Association for Political and Social Sciences.

Dr. Bowen lives in the Northwest section of the City with his wife, Joan, and their four children.

MSU regents hold first meeting

Dr. William Cowie Jr.

Rev. John R. Bryant

Dr. David Johnson

Beginning 45 minutes late after a closed door session, the Morgan State University Board of Regents held its first meeting of the 1979-80 school year Wednesday afternoon in the McKeldin Center.

The meeting, which was attended by several new board members appointed by the governor in August, was chaired by G. James Fleming who in his opening remarks stated the possibilities of Morgan State returning to the control of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges and Universities.

"Such a return would mean that Morgan State would no longer have its own independent board which can give full attention just to this university.

"What we do here and how we do it as a board will help to determine our future as an autonomous university," said Fleming.

Five new regents began first-time appointments on the board including the Rev. John Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church; Paul Walter, lawyer; David Johnson, deputy chief at the National Institute of Health; William Cowie Jr., president of Union Trust Company of Maryland and Evette Strothers, student member of the board.

The new trustees will each serve a six-year term except for the student member who serves for one year.

Reappointed to the board for another six years are Enolia P. McMillan, president, Baltimore NAACP and Edna Campbell, former school principal.

Absent from the first meeting were Walter, Johnson, Cowie and Rev. Bryant.

Chairman Fleming also pointed out during the board meeting, which is held every other month on the third Wednesday, one serious problem the regents would be facing is the dwindling undergraduate enrollment. The money received from the state is based on student enrollment and could be cut should the student body continue to decrease.

The appointment of Harriet P. Trader, special assistant to the president for human service professions to vice president for academic affairs, was also approved by the regents during its afternoon session.

Intensive review

Finds welfare thousands ineligible

More than 4,000 families receiving public assistance were found to be ineligible for benefits or to be receiving overpayments during an intensive four month Department of Human Resources review of 14,311 cases.

The results of the first four months of intensive eligibility review were announced recently by DHR Director Albert P. Russo. The review was of an average of 85 percent of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cases scheduled for semi-annual recertification review during each of the four months.

Prior to the intensive new effort, only 20 percent of cases scheduled for review were completed each month. The intensive review process, which will continue, is part of the Department's effort to reduce the public assistance error rate.

In announcing the initial results, Mr. Russo said: "Our goal is to make certain that every eligible individual and family receives the full benefits to which they are entitled. At the same time, we want to make certain that benefits are not being paid to persons who are not eligible."

The review during the first four months covered almost half of the AFDC caseload, which was 30,904 cases at the end of July. A total of about 900 additional families apply for assistance each month, and about two-thirds are approved for benefits.

The intensive review began in April, and the initial results are for April through July. During that period 2,313 families were found to be receiving benefits for which they were not eligible, and benefits have been stopped in these cases. Another 1,743 families were found to be receiving overpayments, and these payments have been reduced to the correct amount.

Another 896 families, or 6.2 percent, were found to be receiving benefits which were too low, and benefits to these families have been increased.

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Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. William Morton, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Dorsey, Mr. and Nrs. Earl Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atkinson, Mrs. Chappelle Amstead, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Whittaker.

Also Mrs. Mildred Nelson and daughter, Joyce Cotton,, Stan McKenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Shirley Clinton, Robert Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Roland Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. William Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Major, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sauls, Mrs. Evelyn Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lucas, Alexander Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ragland Michael Giles;

Also Patricia Greene, Josephine Eversley, Miss Josephine Lansey, Miss Priscilla Lansey, Gaines Lansey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Funn and Mrs. Travic Vauls.

The newlyweds will be at home in Baltimore after a Bahamas honeymoon.

Shooting victim dies

Emmanuel Green, 35, who was shot in the head on Sept. 4, died Sept. 18 at City Hospital.

Patricia Farmer, 30, was also shot. She was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting.

Green and Ms. Farmer were nude except for towels for towels around their waists when one or more assailants invaded the northeast Park Gardens apartment on Radecke Avenue.

Police, who are still investigating the double murder, have arrested and charged Ms. Ann Pope, 22, of the 1600 block Monument St., with murder. A warrant has been issued for a second suspect, William Brown, of northeast Baltimore.

Police report they were called to the apartment after neighbors heard a gunshot. According to police the shooting was not drug related. "It was a crime of passion," said a homicide detective.

Pope's D.C. visit to begin on Oct. 6

Pope John Paul II begins his official visit in Washington by celebrating Mass at St. Mathews Cathedral on Oct. 6 in the presence of an estimated 1000 priests.

The Cathedral of St. Mathew, Rhode Island Ave., N.W., is the Cathedral Church for the Washington Archdiocese and is presided over by the Archbishop of Washington, William Cardinal Baum.

Monsignor W. Louis Quinn, the rector of St. Mathews' pointed out that the Similarly Church of St. John Latern is the Cathedral Church of Rome, presided over by the Bishop of Rome, who is the reigning Pontiff.

Cardinal Baum will welcome the Pope at Andrews Air Force Base and accompany him by helicopter to the reflecting pool. Monsignor Quinn will be waiting in front of the Cathedral at noon to greet the Pope when he arrives by motorcade. Monsignor Quinn will escort the Pope up the steps and into the church.

"The Mass of Our Lady," will be attended by priests from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Md. Priests will also be invited from nearby Diocese of Richmond, Va., Arlington, Va., Wilmington, Del., and Wheeling - Charleston, West Va.

During the mass, the priests in attendance will sing the ordinary of the mass. "The Gloria and the Agnus Dei," will be sung in English.

At the preparation of the gifts, the choir will sing a motet called "Salve Regina," which was composed by Nicholas of Cracow during the 16th century. The choir will also do a choral of prelude, a Polish hymn called, "Stainless, the Maiden." The communion hymn will be "I Am the Bread of Life," which was written by Sister Toolan.

Amplifiers will be installed outside the church for the crowd which is expected.

Among the invited guests will be members of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Commission Advisory Board to the Archbishop, which is composed of laity, priests and religious; the president of St. Mathew's Parish Council guests of the Holy Father and a small group of the press.

No leads in killing

Two assailants, driving a bright, reddish-orange Corvette Stingray, are still at large following the Saturday, Sept. 15, slaying of Booker T. Bridges in Druid Hill park.

Mystery still shrouds the murder, and police officials are puzzled as to the possible motive and the identity of the two men.

According to Sara Nesbitt, the 35-year-old woman who was parked with Bridges in a secluded section of Druid Hill Park, they were approached by two strangers whom, after asking Mr. Bridges for a light, shoo him beneath the right armpit, then drove away in the Corvette.

Ms. Nesbitt then rushed the injured man to Provident Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:05 a.m.

The family of the victim refused to talk to AFRO reporters, and police are still investigating the murder.

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7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 1979

The purpose of this hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to participate in the development of Baltimore City's CDBG Application for the sixth year of funding.
For further information, telephone 396-4234, or visit our office at 222 E. Saratoga Street, Room 510, where a draft copy of the Application is available for public review.

M. J. BRODIE, Commissioner
Dept. of Housing & Community Development

Metro brass won't pay for Adams recount

The Metro Democratic Club apparently will not pay for Mary B. Adams' request for a recount in the recent 4th Councilmanic District primary race, the AFRO has learned.

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Mary B. Adams

Billy Murphy of TV-13 show

The absence of William "Billy" Murphy from last week's Sunday Live Show aired on WJZ-TV - 13 has caused many people in the community to ask if he's been axed from the program.

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William Murphy

Meet all the Orioles and Angels - photos inside

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William Adams—victim of smear campaign?

Grisly Harbor find

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DROWNING VICTIM — Christopher A. Mills, 65, of the 1500 block of Moreland Ave., drowned in 21 feet of water in the Inner Harbor Wednesday, Sept. 26. Police dragged the Harbor for 40 minutes before recovering his body. Family members said Mr. Mills had arthritis in both legs and walked with a cane. Police say the body was found under the northernmost pier, beside the Port Welcome.

Rent control question still on ballot

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore's rent control campaign achieved another victory yesterday and will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot, after Judge Joseph Kaplan delayed action on a suit which would have tied up the proposal in court for at least another week.

"A motion will be made to put off the suit until after the election," said Kaplan Tuesday, Sept. 25. "The court would be hard-pressed to decide the case today and then have it go through the appellate process by Friday. Nothing would be lost by deciding the issue after the election."

Kaplan also made mention of the intense efforts made by the rent control coalition to ensure the addition of the rent control amendment to the Nov. 6 ballot and indicated that their efforts influenced his decision.

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Protest ...ters charge Swisher, white press made him target

By Pam Widgeon and
Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writers

Indicted Baltimore State Attorney William Swisher and the white press were blasted late Thursday night as members of the political organization William "Little Willie" Adams founded took a stand in support of their leader.

"We're not going to stand for this," said Delegate Frank Conaway, board chairman of the Metro Democratic Organization. "All this is just a carefully laid-out campaign that occurred a week before William Swisher's trial to take the spotlight off of him.

"We stand by Mr. Adams 100 percent," he said.

"It was the white press that said that Willie Adams had $30 million," said long-time Adams friend and business associate, former Delegate Lloyal Randolph.

He raised his hands to exodus television news camera crew from the Club Casino on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Willie Adams didn't say nothing," he told the band of newsmen, and when I saw the damn Sunpapers print all that stuff about Willie Adams I said something was going to hapen.

"You can't make me believe that Willie Adams is guilty," Randolph went in a strong voice beamed toward the retreating backs of the television crews. "In order for me to believe it Willie Adams will have to tell me himself."

The statements of Conaway and Randolph reflected the angry mood of the entire Metro membership.

They were reacting to the white media's treatment of a man who they consider the black political godfather of Baltimore, a man charged is week with operating an illegal lottery.

"We out to charge them admission or at least a membership fee," said a member about the camera crews as he looked over the resolution her read by the group's Secretary Ethel Rich supporting Adams.

"They are were just like vultures. Any other time we couldn't get them here."

Yet sever members used the television news teams to the giving Adams, who was not present, a standing ovion and singing "We Shall Overcne," as the news cameras recorded this very emotional occasion.

This display of support for Adams indicated that elements of the black community are rallying behind the man described as the most powerful black in town.

On Tuesday police charged Adams with faster - minding a $100,000 week — $5 million yearly illegal numbers operation.

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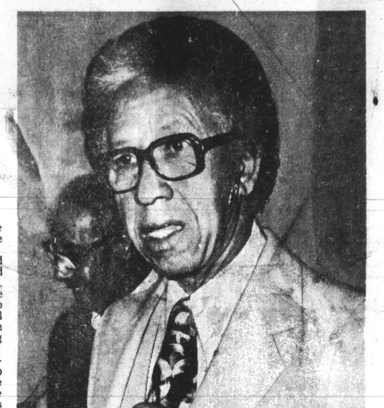

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WILLIAM L. "LITTLE WILLIE" ADAMS, photographed at the recent retirement banquet for police Maj. McNeal Brockington.

Black state troopers protest hiring, promotion practices

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Black Maryland state troopers are angry about the apparent reluctance of the state police to hire and promote black officers.

The state police superintendent claims that not the case.

The police officers aired their complaints at a Tuesday Sept. 25 press conference at The Holiday Inn - Belmont. Arthur J. Porter, trooper first class and president of the newly-formed Coalition of Black Maryland State Troopers, outlined the department's minority hiring history for the AFRO.

The first black trooper was not hired until 1957. Today, there are only 108 blacks which comprise 7.8 percent of the force.

Porter also said there are three white troopers in the public information office and no blacks. Of the 48 policemen in the intelligence division only five are black and the investigation division has only two black compared to 53 white troopers.

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TFC Arthur Porter

Stanback gets 30 years for wife's murder

Alonzo Stanback

Alonzo L. Stanback, a 39-year-old paraplegic who pleaded guilty to killing his wife, Mrs. Gwendolyn Frances Stanback, 37, was sentenced Sept. 24 to 30 years in prison by Judge James W. Murphy.

Mrs. Stanback, mother of three daughters, was a Social Security clerk who lived in the 1000 block Wildwood Parkway. She was reported missing July 12, 1978 by her family when she did not return home from work.

Two days after she was reported missing, her daughter told police she saw Stanback driving her mother's car. The daughter said she noticed bloodstains on the back seat.

The next day state police arrested Stanback driving the victim's car which had run out of gas on U.S. 29 near route 108.

In addition to the blood on the seat of the car, police found Mrs. Stanback's white purse, identification cards, canvas shoulder bag and a red leather wallet containing $20 in the trunk of her car.

It took police four months to find the victim, who was identified through dental records and clothing. Police reported Stanback refused to say where he left Mrs. Stanback.

The couple had been married seven years and separated three years. Stanback lived in the 400 block Aisquith St., and at the time they were together, they lived in Woodlawn.

Votes must OK $33.5 million

There will be nine bonds issues totaling $33 million on the ballot when the general election is held on Nov. 6.

According to Mayor William Donald Schaefer, approval of the bond issues will "continue the city's impressive record of public improvements.

"These improvements are important to the facilities and services we provide and for the employment opportunities they create," he said.

The following are brief descriptions of those issues:

— Sewer and drain loan will pay for necessary improvements to the Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant, with $75 million in matching federal and state funds. Amount requested is $7.3 million.

— Fire department loan will fund the modernization of the existing communication and dispatch systems. Amount requested is $1.7 million.

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