—Gun went off

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Police are looking for two men in their early 20s in connection with the shooting death of Jonathan Fairfax, 18, on Dec. 23. He was found shot in the back four times in the unit block of N. Bernice St., "tightly grasping a patch of grass," according to reports.

A resident told officers she heard four gunshots. When she went to her window to look out, she saw two men wearing dark clothes run down Bernice Street to Baltimore Street where they drove off in a blue Ford Torino. She told police she did not get a good look at the suspects and could not identify them.

Officers found one penny at the scene.

Mr. Fairfax was taken to St. Agnes Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

No arrests have been made.

—Jail site

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"A Mr. Letterman, from the state Dartment of Planning," said Mrs. Giles, "has met with our group, and has presented plans for a transit bus garage."

State officials have stated that industrial uses for the land are being considered and that the city has shown interest in the site as a possible location for a bus storage and maintenance plant.

Mrs. Giles confirmed that the city has plans for the plant. "The city is also involved in the planning. They want to keep it on the tax rolls."

Mrs. Giles added that many community residents are still worried that the plant may still be used for a prison, but that she and her organization have faith in the Hughes administration.

"Governor Hughes promised us several times that there would not be a prison built at the plant, and we're taking his word for it. The present issues, (whether a prison will be built on the site), is dead. Now we're just trying to get jobs there."

Mrs. Giles also disclosed that her organization is setting up a "hot line", so that concerned residents who still have fears about the future of the Continental Can Company, located in the 3100 block E. Biddle St., can phone to receive the latest word on plans for the vacant facility.

—WITH-Radio sold

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Turner also stated that plans to make program or management changes have not yet been determined.

Henry who was a speaker at the Black Economic Summit sponsored by Rep. Parren Mitchell in Baltimore in October, was out of town and could not be reached for further comments.

BEN was formed in 1974 by its current president for the purpose of acquiring broadcast properties. Henry had invested in other broadcast entities prior to 1974, having developed an interest in the industry through his legal practice.

The first station, WOAK-AM was purchased in May 1974. In five years Henry has developed the largest minority - controlled broadcasting company in the country.

Urban National Corporation (UNC) and the Palmer Organization, two Boston venture capital firms, recently invested $600,000 in a subsidiary of BEN in connection with the acquisition of two radio stations by the minority firm.

UNC operates as a private profit-making investment firm, receiving no government assistance. As managers of one of the largest private venture capital funds for investment in minority business, UNC recently completed the closing for BEN radio stations WPDQ-AM and WJNJ-FM in Jacksonville, Fla.

This brings the total of BEN radio holdings to eight plus one television station, WHEC Channel 10, a CBS affiliate in Rochester, N.Y. The other radio stations are WAOK-AM, Atlanta, Ga.; WGIV-AM, Charlotte, N.C.; WTAN-AM and WKOF-FM, Clearwater and Tampa, Fla.; WCIN-AM, Cincinnati, Ohio and WOKV-FM, Hamilton, Ohio.

In addition to BEN, UNC has invested in a black Baltimore supermarket chain, Community Foods, Inc.

Bungled rebellion sought island haven for 'Rastas'

CLIFTON, Union Island (UPI) — The Grenadines archipelago is a favorite playground for the very rich, the backgammon crowd and the boating buffs. They lived in harmony with the natives most of the time — until Bumber's rebellion.

The Grenadining also is probably one of the few places left in the world where it is still possible to own an island.

A Californian named John Campbell got tiny Palm Island from the Caribbean government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 1968 on a 99-year - lease for one East Caribbean dollar (about 37 cents) a year. Campbell has his own airport, his own dock, beaches, a hotel and no police. For all practical purposes, he is king of Palm Island.

A black native from nearby Union Island named Lennox Charles but better known by his nickname Bumber — pronounced "Bomba" in West Indian dialect — had the same idea, but for a vastly different lifestyle.

Bumber already had a government lease on a small plot of land on Union Island for his fruit trees. But he wanted his own island for an independent Rastafarian cult colony of marijuana - smoking vegetarians who eat fruit off the trees and will touch nothing artifical, manufactured or out of a can.

Shortly after daybreak on Friday, Dec. 7, he marched into the town of Clifton with a group of about 40 of his Rastas, all armed.

Bumber's "people's revolution" lasted only seven hours before St. Vincent police retook the island in a sea - and - land battle and invasion that had comic overtones.

Bumber found staging a revolution a little more difficult than seizing a beauty contest (five months earlier he had shot up the Union Island queen contest, ripped the crown from the winner's head and put it one one of his favorite girls.)

Police were afraid of him then, as now, and took no action.

But in his revolution, Bumber, a former resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., and reputed former inmate of infamous Attica Prison in upstate New York, couldn't figure out how to set off his sticks of dynamite to blow up the police station.

He tried seizing government money but the door to the tax office was padlocked. Cutting the telephone lines and blocking the airport runway with oildrums was easier.

He also failed to commandeer land transportation. A Bumber follower demanded one of the island's few jeeps from Mrs. Janet Wall of Manchester, VI. Mrs. Wall, a kindly grandmother type, pointed to the man's gun and said, "put that damned thing down."

Finally, Bumber failed to capture the nearby airstrip on Caldwell's Palm Island, which Vincentian police later used as a springboard to reconquer Union Island.

The invasion came when some 20 policemen, flown to Palm Island, attempted a landing at a French - run tourist anchorage for luxury yachts. The police found it defended by about 20 Rastas armed with .22 rifles, shotguns and handguns.

According to Mrs. Wall's son, Jeremiah, "It didn't seen like either the police or the Rastas knew what they were doing. It wasn't a particularly well - run operation on either side."

Probe 'odd' death of Zaire envoy

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Swedish secret police are investigating the mysterious death — possibly poisoning by political enemies — of Zairean Ambassador Mobutu Dongo Yema, brother of Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Ambassador Mobutu, 43, died Dec. 17 after being rushed to a hospital suffering from what doctors diagnosed as probable poisioning.

Hours earlier, Mobutu had asked Swedish authorities to grant him and his family added protection because he said he had received threats on his life.

Before that, he had asked for permission to carry a gun, citing the threats he said had come from Zairean political enemies now living in Sweden.

He did not identify the persons, but in a letter to Swedish officials he called them "opposition elements from my homeland."

On Dec. 17 Mobutu became ill while at home with his wife and three children and was driven to Danderyd Hospital by his cauffeur.

He was conscious when he arrived at the hospital and was vomiting blood.

Doctors treated Mobutu in an intensive care ward, but he died within an hour.

SAPO, the Swedish secret police, refused to comment on its investigation, but a spokesman for the coroner's office said tests were being conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

He said it would take several days to complete the tests.

Rev. Lowery proposes panel to hear Iranian grievances

Rev. Joseph Lowery

NEW YORK — The president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has called for "a hearing before an international tribunal where the Iranian people can air their charges before the world."

"I want an international trial because fairness will underscore what the students say," said Rev. Joseph Lowery, pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga. He spoke at a United Methodist Ethnic Minority Local Church Leadership Seminar here Dec. 7. His topic was "The U.S. Connection: Human Rights in a Global Perspective."

Dr. Lowery's call came the day after he talked with Iran's ambassador to the United States in Washington and was told that 100,000 Iranians died and more than 250,000 were tortured during the regime of Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi.

"Iranian students in this country demonstrated during the Shah's visit to Washington," Dr. Lowery said. "Because of our insensitivity we ignored them. We failed to listen because we had been brainwashed by the media."

The SCLC leader called on the church in this country to condemn the harassment of Iranian students studying here. He said he had heard that some pregnant Iranian women had been refused admission to a hospital and Iranian students had been evicted from their apartments when their assets were frozen and a check bounced.

"If we want to reverse the anti-U.S. feelings around the world, we must set an example for the rest of the world," Dr. Lowery said. "What do human rights mean if we will not adopt the tools of those who are holding the hostages?"

He said the Iranian crisis affirmed the biblical statement: "We have sown the wind and now we will reap the whirlwind."

Noting that Ayatollah Khomeini released black hostages "because he is trying to identify with the powerless, and blacks and women represent the powerless in the U.S.," Dr. Lowery said. "He negates his identification with the oppressed, however, by using the tools of the oppressor. The Church must speak out and say: 'To achieve moral ends you must use moral means.'"

He recalled Arnold Toynbee, the historian, once said the only hope for Western civilization's being saved was by moral force exerted by the black movement.

Economy, not Iran will determine next president, expert explains

The head of Virginia Tech's Political Science department predicts the nation's economy — and not foreign policy — will determine who wins the New Hampshire Presidential Primary in February.

Dorothy James said the crisis in Iran will probably only indirectly affect the voters' choice of candidates.

"Studies have shown that a vast majority of voters don't choose candidates on the basis of their foreign policy, but on their stands on domestic — primarily economic — issues like inflation," she said. "Other issues such as energy and health care will also be important to voters in 1980."

She said voters are still concerned with pocket-book issues, which could have serious implications for president Carter's re - election bid.

"In June, when major presidential primaries are held in California, New Jersey and Ohio, the gas shortages will be more apparent," she said. "Questions of gas rationing will be in the forefront. Most people will still vividly remember the winter and any problems they had obtaining and paying for heating fuel."

Mrs. James predicted Carter would be adversely affected by many economic factors, including unemployment, job layoffs in the automobile, steel and construction agencies, and double - digit inflation.

She believes conditions in Iran and other Moslem countries will affect the election only to the degree that they affect the domestic economy.

"When conditions are tense, when there are acts of terrorism in Iran, Saudia Arabia and Libya, for example, the value of the dollar drops, and this hurts the U.S. economy," she said. "The more internal disorder there is in these countries, the more economic problems there are in the United States. Those problems are intensified by continued increases in oil prices by OPEC."

When voters are influenced by troubling economic situations, they historically vote against the administration in office, she said.

But if voters believe Carter effectively handled the Iranian crisis, James said it could indirectly affect the election.

"This positive feeling — that Carter is an effective leader — could spill over into other areas. Voters would then express confidence in him as he deals with domestic issues." (UPI

—Pro-rent controllers

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We plan on renting busses to get as many people down there as possible."

Cheeks added that the campaign plans on investigating the city's department of Housing and Community Development to determine "if there is any type on influence-buying going on." A city housing inspector was recently charged with accepting bribes in exchange for ignoring a housing code violation.

"We're going to act like the bill did pass," said Cheeks defiantly. "We plan on holding landlords to the rent control bill."

One tactic the group will implement is a strict monitoring of city rent increases. Residents whose rents are raised above the limits proposed by the rent-control ordinance are urged by the organization to contact the People's Campaign.

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Pandora Diggs — To get married and to stop flirting.

Sonny Shaw — Haven't made one yet.

Willie Edwards — To get a raise and a new position.

Raymond Epps — To better myself, to stride for all my goals and dreams.

Mr. Robin Eshlman — To cut down on my cigarette smoking.

Dora Brown — To stop smoking, to try to save more money, go back to school, and to try to stop working so hard.

Mary Hill — Make more money and move into a better environment.

Joe Rossi — To be to work on time.

'Violence In Families' subject of Provident Hospital workshops

The chaplaincy department of Provident Hospital, Inc. will conduct a series of workshops on "Violence in Families", January through August designed to increase knowledge and understanding in the "how's and why's of violence in families."

The workshops will focus on the effects of the abused person and juvenile crime in the family; roles of law enforcement officials, service agencies and legislators and the impact of the news media on public opinion as it relates to violence in families.

The workshops were the idea of the Rev. William Johnson, director of chaplaincy services at Provident and pastor of Union Baptist Church of Turners Station. He stated that the workshops "are a bold attempt to reduce human suffering associated with domestic violence with a goal of seeking ways to prevent violence in families."

All workshops will be held at Provident Hospital, Inc. in the Emanuel Chambers Auditorium. Registration for the Tuesday workshops is $5 and Saturday Workshops $10. Both fees include lunch. Registration for all workshops is $60. The public is invited to participate and senior citizens and students will be admitted free with proper identification.

Workshop topics, times and dates are: "Societal Influence on Violence in Families", Tuesday, January 8, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Rosetta Jolley, president, Baltimore Chapter, Black Social Workers, guest speaker; "The Abusive Family", Saturday, January 12, 9 - 3 p.m., Mrs. Judith Server, director of sexual abuse treatment program, Ms. Millicent Hartz, coordinator for sexual assault program and Edwin Wenck, sexual offense task force from the State's Attorney's Office, guest speakers.

"Spouse Abuse", Tuesday, February 12, 1 - 3 p.m., Mr. Miriam Graham, Department of Social Services, guest speaker; "Juvenile Crime", Saturday, February 16, 9 - 5 p.m., Ms. M. Kay Harris, Director of the National Capitol's National Council of Crime and Delinquency, guest speaker; "Suicide and Suicide by Victim Precipitated Homicide," Tuesday, March 11, 1 - 3 p.m., Mrs. Cassandra Marshall, former assistant professor, University of Maryland, Health Education; "The Nurse's Role and Physician's Role re: Violence in Families", Saturday, March 22, 9 - 5 p.m., Ms. Lizette Fenderson and Ms. Marietta Speaks, mental health department of Provident Hospital, Inc., Dr. Jonas R. Rappeport, chief medical officer, Supreme Bench of Baltimore;

"Mental Illness", Tuesday, April 8, 1 - 3 p.m., Dr. George Phillips, Spring Grove State Hospital, guest speaker; "The Role of Law Enforcement, Service Agencies and Legislators on Violence in Families", April 19, 9 - 5 p.m., Donald Atkinson, executive assistant director, Maryland State Department of Parole and Probation, guest speaker; "Drug and Alcohol Addiction Processes", Tuesday, May 13, 1 - 3 p.m., John Bland, director of alcohol abuse, Department of Mental Hygiene, guest speaker; "The Role and Influence of the Clergy on Violence in Families", Saturday, May 17, 9 - 5 p.m., Dr. Herbert O. Edwards, director, religious studies, Morgan State University and Rev. Wendell Phillips, legislator of the 41st District Maryland General Assembly and pastor of Heritage United Church of Christ and Father Maurice Blackwell, assistant pastor, St. Edwards Catholic Church, guest speakers;

"Impact of the News Media on Public Opinion", Tuesday, June 10, George Collins, producer of Channel 2, "Straight Talk" and Mrs. Christine Hall, editor, Christian World Newspaper, guest speakers; "The Role of Public Administrators and Educators", Tuesday, July 12, 1 - 3 p.m., Edward T. Marshall, principal, Calverton Junior High School and Ms. Laura Knight, social worker, Department of Education, guest speaker.

WEAA-Radio's neighborhood forum gets Humanities Committee grant

"The Neighborhood Radio Forum," a joint project of the Northeast Community Organization and Morgan State University's radio station WEAA - FM was one of seven programs to be funded by the Maryland Committee for the Humanities for the upcoming year.

The Committee has awarded a total $55,108.00 to the various projects. Four of the projects have been designed as responses to regional concerns in Western Maryland, Baltimore City, and the lower Eastern Shore.

Of the remaining events, one will focus on the problems of the young, another will attempt to alleviate some of the problems of the aging, and a third will provide a sociocultural examination of the 1950s.

Grantees include:

Frostburg State College, which is sponsoring the "Allegany Liberal Arts Festival" scheduled for April 1980.

The purpose of this festival is to demonstrate the vitality and importance of the liberal arts to community residents and to uncover those community resources which may be used in the future to broaden opportunities for engaging in the liberal arts.

"The Neighborhood Radio Forum" will be a monthly discussion between neighborhood leaders and qualified professional of neighborhood issues and activities within a philosophical, social, and historical context.

Baltimore City's Middle East Community Organization is preparing a charette entitled "The Human Contract: The Citizen and the City."

Scheduled for March 29 - 30, 1980, this Charette will bring together residents, humanities scholars, and planners to discuss issues of neighborhood concern, such as housing and commercial revitalization, employment, health, recretion, etc.

This will provide a new mechanism for residents of this community to contribute to the decision - making process which affects their lives.

The "Cultural Traditions of the Lower Eastern Shore" will be examined in six programs and field trips sponsored by the Institute for Retired Persons of Salisbury State College.

Through this project the adult residents of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties will become better acquainted with their cultural heritage and traditions, especially their folklore and music, literature, genealogy, history, and work customs.

Other projects funded include: A two day conference planned for February 22 - 23rd. 1980 at College Park to address the issue of "Governing the Young: Ethical Issues in the Creation of Public Policy for Children," under the auspices of the Center for the Study of Education Policy and Human Values of the University of Maryland College of Education.

And "Spring Festival 1980: A Retrospective on the Fifties." Planned for March 27 through May 1, 1980, by Maryland Baltimore County.

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