Racist South African cops shoot students

From AFRO Wire Reports

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A group of white policemen jumped out of a van being stoned by protesting mulatto students near Cape Town last week and shot two of the demonstrators dead and wounded two others.

The violence is related to white-minority ruled South Africa's spreading racial strife which stems from the country's harsh white supremacy policies.

The killings were the first reported since a school boycott by colored students broke out six weeks ago, although the level of ferment has been steadily rising.

Groups of mixed race youths, angered over the killing went on a rampage, stoning cars and setting fire to a factory in the Elsies River township.

The deaths came the same day Marais Steyn, the black (mixed-race) affairs minister, went before parliament to pledge increased spending for non-whites next year.

More than 1,500 people were arrested last week alone in widely scattered demonstrations over inequities in educational funding. Nearly 300 of those arrested were made May 28 at Port Elizabeth, where police stopped a protest march by 2,000 blacks.

The government currently spends $941 for each white student per year, compared with $292 for racially mixed students. Blacks receive only $92 per student annually.

Officials said the school boycott that sparked the confrontation appeared to have gained major momentum because of the shooting.

The mother of one of the slain youths, Mrs. Elizabeth Fortuin, said her son Bernard, 15, had nothing to do with the stone throwing and was only walking to a store to buy batteries when he was felled by a shotgun blast.

When Mrs. Fortuin tried to reach her son, witnesses said police pushed her away.

"Let the bugger die," they quoted one policeman as saying.

In another incident last week related to the school issue, more than 50 religious leaders were herded into police vans and jailed on charges of public violence for demanding the release of a clergyman who supported the boycott of the mulatto schools.

The churchmen were arrested after riot police brandishing guns and batons broke up a street demonstration in the center of Johannesburg that demanded the release of the Rev. John Thorne, who was arrested Saturday, May 24. Hours after the mass arrests, Thorne was released.

A total of 52 clergymen, including two women and the head of the South African Council of Churches, Methodist Bishop Desmond Tutu, were charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act which carries a maximum penalty of 100 days in jail. The Act was passed after the 1976 Soweto riots.

The clergymen of many faiths, including Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian, sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" as they were herded into police vans and riot police chased spectators through the streets.

The arrests brought a strom of protests from the South African Council of Churches and opposition politicians.

The Rev. Sam Buti, council spokesman, said "We abhor the police action of detaining the people of God who were marching peacefully to John Vorster Square. We condemn the action of the South African police ... for manhandling and detaining them and for using force against the public unjustifiably."

Helen Suzman, opposition spokesman on civil liberties, said the government had made a mistake by arresting the religious leaders.

"The government is taking the usual way out," she said. "It thinks if it arrests the leaders of a protest movement that will be the end of the matter."

A magistrate freed without bail the 53 church leaders and set a new hearing date of July 1 for the case.

Olympic update

This world map shows the 85 countries that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said had officially accepted invitations to send teams to the Moscow Summer Olympics.

This is only four less than the number of countries that took part in the 1976 Montreal Olympics after African nations led a boycott over New Zealand's sporting links with racist South Africa.

The IOC listed several countries as undecided while Moscow extended the deadline, saying that nations that changed their minds would be welcome to join the 85 who have accepted invitations.

It appears that the Carter Administration's bid to get nations to boycott the Moscow Games over the Russian invasion of Afghanistan has failed to achieve his expected degree of success.

African nations especially are unwilling to cooperate citing U.S. refusal to support the 1976 African boycott of the Montreal Olympics as their reason.

Rival of Idi Amin returns to Uganda

BUSHENYI, Uganda (UPI) — Milton Obote, the man ousted by Idi Amin returned to Uganda May 21, from nine years in exile and indicated his intentions to regain the presidency, telling thousands of drum-beating, dancing supporters "Uganda's decade of shame is over."

"A new era is about to dawn on Uganda," Obote declared May 27 to the rally in dusty Bushenyi, 200 miles from the capital, in what amounted to a declaration of his candidacy for the country's elections, likely to be held this fall.

The speech before 10,000 of his party supporters, many of them bused at government expense from his home region in the north to the southwestern area he chose for his homecoming, was broadcast live to the nation.

None of the six members of the ruling military commission that seized power three weeks ago took part in the welcoming ceremonies. But the broadcast of his speech — no mean feat from a spot without telephone communications to the capital — and the free transportation of his supporters was seen as a sign of virtual government blessing.

Obote, 55, flew into Uganda from his exile in Tanzania aboard a Tanzanian plane, landing in a cloud of red dust at nearby Mbarara.

Crowds of gaily dressed women from his home area of Lango wearing Obote's party colors of red, black and pale blue, chanted "Obote we love you. Obote you are good to us," as the former president landed.

It was an emotional moment for Obote, who embraced his friends and members in the ruling government. The welcoming party included John Zibiha, Obote's vice president when Amin took power suddenly in 1971.

Later, at a rally in Bushenyi, Obote told the cheering thousands, "Let it be known that the days of misrule, lawlessness and corruption during which one of the most beautiful and richly endowed countries in Africa was exploited and plundered beyond imagination and reduced virtually to a wasteland is now over.

"Uganda's decade of shame is over."

Obote said if his party wins the elections, the restoration of law and order and the protection of life and property will be his first priority—a subject which has wide appeal in a country torn by violence, arbitrary killings and rampaging thievery since Amin was ousted from power by Tanzania last April.

Milton Obote returns to Uganda

Black sash group

White women fight apartheid

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — George Shange sat miserably while the white woman told him there was no hope of the government allowing him the job he needed to feed his sick wife and nine children.

He looked out of place in Johannesburg, a 48-year-old man with hugely pierced ear lobes and shell-and-skin bracelets.

His pass-book, the document that regulates the movement of African blacks from birth to death, did not have the magic stamp that permits work in the city. In his home village in Natal there are no jobs.

He had sold all his cows and goats to sustain his family and there was nothing left to eat.

Shange's world 10 years in Johannesburg as a gardener and hospital cleaner. But five years ago he went home with ill health. The government said he forfeited the privilege of another city job.

Shange told his story in Zulu through an interpreter to Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe, a case worker for the Black Sash Organization, quartered in grimy offices in downtown Johannesburg.

Nearly 100 such stories were told that day by black men and women seeking advice from Black Sash volunteers. Most were tales of personal crises inflicted by South Africa's harsh apartheid laws. Some cried, others threatened suicide, but most showed the stoicism of the helpless.

The Black Sash is a women's political pressure group dedicated to helping black people through the maze of laws that run allow their children to go to school."

That morning at the desk of Mrs. Rowe, one of half a dozen caseworkers, was typical.

"The only thing I can do for this man," Mrs. Rowe said of Shange, "is to get him a job offer in writing. He can then produce this and try to get registered. But I'm sure it won't work."

Despite the recent apparent easing of apartheid laws, unskilled workers are being squeezed even more tightly out of "white" areas and sent back to "tribal homelands," where unemployment and hunger are rife.

Founded 25 years ago, the Black Sash group has a strong voice in the opposition press but about 500 active members. It runs seven offices round the country with white female volunteers, of whom all but three are English speaking. The three Afrikaner members found themselves ostracized from the Afrikaner society that runs the ruling National Party and created apartheid 32 years ago.

"The government doesn't like us, but I suspect it doesn't take us women very seriously," said Sheena Duncan, whose mother helped found the group.

Others do. After the 1976 black riots in Soweto, businessmen came flooding to the Black Sash for information. Members of the U.S. Embassy constantly bring visiting officials for a grass-roots look at black problems.

In Mrs. Duncan's view, these problems are on the increase.

"The government is trying to tell everyone there is a new deal for the blacks," she said. "But all we see are promises being broken. Thousands are now being sent back from the cities to the homelands where there is no work or food."

Mrs. Duncan said Black Sash could exert only limited pressure for reform.

"But if we don't do that, we may as well all leave the country. It is our duty as South Africans to save it from a holocaust, which will happen sooner or later if things don't change."

Zimbabwe vows to join another freedom fight

By Michael Patterson
AFRO Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Black Caucus, the developers of Soul City, N.C., the Black - Hispanic Democratic Coalition and several prominent black leaders have sent letters and telegrams to President Jimmy Carter urging him to grant asylum to the Haitian refugees who are landing in South Florida in ever increasing numbers.

All of the groups and individuals who petitioned the president have compared the Haitians to the Cuban refugees who are in most cases being openly received by government officials in Miami and Key West.

"We are convinced that the case for asylum has been made and that the Haitians should be granted refugee status," stated a letter from the Black - Hispanic Democratic Coalition to the president that referred to the refugees as "America's boat people."

A telegram to Carter from Soul City developer Floyd McKissick Sr. offers the 4,000 acres of Soul City as a residence for Haitians. "I would urge you to consider Soul City, a new town currently being sponsored by the government, as one of the places where refugees might be resettled," McKissick wrote. "I urge you to consider a plan being developed by other black land owners in North Carolina and other Southern States to accept Haitian refugees."

"Your decision to grant asylum would be politically, economically and morally correct. Haitian refugees should be given equal treatment as being given refugees from Cuba, Indochina and other nations where citizens face severe political oppression," the telegram added.

A letter from the Congressional Black Caucus was strongly critical of Carter's treatment of the fleeing Haitians. "Recent news stories concerning the plight of the Cuban refugees at the Peruvian Embassy in Havana and our government's reported willingness to overcome any legal barriers to accommodate these refugees stands in stark contrast to what we believe to be the systematic violation of due process, equal protection and inhumanity accorded the Haitian refugees in Miami," the letter stated.

The letter indicated that Black Caucus members feel the government is indulging in "disparities of treatment based on narrow ideological grounds, institutional racism or class prejudice."

Patricia Bario, a spokesman for the Carter administration, explained that according to the Refugee Act of 1980, which was passed earlier this year, Cubans and Haitians are now being given equal treatment, with members of both groups being reviewed on an individual basis for admission to the United States.

Ms. Bario explained that under the Refugee Act of 1980, Cubans have been "downgraded" in status, because they are no longer automatically considered political exiles. However, the Haitians have not been upgraded in status. Each Haitian must prove that he or she is fleeing political oppression.

Pressure put on president to give Haitians equal aid

Robert Mugabe

Handbook tells how to fight displacement

WASHINGTON—The National Urban Coalition has published a citizens' handbook on strategies aimed at preventing displacement of long-time residents from renovating neighborhoods.

The handbook, "Neighborhood Transition Without Displacement," provides case studies of neighborhood groups that have devised resources and strategies to limit displacement.

It details local government protections and subsidies which they can advocate in their cities and lists federal programs which can provide anti-displacement resources.

Coalition president M. Carl Holman has cited the handbook as, "... a primer for building economically, racially and ethnically-diverse neighborhoods in our nation's inner cities."

The handbook is available to the public at a cost of $6 per copy; bulk rates are also available. The Coalition's 1978 study, "Displacement: City Neighborhoods in Transition," is also available at $4 per copy.

Copies can be ordered by sending a check made out to the National Urban Coalition, to: Publications, National Urban Coalition, 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

with Mozambican President Samora Machel on joint military action against a rebel group trying to topple Machel's government.

Mugabe said the rebels, who reportedly have some backing from white minority ruled South Africa, cross into Zimbabwe after operations in western Mozambique.

He said supplies were blown down to the rebels in Zimbabwe, more than a month after this country became independent under black majority rule and he assumed power.

"Joint action against them is principled action," Mugabe said. "We are removing criminals from our soil. We are also removing danger from Mozambique."

Mugabe announced Zimbabwe's commitment to fight the Mozambican rebels one day after meeting President Machel for talks hastily arranged at the Mozambican leader's request. The two leaders met in the Mozambican port city of Beira.

Machel gave Mugabe's guerrillas sanctuary during their seven - year struggle against white minority rule.

Intelligence sources said that after independence, elements of the rebel Mozambican National Resistance Movement moved to South Africa along with its propaganda radio station, "Radio Free Africa."

Officials of the ZAPU - Patriotic Front party led by Joshua Nkomo, a minority partner in Mugabe's government, expressed resentment that Mugabe did not consult with his cabinet colleagues before committing himself to help Machel.

Displeasure also was likely from the white officers of the predominantly black regular armed forces, which, after years of enmity, are to be merged with the guerrillas in a new national army.

Sources predicted only Mugabe's force would operate against the rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance Movement, which is believed to number about 2,000 men.

LENDING A HELPING HAND — Or in this case, helping feet. Some 400 Baltimoreans spent part of last Sunday walking in the Sickle Cell Anemia Walk-A-Thon. Seen along the 20 kilometer route were Robin Lewis, Leslie Hicks, Jarhold James and LaVern Davis (Photo at L). The three first place finishers Edward V. Hurley, Phillip Bass and Tony Anderson (L to R, middle photo) didn't walk, they ran the entire route. In the photo at right, Dianna Fisher gets her sheet stamped at checkpoint two at St. Mary's Seminary at Roland Avenue at Northern Parkway. The walkers raised $30,000 in pledge money which will be used to educate the public about Sickle Cell, a blood disorder which primarily affects blacks.

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600 receive diplomas from Walbrook

Some 6.. seniors at Walbrook High School received their degrees during commencement activities held June 1 at the Civic Center.

Graduates include:

Paulette Acree, Desiree Abson, Karen Alderman, Chenai Alford, III, Janice Paulette Allen, Terri Lum Alston, Michael D. Anderson, Steven Jefferson Anderson, Anthony Gilbert Arter, Connell R. Artis, Alease Belinda Askew, Sandra Austin, Carla Kyle Ayers, Latina Morena Baker, Eugene S. Ball, Regina Barnes, Teresa Lavette Bashford, Latina Bates.

Venque Jay Bates, Cecelia Ann Batson, Preda A. Batton, Ladean Bellamy, Ronald T. Bennett, Kevin Bernard Binns, Baker Z. Bell, Valerie Bevans, Karen D. Black.

Mildred D. Blackwell, Elaie Blue, Eric E. Bochs, Joy P. Boston, Phyllis Boston, Morris Boswell, Vincent Boswell, Myrtle Bradford, Patricia Bradford.

Dwayne Branch, Michael Branch, Janet Chemine Briggs, Venita Brinkley, Cosarius Oliver Brisco, Vanetta Denise Briscoe, Anita Marie Broadway, Keith Gerard Broadway, Laietta Brooks.

Pearl Brooks, Dominic Brown, Secora D. Brown, Andre Brown, Antoinette D. Brown, Diane S. Brown, Elissa M. Brown, Florance A. Brown, Marvin Brown.

Nelson Brown, Selena Deserve Brown, Sherry R. Brown, Tania Martina Brown, Regina C. Brown, Valerie Kim Brown, Gregory Bullock, Debra Ann Brunson, Elizabeth Brunson.

Adriane Bulee, Clinette Bulee, Gabriette Bunn, Wanda Ann Burnell, Emanuel Butler, Evette Byrd, Patricia Denise Byrd, Joyce R. Campbell, Brenda J. Carberry.

Timothy Carr, Andree Carroll, James Wesley Carroll, Carson Oliver Carter, Cynthia E. Carter, Hoss A. Carter, Margaret Carter, Roger Carter, Charles C. Chapple.

Berta Clark, Sharon Denise Claybourne, Sheila Coates, Tyrone M. Cobbs, Brenda Deverne Colbert, Minnie Coolaugh, Mary Ann A. Coleman, Benita K. Collins, Monica Teresa Combs.

Marnita Marie Cook, Lolita M. Cooper, Thujilio Gina Cooper, Sharon Corbett, Glenda Rae Cousins, Sharon Cowans, Shofield Bobby Cowans, Sterling E. Cocson, Charles J. Crawford.

Rhonda Yvonne Crimerton, Jeffrey M. Curry, Darryl A. Dabney, Cynthia Dabney, Lester Daniels, Michael Danth, Kimberly Ann Dashiell, Alfred Hosé Davenport, Aurelia Davenport.

Carolyn Davis, Donna Davis, Melinda Athena Davis, Paul Davis, Roberta Davis, Robin Renee Davis, Robyn Davis, Yvette Elena Davis, Keith Dedrickrevez.

David Darius Dellity, Marcia V. Dickerson, Karen Denise Dilloy, Cynthia Dorsey, Michael Dorsey, Gary Drennon, Rosalind Drennon, William Drennon, Sharon T. Dumas.

Linda Patricia Dunn, Vanessa Durant, Alfred Barnes, Glynnsa L. Edwards, Racheile M. Edwards, Mindy Rae Ellison, Reginald Grant Evans, Andrew Earl Farrell, Patience Farrell.

Kevin E. Ferrow, Kent Fenton, Rodney Timothy Ferrell, Tanara Ferrell, Gerald Fields, Shawn A. Finney, Timothy Gerard Fisher, Roslyn Karen Fitch, Jerry Charles Floyd.

Kenneth Jerome Floyd, Glenda Floyd, Leopard Nathaniel Floyd, Melvin Ford, Monterey Ford, Bernadette Foster, Karen C. Foulkes, Andrea Joveta Fox-North, Cameron Franklin.

Lois A. Gaines, Marcia Juliet Gaitis, Theresa Jean Gause, Kevin Darrell George, Octavia Evette Ghee, Christine Laverne Gibson, Stanley Gilchis, Carolyn Ann Gill, Marlene Denise Gill.

Darlene Lillian Gillis, Wallyne Gilmer, Robert Gerald Ginyard, Ellis Goode, Jr., Myra Goode, Michael Goodman, Linda Marie Goodwin, Richard Anthony Goodwin, Jacqueline Graham.

Karen Denise Graham, Paris Lee Gray, Beverly Green, Carol Lorraine Green, Deborah Green, Darnell F. Greene, Starr Devora Greene, Denise D. Griffin, Jeffrey Grimes.

Diane Grissom, Darryl Haden, Chris Glenn Hale, Kermit Hall, Marsha Denise Hall, Pamela Roberta Hall, Toni Gwendell Hall, Denise Hamilton, Cora Hamm.

Darryl Harcum, Joann Hardy, Melissa Denise Hardy, Wanda Ann Hardy, Carleton Vincent Harris, Darrell M. Harris, Donald Harris, Douglas Harris, Jr., Glenda Marlene Harris.

Latitia Harris, Michael K. Harris, Portia E. Harris, Sidney Harris, Timothy Harris, Robert Harrison, Theresa Marie Harrison, Frances Hawkins, Shelley Renee Hawkins.

Tonia Hawkins, Pamela Renee Heath, Danny Ulysses Hicks, La Mont R. Hicks, Donald R. Highsmith, Tracey Renee Hines, Hill, Vioree Hill, Earnice Hines, Jevnova Hodge.

Sherilyn T. Holden, Felicia Cynthia Holland, Ernestine Holmes, Gregory Lamont Holmes, Jacqueline Marie Hopper, Leroy K. Hopkins, Hal Whitney Horton, Frankie Lee House, Mildred Brenda Howard.

Carole Ann Hudson, Andre Antonio Jackson, Kynnis Doreen Jackson, Harrison Jackson, Roderick Jackson, Saundra Yvonne Jackson, Wayne G. Jackson, Tyrone Jacobs, Jr., Alicia Bernice Jeffries.

Teresa W. Jenkins, Karen Jett, Angela Sharon Johnson, Charles H. Johnson, Darlene Johnson, Jeffrey G. Johnson, Kim Novak Johnson, Michael Johnson, Patricia A. Johnson.

Ronald C. Johnson, Venessia Johnson, Brian Derek Jones, Derick Anthony Jones, Grant W. Jones, Jerry M. Jones, Linda Jones, Lorraine Jones, Terri Lynn Jones.

Yvanda Cherese Jones, Calvin J. Joyce, Cathy Joyner, Alana Charisse Kane, William Kearney, Sheila Anne Keesee, Tom Lumpkin Kenner, Derrick C. Kennedy, Leonard R. King.

Leon Lewis King, Marcia Kirk, Yvette Permelia Kizzie, Gale M. Knight, Janice Fay Knight, Florence Laney, Cedric Carl Lewis, Jo - Anne Lewis.

Marie Angela Lask, Rhonda Lewis, Victor Laury, Joann Ledbetter, Wanda Denene Lamb, Cheryl Denise Lee, Mary Denise Lee, Alfred Charyses Lee, Valerie Anita Lee.

Lydia Leon, Sherrnin J. Leon, Renee F. Leonard, Anthony Maurice Lewis, Orlando Carl Lewis, Ruthmarie Lloyd, Victoria Grace Levett, Burma Louise Lyde, Bona Marie Lynch.

Wanda Denise Manigo, Daphne Lynn Mann, Johnnie Martin, Antonio Marcellis, Darlene Martin, Gregory W. Martin, Jr., Jo Ann Martin, Gregory Mason, Yvette Angela Meyers.

Darnell Mayfield, Lorraine McCaskill, James Daniel McMoney, Claude McCastan, Kim Georgette McCoy, Vincent Marquis McCoy, Tanya Marie McCoy, Jerry T. McGlothen, Donald McGough.

Willie Jackson, Larry McNeely, Fontaine Charisse Meade, Bernard Middleton, Nelle V. Millard, Sandra Marie Miller, Sarah Irene Mitchell, Rose Marie Mitchell, Dale Jerry.

Jeffrey S. Moore, Angela Jean Moorring, Yarrie Warren L. Morris, Celesa Von Moulton, Rae A. Mouldsoy, Francine I. Moye, Renard Murphy, Bryant Neale, Rachel A. Nelson.

William V. Newmuis, Janice Newsome, Sinora Noel, Pamela D. Odom, Ricky C. Orange, James Eric Parham, Rodney Parnam, Kim A. Parker, Nathaniel Parker.

Tara L. Parker, Evelyn R. Parrott, Tina Patterson, David Payne, Wanona Melita Payne, Betty Jean Perkins, Michael A. Perry, Angela Marie Pettiford, Carol - Ann Evelyn Phillip.

Rasha O. Pickens, Wanda Paulette Pickett, Leonard Pone, Jerrie Pratt, Raymond Pretty, Bernetta Pumphrey, Raymond Keith Puryear, Angela Karen Queen, Timothy Queen.

Kevin Raines, Herman Randolph, Jr., Barbara V. Ray, Gary David Ray, Michael Ray, Rosalind Lenay Reed, Ingrid Reese, Sandra Renee Rhames, Donald W. Rice.

Karen Elizabeth Rice, Judith Richards, Terry Richards, Doreen Richardson, Marisselea Richardson, Patricia Roxanne Richardson, Carrington Richburg, Melvin Riley, Angela Elizabeth Robinson.

Aronia Marie Robinson, Tracey Annette Robinson, Jason Roseborough, Reginald Wayne Roseborough, Jacqueline Ross, Theresa Valarie Ross, Clarence A. Round, Donna Roudon, Madeline Salles.

Derek K. Sawyer, Benjamin Scott, Vanessa Scott, Stephen Scribner, Ruth Shanklin, Dayna Renee Shaw, Vonzell Shaw, James Thomas Sheppard, Warner Sherman.

Julian G. Shipley, Patricia Barrie Simms, Valerie Wanda Smallwood, Deborah Smith, Eddie Smith, Eric Smith, Karen Smith, Laverne Smith, Natalie Smith.

Nealene Smith, Royal Smith, Theodore Smith, Valerie Ann Smith, Yolanda Diane Smith, Bernice Janet Sparrow, Anthony Tyrone Speight, Linda Stafford, Diane Stanford.

Sidney S. Stanley, Mindy Stanton, Emmanuel Starkes, John Staton, Kimberly Vanessa Staton, Pamela Stephens, Arita Marie Stephens, Kyle Wheeler Still, Ronald Stokes.

Hildegarde L. Stone, George C. Street, Sonia Ann Street, Reginald E stringfellow, Renard Michael Stubbs, Latrina Sutton, Towanda Sutton, Michael Swan, Kevin Dwayne Taylor.

Juanita Taylor, Lynette Yvette Thomas, Deborah Vicki Thomas, Denise Thomas, Gregory Alicia Thomas, Gerald Thomas, John Henry Thomas, Jr., Michael Thomas, Michael Ray Thomas.

Ralph A. Thomas, Melvin Timbers, Tyrone Tolbert, Elvira Yvonne Tladge, Robert L. Titus, Jr., Brian Townes, Jacqueline Townes, Antoine L. Travers, Cynthia Darlene Trotman.

Garrett J. Tucker, Rhonda Annette Tucker, April Lorraine Turner, Michelle D. Turner, Sherrie M. Tyler, Charles Uzzell, Donna Renee Vandyke, Laverne Vaughan, Wayne Lamar Venable.

Tracy Shannon Wainwright, Eric Walker, Jeffrey Walker, Sharon Walker, Cherryl Ward, Germaine Deronda Ward, Annette Warren, Clarence Washington, Stephanie Denise Washington.

Sylvia Waters, Lorenza Watkins, Clementine Weaver, Theresa Weeden, Cathleen Westbrooks, William Henry Wharton, Leasure G. White, Jeffrey Tyrone White, Joseph Anthony White.

Michael Antonio White, Donna D. Whitehead, Lee Ann Wickham, Troy Willey, Tony Wilkins, Darrell Williams, Ernestine Jacqueline Williams, Genevieve Rose Williams, Kevin Williams, Kimberly Ann Williams, Sonya A. Williams, Yvette Williams, Alan Willis, Alvin Wilson, Damita Chirlion Wilson, Karen M. Wilson, Larrie Oscar Wilson, Leslie Renee Wilson.

Lemmiel M. Winborne, Deborah Ann Wright, Karl V. Woods, Yazmyn Woods, Timolin Lynes Woodard, Vengell Sherrie Workman, Kevin Scott Wynn, Brian Young, Donald H. Young, Jacqueline Young.

"WE'RE NUMBER ONE" — Walbrook seniors showing feelings of jubilation at commencement exercises are (l to r) Derrick Kenney, Vincent Harris, Terri Jones, Bernard Middleton, Portia Harris, Eric Walker and Marcia Kirk.

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Eastern graduates males for first time

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

While the Naval Academy in Annapolis and other institutions around the country are graduating women for the first time, a high school in Baltimore is experiencing a similar first.

Eastern High School on 33rd street, traditionally an all-girls school, graduated male students for the first time in its 136 year history during commencement exercises June 1.

Four male students, Raymond Buckner, Gabriel Cole, Charles Johnson and Charles Roundtree Jr. received degrees from the school which has been located on 33rd street since 1938.

Males attended the school for the first time a year ago and Elzee Gladden, principal, anticipates that next year's incoming 10th grade class will have more males than females.

Gladden stated that at least 20 male students will graduate next year and more than 100 the following year.

"Male students in the school have had a positive effect on the female population," said the principal. "But I'm not sure how the boys took it."

Gabriel Cole, who came to Eastern in Baltimore from Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. commented that he didn't mind being in a school with so many girls.

"Through the year it got to be a hassle sometime. Girls would tease us. But it was okay," said Cole.

The influx of male students has also forced some changes at Eastern. No longer is the word "lassies" included in the school song. It has bee replaced—with "students."

Traditionally girls carry roses during commencement activities but the principal reports that soon may change and he is not sure whether seniors will walk under garland arches in the farewell assembly

However, another tradition which Gladden instituted three years ago will definitely continue. In 1977 a senior was selected to receive a class ring of a alumna who graduated 50 years ago.

"The idea came about as a result of the Bicentennial celebration," he said. "Since we were touching back to the past, I wanted to find a way to unite our predominantly white alumna association with our predominantly black population now."

Margaret Lewis, Class of 1927, was the first 50-year graduate to donate her ring and Pamela Gill was the recipient. Vera Miller, class president, was this year's recipient of the ring which was given by Ellen A. Ritter.

The 185 graduates include:

Eastern grads

Sylvia Bailey, Leona Banks, Cheryl Donna Bean, Kim Michelle Beard, Darlene Rosita Best, Theraisa Mae Biles, Bonnie E. Bolton, Jeanneen Yvette Bowers, Deborah Boyd.

Mary Madeline Bracey, Linda Darnell Brice, Mary Glenda Brice, Troy Lynn Brock, Darlene Brown, Gloria Darlena Brown, Jacqueline Juanell Brown, Valerie T. Brown.

Vernita Lynn Brunson, Jeanette Bryant, Raymond Vito Buckner, Paulet Anita Burke, Cauline Yvette Burney, Lisa Maria Campbell, Cheryl Renee Candady, Valerie Michelle Chambers.

Zora Ann Charmichael, Lisa Cahmbliss, Tynesia Ann Achappali, Wanda Annette Calborne, Antoinette Clark, Sheila Dean Clemons, Frankgesia Cobb, Gabriel Michael Cole, Pamela Collins.

Angela Denise Conaway, Laura Lee Cook, Linda Michelle Crosby, Jacqueline Curtis, Deborah Lynn Dailey, Darryllan Jean Daniels, Brenda M. Davis, Sandra Davis, Yolanda S. Davis.

Carolyn Louise Diggs, Mary Elizabeth Dorsey, Wanda Lee Drumgoole, Shirl Ann Elliott, Vagerie A. Ekum, Bila Evans, Karen Evans, Joyce Terrise Fields, Marsha Elizabeth Fields, Cynthia S. Foster, Saphanie A. Fuller, Carole Marie Gaskins, Denise Roxanne Gaskins, Michele S. Gilmer, Selina Marie Gladden, Deirdre Shawn Gold, Brenda Michelle Goodwin, Joyce Anita Grant.

Marshella Renee Hall, Hazel C. Hamond, Julie Yvette Harvey, Renee Denise Hargrove, Darlene G. Harper, Janet Mae Harris, Alison Yvette Harrison, Stephanie Marie Harrison, Marnie Nita Harvey.

Catherine Angela Haskins, Theresa S. Hatton, Iva Danette Hill, Brenda Lee Hoskins, Lorina Annette Howard, Deopres James, Valerie James, Gail Marie Jenkins, Karen Veronica Jennings.

Catherine Johnson, Charles W. Johnson, Jill Vera Johnson, Lessa Johnson, Michael Yvette Johnson, Robin Michelle Johnson, Darlene Jordan, Frances B. Knox, Kim Marie Kowalski.

Aretha Carole Lacey, Julie Renee Lawson, Joyce Vandrous Lee, Regina Yvette Lee, Veronica Kay Lewis, Angela Marie Lowery, Patricia A. Mangan, Brigidine Marshall, Sandra Lee Mason.

Angela M. Mayhew, Andrea Harris McCleary, Sharon McCrae, Cpa. Philistine McCrory, Jo Ann M. McGowen, Patricia Anne McLane, Linda Peak McNeil, Nina Michelle Medley, Vera Denise Miller.

Roslyn Minter, Leza R. Mitchell, Brenda Lee Moore, Laura Cheryl Morris, Angelina Patrice Morton, Cynthia Annette Mullen, Barbara Renee Mullins, Bonnie L. Murray, Francine Pillow.

Dora Patterson, Venessa Peed, Marian L. Pierce, Marshall Marie Pierce, Kim Annette Pindell, Rita Lavern Pittman, Kim Rolandester, Jacqueline Puckett, Cynthia Marie Quickley.

Roby Ramsey-Brown, Donna L. Ranklin, Valerie Lynn Rector, Patricia Reid, Anita S. Rednick, Susan Denise Richardson, Deborah A. Robinson, Sherry Esther Rose, Denise L. Rose.

Charles Lester Roundtree, Jr., Sheron Lorette Russell, Margaret Ann Sanders, Verna Savage, Peggy Sue Schlenker, Sherdine Scott, Velmer Lynn Scruggs, Audrey Elaine Sexton, Esther Lee Shaw.

Janet Shelton, Cynthia Marie Simms, Gwendolyn B. Smith, Jacqueline Louise Smith, Julie Smoot, Gwendolyn Springfield, Constance Yvonne Squirrill, Rosemary Squire, Sharon Denise Stanback.

Beth C. Starks, Sandra Louise Stewart, Wanda Louise Stewart, Monica Teresa Strawberry, Charlotte Stringfellow, Bridget Lynn Alberta Tatum, Danette Joyce Taylor, Gennora Arlenya Tell.

Denise Thomas, Lena Adair Thomas, Renee Jeanne Thompson, Valerie Thompson, Brother Trusty, Olivia J. Tubman, Jacqueline Nadine Vaughan, Shirley Annette Venable, Lorine Denise Vines.

Bette Wannamaker, Tamar O. Washington, Kathy Burgess Watts, Laverne White, Brenda Ann Wiggins, Angela Lavern Williams, Diane Williams, Rhonda Renee Williams, Valerie Denise Williams.

Pamela Regina Wilson, Barbara A. Womack, Joanna Worrell, Pamela Wright, Deborah Young.

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Art

Vocational Education Week Poster - Harold Butler, Doris Day and Christina Jones.

Earth Day Poster Contest - Timothy Timothy Hardy, David Hudson, Kellet Myers and Samuel Collis.

Printing Industry of Maryland Contest - Harold J. Butler, James A. Eubanks, Veronica Tate and Brian K. Woodus.

Baltimore Film Festival - Ronald Alson, Stephen Arser, Leon Smith-Bay, Clara Cang, Charles Crawford, Anthony Fleming, Hugh Harrell, Carol Jackson, Thomas S. Paul, Julia Prevas, Gail Sheperson, Missy Sinwell, Tonya Turner, and Kim Zien.

Union Memorial Hospital Art Poster Contest - John Fazio, Tracey Hunter, David Reed, and Pauline Tories.

Suburban Trust Art Contest - Mark Askew Contest, Lynne Terri Hamilton; Community Relations Poster Contest - Harold Butler, Sylvia Cornias, William Sabb, Ronald Schwartz and Jane Wyman.

Eastern Regional Omega Talent Hunt - Derrek Sawyer and Darryl Brooks.

SAFTY

Safety - Tia Domney and Bryant Rose; Fire Safety - Kim Michael, Lance Rachubs, Kevin Taylor, Vernon Stephens, James Davis, Paul Sutton, Darren Danner, Marian Hainer, Christine Paxquariello, and Deborah Hunter.

Citizenship

Law Day Contest - Kassen Bell, Hinery Bivens, Timothy Briggs, Sabrina Carpenter, Sean Clark, Donna Cozart, Roslyn Fulton, Michael Harrison, Michele Hicks, Darrell Jones, Shawn Lynn, Cynthia Manning, Monique Oliver, Vicky Rhine, Antoinette Richie, Oja Rae Scott, Riffany Synder, Eric Stewart, Tina Westfall, Diane White, peggie Williams, Valerie Williams, Andre Winer, Yolanda Wyche and Russell Yarborough.

Student Participation and Involvement - David Arthur, Alex Brust, Thomas Dorsey, Sandra Gray, Vera Hicks, David Jackson, Nelson Jackson, Karen Johnson, Jonathan LeSane, Anthony Miles, Patricia Parrish, Kimberly Weddle and Tanya Wilson.

Tom, Lucinda Vakoutis, Michael Biegen, Robbin Brown, Ronald Cole, Koo Won Hwang, Geraldine Lomax.

Suzanne Macnew, Gary Guy Patterson, Lynette Roles, Tisha St. Clair, Lisa Sedgwick, Tamara Toney, Stephen Ullah, JoAnn Burks, Darrell Cooper, Michael easter, Nathan Gerard, Thomas Greenawalt, Tracey Johnson, John Johnson, Cynthia Lui, Britt Mosley, Gail Peterson, Anthony Price, Tanya Ray, Sonya Smith.

Theresa Amirault, Sherrell Brown, Darryl Fletcher, Cordia Grandea, Kathy Hall, Robert Huff,