Two Md. escapees captured

Clifton Park, N.Y. (UPI)—After trailing them in heavy snow for two miles, state police early this week captured two heavily armed escapees from a Maryland prison following an attempted burglary.

A resident in the Saratoga County town of Clifton Park, called police to report a burglary in process at his Sweetbriar Drive home. Troopers followed tracks in nearly foot-deep snow to a stolen four-wheel drive vehicle, where they surprised David Mabeus, 24, of Severna Park, Md., and Rickie Nolen, 31, of Baltimore.

Police said both men were charged as fugitives from justice for a November 25, 1983, escape from the Maryland Correctional Institute at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mabeus, a former Clifton Park resident, had been serving a 20-year term for assault, battery and arson. Nolen was sentenced to 15 years for assault with intent to murder and bombing.

The troopers found fresh footprints in the snow just outside the home and followed them for about two miles to a point off Wood Road.

Police said the suspects were inside the vehicle, changing their snowy clothing, and had no opportunity to resist. The vehicle, he said, was stolen recently in Maryland and bore stolen Vermont registration plates.

Inside, state police said they found three revolvers, two shotguns and a quantity of ammunition.

Troopers also said they were searching the area for a third escapee, Donald Rankin, 28, whom they suspected had been with Mabeus and Nolen. The three escaped together from the Maryland facility. They were concentrating their search in the Round Lake area.

In addition to the fugitive charges, Mabeus and Nolen were charged with criminal possession of stolen property and weapons possession. They were being held for arraignment in Clifton Park.

D.C. drug kingpin given 50 - year term

J. Frederick Motz, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced recently that Isaac J. Tindle, also known as "I.V." the convicted head of a major inner city heroin operation in the Metropolitan District of Columbia area, was sentenced in Federal Court by United States District Judge Alexander Harvey, II to an aggregate sentence of fifty years imprisonment and a $150,000 fine in connection with his convictions for conspiracy to distribute heroin and for distributing heroin. Judge Harvey also imposed a ten-year special parole term on Tindle.

Tindle's sentencing culminates four years worth of investigative efforts by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Metropolitan District of Columbia Police Department, Internal Revenue Service and local law enforcement agencies in Maryland and Virginia.

Tindle was indicted in April of this past year along with thirteen co-defendants for various offenses including conspiracy to distribute heroin and actual distributions of heroin. All charged in the indictment, with the exception of two individuals who are presently fugitives, have now been convicted and sentenced for assorted offenses uncovered during the course of the lengthy investigation. Tindle's sentence, which is the most severe sentence imposed in the case, reflects his status as the leading figure in one of the major inner city heroin distribution enterprises in this country.

The evidence introduced during the course of Tindle's trial revealed that Tindle used lawyers, accountants and other professionals to disquise the source and amount of his heroin generated income which was in the millions of dollars.

Motz also stated that Herbert Suskind, a Bethesda attorney, was sentenced on Tuesday, January 3 to a period of incarceration of fifteen years as a result of his role in Tindle's heroin empire.

Largest shelter for homeless opened in D.C.

By Hiram Reisner

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An activist group opened the nation's largest shelter for the homeless Sunday with a ceremony attended by Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler among other dignitaries.

Community for Creative Non-Violence spokesman Mitch Snyder said the opening of the shelter, which can accommodate 1,000 people coincided with the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

The shelter can accommodate 800 men and 200 women, by far the largest sanctuary for the homeless ever opened. It was a cooperative effort of federal and local governments and the private sector, Snyder said.

"The federal government has cut through an enormous amount of red tape in getting the shelter built," Snyder said. "That is the result of recognition of the growing problem of the homeless and the realization that they no longer meet a stereotype, but a diverse cross-section of the population, including women, children and families."

The three-story structure is owned by the General Services Administration, which also helped in its renovation. It is one of the government's vacant buildings designated as a shelter under a March directive from the White House, which called on using empty federal buildings for shelters when needed.

The Former site of the University of the District of Columbia was slated for opening on Christmas Eve, but it could not meet city fire and electrical codes, Snyder said.

"The final touches were applied Saturday and as expected all code violations were corrected," Snyder said.

CCNY, known in the nation's capital for advocating rights of the poor, will operate the new shelter at no cost to the government, Snyder said.

Snyder said he expects Heckler, a representative of District of Columbia Mayor's Office, GSA administrator Gerald Carmen and members of the city's business community to attend Sunday's opening.

A large banner reading "Happy Birthday Martin," to commemorate the civil rights leader's birthday, will hang above the shelter's entrance, Snyder said.

Univ. Md. offers pre-college skills classes

High school juniors and seniors who want to get a running start on college can brush up on their skills this spring at the University of Maryland's Reading and Study Skills Laboratory on the College Park Campus.

Individualized self-help programs and special workshops wil be offered for college-bound high school students with special focus on study skills development and exposure to college resources.

"One-third of the University of Maryland's upper class students has indicated that studying efficiently and budgeting time were the hardest part of adjustment to college," notes Dr. John Van Brunt, Director of the Laboratory.

Special assistance is offered in reading comprehension and speed reading; study organization ad time management; techniques for improved textbook comprehension; preparing for and taking essay, objective and college-entrance examinations; notetaking and listening skills; writing skills, including grammar, composition, vocabulary and spelling.

To better acquaint students with college academics, the program will also offer campus visits to a lecture class in session, the Counseling Center, the Career Development Center and the Hornbake Library.

Educational skills counselors will help each student to design an appropriate individualized program. Periodic student-counselor meetings will evaluate progress in this self-paced program and determine new areas to be pursued.

Students may start the independent work program at any time and may attend as often as they wish with a four-month period. The College-Bound Program, which includes a variety of academic skills workshops, will start Monday, Feb. 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Program is open to 11th and 12th grade college-bound high school students regardless of the college or university they plan to attend.

The $110 fee, which covers all expenses for a four-month use of the Laboratory, entitles students to work at the Reading and Study Skills Lab as often as they need or want. However, a minimum time commitment of 14 hours is desired.

The College-Bound Program will be sponsored again during the summer starting July 5. For more information about this Program and other services offered by the Laboratory, call (301) 454-2935.

Father offers a $2,000 REWARD

for Information leading to the arrest and conviction of the mother and whereabouts of this child

Tyese N. Brown has been missing since December 18-83. She was abducted by her mother on a visitation court order. The mother, Sharon Brown, is wanted on a felony warrant. Information should be directed to Det. Low Jones, County Police, at 301-668-7673

Police crack down on drinking age violations

City Police Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia has announced that the police department is undertaking a major crackdown against package goods stores, bars, taverns and other establishments which have been selling alcoholic beverages to minors in flagrant violation of the law.

This announcement follows a meeting with the chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee of the City Council, Thomas Waxter and committee members Councilman Anthony Ambridge and Councilwoman Agnes Welch, who have expressed their concerns about the easy availability of liquor to minors.

The commissioner has gained national recognition for his continuing crackdown on illegal narcotics traffic in Baltimore. This activity will continue with vigor. The commissioner feels that something meaningful must now be done to stem the selling of beer, wine and hard liquor to the City's teenagers.

He places much of the blame on some of those he terms as, "unscrupulous merchants who either knowingly sell liquor to minors or who are unwilling to ask for identification to assure themselves that they are not breaking the law."

A survey, conducted by the Maryland State Drug Abuse Administration, concluded that approximately 60 percent of Baltimore City teenagers use alsohol, with about 10 percent being considered "problem drinkers" The survey found that the first use of alcohol often occurred as early as the child's eleventh year.

The department has received complaints from parents, who upon finding their own children in an intoxicated condition, were additionally shocked to find that their children, as young as 15 or 16 years of age, encountered virtually no difficulty in obtaining liquor as long as they had enough money to pay for it.

In order to further gauge the extent of the problem in Baltimore the commissioner sent police cadets, teenagers, into package goods stores, taverns and other liquor outlets in several areas of the city. The results were distressing.

A 19-year old female cadet was able, with complete ease, to purchase hard liquor at all six of the establishments she visited without even once being asked to show proof of age identification. A male cadet was almost as successful. He was able to make a purchase at six of the eight establishments he visited.

Criminal summonses are presently being obtained for the licensees responsible for the establishments which were found to be in violation.

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for the City indicates that it will take action against those who are convicted of violations of the laws concerning sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. The commission is empowered to levy suspensions of liquor licenses in the cases where such action is deemed warranted.

Commissioner Battaglia is also concerned about adults who purchase alcoholic beverages for illegal consumption by minors and for those who manufacture and use illegal forms of identification in order to purchase alcoholic beverages illegally.

"I am putting liquor licensees on notice' said the police commissioner, "that selling alcohol to minors is a serious violation of the law. If they choose to violate those laws in the future they must be prepared to suffer the consequences."

—COMMENTARY

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recollection of his travels with Dr. Martin Luther King, ended his talk, by directly tying Jackson and the great man Dr. King together. He went on to say that Jackson had picked up the baton Dr. King waved so brilliantly.

The statement turned off nearly half the people in the room. Their reaction was not to Dr. King or to Jackson, but to the fact that anyone would attempt to elevate Jackson to the legendary heights that Dr. King now enjoys.

By being self serving and certainly not politically astute, this well intentioned man probably damaged much of the support that Jackson had in the room. This kind of thing might be helpful in a small group of all blacks where the sentiments are already known, but it is a dumb thing to do in a strange town among strange people who's feelings about Dr. King are set in the love of a grateful nation but are nowhere near decided yet, in favor of Jackson.

It's a little bit like Walter Mondale being equated with George Washington. People do not like their heroes being mired in the everyday muck of presidential politics. They react by resisting the mere mortal who would dare try to do such a thing; but the man who made the statement won't suffer, Jackson will.

This is an example of how we have a tendency to jump on a thing and beat it to death for reasons of our own, without any consideration for how our actions or statements will effect the thing being harmed; in this case the Jackson candidacy.

What these people ought to be doing is keeping their mouth's shut while they quietly reach into their pockets and pull-out some money to send to Jackson to finance his campaign.

In the other situation, one of Jackson's people said "traditional Presidential campaign tactics should not be expected in their effort". This smacks of the old "you all shouldn't expect the same thing from a black candidate because we have not had the opportunities to learn national political sophistication because we have been prevented in the past from practicing politics at the national level".

Bull!

If Jackson is to succeed at his objectives, overt or covert, it will be, must be, because he is knowledgeable and willing to play the game the same way everybody else plays the game. He hasn't asked for any quarter and hasn't given any; hooray. He does not need anyone to make statements that essentially say, "give me a break because I'm the new "boy" on the block."

The political professionals who are so intently watching Jackson have good reason not to worry. As they watch, they see Jackson's "friends" doing everything to hurt not help "their" man. They conclude "with friends like these, Jackson doesn't need any enemies". They won't have to stop him at the gate or anywhere else. Jackson's "friends" are doing the job for them, just fine.

—Black America

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frustrated, are turning to the political process as the vehicle to win economic opportunity and protect their rights.

"Black voting power is a political reality that should force all parties and candidates to display greater sensitivity to issues that concern black people — issues like jobs, hunger, education and fairness," he said.

He said Jesse Jackson's campaign for the democratic presidential nomination will "force to the forefront many of the issues" of concern to blacks.

"Poor people are caught between a rock and a hard place," he told reporters. "They are squeezed out of the job market at the same time that Federal employment and social service programs have been cut to the bone."

Jacob said black unemployment remains about 18 percent, a third of black workers between the ages of 20 and 24 are out of work and half of all black children live in households below the poverty line.

"The black poor have been relegated to an out-of-sight, out-of-mind status in American life," he said. "Their position is worsening; their poverty is growing deeper; their desperation more intense."

Jacob was critical of the justice department and the newly reconstituted U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, He said the latter agency should be called the "Commission Against Civil Rights."

"The Justice Department, which is supposed to protect civil rights, is waging an all-out war against affirmative action, which is an important tool in creating equal opportunities," he said.

"And the Civil Rights Commission, which is supposed to oversee Federal Civil Rights policies, has become the captive of activists dedicated to diluting its positive impact on policies like affirmative action."

Dianne Pinderhughes, assistant professor of government at Dartmouth College, in her paper on the black vote, said the Jackson candidacy "will have the effect upon American politics of a newly discovered earthquake fault."

Jacob said the top priority is jobs, saying, "job opportunities are the greatest need for blacks and the poor."

—MVA moves

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the MVA before it was decided to stay at Mondawmin Mall. The MVA in Baltimore City is the second largest and busiest MVA of the state's eleven MVA operations in processing drivers' license renewals. Glen Burnie is the headquarters which has the most renewals processed. All of the 69 employees of the old MVA Building will keep their jobs and have moved to the new office's location.

"The need to expand was the major factor in building the new MVA building. When the office was originally opened in Mondawmin Mall, it was prior to when we had a photo on the drivers license in Maryland. Since Maryland drivers are required to visit a Motor Vehicle office to have their vision acuity screened, the additional space will allow for a more expeditious processing of drivers' license applicants," Ms. Stoicos said.

"We have been in Mondawmin since 1974 in that time MVA has processed more than 150 thousand transactions each year. We now expect to be able to process more transactions in this new facility," Ms. Stoicos added.

—Mother

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of Montrose School, explained how each juvenile is examined by a medical physician to ensure the juveniles are in good health.

Then they are assigned a juvenile counselor who screens the juvenile to determine what type of program they will receive. Each juvenile is assigned a cottage according to their age and personal needs.

"There is a 30-day evaluation when a juvenile comes to the school. This includes their educational needs, (while at the school each child attends a supervised class of instruction in general education) and a psychological examination is given when needed," Gmeiner said.

After the first 30 days are up, Montrose will review the progress of the programs Team members which include the cottage personnel, child care staff, teachers, juvenile counselors, "after probation" officers, will review the material that has been accumulated over the last 30 days to assess as to the goals and objectives the child has accomplished while in the program.

That plan is reviewed again every six weeks by the same team.

"All children are committed at Montrose on an indefinite commit which means that there is no time limit on how long they will stay. When a youngster has completed all the goals and requirements set by the team members then they are allowed to visit their families over the weekends," Gmeiner said.

"If they are able to handle those family visits then we will make a referral to the courts for consideration for release from Montrose," he added.

"We find that the family involvement has had a great deal of influence on how long the child will stay at the school. The average stay is seven and a half months at the school before they are released. Naturally, some require that they must stay for longer periods, but the average is seven months."

"The willingness of the family to provide the proper attention and care to the child over the weekends has a more positive influence on how fast or slow the child will be able to return to the family for good," Gmeiner said.

According to a statement of facts presented by Steven A. Cohen, the prosecutor, the girl gave birth in a second-floor bathroom at her home in the early-morning hours on October 22.

At about 2 a.m., family members said they heard noises upstairs. Later a sister saw the girl come out of the bathroom with her coat on and go outside. The prosecutor said, the sister's boyfriend went out to look for her, and saw her coming up from the sewer at the corner of Bloom and Division Streets.

According to court records, the girl locked herself in the bathroom when an ambulance arrived to examine her. When she did decide to allow the medics to examine her, she told them that she was having a bad menstrual period.

Cohen said that legally, she could remain at the Montrose School, where she will receive treatment, until she is 21 years of age. It is up to the court, however, to decide when to release her. Judge Allen said he will review the case in six months to determine her progress.

Medical experts who examined her found that while she had some severe mental disorders and was "treatable", Judge Allen said, "Her home situation, her early sexual experience, her social situation, and the lack of a proper education, all contributed to her throwing the child in the drain."

The court was told this week by Cohen that as far as he knew, the baby was healthy and in a foster home. A juvenile court hearing to determine custody of the child will soon be re-scheduled.

—FCC says

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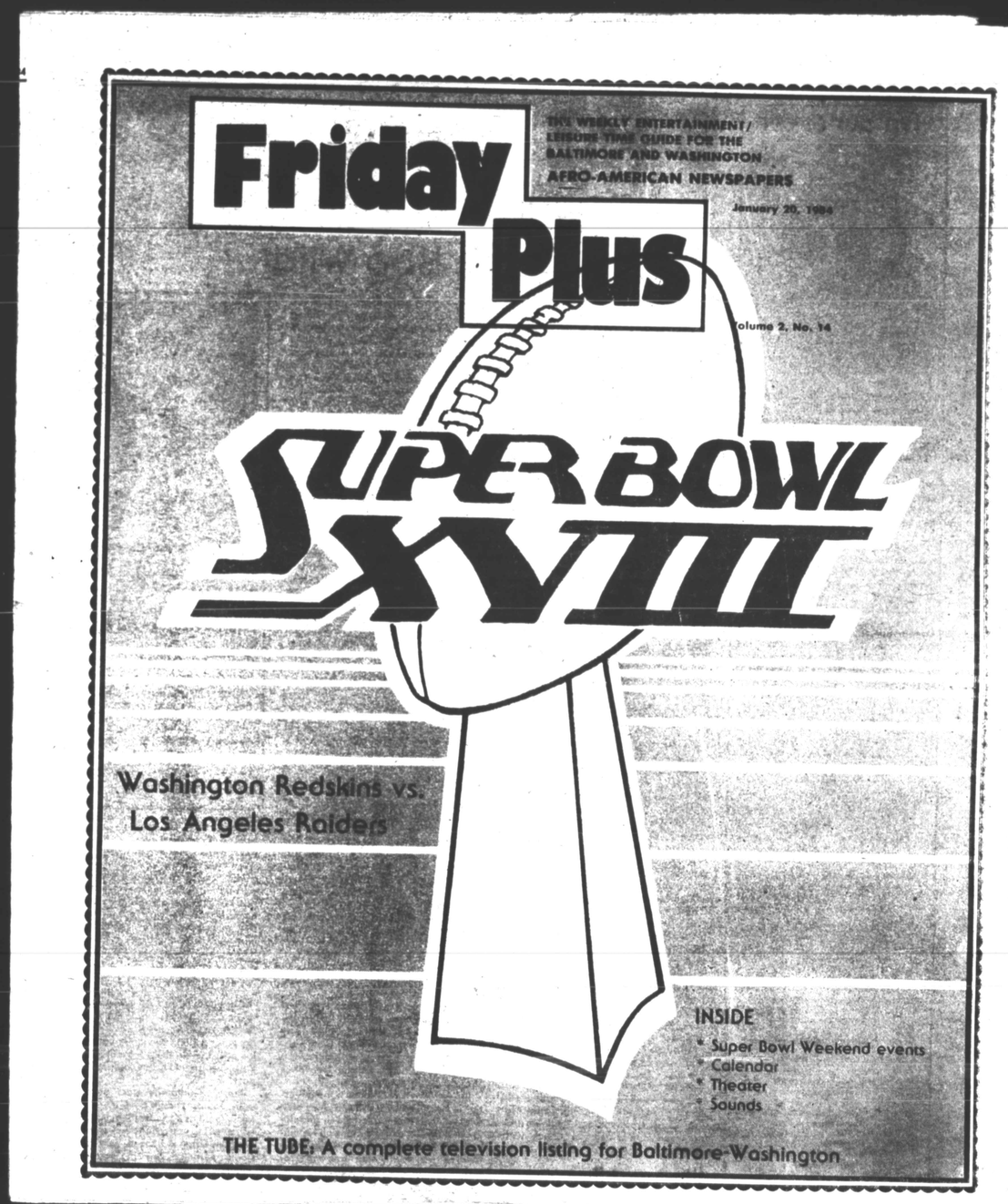
The Commission also decided long distance phone companies competing with AT&T, such as MCI and SPRINT, would get a 55 percent discount for their connections to local lines-a sharply larger price break than the 20 percent to 25 percent discount initially planned by the FCC.

The discount would continue until the quality of the connection for the competing firms is improved to equal that of AT&T's.

Tribute to a fallen freedom fighter

By Juanita J. Mitchell

The passing this week of H. Warren Buckler, Jr., lawyer, former City Councilman, supporter of intergrated housing and equality of opportunity in employment long before the laws were passed, is the loss of a great leader for racial justice in Baltimore.

We must preserve the records so that our children will know that we were never alone in the struggle for civil rights. Americans of all races and creeds, like Warren Buckler, worked with us and were willing to place their heads on the chopping block of community approval in their courageous stand against racial injustice.

May God bless his memory and his wife and children during these hours of their bereavement, and may they take comfort in the knowledge that we remember and are grateful.