—Handgun control

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[illegible] he discovered several exemptions that gives the City Council more power over handgun in the city.

Articles 27 - 36-38, according to McFadden, allows any county, municipal, corporation to regulate the purchase, sale, possession, transfer, transportation and [illegible] of its facility.

Also, McFadden explained, with respect to minors, the exemptions prohibit handguns on the premises and within 100 yards of parks, churches, schools, public buildings, and other places of public assembly.

However, according to McFadden, firearms training or other educational or sporting uses may not be prohibited.

"These provisions enable us to enact handgun laws in Baltimore City, and particularly with respect to minors. Recently, we proposed C.C. 1180, which prohibits the possession of handguns by minors," McFadden explained.

"These laws are tools that the city can use to control guns and minors," McFadden added.

McFadden also explained that he and other City Council members have amended C.C. 933. C.C. 933 refers to weapons in school and recreational property.

The amendment added to the bill affects churches and all places of public assembly. The bill prohibited dangerous weapons on the premises and within 100 yards.

The amendment increased the penalties for violation from 90 days in jail and/or a $500 fine to 1 year and a $1000 fine.

McFadden said that Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson, the Mayor's Office and the City Council Judiciary Committee are examining Bill 933 as amended and that there will be a hearing on Bill 1180 scheduled by the City Council Judiciary Committee.

—No charges ruled

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Bens at the time of the incident.

The trouble began when James Russell started asking questions when he saw his long-time buddy removed from the car, searched and questioned by the police.

Reports indicate that an exchange of words between young Russell and the officers developed when officers told him to mind his business and get back in his front yard.

After an exchange of words, police records show, that officers told Russell that he was under arrest and proceeded to apprehend him. However, at that moment, Mrs. Russell intervened by standing between her son and the officers who were now in the front yard.

By then, nearly 20 neighbors and passers-by had gathered to watch the scuffle between the officers and Mrs. Russell and her son.

Tyrone Hill of the Community Relations Committee organized a nine-member resident committee to meet and discuss the problems with Police Commissioner Robinson.

The decision to free the Russells of all charges was a result of a letter that was mailed to State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke after meeting with an assistant State's Attorney.

In his letter to the State's Attorney, Donald Dauneman said, "Our office has had the opportunity to discuss the case with your assistant State's Attorney, Richard Desser and he advised us that this case against our clients should not be prosecuted."

"I was requesting a letter acknowledging what they told me verbally and that was, they believed the defense witnesses and that the case should not be prosecuted," Dauneman told the AFRO.

However after being notified of the Nol Prosse decision, Daneman said, "We were ready to bring many, many witnesses forward to testify on the Russell's behalf."

Mrs. Russell was elated when she received the news and said that this should serve as an example to others in similar situations.

"I have been through a lot with this case, but it serves to let people know that no one is going to give them their rights if they don't fight for them," Mrs. Russell said.

Although Mrs. Russell indicated that she would pursue a suit against the involved officers, she could provide no details at AFRO presstime.

—Gun for sale

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Relatives of young Ruffin told the AFRO that the accused youth knocked "real loud" on the back door of the Ruffin home in the 1500 block Hoffman Street shortly after 7 p.m. March 3 and asked where he could find Gregory.

Almost within the next five minutes, relatives state, friends came back to the Ruffin home and reported Gregory had been shot.

Relatives also state that as far as they know, the accused youth thought that Gregory had hit his former girl friend. The girl in question is 14 years of age, witnesses say.

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Young Ruffin will be buried in a grey suit, grey shirt and tie, the clothing his sisters thought he would like best. His casket is blue.

The last rites will be at 12 noon at Calvin Scruggs Funeral Home, 1412 Preston St. Burial is slated for Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Today (Friday) the body of the Lake Clifton student will lie in state at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pallbearers are four of the dead youth's brothers, Ronald, Kevin, Paul and Perry Ruffin and his mother's brother, Charles Moore and his best friend, a Lake Clifton buddy, Demetrius Johnson.

Young Ruffin's parents who survive are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly (Dorothy) Ruffin.

In addition to the above four brothers, surviving are four more brothers, Kelly Jr., Cornelius, Marvin and Donald and five sisters Duran, Kelly, Linda, Nancy and Elmira Ruffin.

Young Ruffin was a Lake Clifton art student who majored in painting and decorating. An accomplished artist, he did several drawings which his mother has placed on the dining room wall.

She states, "I can hardly believe he is gone. There is so much here at home to remind us of him."

Mrs. Ruffin also said she has great sympathy for the parents of other youths who have been shot and killed lately. She said three of the young men who suffered death by gunshot were friends of her son, either in athletics or just acquaintances.

The fatal shooting of young Ruffin took place on the basketball court of a playground near his home in the 1300 block of Hoffman Street. Police state that the time was about 7:50 p.m. March 3.

The youth died at 4 p.m. March 4 at Hopkins Hospital.

—Politics '86

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gubernatorial endorsements came from Baltimore Rainbow Coalition co-chairwoman Sandy B. Stewart.

According to her, they wanted this year's annual convention to be remembered as "A very historic" event in the black community. They also wanted to maximize the significance of blacks from around the state coming together in a single major "endorsement process."

"The decision was they wanted to do the congressional endorsements at the local levels," Stewart explained on Thursday.

Two questions arise immediately. How many rainbow chapter affiliates exist at the local levels outside of Baltimore City and maybe Baltimore County and Prince Georges County? How many dues-paying members are there in these chapters?

One additional question sticks in the brain. Is the local co-chairwoman worried that her ties to the organization and her own-announced candidacy for the 7th District seat may be misconstrued as a potential conflict of interest?

"It would be easy to make thi assumption, but I don't know if that is true. . . . People are free to make their own (endorsement) choices. I will not engage in the endorsement process in any way," she defended.

Would it be kosher if she stepped down temporarily at least until after the 7th District rainbow endorsement is official?

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This city's oldest and largest ministers' group, which boast 210 members who have access to over 100,000 potential voters vis-a-vis the pulpit, The Baptist Ministers' Conference, endorsed Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs for governor Wednesday.

That endorsement came after conference members had studied the performance and records of all the official (Sachs) and unofficial (Mayor William D. Schaefer) candidates.

An excerpt from a press statement delivered by conference president Rev. Walter Thomas at the New Psalmist Baptist Church said the following, "We support Steve Sachs for governor because he is a decent and fair human being, genuinely concerned about those in our society who are the least fortunate and most vulnerable."

Sachs has based his campaign around the theme of "One Maryland." He has yet to communicate a specific campaign message to that portion of his "One Maryland" that is in the population majority in Baltimore City.

Early indicators are that a campaign strategy for most, if not all of the non-black candidates for political office in 1986, is to lump all of the social-economic ills together and label them everybody's problem.

In theory maybe that's true, but it may be a bit too intangible when looking at black teenage unemployment, for instance, which continues to run at a disproportionate rate in comparison to that of their white teens.

Sachs and Schaefer may have to get more specific before this race is through.

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For the record, Rep. Michael Barnes, (D.-Md.-8th), Attorney General Steve Sachs and Deputy Attorney General Eleanor M. Carey have all been endorsed by the Maryland Rainbow Coalition for the U.S. Senate, governor, and attorney general respectively.

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Milton B. Allen, veteran lawyer, judge, returns to practicing law

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Circuit Court Judge Milton B. Allen ended his 10-year career on the bench on March 1 and he says that is just what he wanted; to retire at the end of 10 years and "do something else."

The "something else is to join a nice little law firm and keep on practicing as he has done as a lawyer since September, 1948, nearly 40 years.

Judge Allen or Milty as he is most frequently known is now occupying a first floor office in a very beautiful building at the corner of Pleasant and Calvert Streets, the 341 N. Calvert St. offices of Wartman, Rombro, Omansky, Blebaum and Simons, O.A.

He has been there five days as of today Friday and is simply beaming at being back in practice as a trial lawyer "on the other side of the bench" as he was the day before retirement as a jurist March 1.

Moneywise for a Circuit Court jurist at 10 years service, Judge Allen says he will be pocketing $2,800 state retirement each month plus his Social Security which is around $800 a month.

He was on civil matters cases until he decided to retire but in 10 years as a jurist he heard cases of all kinds from domestic, divorce, to criminal and Juvenile.

Milton Allen reveals he has been working since he was 12 years old and now at age 68 he is young enough, well enough and able enough to keep on working and "loves it."

He was employed as a kid, he recalls, as delivering ice, coal and wood. He also worked for his father, the late Claude M. Allen, who did repairs, paper hanging and carpentry in those long ago days. His mother, Mrs. Minnie McGee Allen was from Oxford, N.C. His father was from Farmville, VA.

Milton spent many days of his youth, until he was 10, in Virginia and came to live in Baltimore when he was 12. He attended old Elementary School 130. He earned a teachers certificate at Coppin State College in May, 1938.

Entrance into the Armed Forces in October, 1943 interrupted everything else. He served in the Navy until December, 1945 and here is a highlight of the judge's career he wants to accent.

While in the Navy, he taught school and originated a course of study which enabled persons who could not read one word to study, read newspapers, magazines and whatever was necessary.

For his phonetic system which was considered simply marvelous, Judge Allen received a commendation "for organizing a comprehensive training program for the illiterate in the South Pacific."

Commenting on youngsters who cannot read today, Judge Allen says first it starts with the desire to read and to learn. He states, "I cannot understand why young people do not want to. It is not hard. I cannot see why they want to stay unlearned."

MARRIED 43 YEARS TO SAME LADY

Judge Allen is quite proud of what he says, "I've been married to the same lady 43 years come April 25, 1985." He and Mrs. Martha P. Allen were wed in 1942, during World War II.

Judge Allen was graduated from the University of Maryland Law School in 1949, the sixth graduate behind Donald Murray, Calvin Douglass, Perkins and William H. Murphy, Sr. He and retired Judge Robert B. Watts were graduated at the same time June, 1949.

Since Allen is a veteran, he was admitted to practice law in 1948, prior to graduation, and admitted to practice subsequently in the Maryland Court of Appeals, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, U.S. District Court, Supreme Court of the United States and the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit.

He became a co-founder of the law firm of Brown, Allen and Josey, (the successor to Brown, Allen, Watts, Murphy and Russell and Brown) Allen and Watts in 1948. He was associated with the firm until 1970.

His career in the State's Attorney's office began in 1970 when he became deputy state's attorney for the city of Baltimore. In January 1971 he became the first black state's attorney for the city of Baltimore, and remained in that office until January, 1975.

Judge Allen was a partner in the firm of Mitchell, Allen and Lee until he became an associate judge in the Circuit Court on Feb. 6, 1976.

That date began his 10 year service which ended March 1, 1986.

ALLEN'S HONORS AND AWARDS

Nov. 15, 1970—AFRO-AMERICAN Honor Roll for "Superior Public Service"

Feb. 11, 1971—The Templars, Inc., Award for "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Community."

Feb. 13, 1971—Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority "In Recognition of Unprecedented Achievement as the First Black Elected State's Attorney of Maryland"

March 25, 1971—Harlem Park Junior High Award "Outstanding Contribution and Service to the Community of Baltimore"

June 8, 1971—Coppin State Teachers College Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws

August 10, 1971—National Medical Association a Scroll of Merit "For Outstanding Community Service and Personal Achievement in Legal Affairs"

December 19, 1971—Businessmen's league of Baltimore, Inc. "Man of the Year"

Feb. 18, 1973—Kappa Chapter Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Induction into "Society of Living Makers of Negro History"

July 6, 1973—Provident Hospital Community Health Care Advisor Board, Inc., Merit Award "For Outstanding Community Service"

Feb. 10, 1974—The Ebony Sophisticates "Distinguished Service Award"

May 2, 1974—The Luncheon Optimist Club of Towson—"Certification of Appreciation"

May 18, 1984—Lawyers' Wives of Baltimore "For Outstanding Service as State's Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland; for employing ingenuity in prosecutorial leadership, for inauguration of New Programs for the Protection of Civil Rights of All People"

May 29, 1974—Hall of Fame, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School "In Recognition of Meritorious Service"

Sept. 1974—Optimist Club of Banneker "In Appreciation for His Efforts and Achievements in Fostering and Promoting Respect for Law"

Oct. 10, 1974—Frontiers International, Inc. "Distinguished Service Citation"

Oct. 11, 1974—Coppin State College Hall of Fame Award

Oct. 12, 1974—The Greater Model Community Council, Inc. "The Outstanding Citizen Award"

Dec. 5, 1974—The Baptist Pastors Conference "For Devoted Service Rendered to Mankind"

Dec. 8, 1974—Freedom House, Inc., Award of Merit "For Superior Public Service"

Jan. 12, 1975—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Citation of Merit

May 29, 1975—Honorary Membership, Maryland Chapter of the Order of the Coif, University of Maryland School of Law

SPECIAL MENTION

A. The National Center for Prosecution Management examine the State's Attorney's Office of Baltimore City in March of 1974. The Center's report in its entirety is in the Enoch Pratt Library.

The report was highly complimentary of the operation of the office in many particulars. Under "Delegation of Authority" for instance this statement is found: "The organizational and training structure of this office is one of the best that had been observed by the National Center and is an excellent model for medium and large sized prosecution offices throughout the country."

B.—Served as guest lecturer, National College of District Attorneys, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 1974 Sessions

C. CHAIRMAN, Seminar on Criminal Law and Practice, National Bar Association Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, August 1972

D. He was Black Chief Prosecutor elected

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On one of his final days as a judge, Milton B. Allen is featured in this scene in his courthouse office by AFRO Photographer P. A. Greene.

Judge Allen is shown as he removes his name from the door of his courthouse office on one of his final days as a judge. His son, David, is a District Court judge.

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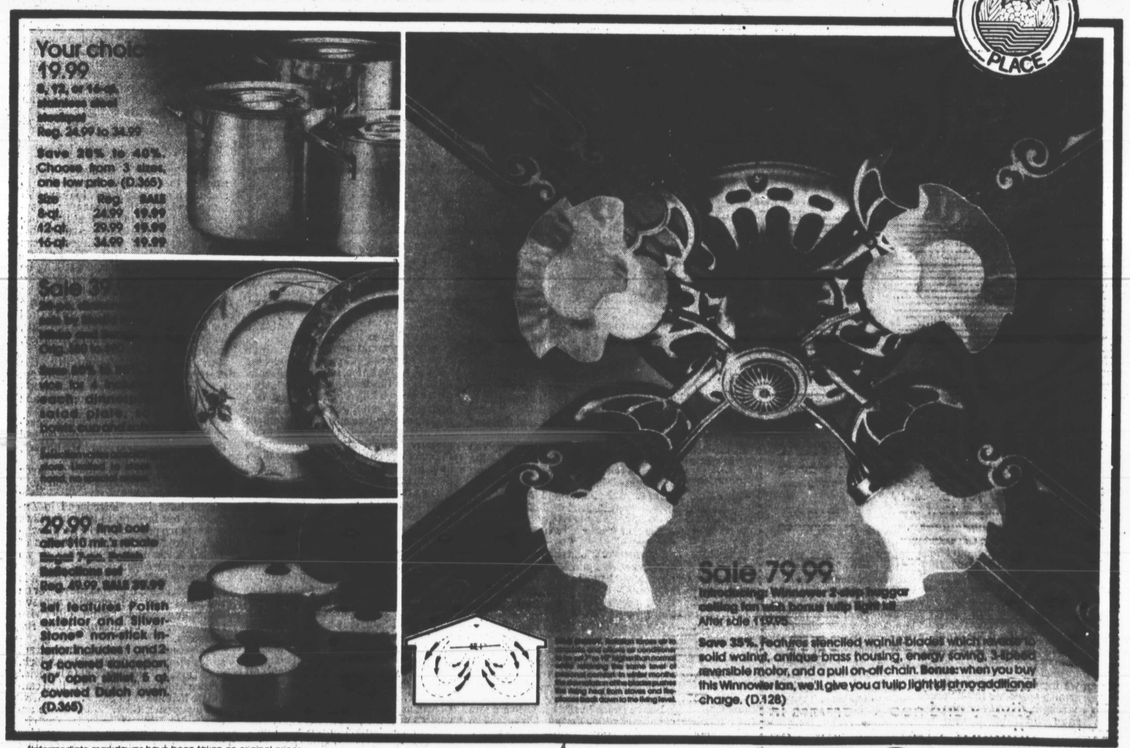

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