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At 9:17 PM, a two car crash took place on the Beltway. Just 30 seconds after notification, the Maryland State Police Medivac helicopter was airborne and speeding toward the scene. Within twelve minutes, they had transported the crash victims to the Shock Trauma Center, where they received life saving treatment.

The Medivac Program is sponsored by the Maryland State Police from funds provided by the State General Fund. In addition, the fund also supports the State Civil Defense System, the Fire Prevention Commission and other general Maryland State Police functions.

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Six children arrested at S. Africa embassy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Six District of Columbia school children were arrested Tuesday while hundreds of others demonstrated outside the South African Embassy to protest that government detention of black children in prisons.

Dedan Young, 12; Tene Young, 16; Tiombe Young 13; Teklu Asnerom 12; Christian Parenti, 17; and Ben Luzatto, 16 were arrested when they entered the embassy grounds.

They were taken in paddywagon to the 2nd District police headquarters on Idaho Avenue, NW., where they were processed and released to the custody of their parents.

Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, which sponsored the protest and also launched the "Free South Africa" movement two years ago, praised the children and said their participation was significant in order to make the ram-

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Washington police arrested six school children outside the South African Embassy, Dec. 23, 1986 after they staged a protest decrying the detention of school children in South Africa.

FIRE SCENE — Firefighters battle a two-alarm blaze which broke out Christmas eve at 3:00 a.m. The 1800 block Laurens St. was the scene of the conflagration.

Christmas eve fire kills 3-year-old

City Fire officials are investigating an early Christmas eve morning blaze that claimed the life of a 3-year-old girl and seriously injured four family members on Laurens St.

Officials said the fire was reported about 3 a.m. in a two-story rowhouse in the 1800 block of Laurens St. in West Baltimore.

When firefighters arrived, they found the house engulfed in flames and several people, who apparently jumped out of the second-floor windows, lying injured on the sidewalk.

After the fire was brought under control, it was said to have taken about 30 minutes, firefighters recovered the body of Sharante Grisson, 3, inside the house.

Fire Capt. Pat Flynn said the injured, Daniel Grissom, 54; Debra and Diane Grissom, 23-year-old twins; and Darante

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Suspect sought in 7 bank robberies

By Roz Hamlett
AFRO Staff Writer

Imagine walking into a bank with a thousand other tiny details on your mind, except for probably the most important detail of all—what to do now that you are in the middle of a robbery in progress.

Last Monday's robbery at Maryland National Bank, 300 W. Lexington St. left one such customer "trembling and very scared."

While standing in line at the customer service window, the teller told her not to move because the bank was being robbed, needless to say, she did not move.

"I had a lot of money on me that I intended to use for Christmas shopping and I did not want to be robbed," she said.

The unidentified bank robber fled the bank on foot and has not been apprehended by police yet, but he is believed responsible for seven bank robberies since Oct. 27, 1986.

Metro Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of this unknown suspect.

In each incident the suspect presents a holdup note and acts as if he is armed with a gun in his pocket.

He is described as a black male, about 30 years old, 5-10 to 6 feet tall, husky build with a ruddy brown complexion and usually unshaven.

During an incident at First National Bank, 1821 Washington Blvd., the suspect was wearing a brown leather cap, a brown jacket and faded blue jeans.

The bank robberies currently under investigtion are:

1. John Hanson Savings and Loan, 1200 N. Charles St. on Oct.

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ROBBERY — Surveillance photograph of the unidentified robbery suspect during an earlier holdup at the First National Bank.

Tenants charge 'squeeze out' at Hampton Court apartments

By Manotti L. Jenkins
AFRO Staff Writer

If you're keeping count, chalk up another relatively low-cost housing facility in Baltimore City slated to put into effect drastic increases in rent.

With this one, the Hampton Court Apartments, located at 307-11 Dolphin St., the increase is so large, it has prompted at least one housing activist to allege that there is an intention to displace the lower and moderate income, nearly 100 percent black occupants of the building.

According to reports, a $231-a-month one-bedroom unit at the complex, will cost $435 come April 1, 1987. In addition, a $320-a-month two-bedroom apartment will cost $535.

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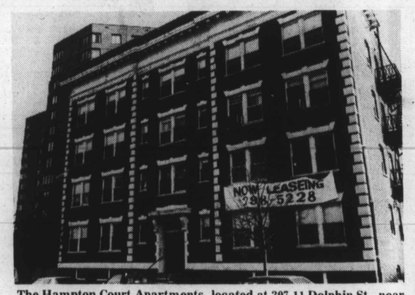

The Hampton Court Apartments, located at 307-11 Dolphin St., near the downtown area.

Membership uproar over CMEA election

By P. A. Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of the winning slate of candidates in last month's Classified Municipal Employees Association election, filed an injunction earlier this week, to stop the union's president from overturning the election results and conducting a new election.

Sharon Randall, a CMEA member for 10 years and a program compliance office with the Urban Services Agency, ran against CMEA union president of six years, Joseph Kelly.

The injunction was filed "to have the court rule that we should not have to go through another election," Ms. Randall said.

She and other union officials, including Kelly, said the reason for having new elections are based on "improprieties of his (Kelly's) nominating committee."

Gilbert Selden, a Randall supporter and a member of the CMEA board of governors, said Kelly's administration has not certified the election based on a protest filed by Kelly's slate and his nominating committee.

Selden said Kelly appointed Claudette Michner to head the nominating committee and Ms. Michner is said to have appointed four people to work with her to establish the election guidelines and procedures.

"Kelly is saying the nominating committee did not follow procedure. He filed a protest and wants to have a re-election," Selden said.

During a brief AFRO interview Monday, Kelly admitted, "the election went against us. We lost five of seven seats as a result of nominating committee screw-ups. It was overturned. We'll have to run again."

Kelly was then called away from the telephone and has not been reachable for more questioning.

Selden said normal procedure has the chairman of the nominating committee certifying the election within 24 hours after ballots are counted.

In this case, he said the chairman presented the election to the board of governors "for us to make a decision."

Ballots were mailed to the union's 4,000 mostly white-collared and predominantly black members during the weekend of Nov. 14, 1986.

The ballots were picked up

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(AFRO file photo by P. A. Greene)

PICKET — Members of the CMEA union are protesting grievances with its leadership at an early October demonstration in front of their headquarters at the Brokerage downtown.

They police the police!

By Roz Hamlett
AFRO Staff Writer

Policing the police is a tough job, but somebody has to do it. The Internal Investigation unit or the "rats" as they are affectionately known by those officers who were the subjects of their investigations, are the "watchers who watch the watchers."

Needless to say, these detectives would not win popularity contests among their peers. "Just the fact that you have been accused makes you feel subjected to something that is not fair," says Maj. Joseph Newman, who quietly admits that his department conjures up a degree of fear from fellow police officers.

Many would argue that it is ridiculous to expect policemen, no matter how honest and dedicated they are to their work, to enthusiastically investigate the activities of fellow officers, who may one day be their partners or even their superiors. But just about every major police dept. in the country has such a unit.

However, when a detective conducts his investigation, his supervisor overlooks his activity, who in turn is watched by his lieutenant, who ultimately has to answer to Maj. Newman.

The Complaint Evaluation Board, comprised of the State's Attorney, the Attorney General and the Human Relations Commission helps to keep a check on the system.

This group gets a crack at the review process in the very end, insuring that a degree of independence is present in certain cases.

Most often, complaints about police officers come from the public, who claim excessive abuse or discourteousness. The paper shuffle from the initial complaint stage to the end of the process is tremendous.

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