## FBI presses bomb probe

ATLANTA — Federal agents reportedly examined items Feb. 10 that were confiscated from a third man targeted in a probe of mail bombings that killed a federal judge and a Savannah attorney in December.

The FBI began searching a house, storage shed and three vehicles belonging to Walter Leroy Moody, of Rex, Ga., on Feb. 8.

An FBI spokesman would neither confirm nor deny reports that paper, string and tape had been taken from Moody's property or that the items were being examined. But an unidentified agent at the scene said the items were taken to Washington for laboratory tests.

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Mail bombs killed Judge Robert Vance in Birmingham, Ala., a jurist on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Dec. 16, and lawyer Robert Robinson, a civil rights lawyer in Savannah two days later.

Other bombs also forced the evacuation of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals headquarters in downtown Atlanta and an NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla. No one was injured in those incidents because the bombs were dismantled and did not explode.

Moody, 55, who attended John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, was convicted in 1972 of possession of an unregistered explosive.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOSTON school system, Laval Wilson, discusses a progress report and evaluation of his job performance. Wilson has been under fire from the city's School Committee which is trying to oust him from his position. The beleaguered administrator defended his record.

## Detroit bishop named African chief

DETROIT — An auxiliary bishop with the Archdiocese of Detroit has become the first American bishop also named chief of an African tribal clan.

Moses B. Anderson, 61, recently returned from installation ceremonies where he became the chief of the Aduana clan of the Ashanti tribe in West Africa. He was given a new name of Nan Kwasi Amoateng I.

"This is not an honorary title," Bishop Anderson said at the Detroit News and Free Press. "It is a real title, with many specific civic duties."

Bishop Anderson — who is one of 13 Black Catholic bishops in the United States — admitted that he is unsure what his specific duties will consist of as chief.

"I won't be able to live there, but I intend to do as much as I can for the village (of Antoa)," he said. "I am in more of a position now to get more African - Americans involved with Africa."

The Alabama - born cleric said he has assured the archdiocese that his new title will not interfere with his duties in the church.

## Barry denounces indictment as 'political lynching'

WASHINGTON — Mayor Marion Barry, indicted on eight federal cocaine possession and perjury counts, promised he would be exonerated and said he was a victim of "political lynching and excesses of the Justice Department."

Mr. Barry was indicted Feb. 15 on three felony perjury charges and five misdemeanor cocaine possession counts in a document alleging he lied to a grand jury about using drugs with former city worker Charles Lewis.

The three-term mayor, who was arrested Jan 18 in a joint FBI-police cocaine sting operation, is undergoing substance abuse treatment at the Henley-Hazelden Center at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In a combative statement released through his office in Washington, Mr. Barry denounced the indictment, said he is innocent and announced he would not resign from office.

"All of the calculated, carefully orchestrated rumors and leaks by the federal government have put a damper on the city and its people. But now that we will be moving into the courtroom — which is where this case should be tried, not in the press — I am relieved. I know that when a trial is held. I will be exonerated," Barry said in the statement.

If convicted on all counts,

Marion Barry

he could face 20 years in prison and $1.25 million in fines.

Mr. Barry already faced a single misdemeanor count of cocaine possession after being arrested while allegedly smoking crack cocaine at the Vista International Hotel in downtown Washington. That count included in the indictment. No arraignment date was set.

Mr. Barry has acknowledged abusing alcohol, but has not said he has a drug problem or admitted using cocaine. The mayor repeatedly denied allegations by Lewis, convicted drug dealer, that the two smoked crack cocaine together at a downtown Ramada Inn and in the Virgin Islands.

Several grand jury witnesses reportedly delivered testimony that corroborated claims by Lewis that he used cocaine with the mayor.

"Today's indictment does not surprise me at all, because it represents a continuation of the political lynching and excesses of the Justice Department in this multi-year, multimillion-dollar effort to investigate me and the Barry administration," the mayor said.

His attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy, said, Mr. Barry will plead not guilty. He said he expects no further charges and was planning for a jury trial in early May.

Mr. Mundy scoffed at the four possession charges from the Ramada Inn, which would be tried with no physical evidence, and predicted he could prove entrapment from the Vista Hotel charge.

Mr. Mundy, who has seen the FBI Videotape of the sting, said that Hazel "Rasheeda" Moore — the former model and FBI informant who lured Mr. Barry to the Vista Hotel — first mentioned the use of cocaine on the night of the arrest.

"I wish all of my cases were that weak. We're ready to dance or waltz or whatever it is," said Mr. Mundy. "We're not frightened. Nobody's to run for cover on those charges."

## Blacks file law suit challenging at-large election in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Black leaders said their federal suit to abolish at-large elections in Memphis is aimed at ending discrimination keeping Whites in control of the mostly Black city's government.

The suit says at-large elections for the City Council and School Board violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting strength of Blacks. It asks for all council and board members to be elected by districts based on population.

All six at-large members on the 12-member City Council and both at-large members of the nine-member School Board are White. Only one Black has ever been elected in a citywide race, even though Black registered voters outnumber Whites by 175,627 to 170,760 in Memphis. "It's just a remnant of the old Southern status quo, just like bus segregation and lunch counter segregation," said W. Otis Higgs, Jr., the lawyer who filed the suit on behalf of three ministers, a radio station executive and two other Black Memphis residents. "Black representation in government was nothing more than an empty promise."

Talib-Karim Muhammad, director of this Islamic Center of Memphis, filed a similar lawsuit in federal court in 1988. Mr. Higgs said he hopes the two suits will be consolidated.

Not all Black leaders in Memphis support changing the city's election system. The NAACP has declined to participate in the lawsuits.

The NAACP's executive director in Memphis, Maxine Smith, said eliminating at-large positions might diminish Black political strength in coming years because of the growing number of Black voters in the city.

But Mr. Higgs said at-large elections are illegal no matter who benefits from their elimination.

"If it's wrong for White people to control every aspect of government, it's equally wrong for Black people," Mr. Higgs said. "It just makes sense to eliminate anything in our city government that's going to give one community the upper hand over others."

## Black senator announces entry into race for S.C. governor

GREENVILLE, S.C. — State Sen. Theo Mitchell of Greenville formerly announced his plans to run for the governorship in the state of South Carolina. Sen. Mitchell is seeking the Democratic Party's nomination to become the first African - American governor of South Carolina in the November 1990 election.

Sen. Mitchell represents District 7 of South Carolina in the State Senate. He was nominated in the Democratic primary and in the general election was elected with no opposition in November, 1984.

He was elected vice-chairman of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation in 1984 and in November, 1986, was elected chairman by a unanimous vote of the 17-member delegation, the largest in the state.

In the Senate, he serves on several standing committees; including Corrections and Penology, General, Judiciary, Medical Affairs and Transportation.

Prior to his election to the Senate, he served five terms in the South Carolina House of Representatives representing District 23.

Senator Mitchall has spearheaded legislation for a stronger educational system in South Carolina with equal state funding for all school districts. He also led the fight for homestead exemption for the elderly.

Senator Mitchell is an attorney in the law firm of Theo W. Mitchell and Associates.

He is a graduate of Sterling High School, Fisk University and the Howard University Law School.

In 1969, he returned to Greenville to work with the Legal Services Agency of Greenville, Incorporated, where as an attorney he undertook numerous projects for the poor and needy, the consumer, and senior citizens of the county.

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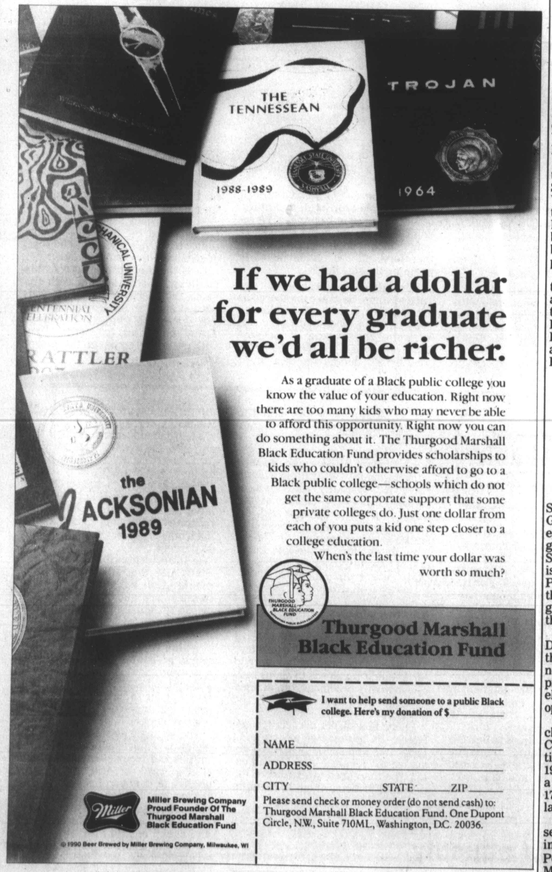


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## Mandela meets diplomatic corps

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Black leader Nelson Mandela, in his first official meeting with South Africa's diplomatic corps, spelled out his preconditions for negotiations but revealed a "spirit of reconciliation."

The two - hour meeting held Feb. 17 came several hours before the African National Congress announced from Lusaka, its headquarters - in - exile, its decision to hold direct talks with President Frederik de Klerk in South Africa. The 88-year-old ANC also promised to legally re-establish itself within the country.

Mr. Mandela, described by one diplomat as dignified, friendly and wise, ended his meeting with the diplomats at the Jan Smuts Airport Hotel by inviting their Black drivers in and hugging them.

As he walked through the hotel, Black workers cheered and sang "Nikosi Sikele IAfrika," (God Bless Africa), the unofficial Black national anthem, while escorting him to his car.

"We were rather fascinated by the man, a man with great dignity, a man with great clarity of mind, with compassion, with flexibility" who seeks reconciliation with White South Africans, said Austrian Ambassador Alexander Christiani.

Mr. Mandela reiterated his stand that countries must maintain sanctions against South Africa until negotiations with the ANC have begun in an effort to pressure the White minority government to enact greater racial reforms and agree to a one-man, one-vote on a common roll of eligible voters, participants said.

Mr. Mandela also told the diplomats the government must lift the 43-month-old state of emergency and release all prisoners.

About 50 diplomats, including 20 ambassadors and mission chiefs, attended the morning gathering. Among them was U.S. Ambassador William Swing, who declined comment after the meeting.

"We were quite impressed by the man and by his spirit of reconcilation," Mr. Christiani said of the silver - haired, 71 - year - old Black nationalist leader. "He was quite interested in meeting us and he feels that we all can make a contribution."

"His humanity, humility and reasonableness . . . makes one really hopeful for the prospect of a reasonable settlement here," said Canadian Ambassador Ron MacLean."

Mr. Mandela told the diplomats he had no bitterness after more than 27 years in prison on sabotage charges and believed he was treated very well, especially by his warders, Mr. Christiani said. Mr. Mandela praised President de Klerk as a "man of integrity," the Austrian ambassador said.

President Bush chats with the heads of state of Burundi and Kenya during their recent visit to the White House. Major Pierre Buyoyo (left) of Burundi and Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya met with the U.S. President to discuss economic and other aid for their countries.

## Rebels kill 47 in Mozambique

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Right - wing Renamo rebels detonated a remote - controlled explosive and opened fire on a passenger train, killing 47 people and wounding more than 50, the state-run news agency AIM reported.

The rebels on Feb. 14 also kidnapped several survivors and forced them to carry goods looted from the train, AIM said.

The attack occurred shortly after the train left Ressano Garcia on the South African border, mainly carrying miners returning from their jobs in South Africa to Mozambique.

"Our journey was going along perfectly well," passenger Isabel Tamel told AIM. "(Outside) I saw a group of uniformed people carrying weapons, but I thought they were our soldiers because they even waved to the engine driver."

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## Famine relief for Ethiopia halted by fighting along Red Sea coast

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — No famine relief food has been trucked from Ethiopia's northern port of Massawa for a week because of fierce fighting between government and rebel forces along the Red Sea coast, church groups said Feb. 16.

Seven days after the Eritrean People's Liberation Front launched a major military bid for control of the vital port and towns in a 70-mile radius from it, it was still unclear who was winning the fight.

The rebels, engaged in a 29-year war of independence for the province of Eritrea, have claimed to hold Massawa, 470 miles north of Addis Ababa, against troops of the Marxist Dergue Party of President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Government newspapers, however, said the EDLF had been repulsed on several fronts. At the port itself, they said, "The People's militia (government forces) are making a relentless struggle to deal a decisive blow to the enemy."

What was clear was that heavy tank and artillery fighting up the road from Massawa to the provincial capital of Asmara had stopped all transport of relief food to parts of the provinces of Eritrea and Tigre, which are threatened with a repeat of the mass famine of 1984 and 1985.

Officials of the Ethiopian Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches said all aid to the provinces had halted a week ago because of the fighting.

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