Man, 60, Slain After Row Over Daughter Of Friend

A 60-year-old man who allegedly tried to force his attentions on the 21 - year - old daughter of a friend was shot and killed late Wednesday night in the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

Held in connection with the slaying of John Turner, 500 block Baker St., is Aslee Commodore, 47, 1800 block Pennsylvania Ave.

The fatal incident occurred about 10:30 p.m. in the hallway of Commodore's home.

How Shooting Occurred

Northwestern District police believe this is what happened:

Commodore was visited at his home by Turner and another man, identified as Marcus, Allen about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Later in the evening, the trio went to a tavern at Fremont Ave. and Laurens St. where they bought a half pint of whiskey, and returned to Commodore's home.

Marcus later left the house.

Bedroom Argument

During the night, police believe, Turner attempted to enter the bedroom of Commodore's daughter, Beatrice, while she was dressing. An argument between the two men followed, and Turner ran and was accosted by Turner was ordered to leace the house.

Commodore went downstairs later, outside the house. The pair started back up the steps to Commodore's apartment, and the shooting occurred in the hallway.

Police arrived and found Turner sprawled on the hallway steps. A knife lay beside him. He died of a gunshot wound in the temple about an hour later at Provident Hospital.

Two Shots Fired

Commodore's daughter told the AFRO that she did not hear the argument between her father and Turner, but that she did hear two shots fired in the hallway.

"We never had any trouble out of him before," she said, revealing that Turner and her father had been friends for many years. They were both employed by a Baltimore tire company.

Death Stalked A Doorway

Police found 60-year-old John Turner sprawled in this doorway in the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Ave. late Wednesday following a shooting. Turner died about an hour later of a gunshot wound in the head. A 45-year-old resident of the house, Aslee Commodore, is being held in connection with the slaying.

Wrong Moves Cost Widow $50 In Fines

A widowed homeowner found herself fined $50 Tuesday in Housing Court because on two separate occasions she "wasnt where she was supposed to be."

Magistrate Helen Elizabeth Brown handed out the fine to Mrs. Louise Del-Ray Brooks, 45, who owns property in the 1800 block of East Chase St.

Repair notices concerning the house were served on Mrs. Brooks last year at a Gay Street address. However, she had moved from there and, according to her testimony in court, the new occupants of the house didn't tell her about the notices until last December.

A second time Mrs. Brooks wasn't where she was supposed to be was May 1 when she was due in Housing Court but failed to appear.

Was In DC

She claimed she went to Washington that morning looking for work and an appointment she had there was changed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Brooks said she telephoned her attorney, Gordon Levy, about this before court opened.

Contesting the house notice, Mrs. Brooks said that she has spent $1,000 in repairs there although she only receives $9 a week in rent. She even showed the magistrate an electrical repair bill for $275.

"I'm a widow," she explained. "Every nail I drive I have to pay somebody else to do."

Thought Things Okay

Mrs. Brooks also testified that the contractor she had working on the East Chase St. house told her things were moving properly.

Mr. Levy said his client had "shown good faith in trying to clear up the two housing charges against her."

But Herbert Stubbs, electrical inspector, and Officer Albert W. Smetana disagreed. Stubbs said he had been unable to gain entrance to the property to see what was going on. Smetana said the construction work was proceeding so slowly it would take two years to complete if it continues at the present rate.

Magistrate Brown agreed with them and fined Mrs. Brooks.

Agency Sponsors Health Campaign

As a feature of National Mental Health Week which opened on Sunday, the Division of Mental Hygiene of the Baltimore City Health Department, is sponsoring a "Good Reading for Beter Mental Health" campaign.

Free pamphlets, published by the Department, are available at a lobby display on the main floor of the Municipal Building, and a collection of children's books is being shown in the entrance hall of the Southern Health District.

Mental hygiene comics, the "Blondie" series, are also being displayed in well baby clinics in the Eastern, Western, Druid and Southern Health Districts.

Cabbie Fined For Not Using Meter

A 37-year-old cab driver was given a $10 suspended fine in Northwestern police court Tuesday for failing to use his meter to compute a fare.

James Love of the 1300 block McCulloh St. told the court that he had only been driving five days, and had forgotten to use the meter on one trip.

Trailed By Officer

Officer Carroll Connally testified that he had noticed Love transporting a passenger with his moter flag up and had trailed him.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane, noting that it was the first time he had had a taxi driver with only five days on the job come before him, suspended the fine.

Exam For Laboratory Technician Now Open

An examination for the position of medical laboratory technician, at an entrance salary of $2,950 a year, has been announced by Civil Service examiners.

Following the examination, which is to fill positions in Veterans Hospitals at Perry Point and Fort Howard, ratings will be assigned according to the applicant's experience and education. Information may be obtained from the post office.

Examination Open For Shorthand Reporters

An examination for the position of shorthand reporter, at a starting salary of $3,795 a year, has been announced by Civil Service examiners.

Following the written examination, positions will be filled at the Army Chemical Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Bainbridge Naval Center, and the Veterans Hospital at Perry Point. Additional information may be secured from the post office.

National Hearing Week Supported By Local Group

The Baltimore Hearing Society, a Red Feather Service of the Community Chest, joined with the American Hearing Society and its 115 chapters this week to observe National Hearing Week.

The object of the campaign was twofold:

To interest hearing people in taking care of their ears and thereby to make them aware of the difficulties facing those with a hearing loss, and to acquaint the hard of hearing people with the services available in the community to aid them in solving their problems.

All radio stations cooperated in the campaign by using spot announcements and leaflets and posters were sent out to public, private and parochial schools of Baltimore and Baltimore County; to ministers, personnel directors, pediatricians. All branches of the Enoch Pratt Library cooperated by displaying posters and distributing leaflets.

Warning Against Red Forces Made By UL

A strong warnig against efforts of subversive elements to win colored support for movements and programs actually of a left-wing nature was issued Tuesday by Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

"Subversive forces long have sought to win over the colored community," he declared. "The unjust discrimination has been a strong plank in the platforms of those seeking to sell anti-democratic beliefs."

Mr. Templeton offered a seven-point defense against the community and its industrial workers being duped into signing petitions or otherwise lending names to propaganda schemes.

Seven-Point Defense

1. Refrain from signing documents unless there is a clear understanding as to their purpose and the character of the sponsoring group.

2. Screen carefully white persons of whom little is known before welcoming them into colored organizations.

3. Resist invitations to join white organizations unless the purposes and programs of the groups are known to be acceptable.

4. Shrug off ardent attention pat by whites who promote un-American policies.

Shrug Off Attention

5. Avoid attendance at so-called union meetings held in private homes or places other than where the union reguarly meets.

6. Attend union meetings regularly and use established union channels to correct unsatisfactory job conditions or adjust job complaints.

Mr. Templeton concluded that: colored and white persons "simply cannot afford to relax efforts to secure equality of opportunity for all citizens in jobs, civil rights, housing, health education and all other areas of American life."

Seek Advice

7. Ask the advice of the Urban League, NAACP or a minister or some other authority whenever there is question as to the possibility of subversive influences at work.

Traffic Commission Fetes Patrol Leaders

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission played host Thursday to a Boy and Girl Scout Patrol Leader from each County and Baltimore City, at a luncheon given by the Safety Engineering Club of Baltimore of which Mr. George W. Burke is president.

The luncheon was in connection with the Governor's Safety-Health Conference and Exhibit held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel Thursday and Friday (today) under the auspices of the State Industrial Accident Commission. The boys and girls visited the exhibit after Thursday's luncheon.

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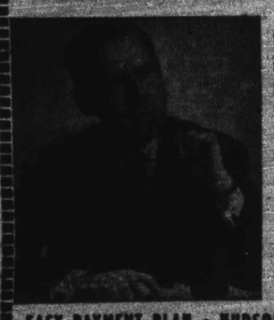
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