# CRIME ROCKS CITY

## Crime Is a Disease

AN EDITORIAL

An individual whose blood pressure rises unduly when confronted with difficult situations is in need of medical attention.

No community should become unduly exorcised or blow its top when an individual commits a heinous and horrible crime.

Yet there is no doubt that Baltimore ran both a temperature and suffered from high blood pressure during the past week because of the Naylor murder case.

The police department and state's attorney's office report deluges of phone calls and letters. The state's attorney declared he has "never experienced such an outcry."

The AFRO has received intemperate calls from irate citizens, one them a woman who announced that she is carrying a revolver in her handbag and has armed her maid with a switchblade knife.

Extent of the community feeling can be gauged from the fact that Mrs. Marie O. Bauernschmidt, who has been in retirement for a number of years, called the AFRO this week to issue a statement that makes sense.

"I want it known," she said, "that the right kind of white people are not holding the whole race

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Manager Escapes Thief's Bullets — Lover Seize 'Manicured' Dope As School Janitor Snared — Girl Behind Bars — Glasses May Be Key In Woman's Murder — Holdups Show Increase Of 267 Here In '52 — Boy, 15, Charged In Extortion Plot — Attacker's Moll Freed In Bribe Offer To Victim — Jail Inmate Dies Awaiting Trial For Murder — Given $50 Fine — Palmisano's Body Hunted In Harbor — Two-Day-Old Abandoned — 71 Arrested In Two Raids By Vice Squad — Sergeant Convicted Of Killing Wife — Had Shot 2 Girlfriends, One Fatally — Man Held On Arson Charge — Police Seeking Dad In Daughter's Death — Suspect Still In Custody — Man Found Shot In Apartment — FBI Accuses 14 Of Kidnapping Flogging Fa — 33 Office Thefts Charged To You — Curious Throng To Murder Scene — 2 Couples Held After Narcotics Raid By Police — Rioters Hold 2 Guards In Second Pennsylvania Prison

THESE HEADLINES are taken from all of the daily and weekly newspapers circulated in Baltimore, showing a tremendous upsurge of acts of violence in recent weeks in all areas of the city. City police and citizens were up in arms this week as the crime wave showed no signs of abating, and detectives are swamped with heavier case loads than they have ever had in the past ten years. Reasons propounded for the terror which has gripped the city range from a charge of laxity in enforcing enacted laws against the sale of deadly weapons to a suspicion that the sudden increase in crime is a first indication of an economic recession.

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# 17-Yr.-Old Suspect's Mother In Statement

### Youth Held In Slaying Of Librarian Not Capable Of Crime, Says Parent

## Police Say They Have Right Man

### Case Will Go To Grand Jury Tuesday Morn

A grief stricken mother from Brooklyn New York arrived in Baltimore Sunday morning, with the hope of clearing her teenage son who has been charged with the savage slaying of a 60-year-old white librarian.

The mother of the accused slayer, Mrs. Juanita Terry of the 600 block Gates ave., in Brooklyn, arrived by train at 9 p.m. Sunday and went directly to the city jail where she was denied permission to see Robert Lee Terry until 1 p.m. yesterday.

The 17-year-old ex-vocational high school pupil who dropped classes last year to help support his mother after the death of his father, was charged in Central District Court Saturday with the murder of Miss Lenore M. Naylor.

Police have indicated that they are sure they have the right man.

**Intensive Manhunt**

The arrest of young Terry by Northwestern Patrolmen Leroy Moody and John C. Boyle, brought a climax to one of the most intensive manhunts launched by the Baltimore City

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## Mother Says 'He's Innocent'

Robert Lee Terry, 17-year-old Brooklyn youth who came to Baltimore seeking work shortly after Christmas will face Grand Jury action on Tuesday on charges that he robbed and fatally stabbed Miss Eleanor Naylor, 60-year-old Pratt library worker last week. The youngster's mother, who arrived in Baltimore on Sunday insists that he is innocent.

## Firemen 'Threat' Made By Mayor

An alleged threat by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro to hire colored Fire Department workers if the City Council forced him to accept a 48-hour work week for fire fighters drew a scathing attack Wednesday from Leroy M. Griffin, vice president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor.

Mr. Griffin reported that the mayor issued the statement during conferences with representatives of the federation and the Municipal Employes' Union, and that in doing so Mr. D'Alesandro had "reached a new low in dirty politics."

Mr. Griffin's statement was published in the Jan. 23 issue of the Federationist, an official weekly newsletter for the Amer-

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## Grand Jury Indicts Man Already Jailed

### New Charge Hits Robert Melton As Police War On Weapons

A main figure in the police crackdown against deadly weapons, Robert Melton, 26, was indicted by the grand jury Monday on charges of assault with intent to kill and carrying a deadly weapon.

These are additional charges for Melton who had already been sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined $25 on assault and disorderly conduct charges. He was involved in a knife attack on a white motorist.

The "intent to kill" charge, being a felony, can bring a 15-

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# League Calls 35 Groups To Conference

# 'Pillowcase Bandit' Hits

## Dentists Victims Of Hooded Bandit

### Dr. William Beaman Wounded By Wild-Shooting Rifleman

A hooded rifleman with an itchy trigger finger held up two dentists within ten minutes Saturday night, wounding one in the arm and firing a warning shot in the office of another.

Both of the victims said that the hoodlum, who wore a pillow case over his head with slits around his eyes, was apparently under the influence of narcotics.

Dr. Martin H. Rodney of the 1000 block Pennsylvania ave. said that he heard the automatic bell on his door ring about 7 p.m. Saturday and when he opened his inner office door a few moments later, the hooded gunman poked a rifle barrel in his midsection.

"I opened the door and he pushed the gun in my stomach,' Dr. Rodney said. "He wanted to know if I was alone. I told him I was and then he asked how much money I had. I told him not much," the dentist added.

**Gave Up $100**

He said that he gave the bandit "more than a hundred dollars" from his pants pockets.

"If I find any more money in here I'm going to kill you," Dr. Rodney quoted the holdup man as saying after he asked about a safe and was told there was none.

"He also wanted to know if I had a pistol and a car, and if the car was paid for," the dentist said.

**Bound With Clothesline**

Dr. Rodney was bound with a piece of plastic clothes-line by the bandit, who fired one shot into a wall before he left as a warning.

The dentist managed to get loose from his bounds after the gunman left.

A few minutes later, in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania ave. —two blocks from Dr. Rodney's office and almost right across the street from Northwestern police station — Dr. William H. Beaman heard someone enter his outer office and looked out to see the hooded rifleman.

"I had a patient in my chair at the time, a young girl about 16, I thought some of the kids were playing a joke on me. The man was muttering something but I couldn't understand a word he was saying," Dr. Beaman said.

**'Meant Business'**

"He was sort of holding the rifle to one side, and I walked across the office right up to him. Then he turned the gun on me, and I knew he meant business."

Dr. Beaman said at that moment he grabbed the rifle and the bandit pulled the trigger, sending a bullet into the den-

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## Bandit Looked Like This

An unknown man dressed like this, with a punctured pillowcase over his head and a .22-calibre rifle in his hand, robbed two dentists and inflicted an arm wound on one early Saturday night. The brazen bandit committed his acts within a stone's throw of the Northwestern Police Station on Pennsylvania Ave.

## AFRO Honor Roll Out Soon

### 10 Citizens To Win Commendation

The 1952 AFRO Honor Roll will be published in a Friday AFRO at an early date.

After screening hundreds of suggestions submitted by AFRO readers, judges have chosen the ten persons and agencies to be paid public tribute for outstanding community service.

With so many Baltimoreans engaged in so many progressive, educational and civic betterment projects, it was difficult for the judges to choose only ten for Honor Roll commendation, but they feel that the final list is truly a representative group.

Watch for the AFRO Honor Roll to appear soon.

## Grace Church Gets New Pastor

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold, 36, pastor of Radcliffe Memorial church, Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Sunday morning.

Dr. Walter R. Cremeans, presbyter of the Baltimore Presbytery, presided at the congregational meeting and preached. No ballots were necessary so the unanimous ballot was cast for the congregation by Samuel R. Owings, clerk of the session.

W. Douglas Johnson, chairman of the nominating committee, dispatched a telegram to the Rev. Mr. Newbold on Sunday

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## Citizens' Talk On Increase In Crime Set

### Urban League Calls Meeting Of City's Civic, Other Groups

A citizens meeting "to develop a community approach to problems of increased crime" is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday in the board room of the Urban League, 2404 Pennsylvania ave.

The meeting has been called as a result of the recent rise in violent crimes throughout the city.

Invited to the meeting are civic, educational and religious leaders, and representatives of various municipal, social and welfare protective agencies.

Letters inviting representatives have been sent to the following:

**Organizations Invited**

The Americans for Democratic Action, Council of Churches, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Masons, Elks, Eastside Community committee, Northwest Community council, Criminal Justice commission, Fron-

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## AFRO Now Better Paper Than Ever

For the past three weeks, a repair crew has been at work at the AFRO making minor adjustments upon our 32-page Goss printing press.

With tools all over the place, operating sometimes at day and sometimes by night, cylinders have been removed, screws and bolts renewed, cleaned, put back and temporarily readjusted for the next scheduled run.

On occasions all adjustments have not been made perfect by edition time.

The press repair crew has now departed. The regular crew is free to give the press the fine tuning it requires.

In short, the AFRO, better looking than ever, will now be rolling from our press.

We regret the inconvenience we have given our readers during this hectic period.

## Miller In Council Seat Democrats Sought

Henry Miller won the Fifth District seat in the city council vacated by the selection of Samuel Friedel to Congress by a vote of 11 to 9 on Monday.

Colored Democrats had petitioned the Mayor and numerous other city officials to "clear the way" for the selection of a colored Democrat to fill the vacancy, threatening "open political revolt" if their petition was not honored.

$10-PER-COUPLE AFFAIR STILL DISCUSSED:

# Father Mills Declares Templeton Was Right

"There is a place in the scheme of things for social outlet but the criticism you read about in the paper two weeks ago was justified," Father Cedric E. Mills told his Sunday morning audience.

The St. James P.E. church rector said later that he was referring to a statement by Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Urban League who condemned social groups which sponsor expensive parties at a time when funds are needed to carry on NAACP and Urban League work, and establish a scholarship fund for needy students.

Mr. Templeton's statement set off a wave of comment because he referred specifically to a group of men who gave a $10 a couple New Year's Eve party at the Starlight Arena. This group was the well-known Guardsmen, social group with chapters in Washington, Phila-

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## 527 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

## Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

## Truman, Dawson, Tubman Get AFRO's '52 Citations

Three outstanding men in the political field were recently cited by the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers for their contributions to progress during 1952.

They are William V. S. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, cited as "Statesman of the Year"; former-President

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