Singer Admits She Lied To Police

Crownsville Overcrowding Explodes:

RIOT WORSE THAN WAR

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Gas Bombs, Water Overwhelm Rioters

Escapees Captured; Hospital And State Officials Study Cause, Remedy Of Uprising

By BUDDY LONESOME

State lawmakers have ordered a full-scale legislative probe of circumstances preceding a two-hour riot which raged at the Crownsville State Hospital, Saturday night.

A barrage of tear gas bombs and water from high pressure fire hose was used to quiet the more than 60 convicts who participated in the wild, banshee-like riot.

Three convicts who escaped via a knotted sheet-rope dangling from a barred, fourth floor window have all been re-captured. The bars had been pried apart to make a hole large enough for the men to crawl through.

One of the escapees, Joseph Neil, surrendered at the home of a Crownsville guard, early Sunday morning, shortly after the escape. Talmadge Pearson was trapped in a near-by woods a few hours later.

Charles McCready, who was the last escapee, was captured early Sunday night after a Crownsville guard saw him in a wooded area and summoned Anne Arundel County police.

Neither of the three men captured offered any resistance, nor suffered any injuries from arresting officers.

Guards Fire Shots

Although only three men escaped into the woods surrounding Crownsville, guards who rushed to the scene, fired bullets over the fourth man's head to successfully halt his escape attempt.

The improvised rope reached only to the second floor of the tall building, and the escapees were forced to jump the rest of the way—a distance of more than 30 feet.

The riot, which lasted more than two hours, started shortly after 9:30 Saturday night.

Although accounts vary, one attendant in the building at the time reported two patients were fighting among themselves when

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Bishop Davis Dies At Hopkins

Elk Lodge Shy $10,000

Singer Admits 'Slasher' Cry Was All A Lie

AFRO Expose Aids Police Get Truth About Park Attack

Less than 24 hours after the AFRO printed a sensational expose denouncing her story, a 22-year-old blonde singer has admitted she lied in accusing a colored man of "slashing" her, last Tuesday night.

Chris Allen, whose real name is Estelle Blaine, [illegible] E. North ave., admitted that her story was untrue to Capt. Thomas Dunn, commanding Northern police district, and several other witnesses.

In Friday's edition of the AFRO, the "victim's" story was denounced as a lie.

Miss Allen made her confession early Saturday morning.

In her latest statement, the girl reports she and another girl had an argument and walked to the park to "cool off."

As they approached the Mt. Royal ave. entrance to the park, a third girl dragged Miss Allen into a clump of bushes and cut her several times on the chest with a pen knife.

The wounded girl declares she broke away and a passing motorist took her to the Union Memorial Hospital where she was released after emergency treatment.

Police are looking for both the girl who did the stabbing and the third girl. No action has been taken against Miss Allen for her false alarm.

Except for the "huge colored man" angle, this second statement is similar to the original story given police.

In that statement Miss Allen said she was walking along Mt. Royal ave., near the park entrance, when a "huge colored man" leaped from behind some bushes, ripped her dress off, and began slashing her with a knife.

The woman declared the man

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Elk Official Suffers Beating

Linwood Frazier, financial secretary of the Monumental Lodge of Elks, rests at his home after suffering a beating which he reports was inflicted by Charles (Mouse) Dorsey, Elk District Deputy. Mr. Frazier, who lives in the 1500 block McCulloh st., reports he will prefer criminal charges against Mr. Dorsey when "I get well."

Frazier Says Mouse Dorsey Attacked Him

Officials Hurl Countercharges; Shortage Denied

A "family fight" between two prominent officials of the Monumental Lodge of Elks, last Wednesday, mushroomed into sensational charges of a $10,000 shortage, this week.

Linwood Frazier, 53, 1500 block McCulloh st., is recuperating at home from body and facial injuries which he said were inflicted by Charles (Mouse) Dorsey, also of the 1500 block McCulloh st.

Mr. Frazier, financial secretary of the Monumental Lodge, charges Dorsey knocked him to the floor and put a gun to his head, saying: "I ought to kill you, get the h---- out of here and don't come back."

Mr. Dorsey, Elk district deputy, accuses Frazier of mishandling more than $10,000 in funds belonging to the lodge.

Both men promise criminal prosecution.

Auditors Are Employed

According to Mr. Dorsey, auditors are presently going over books of the Monumental Lodge, formerly kept by Frazier to determine the exact amount of missing money involved.

Mr. Frazier declares he is going to prefer criminal charges

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Editor Spends Hour Caged With Insane

Ex-War Correspondent Compares Sensations Of Battlefronts To Crownsville Building "C"

By VINCENT TUBBS
AFRO Assistant Managing Editor

Escape Route

Dangling rope made of plaited sheets is mute evidence of method used by four convicts to escape from Crownsville state hospital, near Baltimore Saturday.

I walked up to the third floor, remembering the clank of the iron doors as the gatekeeper of Building "C" had closed and locked them.

In the hallways of the lower floors, half-dressed men stood in knots of a dozen or more, silent and expressionless.

Blue-coated policemen and brown-suited State patrolmen were everywhere, their espantoons readily at hand and their gun straps loosed.

Nobody Stopped Me

I turned a corner and walked along a cordon of officers and doctors and attendants in hospital white. Nobody stopped me. I kept walking.

Ahead of me there was a low rumble of voices, and I knew there was a big room somewhere up there.

Three big policemen stood in the door. I couldn't see beyond it. When I pushed against them, they let me pass—and there I was.

A stark naked man, one of nearly 50 lined around the walls, bounded from 15 feet a way and rushed up to me with a snarl and a curse on his lips. His eyes were glassy and bloodshot.

Lynchings, War, Remembered

Now, I cut my eye teeth as a reporter on a lynching where the sweet sickening smell of burning flesh still filled the air as I watched little children howl for the victim's toes for souvenirs.

I could have reached out and touched some of them, and I was scared.

My wisdom teeth were cut inside one of Gen. Patton's tanks barreling through Europe at the height of World War II, and on the bloody beaches of the South Pacific.

Fear came often during the street fighting, the captures, the invasion of concentration camps, the last ditch, suicide attacks of Japanese fanatics.

But this was different.

In the Middle of It

First of all, I never expected to get this close to all the trouble.

And here I was right in the middle of it. Close enough, as a matter of fact, to be a part of it if the slightest new spark touched off the tinder box.

The man was standing in front of me, and a dozen more, who had been milling about aimlessly, were crowding around.

"We'll kill 'em," the man was saying.

I gulped.

Youngster Speaks

"They beat us with broom sticks or anything they can get their hands on," a youngster in his early twenties chimed in.

"I'm glad the police are here. Now they'll leave us alone," another voice added.

"I was tried for first degree murder," the young one was saying. I gulped. "But I was acquitted and they sent me here. I want my freedom, just like anybody else."

Bare Feet; Cold Cement

Arms were flailing about. One man was stamping his bare foot

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Delay Sought In Terry Trial

Ask Postponement Until Furor Dies

A law motion was filed in Criminal Court today (Tuesday) asking that the trial of 17-year-old Robert Lee Terry be delayed until the "public hue and cry for vengeance has "abated."

Accused of the knife slaying of Miss Leonore Naylor, a white Enoch Pratt librarian on Jan. 21, Terry is scheduled to stand trial in Youth Court on Feb. 18.

The law motion for a stay of proceedings was filed by Terry's attorney, W. A. C. Hughes Jr.

Public Inflamed

The motion stated that "Publications in the press have so inflamed public opinion against the defendant that it would be a physical and psychological impossiblity for him to secure a fair and impartial trial anywhere

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Teacher Asks 3rd Divorce

Two Other Couples Melt Marital Ties

Mrs. Mae Wright Allen, 2507 Harlem ave., Douglass High school teacher and daughter of Mrs. Annie Wright and the late Dr. William Wright, filed a petition for divorce from Ralph Allen, in Circuit Court, here, this week.

Mrs. Allen says that the marriage to Mr. Allen lasted less than seven months, he having left their home on July 5, 1951

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Bishop M. H. Davis, AME Prelate, Dies

Funeral Wednesday At Bethel; Served As Bishop Since 1928

A patient at Johns Hopkins hospital for seven weeks, Bishop Monroe H. Davis of the AME Church died in his sleep early Saturday morning, Feb. 7.

Relatives are not certain of his age, but February is his birth month.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Bethel AME church with burial to follow in Mt. Zion cemetery.

On Leave Of Absence

The bishop had been living in Baltimore since May, 1952 when the General Conference, meeting in Chicago, granted him a

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BISHOP M. H. DAVIS

Marshall Dinner Tickets Available

Tickets for the testimonial dinner honoring Thurgood Marshall, attorney, here Sunday are still available, despite requests for reservations arriving almost daily from Washington and Philadelphia, as well as from colored and white citizens locally, according to Linwood G. Koger, chairman of the dinner's arrangements committee.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Monumental City Bar Association, and will be held at 6 p.m. in the Morgan college refectory, Hillen Road and Cold Spring Lane.

Mr. Koger said that requests for reservations have been received from such men as Judge Armond Scott and Attorneys

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Canadian Pastor Gets Call To Head Church, Members All White

BURKE FALLS, Ontario—Democracy took another step forward here last week when the Rev. Wilfred Sheffield accepted a call to a local Baptist church with an all-white congregation.

The 29-year-old minister recently spent two weeks at Burk Falls on an evangelical campaign and at its conclusion the congregation requested his appointment.

Rev. Sheffield is a graduate of Queen's University at Kingston, Ont. and McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont.

Clergy Prays To End Bias

Render Day Of Prayer, Sunday

Meditation periods, special prayers and special sermons were rendered Sunday throughout the churches in Baltimore in observance of Day of Prayer.

The AFRO had requested that churchgoers and citizens throughout the country, set aside Feb. 8 as the day to pray for U.S. Supreme Court judges in their decision to wipe out segregation in elementary and secondary schools.

Here is how some of the ministers observed the day at their churches:

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FRAULEINS THANK AFRO:

Two More War Babies En Route To Richmond

MANNHEIM, Germany — Two more brown German babies, Elise and William, left Rhine-Mein airport here Monday by Scandinavian Air Lines for America.

The youngsters will find a new home as a result of work by AFRO writer, Mabel Alston Grammer of Mannheim-Freudenheim.

Their new home will be in Richmond, Va., where they will be legally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans. Mrs. Evans is a school teacher. They are due to arrive at International Airport, NYC on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Last month, the first brown babies arrived in Washington to live with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caldwell. Their journey was also arranged by Mrs. Grammer.

The new arrivals are the children of Frauliens Anneliese Reubekel and Ruth Eva Biehler, all of the Mannheim area.

"Thanks to the AFRO for helping to give our children a new life in America. We are deeply grieved to know that they will soon leave us but we are happy to know that they will have many things that we cannot afford to give them," the youthful mothers said.

Anneliese, a rather healthy golden blonde said "I wanted to get married to my daughter's father, and even after I learned of his marriage I wanted him to have his child but he never answered my letters begging him to send for her.

"Even though I have had a very hard time I never would consider putting my little girl in a kinderheim (orphans home). I have tried to give her the love and protection a child of her age should have. I have a son 7 years old by a German man and the burden of trying to educate, feed and clothe two growing children on my meager income just cannot be done.

"I am happy to know that Elise is going to wonderful people in America, and know in time they will love her dearly. I don't want to leave Germany as I hope to marry a German man in the near future. I can only again say thank you AFRO and I shall pray that your progress as a great newspaper will continue."

Ruth is a very buxom and charming person. She said:

"I hope that the new mother will understand that my son's

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542 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.

Inside Your Afro

- BAHAI FAITH—The story of a religion just 100 years old that was founded on the oneness of man.—Magazine.
- SEE HOW THEY RUN—Hollywood report on a new motion picture about the true experiences of a Southern schoolmarm.—Magazine.
- VALLEY OF THE SHADOW—A new James H. Hill serial about a German war-bride, her colored husband and a colossal double-cross.—Magazine.
- WHY PEOPLE TAKE DOPE—Revealing document on the reasons for addiction to narcotics.—Magazine.
- EX-COACH Jackson declares Howard U used him for a scapegoat by discharging him to "cover up malpractices of years."—Sports Page.

SPONSORED BY THE AFRO:

Day Of Prayer Attracts 1,800 On Capitol Steps

By AL SWEENEY
WASHINGTON

About 1,800 persons jammed the House of Representative's steps of the Captol building Sunday afternoon to participate in a National Day of Prayer ceremony initiated by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers for the U.S Supreme Court.

Eleven ministers and four leading citizens were on a 40-minute program that consisted of a two - minute prayer from clergymen and a one - minute prayer from the laymen.

John B. Duncan, recorder of deeds, acted as moderator at the meeting that was held under blue skies and a 50-degree temperature.

For Divine Guidance

The mass prayer exercise was aimed at Divine guidance for members of the Supreme Court bench as they deliberate on several cases which will have a marked effect on the nation's racial relations.

The participating ministers included:

Dr. Daniel C. Hill, dean of the chapel, Howard University; Bishop H. T. Medford, AMEZ Church; the Revs. Dillard H. Brown, rector, St. Luke's P.E. Church; J. F. Whitfield, pastor, 12th St. Christian church; L. Q. Brown, district superintendent, CME Church; Everett A. Hewlett, Sargeant Memorial; R. L. Carmel Baptist.

W. C. Coles, St. Phillip's Baptist; George O. Bullock, Third St. Baptist; Kenneth P. Barnes, Jones Memorial and Elder Smallwood E. Williams, Bible Way church.

Dr. Henderson Present

The participating laymen were:

Dr. E. B. Henderson, Washington Fellowship; Dr. E. C. Mezique, president, Medico-Chirurgical Society; Joel D. Blackwell, president, Washington Bar Association, and George Fleming, territorial supervisor, Progressive Life Ins. Co.

The Euphonic Chorale, directed by Henry Shepard, provided the musical background.

The Capital Cab Association and the Associated Cabs transported the worshippers to the Capitol without charge.

Methodist Church Sells D.C. Apartment Building To Medfords

WASHINGTON

The swank 40-family Roydon Apartment building, 1619 R st., nw, grossing approximately $28,000 a year, has become one of the Bishop H. T. Medford family properties in a deal consummated Feb. 2, the reported price being $200,000.