# Kier's Lawyers Plead For Him Before High Court

## Contend confession was error

ANNAPOLIS—"Without that confession he could not have been convicted. We feel that the admissibility of the third statement was reversible and in error.

"We contend that the doctor was a part of a scheme to get this statement."

**As Carl Daniel Kier, 21, sat in death row Thursday, his attorneys, David N. Bates and William H. Murphy, were asking the Maryland Court of Appeals here to reverse his conviction for murder.**

Hearing arguments on the appeal by defense counsel and Alexander Harvey 2nd, Assistant Attorney General, were Judges Stedman Prescott, William Henderson, Stephen Collins, Paul Hammond and Floyd Einer.

Chief Judge Frederick W. Brune was not present at the proceeding.

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The **DEFENSE** contended that two Baltimore County judges erred in (1) allowing the State to introduce into evidence portions of a statement taken from Kier, and (2) in admitting a confession before the State proved it was made free and voluntarily.

Mr. Harvey argued that no errors were made by the Baltimore County Court on the points raised by defense counsel.

**Kier was arrested on June 13, 1956, at 2929 Westwood Ave., in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Myrtle Agnes Bopst, prominent Charles St. Avenue matron.**

The victim was discovered a day earlier murdered in her home, 6523 Charles St. Ave., Baltimore County.

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**ON THE** morning of his apprehension Kier gave a statement to police denying he murdered Mrs. Bopst. He admitted, however, being at the house before the body was discovered and taking the keys to a station wagon, which he drove off.

Subsequently, he gave a second statement in the presence of Sgts. Ross Gagliano and Hugh McCusker and Dr. Charles P. O'Donnell, who examined the suspect at the request of Baltimore County police.

In this statement the accused allegedly admitted the brutal murder, and the state introduced it at the trial last September as Kier's confession.

A third statement was taken from Kier on June 3.

Portions of the final statement were allowed to be introduced, according to defense counsel.

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**IN ARGUING** against the admissibility of the confession, Mr. Bates pointed out that Sgt. Gagliano told Kier before he agreed to give a second statement that "it would be better to tell the truth."

The lawyer also contended that Dr. O'Donnell's presence with a scalpel during the interrogation was "a threat" to his client.

**Mr. Bates said Dr. ODonnell recalled at the trial that he told Kier, "I dont know whether you did it or not, but just say something so we can get out of here.**

"He had been threatened, he had been exaulted and he had been induced by the doctor's scalpel and by the doctor's words," argued Mr. Bates.

**AT ONE** point Mr. Bates was asked by Judge Hammon if it was the defense contention that the only thing that convicted Kier was the second statement or confession. The defense lawyer answered in the affirmative.

To this reply Judge Henderson said there was "pretty strong circumstantial evidence to connect Kier with the slaying.

**"Certainly the man who committed that crime would have been covered with blood, replied Mr. Bates. "It was a bloody, gory scene.**

Following his arrest Kier gave clothes to officers clothing he said he was wearing on the day of the murder. Small particles of blood were found on them.

Kier explained in a statement that when he entered the Bopst house he picked up a sword that was blood stained.

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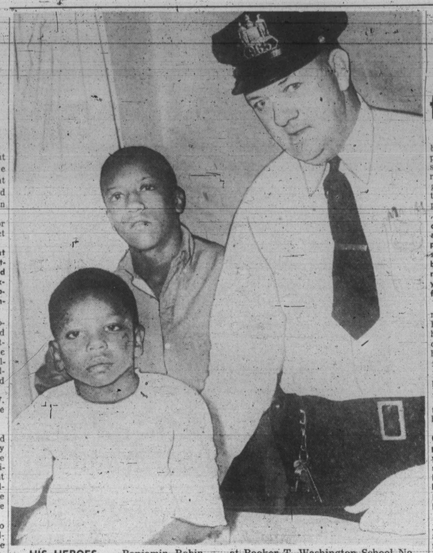
**ANOTHER POINT** argued by Mr. Bates was that "there is more evidence to prove his first statement than to prove the confession.

Mr. Murphy told the court there was "a serious conflict in the testimony of Dr. ODonnell and Sergeant Gagliano as to whether the physician examined certain portions of Kiers body.

**"If there were not other points, this point is sufficient enough to show a reasonable error, said Mr. Murphy, in asking a reversal.**

Kier was convicted on Sept. 18 by Judges Michael Paul Smith and Lester L. Barrett. He was sentenced to the gas chamber on Dec. 20, after a new trial motion was denied.



**HIS HEROES** — Benjamin Robinson, 5, 1624 Latrobe St., sits up briefly from his hospital bed in the children's ward of Maryland General Hospital. He is deeply grateful to 14-year-old Alvin Covington, a 9B pupil at Booker T. Washington School No. 130 and Officer Conrad W. Justed, Jr., of Northern District, whose combined rescue efforts helped save the child from drowning Monday afternoon in Jones Falls.

STORY OF A HERO

## Five-year-old boy snatched from the brink of drowning

"They actually pulled this boy out of the water at the point where he was about to be sucked in. When the police arrived, the 14-year-old boy was giving him artificial respiration. It was a splendid example of team work."

**Mrs. Lena K. Lee, principal of Elementary School No. 136, at Howard and 24th Sts., was proudly telling of the after-school heroic rescue three brothers made Monday afternoon, when they saved five-year-old Benjamin Robinson from drowning.**

Seconds more and the swift moving, angry waters of Jones Falls would have claimed the boy. When rescued, he was unconscious and actually caught by a large rock, only a few feet from a long tunnel, through which the wildly prancing waters race under the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks.

Had the youngster reached the tunnel, rescue would have been almost impossible.

**The rescuers are Charles Covington, 11, a fifth grade pupil at School No. 136, his 12-year-old brother, Carlton, a sixth grade pupil also at School No. 136, and their 14-year-old brother, Alvin, a 9B pupil at Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130.**

Alvin, ignoring his 5-3 statue, jumped in the swift stream and snatched up little Benjamin before the current swept him away and described the whole affair this way:

"My brothers and I were on a swing in the woods. We got off and were going down Falls Rd., when a girl called us. She said a boy fell in the creek. I tried to swim across, but went further down."

The boys later said that the rescued boy told them the girl, who is 9, had thrown one of his shoes into the stream and told him to go and get it.

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**"WE DIDN'T** believe her at first. She didn't act excited. Then we walked further down and saw a blue suit coat lying on the bank," Alvin continued.

"We started walking further down. I didn't see him; I thought it was a rock. My brother (Charles) saw him. He turned around, pointed and said 'There he is.'

**"When I saw him, I started running toward the bank. The bank had a steep hill."**

Alvin pointed out that he raced along the bank until he came to a part of the water that permitted him to enter. He then rolled up his trousers, keeping his shoes on and strode out into the rapidly moving current.

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**"MOST OF** the time, I was standing on the rocks," he said, and then referring to the moment he actually reached the unconscious child, who had been carried 150 yards by the current, he said:

"He wasn't moving. His whole face was in the water. He tried to move his face—but it wouldn't come up. The current was strong; it nearly knocked me over."

**"I grabbed him by the shoulder, lifted him up and carried him to shore. He was heavy; he wasn't moving. When I got half-way to shore, I slipped and fell down. My brother tried to catch him. He was close to the edge of the water."**

Alvin, surprisingly calm about the rescue, continued: "When I first stepped out of the water, I put him on the ground on his face."

He then applied artificial respiration to the child. "My brother held his head up, while the water was coming out of his mouth."

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**IN THE** meantime, the other brother, Carlton, ran and found a policeman. Patrolman Conrad W. Husted of Northern District, raced with Charles to the bank, where, Alvin was still applying artificial respiration to the little, nearly drowned, Benjamin.

**Patrolman Husted grabbed a large tin can, nearby, placed the child across it, and rolled the boy to get the water out of him and to revive him.**

As soon as the boy regained consciousness, Patrolman Husted summoned an ambulance, which raced little Benjamin to Maryland General Hospital, where he was treated for body wounds, and the after effects of near drowning.

Hospital officials later said that the child had swallowed considerable foreign material while in the water, but that he is now getting along fine.

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**THE OLDEST** of the school boy heroes, Alvin said that he learned about artificial respiration in a Boy Scout book, he once read.

He said that the three brothers had gone to the Jones Falls area to swing on a long rope tied to a tree.

Alvin said that their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sneed, "were mad at us for being by the water." He said, also that this was the first time he had gone there since last summer.

Awakened from a deep slum, her, Wednesday afternoon in the children's ward at Maryland General, Benjamin, the rescued boy, was asked how he felt.

**"All right," was his only comment.**

"I've got to get something for that boy," Mrs. Jennie Robinson, 1624 Latrobe St., Benjamin's mother, smiled Wednesday afternoon, referring to Alvin Covington, who saved her little boy's life.

On Tuesday, Carlton's sixth grade class, Miss Patsy Holloway, teacher, went to Falls Rd. and Maryland Ave., the scene of the rescue. Next Tuesday, May, at 2 p.m., all three Covington boys will be honored at School No. 136.

## No jim crow visits at city jail

The new, integrated program for visitors to the City Jail has been in operation for over a month now. The system actually became effective soon after the old signs, announcing separate visiting hours for white and colored visitors had been removed.

**Under the present plan, visitors to prisoners awaiting trial are limited to $5 per day and are admitted on a first come, first admitted basis, according to Warden Charles D. Price.**

New permits issued to sentence prisoners no longer carry racial designations.

All of these changes came after the City Jail Board voted to have the jim crow signs removed and instructed Warden Price to change the system for receiving visitors to inmates.

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**MEMBERS OF** the Board are: R. Bruce Lvie, president, Mt. Royal Motor Sales Buick Co., chairman; David T. Mason, attorney; Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the Department of Welfare; Samuel T. Abrams, vice president, Abrams and Sons' Clothiers, and Dr. Damain P. Alagia, Catonsville physician.

Also, Foster G. Fanseen, attorney and Lewis Rabal, retired baker.

## Son-in-law charged in slaying of 'Mr. Tom'

Wearing a pair of faded green overalls, Levin Worthington Chase, 30, whose address was listed in the 2400 block of Maisel Ct., appeared in Central Police Court on Tuesday and was formally charged with homicide in the death of his father-in-law, Thomas "Mr. Tom" Dixon, 85, of 1309 Upton St.

**The body of Mr. Dixon was found in his second floor bedroom by Northwestern District police more than 17 hours after he had been beaten to death with a heavy instrument.**

Some time later police picked up Mr. Chase and he was ordered held without bail for a further hearing to be set by the state's attorney.

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**MR. DIXON** was well known in the area as "Mr. Tom" and was a familiar figure with his slow moving, limping figure.

When he was found, Mr. Dixon was lying face up in a pool of dried blood with his left arm pinned behind his back. He was dressed in a suit of long under wear.

**Time of death was established from the report of a neighbor who said she heard him pleading for his life around 3:30 a.m. Friday, but did not bother to investigate because she was "afraid."**

The last words that the neighbor reported hearing from Mr. Dixon were:

"Don't hit me anymore, because I don't have any money.

"I'm an old man."

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**MR. CHASE**, the son-in-law, was arrested the following day by Sgts. Earl Dyson, Officers Harry Clages, and Leroy Moody, Dt. Sgt. A. Glover and Detective William Rawlings.

**The investigation was conducted by Lt. Thomas Crimmens.**

It was reported that Mr Dixon's wife died several years ago and his daughter, Mrs. Elva Chase, the wife of the principal suspect in the case, had later moved away from the home.

No one came to visit him, it was reported, and he didn't make social calls in the neighborhood either.

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**Police killings in Balto. area in 9 months**

**APRIL 19, 1956** — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

**JUNE 25, 1956**—Harry Boyd Jr., 21, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

**JULY 7, 1956**—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

**AUGUST 15, 1956** — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing by Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1956**—Donald Jackson, 29, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in back by detective Chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden, said he shot the man "in defense of my life." He lives in the block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

**OCTOBER 15, 1956** — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed 180# Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he (Willie) know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the homicide charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

**NOVEMBER 7, 1956**—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, while city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Rosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

**NOVEMBER 24, 1956** — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman, while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeMaine was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Preston Hewell. On Monday Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeMaine. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

**JANUARY 21, 1957** — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1809 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

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## Vote drive interest runs high

With over 1,000 new voters on the books, enthusiastic Register and Vote precinct workers met Tuesday night with their ministers at the Sharp St. Memorial Church Community House to report their progress and receive further instructions.

**Pep talks were made by the Rev. E. D. Meade of Israel Baptist Church, Herman A. Baron of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, Edward G. Carroll of Sharp St., Oliver P. Page of Gethsemane Baptist and Marcus G. Wood of Providence Baptist Church.**

The drive is aimed at securing 100,000 registered voters in the city.

Mrs. Ruby Davis, chairman of the Register and Vote Committee of the First Apostolic Faith Church, Elder Winfield A. Showell, pastor, and her co-worker, Mrs. Catherine Walden, reported taking 14 new voters to register at the Supervisor of Elections Office last last Monday.

Among the new voters was a white neighbor of Mrs. Davis who has been in Baltimore for the past two years but who had never registered.

**A HUSBAND** and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Folkes, represented Sharon Baptist Church, the Rev. J. A. Moore, pastor, Mr. Folkes, who is employed at Bethlehem Steel Company, has volunteered to cover the precinct in which his home is located as well as help in church.

He also reported a warm reception from his interviews with his white neighbors.

**Mrs. Virginia Keasley, veteran NAACP worker, reported that of the 79 persons she had interviewed in the second precinct of the eighteenth ward, 33 had never registered.**

Clinton Agnew, appointed by the New Ashburton Neighborhood Improvement Association, said that his organization had consolidated its forces with the Mt. Aaral Baptist Church, the Rev. Samuel Redd, pastor, and had begun their door to door canvass in the tenth precinct of the 15th ward.

Mrs. Maidie Mitchell heads a group of women in the 14th ward who are responsible for a door to door canvass of seven precincts.

**THE BALTIMORE** Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women has appointed a committee headed by Mrs. China Dean which is canvassing the 31st precinct of the 15th ward.

**The Rev. John L. Tilley, chairman of the campaign, reported that the Faith Baptist Church, the Rev. Walter Page, pastor, has sent 32 new voters in to date.**

The NAACP receptionists, Mrs. Ethel Clark and Mrs. Everyn Allen, are at the Supervisor of Elections Office each day to welcome the new voters.

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**THE VOTE** Registration Committee from the Rev. Tilley's own church, the New Metropolitan Baptist Church, was out in full headed by Mrs. Gladys Taylor and her husband, George Taylor.

**Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, director of the campaign, announced that special buses have been secured to give free transportation fo Washington for all Register and Vote workers and their pastors on May 17 for the Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington for the Freedom Mass Meeting at the Lincoln Memorial.**

Mrs. Mitchell urged all workers to attend the next meeting in this church.

## Dr. Connor left estate of $5,000

Mrs. Mattie L. Connor has been appointed by Orphans Court to administer the estate of her husband, Dr. Miles W. Connor.

**The widow, who posted bond of $1000, filed papers stating that the estate was worth approximately $5,000.**

Dr. Connor, who died March 17, was the retired president of Coppin State Teachers' College.

Other than Mrs. Connor, a daughter, Miss Bertha M. Marlin, is listed as heir.

## New jurors on duty in city courts

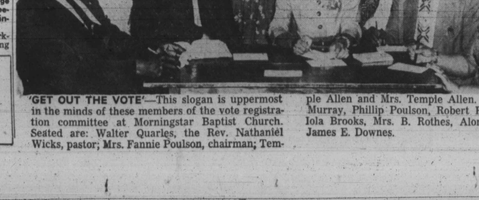
Members of the new petit jury for the Baltimore Courts began serving a three-week term Tuesday.

Among the new jurors are:

Mrs. Constance G. Vaiden, housewife, 2313 Arunah Ave.; William G. Keys, food firm helper, 2327 W. Mosher St.; Mrs. Carrie Curry, housewife, 1802 Mosher St.

**Miss Reba H. Smith, Druid Hill branch YMCA clerk, 1814 McCulloh St.; Mrs. Lettie H. Savage, operator, 2003 Clifton Ave.; Alfred M. Carter, laborer, 2333 Lauretta Ave.**

Mrs. Adelaide Jackson, clerk, 2631 Round Rd.; Mrs. Ethel G. Harvey, waitress, 1008 N. Monroe St., and Mrs. Laura D. Johnson, cleaning firm operator, 1102 N. Monroe.



**'GET OUT THE VOTE'**—This slogan is uppermost in the minds of these members of the vote registration committee at Morningstar Baptist Church. Seated are: Walter Quarles, the Rev. Nathaniel Wicks, pastor; Mrs. Fannie Poulson, chairman; Temple Allen and Mrs. Temple Allen. Standing: John Murray, Phillip Poulson, Robert Brooks Jr., Mrs. Iola Brooks, Mrs. B. Rothes, Alonzo Rothes and James E. Downes.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WEATHER
Friday, partly cloudy and continued quite warm and humid. High about 87 degrees. Saturday, also, cloudy and not much change in temperature. High about 85. Sunday, still quite warm and cleaning.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Our Father, God, in these crucial days whose decisions mean so much to the present and future of all mankind, give us, Thy servants, the ability to think keen and clear, the forthrightness to speak frank and open that we may act courageous and decisive. Amen.

# 'Romeo Cop' Dismissed From Force

(See story in Column 1)

# 4 Hide Behind 5th

**TOO YOUNG** to know much about Mother's Day, 2½-year-old Neuman Conolly loves mother just the same. His adoring mother is Mrs. Macie Conolly, 714 Eye St., Sparrows Point. Father and husband is Lambert Conolly who is employed at Bethlehem Steel as a cable splicer. Don't forget, Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day.

## Catonsville man is star witness at Red probe

"I think you have done a grand job for your government. You are a fine American citizen."

**Representative Willis, a Democrat from Louisiana, had these words of gratitude for a 56-year-old Catonsville man who testified before the House Un-American Activities subcommittee here Thursday as an undercover agent for the FBI.**

Charles Craig, 200 block Melvin Ave., Catonsville, named 36 persons known to him as Communists in the Baltimore area.

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**MR. CRAIG**, a soft-spoken, slender man, said he joined the Communist Party in 1943 at the request of the FBI and remained a member until 1951, when he testified in the Smith Act case in Washington.

"I thought I was doing a loyal job for my country in reporting activities of the Communist Party," declared Mr. Craig, who said he was never in sympathy with the Communist cause.

The undercover agent, the only friendly witness among five colored men called to testify, told the committee:

"I don't see where the colored member has gained anything by being in it (the Communist party). We're still losing jobs at this late date."

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**THE OTHER** four hid behind the Fifth Amendment and repeatedly said, "I refuse to answer . . . I refuse to answer . . . I refuse to answer," to questions concerning Communist activities.

The surprise witness, a onetime AFRO stereotyper, said it was his opinion that the Communists were not sincerely interested in the colored American's fight for justice.

Twenty-five witnesses, all but three hostile, testified during the three-day hearing which concluded Thursday afternoon.

One of the colored witnesses was described as a leader of the Communist party in District Four, embracing the Baltimore - Washington area.

He was William S. Johnson,

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### Here is text of 5th Amendment

The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads as follows:

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

CHARLES CRAIG
*Catonsville man revealed as FBI agent at Red Probe*

## 5,000 from Baltimore to march

"We have set a quota of 5,000 from Baltimore, and we hope 5,000 will be with us . . ."

The Rev. Thomas Kilgore, of New York national direction

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of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, was speaking on Wednesday.

**He was in the city to confer with local NAACP and ministers who will participate in the pilgrimage to the nation's capital on Friday, May 17 at the Lincoln Memorial.**

At a luncheon on Tuesday at Union Temple Baptist Church, approximately 125 NAACP workers, ministers, representative of the Friends Service Commission and businessmen were in attendance.

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**SPEAKERS AT** the luncheon were: the Rev. David E. Lorenzo, assistant director of New York; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP; Mrs. Joan Wertheimer, representing the Committee on Racial Equality; pastor of Providence Baptist Church; and Troy Brailey, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The Rev. Luke G. Reynolds, chairman of the Baltimore committee, presided. The Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin is co-chairman.

**They made plans for a pre-pilgrimage mass meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 8 p.m., at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave., and Schroeder St.**

At that time, instructions will be given local residents on where to assemble and what they should do upon reaching Washington.

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**ALSO, THE 250** persons from Baltimore, who will serve as ushers, will be given their instructions.

Persons interested in serving as ushers are urged to attend this meeting, as well as others who plan to join the pilgrimage.

**Bus service from Baltimore to Washington the day of the pilgrimage will be provided at the nominal cost of $1.25 per person.**

Headquarters of the Baltimore pilgrimage group is the Gillis Memorial Congmunity Church, Calhoun and Mulberry Sts.

Buses will leave the church headquarters on Friday morning at 8:00.

## Mrs. Moss won't forget McCarthy

WASHINGTON — A victim of McCarthyism, Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, charged Monday, "That a false public accusation is something you never get over."

Her statement was made in reply to a question at the Department of Defense where she is employed in the Office of Accounting.

It was a few minutes before Sen. Joseph McCarthy died in ignominious infamy. Mrs. Moss's life in 1955 was accorded a state funeral in the Senate Chamber at 11 a.m.

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**THE UNSUBSTANTIATED** communist tag hurled by McCarthy against Mrs. Moss and other victims eventually spelled the political downfall of the Senator who was later censured by his colleagues.

Mrs. Moss was suspended from a $3,955 yearly post as a clerk in the War Department on Aug. 4, 1955 after she was accused by the McCarthy subcommittee of being a member of the Communist Party.

In restoring her to duty after hearings before the subcommittee, Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson stated:

"In our opinion, the record does not support a conclusion that she is actually subversive or disloyal to the U.S."

Mrs. Moss, following reinstatement to her job in 1955, told reporters she "held no bitterness toward anyone."

**"McCARTHY** killed himself. He was upset and confused. If a person is confused, he is spitting up venom—it will kill him.

This statement was made Monday before the Methodist Ministers Union by the Rev. Samuel L. Carter, director of research and special consultant for the Baltimore area, board of Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Carter was guest speaker. He was among other ministers who commented on the life of the late Wisconsin senator.

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**THE REV. D. M. PLEASANT,** minister of Simpson Methodist Church, said:

"Some members of our group have suffered greatly and unfairly because of persecution by the late Senator McCarthy.

**"It shows that none of us is safe during a witch hunt such as was carried on by McCarthy. As ministers, we should do all we can to prevent a recurrence of this kind of thing."**

The Rev. S. H. Guliet, pastor of Turner Memorial Methodist Church, observed: "McCarthy is dead; let him rest in peace."

In a syndicated column following McCarthy's death, Drew Pearson wrote of McCarthy's last days:

"Perhaps he was haunted by the Annie Lee Mosses . . .

"Perhaps he saw them as he lay on his hospital bed crying out in the night.

"They would have been justified if they had come to haunt him . . ."

MRS. ANNIE LEE MOSS
*('Can never forget')*

## Romeo cop' fired from police force

"We could never use him again as a witness. As badly as we need policeman I am left no recourse but to find him guilty and to dismiss him from the force."

**With these words at a special hearing Thursday in his private office, Police Commissioner James M. Bishop dismissed Richard T. Shields from the force on two charges of conduct unbecoming an officer.**

Testimony disclosed that about 2:30 a.m., May 2, Officer Shields was attracted to a commotion in a car parked in the vicinity of the Gilmor Housing Project.

The car was occupied by a pretty 22-year old mother of two children who lives in the 1400 block Mountmor Ct. With her was her escort, William G. Richardson, 49, 1700 block W. Mosher St., a deaf mute.

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**ACCORDING TO** police, officer Shields instructed the matron to get out of the car telling her he would walk her home. He reportedly directed her to a car parked on his post. The car belonged to Officer Warren H. Glass, who has since resigned from the force.

**The matron said Officer Shields told her to get into the car and she got in. Mr. Richardson, through an interpreter, stated that he went to Northwestern Police Station where he filed a complaint.**

Acting on this complaint, Sgt. Earl Dyson and Earl Dyson went to the 1500 block Bruce St. where on the rear of the car—the matron was found with her undergarments missing and her clothing in disarray.

It was reported that she had been fully clothed when she left Mr. Richardson.

She was stretched out and apparently sleeping. Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte testified that an examination the next morning disclosed that she had been violated.

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**THE MATRON** testified that she had been drinking and after entering the car she did not remember what happened.

**Mr. Shields was represented by State Sen. Harry A. Cole. Shields denied being intimate with the matron and said he placed her in the car because she was afraid to go home.**

The commissioner said in dismissing Shields:

"You have been represented by one of the ablest lawyers in the country. If ever I am

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## Girl, 17, held in police custody for 30 hours

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## 'Mad bomber' is committed

Pleading not guilty by reason of insanity, William Oliver Ross, 33, 602 W. Lanvale St., was ordered committed to Crownsville State Hospital this morning (Friday) in Criminal Court.

**Ross had been charged with arson in connection with the bombing of the Druid Hill Ave. post office on April 22.**

Officers investigating the case had applied the label "Mad Bomber" to the person responsible for tossing a bottle of inflammable fluid into the post office and starting the fire.

The quiet-spoken Mr. Ross was quoted as telling police that he had a grudge against the Veterans Administration because of pension difficulties.

"She is just a kid . . . only 17 years old . and she had been in police custody without seeing anyone for 30 hours."

**This revelation of police tactics in the handling of a minor, not charged with any crime, was given the AFRO on Thursday by the teenage girl's attorney.**

The girl is Miss Catherine Bell of the 2400 block W. North Ave. She is presently under $500 bail as a State's witness, in an investigation said to concern two armed holdups.

She was arrested at her home at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

The attorney, R. J. Callanan, was forced to effect her release through a writ of habeas corpus proceedings at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8.

Even then, a police officer handling the case asked for five minutes more with Miss Bell before her release.

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**HER PARENTS,** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bell, called Mr. Callanan in desperation, when police had kept the girl for some 12 hours without allowing them to see her. She is the

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## Gets 25 years

Convicted of kidnaping a Baltimore policeman, John R. Davis, 26, 1300 block E. Lombard St., was sentenced to 25 years in the Maryland Penitentiary, Thursday.

Sentenced with him were Morris Buckle, 43, and Curtis E. Midgett, 40, both of Camden, N.J., who received 35 years each.

## Our Juanita one of 6 top women in U.S.

BY LULA JONES GARRETT

NEW YORK — Calling attention to six women being nationally acclaimed here today, Miss Doris Fleeson, Washington correspondent, termed their achievements "the most hopeful sign in the world today."

**The women honored were Dr. Minnie G. Gaston of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Ruby Hurley of New York, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, Baltimore, Miss Leontyne Price, New York; Miss Hilda Simms, New York, and Mrs. Maida Springer, New York.**

Said Miss Fleeson:

"In the light of their accomplishment and their present status and distinction, let us not forget that it took more effort and more courage, and doubtless more ability for them to rise under the circumstances than it would have taken many of us.

"The problems of segregation and integration are a base moral problem. And it is here that women, white and colored, can exert an influence great enough, if we will exert it, to bring about the solution in a just, reasonable and humane fashion.

"We are all the children of God and we stand before Him as brothers. Can we do less

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## Sunday, May 12; is Mother's Day and these AFRO readers remember mother

The poet Coleridge put it this way: "A Mother is a Mother still, the holiest thing alive."

Since Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day, the AFRO inquiring reporter asked five readers two questions which brought out equally as poetic response.

The questions were:

1. What do you remember most about your mother?

2. What one thing do you thank her most for?

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**HERE ARE** the answers:

**Robert Diggs,** principal of Dunbar High School, whose mother, the late Mrs. Alberta Diggs Jones, was for 18 years a Douglass Evening High School teacher, said:

**"We fellows are rather hearted about mothers, and I remember her most for her care and concern for all the family getting a college and religious education.**

"But most of all, I remember that she exemplified those goals in the community and the church as well as the home.

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**"I REMEMBER** also the patience, the hopes and the tears which of necessity were a part of our relationship with her.

"We can not choose our mothers, but if I could choose, I would want the same mother. I remember her most for her unselfishness in getting us not only necessities but a few of the luxuries."

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**MRS. FLOZELLA CLARK,** case worker for the Family and Children's Society, whose mother, Mrs. Roberta Wiley died when Mrs. Clark was

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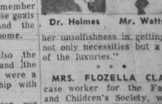

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