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# —Dope: Enemy

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A hidden sum beyond estimate is the toll of agony, fear and heartache experienced by both the children and adults close to them.

No one has as yet surveyed the number of parents who die of heart ailments brought on by the discovery their children are dope addicts. No one has as yet counted the adults who lose their minds, the parents who worry so they lose their jobs or homes and life's possessions.

But the greatest figure to be considered is the sum of untold millions the young dope addicts put in the hands of the sellers.

An idea can come from police files which reveal one pusher stood on a Northwest Baltimore corner last fall, just before school opened, and gave away $9,000 worth of pills and capsules of "good" narcotics to children.

His profit in dope was so high he could afford to bait the trap with nearly $10,000 in dope in one day.

This past week, a Federal Court indictment revealed that a suspended narcotics law violator had in his possession over $10,000 in phony bills he intended to buy dope with.

Another offender who was convicted last summer was known to specialize in dope for high school and college students.

Among his possessions was a "fabulous" home in North Carolina where he did a skyrocketing business in colleges there.

In addition to extensive property in other Southern states, he owns a residence in Baltimore County and in Baltimore City four luxury apartments and two fine houses.

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# —Boyfriend tells

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staggered and fell in the hallway."

That is where homicide detective Sgt. Shriner found the body when he reached the scene. The cousin and weapon are still being sought by police.

In 1969, Wade's mother, Mrs. Geraldine Ash, was awarded the AFRO Honor Roll plaque for her active community work and as recognition of her children's outstanding qualities.

At that time Wade was participating in the U.S. Coast Guard training program on the ship "Constellation."

The year before, he became one of the first 14-year-olds to successfully continue a Neighborhood Youth Corps job.

During the past two years, he was a familiar face in the Lafayette Recreation Center, where he was a volunteer recreation aide.

Wade, well-liked by school mates and neighbors, was well-known for smiling and for his views on inner city survival.

"Just last week, he discussed project living and how hard it has become to survive here," a member of his family told the AFRO Tuesday.

A good student and a 10th-grader at Lombard Junior High School, he had numerous certificates and awards honoring him in his school activities.

He especially enjoyed his business classes and excelled in typing.

Wade was a sports enthusiast and hoped to play on the football team.

He also liked music and entertaining. He often sang with a local teenage band.

"He was just saying last week that he was going to buy a set of drums Friday (today)," said Mrs. Mabel Boswell, a family friend.

But today, rather than buying drums, Wade was eulogized and buried.

A requiem mass was offered for Wade, today (Friday) at St. Paul and St. Francis Catholic Church where he was a lifelong member. He was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Other than his mother he is survived by his father, Boysie Ash; three sisters, Mrs. Sandria Gantt, and Misses Sheila and Mary Ash; four brothers, Boysie, Gary, Wilbert and Pvt. Gregory Ash.

He is also survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. Bessie Ash and Mrs. Lillian Johnson; grandfather, George Ash; five aunts, Mesdames Doris Walker, Norleen Edwards, Danette Johnson, Elsie Albritton and Joyce Pretee; three uncles, Willie Johnson, and Clyde and Ernest Jones; three close friends, Mesdames Mabel Boswell, Jacqueline Spencer and Grace Darby and eight nieces and nephews.

The William C. March Funeral Home was in charge.

# —Tunnel Joe

(FROM PAGE ONE)

made about 25 more cloth bags and went to work.

"By the 10th of January," he declared, "I had completed the 12 x 6 foot draining pit. The lower tunnel was still full of clear spring water — I estimated about 1,700 gallons of it.

"The first night, I dipped water from one o'clock to four-thirty in the morning, and still I had a lot of water left. I worked for three more nights straight, and finally got the water down to a low enough level so I could continue digging my way towards to the lawn — and to freedom.

"Every morning when I went down to the tunnel, I had to transfer from 75 to 125 gallons of water from the lower tunnel to the draining pit. The sand in the draining pit lapped the water up like a cat lapping milk."

After taking care of the water drainage, Joe Holmes began to dig again. In early February he began to build in his "steps to freedom."

Each one is described to have been about two and one half feet high leading straight up. There were eight of them.

On February 18, those steps carried him to the surface of the lawn outside the Penitentiary wall!

Then, as now Joe Holmes believed that if he had been able to find a job "I could have continued being free." But he couldn't get a job or a Social Security Card.

And despite his having traveled to six cities in five states he returned to Baltimore where he was recaptured less than three weeks after his incredible escape.

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History does not applaud this man whose ingenious escape would have been his route to freedom indefinitely had he not run into the great plight of poor blacks — dependence on the dominant society for work and livelihood.

Did he forget that those same forces had worked their magic on him 10 years before the escape and resulted in his having been sent to prison in the first place?

Was he not a convicted burglar serving 20 years and therefore aware already of how to be a loser?

Did this man, whose engineering genious had astounded the word, not have the forsight to see that a black man broke and alone coursing his way through the outside world, was in far more danger than he had ever been 20 feet below the surface of the earth?

Joe Holmes has given much thought to these questions and others like them since he was returned to the penitentiary, and in coming weeks the AFRO will publish the exclusive memoirs of Tunnel Joe Holmes.

# —Mrs. Santa

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Here is how you can help Mrs. Santa make others happy at Christmas:

Mail your check or money order to AFRO Charities Inc., TODAY. Your contribution will be acknowledged in Mrs. Santa's column here in the AFRO. All contributions are tax deductible.

Or, you may bring your contribution to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. If your contribution is $50 or more Mrs. Santa will take a photograph with you and publish it in the AFRO.

If you prefer, you may adopt a family which Mrs. Santa will list by numbers in her column. This means that you will be totally responsible for making Christmas for the family you choose. To obtain the name and address of the needy family you must call Mrs. Santa 728-8200.

Other ways you can help Mrs. Santa: Purchase tickets — $5 per — to the J-U-G-S Inc., dance on Nov. 20, at Blue Crest North. Proceeds from this Living Ads Ball will be shared by the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and Provident Hospital.

Also you can reserve tickets NOW with Mrs. Santa for the Les Ballets Africans on Nov. 24 at the Morris Mechaine Theatre. All proceeds from tickets Mrs. Santa sells for that evening will help her cheer deserving families.

There will be other events planned this year to help this annual charity program.

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# —Voting

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Stokes, Ohio.

In a major upset in California, new comer Wilson C. Riles, 53, became the first black superintendent of public instruction in the state's history, defeated "law and order" Max Rafferty, the incumbent.

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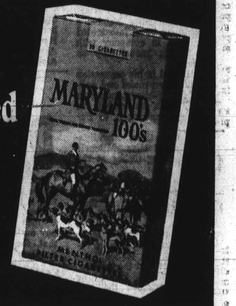

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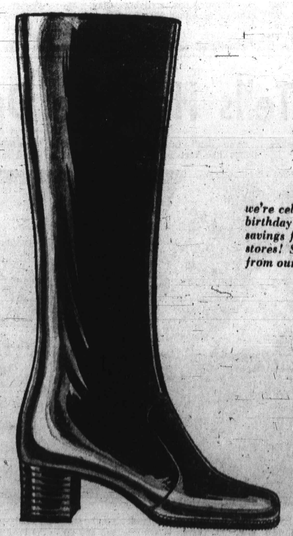

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# Congressman Mitchell says

"Although we have built but a preliminary alliance on the vote, several things are readily apparent.

"First, it is clear that in the 7th Congressional District black voters demonstrated their political sophisticated power by turning out in numbers despite the heavy rain.

"It appears that the black vote in the 7th Congressional District was almost twice as great in the general election as it was in the primary.

"Thus in typical precincts in the district, I ran ahead of Governor Mandel and Senator Tydings.

"This was a bloc vote, a technique used by all minorities in America in their attempts to control their own destinies.

"Second, the black voter in the 7th Congressional District demonstrated an awareness of those candidates who have served their best interest in the past. Thus it was that Mr. Allen and Senator Tydings received over-whelming endorsement.

"This means that the community has learned the old political axiom, 'reward your friends and punish your enemies.'

"Third perhaps the most exciting development in the entire campaign was the overwhelming enthusiastic support given by young black women and men.

"I interpret their support to mean that a mandate was given. The mandate is crystal clear. The mandate is to end the distortions in the system, eliminate the inequities in the system, and give us a voice in the political decision-making process.

"It is impossible for me to express my gratitude fully. I pledge the same kind of advocacy that has charcterized my past public service.

# Charles Tildon's statement

"Congratulations to all of our very fine black candidates, especially Congressman Mitchell and State's Attorney Allen.

As co-chairman of the campaign for Senator Joseph D. Tydings in Baltimore City, I take this opportunity to thank the loyal supporters who overwhelmingly demonstrated their belief in Joe Tydings and his record. It is clear to me that as the black community fought hard to support our black candidates and to insure their victories, they also recognized the need to support a man whose overall record indicated his support for the needs and desires of our people.

"W recognize this support even in face of the controversial issues surrounding the D. C. Crime Bill.

As I look at the unofficial returns, many black precincts voted at much as 10 to 1 in favor of Joe Tydings and this demonstrates the determination of black people to exercise their franchise in a manner that support those people who are sensitive to their needs and who are willing to fight for and vote for those causes which are just.

"I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the senator-elect, J. Glenn Beall, and I implore him to use his office to continue this support.

"I would like to thank the members of the many organizations across the city who responded to my call for an endorsement and who worked to insure this kind of vote. I would further like to thank the volunteers from these organizations, the individuals who volunteered and especially the members of those churches that we visited, for their time and contributions."

# City voters approve all but 2 questions

Baltimore voters proved to be very generous with the 15 local bond issues and city charter amendments on Tuesday's general election ballot, by approving all of them.

On state-wide questions however, citizens voted down a referendum on alling another constitutional convention, and another Gov. Marvin Mandel measure to establish a housing and community development agency.

The latter question was petitioned to referendum largely by residents of Baltimore County who circulated fears that the legislation would empower the state to come in and take propery and erect low-income housing.

This, the opponents charged, would bring overcrowding to Baltimore and other counties from Baltimore City. . . .

On the matter of the city bond issues, there had been little if any opposition.

They included such things as a $17 million school loan, $5.7 million loan for a second harbor campus for the Community College of Baltimore, a $1.8 million parks and recreation loan, and a $7.5 million water supply loan.

Two controversial issues involving the city's School Board were also given approval over stated opposition from several segments of public.

One of the two okayed would restrict the manner in which the School Board can spend money, and the other would take from the Board and give to the Board of Estimates authority for maintenance of school buildings.

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State-wide, the more controversial of the questions other than the two aforementioned on referendum were Questions No. 2 and No. 3, involving a Mandel court reform system with giving the governor the power to appoint judges virtually on a lifetime basis.

Opponents of these constitutional amendments argued that this was unfair to the public, in that it took away the elective process of judges, closing the door to many who might aspire to such posts.

Among the state questions further okayed by city voters included establishment of the office of lieutenant governor, extending the General Assembly sessions from 70 to 90 days;

Reapportionment of the Assembly, and to reduce the residency requirement for voting in Presidential elections from six months to a lesser time to be set by the Assembly.

# Walden, Mathias urge GOP support

Dr. Emerson C. Walden, chairmand of the Board, National Medical Association, praised the efforts of U.S. Senator Charles Mathias (R., Maryland) to get the Nixon Administration to make an "emergency" request of the Congress for $45 million to nation's "financially beleaguered medical schools."

In a letter to Senator Mathis, Dr. Walden cited the plight of the nation's two top black medical schools, Howard University Medical School Washington, D.C. and Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., as being in danger of closing because of a shortage of funds.

"Closure of these medical schools, the only schools in the country that are committed to the training of black physicians, would be a tragedy of the highest order, because of reduction in financial support from th government or underfunding by the Congress would mean the loss of about 1,000 new doctors a year at a time when the national shortage is at a critical level and is most critical among black physicians and dentists."

Recognizing the national plight of medical schools, Dr. Walden stated that the black medical schools which are "hurting worse and longest" should be the first to benefit from any additional appropriation of funds.

The NMA is a national group of some 6,000 black physicians. Maryland physicians number about 200 in

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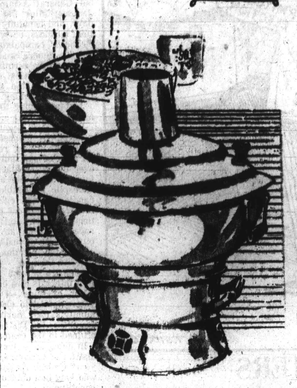

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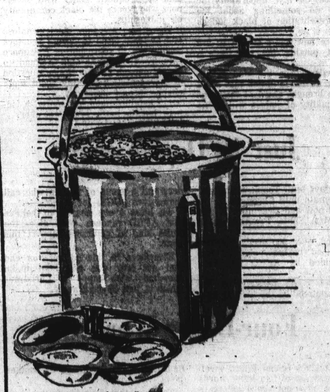

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