NABBED FOR NARCOTICS

Lightfoot carried $3800 when arrested

Bails totalling $3,000 were placed on 39-year-old Vernon Lightfoot in Municipal Court Wednesday by Judge Jerome Lewis after city police officers presented evidence which alleges that the defendant was observed while in the process of selling illegal drugs on Pennsylvania Ave. Tuesday night.

Mr. Lightfoot is charged with possessing a $5 bag" of substance which has not been chemically analyzed but which is "suspected heroin".

Officer Bernard Harper reported that he observed the defendant making several trips "back and forth to his car which was parked" in the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Ave. He described this activity as being "suspicious" and arranged for a police informant to "purchase some drugs with marked money."

Officers say they recovered $2,750 from Mr. Lightfoot's car and $900 from his pockets. Also in the car, police report they found an IBM electric typewritter, a check writter and a portable typewriter, along with some blank checks and six bogus Maryland driver's licenses.

In arguing for a low bail for his client, attorney Frank C. Sherrard told the court "the police have failed to prove, regardless of what was confiscated from the car, that there was actually any probable cause for making the arrest."

Judge Lewis refused to discuss the probable cause matter but did point out that "he's (Mr. Lightfoot) on bail now and there's no evidence that he has ever failed to appear in court when he was supposed to so I see no reason to put him on a high bail".

The State had asked the court, based on what it called the defendant's "extensive record, to place a "high bail on the defendant.

Earlier information had revealed that officers found identification on Mr. Lightfoot which described him as a member of Governor Mandel's Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

However, a spokesman from the Governor's office told the AFRO that Mr. Lightfoot had indeed, in the past, served the Commission as a consultant "on its drug offender studies."

That position, he declared, "is no longer official".

A hearing for Mr. Lightfoot is scheduled to be held in January.

Black culture special on Channel 67

Black Is . . . a comprehensive array of blackculture devoid of white interpretation or condescension, starts a second season on Channel 67, Monday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. with What Black Is. An alternative viewing time is Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The opening program consists of literature and poetry by black children telling what black is and what being balck means to them. Guests are Tyrone Jones and Patricia Williams. Tyrone is "Tony Robinson" in Channel 67's series Our Street, and Patricia is a 12-year-old Baltimore authoress.

Future programs will consider the contributions of Richard Wright and Malcolm X to American literature and ideas. Clarence Mitchell, II, will examine the role of the federal government in civil rights, and Earl Monroe and Wesley Unseld of the Baltimore Bullets will discuss black super-stars.

Although the series is addressed to the black community , it offers white audiences a unique opportunity to observe and participate in a mystique which they know exists but may not have experience.

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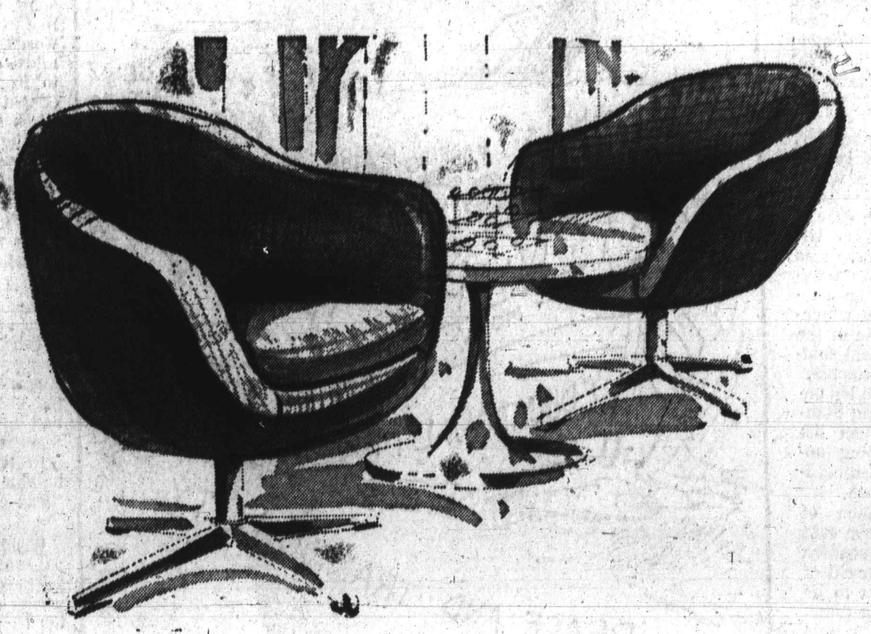

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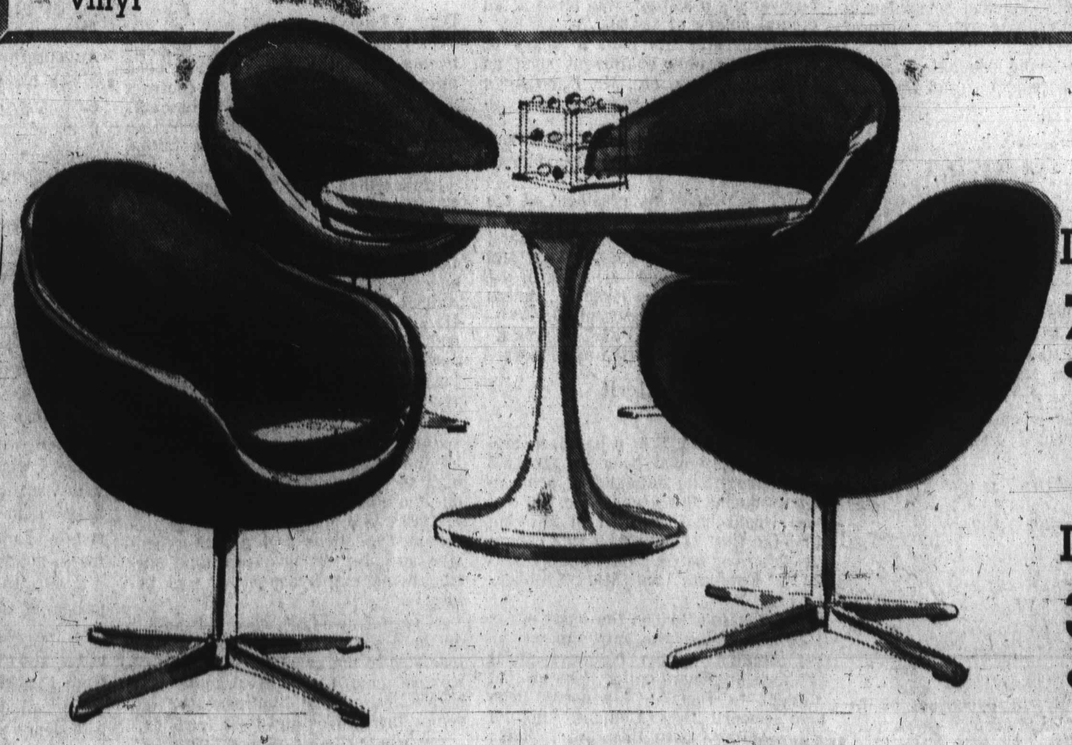

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