# Freed life termer to start new life

Monday, Eugene Smallwood, 32-year-old oyster-tonger from Leonardtown, in St. Mary's County, begins a new life.

He will be freed from a life term in the Maryland Penitentiary.

**Smallwood was convicted of raping a white woman by a Charles County Circuit Court jury after the trial was transferred from Charles County in 1957.**

He has waged a five-year legal battle to gain his freedom, contending he was being held in violation of his Constitutional rights.

Last month, through his court-appointed attorney, Robert F. Cadigan, Smallwood asked and was given a habeas corpus hearing in Federal District Court.

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CHIEF JUDGE Roszel C. Thomsen upheld his argument and ordered that he be given a new trial or f4eed.

**Robert F. Sweeney, assistant attorney general, who opposed Smallwood's petition, said the state would not appeal JUDGE WThomsen's decision and county authorities would not retry him.**

He said the prosecuting witness could not be located and it has been reported that she's dead.

Monday, Mr. Cadigan will ask Judge Thomsen to sign a release and he'll go to the penitentiary and escort Smallwood to freedom.

The lawyer said Smallwood, who, Judge Thomsen said, "had no representation at all at his county trial," wants to "get out of Maryland as fast as he can."

HE wants to go to New Jersey, according to Mr. Cadigan, but has no funds or clothing.

**The Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP came to his rescue Wednesday. Members voted to provide necessary funds to help Smallwood get a new start, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, said.**

"We are also going to notify our office wherever he makes his new home so they can help him get started on a new life," Mrs. Mitchell said.

# Northwest area left without power

A bolt of lightening struck a transformer in West Baltimore Tuesday and left the area powerless for three hour and 40 minutes.

**The bolt, triggered by a 5:30 p.m. thunderstorm, hit the transformer located in the rear of the Park's Sausage Co., occupying the site between Pennsylvania and Nort Aves., and Woodbrook and R treat Sts.**

The loss of power endangered a $27,000 shipment kept under refrigeration, according to Raymond V. Haysbert, general manager of the firm.

MR. HAYSBERT said the power failure came after he saw fire skip from the socket and the building was rocke by a deafening clap of thunder.

Power was restored at 8:40 p.m. but interrupted again 11 p.m. Wednesday and finally repaired 3 p.m.

**The damaged transformer forced the meat firm to shut down and halted the movie at the Met Theatre.**

"No one panicked," said assistant manager Wayman Myers and only a few patrons requested refunds. Others took passes for a future show.

Hugh McDonald, upervisor for the Gas and Electric Co., estimated the power of the bolt eqauled a half-million votes of electricity.

# —Heads steelworkers

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bon, 1,300 votes; John Ruke, 1,196 votes.

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ALL OTHER members of the Thompson interracial ticket mere also elected. They are:

Anthony M. Savchuk, vice-president; Sylvester Curley, 1436 N. Broadway, recording secretary; Frank J. Bucharewicz, financial secretary; Herman Williams, 1302 N. Bentalou St., treasurer;

**And, Leonard Amos, guide; Ned Gee, 2128 Mt. Royal Tr., James Rice, 1736 Llewellyn Ave., guards; and trustees, Eddie A. DePolo, Joseph Langstrom and Irvin D. James, 3818 Callaway Ave.**

Zone committee members include Allen Johnson, Ivory Dennis and Manuel Lewis.

Mr. Williams succeeds Mr. Thompson as treasurer. Mr. Curley, the new recording secretary, has been vice-president since 1958.

MR. THOMPSON'S career **over 33 years tells the spectacular story of the typical American laborer of the late 1920's, rising through the ranks.**

**In his Dundalk Ave. office he spends eight hours a day, five days a week, handling employee problems, business and company relations.**

He came to Baltimore in 1929 at the age of 21, in search of a job.

Unskilled in any trade except plowing on his father's farm near Chase City, Va., his only education was the eight grade schooling he received at a Presbyterian church school in his hometown.

MR. THOMPSON told the AFRO that he was just one of the many "country youths" who heard about Bethlehem Steel, and decided to take a train for Baltimore.

**Arriving at the plant, he asked for a job, was employed immediately as a laborer, stoking a blast furnace at 32 cents an hour.**

He began w[illegible] Sparrows Point union [illegible] worked with it until it was chartered in 1942.

HE WAS first named zone committeeman in 1944, held the post until 1958.

**He was treasurer from 1947 to 1950, and again won the post to hold it from 1956 until this week when he stepped up to president.**

**As treasurer, he handled more than $2 million each year for nine years.**

Out of $60 dues assessed each member annually, the local keeps $29,000 a month for operating expenses, sends the balance to the national body.

IN DECEMBER, 1960, while Mr. Thompson was treasurer, the organization completed the Dundalk Ave. headquarters building which houses an auditorium seating 1,400 persons.

The 2½-story building has all facilities including stainless steel kitchen, offices, meeting rooms and ample parking facilities.

Mr. Thompson's experience as an international union official came from 1953 to 1955 when he served as one of the 170-member Wage Policy Committee to represent Bethlehem Steel employes along with other top union men from all parts of the world.

Mr. Thompson will be installed at 8 p.m. ceremonies on July 2 along with other officers.

**In the Dundalk Ave. executive suite, Mr. Thompson heads the executive staff composed of financial secretary, recording secretary and treasurer, all full-time officials, and the vice-president, a part-time officer.**

The secretarial staff of four is interracial.

Mr. Thompson and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, hve one son, David, age 18, who finished Mergenthaler this Fall. They attend the Apostolic Faith church in East Baltimore where Bishop Winfield Showell is pastor.

# —2 Masonic groups

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cepted the invitation and sent a delegation of 12 officials headed by Grand Master Daniels to the impressive services at the Alcazar.

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A FURTHER "exchange of visitation" is due to come Sunday when the Hiram Grand Lodge accepts the invitation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge to attend the annual St. John's Day services at 2 p.m. at the Allen Temple.

**Dr. Martin Luther King is guest speaker. A capacity attendance is expected.**

Interviewed by the AFRO, Grand Master Daniels disclosed the idea of a merger is "not a new one".

He stated: "Some time ago, in talking it over, others of his officials and our officials agreed the time will soon come when the entire Masonic fraternity will become an integrated organization. This is the era of democratic organizations.

"However, we agreed we should set our own house in order" and make effort to join the colored Masonic groups first.

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GRAND MASTER DANIELS also disclosed the Prince Hall Masons adopted a resolution in August, 1961 to call upon non-Prince Hall Masonic groups to confer on a merger.

**He said as a result, he, Grand Master Wycoff and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees of both lodges held a conference early in 1962.**

He told the AFRO: "Our ideal purpose may be expresed this way:

"We want to present a united effort which we hope will strengthen us as Masons and eventually lead to a single group where all Masons are joined without regard to race or color."

Since the proposal to merge is still in the "exploratory stage", Grand Master Daniels states he expects another conference later this summer.

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GRAND MASTER WYCOFF also revealed he and Grand Master Daniels have had a "meeting of minds" on the ideal purpose of the merger.

**"The Masonic fraternity should be universal. It will not come, immediately, but nearer in the future than we expect."**

**Pending integration with Masonic lodges of other races, Grand Master Wycoff said merging the colored lodges can result in greater benefits for the community.**

He visions a merger of his group and Grand Master Daniels' group on the state level will lead to merging on the national level, "a great possibility for the future."

"Getting an understanding on the state level" is possible since both organizations are solvent within themselves, it was disclosed.

Both lodges have Supreme Councils which "may get together later," Grand Master Wycoff ventured.

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ANOTHER SPOKESMAN for the Hiram Grand Lodge, Deputy Grand Master John Thornton, told the AFRO:

"Our joining hands with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was discussed years ago by the late Grand Master Willard W. Allen and Grand Master Wycoff.

At one conference between the two leaders, Deputy Grand Master Thornton said, the late Rev. Wilbur Waters, pastor of Mr. Wycoff's church, Emmanuel C. C. Church, was mediator.

Mr. Thornton continued: "Those were the days before segregated organizations were frowned upon. Today, when we have integrated churches, schools, college fraternities, integration in all facets of life, the segregated organization is a mark of shame."

He pointed out: "As far as I know, the Masonic fraternity accepts all persons to membership abroad. Anywhere else in the world, a colored man may become a member but in the United States."

Some colored Masonic lodges in New York and New Jersey have white members, he stated, but a clause in the white group's ritual prevents acceptance of colored members.

The clause in the ritual, adopted before the Emancipation Proclamation, states all members must be 'free born."

MR. THORNTON added, "However, before we get to that stage, we can merge our own various Masonic groups. There are other colored independent organizations in Maryland also known as Masons who will likely come in too.

"When we concentrate on our similarities instead of our differences, all lines can be erased."

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MINOR DIFFERENCES mentioned as heretofore keeping the Prince Hall Masons and the Hiram Grand Lodge Masons apart include what spokesmen for each call "outmoded ideas", "reluctance to accept today's liberal thinking," "narrow-mindedness", "a selfishness unbecoming to true Masons."

The two Masonic groups occupy temples a block apart on Eutaw Place.

Basically, the two have the same rituals, almost identical burial and intiation ceremonies and observe St. Johns Day in June and December.

**Both departments of higher degrees include Royal Arch, Shrine, Consistory, Knights Templar and the Lodge of Perfection. Both have the Order of Eastern Star Women's division.**

Both Masonic groups are progressive and contribute substantually toward betterment of the communities throughout Maryland.

Active in register-to-vote campaigns, they have consistently backed movements for first class citizenship, NAACP and other civil rights groups.

The Hiram Grand Lodge Temple was purchased at a sum of $45,000 in 1948 and paid in full including $60,000 in improvements in seven years.

Mr. Wycoff has been grand master 17 years.

The Willard W. Allen Prince Hall Temple was purchased in 1961 at a quarter of a million dollars. Grand Master Daniels came into office in the spring of 1961 just prior to the death of Dr. Willard W. Allen in October, 1961.

A senior statesman, advisor of governors, insurance authority and one of Maryland's most distinguished citizens, Dr. Allen was grand master of the Prince Hall Masons 37 years.

# —Rev. King

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prophetic move changed his name and that of his son to Martin Luther.

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IT WAS while studying at Morehouse College, Atlanta that young King decided to become a minister. He attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and won the Plafker Award as the most outstanding student.

Upon his graduation, he received the J. Lewis Crozer Fellowship for graduate student and enrolled at Boston University where he earned the Ph.D. degree.

**His courageous and dynamic leadership has earned him the admiration and respect of freedom fighters all over the world.**

Nine institutions have awarded him honorary degrees and he is hailed in many quarters as the outstanding leader of color on the American scene.

# —Reporter

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dent's brother stated:

"Besides the transparent unconstitutionality of the 1952 McCarran Act Provision on which the indictment is based, this harassment of a colored newsman has already subjected the U.S. Government and people to widespread ridicule at home and abroad.

"On May 11, for example, a columnist in the Ghana Evening News scathingly denounced the prosecution."

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NOTING THAT the attorney General is scheduled to be picketed on the Worthy case when he addresses the annual conference of the NNPA on Friday evening in Baltimore, the leaders concluded:

"We urge you before Friday to acknowledge the grievous mistake made by the Justice Department and to announce the indictment will be quashed."

# —What a difference

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heads turning, or anyone showing the slightest bit of interest.

During the course of our chit-chat, George, a roving businessman-ambassador, remarked that it was quite a coincidence that only the day before, he had lunched at the Brass Rail in New York, while conferring with Hilton Hill, representative of the Bermuda Government's Tourist Bureau.

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WE FINISHED lunch and summoned the waiter with the check.

**This was a far cry from that hot day last August when Herb, Rufus and I visited the famed eating place posing as "African diplomats."**

As pointed out above, there was no public accommodations law then and the only way Miller would serve us was for cs to appear to be anything but colored American citizens.

We decided to go as diplomats from a mythical African country known as Goban.

**Herb, in flowing robe, stone-studded crown, was known as Orfa (AFRO spelled backwards) Adwiba, minister of finance, on an aid-seeking mission to this country.**

Rufus was Dula Okoro, aide-de-camp, and, like myself, Laua Aklulu, attache and spokesman for the "dignitaries," was dressed in morning diplomatic attire, replete with top hat.

As the sleek limousine, bearing our entourage, eased to the curb, we immediately became the center of attraction as diners and sidewalk spectators gawked and whispered among themselves.

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WHEN WE entered a waiter informed us! "I'm sorry, but I can't serve you."

However, the manager came to our rescue and showed us to the same East dining room after explaining, "We certainly don't want to embarass you."

We were served but the day wasn't over.

**Our temporary delay had attracted so much attention that someone had notified the daily newspapers that "African diplomats" were having trouble at the restaurant.**

Before we could hurriedly eat and make good our escape, lest our hoax be exploded, I was cornered by that intrepid newshawk, Richard Pollak.

A bit of fast talking, flavored with a phony accent, got us off the hook and the details of the safari remained couched in secrecy until AFRO publication date.

Such was luncheon at Miller Brotrers 302 days ago.

What a difference a day (302) makes!

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# NAACP wants Rights unit to visit Baltimore

The Maryland State Conferences of NAACP Branches today (Friday) asked the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to hold a session in Baltimore to air discrimination in education, employment, and housing.

**In a telegram to Dr. John Hannah, Commission Chairman, the organization also pointed out the administration of justice should be included.**

"...with particular emphasis on the widespread police brutality from which our citizens suffer throughout the state," the telegram said.

It asked that hearings be scheduled for next fall.

At its board mecting Wednesday the NAACP also wired Gov. J. Millard Tawes to appoint a commission to investigate growing complaints of police brutality, against colored citizens.

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THE TELEGRAM, signed by Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president; Dr. H. O. Graham, secretary, and Dr. Charles Watts, treasurer, listed several incidents of alleged police brutality.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, secretary, Legal Redress Committee, said each weekend her office is flooded with complaints.

**"They include such charges as a mother with an 18-month old baby in her arms, being arrested when she protested the way police handled her teenage son," Mrs. Mitchell said, adding.**

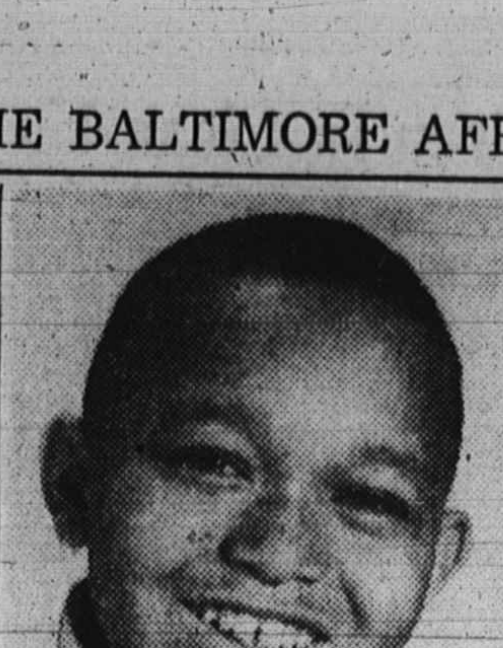
"Groups of people being hurded into police wagons because they don't 'move fast enough' for policemen;

"Teenage girls who laughed at insults from police, being jailed; large groups of people being arrested when they complain of officers beating women are among the complaints," Mrs. Mitchell said.

## Detroit youngster hurt in jump from 2nd-floor window

DETROIT — Charles Hackett, 11, of 608 Woodland, was taken to Children's Hospital Sunday with a possible broken leg and possible internal injuries after he jumped from a second-floor window of his home.

Police said they questioned the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Alice Irby, 60, and was told by Mrs. Irby that she had chastised Charles for wandering from home.



CRASH VICTIM — Fifteen-year-old Guy Lane Cottman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Cottman, 904 Wheeler Ave., is in serious condition at Lutheran Hospital. A Lemmel Junior High School senior, he was one of four teenagers injured when car ran out of control at Bentalou and Presstman Sts., while they were returning home from a graduation party. He suffered fractured leg, pelvic bone and head injuries. In bed next to him is 19-year-old Michael Edwards, 2317 Arunah Ave. He has collapsed lung. Donald Adams Jr., 18, 641 N. Bentalou St., is confined to home with fractured ribs, collar bone, and broken arm. Driver, Richard E. Williams, 19, 2310 W. Lanvale St., suffered minor cuts and bruises.

# 14 named delegates to Colo. meet

Fourteen delegates, representing the Maryland State Teachers' Association, will attend the 17th Annual Conference of the National Commission of Teacher Education and Professional Standards to be held June 26-29, on the campus of the Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

The Maryland delegates to attend are: Dr. Parlett L. Moore, president, Coppin State Teachers College; Elmer T. Hawkins, principal, Garnett School, Kent County; Robert Jones, State Teachers College, Frostburg; Dr. Howard E. Bosley, Maryland State Department of Education; Walter J. Maccubbin, Baltimore City Department of Education; Allison Claggett, McKenney Hills Elementary School, Montgomery County; William Grace, Banneker Elementary School, Baltimore County;

H. Orville Berwick, Maryland State Teachers' Association; Bernard Johnson, Margaret Brent High School, St. Mary's County; Mrs. Mary T. Johnson, Bohemia Manor High School, Cecil County; Mrs. William F. Robie, president, Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers; Hazel Gilmore, Board of Education, Montgomery County; Mrs. Rene Freund, School No. 232, Baltimore City; Mrs. Alma Adams, School No. 114, Baltimore City; and John G. Gruber, Surrattsville Senior High School, Prince Georges County.

Gregory Daniels, student at Coppin State Teachers College and currently president of the Maryland Association of Future Teachers of America, will represent the State at the Sixth Annual Student National Education Association Leadership Conference which will also be held at Colorado State University, June 22-29.

This conference will involve 100 student leaders who are preparing to be teachers.

TO IRAN

J. Donald Wilson, teacher of History at Eastern High School, has been awarded a United States Educational Exchange Grant to teach English as a foreign language in the National Schools in Iran.

## Bargain Box offers clean-sweep sale of useful items

Drastic reductions are being made on the already bargain-priced merchandise at The Bargain Box, located at 100 E. Pleasant St. (at St. Paul Place) operated by The Women's Auxiliary of Mercy Hospital.

The Bargain Box is featuring a celan-sweep sale, beginning Monday, June 25, and running through Saturday, June 30th, on its large stock of nearly new and used articles.

**The shop will be open daily this week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. After this final clearance sale, the shop will be closed for the Summer months.**

To be found at The Bargain Box are clothing and shoes of all description, for men, women and children. Also available there are various types of useful and ornamental household articles, jewel and books.

All proceeds from sales at The Bargain Box are contributed to The Mercy Hospital Building Fund.

# Navy man fined in Rt. 40 cafe row

The conviction and heavy fine levied on a Navy Chief Petty Officer in Belair Magistrate Court Wednesday, will be appealed to the NAACP announced this week.

The naval officer, with 19 years service, James Webb, 36, was jailed Saturday night when he sought a cup of coffee in a Route 40 restaurant.

**He was convicted of criminal trespassing, and disorderly conduct and fined $100 plus $4 court cost.**

The father of two boys, Chief Webb, who was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Northampton in Norfolk, Va., before being transferred to Bainbridge Naval Training Station, also had to pay $7.50 storage charges for his car which was held by police while he lingered in jail from 7:30 p.m. Saturday until 11 a.m. Monday.

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MANAGER OF the Maryland restaurant in Havre de Grace, Robert L. Murphy, testified Officer Webb refused to leave the restaurant after being ordered out.

**He claimed Mr. Webb became abusive while insisting on service and failed to leave after being told "colored are not served in here."**

The Navy man, who said he was en route to Bainbridge to arrange base quarters for his family, still in Virginia, disputed the manager, and charged he was the victim of "brutal treatment at the hands of police."

"They insisted that I be put in the cruiser, 'head first,' after they took me bodily out of the restaurant," he testified.

Officer Webb told the court that "eight other customers were having coffee, and as a defender of my country, I felt I was entitled to the same privilege."

He was represented by Tucker R. Dearing, NAACP attorney, who told a Harford County Chapter mass meeting that the treatment of the naval officer "was a disgrace and it will be appealed to the highest court in the land."

RUFUS HACKETT

# Rufus Hackett attends school

Rufus E. Hackett, manager of the East Baltimore District of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, returned to Baltimore this week after attending the Life Insurance Agency Management Association's 207th School at Rye Beach, N.H.

Mr. Hackett also qualified as "District Manager of the Year" for the Northern region, territory which includes the States of Maryland, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania.

This achievement qualified him to become a member of the North Carolina Mutual Managers' Advisory Council which met in a two-day session at the Home Office in Durham recently.

Mr. Hackett, a graduate of Morgan State College, has been employed by the Company since March 5, 1934 and has served as a special ordinary agent, assistant manager, and last year succeeded John L. Berry as manager of the East Baltimore District.

He has won many of the company-sponsored trips and awards and has been a member of the NIA Quarter Million Dollar Round Table for several years.

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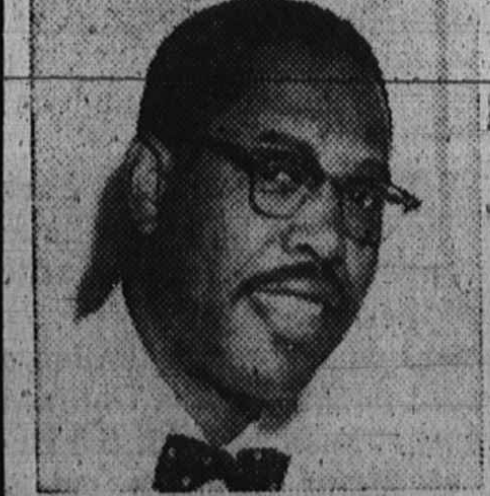

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