EXPLOSION AT DOUGLASS HOUSING PROJECT Thursday morning (PANEL 1) shows entrance to dead man's apartment (PANEL 2) grandson-in-law Linwood Ingram stands in the bedroom window blown completely out leaving in the scene of the disaster a demolished bed and torn mattress (PANEL 3) neighbors view the sight as unbelievable (PANEL 5) Eli Daw who was reading a newspaper was blown from where he sits to the point marked X. INSET ABOVE are homeless residents, Mrs. Emma Keaton, 73 (right) and Mrs. Belinda McMillan, 56. Not shown is Mrs. Viola Dunn, 64, also left homeless. AFRO Staff Photos by I. Henry Phillips Sr.

2 inmates shot in escape try

A game of football ended in gunfire when five inmates of the Maryland Correctional Institute in Hagerstown left the playing field and climbed over the prison fence.

Guards shot two of those attempting escape, reported prison officials. All five failed in their attempt.

According to the prison report, guards first fired warning shots over the heads of the escaping inmates. When they refused to stop, guards then fired.

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Dead man's voice on tape gives sermon at his funeral

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 11 a.m. at City Temple Baptist Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Sts., for the Rev. William Edward Humphrey.

The Rev. Mr. Humphrey died Monday, at Perry Point Hospital. He was 42 years old. In March, 1971 The Rev. Mr. Humphrey taped the sermon which he would preach at his own funeral and made all funeral arrangements.

According to the AFRO

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Man, 74, dead in explosion

"I heard this big loud boom and glass shattering. I ran to look at the children, then I ran to the window where I saw smoke coming out of a Douglas Watson's apartment."

Mrs. Anna Sifth of 1514 May Ct. made these comments about an explosion which occurred across from her at 222 Douglass Ct. 7:30 a.m., Thursday, in the Douglass Housing Project.

A crowd of about 200 persons including fire officials, representatives from the Housing Commission, and

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The State Of Things

Republicans shoot for Nov. victory

A call for unity among Baltimore City Republicans has gone out from the headquarters of Robert D. Morrow, candidate for President of City Council.

"The reaction to my press conference last week with Mario Garcia Kohly, President of the Cuban government in exile, indicates that the majority of Republicans and Democrats alike approve of my attempt to upset Fidel Castro's finances with the peso-counterfeiting plan," Morrow said. "There is no reason why we Republicans should not close ranks and shoot for a victory in November."

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Morrow's statement follows:

"Dissension among Democrats in Baltimore is commonplace and is to be expected, but they can afford the luxury because of their overwhelming numbers. We Republicans, on the other hand, should stick together and present a united front.

"This is why I am asking all Republicans and especially Republican candidates to lay aside petty differences and march forward in an effort to better serve the people of Baltimore City by being elected to office on November 2."

"Baltimore needs a two party system.

"The present chaotic state of affairs here shows the results of having one party in power too long.

"For my part, I feel that I can be of great service to the people of Baltimore as president of City Council.

"The reaction to my press conference last week with Mario Garcia Kohly, President of the Cuban government in exile, indicates that the majority of Republicans and Democrats alike approve of my attempt to upset Fidel Castro's finances with the peso-counterfeiting plan.

"There is no reason why we Republicans should not close ranks and shoot for a victory in November."

Town aglow in hopes Orioles win

Festooning of Baltimore's downtown and stadium areas and Friendship Airport, the Orioles' upcoming American League championship series with the Oakland Athletics and, hopefully, the World Series, began Wednesday.

The AFRO home office building at the foot of Druid Hill Ave. is flying the flags and posters to help carry out the theme which Mayor D'Alesandro has announced as Baltimore, City of Champions M'Flag'own, U.S.A."

The Friday morning rally for Orioles Hospitality for Visitors taking place at the Hopkins Plaza, no doubt, ushered in the much needed victory of the Orioles team over their Oakland counterparts.

Under gay atmosphere the Orioles manager Earl Weaver and his coaches were honored at the civic pep rally. Musical entertainment was provided by the U.S. Post Office Division Jazz Band, while the visual entertainment was be afforded by Playboy Bunnies, and Patricia Stevens models.

In fact if decorations mean anything and fans' support is a booster of morale the Orioles will have

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Black postal union's case ends Tuesday

Final arguments of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, primarily a black union, complaint against the U.S. Postal Service 7 craft unions will be heard in U.S. District Court, Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The 7 unions, including 6 affiliated with the AFL-CIO, signed an agreement with the Postal Service excluding the black alliance from bargaining privileges.

So far, District Court Judge John Smith Jr. and Senior Circuit Judge Charles Fayst issued a restraining order against agreements between the Postal Service and the 7 unions.

The black postal workers alliance represents 45,000 of the 740,000 postal employees.

Girl, 17, shot by father is at home now

Mrs. Viola Johnson, mother of Miss Deborah Johnson 17, victim of a triple shooting, is glad her daughter survived and has returned home. The teenager came home from the hospital Tuesday.

Deborah Johnson was involved in a 2 a.m. shooting last week at her W. Lafayette Ave. home when her father, Robert Johnson, a cab driver shot her, killed her boy friend, Stewart Scribner, and then killed himself.

Deborah recovered from gunshot wounds of the head, neck and hand at Lutheran Hospital. Stewart Scribner her friend, died of a gunshot wound of the head.

Requiem mass was said for Stewart Scribner Thursday of last week at St. Martin's Church. Rites for Mr. Johnson were held in the Morton and Dyett Funeral Chapel on Laurens St.

Mrs. Johnson told AFRO: "Deborah is partially confined to the bed. She watches television and reads a lot. Everybody tries to keep her laughing and talking. Her appetite is poor. The most she eats now is soup.

"I promised her that I would go to church Sunday and I plan to cook her a special meal this weekend." She likes homemade ice cream and cake.

"Right now we are trying to get ourselves together and prepare for the future."

Parade for Fire Week

A parade on Sunday afternoon opens the week-long celebration of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-8.

The parade forms at York Road and Walker Avenue at 1 p.m.

Route, South on York Road to Cold Spring Lane. Reviewing stand to be located at York Road and Bellona Ave.

Also on Sunday, church fire drills will be conducted throughout city.

On Monday, October 4, there will be city-wide fire drill in all schools at unannounced times.

Also, a Marine and Fire Equipment Display at Pier No. 2 Pratt Street 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, a thrill show will be held Baltimore City Fire School 6751 Pulaski Highway, 7:30 p.m., and is open to public.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, City-Wide Fire Drill Exercise 7:30 p.m. Have your own home fire drill.

Thursday, Oct. 7, public is also invited to thrill show Baltimore City Fire School 6720 Pulaski Highway at 7:30 p.m.

Open House Program will be held at all fire houses. Groups are invited to visit the nearest Fire House in their neighborhoods.

RUNNER-UP in annual Baltimore Miss Fire Prevention Contest is third-place Miss Shirley Velma Harris, but she's tops in our book. Winner Miss Harris, 21, is a secretary at University Hospital. Fire Prevention Week opens Sunday, Oct. 3 with parade beginning at 1 p.m. at York Rd., and Walker Ave.

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EMPLOYMENT and TAXES
POSITION PAPER
By EARL KOGER
Don't shop in the counties for the next six months. If you live in Baltimore, spend your money in Baltimore. This is the only way our city can prosper, maintain jobs, and provide a basis for taxes. Try it for six months.
Baltimore faces a great unemployment crisis, and it is getting worse. Nearly 80 industries have pulled out of the city, taking over 11,000 jobs. Many other job producing businesses have done likewise. These are the manufacturers and businesses which produce the taxes to keep the city running.
According to our charter, the city has no other place to go, but to the already over assessed homeowners. We are now the second most heavily taxed large city in the nation. Baltimore residents, firemen, policemen, teachers, etc. get their paychecks and pensions and spend them in the counties. This is not good. We are killing the goose that lays the golden egg.
We know, at times, it may be pleasant to shop in the counties, in modern stores, get free parking, etc., but let us make the sacrifice and spend at home.
Thousands of city workers live in the counties and all of the money we pay to them usually ends up spent in the counties. This is bad enough. However, we expect the new administration to stop this hiring practice immediately. Charity begins at home. Buy where you work and live.
If we can stay out of the counties six months, and get Pomerleau's policemen out of their apathy, to clean out the undesirables from the shopping centers, have the merchants provide low cost parking areas, and awake such city bureaus as Sanitation, Weights and Measures, Consumer Protection from their lethargy, we will see an immediate transformation.
Baltimore will come to life. Our businesses will grow and pay the needed taxes. Shop Baltimore. Keep our city alive.
EARL KOGER
For CITY COUNCIL
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Model Agent Tried To Lure Morgan Coeds
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Brailey Calls For Decent Burials

Model Lure

Agent was on Morgan campus

"You're a good-looking girl. I saw you at the swimming pool. You should be a model. I can see that you'd make good.

"You should not miss that chance. You can make money. How about it?"

This is a portion of a conversation two beauteous Morgan State College coeds said they heard over their home telephones last month.

The calls coincide with the calls police said that lured a beauty queen and high school cheer leader to her death the last week in September.

Police reports show before the torture - murder was discovered, and the girl went supposedly to meet an unknown person, she had also received a phone call.

The person asked her to model in a fashion show.

The Morgan co-eds with whom the AFRO talked said a man made separate phone calls to them on different days and at different times.

They quoted him as saying, "I am white but color makes no difference to me."

They quote him as describing his modeling agency as "an equal opportunity employer" and "very fair minded."

Both coeds said that the man who called them after they arrived home from school asked them to meet him the following day "sometime, any time you say" on the campus.

They quote him as also

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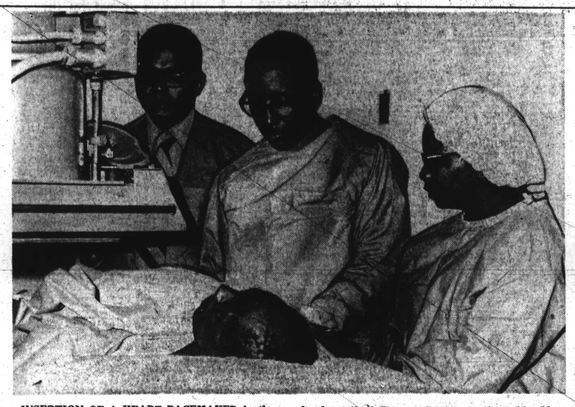

INSERTION OF A HEART PACEMAKER in the 16th patient at Provident Hospital involves a 90-minute operation during which Dr. Elijah Saunders (center) is shown making a pocket in the chest wall to house the battery of the instrument. The patient William H. McCollin, is fully awake. Under only local anesthesia he experiences no pain and is able to view the pacemaker going through his heart by way of TV-Xray screen. Dr. James Bell, radiologist, directs the X-Ray fluoroscopy. Mrs. Helen Gaither nurse, helps with the surgical process.

Battery boxes revive 16 hearts at Provident

Doctors at Provident Hospital have embarked upon extensive use of pacemakers as a life-saving device for heart patients. Since moving into the new hospital, the "Battery Boxes" have saved 16 patients whose conditions were considered serious.

With new and better X-ray equipment, the doctors, Dr. Elijah Saunders and Dr. Ferdinand Leacock, have been able to implant permanent pacemakers after temporary ones have gotten patients over the immediate crisis.

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All 16 patients are walking about with their "battery boxes" under the skin in the chest wall. The other end of the system is in the patient's heart through a vein in the neck.

Involved in the implantation of a permanent or temporary basis is expert X-ray support. This has been ably supplied by Dr. James Bell, head of the radiology.

Doctors estimate that patients who need pacemakers are able to live considerably longer than if a pacemaker was not implanted.

Statistics show that 50 per cent of patients who have chronic heart block will not survive for more than two years from the time that their heart block is discovered if a pacemaker is not inserted.

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"It is important to appreciate that most of these patients are in their 60's and 70's but are otherwise in very good condition and therefore, it is considered a tremendous medical feat to add more years to their life, Dr. Saunders noted.

The significant fact is although pacemakers have been used widely for the personnel or the facilities many institutions still remain without professional for implanting pacemakers.

Prior to moving to the new hospital, Provident had the potential of inserting what is called temporary pacemaker, "a temporary life-saving procedure for a heart either that has stopped completely or is beating so slowly that a complete stop is imminent."

Once this was done and the crisis period was over the patient was sent to another hospital where a permanent pacemaker could

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Police car kills church leader

EARL McCOY

He went to Bible class at the church every Wednesday. Then he walked to get the No. 28 bus to come home. he was very active at Concord. The police still have not explained to us how it happened . . ."

His son, Earl McCoy Jr., well-known hair stylist, was telling the AFRO about the death of his father.

The senior Mr. McCoy, 74, 1936 Walbrook Ave., was killed by a police car as he attempted to cross the intersection of Howard Park and Liberty Heights Aves. shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Officer Jerry L. Wiley, 25, 7000 block Surrey Dr., has received an automatic charge of automobile manslaughter in the death of Mr. McCoy.

Police reports show that at about 8:30 p.m. the sedan police car Officer Wiley was driving West on Liberty Heights Ave. struck Mr. McCoy when he was about 34 feet East of Howard Park Ave. in the 5000 block Liberty Heights Ave.

According to the reporting Officer Arthur Bailey of Traffic Investigation, Mr. McCoy was crossing Liberty Heights from the South Side to the North side when the impact came.

Officer Bailey's report also states as the result of the incident, Mr. McCoy was transported to Provident Hospital by Municipal ambulance No. 14 and pronounced dead on arrival at 8:50 p.m. by Dr. Liu of the staff.

The report shows that Mr. McCoy suffered mul-

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Md.'s Shame

Bodies of poor put in ovens

Delegate Troy Brailey has prefiled a bill in the Legislature to have the state of Maryland pay for funerals and provide burial grounds for the poor.

The Aug. 16 tragic death in an automobile accident of Mrs. Betty Townsend has brought to light the fact that the state of Maryland provides no free graveyard for its poor.

No agency pays one cent for funeral expenses.

Other states do.

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Instead, pennyless persons who have no friends nor relatives in Maryland are cremated in ovens at the City Morgue or turned over to the state for medical experimentation.

Since Mrs. Townsend's death, the AFRO has been told through many phone calls that almost every week some aged person who dies in some housing development apartment, is shipped to the morgue.

In the absence of money and after no one comes to claim the unfortunate person, the fate of the body is never learned.

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A spokesman for the Morgue told the AFRO after a certain number of days, the bodies are burned up.

Mrs. Townsend was saved from this fate and given a Christian burial through the goodness of Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer, undertakers and AFRO readers who contributed

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Nixon ban on prices extended

WASHINGTON — President Nixon announced Thursday that Phase II of his economic stabilization program may last for a year, following the termination of Phase I on Nov. 13. He set up a special board to limit post-freeze wage and price increases.

The President also announced plans to keep a lid on dividends and interest rates and ban "windfall profits" for business as part of a broad program to last indefinitely after the

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AFRO's Mrs. Santa gets $100 boost from Russell

FOR MRS. SANTA — City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., makes the very first $100 contribution to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus.

By MARIE P. COOKE

As stated in the last two editions of the AFRO, Mrs. Santa is at home recuperating from a throat ailment after being hospitalized for over 20 days at University Hospital.

She is, therefore, pleading to all AFRO readers to help kick off her annual "Mrs. Santa" campaign which is sponsored by AFRO Charities, Inc., early. Her goal is to help at least 3,000 needy families this year.

Readers and interested parties may help by contributing money so that those less fortunate may have the basic necessities during the yuletide season.

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Already received is a $100 contribution from our city's chief law officer, George L. Russell Jr.

Last week, Mrs. Santa received $250 from members of a well-known sports club, who asked to remain

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Columbus had soul, baby

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Every year about this time Christopher Columbus blows his cool in his grave.

He will turn over again in Maryland on Oct. 11, as usual, when the 480th celebration fails to get his discovery of America straight and leaves out the most important facts.

Columbus was swinging cat. In 1492, he selected as his fleet pilot the black navigator, Pedro Alonso Nino.

Exploration was Nino's bag and he had greater knowledge of the high seas than anyone else at the time.

According to Leo Wiener of Harvard University, African sailors had visited American shores before 1492.

In fact, Africa is nearer to America than Europe and adventurous black seamen had sailed the high seas for centuries.

Further, around the time Chris persuaded Isabella to put up her jewels for the voyage, the queen who was up with it as to integration, had nominated a black man as mayor of the black community in Seville.

He was Juan deValldoid, a celebrated personality, according to Carter G. Woodson's book, "The Negro In Our History."

BECAUSE A FRIEND BELIEVED

Youth jailed 287 days by mistake goes free

By BETTYE MOSS WASHINGTON

"He told me he didn't do it . . . he kept writing me letters saying 'help, help,' help me!"

"I had known him almost all his life. He had been a Neighborhood Youth Worker. In the last 3 years, he had been supervising young boys. He was quiet and reserved and had something to offer."

Mrs. Lillian Green, 1700 block Seaton Pl. N.W., was telling the AFRO on Tuesday how she became interested in the tragic case of Eric Stanley Robinson, 18, fondly called 'Peter Rabbit,' by his young charges.

Robinson was set free by a Baltimore City Criminal Court judge last Thursday after Mrs. Green and his young associates raised $250 to employ an attorney.

He had been arrested on Dec. 7, 1970, on a charge of assault and robbery and had spent 9½ months in jail.

Juvenile authorities had waived jurisdiction so he observed his 18th birthday (July 26) behind bars under conditions described as "miserable and oppressive."

Mrs. Green, a mother of four youngsters, explained:

"We held bake sales, rummage sales and held dances. The children didn't have much money, but they kept up the "Bring Peter Back" campaign.

On Thursday, 287 days after he was arrested, Robinson stood in the courtroom of Judge Solomon Liss and heard the state admit it had made a mistake in holding him.

Assistant State's Attorney John Griffith told Judge Liss, the prosecuting witness, Walter Conners, could not positively identify Robinson as one of three youths who tried to rob his gas station in the 1800 block Russell St.

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Beside Robinson in the courtroom stood the attorney Mrs. Green had employed, J. Hardin Marion, a young member of the Baltimore bar.

In his hands a 7,312-word document he was prepared to offer before the court urging the dismissal of the charges on the grounds that Robinson's "constitutional rights had been denied and he had been illegally detained as a juvenile."

Further, the document described the "cruel and unusual punishment" he suffered in Section K of the Baltimore City Jail, where Robinson was housed with adults even though he had not been convicted of any crime.

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But he did not have to offer his arguments. The State, speaking through Assistant State's Attorney Griffith advised the court there had been a mistake.

Judge Liss commented it was "unfortunate" the

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MISTAKE CORRECTED — Eric Stanley Robinson, now 18, who spent 287 days in Baltimore City Jail, pictured in Washington home with Mrs. Lillian Green, social worker. (AFRO Staff Photo By Cabell)