—Capt. Mello freed

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Also sitting in the courtroom during the four-day trial was his priest, Father Henry Offer, St. Francis Xavier Church.

Capt. Mello, 62, was on trial for the second time. He was charged with accepting payoffs to protect an approximately $2,000 a day illegal lottery operation out of the Diamond Cab Company.

Many questions arise from the testimony which accused the first black commander in history of taking cash money in the Diamond Cab Company $2,000-a-day-racket.

However, the main question is, "What did the government promise Gundy for his testimony against Mello, his one time commander?

Mello's lawyer, Russell J. White, gave what he thinks is the answer when he made his closing statements to the Mello trial jury Thursday.

* * *

Mr. White revealed that Gundy had been promised probation, no sentence and a new job.

"Representatives of the Strike Force will give him money for him and his family to move out of the city and obtain new employment."

The plea-bargain agreement as described by Mr. White says, "Once the agreement was made, Gundy became an undercover man.

"The government agreement states if Gundy produces evidence for the government, they would recommend he be placed on probation. The bargaining did not take place until October, but Gundy was arrested in June, 1973."

* * *

Gundy and former Officer Milton Spencer pleaded guilty in June, 1974 to accepting payoffs and are now on probation.

Gundy testified he delivered $50 a month to the captain in a "white envelope."

Milton Spencer, a former plain clothesman told the jury Capt. Mello stated he was not getting his money. At one time Capt. Mello said to Spencer, "sometimes this dirty money comes in handy."

TAPE PLAYED

The jury heard a tape conversation recorded April 13, 1973 between Sgt. Robert Spangler and Gundy.

Excerpts from the conversation included:

Spangler — Listen, I talked to Joe Wallace and he came up with two bills ($200).

Gundy — Uh huh.

Spangler — He said to make sure the captain got $50. I didn't know the captain got $50.

Gundy — Yeah.

Spangler — I didn't know that.

Gundy — Yeah, he gets $50.

Spangler — Well, I didn't know that. See, I didn't know that at all.

Gundy — He gets it no doubt about it. If he doesn't get it he gets upset.

Sgt. Spangler also pleaded guilty and is on probation.

Captain Mello testified the only white envelope he ever received from Gundy and Spencer was his salary.

According to the captain, Gundy and Spencer would often cash his paycheck and bring him his money back in a white envelope.

Character witness described Capt. Mello as a "honest, well liked and very truthful man."

During cross examination by Assistant United State's Attorney James Anderson, he asked Capt. Mello if he ever received orders from downtown to increase surveillance at the Diamond Cab Company.

Capt. Mello testified he ordered his men to check the cab company every two hours. The lottery operation was being conducted between Jan. 1, 1970 to May 21.

Among questions Mr. Anderson asked Capt. Mello were:

Q. "From December, 1973 until you left Western District, did your people ever conduct a raid at the cab company?"

A "No, none of my people."

Q. "Isn't it true in May, 1973 the FBI conducted a raid at Diamond Cab Company?"

A. "I don't remember."

Mr. Anderson told the jury the Western District officers did not conduct raids on the Diamond Cab Company because they were being paid payoff money. "Money was floating everywhere in the Western District, said Mr. Anderson.

As for the future, Mello told the AFRO he plans a vacation with his family, and then work somewhere. I'm too active to just sit at home," he said.

CIVIL RIGHTS and labor leader Mrs. Angela Bambace is dead at 77. Funeral services will be held Saturday 2 p.m. at the Cook - Brooks Funeral

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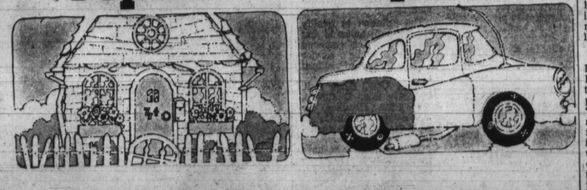

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—Gang war

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friends on the corner of Longwood and Arunah

The victim's friends are quoted by police as saying they both know the driver whose nickname is given as "Bubby."

At 7:54 p.m., shortly after young Banks had been taken to the hospital, police state, three young men knocked on the door of a house in the 900 block of Rosedale St.

* * *

Police reports reveal Mr. Davis answered the door and one of three asked to talk to another occupant of the house. When Mr. Davis refused, according to police, one of the young men at the door pulled out a revolver and fired at least three shots at Mr. Davis.

Police said the three suspects then fled south on of Roseale St. Homicide police state they have issued warrants for the arrest of identified persons involved in the war.

Col. Watkins told the AFRO the request for police slakeout was requested by Councilwoman Mary B. Adams in whose constituency the incidents happened.

According to the colonel, Mrs. Adams complained to Police Commissioner Pomerleau that she feared the shooting might end up in a serious gang war.

Col. Watkins quoting Mrs. Adams, stated the neighborhood residents were afraid to death and that the constituents have asked that something be done about the shootings.

"We don't know what they are fighting about," Col. Watkins told the AFRO adding, that "whatever it is, it's causing a lot of anxiety and fear in the neighborhood."

—Ivey clears up questions

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expenditure of the new Block Grant.

The Urban Services Agency, as were its predecessors, is unique in that it is a product of the peoples' needs, wants and desires.

Our programs were created in response to the public, not foisted upon it.

Since July, the Urban Services Agency staff has devoted considerable time and effort to the long-awaited Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

This Act, signed into law in August, 1974, has, as its primary objective, the development of a viable urban community. This goal is to be achieved through the provision of decent housing, suitable environment, public service programs and the expansion of economic opportunities for low and moderate income families.

It is intended to streamline and consolidate former categorical community development programs such as Urban Renewal, Neighborhood Facilities, Open Space Land, Basic Water and Sewer Facilities, and Model Cities Programs.

SALVATION FOR DISADVANTAGED

Inasmuch as the Model Cities funding for Baltimore was cut by 45 per cent in February, 1973, this new legislation, under which Baltimore City was entitled to $32.7 million for 1975, was viewed as the salvation of those viable programs for the disadvantaged."

Planning, staff training, community awareness and education were the steps that USA took to gear up for the Community Development Block Grant.

Key administrative personnel underwent a week-long training period, conducted by HUD, to become fully indoctrinated in the principles, purposes, procedures and requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act.

CITY'S NEEDS, PRIORITIES

Acting with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Planning, and other designated city officials, USA assessed the city's needs and priorities in relation to the proposed legislation and in relation to existing programs.

Critical analysis was made of former Model Cities Programs in terms of costs, population served, goals and objectives accomplished.

Alternate strategies and activities were explored and programmatic changes were examined.

Surveys were made of the population eligible for services based on need and dollar resources. Budget cuts were made where necessary and plans were tightened to sustain the remaining programs.

Throughout this process, key USA administrative staff met regularly with representatives of HCD and Planning.

Here, planning activities were coordinated, duties designated, and information channeled to keep all participants abreast of the latest developments.

PLANNING ...

Planning activities within USA involved Management and Evaluation Units, Fiscal Operations, the Planning Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Third Party Directors, the Public Information Office, the offices of the Director and Associate Director, and the Urban Services Commission.

Training of staff was designed to enable the interpretation of legislative guidelines, procedures, approved activities, eligible populations, and federal and local requirements.

Orientation meetings acquainted administrative and neighborhood services staffs with highlights of the legislation. The latter staff, in turn, informed Community residents of the new legislation.

THE LAW

As stipulated in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 the requirement of citizen participation is such that it "provides satisfactory assurances that, prior to submission of its application, it has provided citizens with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities to be undertaken, and other important program requirements.

RESEARCH

A vital part of the planing function encompassed the researching of community organizations and the development of strategies for effectively involving citizens in the development of the plan.

PROGRAMS PROVE WORTH

"In summation, to those who charge that the Urban Services Agency Programs fail to reach the people for whom they were designed; please feel free to check the results for yourselves.

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These programs have proven their worth, time and time again to the people of Baltimore."

Bar holdup suspect's death ruled justified

Homicide police state the state's attorney's office has ruled as justified the shooting death of Alexander Lee Lawson who was gunned down while allegedly trying to hold up an East North Ave. tavern last Tuesday.

Shot in the chest and in the upper back, Lawson, 17, 600 block Monroe St., was pronounced dead at the scene, according to police.

Police reports show detectives responded to a call in the unit block E. North Ave., where they observed a man, later identified as Milton Frances Michael, owner of the bar, standing over the body of the youth with a revolver in hand.

Police also recovered from the dead man $34.50 in cash.

Investigators state a young man entered the bar shortly before 1 a.m. and ordered Mr. Michael to "Give me all the money." When Mr. Michael gave him a "small amount of money," the young suspect, insisted, according to investigators, "I said give me all the money."

Police said the bar man then emptied his cash register and gave the money to the suspect, dropping some change. Police said as Mr. Michael stooped down to reach for the change he pulled out a revolver.

As the suspect made a quick move as if to reach for his belt, the bar man fired three shots at him.

Mrs. Hazel Lawson mother of the victim, told the AFRO, "He told me he was going to look for a job." According to Mrs. Lawson her son had been back from Maryland Training School two months ago.

Mrs. Lawson has been separated from her husband since 1966. On welfare and suffering from hypertension, Mrs. Lawson has eight little children, and four grown ups.

In addition to his mother, young Lawson is survived by seven sisters, Misses Darlene, Barbara Ann, Linda, Brenda, Peggy Jean Lawson, Mrs. Bernice Lucas and Mrs. Edna Anderson; and five brothers; Larry, Claude, Gerald, Jerome and Anthonie.

Employees file suit against Univ. of Md.

A suit has been filed against University of Maryland, for discrimination practices in employment by the school's classified employees.

The action was taken by those black employees who state in the suit that the school has engaged in practices that limit, segregate, and discriminate against the employees deprive them of equal opportunity.

Major plaintiffs in the court action are Frank D. Boston Jr., Steve L. Meredith, Melvin T. Rollins, and Gerald Jones.

The suit filed in District Court on April 2, asks that the practices are declared racially discriminatory under the Civil Right Act of 1964 and that the school establish hiring policies on a uniform basis.

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-HEW arrives

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ture to designate and fund Morgan as "a racially integrated urban university with doctoral programs".

3. The continued failure of the state to pass scholarship reform legislation to eliminate a system that has been documented to be racially discriminatory.

4. The decline in black student enrollments at the University of Maryland College Park Campus, their schools of Medicine and Dentistry and at Towson State College.

5. The continued decline of employment opportunities for black faculty at UMBC, Towson, the University of Maryland, College Park Campus and the University of Maryland, Baltimore City Campus.

6. The failure by the University of Maryland Professional Schools to implement effective institutional cooperation with the black colleges — a policy that was implemented by the Board of Regents in January of 1971.

7. The failure to eliminate the racial duality among the public post secondary institutions in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

The above issues and the lack of enforcement of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by HEW were the focus of discussions by members of the Maryland Black Coalition for Higher Education and representatives from HEW at a meeting held yesterday, Thursday.

Representing the Black Coalition were its chairman, Howard P. Rawlings and members from the University of Maryland system, Coppin, Morgan, Towson, Bowie, the Community College of Baltimore and Prince George's Community College.

Social Services workers picket for more staff

Employees of the Department of Social Services in Baltimore will be picketing the Maryland Department of Employment and Social Services in the 1100 block of Eutaw St. for more staff at noon today (Friday).

According to Mrs. Helen Curley, Local No. 122 executive member, the workers are demanding increase of staff as a result of backload of work. They are also asking for overtime payment.

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GEORGE BEALL, former U.S. attorney, returns to private practice and is succeeded this week by Jervis Finney in the office which engineered the downfall of Spiro T. Agnew. (See editorial in this edition)

-Last rites

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daughter and the small children on top.

The Rev. Mr. Fitts presided at the graveside rites.

Mrs. Terry, who had been confined to the hospital since the fire, is now staying with her husband, Harvey in the home of his sister in the 4900 block of Kimberleigh Rd.

Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Terry; three brothes, Tyrone, Aubrey and Harvey Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Rondeila Earl and Mrs. Zenia Cooper; two nephews, Shawn and Shannon Earl; brother-in-law, Shawn Earl and sister-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Myers.

Also, two aunts, Mrs. Clara F. Colona and Mrs. Gladys Price; two grandmothers, Mrs. Annie Terry and Mrs. Ida Bartee.

For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

LOUIS E. GORDON was 76 last week and lively as ever, has a great store of history of old Baltimore. Mr. Gordon is a direct descendant of Columbus Gordon, the South Baltimorean who started the Columbus Gordon Moving Co., a firm which became Baltimore's earliest business.

With horses and wagons, the Gordon company moved the large business houses during and after the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. It was known then that Gordon's was the only group that had the knowhow to handle large furniture.

The history of Mr. Gordon and his family is entwined with the Gallican Fishermen also begun in that bygone day. Still in existence until this day, the group has on the rolls some of the most distinguished of Baltimore families.

THE MARCH 25th 75th Birthday affair was held at the Fairview Ave. home of Mr. Gordon and his wife, Mrs. Myrtis Gordon. At the reception honoring the retired postal employee were sisters, brothers, their wives and husbands; their children and husbands and wives and grandchildren.

The Gordon's pastor, the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, Providence Baptist Church, joined the 11 couples for the occasion.

ANOTHER BIT OF HAPPINESS — A cab driver whose wife is a knitting enthusiast has made his vehicle homelike inside by using two of her blue and white knit encased pillows in the back seat. Setting off the whole thing is his cap knitted in the same design and tones of blue and white.

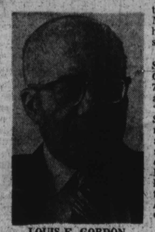
AND SO, the gentleman who said he didn't want his name (only the knitting) in this story, rides happily along the city streets, wishing his passengers "have a good day."

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY at Sheppard Community Baptist Church, 1724 Eden St., is slated for a beautiful service at 3 p.m. Sunday. If you're taken to church hopping to enjoy someone else's church, go over there. The Eastside is always jolly.

CROSS STREET MARKET in South Baltimore is a riot of color with some of the nicest of spring garden fresh vegetables, greens and fruit about now. Here's where you can get little green onions, onion and tomatoe plants and that special pointed-head cabbage, the best kind.

STROLL ALONG the aisles with your market basket and escape from the toil of the day in a world of yesterday. It's a pure delight on a Saturday afternoon.

OPEN HOUSE at the Maryland Committee for the Day Care of Children,



LOUIS E. GORDON passes 75th birthday

2511 N. Charles St., is set for April 10, 3 to 7 p.m. Be sure to go. You'll see the marvelous educational toys made by RSVP Club members, all senior citizens, from discarded fabric, cardboard, spools, etc. For info, call 243-7040.

BLACK TIE banquet Saturday, marks the 7th Annual affair of the Baltimore Marketing Association at Overlea Hall, scheduled as "the event." It'll be one of the best-dressed set, the business people.

A MINI CABARET Saturday is the event the Berea Head Start Day Care Center has scheduled for the youngsters. It's from 6 to 9 p.m., 2214 E. Oliver St.

OYSTER SEASON END, April 1, when tonging ceases according to law, is not as we usually think of as "the end of the last month with an "R" in it. However, Eastern Shore oystermen know it's all over when the law steps in and nabs them for illegal tonging. From now until May 1, oysters will be higher and the supply slimmer.

19TH ANNUAL SAFETY SEMINAR, Poly-Western Complex, April 14 and 21, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will have, as a highlight such "What's new in Traffic Safety" and accent the new 1975 laws. Poolside and water safety, consumer protection, safe driving and how to prevent heart attacks are also highlights. Among those on the Seminar Committee AFRO president, John J. Oliver.

BRIGHTEST STREET LIGHTS in town appear to be those lining the Mulberry-Franklin Corridor now under construction. The lights from the Murphy and Poe and Lexington Housing skyscrapers paint an impressive night-in-Baltimore Town scene.

LEXINGTON MALL Saturday afternoons witnesses little kids playing hide and seek among the blossoming trees and peeping into the huge flower pots at the crocuses. Some 10 to 15 policemen walk around in and out the stores but the children are unmindful as spring makes them leap up like little lambs.

BULLETIN BOARD—

40-MILE PER HOUR winds blew weak old trees down on the car belonging to Social Security's Miss Regina Hill'on front of her Park Heights home Thursday, 12:45 p.m. according to her 15-year-old brother, Lionel Hill.

THE FLASH WINDS were predicted accurately some 24-hours before. Said to be arriving from blizzards around Chicago, the blast of frigid air hit the Maryland warm air and spun things around.

LEGEND HAS IT that high winds are nature's way of removing the husk from budding branches and the old leaves from around bushes and trees so new greenery can come out.

ANOTHER TREE fell on a car in a parking lot in the 5700 block Clover Rd. Lamont Drew reports.

MARYLAND NATIONAL BANK building, Reisterstown Rd. and Rogers Ave., is reported as wind damaged by AFRO tipster William Murel of Quantico Ave.

VICTIMS OF VARIOUS CRIMES fail to report sometimes since they fear further incidents. An example is an elderly woman, a film-flam victim, who told police she lost $700 when it was really $2,000. Her refusal to prosecute was out of fear, coupled with embarrassment. It could have cost her life, she claims.

A TREE was uprooted by the strong winds in the 4100 block West Coldspring Lane, at 2:25 p.m. April 3, a gusty day to remember.

IT LOOKS LIKE the tree just came out the ground", AFRO newstipster Sidney Neal told the AFRO Thursday after the tornado like-winds hit the 500 Belle Ave and toppled the big tree in a yard.

TIMOTHY JONES, also a newstipster, reports that the tree that was a victim to the storm when it ripped through the 3200 block Westwood Ave., ruptured a gas main and the roots raised the cement up.

A TELEPHONE POLE was blown over in the 2000 block Brunt St., according to reports from Leroy Taylor.

ROOFING and parts of the tops of houses littered the Northwest section of the city before the winds died down near sundown.

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