

Social Services fear new federal guidelines

By C. A. LUDLOW
President Nixon's 'get tough' fiscal policy is already sending shock waves through Baltimore's Social Services Department.

In the wake of the 92nd Congress' recent passage of the Federal Revenue Sharing Bill (HR 1), new directives are filtering into the city's social service department detailing who and what is now eligible for federal funding.

"These new directives appear to be part of the Nixon administration's 'tough and muscled' image," said Maurice A. Harman, director of Baltimore's social services.

"But what the administration fails to understand is punishment is not a good deterrent."

The energetic director went on to explain these directives spell trouble for programs such as Camp Concern, Neighborhood Youth Corps and Home-makers. Person likely to be affected would be the poor, disabled, blind, handicapped and disadvantaged.

In a lengthy interview Wednesday with the AFRO Harman made the following assessments of the social service department's current situation.

"Our major concern is we fear the city will be unable or unwilling to shoulder their new responsibility in funding our programs."

"Historically, cities in general and Baltimore in specific have been unwilling to fund programs aimed at the poor, aged, blind and disabled. That's why the responsibility for this shifted to the federal government in the first place."

"Now, Nixon has said cities and states must foot the bill for many of the



MAURICE A. HARMAN

"We lose that \$500,000," Harman said. "And I don't know how the city can make up the difference."

Programs such as Home-makers, Neighborhood Youth Corps, School Without a Building and SAGA are designed to help persons or families avoid the need if asking for welfare. Now with the new directives, these very persons are the ones ineligible to receive more than 10 per cent of the federal grant.

Stiff penalties await social service departments which dole out more than 10 per cent of their federal monies to persons who have a past or potential as a welfare recipient.

According to Harman, this strategy may turn out to be "penny-wise and pound foolish". They could help to "increase our welfare rolls at a greater expense to the tax payer," he commented.

The crux to the new situation lies in the federal government's stating each social service department must have six mandated services in order to be eligible for any federal funds. Without all six, departments are in danger of losing all federal grants.

Moreover, departments providing these basic six are not insured of receiving federal monies to assist with other programs.

The six mandated programs are: Protective Services for Children, Foster Child Care, Day Care, Employment Services, Health Services and Family Planning. The first three of these programs currently exist in Baltimore's Social Service Department; while the remaining three are new and must be added if the department is to continue receiving federal assistance.

programs formerly backed by the federal government. The federal money will continue to come to Baltimore via Revenue Sharing; so it's simply a question of where our elected officials choose to allocate it."

According to the new federal guidelines persons who have received welfare or might need to receive it are virtually cut off. Only persons presently receiving welfare remain essentially untouched.

Therefore, programs which receive federal funding must be structured so 90 per cent of the money goes to persons on welfare while just 10 per cent goes to past or potential welfare recipients.

The Baltimore summer camp program for disadvantaged youths has definitely lost federal backing. Last summer Camp Concern served 12,800 children, a vast majority of which were black, at a cost of \$700,000. The federal share of this cost was, according to Harman, approximately \$500,000 while the city paid the remaining \$100,000.

Governor to review case of 'innocent' life term

Justice works in strange ways.

In the case of Riley Brooks, 54, it has caused him to be sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1965 shooting death of a 63-year-old man. Brooks claims it was self-defense.

Then it kept him out of prison for an additional 19 months due to a clerical error after Brooks was freed on bail to appeal his case.

Brooks claims he is innocent; that he shot the victim in self-defense after a heated argument.

Now, as Brooks is completing his second year behind Maryland State Penitentiary bars, justice is intervening on his behalf again.

The prisoner's attorney, Donald G. McIntosh, contends vital evidence for the defense of Brooks was suppressed during the 1965 trial. And the state's attorney currently responsible for the case agrees with McIntosh.

The two men state's attorney, Raymond G. Thieme Jr., and McIntosh have jointly written a letter to Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel asking for an executive pardon of Brooks.

Additionally, State Senator Robert Dalton has filed a bill before the state senate asking the state to pay \$16,500 to Mr. Brooks as compensation for being unjustly convicted.

Mr. Mandel's chief legislative officer, John C. Elbridge, has reported the governor would review Brooks' case before the new year.

Meanwhile, apparently confident of Brooks' pardon and release, officials at the Maryland State Penitentiary have ordered the prisoner moved to the Baltimore Rehabilitation Center.

Here the goateed prisoner is attempting to win back his old job at Bethlehem Steel Corp. which he held for 20 years prior to his incarceration.

"But her testimony was not brought out during the trial. However, it has been reverse-attorney was not even

informed of it" ealed that if Brooks does not return to Bethlehem Steel by Jan. 1, 1973, he will lose his 20 years of union seniority.

While in prison, Brooks has won the respect and friendship of nearly everyone he has come into contact with. He writes poetry and prison officials say he has shown no outward signs of bitterness from serving a life sentence for a crime he claims he is innocent of.

Attorney McIntosh stated to the AFRO Wednesday, the suppressed evidence was testimony from the wife of the victim.

"She confessed to police she hid a .38 caliber revolver her husband had tried to shoot Brooks with."

McIntosh recapped the shooting incident saying Brooks had returned to the home of the victim personing recover some personal items he had left there earlier that night during a party.

"Brooks and the owner of the house became involved in a heated argument and the owner drew a .25 caliber revolver and threatened Brooks."

"My client managed to wrestle the gun away from the man and started to walk out of the house when he was hit from behind the head by a chair."

"As Brooks was getting up from the floor, he saw the victim draw another gun a .38 caliber revolver. It was then Brooks shot the man."

The lawyer, whose offices are at 1101 N. Calvert St., claims his client is an extraordinary human being who has a deep faith in God and love for his fellow man. He points out that while Brooks was free on bond appealing his conviction, he maintained the same employment, fathered two children and established a carry-out sandwich shop to supplement his income.

THE LONGEST ROUTE

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — The 559-mile Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in New York State is the longest toll expressway in the world, according to the state's Department of Commerce.



RILEY BROOKS



CONGRATULATIONS, TROOPER! — New State Trooper Richard Lee Austin (left) smiles as he gets good wishes from the force's black recruiter, Officer Nathaniel Alston.



ON THE FORCE — Floyd Cyrentha Jones, Jr. (left) and John Raymond Hubbard have just become new members of the Maryland State Police.



STATE POLICE GRADUATES — left) Wendell Carroll Highsmith, Clinton Allen Garrett and David Curwood Franklin.

'My heart is full': Lt. Carolyn Robinson

Over 500 persons gathered to pay tribute to Lt. Carolyn M. Robinson who retired recently after 30 years service in the city Police Department Wednesday evening at Martin's West.

The group which sponsored the affair calls itself A Coalition of Friends. It is headed by the illustrious Mrs. Catherine "Kitty" Mueller.

Coach Earl C. Banks, professor of physical education and head coach at Morgan State College pre-

sided. Among the honored guests who brought greetings were Mayor Donald D. Schaefer, Arthur G. Murphy Sr., Esq., special assistant to Governor Mandel; State Attorney Milton B. Allen, Judge Robert B. Wallis, Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Major James Watkins, director of Police Community Relations.

Highlights of the evenings were tributes and presentations to the honoree by co-workers, a state senator, civic organizations, city

agencies and a fraternal organization. They came from Col. William "Box" Harris, chief of traffic division, Police Department; State Senator Verda F. Welcome (D-4th); David T. Mason, secretary of employment and social services, and Mrs. Patelle Harris, basileus Alpha Alpha chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Mayor Schaefer proclaimed December 27, 1972 as "Lt. Carolyn M. Robinson Day" and presented the engraved citation on behalf of the citizens of the city.

In response, Mrs. Robinson remarked "I didn't work all these years for a tribute. My heart is full".

William Waller Sr. named AFRO advertising manager

William L. Waller Sr., has been named Advertising Manager of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Mrs. Frances Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Directors announced today.

He succeeds George L. Jude who is retiring.

Mr. Waller, an employee at the AFRO for over 22 years first came to this newspaper as Advertising Salesman. He was later promoted to assistant advertising manager and has filled this position since 1965. He begins his new job Jan. 1.



OLD AND NEW—George L. Jude, retiring advertising manager of the Baltimore AFRO-American, congratulates his successor, William L. Waller, who takes over Jan. 1, 1973. (AFRO Staff photo by I. Henry Phillips Sr.)

At the announcement of his promotion Mr. Waller said, "I consider it a challenge. It's an opportunity that I think will mean growth for myself and the paper."

Mr. Waller attended Baltimore City Public Schools and attended Morgan for study in business administration.

He and his wife, Mrs. Venzella Waller, have been married for 33 years and reside on North Caroline St. They are the parents of Mrs. Yvonne Banks, Clifton, Brian and William L. Waller Jr.

The son, Brian, is also an AFRO ad salesman.

Mr. Waller and his family attend Faith Baptist Church where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Jude has been employed at the AFRO for 15 years. He first came to the newspaper as National Advertising Representative and was later promoted to Advertising Manager of the would retire at the beginning of the New Year stated.

Jude who announced he Baltimore AFRO.

"I have mixed emotions about retiring. I think that the question of age and the fact of life that you are at the verge of retirement make you realize that you

have more years behind you than ahead of you."

He added: "The positive side is hope that you'll be able to have time for some of the things that were not possible in a rigid working schedule."

Mr. Jude has been married to Mrs. Vasili Minor Jude for 32 years. They are the parents of Mrs. Elise Mason and Mrs. Laura Gardner.

Recently Mr. Jude was appointed by Mayor Schaefer as Chairman of the Baltimore City Planning Com-

mission. He is also one of three representatives of the Regional Planning Council.

Upon retiring, Mr. Jude plans to spend more time in his newly elected office and fulfill many more of his interests.

In commenting on the administrative change within the Baltimore advertising department, Kenneth O. Wilson, vice president in charge of advertising, lauded Mr. Jude for the great leadership he provided during his tenure as

Maryland legislators see good year for Black Caucus

By SCOTT PONEMONE
In the midst of their last minute preparation for the Jan. 10 opening of the 1973 session of the General Assembly, city legislators make a common New Year's prediction: the Black Caucus in Annapolis will be a more unified body than ever before.

The Maryland 18 member caucus is one of the largest block of black lawmakers in any state legislature.

Senator Verda Welcome (D, 4th) remarked, "I'm predicting we will do a better job. We are growing closer because we know the importance of working together."

"I'm hoping," Senator Clarence Blount (D, 5th) told the AFRO, "the 18 member of the black General Assembly can work cooperatively together on the major bills."

He commented, "In order to do this, it's going to mean every member of the delegation will have to get past history and not allow divisive opinion to permanently divide us."

To this, the senator emphasized, "I will certainly exert every influence I personally can to bring about this kind of unity."

Senator Robert Dalton (D, 2nd) also expects a stronger Black Caucus but cautioned, "The Black Caucus will only be effective if three or four people do not dictate to all the rest."

"On the major bills that are going to affect black folks," he declared, "once the Black Caucus meets and agrees, we should follow through on our stand."

Sen. Dalton added, "The whole answer in a nutshell to a strong caucus is there has to be trust between the members."

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Senator Clarence Mitchell (D, 4th) admits, "The Black Caucus has been disorganized on basic philosophies and personality differences."

But the senator forecast, "I predict there will be a closer working together of the black legislature in this upcoming session."

"This is basically because," he explained, "of the leadership by higher elected officials, by Milton Allen, Parren Mitchell and Paul Chester in bringing people of different political factions together for common purposes."

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Zaire leader speaks against contraceptives

KINASHA, Zaire — President Mobutu Sese Seko praised agriculture but damned contraceptives in his yearly address to parliament on the state of the nation.

In his discussion of social problems Seko strongly condemned "the use of the pill or any other contraceptives." The president so called on all Zairians to practice agriculture.

He said, "becomes the priority of priorities."



WELCOME (D, 4th)