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Dr. King Cheek

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Cheek wore a blue traveling suit with red shoes and blue stockings. The Cheeks have no children. Since their marriage Mrs. Cheek has been busy managing the home of the President at Shaw.

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Dr. Cheek's first stay in Baltimore as president elect of Morgan was hectic and jam-packed with appointments, receptions and meetings.

After checking into his hotel, Dr. Cheek went to Coppin State for the Board of Trustees, luncheon hosted by Coppin's new President, Calvin W. Burnett, and Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, associate professor of English and Speech at the school.

Present at the luncheon in the Frances Murphy Research Center on the campus were the members of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges, headed by Chairman Mathias J. DeVito; Dr. Elaine C. Davis, named vice chairman of the Board, Wednesday; Victor Frenkil, H. Gray Reeves, H Emslie Parks and James Sensenbaugh, state superintendent of schools, whose tenure is ex officio.

Others present were the presidents of the six state colleges, including Thomas P. Fraser, acting Morgan chief; the staff of the Board of Trustees; and top administrators of the state colleges, along with members to the Student Governments of the various schools.

After luncheon, the Board moved over to the Pullen Gymnasium for the scheduled meeting.

Tops among matters was Dr. Cheek to the State system by Mr. DeVito on behalf of the Governor and the people of Maryland. Sustained applause greeted Dr. Cheek as he stood to acknowledge the salutation.

After leaving the Board meeting, Dr. Cheek attended a reception at Morgan State, where he had an opportunity to meet all of the administrators at the school.

When asked by the AFRO, what initial message he could give the Baltimore community about himself, Dr. Cheek said, "I am not a dealer in self-flattery, I would like to be remembered by what I do rather than what I say."

He noted, "A college such as Morgan should be a power base in the community, utilizing all of its resources to lessen discontent in the community."

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Dr. Cheek immediately give one the impression of an affable person who is ready to listen to others, but yet having definite well thought-out views of his own.

Not at all pompous or far away, Dr. Cheek's youth and academic credentials result in a rare combination of one being able to trust him and understand him almost immediately.

He said, "I will not give up my citizenship upon becoming president of Morgan," when asked if he would play a strong role in the civic affairs of Baltimore.

"All colleges and universities should meet the needs of the people. It is the responsibility of a college president to be a leader in academia as well as its environs," he said.

The AFRO asked Dr. Cheek his feelings on the fact that since becoming a part of the State College system Morgan College itself in particular and now its urban thrust plans in general are alleged to be a "political football" tossed among the Governor, the State Board of Trustees, the State Budget Bureau, the Maryland Council for Higher Education and the General Assembly.

Dr. Cheek said, "The subjection of colleges and universities to political maneuvers will place them in compromising positions.

"The issue is who defines the goals of Morgan: the Governor, the General Assembly or the president of Morgan. Morgan has a responsibility to influence decisions about itself.

"It has the responsibility to prepare its case and present them as forcefully as necessary. We will do our homework; anticipating questions and have the answers ready.

Once we decide upon a course of action we will present an irrefutable case. If this course of action is followed, political forces will not be able to prevail.

"I am not yet completely aware of the political dynamics which may detain Morgan in Maryland, but I learn fast," he strongly emphasized. "Morgan will definitely go forward with pride and excellence," he noted.

"Martin Jenkins has done a superlative job in providing Morgan with a strong staff. I am quite impressed."

When questioned about factions and divisions on the Morgan faculty, Cheek said,

"Universities such as Morgan must be large enough to embrace large groups of different persuasions. Intolerance of position may often lead to factions and divisions. Morgan is like any other college I am sure there are possible actions.

"A sense of community must be developed by all people committed to a common cause. Colleges and universities are larger than any one faculty member or the administration.

"It is the sum total of its parts. When a common cause is represented there is less of a tendency to conflict with other interests.

"I'm still young enough to have a lot of faith in people. I operate on the assumption people can be motivated and inspired to do what needs to be done."

Dr. and Mrs. Cheek remained in Baltimore until late Thursday evening, returning to Raleigh by plane. He expects to be in Baltimore quite often during the next few months.

Dr. Jenkins says hello to Dr. Cheek

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Paul L. Chester, successful candidate for clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, lost $500 cash, campaign contributions, as well as a television set, radio and hi-fi. His wife's mink stole was also taken.

The burglars ransacked the Chester's home in the 2100 block Whittier Ave., on Wednesday evening while they were attending a rally for State Senator Clarence L. Mitchell 3rd.

Mrs. Jewell W. Rawlings, who won nomination for the House of Delegates from the 4th District, was also the victim of robbers.

Her home in the 3300 block Dorchester Rd., was entered sometime Thursday while she was at work.

She is a counselor at Calverton Junior High. Her husband, Cephas Rawlings, is a teacher at Booker Washington Junior High.

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Hard-hat elation gives way to grief

By PAUL F. EVANS

Tuesday night at Mahoney Headquarters while waiting for the figures to come in telling the tale of the 12th time George Mahoney has stood for public office and lost was gay and light during most of the early part of the evening.

The figures told the story that Mahoney was ahead and Joe Tydings trailing miserably. Men with cowboy hats and other western regalia really were letting it out each time the tally showed that Mahoney was leading Tydings by a considerably large majority.

Many people displayed outright hostility to the incumbent senator, saying, "It's time that we get a decen man in there to defeat him." People were holding on for a long, last hope that the Gun Lobby and the conservatives had finally made the senior senator from Maryland, vulnerable.

That was in the early part of the evening!

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But as midnight rolled in, the television stations began to catch up somewhat with the slow count coming from the 5th Regiment Armory. By television tally, and the figures at Mahoney headquarters, a shift had begun to take place around 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Mahoney had counted on the wide range of county support, but all of this was not forthcoming. The slowness of the Baltimore City vote — particularly in the key black areas — was late; this was what Mr. Tydings had been counting on to pull him through and over the hump under which he had earlier found himself.

Once the key figures from the Montgomery and Washington suburban territories were in, the Tydings tally soared and Mr. Mahoney was left behind.

From the tone of what he said, Mr. Mahoney conceded victory in what seemed to be an attempt to engineer another campaign from the ashes of a not yet old campaign.

With downcast and unbelieving faces, Mahoney followers sadly removed their banners and buttons. Many had believed that this time conservativism had won.

The die-hard struggle was over for many. Some said this was the last campaign that they would participate in for Mr. Mahoney.

A young, sad-faced man said, "I guess liberalism is alive and flourishing, and not dead tonight like we all thought it would be."

That was clearly the case in the Maryland Primary Elections. Liberalism had survived to fight another day.

Quiet anxiety reigns as returns flow in

By CAROLYN K. ERWIN

The atmosphere is one of quiet anxiety at the Headquarters of the Sitting Judges, room 402 of the Stafford Hotel, Charles and Madison Sts., this Tuesday evening as volunteer workers and well-wishers sit around sipping cool drinks and watching for news of the first election returns on television.

About 7:30 two young men arrive carrying two large trays of assorted sandwiches and potato salad garnish. These are promptly taken to an outer room in the modest-sized three-room suite.

Once or twice a volunter worker pulls himself away from the television set to refresh his drink or grab a corned beef sandwich from the tray.

But otherwise, activity remains at a minimum except for the intense mental concentration of those listening to the pre-election coverage programs and trying to predict the election outcome.

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About 7:45 the first sitting judge, Harold Lewis, looking slightly tired but alert, arrived with his son. Just then the telephone rings. Reaching across the desk to answer it is Mrs. Emma Michael, a member of the committee ro re-elect the Sitting Judges.

The strain of a long hard day and the anticipation of an even longer night is reflected in her face but absent from her voice as she greets the party on the other end of the line with a cheerful "Hello, how are you?"

There are a few brief glances in her direction. Now all eyes focus again on the television. It's 8 o'clock. The election coverage is about to begin. There are two television sets in the suite, so many drift off into the outer room to watch the returns on a different channel. The ice is running out. Mrs. Michael sends out for more.

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In walks the bell hop with a radio. Marshall Hawks, a volunteer worker and an ad man, takes the radio into another room to plug it in. With the television, fan, and lights on if the front room all the outlets are taken.

A bulletin comes through on the radio. "Some polling places will remain open until 10 p.m." This news is greeted with sighs of disappointment. It means the wait will be that much longer until the final talley is in. A few get up to refresh their drinks.

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It's 9:05. Judge John B. Hargrove steps off the elevator with his family. With them are three friends of his son. They enter smiling and greet everyone in the room. "What's the latest?" Judge Hargrove asks. "No word yet," comes the reply. He moves into the next room to mix a cool drink. His son and his friends head for the sandwich tray.

The phone rings. "Headquarters for the Sitting Judges," Mrs. Michael says. It's Cal Bond, committee chairman, on the line. "Who's there?" he asks. "I'll be over in a little while." Mrs. Michael hangs the phone up.

It almost 10 p.m. Scattered returns are beginning to come in. George Mahoney has an early lead over incumbent Senator Tydings. No word on the Sitting Judges yet. Somebody gets up to change the station.

There are two phones in the room and both start ringing simultaneously. Early precinct returns for the Sitting Judges are being called in. There is a flurry of activity in the outer room as the volunters record the tallies on huge score cards taped to the walls.

Early returns show the judges are running well in the 6th District. Everyone relaxes a little. Someone leaves the room to mix a fresh round of drinks.

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Judge C. Warren Colgan and his wife come in. They are followed closely by Cal Bond and his wife. The time is nearly 11 p.m. "Where are the rest of the judges?", Cal asks. "Home, waiting out the results," comes the reply.

Another bulletin comes across the radio in the other room. Everyone moves in crowd around it. The announcer says that Judge Hargrove is leading the judges in vote accumulation in the city.

Congratulatory remarks are in order. The Judge's facial expression exhibits very little surprise. It's 11:15.

All eyes focus again on the television. News of the day's voting irregularities is being discussed by a panel of news commentators.

Most of the difficulties with jamed machines and closed pooling places, they report, occurred in the 7th Congressional district where a close battle is being waged by Parren J. Mitchell and incumbent

Unofficial returns from that district show Friedel ahead of Mitchell by a very slim margin.

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It's now 11:46. Some of the volunteers have left for home. Others are preparing to leave. It's been a long hard day for most of the people here.

Their faces begin to show the strain and fatigue that goes with politics and political campaigning. Oddly enough, however, the entire campaign of the Sitting Judges was based on the idea of keeping "politics out of the court."

Someone else says "goodnight" and heads for the door. "Aren't you staying for the final results?" Mr. Bond quips. "I'll read them in the morning paper," comes the laughing reply.

No additional returns on the Sitting Judges has come in for quite some time now. The tabulators are behind in the counting at the 5th Regiment Armory.

The ice has melted again. The sandwiches are gone. It's after 12 midnight. And

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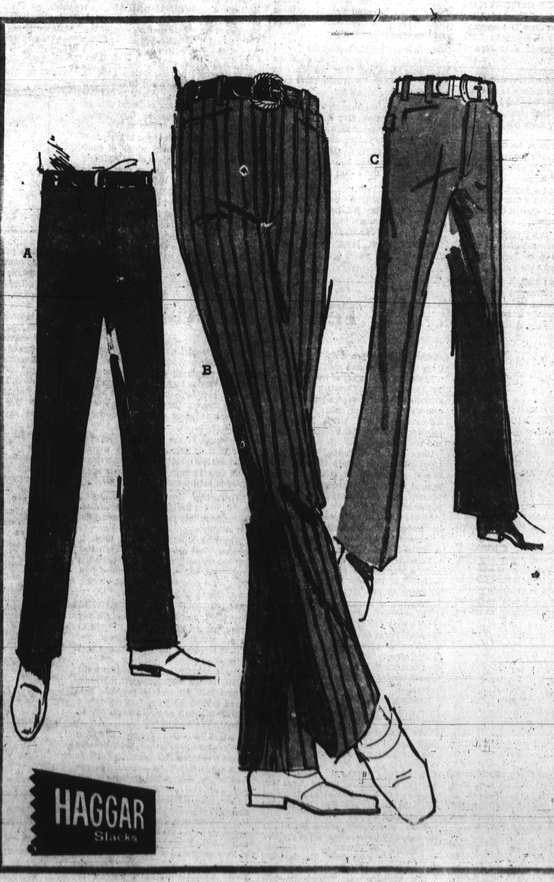

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