—Dr. Sheldon

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from an article he had written for his paper's Thursday edition, Mr. Buskin said that Dr. Sheldon had been considering the post since August, but did not want to "leave Baltimore until that city's $17 million school bond loan was approved during Baltimore's recent elections."

Now that the bond issue has been passed, Mr. Buskin says that it is common knowledge among officials in Albany (the state capital) that Dr. Sheldon is expected in February.

NEWSDAY reported that it never mentioned any "political reasons" for Dr. Sheldon's supposed denial that he was taking the position as was reported in a recent Baltimore daily.

When the AFRO talked with Dr. Sheldon on Thursday morning, he, too, said there were no "political reasons" for his departure from the city, and that although he had been considering the post, he has not impacted to his "superiors, the Board of School Commissioners, my decision to leave the system."

Dr. Sheldon asserted that his role as the superintendent of schools was to make recommendations to the School Board and to carry out the policies of the Board after it has decided.

He vehemently denied that he had an any tim e — as has been widely reported and speculated upon the daily papers — that he has ever told Mayor Thomas J. D'Alessandro, III that if there were not a more "favorable balance" on the Board that he would resign even though his contract runs until 1979.

He explained his role as superintendent does not allow him to get involved in the politics of the board, and that "I am not against any member of the school board."

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When asked if he felt that the school board should have a majority of black members because 70 per cent of the school children in Baltimore are black, he said that "The color of the Board does not determine the capabilities of that board," one way or another.

During his tenure in Baltimore, the educator noted, he has had some "disappointing moments" but generally "progress has been made."

If Dr. Sheldon were to accept the post in New York he would receive a cut in salary totaling about $10,000. But he did say that there were other "fringe benefits" despite the lower figures.

He told the AFRO he felt that the challenge of the position was one of the most attractive features of the New York post. He noted that if he accepted the position he would have charge of all elementary and secondary schools for the entire state of New York. He said that New York is one of the most "directed states in the field of education."

The educator said that his staff people at "Twenty-fifth St." "are some of the best in the country. Our problem is that we have trouble keeping them with us."

If Dr. Sheldon does leave the system, William Pinderhughes now associate superintendent for personnel would likely be named as acting superintendent.

He became the first black man in the country to be the head of a major education system.

Dr. Sheldon, 50, first came to Baltimore in 1966 from Hampstead, New York, where he was superintendent of a 5,100 school population. He succeeded Dr. Lawrence Paquin, who died of cancer in 1965.

Dr. Sheldon lists athletics as one of his hobbies along with bowling and flying.

He is a native of Casastota, N.Y., and was married to the former Helen E. Kyser in 1941. They have five sons and two daughters.

DECEMBER 20

The Year Around Clean Block Community of 700 Reservoir St. is sponsoring a surprise Christmas program today at 3 p.m. at School 61, Brookfield and Linden Aves. There will be live entertainment. Admission is $1. Mrs. Purdue is the community worker sponsor.

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some of the delegates might have who want to visit the White House, not because of Nixon, but in spite of Nixon."

So they decided instead to take advantage of the White House visit and have several black and brown children present a Christmas card to the President.

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This card was to say "We the black and brown people of America wish you, the President of the United States and your wife and children a very Merry Christmas.

"We hope you will do all possibe to make future Christmases merry for the ten million children in America who are disadvantaged, dignified or hungry."

Taking time out from the programmed forum discussions on Wednesday, the nucleus of the Black Caucus was busy setting up support for their special meeting.

Busses were arranged to bring to the conference "activist voices" and students from Howard University, from Federal City College, and grass roots people from such groups as Pride Inc., the People's Involvement Corporation (PIC), the National Welfare Rights Center, Change Inc., Model Cities, the Neighborhood Development Centers, and the like.

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Among the conference attendants working diligently in behalf of the Black Caucus were:

G. K. Butterfield Jr., of Wilson, N.C. a law student at North Carolina Central University in Durham, serving as secretary-treasurer of the caucus; Howard Lee, mayor of Chapel Hill, N.Y.; Dr. Moran Weston of New York City;

Norman Williams of Newport News, Va., of the Day Care Child Development Council of America; Leon W. Cassiano, director of Case Work Services, Child and Family Service in Chicago, and vice president of the Afro-American Family and Community Service;

Harry Jones of Southern Pines, N.C., a student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; Bob Ingram, a consultant, board member of the NAACP, the Urban League, and the YMCA in Jacksonville, Fla.; Miss Rosalind Miller, a governor-appointed delegate, and student at Wercum High School in Portsmouth, Va.

Willie Ellison of San Jose, Cal., from the Santa Clara County Delinquency Prevention office; and Miss Dorothy Garrison of Boston, director of Family and Community Services with the Community Action Program.

The Black Caucus list of resolutions submitted to Mr. Hess included.

The Black Caucus had submitted to Mr. Hess some of specific issues dealing with learning, health, family, community and environment, laws, rights and responsibilities, as it affects black children and which should be included in the agenda of Conference attention.

Summarily, in the words of Dr. Hurst, "The future of America is on the shoulders of its children, and we must stop this systematic genocide which is taking place."

DECEMBER 25

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Abortionist like 'butcher,' Judge says

When Mrs. Marjorie Hunt, 42, 100 block Warren St., appeared in Criminal Court Wednesday on a guilty verdict for abortion, Judge Anselm Sodaro imposed a three-year prison term.

Prior to sentence, the jurist remarked, "She conducted herself like a butcher. There is no doubt she was in the nefarious business of abortions. She was for hire. She is the kind this community can well do without."

Mrs. Hunt, described at one point in the trial as "an out of the bottle blond," was accused of performing the illegal operation on a 28-year-old Malden Choice Lane woman, also blond, who is now in a wheel chair, paralyzed and unable to speak.

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The September, 1969 incident in which warm soapy water and an instrument were used internally, took place at Mrs. Hunt's home which had a black door, the court was told.

According to the victim's testimony, she sat in a living room with a bright red carpet and watched Tom Jones on TV until Mrs. Hunt was ready to employ the soap solution.

The victim and a boyfriend had previously met Mrs. Hunt at a Fort Ave. bar to make plans for the job which cost $75. She remained at Johns Hopkins Hospital an extended period of time in critical condition.

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The court was told by prosecutor Hilary Caplan that Mrs. Hunt had been convicted of abortion in June, 1964, and, he stated, "took the risk on herself again, did it again, although she lost the last time."

Mr. Caplan termed the State Suprem Court to r-matron "a bad abortionist" whose actions will cause him to go personally to the of a Maryland Abortion Legislature to urge passage Law.

He concluded, "Meantime, the book is the book and she will have to abide by the law."

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Mrs. Hunt, described at through her attorney was that she did not intentionally cause the almost fatal results of her client who sought her help.

The lawyer argued, "She gave help to persons whom Gov. Marvin Mandel refused to help when ne refused to sign the Abortion Bill into law."

The relaxed Abortion Bill would have permitted abortions by physicians under certain conditions.

The attorney concluded, "Society is to blame, not Mrs. Hunt."

Rev. Moyd heads 4th District Dems

Installation ceremonies for new officers of the Fourth District Democratic Organization of Baltimore City will take place Monday, December 21st at 7 p.m. at the District Headquarters at 1624 W. North Ave.

New officials for the organization are:

The Rev. Olin P. Moyd, president, who succeeds State Senator Verda F. Welcome, (D-4th) who becomes executive advisor; Hon. Lena K. Lee, Vice Pres. Assistant to the president;

Also, Hon. Troy Brailey, Vice Pres. Labor and Fraternal Organization;

Hon. Hildagardeis Boswell, Vice Pres. Legislative Research;

Mrs. Mary B. Adams, Vice Pres. Programming; Mrs. Jewel Rawlings, Vice Pres. Voter Education and Recreation; James Harvey, Vice Pres. Entertainment, Public Affairs, Fund Raising and House Director.

And, William Council, Vice Pres. Civil Rights; Ike White, Vice Pres. Public Relations and Allen Shoemaker, Vice Pres. Youth Activities and Newspaper.

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The program for the installation of officers will be as follows:

7:30 p.m. Musical Prelude, Mrs. Mac Henson. Remarks and presentation by Senator Verda F. Welcome.

Installation by Rev. Donald Wilson, Rector St. James Episcopal Church.

Remarks by Rev. Willard Clayton, pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church.

Presentation of the gavel to the new president.

Remarks by Rev. Olin P. Moyd, the new president.

Remarks by Dr. G. James Fleming, Professor at Morgan State College and Visiting Professor at Lincoln University.

9:00, Christmas Party begins.

DURHAM, N.C. — NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY has been awarded a grant of $53,234 to support a National SUPPORT A National Science Foundation Institute for Secondary School Teachers of Biology and Mathematics, President Albert N. Whiting recently announced. The institute.

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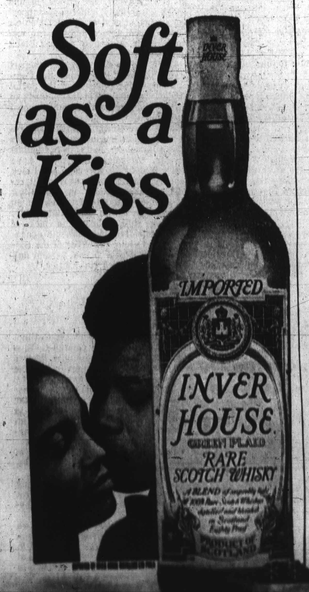

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