City suit wants state pay full education costs

Baltimore City is preparing to challenge the state in the courts to force a takeover of all costs of public education in Maryland.

Should such a suit ultimately be successful, it could lessen substantially the burden on property owners in some high tax rate political subdivisions, such as the city.

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro announced Wednesday that within two weeks, George L. Russell Jr., city solicitor, would file the suit in Circuit Court.

The mayor said he and Mr. Russell had been considering the action for some time, but admitted it was brought to a head by a California Supreme Court decision in a similar suit two days before.

That court ruled that the state's system of public school financing is unconstitutional because the property tax is held as a basis of payment.

The California court ruled that this is unconstitutional, in that children living in the poorer tax rate areas are discriminated against and do not get the quality of education of those in the wealthy areas.

The mayor said Mr. Russell had advised him that high court decision in California would hold true in Maryland.

But, there looms a difference of opinion on the part of Gov. Mandel that may have to be threshed out in several courts.

The governor pointed out fied portion of the property that in California a specitax in each political subdivision must be spent on education.

He reminded that Maryland has a different system, whereby there is an equalization formula to distribute education funds on an equitable basis.

Earlier in the year, however, when Gov. Mandel announced the state would takeover the costs of school construction he said at the time it was the first step toward the state assuming the cost of education.

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The mayor and Mr. Russell remain unswayed by the governor's argument.

They hold, that, under state law guaranteeing equal opportunity for education, it is unconstitutional that a child living in a poorer area should be provided lesser opportunity for an education than one living in a wealthy subdivision.

They hold further that state has the responsibility for this equal opportunity, rather than local governments.

NIGHT OF TERROR

Party ends in murder, tragedy

A night of terrifying shootings resulting in one death and two casualties followed a house party Sunday in the 2700 block Boarman Ave.

Police report they received several calls to Northwestern District asking for a response to a shooting in the Boarman Ave. vicinity.

While enroute, Patrolman Harry C. Foard stated, he observed a man, later identified as Garfield Randolph, 25, lying on his back in the street in the middle of the 4100 block Park Heights Ave., unconscious and bleeding from the chest.

An ambulance rushed Randolph to Sinai Hospital where he was treated for a gunshot wound and later pronounced dead.

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At the scene while awaiting for the ambulance, Officer Foard was approached by several persons:

Ronald Johnson, 18, 4400 block Wentworth Rd., Jerry Gill, 26, 4100 block Park Heights Ave. and Robert Earl, 18, 1600 block W. North Ave.

The three men told police that they observed Mr. Randolph clinging to the driver's side of a dark colored Pontiac Grand Prix, which had driven south on Park Heights Ave. from Classen Ave. with no lights on.

The man told police Randolph was either pushed off or fell off the vehicle which continued south on Park Heights.

During investigation at Sinai Hospital, police report they talked to William Henry Hightower, 36, 2600 block Robb St., a cousin of Randolph's who said he had been visiting the Randolph home shortly before midnight when two of Randolph's stepsons came in and said they had been involved in a fight, still coming on Boarman Ave.

Reports by police state:

"Hightower volunteered to take Randolph to the location and they all entered his auto, a 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Arriving at Boarman Ave., Hightower parked across from the address and remained in the auto while Randolph got out and walked across the street to where a large crowd was milling in front of, and on the porch of, 2700 Boarman Ave.

"A few minutes later shots were fired and Randolph staggered to the driver's side of the car and said, 'Make it. I've been shot.'"

"The car sped off with Randolph clinging to the side. Mr. Hightower continued on after Randolph fell off. He proceeded to Virginia Ave. where he told Randolph's wife what had happened and took her to Sinai."

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Mr. Hightower's car was processed by the Crime Lab. He was taken to Northwest for a statement.

Of the stepsons of Randolph, police reports say: "When he and his stepfather arrived at 2700 Boarman Ave., a large group was in front of that address and on the porch.

"As Randolph was standing on the sidewalk aman, later identified as John Henry McDowell, 42, 2700 Boarman Ave. came out of the front door, displayed what appeared to be a badge and said 'Police. I won't have this around my house.'"

Police reports claim, "McDowell then removed a pistol from the waistband of his trousers and fired a shot which struck Randolph."

McDowell is thought to have fled the scene after the shooting. Reports say he is employed by the Maryland Drydock Co. and works part-time as a guard at Gwynn Oak Park.

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Other information revealed to police on the scene points to a crowd of Randolph's friends descending upon the scene after hearing of the shooting.

Raymond David Ford, 22, 2900 block Norfolk Ave. told police on arriving at the scene, accompanied by Larry Alston, 23, 3500 block Reisterstown Rd., they were told of the shooting.

Records state:

"On leaving the premises they stood on the front porch. A few minutes later they observed a short male walk to the sidewalk and point what appeared to be a sawed-off shotgun at them and fired one shot which struck Ford and Alston."

The man fled on Boarfan Ave. Ford and Alston hailed a cab to Sinai where they were treated for pellet wounds of the right arm and both legs and released.

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John Henry McDowell has been charged with the murder of Garfield Randolph on Tuesday morning in a preliminary hearing. He is held in lieu of $25,000 bail while awaiting action of the Grand Jury.

Conaway asks Mandel name Jordan penal head

4th District Delegate Francis M. Conaway, in a letter to Gov. Marvin Mandel, has deplored the firing of Joseph G. Cannon, Commissioner of Correction, and asked for the permanent hiring of James Jordan, now acting commissioner, in his place.

Mr. Conaway, Democratic candidate for comptroller in Baltimore's Sept. 14 primary, told the governor, in part:

"In my dealings with Mr. Jordan and the Maryland correctional system, I have found the new commissioner to be a fair, intelligent and extremely able man.

"It is a credit to his fine record of accomplishment that the politicians could not be swayed by, when they [illegible] a new com[illegible]

"But, in Mr. Jordan's [illegible] lies the needs of even more politic[illegible] maneuvering in this state bureau.

"As a temporary commissioner, Mr. Jordan's hands are no doubt tied, and he will find it hard getting the cooperation he needs in instituting long needed reforms in the state's penal system.

"Now as a member of the State Legislature and a citizen of Maryland, I call on the governor to make Mr. Jordan's appointment permanent, and to give him every possible aid in clearing up a prison system that has long threatened to become the shame of Maryland."

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No strike by teachers now, that is

There will be no teacher's strike in the city, that is, until at least November 14.

On recommendation of the Executive Council of the Baltimore Teachers Union at a mass meeting yesterday (Thursday) at the Masonic Temple, city teachers and aides overwhelmingly agreed to extend the present contract only until President Nixon's wage-price freeze ends on Nov. 12.

Then, union officials said, if no contract has been settled between the teachers and the Mayor and the City Council, a walkout is certain.

Union leaders told the AFRO they would recommend to the membership the "no contract no work" concept.

Talks between the School Board negotiating team and union negotiators will resume on the Tuesday morning.

Teachers' aides have thrown their lot in with teachers in an effort to get tenure and other benefits which are automatically given to other city employees, union president Dennis Crosby said.

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The union and the city have been negotiating since Jan. Mr. Crosby called the situation, "BTU's Odyssey of 1971." Since that time there has been no contract agreed upon which is acceptable to both aides, teachers and administrators.

Asked by teachers at the meeting yesterday, "Why wait until Nov. 14 to strike?"

Mr. Crosby said the political situation, meaning the election year upheavals and the arrival of a new superintendent — Dr. Roland T. Patterson — from Seattle, would add to the political muscle of the union by both situations having been stabilized by Nov. 14.

Teachers, he felt, would be in a more advantageous position in Nov. than they are now.

Mr. Crosby and other union executives made it clear the present contract was extended only because of the President's wage-price freeze.

If by that time no contract for the period beyond is reached city classrooms will be empty.

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One of the most important items in the extended contract is the binding arbitration clause.

This means if school teachers' negotiators and school board negotiators cannot agree on matters as salary, transfers of teachers etc., a third party will be brought in to decide the issue. The intervening mediator's decision will be binding on both the school board team and the union's team.

Baltimore is one of the few systems in the country to have such a clause for teachers.

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On the matter of automatic yearly increments, Mr. Crosby said school officials as well as the city solicitor's office were in Washington hoping to iron out the matter with the President's Cost of Living Council.

Union leaders said the council has been ambivalent on the matter having ruled eight times, for and against the increments.

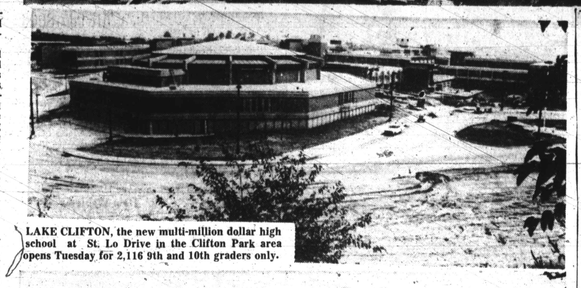
So, it is definite now city children will have teachers in the classroom on Tuesday, but only until Nov. 14.

At that time what will happen is not clear.

Un-gabfest

PENCRIDGE, England (UPI) — Thirty-five women have agreed to maintain silence for four hours to raise money for charity. Neighbors will watch over the ladies to make sure they adhere to their pledge.

SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH at 200 Font Hill Ave., in the Frederick Rd. area opens Tuesday with 1,875 pupils in grades from seven through 10.



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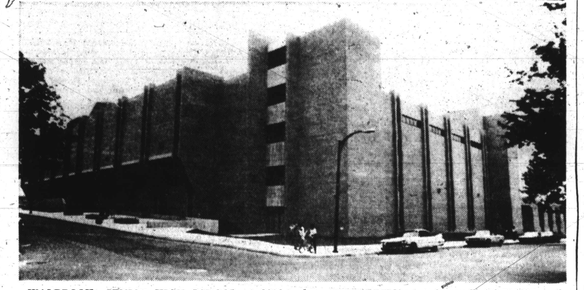

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