# —Exposes deal

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hesitance had you or I or anyone else anticipated future developments.

"Black citizens have been thwarted in the efforts to gain significant involvement in the $3 billion subway construction in Washington, D.C.

"Black contractors have sought prime contracts, but have been denied. Approximately $300 million in subway contracts have been let so far.

"Of this sum, black firms have been awarded a piddling $2 million in contracts.

"WMTA-metro raises questions about the capability of black contractors, but it never creatively explores what can be accomplished under a consortium of black contractors.

"I would hope that you would take the following actions as soon as possible:

"First, acting in concert with your colleagues in the House of Delegates, submit an appropriate statement to chairman Sickles and the Metro Board concerning an apparently adamant attitude against the significant utilization of black contractors in the building of the Metro subway.

"Second, initate appropriate action with secretary of the Department of Transportation, Harry Hughes in an effort to insure that black construction firms, black workers, at all levels, are utilized in significant numbers in the state of Maryland's transportation program.

"The economic gap between black and white Americans cannot be breached if blacks do not receive a healthy share of the action in transportation revitalization which will be a dominant factor in the nation's economic life for the next decade.

"We must act to insure that the duplicity practiced against black contractors in the District of Columbia shall not happen again."

BURIED IN VA. — Mrs. Ada Cheatham, 55, wife of Leroy A. Cooper, Baltimore attorney, was buried in her native Newport News, Va., on Monday. Her mother, Mrs. John R. Cheatham, died in her Virginia home the day of her funeral. Mrs. Cooper's father, brother, Robert V. Cheatham, are among other survivors.

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# —Fire Dept.

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tion of Kenneth Lavon Johnson "to represent the complainants in this friendly test case."

Fire Board President James Lacy said, Tuesday, the commissioners are considering adding more battalion chief positions in community relations specifically to increase the chances of black firemen advancement.

Furthermore, Lacy remarked the Fire Board is seeking to reduce the minimum time required in one Fire Department position before becoming eligible for promotion.

Currently, of the over 90 captains in the field there is only one black captain, Lewis R. Harper.

He is the highest ranking black fireman and the first to reach the grade of captain.

There are 14 black lieutenants out of about 250.

How can we expect, asked Charles Thomas, to encouragge our young black men to enter the Fire Department if the opportunity for promotion is slim or if they do not see black men in high positions in the department?

# -Lawson named

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Mr. Lawson received his A. B. degree from West Virginia State College in 1963 and attended Science Institutes at Morgan State College; Vassar College; Poughkeepsie, New York and Oneonta State University College.

Later, in 1968, he received both the M.A. degree in Science Education from Morgan State College and an M.A. degree in Secondary Supervision and Administration from the University of Maryland.


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# —Mayor inaugural

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the traditional ceremonies from the War Memorial Building to the open square in front of the Federal Building.

According to Mrs. Henderson, the Board of Estimates appropriated $7,000 for the function. Said the co-ordinator, "However, we hope to give a check back to the city. We don't expect to use all of it."

Mrs. Henderson, who worked for Mr. Schaefer during the campaign, said school children and senior citizens would be represented during the event in the form of the All-City High School Band, the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation Senior Citizens Chorus and the choir of the Community College of Baltimore. Other music will be provided by the Rivers Chambers Trio.

Ushers will be drawn from elementary, junior and senior high schools throughout the city.

In the order of the program, the bands will begin music at the plaza at 11 a.m.

Before noon the streets from Hopkins Plaza to City Hall will be banned to traffic. The official party will leave City Hall by motorcade.

At noon the processional will begin. During the playing of the "Stars and Stripes Forever," Mayor and Mrs. Thomas John D'Alesandro III, followed by Mayor-elect William Donald Schaefer; his mother, Mrs. William H. Schaefer; Gov. Marvin Mandel and Mrs. Mandel; Comptroller and Comptroller-elect Herman Pressman and Mrs. Pressman; and President-elect of the City Council Walter S. Orlinsky and Mrs. Orlinsky will take their places on the platform.

The National Anthem will be followed by the Invocation of Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore.

Mrs. William Schaefer will present a Bible to the Mayor.

The new Mayor will present his Inaugural Address. Bishop Winfield A. Showell, pastor, First Apostolic Faith Church, will offer a prayer. The presentation of the City Hall flag to Mayor Schaefer will be made by Mrs. George E. Wells.

Then, standing to the right of Mr. Schaefer, the Comptroller and the Comptroller-elect will receive oaths from the Mayor.

Mr. Schaefer's personal minister, the Rev. Holsey M. Cook, Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, will offer a Prayer of Consecration, followed by the Municipal Anthem, "Baltimore Our Baltimore" and the Benediction by Rabbi Israel Tabak, Shaarel Zion Congregation.

A reception for all will be held in the Baltimore Civic Center.

Mrs. Henderson revealed two plans are in existence. "Plan A" for outdoors activities, and "Plan B" for indoors activities, in case of rain or snow, at the Civic Center.

More than 5,000 invitations have gone out for the event. Large numbers of names came from campaign lists, others from city agencies, and community groups.

Buttons will be passed out displaying the colors of the city and the theme "Baltimore and All Its People Together" written by Mrs. Henderson.

Everyone in city government has been invited to the event, the AFRO was told; as well as the public.

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Along with a committee, Mrs. Henderson has complete responsibility for the smooth operation of the ceremonies. She will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies and will welcome the assemblage.

Mrs. Henderson, 30, is the wife of Edward Henderson Sr., of the Department of Recreation. She is the mother of two sons, Edward Jr. and Michael. She attended Douglass High and Howard University. She is the daughter of Mayoral aide, Mrs. Marguerite Campbell.

# -Police raid

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black citizens without care nor forethought.

She states, "I have never been so embarrased and humiliated in my life. The Vice Squad came searching for lottery and gambling paraphernalia.

"They left my house in shambles. The policemen were gruff and uncouth.

"They spoke nasty as if hollering at dogs. One pulled my daughter's hair, hit her in the mouth and shouted, "Sit down. Be quiet. You should be glad you did not get worse."

A policewoman called another of my daughters a "little B----" when she came to my defense. I am a cardiac patient.

"A policeman threw my third daughter across the room hitting her head on the wall. Only two of the detectives and one uniform officer from Southeastern District acted as if we were humans instead of dogs."

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However, reading from reports of the raiding officers, Col. DuBois told this reporter, "One 15-year-old girl slammed the phone down on the policewoman's hand. Another 13-year-old daughter attacked the policewoman who weighs about 105 lbs.

"We found nothing there Now one was thrown around the room. There was no furniture broken.

"There was a lot of going in and out. After our men received a phone call, we set up observation. We had no option but to put someone on the complaint."

Further comments from Mrs. Matthews letter are:

"Now I suppose I am to get permission as to how many people come in my home.

"I live for the people. I have been a public servant since I became of age. People of all walks of life come in my home, some come in for pleasure, some come in for me to help them in what ever way I can.

"This is "My thing." I like people old and young.

"I am not a well person. I am a cardiac patient and since this I have not been able to sleep at night only a cat nap about a half an hour.

"My nerves are shot and I am a nervous wreck. My children are all tensed and jittery.

"If the detectives were alert on getting the purse snatchers, house breakers, and dope pushers, peddlers and addicts as they are about numbers, then there would be less crime.

"Last Dec. 14, I was robbed in broad daylight but have the police ever come and asked me to look at a lineup? No, they have not and they never will.

"I wonder if I lived in Homeland instead of a low rent public housing project would they have treated me this way?"

# -Mandel will

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celled because of the death of Walter P. Carter.

"The issues we, as a Community, are primarily concerned about," said Delegate Dean, "are redistricting, higher education, welfare, the public defender system, and high level appointments in State government."

The final agenda will develop out of a preliminary meeting that will be held by black elected officials, said Dl. Dean.

"We plan to submit to the Governor written proposals," said Del. Dean.

Included in the proposals will be a plan to retain all 12 black elected state delegates, a response to the brewing welfare crisis, and concrete proposals for a higher level Black involvement in State government.

Del. Dean told the AFRO that letters have been sent to black state legislators, and key black community leaders for the meeting.

# -Cherry Hill

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bakery truck where it was kept.

Mr. Wilson testified, "I told Tank to get the gun because he played around with it too much. The boy I accidentally killed—he was the first one I made friends with out there in Westport."

According to police, the revolver had been stolen last year during a burglary of a police officer's home.

Mr. Wilson testified he had purchased the gun for $35 from a drug addict only four days before the shooting.

When asked why he bought the gun, the youth simply shook his head and stated, "I don't know."

The defendant also testified he had wrapped the gun in a black shirt before the shooting.

However, an assistant state's attorney contended no powder burns were not found on the shirt as expected if the gun had been in the shirt when fired.

Judge Dorf withheld sentencing pending a pre-sentence report.


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