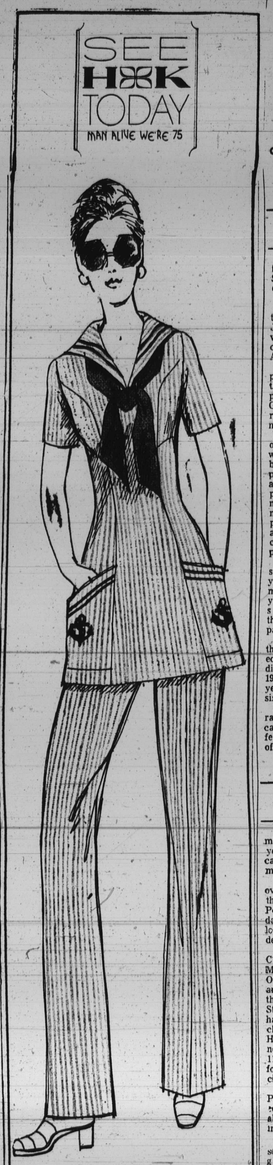


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## —Our Shirley

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fully for the New York State Assembly, and was elected to Congress in 1968.

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Ramsey Clark, U.S. Attorney General during the Johnson administration, will be the speaker at the conference luncheon on April 20 beginning at noon.

Assisting Mr. Sachs in planning the meeting are: the Rev. Vernon Dobson, program chairman; Lewis Gwynn, chairman of arrangements; and a 16 member committee.

The Maryland Conference of Social Welfare is a state-wide group made up of both professional and lay people, as well as public and private agencies. Its purpose is to focus community attention on community problems, and through public education and social action try to influence change in social policy and programs.

The conference holds a state-wide forum once a years concentrated on a major issue. Every five years it pays tribute to the state's foster parents through a serieso f area parties and meetings.

Mr. Sachs, chairman of the 1972 spring forum, served as U. S. Attorney for the district of Maryland from 1967 to 1970 and for three years, 1961 to 1964, was Assistant U. S. Attorney.

Details concerning registration may be obtained by calling the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare office, on West 25th St.,

## —Hunt goes on

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minutes with her seven-year-old niece while she cashed a check at Mondawmin on April 1.

The AFRO has received over 100 calls inquiring if the child has been found. Police say there is no foundation for a rumor he was located in a Mondawmin department store.

Wednesday night Police Community Relations Major James A. Watkins, Officer Vernion May and an AFRO reporter raced to the 1500 block W. Saratoga St. where a 15-year old girl had said she found the child near a lunch room. However, after combing the neighborhood until past 11:30 p.m., no trace was found of the girl nor the child.

Police led by Missing Persons Officer Muscalli continued the investigation all day Thursday and far into the night.

Officer Muscalli is constantly at the side of the grieving mother and grandmother.

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## —For Wallace

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igan, Indiana, Tennessee and North Carolina, "making personal appearances."

Strangely, he is setting up Wallace headquarters in mostly poor and strangely, middle white areas where black persons rarely go and admits he is safer there in Ferndale in the Baltimore area for example "rather than on Pennsylvania Ave."

Mr. Jones says, "Nobody can scare me. They don't invite me to big folks affairs but what do I care about that?"

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The rain drops that keep falling on Mr. Jones's head in the form of rebuffs from his own people have left worry lines and have placed him on the defensive.

However, when he is received with courtesy as he was at the AFRO Wednesday, he warms up, the lines disappear and he becomes quite the charming, highly intelligent personality he really is.

Like Mr. Wallace, he does have a certain appeal and he can speak like the old folks say and "turn them words around and make you believe anything."

Mr. Jones says Wallace does not give him anything money-wise and he doesn't run to the white folks, "They come to me."

Funds, he states, are provided by donations "from all parts of the nation, from black and white people by the droves" who want a strong man to straighten the United States out.

He believes Wallace will take Maryland "no sweat" and "plenty black folks will be on record here to laugh and tell the tale "when we get in the White House."

Mr. Jones has been with Wallace since 1968 and thus continues to defy "Negro" conformity as he has done since 1924 when he was a campaigning kid "raggedy as a barrel of sour kraut in the politics-for-pennies-days."

Then he passed out handbills for the Tom Pendergast machine in St. Louis and "voted four or five times" for a few cents.

He recalls, President Harry Truman got his start with the machine in Jackson County, Mo. and although neither a judge nor a lawyer, "made it with the Pendergast bunch" from the Senate right up smack inside the White House.

Mr. Jones says he became a Democrat when "all the black citizens were Republicans" and a "history maker" as a journalist and photographer when Roy Wilkins was managing editor of a Kansas City newspaper.

Mr. Jones made a right good living in the 1930's in show business and passed through Baltimore managing Tiny Bradshaw in 1936 when the Astoria was one of the big night clubs of the era. After 23 years on the road he got his own radio and TV program "talk show" in Tampa, Fla.

He is a registered voter in nine states and now votes in Florida.

Back to his Wallace for president deal, he states. "With America in the shape it's in, we need a strong man like we did in 1932 when Roosevelt came along."

As to what Wallace will do for citizens if he gets in the White House, Mr. Jones put it this way, "Look at Birmingham, Ala.

"The black citizens down there are better off than anywhere in the nation.

## —5-year term

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tempted to throw a box of lottery slips from a bathroom window.

The prosecution also revealed Mr. Harrington had previous lottery convictions against him in 1962 and 1969.

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals denied the request to overturn the conviction and held there was sufficient evidence against the defendant.

Mr. Harrington is presently out on $2,500 bail and according to an official spokesman, he will remain free until the state appellate court decision reaches the state's attorney's office here.

The routine procedure will take 30 days, the AFRO was told before Mr. Harrington will be ordered to surrender and begin serving his 5-year sentence.

The defendant is the one-time manager of the famous Club Astoria Bar located on Edmondson Ave. and the son of the late Rev. S. A. Harrington, a prominent Baptist minister.

## —City workers

(FROM PAGE 1)

Baltimore, my administration has had to come to grips with an inherited operating deficit of one and one-half million dollars. We must pay the bill, which has been accumulating since last July.

In thinking of his options to bring fiscal stability the Mayor took several factors into consideration:

: the hardship which a mass layoff would bring to city families

: the current economic state of the country

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The two lay-off days will fall in different pay periods "to lessen the economic impact as much as possible," the Mayor purposely chose days which would bring long weekends.

May 30 will extend through the Memorial Day holiday. School employees will be off May 30, and Friday, June 23, a non-school day. This means, education officials say, that students will not lose a state-required day of school since there is an extra day this year in the school calendar.

Mr. Schaefer concluded, he regretted to take the action and expected opposition from city employee unions. However, "I am determined to put Baltimore on a firm footing."

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VITAL PROGRAMS MAY BE CUT

# City schools in grip of financial disaster

By PAUL EVANS

With Baltimore's student school population 70 percent black, the Board of School Commissioners Wednesday night heard Superintendent Roland N. Patterson spell out possible drastic program eliminations to conform with Mayor Schaefer's order to cut city agency budgets to avoid a $1.47 property tax increase.

In explaining his decision on what programs to cut the superintendent, supported by Stephen McNierney, chairman of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, explained his primary purpose is to be superintendent of all children.

He decided if cuts will have to be made, they will be made in the areas which will affect the school children the least.

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Elimination of school athletic programs, the Iowa city-wide Testing Program, summer schools, reduction of community schools, reduction of Adult Education, elimination of a new Behavior and Security Program and equipment for security personnel, and the laying off of secondary and vocational teachers have been tentative suggestions by Dr. Patterson and his staff.

Other possible eliminations could be physical education teachers in elementary schools, the elimination of club activities as student newspapers and yearbooks and increase in lunch prices from 40 cents to 45 cents and from 45 cents to 50 cents, also a forestall on the opening of the eight new schools.

The situation has been described by one commissioner as "the most serious financial situation of the city in years. It cuts to the bone of a city with desperate requirements."

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The system requested a budget of 222.7 million dollars. This was trimmed by the Department of Finance to 204 million dollars. The department of Finance had recommended an increase over last year of $6.8 million but this was actually decreased by $2 million because, Dr. Patterson said, built-in increases and the inflationary spiral were not taken into consideration.

Therefore, to operate the system must cut $2 million worth of programs from the budget.

The present $204.2 million budget is broken down as follows: $35.0 million comes from Special Funds and General Funds, $72.5 million comes from state sources, $.06 million comes from federal sources, $.01 million comes from miscellaneous sources and the rest — the bulk $96.0 million comes from city tax dollars.

Forty-two percent of every city tax dollar is spent on education, making the department one of the biggest agencies in the city.

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Said the Superintendent, "If we get all the money from the Department of Finance's recommendation we will still be $2 million short of the additional $6.8 million needed and requested."

Rejoiced Commissioner McNierney, 'We are not talking about new problems, we are talking about something less than the present level of operation."

But Commissioners Kalman R. Hettleman, Larry Gibson and McNierney cautioned the board that all was not loss.

The recommended cuts were only recommended cuts. Mr. Gibson said a meeting of the Board of Estimates on Tuesday night was to have been a closed working session on education and the budget.

He explained that ression in his opinion, was not well-publicized, and will be the only session the Board will have on the school budget.

Gibson said, "Once the Board of Estimates makes a decision on the budget, the City Council cannot raise the figure, only decrease it."

The School Board passed a resolution which requested the superintendent to call an emergency meeting of all parent representatives of schools and to have the board president, Dr. John Walton, request the Board of Estimates to hold a special hearing on the education budget before its next meeting, Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

The members agreed if the estimates board did not consent to a special hearing, the entire school board would attend the public session Wednesday to demand that the $2 million decreased by the Department of Finance be restored.

Commissioner Gibson told the audience: "Don't think that the City Council will restore the cuts, the Board of Estimates is the only agency which can do anything."

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Commissioner Hettleman suggested that the $36 million revenue expected from the proposed sale of Friendship Airport be used for the school operating budget "to buy us time."

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"The school system is hanging by a thread. Most of the problems in the school system are social problems not educational problems," he said.

Hettlemen recommended this means because, "I don't foresee any additional revenue coming from the state or federal government for the next two years. Capital asset funds are usually used for other purposes, but I think the money from Friendship would be an additional source and would close the revenue gap for the next two to three years."

In other matters the Board heard a report on the Model Early Childhood Learning Center on its demonstration Tuesday before nationwide educators in Washington at the Statler-Hilton.

Miss Betty Showell, director, said, "The program is first of its kind in the country. The children stole the show."

The program is designed for 3 to 6-year-olds to help them develop skills in reading, language and mathematics.

The director said the program was elected as one of the 11 outstanding projects of its kind in the country. The same group has been invited to appear at another conference of educators in June. And the U.S. State Department has asked for guidelines that the program may be developed in other countries.

The program has helped to raise the I.Q.'s level of children 16 points through individual attention and prepared lessons. The cost of individual attention for each child was estimated at $1,200 per year.

Much of this is used for renovation of school buildings for use by very young children.

After Miss Showell's report she received congratulations from the board and a strong applause from the mostly white aiidience which was obviously impressed.

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The members voted to submit several recommendations to relieve overcrowded conditions at some junior and senior high schools for 1972-73 to school principals who will meet with parents, staff members, and students to make recommendations to the superintendent.

The plan was submitted by Assistant Superintendent Wilmer V. Bell.

Finally, members agreed, after pleas from parents and students of the Western High School annex at Howard and Centre Sts. to allow the building to remain open, using only the ground, first, second and three rooms of the third level, upon the consent of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Dr. Patterson said the building had numerous code violations and the parents should understand the students could not rejmain in the building indefinitely.

Speaking in favor of retaining the annex was:

Mrs. L. Alan Evans, president of the Parents Council, Mrs. Irma K. Roy, principal of the annex, Miss Pat Hall, student, Miss Terry Snyder, student, Miss Darilyn Arnel, student, Mrs. Leonard Cole, parent and Dr. Murray Kappleman, parent.

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All of the members of the board were present, including the Student Commissioners Arlene Jenkins and George Mitchell.

The next meeting of the board will be held Thursday, April 27, 1972 at the same building, Coldstream Elementary School, No. 13, Loch Raven Blvd. and Exeter Hall Ave. at 7 p.m.

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