We may not share the millions in city contacts

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's office is planning hearings on the proposed Rapid Transit System and the Inner Harbor Project.

He states his staff has been compiling information for hearings to come the first of 1973.

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Here is a statement of facts he says the public has a right to know:

"Unprecedented developments are taking place in Baltimore City and within other major urban areas.

"In the next decade, millions of federal dollars will be spent on such urban area programs as: sub-way systems, rapid transit systems and harbor developments.

"Billions of dollars to be spent on such projects will be taken out of Federal Funds.

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"Black communities across the nation and in our city of Baltimore should be asking questions regarding their involvement in these Federally subsidized projects.

"For example, we should want to know how many major contracts in the rapid transit system will be secured by blacks.

"How many subcontracts will be secured by blacks in the system?

"We should want to know how many black workers will be involved building the rapid transit system.

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"Similarly, here in Baltimore, we must ask the question "How many black companies have major contracts in the inner harbor complex?

"How many black subcontractors are engaged in the building of the Inner-Harbor? Are black employees at all levels of construction and in all aspects of the Inner Harbor project?

"I think when the community demands answers to these questions, we shall be shocked about our non-involvement."

Money woes recounted in Board meeting

By FLETCHER ROBERTS

As the school year, just begun, goes into its first quarter, operational problems confronting the Department of Education continue.

At the Board of School Commissioners' meeting Thursday at the new Lake Clifton Senior High School, superintendent Dr. Roland Patterson and the Board again registered the complaints of parties outside the department.

"The complaints, all stemmed from fiscal shortages made necessary by what has been described as an "austerity budget."

Mrs. Arthur Kasakove, PTA president of Fallstaff Elementary School, again urged Board members and the Department of Education to return to the business of education. "The purpose of education is to educate children," Mrs. Kasakove said.

"Nobody's really interested in the children," she exclaimed "they're only concerned about getting their piece of the pie, while the children get the crumbs."

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Mrs. Kasakove further charged "Anybody saying they're interested in children, then turning to their own self-interest should hang their head in shame."

Another parent representing the same school, Mrs. Bedina Williams, addressed the Board on the subject of the removal of a teacher from the faculty of Fallstaff Elementary School.

Mrs. Williams claimed the teacher was lost "because the school is underpopulated. We don't have 36 pupils in a classroom."

She said, "Fallstaff had been one of six schools designated as a "Right to Read School."

She went on to say "The loss of a teacher implied the loss of the Right to Read Program."

"If we need anything, we need to know how to read," Mrs. Williams concluded "You can't do anything unless you can read!"

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Charles P. Fischbach, Executive Director, Classified Municipal Employees Association of Baltimore City, spoke before the board on the subject of the Department of Education's policy of hiring high echelon personnel.

Mr. Fischbach called for clarification of the "inconsistent employment practices of the Baltimore Department of Education."

"The Department (of Education)" Mr. Fischbach charged "should no longer add members to its staff, the next cuts should come from his (Dr. Patterson's) staff."

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Mr. Fischbach cited the pending hiring of two Department of Education Specialists, who, when hired, will have a combined salary of $37,000.

"I cannot" he said, "see the policy of hiring higher echelon personnel, on the one hand, while at the same time laying off security guards."

Mr. Fischbach then "urged the Committee on Finance to reconsider and review the situation and to deny Dr. Patterson the right to appoint unnecessary positions at this time."

Board member, Stephen McNierney, who heads the Committee on Finance indicated that he would not ask the committee to review the matter.

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In other Board business, Commissioner Larry Gibson reported to the Board on the findings of the Council of Great City Schools.

Mr. Gibson indicated that the Council had passed a resolution related to Title 1 funding of schools by the United States Office of Education.

"All 1973 allocations will be made on the basis of 1960 census" he said, in lieu of the use of the more recent 1970 census.

Mr. Gibson noted the relevance to "poor people" posed by the choice of the earlier census.

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Another Board member, Robert J. Thieblot, for the purposes of insuring due process called for an amendment to existing procedures and requested that the interviewing of teachers and other staff members, where necessary, be included as part of the prescribed process of dealing with pupil suspension and expulsion.

Voter registration closes

Voter registration books closed Tuesday night with a 12-hour registration exercise at the War Memorial building. Over 3,500 citizens were registered.

An anticipated there was a last minute surge just before the 9 p.m. deadline. At 9 p.m. activities ceased as Board of Election Supervisors personnel stopped giving out cards.

The last group of persons were administered the oath at 9:17 p.m.

As registration closed indications were that fewer persons registered for the Nov. 7 elections.

Apparently political apathy with the elections accounted for the poor turn up despite a vigorous campaign by the political parties.

Inspite of supplementary registration and the fact that 18-year-olds are eligible to vote for the first time, Board officials state fewer persons registered for the Nov. 7 elections than for the 1968 elections.

An official stated the actual number of persons registered in the city may not be known immediately but indications are that a little after an estimated 100,000 eligible voters registered.

An official told the AFRO fewer persons were registered than in the primary elections.

In the state of Marvland things were not much better. Official figures indicate almost 500,000 eligible voters failed to register.

OCTOBER 19

PTSA of Carver Vocational Technical High School will hold its first meeting of the school year on October 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. James Fuller will be guest speaker. The school is located at Pressman and Bentalou Sts.

"Protest and Communication," Part Six of the much-lauded "Civilization" series, produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation, with script and narration by art historian Kenneth Clark, will be shown at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Edmondson Ave., branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Edmondson Ave. and Woolsing Rd.

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Del. Conaway ordered to pay $62 a week child support

"It's too bad these children have to be put in the middle of all these crazy workings," Judge Lucy Ann Garvey of the Baltimore District Domestic Court remarked half way through the child-support suit between Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Sr. and his divorced wife Mrs. Bernita Kelly Conaway, on Tuesday.

The Conaway domestic hearing came about as a result of Mr. Conaway not responding in time to a show cause order issued Aug. 2 by District Court Judge Meyer Cardin.

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It ended with Judge Garvey ordering the 4th District delegate to pay his former wife through the probation department $30.90 a week for the care of each of his two children.

This figure was less than half the sum Mrs. Conaway, a Baltimore city elementary school teacher, asked Judge Garvey to award her. She told the court she spends $40 a week to feed them, $50 a week to clothe them and $15-20 a week to provide "wholesome entertainment" for them.

She also said, in response to a question from her attorney, Hilary Caplan, it will cost her $75 a week to pay for a housekeeper when the younger child is home from kindergarten.

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It also ended with Mr. Conaway announcing his domestic troubles and the publicity surrounding them have forced him to resign his job as district manager of an insurance firm.

Mr. Conaway's lawyer, William H. Murphy, Jr., handed Judge Garvey a copy of the resignation letter (effective Oct. 16) and remarked this left his client with his $11,000 state delegate income.

Mr. Caplan did question Mr. Conaway about other sources of income. Mr. Conaway denied he had a tenant for his 9620 Clanford Rd., Randallstown, home, which he said cost him $50,000 with $32,000 remaining on the mortgage.

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He also denied he would still be earning credits from premiums paid on policies he sold while with the firm he is quitting.

To the question had he ordered a 1973 Cadillac for lease at a cost of $3,000 a year, the Delegate did answer yes.

Asked how he could afford paying $3,000 for a car on his $11,000 delegate salary, he responded, "The Lord only knows. I hope to make some money once I get this (domestic conflict) off my mind."

At the same hearing, Mr. Conaway remarked he had been willing to pay for the cost of sending his children to county public school instead of them going to the same city school where their mother teaches.

He asserted, "I always take care of them in the finest fashion."

The Conaway children were out of school at the time of the hearing. Attorney Caplan produced a letter to explain why.

The letter was written by Mr. Conaway to the principal of the school where the mother teaches.

It ordered the principal to withdraw the children from school otherwise, as Judge Garvy read out loud, Mr. Conaway was going to do "whatever it takes" to remove them (citing the legal factor of the children's county address).

Court records show Mrs. Conaway had been living at the Clanford Rd. home up to June 17, 1972, at which time she left, with her children to live with her mother, Mrs. Bernice Kelly, at 8511 Glen Michael La. also in Randallstown.

(At first to the question of where she lived, Mrs. Conaway responded, "I don't live anywhere. I stay with my mother.")

Mrs. Conaway told Judge Garvey she left taking only her and her children's personal belongings (leaving the furniture).

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Mr. Conaway countered by telling the court she took sufficient money to last her a month and "some expensive jewelry, I might add."

Cancelled checks produced in court by Lawyer Murphy indicated Mr. Conaway did not send his wife any money to care for the children until two days after Judge Cardin had signed his show-cause order.

Attorney Caplan inspected the checks syaing, the first check, dated Aug. 4 and cashed Aug. 5, was for $200; Mr. Conaway sent a $100 check on Aug. 14, cashed on the 15th and another $100 on Aug. 28, cashed on the 29th.

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Since then, Mrs. Conaway admitted her former husband (they were divorced in Dec. 1970) was sending her about $100 bi-weekly.

As to his residence, Mr. Conaway stated he lives at 2330 W. Mosher St. with his father. Beside the Clanford Rd. home, he also owns a home at 3903 Bareva Rd. where he and his wife lived before their divorce.

Mr. Conaway told the court both the Clanford Rd. and the Bareva Rd. homes were purchased under both his and his former wife's name.

DOCTORS TO VISIT CHINA — Dr. Emerson Walden of Baltimore will be one of a 10 member delegation of black doctors to visit the Peoples Republic of China. Approximately two weeks will be spent evaluating health care facilities and programs and touring the country. The group will report its findings and share their experiences upon their return to the United States on Oct. 30.

Wynn surrenders, to serve 30 days

According to a U.S. Marshal's office spokesman, Chandler V. Wynn Jr., 32, surrendered at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday at the U.S. Marshal's office and was later taken to the Anne Arundel County Detention Center, Annapolis.

Following the 30-day prison sentence, he will be on three years probation.

The order was handed down by Federal Court Judge James R. Miller Sept. 28.

According to court records, Wynn was charged with one count of conspiracy to purchase and sell narcotic drugs. He made a plea of guilty to the charges last Feb. 8.

His original sentence was for two years imprisonment.

Judge Miller told Wynn he should get the maximum sentence of five years because he believed the crime Wynn committed is "very low." The jurist stated, "I'm not for people throwing away other people's lives."

In view of Wynn's cooperation and because he had no former convictions, the jurist told him he would impose a "light" sentence.

With the sentence, Judge Miller warned Wynn that he should not violate any federal, state or local laws dealing with drugs of any kind and if he does, he will be in jail "for sure."

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Court records show, from May, 1970 until and including April 30, 1971 Wynn and co-conspirators made plans to violate drug laws.

Wynn met with co-conspirators at Friendship Airport, arriving from the La Guardia Airport, on several occasions, according to court records.

Court records also show he took them to his beach home in Anne Arundel County.

Court records also show that parts of the conspiracy charged that Wynn delivered quantities of cocaine and heroin from time to time and arranged for resale.

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LOOK AROUND YOU

Aging Commission to get face-lift

By SCOTT PONEMONE

EDITOR'S NOTE — Too often public agencies in the city and state offer more nuisances than services. Agencies may well be unable to handle the needs of Baltimore's black citizenry because too few of the agencies' workers and very few of their supervisors are black.

This series of article called 'Look Around You," is written to help AFRO readers know more about their public agencies and inspire them and the agencies to correct the inequities.

One of Baltimore's more frequently overlooked minorities, the aged, may well be headed for a time of more public concern as the Mayor along with the Councilwoman Barbara Mikulski Thursday announced they will introduce an ordinance into City Council Monday to revamp the present Commission on the Problems of the Aging.

Councilwoman Mikulski stated the changes listed in the Ordinance are largely in accordance with recommendations originating from the White House Conference on Aging.

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"We are the first city in the country" she remarked, "to respond from the White House Conference, and I think it's very exciting."

The proposed changes come, Mayor William Donald Schaefer commented, "not as criticism of the current (20-man) Commission," but, as he said, "times are changing."

The new commission, according to the proposal, will be assisted no longer by a paid executive secretary but by a director with the Mayor's cabinet level status.

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If the plan passes, as the Mayor urges, a principal function of the Commission would be overseeing a city retirement education program. Consequently the Commission's new name would be the Commission on the Aging and Retirement Education.

As the Councilwoman explained in her report, "Too many individuals fail to plan for retirement or plan too late. Pre-retirement education and counselling should be provided locally. . .by trained instructors, starting at least five years before normal retirement age."

The proposal also stated, "The agency would be a clearinghouse for information on retirement education," and "The agency would seek funds from the State and Federal governments to develop programs in the pre-retirement area."

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On the current Commission of 16 mayoral appointees and four ex-officio members, two of the appointees are black people, Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins (a surgeon) and Father Donald O. Wilson (pastor of St. James rectory), and one ex-officio member, Dr. Roland N. Patterson, as the present school superintendent.

A third black appointee, Mrs. Vivian Cook (a retired school principal), has recently resigned. Her vacancy has not been filled.

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The ordinance will be calling for some changes in membership. Councilwoman Mikulski is asking for Police Department and a Planning Department representative along with the director of the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens to be added ex-officio.

She remarked in her report the ordinance will call for a minimum number of Commission members, 65 years or older.

Moreover, it is proposed that the Commission should have some members expert in the area of retirement education.

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