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Firemen charge department with bias in U.S court

Lt. Carl E. McDonald, a member of the Baltimore City Fire Department, testified during a federal court trial yesterday that his efficiency ratings have constantly been lower than those of whites coming into the department at the same time.

Lt. McDonald, with the department since 1965, claimed that had he been given a maximum efficiency rating of 86.050 he would have been assigned to a pump operator's job in April of 1970 instead of May 5, 1971.

McDonald later told the AFRO that a pump operator usually makes $500 to $600 more a year than fire fighters. Although he was eventually promoted, McDonald's discontent sprang from the fact that he, "could have been making that money in 1970."

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The lieutenant's testimony came on the eighth day of the trial, which concerns a class action suit filed by four black officers of the department, who claim the department discriminates in its system of employment, job assignment, and promotion.

The suit calls for the elimination of present job systems employed by the department and asks that back pay be awarded blacks who have been "adversely affected" by racial discrimination.

The suit also requests that 17 new fire officer positions, currently frozen by court injunction, be awarded to blacks as reparation for past discrimination. The positions include one department chief, six battalion chiefs and ten lieutenants.

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[illegible] ment refused to promote [illegible] by Lt.

In previous testimony a firefighter testified that he was denied promotion to lieutenant in 1969 because a superior entered an incorrect efficiency rating on his promotion data.

James E. Griffen, said that although he complained to the Civil Service Commission and the error was corrected, the department deciding when is the right time to leave the home.

Now a lieutenant, Griffen qualified and was promoted to the position in February, 1971.

George L. Russell, Jr., city solicitor, concluded during his cross examination that slow reaction, within the commission or the fire department, was a possible reason that the promotion list wasn't changed. Griffen refused, however, to comment yes or no regarding Russell's observation.

Lieutenant Griffen stated that he received neither an apology, nor a comment on why or how the incorrect figure was placed on his records, or why the score was not changed after correction.

Earlier in the week Fire Lt. David Echols of the community relations division, criticized the fire department for its attitudes toward black personnel and for its performance in fire fighting in black neighborhoods.

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A letter that Lt. Echols sent to Model Cities last year was also submitted into evidence. It charged that:

The fire department historically hired too few minority members.

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Fire personnel use disrespectful and abusive language when working in low socio-economic areas; operating under dual standards—one for the white middle-class and one for the black and poor.

Advancement opportunity is restricted in the fire service, as witnessed by the absence of blacks in higher echelon positions.

Despite objections from city attorneys that the ma- [illegible] by Lt. Echols was misleading and [illegible] of the data gathered by the city community relations committee was allowed into evidence [illegible] Court Judge Joseph L. Young.

Presently, only five of 120 fire captains are black and no black has been promoted above the rank of captain.

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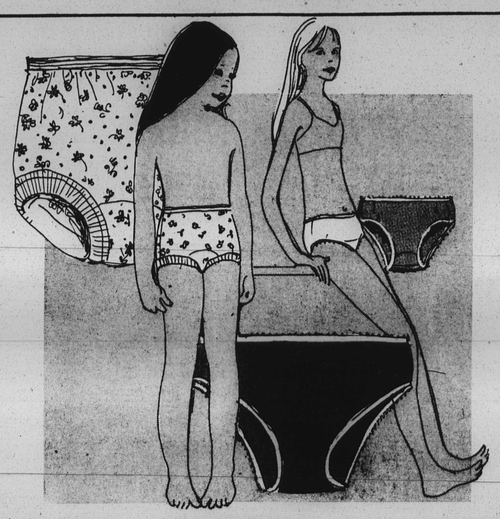

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Church group gets jobs for black in dairies

By BLAINE TAYLOR

"Church money cannot be neutral, because it either supports or doesn't support discrimination," Jonn Burleigh, executive director of Maryland Project Equality, Inc. told the AFRO.

The group represents the Baltimore area religious community, said Mr. Burleigh, "And this includes churches, schools and nursing homes."

The organization, founded by Mr. Burleigh and others in June, 1968, is headquartered at 330 N. Charles St., and is attempting to secure equal employment opportunities in all local industries that do business in the black community.

"It is an interfaith project funded and sponsored by all segments of the religious community," stated the director, "and it deals with all suppliers of services to black people."

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Its latest target is the city's five-member dairy industry, which includes Sealtest, Greenspring, Cloverland, Koontz and Wilton Farm.

"The dairies have been asked to provide some specific job opportunities to minorities and also increased representation of blacks in the total work force—from laborer to management," comment Mr. Burleigh.

Although Maryland Project Equality, Inc. has no enforcement powers, explains its chief, it can wield the power of the purse most effectively.

"Most citizens today buy their milk and other dairy products from chain store supermarkets, and not from the dairies.

"This means that the religious community, through its various institutions—especially the Catholic Church, due to its school system—is the dairy industry's main customer here in Baltimore," he remarked.

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After meetings with the dairies last Dec. 15 and Jan. 22, three of them—Cloverland, Koontz and Sealtest—agreed to comply with the group's presented goals and timetables within one year's time.

The three dairies will submit progress reports to the religious community by April 22.

"Wilton Farm refused to cooperate," stated Mr. Burleigh," and our board will recommend to the churches that they switch their business to one of the other three.

"Greenspring is not cooperating as fully as it should, and I will ask the board to take the same action in regard to it as with Wilton Farm."

In coming months, said the director, Maryland Project Equality, Inc. will be zeroing in on more area industry offenders, but declined to tip his hand to the AFRO by saying exactly which ones.

"Don't worry," added Mr. Burleigh, "you'll hear from us again."

For information, call 539-1710.

Blue Cross board member blames ouster on views

"There is no consumer or subscriber representation on the Blue Cross board of directors except so-called 'public members,' which to the other board members means anyone who is not a doctor, such as a bank president," Philip H. Van Gelder, a trustee of the board, told the AFRO.

Van Gelder is being ousted in April from his position on the board by an amendment to the by-laws that states members must leave after three consecutive terms.

He is the only member so affected by last Tuesday's action, and he charged Wednesday that he is getting the axe because he had exposed last December a $16 million Blue Cross surplus for 1972.

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In another controversy, both he and Ernest B. Crofoot, the two labor union representatives on the 27-member board, asserted that business, hospital and financial groups dominated the board and its policies, and that these were not in the interests of subscribers.

The two men want five of the board members to be labor representatives and four to come from large Baltimore City community groups.

At a caucus held recently, names were chosen from several of these groups, including Harbel, Northeast Community Organization (NECO), Southeast Community Organization (SECO), Greater Homewood, North-Central Baltimore Community Organization and the West Baltimore Organization.

"All the names," Van Gelder said, "were completely rejected."

According to him, the AFL-CIO is going to introduce legislation into the General Assembly in Annapolis, to ensure grass roots representation, and Carl Hobbs, a member of Harbel, said that another possibility might be for Thomas F. Hatem, state insurance commissioner, to refuse to accept the by-law amendment, thereby keeping Van Gelder on the board.

Hobbs said that he thought the chances were good for the legislation to pass, "Because the unions are up in arms over this," but that Hatem's cooperation was "not very likely."

Open enrollment again passes school board

By BLAINE TAYLOR

A proposal by Dr. W. Eugene Scott to end open enrollment in the Baltimore City Public Schools by accepting one of five alternatives set forth in a recent task force study on the subject was defeated Thursday night by a vote of four to two during the regular meeting of the Board of School Commissioners at Coldstream Elementary School No. 31, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave.

The proposal came after Dr. Scott verbally blasted "Two of my unnamed colleagues (Commissioners Robert J. Thieblot and Kalman R. 'Buzzy' Hettleman) for what he called "an outrage" at the previous board meeting.

At that time Mr. Hettleman had released to the task force report on commissioners' consent, the task force reported open enrollment, claiming that all the work of the board should be done in public.

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Last night Dr. Scott charged "They called 'Fire!' in a crowded theater, and the theater is the Baltimore City Public School System.

"Those who were in the theater were middle class blacks who say that their children can't get a quality education in an inner city, black school.

"They say that middle class blacks must go to predominately white schools for a quality education, and this isn't true.

"Douglass High School is over 85 years old and has never had whites and it's an excellent school, as are many other inner city schools," Dr. Scott concluded.

The voting break-down didn't go on racial lines, as only one white board member, Stephen W. McNierney, and no blacks, joined Dr. Scott in voting for the proposal.

Commenting on Dr. Scott's proposal Commissioner Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss stated "People of good temper and wisdom can work together to work out our problems, and it won't be done merely by drawing circles or lines for districting."

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After Mr. McNierney complimented School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson on controlling expenditures over the last six months, Mr. Hettleman charged that this wasn't the case at all, that in reality there is "An additional, unexpected $2 million deficit in the schools' spending pattern."

According to Mr. Hettleman, the budget, as approved by the City Council, called for the spending of $203 million, with an "overroll" of $2 million for this year from a previous overall deficit of $4 million.

The issue was left unsettled at the meeting's conclusion and will come up in the future.

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Dr. Saul M. Perdue, assistant superintendent, said he hoped the "Sunshine Bus," which transported special education children to school before a recent breakdown, will be back on the road shortly, but that "We're having trouble getting parts and drivers."

Student Commissioner Eric Douglass stated "Pregnant teachers should be able to use their regular sick leave for their pregnancy period."

Commissioner Larry S. Gibson agreed, saying "The majority of educational staff is female and I think they ought to be able to accumulate their leave for this purpose."

Since the student commissioners cannot vote, the proposal was defeated.

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Commissioner James M. Griffin, board vice president, presided over the meeting in the absence of President Dr. John Walton, who is recovering from recent surgery, and read into the minutes a document revealing that Dr. Patterson had turned down an invitation to visit Russia by the American Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Patterson, said Mr. Griffin, had declined to go because of budgetary considerations the superintendent must make during the trip time this April.

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Dr. Patterson also announced and publicly honored the winners of the city-wide school student Drug Awareness Poster Project: Miss Kim Peters on N. Stockton St., grade five, William Alexander Elementary No. 112; Miss Latonia Crawford, Grantley St., grade five, Mary E. Rodman Elementary No. 204;

Also: Harold Butler, Grove Ave., grade seven, Garrison Junior High School No. 42; Miss Paula Buchanan, Sipple Ave., junior Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical Senior High School No. 410; and Miss Deborah Sample, Asbury Ave., grade 11, Western Senior High School No. 407.

Also present was commissioner Mrs. C. Richmond Farring and Miss Arlene Jenkins, student commissioner.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, Coldstream Elementary.

Del. Brailey at U. of Md. next week

Delegate Troy Brailey (D. 4th) Baltimore City will speak to the students of the Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Class at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland on Monday, 12 noon. Invited by instructor Richard Taubald, Mr. Brailey will speak on "Political Power in the Black Community."

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find themselves homeless or without a good living arrangement.

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Mrs. Corliss Bell, director, stated the purpose of the Delta Living Project is "to give unwed mothers some guidance in housekeeping and the care of their babies."

Tht young women are not entirely on their own while living in the house. Mrs. Winoma Anderson, the housemother, has an apartment on the third floor and provides day care services while the young women work or go to school. Household chores and preparation of meals are shared by all of the occupants.

During the official opening Sunday, the three young motherh, 18-21 years old, already showed evidence they are making a big step toward successful independence.

They had added their own touches to the tastefully decorated home and seemed enthusiastic about making the program a success by their examples.

The Madison Ave. home is just the first in a series of four homes sponsored by the Delta Living Project. The second at 1324-26 W. Lafayette Ave. is due for occupancy in the next several weeks according to one sorority spokeswoman.

"Four young mothers will be moving into that one," she said.

The Delta sisters are concerned over the recently proposed cut backs for Model Cities programs and what effects these might have on their own program.

Already an effort is underway to locate private funds that could add needed support to the project.

Living in the Delta Madison Ave. home are two 11th-graders and one 12th-grader. It is their first time living away from home.

Besides the help of the housemother, the young women and their babies are provided with the services of a social worker, supervised by the Dept. of Social Services, and a nursery aide, Mrs. Justine Connors.

The mothers were selected after being carefully screened and interviewed by a social worker. When the young women finish school, and begin to make definite plans about the future, the social worker reviews their case and assists them deciding when is the right time to leave the home.

While living in the home, the young mothers pay a percentage of the rent with monies they earn and learn how to budget their time and money. They also learn how to share responsibility with others.

Other members of the Delta Living Project board of directors are: Mrs. Cynthia Thomas, vice-president; Mrs. Carolyn Willis, secretary; Mrs. Sarah Smalley, treasurer; Mrs. Gloria Basfield, Mrs. Norma Ford, Joseph James, Joseph Jones, Mrs. Lois Lewis, Mrs. Vivian Pendleton, Mrs. Betty Schwartz, Albert Williams, Mrs. Margaret Ruffin and Mrs. Pearl Exum.

INTERIOR of house of love known as (Delta Living Project), which held open house on Sunday. Top panel, Lijuana, 8 months, enjoys hobby horse with aid of Delta Sigma Theta soror, Aloha McCullough, left, and Mrs. Winona Anderson, house mother. Center panel, Delta soror, Pearl Exum, poses in one of the refurbished bedrooms maintained for teenage residents and their children. Lower panel, Mrs. Vivian Washington, left, Baltimore City School principal and president of the Delta housing project, and Mrs. Justine Cooper, house aid. Funded under Model Cities, the home is one of several maintained by Infant Education and Mother Training Program, sponsored by Delta Living Project Inc., a resident service for a single mother, 18-21, and her child.

Morgan plans drug film series

An 11-week film series depicting the broad scope of the nation's drug crisis will be sponsored by Morgan State College's Center for Drug Abuse Education Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 11. Each film will be shown in a different campus dormitory weekly.

"Flower of Darkness" will be featured in Cummings House, south campus, and "The Addicted" is set for Harper House, north campus on Feb. 11. "Beyond LSD" will be seen in Baldwin Hall, south campus, Feb. 25.

Scheduled for March are: "Debate on the Use of LSD," March 4, Memorial Refectory, north campus; "An Escape to Nowhere," March 11, O'Connell Hall, north campus; "Agent of Abuse," March 18, Harper House, north campus; and "Chemistry of Marijuana," March 25, Truth House, north campus.

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Jail in July and was sentenced to 13 months in prison starting Feb. 20.

Testimony in that trial by the head of the city's Strike Force revealed the Attorney General's Office has been investigating possible corruption in County State's Attorney Sam Green's office for the past six months.

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Reform group needs recruits

Women For Penal Reform (WFPR) was organized in November 1972 to aid the incarcerated men to the Maryland Penal Institutions.

The first WFPR project was a Christmas "CHEER" raffle which was held at Brices Hill Top Inn Dec. 18. The proceeds from this raffle enabled the ladies to present to Mike Mennaphase, The Community Coordinator of the Maryland House of Correction, 52 cartons of cigarettes and 25 lbs of candy to distribute to inmates who were forgotten during the Christmas season by their families or friends.

Because of the current lack of volunteers and finances more help is needed to aid the Department of Correction. Women interested in working with such an organization may contact Mrs. V. Bird at 111 Park Avenue, Baltimore.