—D.C. school head

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and vice superintendent, if Mrs. McKenzie retains her position.

Following Mrs. Sizemore's interview with the Board of Education, which the public was allowed to attend, she received overwhelming public support and was reported to be the choice of a majority of board members more than five days before the final decision was announced.

Mrs. Sizemore, who worked in the Chicago school system for more than twenty years, was chosen from a field of 98 candidates.

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Five school board members and a committee of community representatives reviewed resumes of the 98 applicants and narrowed the field to 15. These 15 persons were interviewed by the selection committee which then selected three finalists from the 15 persons interviewed.

Mrs. Sizemore was among the three finalists. She appeared before the 11-board members and talked at length about what education could become in the District.

She told the board that she would work to decentralize the school system and stressed the importance of new awareness in the classrooms.

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In announcing Mrs. Sizemore's appointed at a public meeting Tuesday night, the seven board members who supported her selection, singled her out as being the candidate who would best bring innovation and excitement to public education here.

Statements that Mrs. Sizemore would humanize education and bring humility and devotion to her office, overshadowed remarks about her experience and administrative ability.

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Charles Cassell, one of the first board members to urge the selection of Mrs. Sizemore, said of her:

"We have selected for our superintendent an individual whose personal and professional attributes are unmatched."

Cassell in his statement quoted a New York educator, Donald Smith, who wrote the board concerning Mrs. Sizemore.

Smith said, "Mrs. Sizemore knows more about the problems and solutions to urban education than any other person. She loves black people and has served their children brilliantly as teacher, administrator, community advocate and nationally prominent educator . . . she is brilliant, creative, fearless, above pettiness, and she cannot be bought."

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Two board members, Mrs. Hilda Mason and Mr. Mattie Taylor, who contantly call for board unity and friendship, said they were impressed with Mrs. Sizemore's warmth and desire to involve all segments of the community in school programs.

Mrs. Mason said, "She has demonstrated a concern for all children." Mrs. Taylor said, "She is a brilliant person who knows about education and children."

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Two other board members from the Southeast area of the city, the Rev. James Coates and Mrs. Delores Pryde, voting for Mrs. Sizemore said their constituents urged them to do so.

"My ward served me with intensive feedback," Mrs. Pryde said. "I am on the board to serve my constituents and they asked that I support Mrs. Sizemore," the Rev. Mr. Coates said.

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The last board member to announce that he would support Mrs. Sizemore was the president of the board, Marion Barry Jr.

He said the decision to vote for Mrs. Sizemore was the most difficult decision he has ever had to make.

Barry said a number of factors entered into the picture while the board searched for a new leader. "The search was surrounded by political and emotional influences."

Barry mentioned the name of Congressman Gerald Ford who openly attacked the process the board used in selecting a new superintendent.

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Only one of the four white board members supported Mrs. Sizemore. He was Bardyl R. Tirana.

The others, Albert Rosenfield, the Rev. Raymond Kemp and Mrs. Martha Swaim supported the other two finalists.

Mrs. Evie M. Washington abstained. She said she could not vote in good conscience because none of the finalists were highly experienced as administrators. "You have settled for second best," she said, "and I do not want a part of it. . . . I will abstain."

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Mrs. Sizemore is the mother of four grown children, ages 25, 24, 16 and 15. She has been divorced for 10 years.

Mrs. Sizemore, 45, received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and is currently working on her doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago.

At present, she is the associate secretary of the American Association of School Administrators. She has spent 26 years in the Chicago public schools.

At one time, she worked as an elementary school principal in Chicago and was assigned after two years to a high school where she was principal for another two years.

In 1969-1971, Mrs. Sizemore was director-district superintendent of the Woodlawn Experimental School Project, a federally funded community involvement program in Chicago.

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DR. GEORGE A. WILEY

-Dr. Wiley

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Dr. Wiley's son Daniel, 10, and his daughter Maya, 9, were with him on the on the trip off Dares Beach, a southern Maryland community about 40 miles southeast of Washington. Daniel told police Wiley lost his balance when the vessel pitched and he fell into the water, tearing his life jacket in the process.

The boy then tried but failed to reach his father with a rope and an extra jacket and piloted the cruiser in circles for about 20 minutes looking for him.

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Daniel, police said, saw his father sink beneath the waves, and eventually got the boat close to shore and signaled some children on the beach to call authorities.

Police said they were uncertain whether dragging operations would be undertaken because of the broad expanse of water in the area.

A marine police spokesman in Annapolis said it was unlikely that either of Wiley's two children would be called back to the scene to help in the search. Mrs. Wretha Wiley, estranged, lives in D.C.

Wiley 1608 Que St., NW., Washington, abandoned a career in chemistry to become a prominent spokesman for the poor.

He founded the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) and the movement for economic justice. He was a former professor of chemistry at Syracuse University with a Ph.D degree.

During his years at NWRO, the organization came to represent over 800 local chapters in all 50 states, with a total membership of 200,000.

Wiley left NWRO in January to build the Movement for Economic Justice, 1609 Connecticut Ave., NW. At the time of its inception Wiley said it would cater to the needs of not only the poor, but also the aged and low income workers. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Wiley are of Providence, Rhode Island.

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—We remember Agnew

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folks' messiness in government," are now saying, "Yeah, we remember Agnew" with some disgust.

When in 1966 he jumped into the governor's chair in Annapolis, recalls Mrs. Mary Brown, a South Baltimorean, "Our votes were the ones that put him there. Then he forgot all about it and gave us a hard time. He was so cocky."

Citizens talked on the phone, in market places and on streets and buses. As one pedestrian said, "It's too bad and it may not be right, but nobody has a good word for Agnew. Even if they prove he's in the right, nobody will believe it."

A taxi driver was less fair in his comments, "The ones that are after him are his own color and I hope they get him, whatever it is he's wrapped up in."

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At AFRO presstime, new happenings were coming so fast, the latest word was hard to find as more and more ugly things flew out of Pandora's Box.

Baltimoreans all gathered on one side of the 'stadium' repeatedly rooted for the 'home team', the government in the form of 35-year-old U.S. Attorney George Beall who opened allegations of a kickback scandle.

Attorney Beall notified Agnew by letter that he is the target of the probe.

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UPI reports Agnew, at a D.C. press conference acknowledged that it was unnerving to be informed by a U.S. Attorney that one is under investigation for possible violation of criminal law, and he acknowledged that he had spent "a very large" part of his time on the matter since receiving the letter.

Agnew branded as "damned lies' Aug. 8 allegations he was involved in a kickback scheme. He said he did not expect a grand jury to indict him and vowed he will continue duties as Vice President.

"I have appearances scheduled," Agnew said in a calm voice. "I intend to keep those appearances."

Immaculate in a grey suit, he stood, hand in his suit pocket, at a podium in Room 405 of the Executive Office Building.

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The man who rose in three years from obscurity of county office to the nation's second highest office, fought back at a news conference against charges that suddenly had darkened his career.

". . . I have no intention to be skewered in this fashion," Agnew said, "and since I have no intention to be so skewered, I have called this press conference to label as false and scurrilous and malicious these rumors and accusations.

He referred to a federal grand jury investigation of him for possible tax fraud, extortion, conspiracy and bribery violations in connection with what has been described as the award of state and federal contracts in Maryland when he was both Governor and Vice President.

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Agnew made these points:

He denied "outright" one news report he was alleged to have received a $1,000 a week kickback. ". . . I am labeling them—and I think a person in my position at a time like this might be permitted this departure from normal language—as damned lies."

Asked if he would consider stepping down temporarily until the matter is cleared up, he replied tersely, "I have not." He said he did not "intend to let it interfere with the execution of my Vice Presiential duties."

He has "no expectation of being indicted." He said, "I am not going to face any kind of contingent thinking in that respect at this time."

He has "not decided exactly" what he will do about the constitutional issues involved. No vice president has faced such a problem before. He said he would try to follow the advise of counsel.

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In 1968 at the time of his first vice presidential campaign, he recalled, he was "thoroughly investigated" of conflict of interest charges and was "exonorated."

He said he had conferred with President Nixon for one hour and 45 minutes Tuesday to discuss the developments. He would not reveal what the president had to say, other than to relate the president expressed confidence in him. He said he believed a vice president should "stand on his own feet" and added he was not "looking around to see who is supporting me."

He attributed the accusations being made to persons who are "in very deep trouble and are looking to extricate themselves from this trouble and are flirting with the idea that they can obtain immunity or reduce charges, perhaps, by doing so."

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Asked if he had ever received money for his personal use from any person, contractor or company doing business with the state of Maryland or with the Federal Government, Agnew relied "absolutely not." But he said it would be "quite naive" to expect that campaign contributions do not come from contractors doing business with governments.

"I have nothing to hide. "I will make available at the appropriate time and in the appropriate way to the appropriate parties as determined after consultation with my counsel whatever records, or my own body, for interrogation, whatever is needed."—UPI

THE LETTER

The letter was made public Wednesday by Agnew.

It was addressed Aug. 1, his attorney, Judah Best Esq., 1735 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Best: — This office is now conducting an investigation of allegations concerning possible violations by your client and others of federal criminal statutes, including but not limited to Sect .371 (conspiracy), Sect. 1951 (extortion) and Sect. 1952 (extortion and bribery), of Title 18, United States Code, and certain criminal provisions of the laws of the United States (Title 26, United States Code).

It is possible that your client may choose to cooperate with this investigation.

It is, therefore, the purpose of this letter to invite your client, or his authorized representative, to produce and deliver to this office on either Tuesday, Aug. 7 or Thursday, Aug. 9, at 10 in the morning or 2 in the afternoon, whichever is more convenient for your client, the following materials to the extent that such materials are now in or under his actual constructive possession, dominion, or control:

(A) All bank statements, cancelled checks, check vouchers, check stubs, checkbooks, deposit tickets, and savings account books (a copy of any active savings account book will be sufficeint) for any and all checking and savings bank accounts in the United States and elsewhere in which your client has or had any beneficial interest or over which he has or had any control for the period Jan. 1, 1967 to the present;

(B) Any and all retained copies of federal and state income tax returns for the period Jan. 1, 1967 to the present.

I would appreciate your notifying me personally, on or before Monday, Aug. 6, as to whether or not your client chooses to accept the invitation tendered by this letter.

In view of the serious nature of the allegations now under investigation by this office, any production of materials by your client, or his authorized representative, pursuant to this invitation must be completely voluntary on his part.

Your client should understand that under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, he has a right not to produce the requested materials if he believes the materials might tend to incriminate him. He should also understand that, should he choose to produce materials, they could be used against him in a criminal case, should any charges be returned naming him as a defendant.

I await your reply. — Very Truly Yours, George Beall, United States Attorney. — UPI

—Going on 90

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pleasure. The chair, which I covered about a year ago, was my last big job," she said.

Neighbors and friends still beg her to make their wardrobes. She makes pants and dress outfits, with matching hats.

But Mrs. Thomas insists that she is retired from sewing. "I remember when I was 12 and used to go straight from school to work. Although I loved it, I think it's time to take a rest."

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Mrs. Thomas learned her skill from her mother, Mrs. Sarah Crampton Holland, an accomplished seamstress. She remembers, "My mother was a lovely person. She taught me love of God as well as sewing."

Mrs. Thomas, born in Baltimore in 1883, is the widow of the Rev. Joseph J. Thomas, a Methodist minister.

Two of her daughters, Mrs. Irma Connor and Mrs. Noveen Howard, teach in the Baltimore City Public School System. Son Lemuel received a mathematics degree from Harvard. Colard, another son, is a Columbia University graduate. He now teaches in New York City.

Seven of her grandchildren are college graduates. Seven-year-old Bruce Howard, her youngest grandchild will enter 2nd grade in the fall.

"I'm really proud of my family," said Mrs. Thomas. "I like to see all people reach out for somethigg worthwhile."

Now, Mrs. Thomas enjoys playing the piano. She said, "I will be content to help my neighbors and serve my God."

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—Good food at 25c

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A joint effort by the city's Housing and Recreation Departments, Model Cities and Commission on Aging power the program, which is subs subsidized by f sid federal is subsidized by federal funds.

Mrs. Eleanor Snyder, a health department official, was quick to comment that the eating plan is not "a handout."

She said, "The elderly don't want to feel they are simply charity cases. Although those unable to pay are not turned down, most give at least the 25 cent minimum fee. And, most importantly, the daily gatherings end ine physical isolation of many of these people."

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Eating Together is especially significant today. In these times of high prices and low food supply it provides a daily balanced meal for a segment of the population that must cope with special diets and correct vitamin intake.

Schunick, the company that caters the meals sees no problems ahead according to Mrs. Snyder. Tuesday, the menu featured roast beef

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The enthusiastic comments from other diners at Wednesday's luncheon at the McCulloh Homes echoed those of the Rev. Mr. Brown.

All those with whom this reporter spoke see the meals as a tasty reprieve from today's pressing food situation.

Mrs. Agnes Colter, 80, said, "These days after you've finished shopping and think you have something, you find out you have nothing. But these meals are wonderful, inexpensive and very good."

Bachelor Sonny Oliver, 70, has a special diet. "But these meals fit it just fine," he said. "I really don't shop much, so I can't say too much about high prices, but I know these meals are a bargain."

Mrs. Ella McNair, 75, doesn't eat much since prices rose. "This daily community dinner is sometimes my only meal," she remarked.

"I hope the program continues," commented Mrs. Mary Bowser. "It is becoming more and more difficult to plan a decent meal. The program conveniently coincides with the food shortage."

Mrs. Bowser, 74, is an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She serves on the McCulloh Council.

Harry T. Billups, 66, feels today's high prices are "a disgrace." He said, "I am having trouble planning my own menu, so I appreciate getting together with my friends and enjoying the line food that's served."

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Lively Mrs. Bertha Young, 70, said, "With food prices up, it's good to get one bargain meal a day. And it's so delicious!"

"I love these daily get-togethers and dinners," said Mrs. Daisy Surles, 74. She added, "These days I need all the help I can get."

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The director of the McCulloh Homes program, Mrs. Madelyne Futch only wishes "more could be served." She stated, "The food is good, the attendance is good, and the fellowship is good."

She praised the Ladies' and Men's Clubs of McCulloh, who are volunteer servers. Mrs. Estelle Harris and William Laws are the clubs' presidents.

-Fitzgerald

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come to know and respect Mr. Fitzgerald as a conscientious jail official, with an expertise that comes from his having served successfully in every department of the jail during his almost 12 years on the jail staff.

"In addition Mr. Fitzgerald has diligently pursued specialized training in the field of corrections, having received the Associated Arts degree in Correctional Administration from the Catonsville Community College.

"He also serves as a consultant-trainer with the Maryland Correctional Training Academy, having completed various courses in Jail Operations management given by the Bureau of Prisons of the U.S. Department of Justice.

He originated and set up the Management Skills Workshops for the jail staff from the level of lieutenant to Assistant Warden.

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"Most importantly, Acting Deputy Warden Fitzgerald has the confidence of the inmate population as well as the staff. He relates to the entire jail population.

"When you measure Mr. Fitzgerald's formal and on the job training and life experience in the field of corrections, he has the equivalent of a PH.D. in this area.

"It is our hope that this valuable municipal employee will have the favorable consideration of the Board for the second most important position, Deputy Warden."

When reached by phone, Warden Kamka told the AFRO rumors that Mr. Fitzgerald would not "make it" are untrue.

He said, "He is an active candidate and meets qualifications. I will certainly respond to Mrs. Mitchell's letter when I receive it. I have not received it yet (Thursday)."

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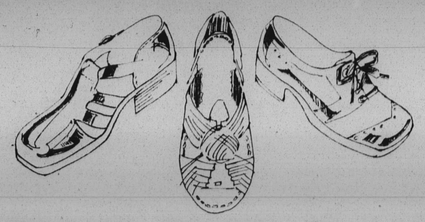

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