THE STATE OF THINGS

Mandel's show-off tactics

By Don and Val Hymes

The eye was again distracted from the action in Annapolis by a dramatic flight to rescue Western Marylanders.

It was pure showmanship — timing it down to the second while the suspense built, and finally action, a rare relief in these days of total frustration.

But a gnawing suspicion remains after all of the drama, while some very real and very large problems still face the men and women who must draft the state's laws.

The week before it was a nimble reaction to the Sam Green trial, the bank charter allegations, the prison bribery charges, the judicial blast.

Last week it was action. The governor slapped a type of rationing on the state's motorists, then flew to the western counties to see the truck-strike emergencies before answering any questions about that blockbuster.

GASOLINE PLAN

For the next three days, details of the alternate-day gasoline plan were dribbled to the public, with teasing hints that the governor's office "might" consider exemptions for other trades.

It had to be done quickly, we were told, because of the long lines flowing out of jammed gas stations and onto thoroughfares, but the truth is that the lines finally blocked some of the executive staff on their way to work. Then it was an emergency.

Maybe it was, but the public is so angry now it doesn't care what was the straw that broke the camel's back. The people just wish there were a hundred more such straws — that their elected officials would please stop toying with them like helpless mice in a cage of political cats.

GUT CRISES

They are grateful for immediate action by elected officials to try to cope with some of the day-to-day gut crises that are wrenching the routines of us all.

But there are those who wonder what it takes to get some real action that will solve, rather than alleviate crises, and prevent new ones from developing.

Under the theory (heard frequently in relation to the President) that strong leadership can tip the balance between chaos and competent handling of a crisis, Marylanders may have a question. It seems that their governor reacts only when the press is looking or his fellow politicians are squawking.

BILL-ROOM ROBBER

Some legislators are even objecting loudly to his technique of first criticizing their ideas and opposing their bills, then adopting the plan as an administration measure. That's earned him the title of "robber baron of the bill room."

Then, after shrugging off pressure from many sides to back a statewide repeal of the blue laws, he suspended them for one day using his unlimited new powers.

What better justification could he have? Three crises in one called for it: energy, trucking and environmental (snow), he explained, and besides, a strong interest group, the supermarkets, asked for it.

You've got to hand it to this sleight-of-hand artist.

Just after he was blasted for playing politics with judgeships, word got out that he would name Attorney Gen. Francis B. Burch to the Court of Appeals. This would be a matter of rewarding a loyal colleague whose past heart attacks should preclude his running for reelection and would solve a touchy problem at the same time.

Or maybe it would force one in the State House, because supposedly he will urge Senate President William S. James to run for attorney general. As much as this would enhance the Mandel ticket, it would leave a huge gap in legislative leadership.

SOUND AND FURY

It would be, in fact, a chasm filled with sound and fury. Picture Majority

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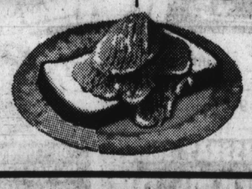

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College board asks legislators not to cut already low budgets

ANNAPOLIS — Edmund C. Mester, executive director of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, says he will ask two legislative committees not to cut college budgets this year.

He will speak before the House sub-committee on health and education on Feb. 13 and before the Senate Finance Working Group on No. 1 on Feb. 21.

The board believes, "The execution budget for FY 1975 is too restrictive," he says.

He says he will tell the committees that "It appears incredible . . . that the legislative analyst would recommend a general fund reduction of $465,144 from the executive allowance."

Mester says that he has already discussed "the rise since 1973 in the student share of costs at the state colleges."

He says he will inform them that the board position is:

"That the state should provide general fund support per FTE student at a level ranging from a minimum of $1,400 per year to $1,700 plus per year depending upon the size, location and salary average at the various institutions."

Noting that University of Maryland campuses will get in excess of $1,700 of general fund support per FTE student, Mester says he will note that. "Only one state college — Bowie—will be at that level of support."

He will also recommend that the levels he suggests "be adjusted upward in following years," if inflation continues.

Center for wayward girls

Many activities are scheduled for February and March to raise funds to open a center for former delinquent girls in the Baltimore area.

"There has to be some place for some of these girls to go," says Mrs. Lois D. Carter, developer of "Direction Inc.," scheduled to open in early March.

"Many parents don't even want them in the house," she added.

The center, Mrs. Carter's project in conjunction with "Morgan's University Without Walls" will be a social and psychological retreat for former residents of Montrose and other institutions. "I felt that this is the greatest contribution I could give to the community," she said. The center will open March 3, at the old Tickner Funeral Home, North and Pennsylvania Aves.

Mrs. Carter is currently sponsoring an art show in Mondawmin Mall, Thursday, Feb. 14, through Saturday, featuring art by Todd Berzen of New York.

Other events scheduled are:

Feb. 18: Fashion Show at Coppin State College Auditorium, featuring Finesse Productions, music by the Grand Jury.

March 10: Fashions by Toast and Strawberries Boutique, Washington D.C., Directions Inc., Center.

March 15, 16: "Life of Dr. Martin Luther King in Song and Dance" by the Woodland Choir of White Plains, New York, in Peabody Conservatory's Lincoln Hall.

March 29: Beauty Bazaar featuring Zari Cosmetics, Directions Inc. Center.

The public is urged to send its tax-deductable contributions to Directions Inc., c/o Morgan's University Without Walls, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md. 21239.

For further information, call Mrs. Carter at 944-9409.

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Leader George Snyder, who has just called Mandel the "puppet of the power brokers" and written a book to document his charges, squaring off with Sen. James A. Pine, whose name has been mentioned frequently in both Baltimore County corruption trials.

The victor getting the spoils could be someone else altogether, and the governor would not have turned down anybody. But these two are next in line.

Consider the judgeship story in relation to the question of whether convicted prosecutor Samuel Green should resign or be removed, as the Constitution requires. Gov. Mandel sidestepped that question with a few mumbled words and passed that hot potato right to the man who, it was learned at the same time, he is considering for appointment to the state's highest court. The governor, of course, took no stand on the question.

POLITICAL MOTIVES

There are so many critical issues crying for leadership in the legislature today but, as he did with the mortgage interest rate question, he sidesteps them effortlessly until, presumably, the time is right.

It is obvious that Maryland has moved faster than some states in meeting many crises of the day, including energy, but the suspicion is growing in Annapolis that whatever our leader does is more for show than for real.

The electorate is almost de adelversl for all we know polls that whatever our leader does is more for show than for real.

The electorate is almost numb from being buffeted from crisis to crisis by what seem to be political motives. If that's so, it won't forget.

In Maryland, though, the question is how long Mandel can keep dodging the spotlight until he is ready to go on stage and show, again, that his hand is quicker than the voter's eye.

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GREEN FRYING Peppers	GARDEN FRESH MIX OR MATCH	lb. 39¢
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