Mayor Schaefer joins ranks of anti-busers

Like most city officials, past and present, Mayor Schaefer has stated opposition to busing of school children to achieve racial intergration.

And like most city administrators in an election year, he is searching for an acceptable alternative to proposed reciprocal busing of black and white school children.

One of those alternatives, according to sources close to the school system, is a proposed system of metropolitan busing with nearby Baltimore counties, namely Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Howard County and Carroll County.

Proponents of such a plan are using the Detroit, Mich. situation as an example of what COULD happen with metropolitan busing.

In Detroit public school officials have argued that the paucity of white students in the system does not allow for meaningful desegregation.

In view of this fact School Superintendent Dr. Charles Wolfe and the Detroit School Board suggested a reciprocal busing plan between the city school system and the 50 surrounding Detroit suburban school districts.

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The suburban school officials opposed the measure and the matter is now pending in the Supreme Court.

(Supreme Court Judge Steven Roth recently suffered a severe heart attack, therefore the outcome of the case may not be promulgated until the end of June).

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But according to various Maryland county officials, using the Detroit situation as a model for Baltimore is like comparing apples with oranges.

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Carroll County School Superintendent Dr. George E. Thomas winces at the thought of additional students coming into that cramped school system and says "Space is at a premium, we just can't accomodate anymore students."

(This approach overlooks the fact, however, that the proposed busing plan would be reciprocal, thereby eliminating the possibility of a student overload on either system.

Anne Arundel School Superintendent Dr. Edward Anderson is more candid and says such a plan would be "pretty difficult."

"People just don't want their children bused anywhere, and that's just as true for black parents as it is for white parents."

The Anne Arundel County school system is currently under court order and Dr. Anderson says that when children were first being bused in March, "I got more complaints from black parents than I did from white parents."

Baltimore County Assistant Superintendent Robert Dubel said that a metropolitan busing would cause "administrative chaos" for both the county and city school systems.

These mini-quotes could go on and on but it seems as if that the only thing Baltimore has in common with Detroit is the opposition being presented by the outlying counties and suburbs.

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So, when the buck finally stops passing hands, it will probably stop where it began, here in Baltimore.

The counties don't want it, the federal government doesn't want it; Baltimore doesn't want it either but HEW has said "take it, it's yours."

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Interested students should telephone Mrs. Vivien Ross, director of volunteer services, at 955-5924.

Goodwill open house May 18

Goodwill will hold its annual open house, antiques and furniture sale at its headquarters on 4001 Southwestern Boulevard on Saturday, May 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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POLICE GRADUATION highlight recently was the presentation of a diploma to former AFRO reporter, Charles Roberts. Officer Roberts is shown with his wife, Mrs. Susie Roberts, on the occasion.

THE STATE OF THINGS

The candidates are coming

By Don and Val Hymes

That rumble you hear in the distance is the sound of thundering hoofbeats as the candidates head into the first stretch of the 1974 campaign.

The fundraisers fly by so fast that the potential rivals—scrambling to hit more than one a night—pass themselves and each other coming and going.

They are making a frantic effort to stir some life into an apathetic electorate, and possibly overlooking a few changes made in the ground rules by the last legislature.

As for the voters, though, they couldn't care less. Those whose disgust over Watergate and similar scandals won't keep them at home altogether are showing an alarming tendency—at least to the politicians—of bailing out of their parties.

Mail registration—a reality now in Baltimore City and four counties—shows a substantial rise in the rolls of the independents at the expense of both the Democratic and Republican parties. While the Democratic percentage is dropping, the Republicans, as expected, are dropping three times as fast.

MAY 10 DEADLINE

There may be more defections yet before the May 10 deadline for changing party affiliation, but those that choose to jump the party ship are depriving themselves of half their rights as citizens.

Anyone familiar with Maryland politics knows that most of the fun takes place in the primary. Independents will have to sit on the sidelines Sept. 10, with no chance to cast their ballot until the November general election.

If all of this comes as a surprise to the neophyte voter, even the experienced candidates may have a few coming, too.

At first glance, it looks as if the legislature met the big campaign reform bugaboo by enacting some major bills—but ones that would have no effect on this year's campaigns. It wouldn't be fair, they said, because some candidates, like Marvin Mandel, had already raised their money under the old rule.

LOOPHOLES CLOSED

But the fact is that Governor Mandel has already signed into law two emergency bills to close some of the biggest loopholes in the Fair Elections Practices Act.

These loopholes became glaringly obvious during the flurry of Watergate spinoff cases when campaign records couldn't be found or were woefully incomplete.

One of these (SB456) requires that campaign reports be kept for at least two years, and that candidates or committees with outstanding cash or credit accounts must keep reporting each year until the balance is zero.

And those already running take note: the old law had a gap allowing candidates to file their preprimary reports long before they even started to raise funds, and not again until after the election.

Now they will have to file seven days before the primary, and include everything raised and spent up to 14 days before the balloting.

The other bill (SB 446) requires all fundraising committees to file where their candidate files so they can't hide out in another subdivision, just as congressional candidates did by setting up committees in Washington.

THE BIG ONE

The whole idea is to make it easier for the public, the press, and enforcement officials to keep an eye out for trouble.

When these are joined by the delayed measure signed by the Governor Thursday, limiting contributions to $1,000 a candidate and cash to $100 an election, Maryland will strengthen her lead in campaign reform, something that's hard to believe these days.

The big one, public financing, won't touch candidates until 1978, but the voters' surtax starts in '75 and a new bureaucracy must set up the machinery before next January.

Although it purports to limit spending, it could easily match the million-dollar war chest raised last year by the Mandel slate, but with taxpayers' help.

The fact that this war chest was pointed out to plus the bill through guarantees another look, but the concept of involving the public instead of public interests is a good one. Doing it is something else again. Look at Congress.

100 SIGNED UP

Laws or no laws, they're off and running. The biggest real sign of campaign reform is that many of the 100 candidates who have already filed in Annapolis are political unknowns who have never seen the inside of a smoke-filled room.

By the time the September primary rolls around, 1,330 candidates are expected on the ballot, not counting local offices but including delegates to the Democrats' Minicontention.

It will be interesting to see, as the old warhorses battle the newcomers down to the wire, who will be teaching what to whom.

But the real lesson, as always, will come from the voter, who is deciding whether to react to the bad smell of politics with apathy or anger.

RALPH W. E. JONES Jr., University of Baltimore's director of Urban Recreation and Leisure Studies has been elected vice president of the Maryland Recreation and Park Society. The position is for a year, 1974 to 1975. He also holds the vice presidential position in the Maryland State Association of Health Physical Education Recreation. He is currently implementing a master of science degree in Urban Recreation. The program will begin in the fall semester.

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Federal employees cited at luncheon

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The affair was sponsored by the Federal Executive Board of Baltimore and held at the Hunt Valley Inn.

District Manager Warren M. Bloomberg proudly commended his award-winning employees, Howard Burrows, Rudolph Perry and Kenneth Fauntleroy — two winners and a runner-up — stating that their recognition as well as the recognition of other Federal employees during this annual gathering of the Federal family exemplifies the caliber of career Civil Servants, dedicated to serving the people of this nation.

Mr. Bloomberg stated that a strong career Civil Service has always been the backbone of effective government and too often there is a tendency to minimize or dismiss the significant contributions of career Civil Servants . . . a token of whom were honored by this Awards Presentation Ceremony.

Mr. Fauntleroy, Budget Officer, Baltimore Post Office, was selected a runner-up in Category VII, Community Relations Award.

He entered the civil service in 1946 as a Clerk with Social Security Administration.

For the past 20 years he has been involved in scouting; feeling that scouting is the most valuable community relations activity in promoting good citizenship.

For the past seven years Mr. Fauntleroy has been a staff member of Wood Badge training. This is a week-long course in which participants live in an actual scout camp situation practicing 13 competencies of leadership development and brotherhood.

Mr. Fauntleroy has given unselfishly of his time and effort to give the youth in the community the things that money cannot buy.

Bishop Walker, speaker at College Days confab

A nationally known church leader from Washington, a family life home economics educator from Michigan State University and an artist-craft specialist from western Maryland will be keynote speakers for June 5, 6 College Days conferences at the University of Maryland in College Park.

All will speak during opening day on the topic, "Values We Live By."

It is sponsored by the University's statewide Cooperative Extension Service, headquartered on the College Park campus.

Lead-off speaker for the opening session in the theater at Tawes Fine Arts Center will be the Rt. Rev. John T. Walker, suffragan bishop for the Washington diocese of the Episcopal Church.

"Our Need for New Values" is the topic by Dr. Beatrice Paolucci, professor of family ecology at Michigan State. She had high school teaching experience in Illinois and has taught college-level courses at Colorado State and Ohio State Universities, in addition to teaching at Michigan State.

Final keynote speaker will be Theodore P. Foote, of LaVale, assistant superintendent for instruction of the Allegany County board of education since 1970. He will make a presentation on "Crafts — A Value Heritage."

Registration forms for College Days will be available from county Extension home economists throughout Maryland until May 24. Dormitory accommodations at the College Park campus will be available, as in previous years, for out-of-town participants.

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Edmondson presents arts program tonight

Edmondson High School presents its annual Evening of the Arts program on tonight (May 10) in the school's auditorium from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

This year the program will be in honor of Mrs. Georgeanna Chester who served as the Music Department Head at Edmondson for 16 years before retiring at the close of the school year 1973.

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Mayor's bill designed to curb dog problem

Mayor Schaefer's "animal control bill," sent to City Council Monday night, is designed to modernize humane approaches to curb the growing dog population in the city, the Mayor said.

"We have a serious problem regarding animal control, many animal lovers have called attention to it and to the need for action. I think that the cruelest, most inhumane thing we could do would be to let the problem grow, without any effort to supply a remedy," said Mayor Schaefer.

The problems the Mayor referred to were listed in a report compiled by a specially appointed Advisory Committee on Canines. The committee is comprised of 22 persons from various health, community and administration fields.

The Committee reports that an estimated 70,000 to 100,000 uncontrolled dogs roam the streets daily. These dogs are responsible for nearly 7,000 reported bites yearly. Their feces attract rats and spread diseases, the report says.

The Mayor's bill proposes creation of a Bureau of Animal control to implement new control methods: Some of them are:

Make it illegal to allow dogs to run loose in the city.

Provide fines, ranging from $25 to $500 for violations.

Require dogs, four months and older to wear identification tags when out of doors.

Reduce from four to two, the number of residents required to file complaints before the owner of a chronically barking dog could be brought to court.

Persons with three or more dogs or cats are required to have a special kennel's license.

Enforcement officers will be allowed to chase free-running animals onto enclosed private property.

Permit the Health Commissioner to sterilize any animal released for adoption from the Municipal Animal Shelter.

The bill (C.C. 1373) expects to get plenty of opinions from dog lovers and community groups. Councilman Clarence "Du" Burns (D.2nd), chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, has announced an open hearing on the bill Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

Exporting workshop May 16

The U.S. Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration have announced five workshops on exporting will be conducted on successive Thursdays, beginning May 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Room 104 of the customhouse, 40 S. Gay St.

Topics will include export documentation, export marketing, export financing while the concluding session June 6, will discuss the successful exporter.

Inner harbor flea market June 2

The World's greatest flea market will be held at the inner harbor Sunday, June 2.

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