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Strikers may 'go for broke' today

STRONG SUPPORT for sanitation workers' cause came Wednesday morning as elected officials carried signs in the picket line at the 28th St. and Sisson St. Sanitation Yard. Among them were Labor Leader Del. Troy Brailey, Del. Loyall Randolph, head of the Legislative Black Caucus; Del. Isaiah Dixon, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Del. Walter Dean, and farther back in the picket line, Dels. Calvin Douglass, Hildagardeis Boswell and Kenneth Webster. Extreme left is Walter Lively, longtime civil rights official.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz).

Police also issue warning

Sanitation, sewer, highway and park workers face fines and penalities this afternoon if Supreme Bench Judge James W. Murphy hands down the contempt of court decision requested by the Mayor. Meantime, police union leaders have handed over last ditch warnings of job stoppage unless the city grants the law enforcement officers their contract demands.

By Dennis Schatzman

"The only people that are going to haul rubbish in Baltimore City is Local 44. No scabs are going to cross our picket line. That's not a threat, that's a promise."

Raymond Clarke, president, Local 44 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union issued this warning Tuesday afternoon following city labor commissioner Robert S. Hillman's promise to hire scab workers to replace 2,000 striking sanitation, sewer and highway laborers.

Some 800 workers refused to work Monday morning after 700 members of Local 44, which represents 10,000 blue collar workers in eight departments, ratified a 20 cents per hour increase offered by the city.

Bending under pressure from the irate workers, mostly black, the union, from the local, state and international level, sanctioned a full scale strike Tuesday morning. Picket lines were formed at all seven of the city's sanitation yards end at City Hall.

Approximately 1/3 of the city's trash collection is affected each day the men are out, it was estimated.

Just minutes before the strike vote was cast at Union Hall Tuesday, this reporter, mistaken for a representative, heard State AFSCME Council 67 director Ernest Crofoot throw his full support behind a strike.

Similarly, Jerry Wurf, international AFSCME president sent word from Chicago for the workers to "Go for broke."

The sanitation workers are asking for a raise of 50 cents an hour and banish-

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Elected officials back strikers on picket line

By Dennis Schatzman

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and several members of the House of Delegates have thrown full support behind the city's striking sanitation workers. Nearly 1,500 sanitation and sewage workers rejected the union's acceptance of a 20 cents an hour pay increase and refused to work early Monday morning. The workers are members of Local 44, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO.

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Pickets at the 28th St. sanitation yard were joined Wednesday morning by

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Star sends Tom Cannon 'love' gift

ROBERTA FLACK

Singer-pianist Roberta Flack has turned the tables on Thomas Cannon, the big-hearted Richmond postal employee who has given away more than $14,000 within the last 18 months.

Miss Flack, borrowing the humanitarian gesture made popular by Cannon, has sent Cannon a $1,000 check as a gift of "love" in recognition of his concern for people, especially those burdened with unusual personal handicaps and hardships.

Cannon, who has at-

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UNABLE TO RAISE APPEAL BAIL

Fr. Franklin spends 4th of July at Pen

The small congregation of St. Martin's Church of Christ, Spiritual, 405 Orchard St., where Father Patrick Henry Franklin is minister, took a special collection on Sunday for their pastor.

The money collected is to help get their 54-year-old minister to be released from the Maryland Penitentiary.

However, Father Franklin spent the 4th of July at the Pen.

According to sources, one of the phones at the church has been disconnected. The AFRO also learned that members of the church were told to say that Father Franklin has gone

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FR. PATRICK HENRY FRANKLIN
serving time since June 27

Rev. Williams dies in crash

The Chatman Funeral Home 1701 McCulloh St., is arranging last rites for longtime Baptist minister, Rev. William C. Williams, 70, who died instantly in a car-bus crash 11 a.m. July 3 in the 5700 block Chiquapin Pkwy.

Pastor of the Monkton, Md. Isaiah Baptist Church 23 years, the Rev. Mr. Williams was on the way to Towson alone in his car. He and his second wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Williams had planned to move from their 4404 Craddock Ave. home today (Friday) to 4050 The Alameda.

MANPOWER DIRECTOR TARGETED

Summer job corps hit by 'fireworks'

By Fletcher Roberts

Reactions to several recent AFRO articles on the Baltimore Summer Corps — manpower delivery in general — have produced a list of unsettling questions about its ultimate objectives.

The center of the controversy appears to be Mrs. Marion Pines, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

Her office coordinates the federally funded $7.5 million summer jobs for youth program as a part of its overseeing of the overall employment effort for Baltimore.

When Mayor Schaefer

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Many dignitaries return for rites of MLK's mother

Mourners recall assassination of Dr. King as they throng the same old red brick church

By Jerelyn Eddings

ATLANTA (UPI) — Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr., slain last Sunday by a gunman, was eulogized today as "the most peaceful warror of the 20th century" in funeral services attended by many celebrities who marched with her martyred son.

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who took over the Southern Christian Leadership conference after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., described the civil rights leader's mother, Mrs. Alberta King, 69, as a "reservoir of courage and consolation."

"Through her, God gave to the country and to the world the most peaceful warrior of the 20th century," Abernathy said.

Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson told the more than 600 persons who packed Ebenezer Baptist Church that Mrs. King was a "rock of ages. No bullet will ever change that fact. She had a will that saw her through tragedy after tragedy after tragedy after tragedy until her own," he said.

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Hundreds who could not get into the small church gathered on the hot, cordoned-off street outside the building to listen to the tributes to the woman who reared Dr. King, the black southern minister who went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mrs. Gerald Ford, wife of the vice president, and Georgia's governor were among a long list of dignitaries on hand for the funeral.

Abernathy, many of the black congressmen and other elected officials in the church had marched with Dr. King or won office through voting rights extended to blacks as a result of the civil rights struggle.

Mrs. Alberta King, 69, was shot and killed last Sunday while she sat playig the organ at the Ebenezer Church where she had spent much of her life. Church Deacon Edward Boykin, 69 also died in the shooting.

Marcus Wayne Chenault 23, was charged with the murders, and police and the FBI were trying to determine whether he was involved in a conspiracy aimed at black civil rights and clerical leaders.

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Gov. Jimmy Carter said that based on what he has learned from the states investigation into the double slaying, he does not think there is a conspiracy. And Chenault's attorney said the 23-year-old suspect told him he had "never been a party to any group, organization or following."

But police in Dayton, Ohio, Chenault's home, said they want to talk with him in connection with the recent shooting deaths of two black ministers there.

And one source said Chenault belonged to a fanatical group which reportedly hates black ministers because it feels they mislead black people.

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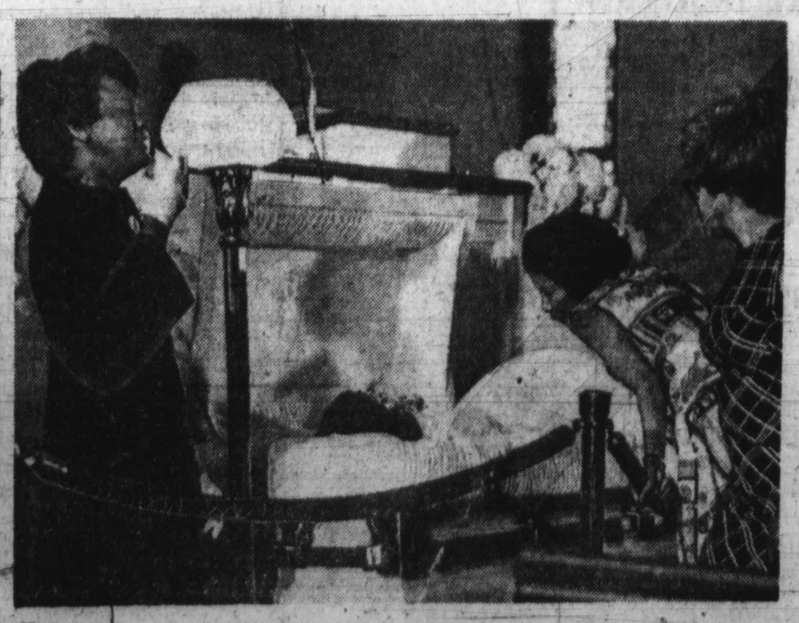
Police said they had two "death lists" believed compiled by Chenault which named prominent black leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., husband of the slain woman; the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the Rev. Hosea Williams and soul singer Aretha Franklin.

The body of Mrs. King who joined Ebenezer Baptist Church 60 years ago, lay for public viewing in an open casket Tuesday near the pulpit where her husband and her sons preached for many years — and a few feet from where she was gunned down in a wild shooting outburst two days earlier. Hundreds of mourners paid their final respects, their line at one point stretching past the crypt of her famous son, about 150 feet from the church entrance.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING SR. is helped by his daughter, Mrs. Christine Farris, as he views his slain wife, Alberta, during memorial service. Mrs. King was fatally shot while she was playing the organ in Rev. King's church.

(UPI Telephoto)



AN ATTENDANT stationed by the casket of Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr., breaks down as a mourner leans into the casket making a tearful farewell. Mrs. King's body was on view in Ebenezer Baptist Church only a short distance from the church organ she was playing when she was fatally shot Sunday.

(UPI Telephoto)

SURVIVING CHILD—Mrs. Christine Farris, the only surviving King daughter, leaves Ebenezer Baptist Church with her daughter Angela wiping a tear. Within the past six years Mrs. Farris lost two brothers, Martin Jr., who was slain in a civil rights campaign, and A. D. who drowned in a swimming pool, now her mother.