AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE there's garbage and trash on the road to the Cherry Hill-Reedbird incinerator.

—More city workers protest

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tion and parks and school maintenance workers have joined the strike since it began July 1. The strikers are protesting the "meager" 6 per cent pay raise the city has offered. They are asking for an 11 per cent raise. (50 cents an hour).

According to both union and city officials, there are no immediate plans to continue negotiations. Both sides have repeatedly said that they will not budge from their positions.

Local 44 president Raymond Clarke said that the union's 60-member steering committee wants to resume negotiations, but only with Mayor Schaefer and not Labor commissioner Robert Hillman.

"These people want to deal with someone who can make decisions, not an intermediary," he told the media.

THE MAYOR

Mayor Schaefer, during a Thursday morning press conference, said that he will be happy to talk to union officials. "But they haven't asked me yet. They only made the statement on television," he remarked.

During that conference, which was initially called to announce the city's plans to revitalize the Fells Point area, the Mayor indicated that with the continued help of neighborhood groups and city white collar workers picking up trash, the city can hold out on the striking workers indefinitely.

"The city will make no additional offers because there is no money," Mayor Schaefer told reporters.

In addition, the Mayor strongly hinted that if the city were to find more money, it would have to eliminate some city projects, like the milk and dental plans. Also, a reduction in the city's work force could be forth coming.

When asked what he intends to do with the $6.7 million Federal revenue sharing money the city received this week, the Mayor said, "As indicated in the new budget, that money has already been spent." He said that the money has been allocated throughout various city departments, including the sanitation department.

Circuit Court Judge James W. Murphy issued another injunction this week ordering union officials to send the strikers back to work. Local 44 has been fined $15,000 for each day the strikers are out, plus, all the money in its treasury ($6,000) has been impounded.

THE ZOO

In other developments, union officials agreed to allow the Baltimore Zoo animal keepers to cross the picket lines so animals could be fed and watered. Earlier, zoo officials feared that smaller animals might have to be used to feed the larger ones.

Sixteen striking City Jail guards were arrested early Thursday morning after refusing to allow supervisors to enter the jail. They were released on their own recognizance.

Twelve "outside agitators" were arrested Wednesday evening when they attempted to dump garbage in front of City Hall, Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau indicated that most of the persons arrested are known revolutionaries with a history of creating disturbances in other areas besides Baltimore.

—Police subdue

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white areas trying to calm things down.

Several black residents told the AFOR, that whites were crusing around, casing the neighborhood and attacking at night.

George Buckner 26, 600 block S. Fulton Ave., had his car shot at while driving home Monday evening. Later that night, the night watchman at the Baltimore Tomato Co., Fulton and Eagle St., was wounded by gunfire.

However, another AFRO check revealed that things had quieted down considerably, for the moment.

"It was pretty quiet around here last night (Tuesday), said Miss Deborah Ellis, 19, 608 S. Fulton Ave. "But I think (whites) will start up again Friday night," she thought.

Maj. Clarence Roy, Chief of Patrol/Area II, assured the AFRO that order will be maintained.

"We intend to keep extra men in the neighborhood for as long as is necessary," he promised. "We want to nip this in the bud before blacks in the neighboring district (east of Baltimore St.) begin to retaliate."

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Milton B. Allen, State's Attorney of Baltimore says his office has remained close to the scene of the Monroe Wilkens incidents that have so distrubed the city.

A citizen came to the State's Attorney's home at 3 a.m. last Saturday morning to inform him of what the citizen considered a crisis in the 600 block of S. Monroe St.

Mr. Allen got in touch with the duty officer, Co. Carroll and eventually the problem was resolved with the arrest of nine persons.

Sunday night going into Monday morning saw a repeat of the prior performance with a crowd estimated to be 150 to 200 attacking passing cars containing black prrsons with stones, bottles, chains and other weapons. The crowd was finally dispersed with the arrest of 40 persons.

Mr. Allen stated that the police are concentrating on this particular area with increased manpower and that he has assigned a team of prosecutors to work with the police.

"What this represents we do not fully know at present, but those who participate in these actions which pose a threat to the quality of life of our City will be dealt with expeditiously, thoroughly and with due regard for the danger their acts pose to the community," he said.

—News analysis

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inflationary spiral.

In this light, the problem-and in all likelihood its solution-is national rather than local in scope.

As repellent as the idea may sound to many the national government, though ostensibly unwilling, may be forced to intervene to head-off impending economic disaster.

If in fact all are to share democratically the resources of an advanced industrial society as ours, the rich must support the poor.

Recent developments in Baltimore provide an illuminating backdrop for any such 'socialist' analysis.

Baltimore, beset as it is by enormous municipal problems, has seen its tax base withered away with the flight of the middle class to neighboring suburbs.

Hence, its source of revenue drastically reduced, the city finds itself unable to meet its fiscal responsibilities which include the salaries of its employees.

Worse even, without governmental control, many of those former city dwellers are allowed to continue earning their living in Baltimore at the city's expense.

The result is as expected: the cities struggle to maintain services at existing levels while the surrounding counties, their cash boxes filled to overflow, prosper.

The short term solution - already set in motion - is for the cities to take their plight to the state government where there are growing signs of similar economic shortcomings.

The only viable long-range alternative, it would seem, is some national redistribution of wealth scheme-if you like, socialism.

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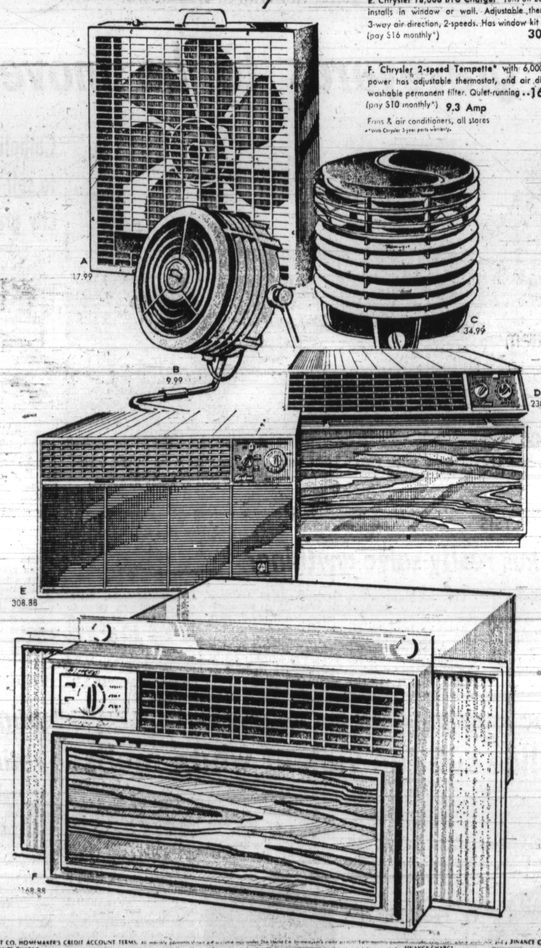

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JOHN H. THORNTON

Engineer leaves Housing after 28 years

John H. Thorton a Housing Authorty stationary engineer for the past 28 years,- has announced his retirement, effective August 1.

Thorton, 65, 4500 block of Fairview Ave., was the first black stationary egineer hired by the Housing Authority. His job was to supervise the heating and cooling of the Edgar Allen Poe and Frederick Douglass Housing Projects.

At one time, Thorton helped operate the Central Ave. heating plant, one of the largest in the South. It generates energy for over 2,800 apartments.

Thorton is married to Mrs. Emma Thorton They have four children: Mrs. Algarna Samson; Alphonson Thorton, a night club operator and Mrs. Cecelia Jones, all of Baltimore.

He is a member of the NAACP Board of Directors, Baltimore Urban League, president, Fourth District Democratic Organization of Baltimore; vice president, Anna Mae Hunter Foundation Home for the Blind and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge.

Retirement will not slow Thorton down, however. He intends to teach stationary engineering, throughout the area, travel and write a book on the economic suppression of the black labor force.

Prison system being investigated

State's Attorney Milton are many persons involved in the alleged corruption in the state parole and prison systems.

Testimony was produced by Robert M. Gordon at the Dennis Mello trial in Federal Court that Gordon and Sen. Clarence Mitchell III received $1,500 to arrange a phony job so that Donald Harrington could be released from prison for a work-release program so he could continue his gambling operation.

George Beall, the U.S. attorney; Paul R. Kramer; Joseph A. Kiel, head of the federal; Organized Crime Strike Force, and Charles A. Ruppersberger III, met with Mr. Allen on Wednesday.

County prosecutors are investigating the prison system.

Mrs. Charles W. Tipton, wife of Charles W. Tipton serving 10-year sentence at the House of Correction, claims she paid $15,000 to a county lawyer with the understanding her husband would be released.

The AFRO learned the federal investigation is just beginning. It not only involves Tipton but several other people.

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Gist; Mrs. Doris Wallace, Windsor Hills.

REGION VII

Mrs. Mae Cornish, Matthew A. Henson; Mrs. Margaret Ewing, George Street; Mrs. Lucille Williams, Coppin; Edgar Lansey, Robert W. Coleman; Mrs. Cleo Diggs, James Mosher; Mrs. Charlette Harmer, Alexander Hamilton; Mrs. Lillian Bell, Lafayette.

REGION VIII

William Jenkins Jr., James Monroe; Mrs. Rossland Lee, Abraham Lincoln; Mrs. Vera Kinnear, Irvington.

REGION IX

Mrs. Mildred Stoller Barrister Charles Carroll; Mrs. Ada Weaver, Arundel; Allen Kershman, Brooklyn; Katherine Buckley, Curtis Bay.

-Catholics

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was bad in 1966 (when I got here) and it just seems to get worse. People with relatives in the graves just don't seem to care."

The figure of 20,000 was the best estimate Mr. Gillard could give. He explains, "Some of the bodies are buried three and four on top of each other and I just don't know for sure how many there are."

When the AFRO visited the cemetery, this reporter found it to be little more than a wasteland.

The 22 acre site has weeds which stand as high as trees and wild bushes covering many of the aged tombstones, most of which are fallen over or broken.

Because of inadequate records, no one could give the AFRO a figure of the exact number of blacks citizens in either cemetery. Mr. Gillard estimated, however, that St. Peter's is 35 per cent black.

Though not to such a great extent, the grounds of St. Vincent's are also found to be 'less than desirable.'

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Woodlawn Cemetery is far removed from devastated conditions of the other two. Located at 2130 Woodlawn Drive, it is a beautiful, modern cemetery.

Woodlawn is 200 sprawling acres of well-trimmed grass and hedges with healthy trees, colorful flowers, petite bridges and running brooks compete with live white swans.

Gallagher, Evelius and Jones law firm is handling the sale of the cemeteries as well as removing the bodies.

Richard O. Berndt says, "The respective churches both have dwindling congregations and finances, that's why it became necessary to sell." The lawyer told the AFRO, "Negotiations will begin once we find buyers. It may take one year or five. At anyrate, we won't go into court until then."

The bill passed by the legislature has two stipulations.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore and the individual parishes must petition to the Circuit Court for a trustee.

The trustee must then give adequate notice to all lot owners, relatives of persons buried, and all other interested parties.

This must be done three times a month for three months. The trustee must contact the interested persons individually.

The costs of transferring the bodies is to be paid by the buyers and parishes. There will be no cost to the relatives or lot owners.

It is speculated that the city will purchase the St. Vincent's property and it is hoped that the Board of Education will purchase St. Peter's.

The social concept of moving from a metropolitan area into suburbia is no longer only fashionable for living whites, but for dead black citizens as well.

-Dr. Cheek

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length in office would not be good for the college," he noted. "This is an appropriate breaking point, because it comes just before fund-raising programs get underway, and we are between semesters."

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Morgan State must now tackle the problem of finding both a successor for the departing president and an acting college president.

According to Frank DeCosta Jr., chairman of the board of trustee's selection committee, a five member "search team" will be formed for the purpose of screening candidates.

The committee will be comprised of one representative of the following groups: the student body, the alumni, the board of visitors, the faculty senate and the administration on non-teaching faculty.

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No acting president has yet been named, although there are two concrete possibilities.

One is former college dean Percy Baker, (now a full time professor of biology), who served as acting president when Dr. Cheek went to Africa more than a year ago.

Another possibility is recently appointed College Dean Horace Judson.

For the time being, however, the college is presidentless, a condition that Frank De Costa hopes will soon be eliminated.

"We are going to move quickly to appoint an acting president and hopefully we can have the vacancy filled within one year."

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