Old feud, erupts anew

By Fletcher Roberts

A smouldering, two-year old feud within State Senator Veda F. Welcome against Delegate Troy Brailey, both 40th District Democratic incumbents, erupted into what seemed a bitter storm this week.

Superficially, Del. Brailey appeared miffed by what he termed a slight paid him by the Senator. However, observers charged a labor endorsement was a more likely underlying factor.

In a prepared statement to the AFRO, Del. Brailey declares, "Senator Welcome had accused me of having something to do with her not getting the endorsement of organized labor."

Del. Brailey emphatically denies her allegations.

Senator Welcome readily admitted that she had not received the endorsement of labor.

Obviously outraged, Senator Welcome exclaimed, "I consider it an insult; just as a matter of principle."

"All my life I've worked in the interest of good working conditions for my constituents; to me, it's just an insult, that's all," she reiterated.

Senator Welcome justified her stance arguing "They can hold that thing over your head." Her failure to gain labor endorsement, she said, "frees me."

Peter J. Moralis, director of the Council on Political Education and assistant president of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, AFL-CIO, confirmed that Senator Welcome had failed to gain the labor council backing.

He said though recommended by the council's executive board her bid for endorsement ran into a roadblock when several local unions voiced their opposition.

A motion to deny her union support, he continued, was carried by the council membership when it met July 31. Mr. Moralis cited the Baltimore Teachers' Union and the hospital worker's union as among those opposed to backing Senator Welcome.

A subsequent appeal to the state AFL-CIO, he said, was similarly "overturned."

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Del. Brailey announced his resignation from Senator Welcome's Fourth District Democratic Organization following a brief encounter with the Senator at a Monday night meeting of the group.

He says she "constantly refused to let him speak during the recent campaing. Specifically, he charges that Senator Welcome allowed others, "outsiders" to speak while denying him the same perogative.

Senator Welcome answered his allegation by saying, "It's not true, as far as I'm concerned."

The present controversy seems an outgrowth of a disagreement between the two begun several years ago when Del. Brailey announced that he would support Parren J. Mitchell over then City Solicitor George Russell for the Congressional seat now occupied by Mr. Mitchell.

In a 1972 letter to Senator Welcome he says, "if you wanted to endorse George Russell and I was for Parren Mitchell there would be nothing personal about it. We would still be friends."

"Nevertheless," the letter continues, "you are making it personal."

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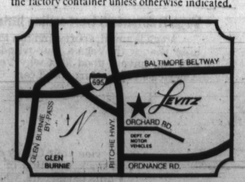

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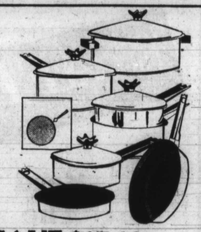

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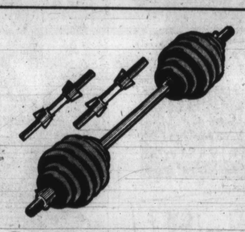

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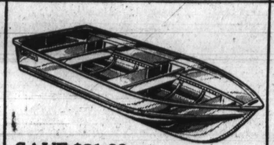

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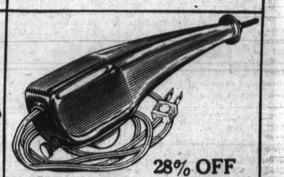

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