—Legal moves to halt Patterson foes

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receive a "fair hearing" before the school board.

In accordance with the city charter, Dr. Patterson is entitled to a public "hearing" 30-days after the "reasons" for why he should be dismissed are announced.

After that hearing the board will take action on the dismissal move.

But according to Gibson and Griffin it is ludicrous for the Mayor to suggest that any "hearing" in which the judge is also the jury and prosecuting attorney will be "fair".

"We are not fools and we are not blind men," Gibson stated.

"Continued statements by the majority members of the school board make it clear that regardless of what happens at the hearing they intend to follow through with their scheme to fire Dr. Patterson.

"How can someone have a fair hearing before a body that has announced decision before the hearing is ever held? It is impossible for Dr. Patterson to have a fair hearing before this board with its present composition," he continued.

"It is therefore necessary for the community to continue its effort to see that Dr. Patterson is treated fairly, and not by this Kangaroo Court which has already made up its mind."

Mr. Gibson announced that the community will assemble Monday, Aug. 19 at Greenspring Jr. High School (7 p.m.) to plan further activities to "see that this conspiracy which was conceived in secrecy and deception will not succeed."

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The city charter, which some board members have quoted in justifying their move to oust Dr. Patterson, also governs the appointment of board members.

For example, it states that in the selection of board members and in their role in the administration of public schools "... ecclesiastical and party ties shall not be regarded, so that the public schools may be entirely out of the field of political and religious differnces and controversies."

May observers conclude that if, in fact, this is the case a board member such as Robert Schaefer should be replaced since he is vice president of a bank, First National Bank in which all of the city's credit union money is deposited and because the teachers are paid with First National Bank checks (which means that taxpayers' dollars used to pay the city teachers are being stored in First National).

It has been suggested that the Mayor either remove city money from First National or remove Robert Schaefer from the board and replace him with a person who has no such "special interests".

The charter also states that the mayor, if asked by citizens (or any group, is obliged to consider the dismissal of a board member after granting said member a hearing.

Conceivably this would allow those persons asking for the resignations of commissioners Mrs. Sheila Sachs, Oscar Heim, Maree Farring, Robert Schaefer and board president, Dr. John Walton, to approach the Mayor and demand the initiation of such a hearing — in accordance with the city charter.

—Nixon prosecution?

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Committee's final report, to be released next week U P I reports, concludes that the former president "abused the powers of the Presidency by lying, disobeying the law and subverting the constitution."

Hanging like a menacing cloud over Nixon's head are possible convictions for conspiracy, obstruction of justice, illegal surveillance for political purposes, perjury, destruction of evidence, misprision of a felony, conspiracy against the rights of citizens and possibly others.

President Ford could sweep the cloud away by granting Nixon an executive pardon or ask the Congress to grant immunity from prosecution.

The public wouldn't go for this, however. Those who overwhelmingly voted for him in 1972 are embarrassed and now want him to fry. Those who didn't vote for him have always wanted him to fry.

Congressional leaders, monitoring public opinion, have indicated that they want Jaworski to continue along the road to prosecution, for the moment.

This reporter's skepticism is based on the premise that politics still reigns over public opinion. And since Nixon, whether you admit it or not, is one of history's most cunning political strategists, he is certain to have a compromising escape route.

The prediction is that Nixon will be exonerated "for national security reasons."

Imagine Richard M. Nixon taking a witness stand and etching high level top secret information into the court records.

The Republicans are not going to like it. They will not stand for further degradation of the Grand Old Party.

The Pentagon won't stand for it. No telling what sordid details Nixon might reveal about the secret wars in Thailand and Cambodia.

His political enemies have got second thoughts too. They're sure to have some skeletons in the closet Nixon may know about. An embittered ex-president might sing like a bird if he decides to take some company to jail with him.

And what will he have to say about ITT (International Telephone and Telegraph), the milk cooperatives or any of the other BIG businesses that donate so many dollars to those Republican and Democratic campaigns. Enough said.

Middle America will shudder at the thought at what the Communists would do to "America's image" abroad with so much information at their fingertips.

An executive pardon to Richard M. Nixon would be the safest and most logical solution, unless you don't fit in the above mentioned categories.

—Sen. Brooke

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times, 'we must go forward together,' as President Ford said in his inauguration speech, to bring the national unity we so desperately need.

"Senator Brooke's wide respect among his colleagues in both Houses of Congress and his special sensitivity to the domestic needs of our country make him the ideal choice," Rangel stated.

The congressman added Brooke's "impact and leadership are well known to those of us who are daily striving to bring black America and all of the minorities of America into this country's mainstream.

"President Ford has a unique opportunity to take a giant step toward achelving the national unity we need to go forward," Rangel concluded, "and Sen. Edward William Brooke is the best man to assist him in this vital effort."

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—School will open

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of Health, Education and Welfare approved the staff desegregation plan July 29, regional administrators could not make assignments because they didn't know which schools would be able to accept teacher transfers, (because HEW rejected the elementary and junior high school plan).

But when the Board of School Commissioners approved desegregation plans for elementary and junior high school earlier this week, it was just a matter of disseminating the information to regional personnel and letting them match school, student and teacher based on alloted racial quotas.

While this does not mean a teacher will be hired (or transferred) simply because he or she is black or white, it does mean that new teacher assignments will be based on the racial balance of a particular school.

The staff desegregation plan holds that none of the city's 206 schools should exceed a proportion of 75 per cent non white teaching staff nor 50 per cent white teaching staff in September.

Because there will be a need to transfer some teachers, the plan stipulates that whenever the number of transfers from a single school exceeds 10 or more, the school board will require that these transfers be submitted to it for consideration and approval.

If it is predicted, however, that only 19 of 206 schools will require 10 or more transfers,

—Meets Gibson

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sharing program the governors and mayors have come to count on to balance their budgets, and that he would work to cut red tape in the transfer of funds from Washington to the states and cities.

Before attending the meet, Gibson stated he would advocate the development of "a domestic Marshall Plan to rebuild Newark and other citits."

The mayor noted that, "our cities have been sadly shortchanged too often in Washington, and we must insist that human needs receive a high priority in the thinking of this new administraton."

Generally, the officials who met with the new president appeared to be pleased at the end of the session.

—Lucky license

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The concerned administrators of the Baltimore City Public Schools strongly object to the deceptive manner in which some members of the Board of School Commissioners attempted to suspend the Superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools on August 8, 1974.

The unfairness of the act was shown by efforts to avoid due process and the failure to give timely notice.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor AMEN

The AFRO's AMEN edition on the deletion of U.S. President Nixon and all the events around it, was enthusiastically received by Baltimoreans and readers from as far away as Alaska.

Thank you comes from the City Desk force which spent until nearly dawn during the deadline days.

AMEN says full agreement in the shortest strongest and most final way.

Citizens said, "You ought to see the AFRO headline and bought papers two at a time "to save for the grandkids". Mrs. Jennie Palees said, "The genius whose thought of the AMEN headline for the Nixon resignation issue deserves the Pulitzer Prize. I chuckled to myself and I am still smiling a week later."

READERS who still want a copy may call or come to the AFRO Circulation Dept., 28 N. Eutaw St. and thank again.

CADILLACS totaling 200 assemble Sunday, 1:30 p.m. at Carey and Pressman to be accompanied by 50 motorcycles in a parade to Council's on Patapsco Ave. for a cabaret and all that goes with. Cars are from D.C., Richmond, Philly, about all the Seaboard. Club members and T. V. Tank, president, will wear white or red, wide brim hates and shades. [illegible] will be watching.

COURTHOUSE GRAPEVINE, the fantastic wireless, still carries all the news as it did the 16 years I was a reporter there

Whereas the AFRO said AMEN to Nixon's exit and the Paris France newspaper said "C'est fini" (It is finished), Courthouse regulars [illegible] Chicken Little said, the sky fell!"

"Expletive Deleted" so another headline.

GRAPEVINE hot "news was how the new Mrs. Mandel was on the scene moments after the final Mandel's divorce was signed and then went straight away to Marriage Licenses Chief Paul Chester for the application to wed the Chief Executive.

In a chic outfit, the new First Lady had a court order from Judge Grady which allowed her and the bridegroom to skip the 48-hour law.

Presto, the couple went to the synagog, exchanged vows and separated, for awhile for Mandel to attend the McKeldin funeral. Few persons knew he had just "jumped over the broom," as they say out West.

GRAPEVINE-COURTHOUSE "hotter" news comes as it rustles through the halls recalling how William A. Swisher, when he was an assistant [illegible] torney, was termed by a jurist as "the most effectual prosecutor" ever seen.

Reading from the same page — In 16 years as AFRO court reporter, I remember lots of things, mostly that Swisher, the man who is running against States Attorney Milton Allen, was termed by Judge O'Donnell, "The weakest assistant in the bunch". He was eventually placed in the "States Attorney's Graveyard" and put on duty as a clerk. Can he really be running for State Attorney?

GOVERNOR MCKELDIN, member of my club The World Federalists, was indeed a world citizen. When the famed editor, Norman Cousins, was guest speaker at our December banquet, Gov. McKeldin (once a governor, always a governor) received greater applause. His knowledge of world live was superior.

MR. AND MRS. ELZIE STREET, the Royal Roast owner whose wedding announcement appeared in the AFRO AMEN edition, have been swamped with hundreds of calls and the club overflowed after the AFRO came out.

WORD IS that Dr. Donald [illegible] is vacationing Europe with his blond [illegible].

EVERYTIME Civic Center Director Harold Jennifer's picture is in the AFRO as it was in the AMEN edition, the ladies gasp for fear it's his wedding announcement. He is the town's most eligible, you know.

WHOSE SWIMMING POOL in plush Baltimore County is shaped in his initials, C. B.?

VENDORS have invaded South Baltimore near Cross Street Market and quietly go on vending their wares. No sweat.

POINTED HEAD cabbage, said to be the best, is found in the South Charles St. market area, an old-fashioned neighborhood that goes on and on like in the 1920's.

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

In one 20-minute visit that lasted five hours, I saw fathers in doorways rocking babies, backyards flowing flowers, a shoe cobbler, six bars in one block. Saturday night shopping and heard, "Some of us have never been to Druid Hill Park."

Black and white live side-by-side; an ancient church says "We pray together". A teen-ager even had a ducktail hairdo that was fashionable in the '50's; a girl wore baby-doll pumps.

Around Henrietta St. [illegible] Southern High is a [illegible] ghost world of the past where things never change.

A JUNK-TYPE white cadillac with Tennessee license was parked on a side street near Mayor Schaefer's house and full of suspicious-looking white men, made some women demonstrators "head straight for home" last Sunday. Police are investigating.

EVERY HALF HOUR, city police patrol Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's Madison Ave. home, since he received death threats from whites after his appearance at that heated Aug. 8 School Board Meeting. The FBI has its own way of checking.

AMEN to our readers who report they are able to preserve our Nixon Edition in Saran Wrap and big baggies around the rolled copy. Mrs. Maggie Keester says her AMEN AFRO is rolled in a freezer bag, tucked in the trunk with the Kennedy Assassination AFRO, the first on the street that dark Friday in 1963.

Pre-school registration

Pre-school and kindergarten registration for the coming school year will begin Wednesday, Aug. 28 and last through Friday, Aug. 30.

The Board of Education predicts that some 2,038 children ages 2-through-4 will enroll in the city's Early Childhood Education Area Centers. For additional information call Ho-7-4000. Ext. 742 and ask for Ms. Nottingham.

Harvey Joyce died today

Harvey Joyce — 18 pt.

J. Harvey Joyce, 3218 Sequoia Ave., retired assistant director of Operations, Baltimore Post Office, died this morning (Friday) at North Charles General Hospital where he been confined for the past month.

What H. L. Mecken said about his own folks

H. L. Mencken, the white Marylander in his famed writings which criticize his own race, states, "Civilization is at its lowest mark in the United States precisely in those areas where the Anglo-Saxon still presumes to rule.

"The descendents of the first settlers I believe tend plainly to move downward, mentally, spiritually and even physically.

"He serves it indeed very painfully and as if in despair of arresting it in fact makes degenerate effort to dispose of it by denial and concealment.

"Laws are passed to hobble and cage the citizen of newer stocks in a hundred fantastic ways."

SCHOOL BOARD

The movements of white School Board members in efforts to fire Dr. Roland N. Patterson, the black school superintendent, are in the above vein.

The proof of it is in the transcription of the Board Meeting of Aug. 8. The AFRO will print excerpts from the unbelievable manuscript in the next issue. What you see is what you get.

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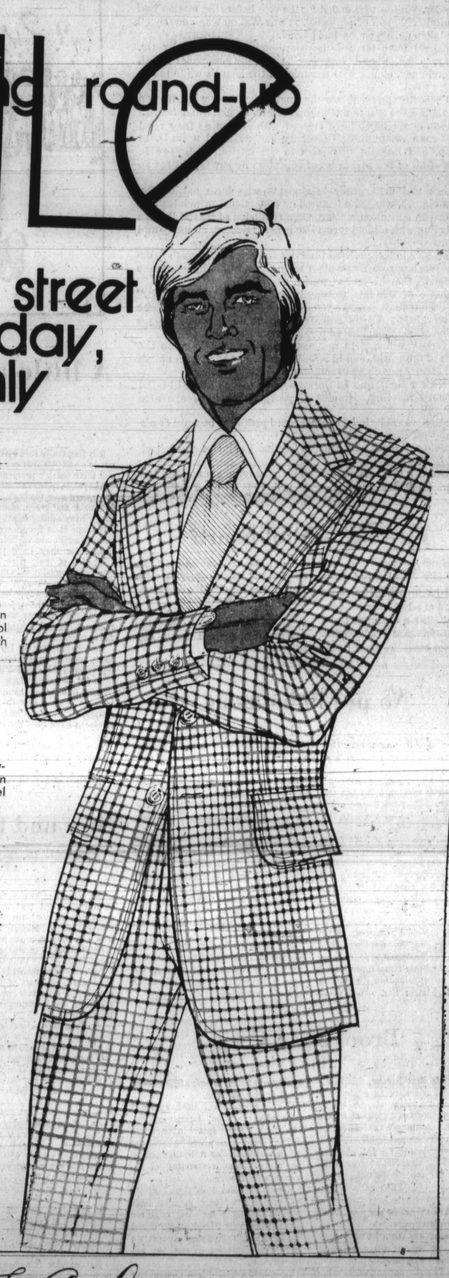

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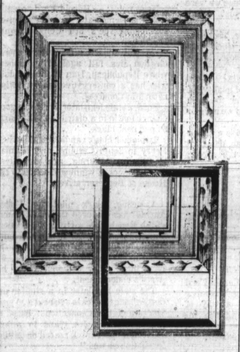

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