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School board gets black majority

4 Nixon aides guilty in Watergate trial

By Wesley G. Pippert

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The three most powerful men of Richard Nixon's administration stand convicted of conspiring to cover up their involvement in Watergate, closing the last major chapter on America's worst political scandal.

John N. Mitchell, 61, Nixon's attorney general and campaign director; H. R. Haldeman, 48, and John D. Ehrlichman, 49, the men who ran his White House, were convicted of conspiracy Wednesday.

Also convicted was Robert C. Mardian, 51, a former assistant attorney general and campaign aide.

Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman were also found guilty of obstruction of justice and lying. Mitchell could get 25 years in prison and a $37,000 fine; Haldeman, 25 years and $21,000; Ehrlichman, 20 years and $35,000, and Mardian, 5 years and $10,000.

All said they will appeal. Kenneth W. Parkinson,

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Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, pioneer, dead at 80

Mrs. Sarah Fernandis Diggs, one of Baltimore's pioneer residents and long and active civic worker and business leader, is dead at the age of 80.

Family hour is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, Friday, after which ttiime funeral services will be held at Sharp Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Diggs, was the first women's editor of the AFRO-American Newspaper, which she served until 1932 when she opened her own ladies accessory shop and married Josiah Diggs, a businessman and well known philanthropist.

Up until last year Mrs. Diggs had resided with her sister, Mrs. Mary Jenkins a public health nurse, who died just last year.

For many years Mrs. Diggs resided at 1909 Druid Hill Ave.

Born in Baltimore, Mrs. Diggs was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fernandis. She grew up in the Baltimore public schools and began her active life of helping other people.

Noted as an individual with a ball of energy she was described in a 1959 AFRO interview as one who was a dynamo in service to the Baltimore community.

Just 5 feet tall, she exhibited enthusiasm in every endeavor she undertook.

Her experience in working with people began in 1930 and covered every phase of civic, community school, church and charity life.

In the same interview in 1959, she explained, "I dearly love people, working with people and I am most proud of my job here at Morgan where I am among young people.

At the time she was referring to the fact that she was matron of Truth Residence Hall, one of three women's dormitories at Morgan State College where she served.

During hre lifetime, she received more than 50 certificates of appreciation from various city, state and national organizations and was cited more than 20 times.

During her lifetime, she was cited on the AFRO AMERICAN 1943 Honor Roll for her volunteer work with the USO.

Other awards ranged from a 1950 citation for the Disabled Veterans Foundation, the Red Cross, the Block Brigade the Office of Pride Administration.

She poured tea with two U.S. president's wives Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Bess Truman on visits to the White House.

During the reign of Mayor Theodore McKeldiin, she was often a special guest at luncheons and banquets.

The YWCA cited her for her work with, young women there many times and in 1943 she received the associhonor for meritorious service award for her efforts in the building fund campaign.

Kappa Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority cited her one of the living makers of history in 1954.

The NAACP gave Mrs. Diggs its highest award of honor for mertorious service in the cause of obtaining justice and full citizen rights in 1955.

Mrs. Diggs was credited with organizing the Provident Hospital Ladies Guild which she started with 27 members and at its peak during her administration

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MRS. SARAH F. DIGGS

Alllen steps down today

By Angela Chatman

Milton Allen, Baltimore City State's Attorney for the past four years, steps down today (Friday).

Allen, who was acclaimed by both federal and state agencies, as heading one of the best organized and efficient state's attorney's offices in the nation was defeated in the recent general elections by least known William A. Swisher.

State's Attorney Allen is the first of his race in Maryland to hold such a position.

Asked to comment on his years in office he said, "This experience of the last four years has been one of the most rewarding and enriching of my life.

"I'm leaving an office that's well organized and where we're beginning to get rid of the evil of law enforcement, selective law enforcement. I do not regret spending one minute."

Allen is returning to private practice and will begin working with Attorneys David Mitchell, Charles Lee, and Otho T. Thompson in their Tower Building office on Jan. 4. There are rumors of possible public appointment but nothing has materialized.

Of Baltimore, he said, "Baltimore is going through the same crime crisis as the rest of the country. We've got to spend a great deal more money on social programs to stem the tide of violence. There's a new type of violence on the streets. The people are younger,

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Ramsey, McCrea, Marshall, Sloan named by mayor

Appointments of four men, three of them black, to serve on the Baltimore City School Board, were announced this morning (Friday) by Mayor Schaefer.

Named to succeed Dr John Walton, president of the board, is Norman P. Ramsey, 52, well known attorney and civic worker.

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Others appointed are Howard E. Marshall, 50, monitor in Employees Relations at McCormick and Co. and the father of five.

Grover R. McCrea Jr., 42, administrative consultant, BSM Recruiters Co., Inc. with two youngsters in public schools, and David F. Sloan, 51, legal consultant with Baltimore Contractors, Inc.

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They succeed James M. Griffin, longtime member and vice president of the board; Mrs. Maree Farring and Larry S. Gibson.

With the mayor's appointment of Messrs. Marshall, McCrae and Sloan, the nine-member board for the first time in history has a black majority.

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The other black members of the board are Dr. Beryl Williams, dean of Morgan State College and Dr. W. Eugene Scott, a Hopkins physicist.

Other white members who remain on the board are Robert Schaefer, Mrs. Sheila Sachs and Oscar Helm.

Del. Scott's daughter's $5 million suit date set

The hearing for the $50 million suit filed by the daughter of slain House of Delegates member James A. (Turk) Scott has been scheduled for Federal Court.

The Jan. 10 trial in the U.S. Court for the District of Maryland involves the Friday, July 13, 1973 murder in the underground parking lot of plush Sutton Place Apartment House where Del. Scott resided. The gangland style execution remains unsolved.

The daughter, Miss Evelyn Ann (Tina) Scott, as personal representative of his estate, first filed the suit which asks $50 million in damages, in local courts.

However, legal representatives for Sutton Place Associates successfully petitioned for removal in early December to Federal Court jurisdiction.

Miss Scott, through her attorneys Michael Bowen Mitchell, A. Dwight Pettit and E. Thomas W. Stahl, refiled the suit therefore on Dec. 27, 1934.

TINA SCOTT

According to the new complaint for damages, Miss Scott is asking that the owners of Sutton Place, 1111 Park Ave. and Paul D. Krupp, manager, partner, and others [illegible] jointly and as a [illegible] partnership pay [illegible] the

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INSIDE TODAY

Editorial

This coming Sunday, Jan. 5 marks the 112th celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation, an event usually observed by the Prince Hall Masons at the Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place.

This year, the occasion at the same location has been expanded to include as sponsors not only the Masonic order under Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels but also the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper praises this effort as a reminder to all citizens of Baltimore that our dedication to freedom should be renewed at the beginning of this new year.

A salute goes to the Prince Hall Masons, each and every official and member and all the city's clergymen.

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We quote from the Dec. 22, 1974 address by the Rev. St. George Crosse who spoke on the 105th anniversary of the Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 24, F and AM (PHA) on "The Crumbling Foundations of American Life."

The Rev. Dr. Crosse noted that the Biblical job of the masons was not only architecture and skilled craftsmanship but also the repair of the foundations of the city against those enemies who wished it destroyed.

Saying that the American way of life is now under attack, the Rev. Dr. Crosse stated, "It is the job of the 20th Century Masons to shore up the crumbling foundations.

"Immorality, greed, crime and indifference are the weapons the enemy uses to erode our way of life.

"The foundations of the home are crumbling because of too little parental supervision and too little discipline."

Assuring the clergymen and members of the Masonic fraternity that their leadership is competent and worthy, the Rev. Dr. Crosse urged each one to "shore up our crumbling society" as the Biblical masons mended the ancient city's foundations.

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The AFRO commends the ministers and the Masons on making this first step in this era of crisis by making Jan. 5, the first Sunday in this year 1975, a day of commitment to freedom, to worthy use of our citizenship and rededication to the high ideals of those who sacrificed to bring us thus far on the way.

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As the 112th anniversary

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A Special 28-Page Section dedicated to the 112th Emancipation Proclamation celebration sponsored by the Prince Hall Masons, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

What to expect in the 1975 Maryland General Assembly

By Angela Chatman

With the Maryland General Assembly beginning its 1975 session next Wednesday, Jan. 8, elected officials are preparing for a long three months.

Many of them have already prepared legislation which they plan to introduce for the coming year.

Among Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III's proposed legislation are:

1. A bill providing for a new section of the Annotated Code which would protect home owners from

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General Assembly opens January 8

The 105th session of Maryland General Assembly opens Wednesday, Jan. 8 with black members in an historic role.

Among the 188 total members of all races are five black senators, the largest such group in all the United States.

The total of black senators and delegates is 19, the highest in the nation with the exception of the state of Illinois which also has 19.

Here are the senators: Sen. Verda F. Wtlcome (D-40th); Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III (D-38th); Sen. Clarence W. Blount (D-41st); Sen. Robert Douglass (D-45th), all of Baltimore and Sen. Jimmie Broadwater (D-25th), Glen Arden, Prince George's County.

Here are the Baltimore delegates, all Democrats: Del. Troy Brailey, Del. Lloyal Randolph, Del. Kenneth Webster, all 40th District

Del. Walter Dean, Del. Art Murphy, Del. Pinkney Howell, all 41st Diistrict.

Del. Joseph Chester, Del. Harrison, all 45th District;

Del. Isaiah Dixon, Del. Lena K. Lee, Del. Larry Young, all 38th District.

Del. Decatur Wayne Trotter, the mayor of Glen Arden and Nathaniel Exum, prosperous Seat Pleasant businessman in marketing and management and representing Osborne Payne's McDonald's Carryout in Baltimore, are the new delegates from Prince Georges County.

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Looking at the group from another angle, the General Assembly will have three women, Sen. Welcome, Del. Lee and Del. Harrison.

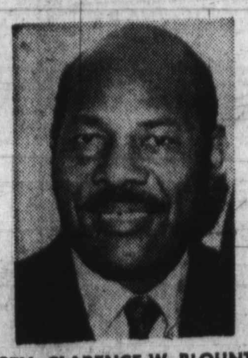
Baltimore's senators, numbering four, comprise one-third of the city's 11 senators.

Baltimore's total of 14 black delegates equals way over one-third of the city's total of 33 delegates.

SEN. CLARENCE M. MITCHELL III (D) 38th District

SEN. VERDA F. WELCOME (D) 40th District

SEN. TOMMIE BROADWATER JR. Prince Georges County



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DEL. LLOYAL RANDOLPH (D) 40th District

DEL. TROY F. BRAILEY (D) 40th District

DEL. NATHANIEL EXUM Prince George's County

DEL. DECATUR W. TROTTER (D) 25th District (Prince George's County)

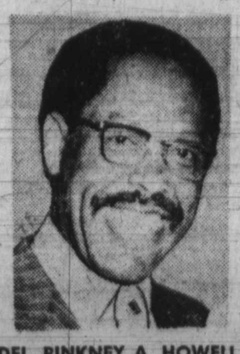
DEL. LENA K. LEE (D) 38th District

DEL. ISAIAH "IKE" DIXON JR. (D) 38th District

DEL. LARRY YOUNG (D) 38th District

DEL. JOHN W. DOUGLASS (D-45) Baltimore

DEL. ARTHUR G. MURPHY SR. (D) 41st District



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DEL. HATTIE N. HARRISON (D) 45th District

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