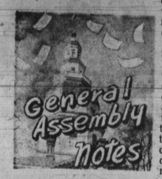

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ANNAPOLIS — State Senator Clarence W. Blount (D. 41st) has been named to two key posts during this, the first week of actual convening of sessions, of the state General Assembly.

By virtue of his appointment as vice chairman of the vital Committee on Taxation and Budget by newly-named Senate President Steny Hoyer (D). Prince George's), and his election by fellow senators as Majority Whip, he assumes a position of third in line of succession in that chamber.

As majority whip he will be responsible in assisting in the successful guidance of legislation desired by the Democrats in the Senate through that body.

Senator Blount said the positions would allow him "to get a piece of the pie" for black residents.

He told the AFRO the positions would automatically make him a member of the President's Cabinet, an informal body, where much of the key strategy for the progress on legislation is planned.

This is the senator's second four-year term. He was elected to his seat from the city's old fifth district in 1970.

ANNAPOLIS — State Senator Verda F. Welcome (D. 40th) has called on Governor Mandel, Wednesday, by way of special resolution introduced into the Senate, for the appointment of a special non-partisan commission to investigate further, allegations of Baltimore police spying on selected politicians and newsmen.

On the opening day of the General Assembly's ninty-day session, Mrs. Welcome indicated that she was in no way satisfied with the governor's report made public this week.

In it Commissioner Donald Pomerleau denied any wrongdoing on the part of his controversial Inspectional Services Division.

Mrs. Welcome labelled the commissioner's response as "nothing," and indicated that an impartial panel would be the only agency to investigate.

She said, "A report requested by the governor from the commissioner of the Police Department is inadequate, as is the police commissioner who is suspected of initiatiating the surveillance program."

Senator Welcome said the independent commission she envisions would determine whether "unwarranted investigations have been made" and would make recommendations "for eliminating the potential for making such unwarranted investigations in the future."

Copies of the resolution have been sent to Mayor William D. Schaefer and Commissioner Pomerleau.

Del. Hattie N. Harrison (D-45 D), entering her second year in the House, said of opening day, "I feel great coming back, especially this time for the simple reason that, having been here before, I know a little more.

"It's a good feeline to be back and ready to work."

Once again Del. Harrison will be working on the Economic Matters Committee. "I will take an extra hard look at bills coming through that committee . . . I'm extremely interested in what we can do about getting more jobs and the education picture."

The delegate can be reached at the legislative office building, Room 323, Ext. 1576 in Annapolis but she also has a district office in Baltimore with fellow 45th District representatives Del. Joseph Chester, Del. John W. Douglass and Sen. Robert L. Douglass.

The office, located at 2503 E. Preston St., 342-4414, will be open 4 days a week until 6 p.m. Constituents are invited to stop in anytime.

-Coppin

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any arrest in the case. They report they are looking for a male around 25-years-old. He was wearing a dark leather jacket, blue trousers and tennis shoes.

The medical examiner has not yet determined if the student had been sexually assaulted. Police state her pants and underwear were in disarray.

Descriptions of Miss Woldehaimanot now sound unbelievable. In 1969 the National Scholarship test was given to all students seeking entry to their high schools in Ethiopia.

Miss Woldehaimanot rated the highest score in the entire country of Ethiopia. A superb athlete she won a medal in 1971 for the 100-meter dash in a nat on-wide high school track meet.

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CITY OFFICIALS RECEIVE GIFTS — (left panel) Mayor Schaefer thanks Liberian Ambassador S. Edward Peale for robe and head-dress presented to him as part of a cultural exchange between Baltimore and Gbarnga in Liberia in right panel Walter S. Orlinsky gets help from members of the sister-city project in putting on his robe.

—Black Caucus

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ative chamber. Chester sees the bill as a caucus priority matter. "It is long overdue," he said.

Sources say by utilizing its trading ability as a means of assisting other assemblymen in the passage of their favorite legislation, the caucus feels optimistic about the passage of the Morgan State bill.

A common thread running through all the statements made on opening day involving the caucus was the need to display a unified front. Freshman legislator Arthur G. Murphy (D, 41) admitted that though blacks cannot control legislation in the house, they can be quite helpful in the successful progression of the planned detour of particular legislation.

Most of the other delegates seemed to enjoy the opening day ceremonies. Large numbers of black women—carefully dressed and bedecked with flowers—shown brightly through the usually large numbers of visitors who lined the walls of the main house floor and the gallery to witness the formal installation by the speaker, John Hanson Briscoe. Mr. Briscoe was re-elected.

A new turn in the women's movement brought loud and lengthy applause from her colleagues when Del. Ann R. Hull (D, Prince George's) was elected by acclamation as the speaker pro temp. She would preside at the speaker's rostrum in the absence of Mr. Briscoe.

Among the spectators, and a secretary to the delegation from Prince George's County, was Mrs. Ertha Ramoersad, who concluded that blacks from her county were increasingly active. She pointed out that the election of Sen. Tommie Broadwater and Delegates Nathaniel Exum and Decatur W. Trotter was the result of black efforts to increase their strength in the all too-often little-heard-from rural areas of the state.

As proof of this, large groupings of Prince George's counties travelled to the capital to witness the swearing-in.

Mrs. Lillian Broadwater, wife of the senator and a homemaker, was present with her children. The gaily dressed children included: Tommy, 13, Tanya, 14, Jacqueline, 12, and Anita, 10.

They had aided in the Broadwater campaign by distributing leaflets and ringing doorbells. Mrs. Broadwater served as her husband's secretary. She said, "My husband loves dealing with people."

Legislative action of importance by blacks on the first day was the resolution introduced by Sen. Welcome calling on the governor to appoint an independent panel to investigate allegations of Baltimore Police Department spying on elected officials.

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At AFRO presstime, Mr. Mandel had not responded to Mrs. Welcome's resolution which was broadcast in the local media immediately after introduction.

The governor told reporters at an unusally scheduled Tuesday press conference that for the present he accepted Commissioner Donald Pomerleau's denial of wrong-doing by his controversial Inspectional Division.

Mrs. Welcome and other black leaders have called for Pomerleau's dismissal.

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In other legislative business, Thursday's afternoon meeting of the Black Caucus revealed the election of new officers.

Del. Randolph was reelected. Mrs. Welcome was named vice chairman, Del. Murphy was installed as secretary and Sen. Broadwater will be serving as secretary.

At presstime, the name of Del. Troy Brailey (D. 40) had been submitted to become vice chairman of the Baltimore City delegation.

Among other resolutions introduced on the first day in the house of interest to black Marylanders was a proposal by Speaker Briscoe, through the Legislative Council, for a program to control high blood pressure.

High blood pressure has been reported to be a factor in the many black health problems.

The solution also introduced in the Senate would "urge citizens to have annual blood pressure checks and to support the efforts of the Statewide Steering Committee in developing programs to control high blood pressure."

Sessions of the General Assembly will adjourn April 7.

Members of the historic caucus are:

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III (D, 38), Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D, 40), Sen. Tommie Broadwater D, Prince George's), Sen. Clarence W. Blount (D. 41), Sen. Robert L. Douglass (D, 45), Del. Lloyal Randolph (D, 40), Del. Troy Brailey (D, 40), and Del. Nathaniel Exum (D Prince George's).

Also, Del. Decatur W. Trotter (D, Prince George's), Del. Lena K. Lee D, 33) Del. Isaiah Dixon (D, 33), Del. Larry Young (D, 38), Del. John W. Douglass (D, 45), Del. Arthur G. Murphy (D, 41) Del. Pinkney A. Howell D,41), and Del. Hattie N. Harrison (D, 45).

And, Del. Kenneth Webster (D, 40), Del. Walter Dean (D, 41), and Del. Joseph A. Chester (D, 45).

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Lung Association sponsors course

A special scientific weekend is being planned by the American Lung Association of Maryland and its medical arm, the Maryland Thoracic Society.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, the state Christmas Seal Agency will hold its 1st postgraduate course on lung disease. This session will be followed on Sunday Feb. 2, by the 14th annual scientific session of the Maryland Thoracic Society.

Dr. Peter Macklem, director of the Meakins-Christie Laboratory of the McGill University, Montreal, and noted pulmonary physiologist will be the featured speaker for both sessions.

The course on lung disease will be held at the Turner Auditorium of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Rutland Ave.

Frank T. Jones, executive director of the state Christmas Seal group, said the theme for the Conference is "Current Concepts in Obstructive Lung Disease."

The course will be structured around a visiting faculty of physicians, respiratory care nurses, and respiratory care therapists. "This is the first course of its kind in Maryland. We are bringing together physicians, nurses, therapists, all members of the health team to provide an opportunity for them to collaborate in an educational experience which will result in the improvement of care to persons with acute and chronic respiratory diseases," Jones commented.

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"Ultimately, we hope that this kind of course will encourage all providers of health care to coordinate their efforts to ensure quality patient care," he added.

The course is part of the continuing education activities of the American Lung Association of Maryland.

School Board reviews $252 million budget

School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson last night presented the Baltimore city public schools' 1975-76 budget request to the Board of School Commissioners at a special public meeting held at Coldstream Park Elementary, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave.

The amount of the budget is $252.6 million only $20 million more than the request for 1974.

However, this does not include the negotiated wages for the teachers which must be settled by the unions and then attached to the school budget to form a total package.

The meeting to review the budget has been scheduled for last Thursday to meet the Jan. 6 deadline for it to be submitted to the city.

It was postponed by then Board President Dr. John Walton pending appointment of the new board members so that they might take part in the plan.

A meeting was then called for Thursday, Jan. 9 after the Mayor announced the appointments of Grover F. McCrea, Howard E. Marshall, David F. Sloan and Norman P. Ramsey to the board.

The new members were able to sit on the board last night under provisions of a new city charter amendment.

It states in Section 6, Article IV that persons appointed by the mayor during the recess of City Council may serve on a board until confirmation of the City Council.

It is expected that the appointments will be approved when the City Council convenes on Jan. 20.

Dr. Patterson stated, "I whole heartedly agree with Mayor Schaefer when he stated that nothing is more important than our educational system."

Those persons interested in responding to the budget were unable to do so at the special meeting last night which did not allow audience speakers. They will have an opportunity to do so at a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Coldstream Park Elementary.

In order to speak, one must sign the register at the school the day of the hearing no later than 9:45 a.m.

-South Boston

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lice and white demonstrators opposed to court-ordered desegregation by busing.

An estimated 500 state, city and metropolitan police were in and around the school to escort buses of blacks and preserve order in the building.

The official attendance figures listed 423 at South Boston High, including 31 black students. More than 1,500 students are assigned to the school, 356 of whom are black students. The highest attendance figure to date was 611 on Nov. 13.

Also opened without incident were two South Boston annexes and Roxbury High School which were shut down along with South Boston High.

The four buildings constitute what is called the South Boston-Roxbury complex under a partial desegregation order issued June 21 by U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity.

Attendance at the four-school complex was 876 out of a projected enrollment of about 3,500. The previous complex high was 1,305 on Nov. 13.

In a related development, Garrity was expected to rule on whether three Boston school committee members purged themselves of contempt Tuesday by voting to authorize submission of a citywide desegregation plan for next year that prohibits forced busing.

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Garrity found the three in contempt last month for refusing to approve and submit a citywide desegregation plan drafted by school department planners calling for busing 31,000 students.

The judge said last week he would fine the three members and strip them of their power in desegregation matters unless they authorized a citywide plan.

Mayor Schaefer hosts Liberian officials

Dressed in Librian robe and head-dress, Mayor Schaefer held a rather difficult press conference on Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Ceremonial Room of City Hall.

The mayor announced the official sister-city relationship established between the city of Gbarnga in Bong County, Liberia and Baltimore.

Mayor Schaefer; Dr. Roland N. Patterson, school superintendent; Mrs. Marguerite J. Campbell, assistant to Mayor; Franklin Showell, Maryland Commission on Negro History and Indian Culture; and Larry Gibson, attorney-at-law became honorary citizens of Liberia in September, 1974.

The project which began in 1973 was established to bring the U.S. closer to parts of the African nation.

Through the efforts of Mr. Gibson, a cultural exchange in which the Department of Education, played a prominent role, was initiated in December, 1973.

Since then the Baltimore city schools have participated in a pen pal project that includes some 500 students.

Other cultural articles have also been exchanged between the two cities.

Liberian Ambassador E. Edward Peale who presented the mayor with his robe was made an honorary citizen of the U.S.

Other Liberian guests included Gabriel G. Fargnalo, counselor to Liberian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and John Hodo Manston, superintendent of schools, Boong County, Liberia.

School appointments displease citizens

Concerned Citizens, displeased with the recent School Board appointments state, they consider "these actions as a blatant insult to the black community."

In a two-page statement to the AFRO, they said, "The mayor was unable to find citizens of "his liking" who were willing to serve on the Board."

Mayor Schaefer was referred to as playing a game of chess with the Baltimore city schools.

The group who met with Mayor Schaefer on Dec. 12 presented recommendations for the board. They also recommended that then board member James Griffin, be appointed president.

They stated, "We established criteria for our selection but the only criteria the mayor seems to have let be known to the public is to have persons of his liking."

"Our schools must be free of political interference," the group stated, "and we can only interpret to his liking as meaning persons who are puppets and whom the mayor can manipulate."

—Lawmakers

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people problems.

Exum is currently working on installing a district office. Until he can do so, however, he invites all of his constituents to address their thoughts or grievances to his office in the legislative building, Room 204, Ext. 5237 or at his home, Area Code 301-336-3934.

Exum emphasized the importance of young people developing a sense of community concern and involvement. "Once you get the involvement with the community then you have to be politically involved."

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Baltimore city's Larry Young, (D. 38th), sees his new task as "an honor and a pleasure."

He observed that the majority of the work done in the legislature is done in committees."

"I will be pro-Baltimore City, all other issues are secondary.

"I will be looking at housing legislation. The state has no money going into urban renewal and low cost housing. I'm also interested in recreation and health issues."

Del. Young indicated that the representatives from the 39th district, among whom are Dels. Lena K. Lee, Isaiah (Ike) Dixon and Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III, intend to install a district office in Baltimore shortly.

Until then he can be reached at Solt. 315 of the House Office Building, Ext. 5071.

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East Baltimore's freshman state Senator Robert L. Douglass, (D. 45th) was also enthusiastic about the new legislature. He told the AFRO, "It's going to take a lot of learning. I've got to get used to some of the procedural things."

"I'm happy to be here. I like the atmosphere. It's much more professional in the way of legislation and delivery.

"I think today was an exceptional day . . . A lot of people who helped me get elected were here today."

Douglass, who has been assigned to the Economic Affairs Committee is interested in working on legislation dealing with health, economics and community development and the financing of education.

He can be reached in the new Annex Office Building, Room 212, Ext. 1502. He will be in touch with the community through the 45th District office in Baltimore located at 2503 E. Preston St. He hopes to be producing a newsletter every month.

New delegates seated in the General Assembly this week were: Larry Young (D. 38), Nathaniel Exum (D. Prince George's), Decatur W. Trotter (D. Prince George's), and Arthur G. Murphy (D. 41st).

New senators installed were Thomas Broadwater (D. Prince George's) and Robert L. Douglass (D. 45th).

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Cracked crystal ball '75, the year of the dare

By Don and Val Hymes

"The Cracked Crystal Ball is foggy.

How do you follow an act like 1974? We forecast that one as the Year of the Crunch. It followed the Year of the Crisis, which, you may recall, blistered and burned with Watergate, Agnew and local corruption cases that still smoulder.

1970 was the year for being right, the year of reaction to peace marches, poverty programs, power plants, pornography, the press and pollution.

1971, our Cracked Crystal Ball predicted, would be the Year of the Gap—credibility, communications, generation—and it came finally to the greatest gap of all: between the grocery bill and the dollar bill.

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As we enter the halfway mark of this disillusioning decade, we look back over the past four years and find few surprises. In spite of occasional moans of tiredness and astigmatism, the Cracked Crystal Ball saw pretty well.

It was very clear throughout those four years that bread and butter—the pocketbook issue—were what really counted.

Other emotional issues often blurred them, but the signs were always there for those who were looking.

Even with the big shocker of 200 years—the resignation of a President—the gas lines and meat prices stole the show. Our own Marvin Mandel predicted when he snapped at a reporter: "Don't tell me the people want to know about corruption. They want to know where the next paycheck is coming from, and whether their government is being run efficiently, that's all!"

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To prove his theory, he shrugged off the Frederick bank scandal, which veered toward his best friends and son; his testimony in favor of the later-disgraced Baltimore County prosecutor; the blast from a Court of Appeals judge over his court appointments; a prison bribe scandal; and the continuing federal probe that has kept lapping and nibbling at the feet of his best friends and supporters.

Instead, Maryland's governor, who was called "a puppet of the power brokers" by one of his opponents in that bitter primary, came out of 1974 as Jack-The-Giant - Oil - Company - Killer, the man who gave John O. Gilman his day in court against the federal energy czar, the governor who sent the National Guard to Western Maryland with food during the truck strike.

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A lot more happened in 1974 to attract the eye: the Gore-Mandel debate, the Hogan impeachment vote, the Hoyer-Staten marriage and defeats in the Maryland Senate.

But the Baltimore trash collectors' strike hit home a lot harder, and if you ask the ghette residents what they remember about the year, they would say, "The rats!"

The long list of consumer laws that finally got on the books in 1974 should have told anyone, if they didn't know it already, that the Year of the Crunch was the setting for the Consumers' Coming of Age.

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And now the 1975 legislature, still raw from the '74 elections, enters emblazoned with the message the voters had shouted as they stripped the ranks of dozens of powerful incumbents.

The man in the street's angry reaction to the Nixon pardon was an alarming omen of what the Cracked Crystal Ball sees for 1975.

It is vengeance for those in public office who appear to ignore the bread and butter needs while lining their own larders.

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Marylander Rogers Morton was prophetic back last October when he whispered to President Ford in front of an open mike during that economic summit, "We've got to make sure we get it all together pretty quick and move on something, because otherwise everybody will back off and start mining at you." That's just what happened.

Jobs, taxes and food are the issues of 1975, just as they were in 1974, 1973, and on and on. Now they loom darker and more forbidding than ever.

Not everyone agrees. Average Citizen Bessie Bedford of Centreville, for one, feels that times have been worse in the past "I think people are too bright in this country to let the world go to flop," she told an interviewer.

But even the optimists with faith in their local, state or federal governments are feeling their new-found political muscles. In virtually every case, young and old, male and female, black and white, poor and rich, illiterate and intellectual—they'll all be watching and they'll remember in 1976.

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David Lamma gets 20 years for narcotics

David H. Lamma, a convicted narcotics dealer was sentenced to 20 years in prison for distributing heroin, possession of cocaine and maintaining a common nuisance.

Criminal Court Judge Charles D. Harris imposed the sentence on Tuesday. Lamma's friend, Ms. Diane Harrison, 22 received a 10 year sentence for possession of heroin.

Detectives Joseph Jennings and George Smith, state they observed Lamma and his friend Ms. Harrison make a narcotics transaction last May in a club in the 1810 block Federal St.

Lamma and his friend were arrested after they made their sale. Michael Austin, 26, 2000 block Burnwood Rd. received a four year suspended sentence after testifying for the state.

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Jesse Jackson to speak here on Dr. King's Day

The Greater Model Community Council, incorporated, an affiliate of the Urban Services Agency, and the offices of Del. Kenneth L. Webster (D. 40th Dist.) will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Service on Monday, Jan. 13, at the Masonic Temple.

This tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will feature the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson of Operation Push, who will deliver the main address at the Masonic Temple, located at 1307 Eutaw Place, at 7 p.m.

This event is being sponsored in cooperation with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Maryland State Memorial Committee, as part of three days of celebration in honor of the late civil rights leader.

In addition to the featured address by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, numerous ministers, federal, state, and local officials are expected to be in attendance.

The theme for this program is to make Morgan State College a University. The public is invited and the event is free.

School system gets 15 more security guards

In an effort to ensure security in the Baltimore city public schools, 15 new security officers were assigned for duty on Monday, Jan. 6.

It is anticipated that by the end of January 18 additional officers will be added. This will allow present officers to serve other capacities in the nine regional offices.

Two officers will work in each office with the regional security supervisor and go to "hot spots" schools.

There are presently 46 secondary schools with two officers serving each school.

Larry Burgan, chief of security stated however that problems in the schools actually determine the number of officers needed.

Inner city improvement fund granted

Maryland Senators Charles McC. Mathias Jr. and J. Glenn Beall Jr. announced that the Economic "A" to its community rest-Development Administration has approved a grant for $167,000 to the South East Community Organization, Inc. in Baltimore.

The funds will be used to conduct a program to stimulate neighborhood development and create jobs in the inner-city area of Baltimore.

The South East Community Organization will use its EDA grant to help revitalize the commercial and industrial areas of Baltimore with the expected result of increased services and opportunities for residents of those neighborhoods. The program is also expected to stimulate real estate development, including housing.

The South East Community Organization, Inc., will provide $55,374 to complete the $221,074 costs of its development program for a year.

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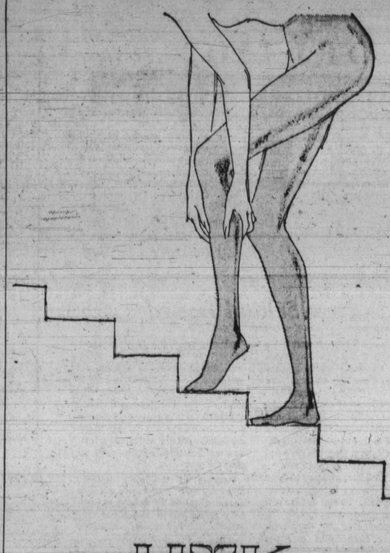

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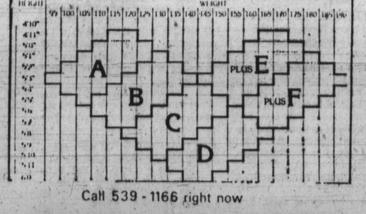

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