THE STATE OF THINGS

Shouts in the courtroom

By Don and Val Hymes

The nation's governors aren't only talking tough these days. They're getting tough, too.

And they are showing that they have the muscle to back it up, not only in the political arena but in the judicial ring as well.

To some of the observers at the midwinter meeting of the national governors conference in Washington, there was a new vigor in the air. The atmosphere was charged less with rhetoric and more with action.

Singly and in groups they beat a well-worn path across town to Capitol Hill to testify or to buttonhole and cajole their congressmen to heed the cry of the states and cities and counties.

They were concerned about a variety of issues, import tax, highway funds and public service jobs were on the front burner at that moment, but mostly they were trying to reverse a trend that had been decades in developing: the dominance of local government by the federal machinery.

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Prerogatives that had always belonged to the states were gradually taken over by Washington, if not through outright control then by withholding funds if requirements were not met.

For example, at this moment a bill is speeding through the Maryland legislature tightening the drunk driving laws, not so much because everybody approves of the change, but to prevent the loss of $18 million in federal highway funds. And federal involvement in education is now commonplace, with many people wondering when cross-town and cross-county busing will cross state lines, giving rise to a superboard of education at the federal level.

So it was particularly noteworthy that even while the governors met, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that former President Nixon had no legal right to impound $9 billion in water pollution control funds. Congress had promised that money to state and local governments, who started long-range sewerage plant projects.

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That was a first, and so is another case the court has just agreed to hear.

For the first time in the 67-year history of the bipartisan organization, the governors have collectively taken a legal stand to protect the sovereignty of the states.

The suit, joined by the mayors of the National League of Cities, protests amendments enacted last year bringing non-supervisory employees of state and local governments under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

It's not that the governors have anything against fair labor standards. And, they insist, it's not even the instant deficits — estimated between $250 million and $1 billion — that this bill would add to their budgets. What it is, they say, is the right of the working conditions of their own employees.

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Apparently nobody disputes the principle of granting employees the same rights earned by their counterparts in private industry. But many governors, especially Maryland's Marvin Mandel, are prepared to go to the mat on this one because of "far-reaching implications nobody realizes."

The governors say they don't like taking Washington to court, but they have won 71 out of the 72 cases decided since 1971. And they were back there again last Friday as eight mid-Atlantic states argued against the President's oil import tax.

When Mandell headed the National Governors Conference, his major push was to have the states' voices heard in Washington. Up to now, he and his colleagues feel, those voices barely penetrate those inner sanctums where decisions are made.

The courtroom may not be the proper place for shouting, but the governors vow to keep going back as long as the federal government continues to need a hearing aid.

SENATOR CLARENCE M. MITCHELL III, and beauteous directors of the "Miss Soul" annual popularity Contest (from left) Ms. Gwen Kellum, chairman; Miss Andrea Bland and Ms. Willa Bland.

Miss Soul pageant

The Miss Soul pageant is accepting contestants for the Third Annual Popularity Contest.

Directed by the Flair Studio, 2727 Baker St., the affair is sponsored each year by the People's Democratic Action Organization with Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III, president.

Young women 16 years and over may enroll by calling 523-6275 or attending the Miss Soul meeting each Wednesday at the Flair Studio

Prizes include a trip to the Virgin Islands, color TV, gold watch and savings bonds.

All contestants will receive modeling lessons under direction of Miss Willa Bland, founder-director of Flair Studio.

Steelworkers file suit against bias hiring

Members of the Steelworkers United, District 8 filed suit this morning (Friday) with the National Labor Relations Board against the International United Steelworkers for discriminatory practices.

The group which represents more than 3,000 area steelworkers, met Feb. 23 to discuss procedures that would be taken to help those minority workers.

John M. Thornton, former international representative called for the removal of the officers of the International Steelworkers.

Mr. Thornton charged that the hiring practices by steel companies over a 40-year period were discriminatory and that negotiated contracts barred minority workers from full membership rights in the United Steelworkers yet dues payment were deducted each month from their checks.

He stated, "The recent consent decree clearly shows that the officers and big steel companies are pleading guilty to violating the rights of many steelworkers over the past 40 years."

The consent decree came as a result of a request from the U.S. Justice Department for the Supreme Court to rule that that minority victims of alleged hiring bias are entitled to retroactive seniority credit dating from the time they were unlawfully denied employment.

The group has urged all members to refuse to settle for the nominal $250 in back pay provided in the consent decree.

Steelworkers have been asked not to sign any waivers or legal papers that would take away their right to file the discrimination suits.

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Mr. Thornton stated that each worker was entitled to at least $15,000 from the various steel companies.

Norris C. Ramsey, attorney for the group, told the AFRO, "If the steelworkers can continue to fight this case, they have a very good chance of winning $15,000 to $20,000 for each steelworkers."

Representatives from 15 South American countries present at the meeting held at the Pharoah Social Club, 1850 Collington Ave.

The representative are presently taking trade courses in Washington, D.C. and learning how unions operate so that may take the information back to their respective countries.

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NEWS BRIEFS

UMBC gets $50,000 grant

The University of Maryland Baltimore County was awarded nearly $500,000 in research and training grants from national agencies for the 1973-74 academic year.

Dr. Joseph F. Mulligan, director of graduate studies and research at UMBC, indicated that 25 faculty members from the divisions of education, mathematics and physics, science (biological sciences and chemistry), and the social sciences received $497,666, including an institutional grant from the National Science Foundation, for support of scientific research and educational training programs.

The amount was more than 800,000 above the total received the previous year. The largest amount of support was given to the science division, with 56 per cent of the total awards to that area of research. The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health were the agencies that awarded UMBC the largest amount of funds for scientific research.

Towson offers drug seminar

Towson State College will hold seminars entitled "Before You Talk About Drugs to Your Children, Know More About It Than They Do," as a credit-free course offering for the spring semester.

Seminars will acquaint adult-parents with drug behavior patterns of youth and also investigate various drugs to provide the parent with a greater awareness as to the physiological and psychological effect brought about through the use of drugs.

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Seminars will be held March 1, 8, 15, 22 from 9-12 noon, in the Administration Building, room 115. For further information contact Frances Miner, 823-7500, ext. 792.

CCB slates occult talk

"The Occult" will be discussed by Community College of Baltimore's Professor Charles Bailey on Monday, March 10, 3 p.m., at the College's Bard Library, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave. This discussion, one of a series of Student-Faculty Seminars, is free and open to the public.

A past president and a current board member of a group which studies the occult, the Theosophical Society of Maryland, Professor Bailey has been interested in the occult for approximately 20 years. He has lectured in the local area under the Society's auspices and has written reviews of books on the occult for "Choice," a magazine for librarians.

HCC business seminar

On Feb. 28, from 10 a.m until 1 p.m., more than 15 major businesses and governmental agencies from throughout the Howard County metropolitan area will gather at Howard Community College for the institution's first Business Career Day.

The event, which is sponsored by HCC's Office of Career Placement, will bring together representatives of business, industry, government, and education to provide information and materials to all area residents interested in embarking upon a career in business.

Members of the Howard Community College business faculty will be available throughout the Career Day to discuss educational opportunities at both the local college and area four-year colleges and universities, as they relate to the various branches of business. According to Christine Sawyer, Coordinator of Career Placement at HCC.

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Church of God in Christ expects 5,000 at spring conference

AREA BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON

The 46th annual Workers' spring conference of the Churches of God in Christ of Maryland, convenes here in Baltimore Monday, March 10 and continues through March 17.

More than 5,000 persons are expected to arrive from across the state, Delaware, Washington and Virginia. Host church is the Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Ave. where Bishop Theodore R. Young is presiding prelate. All services open at 11 a.m.

Monday has been set as a day of prayer and fasting.

Bishop Young's opening message is Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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Area bishops are the Rt. Revs. James I. Doswell, Central Maryland; James Eurte, Easton, Maryland and James Young, Greater Maryland.

Highlight of the conference is the appearance Thursday, March 13 of national Bishop J. O. Patterson who will speak at the 8 p.m. services.

Also a highlight is the Saturday, March 15 Sunday School Day when over 2,000 young people will gather for services, reports and song sessions.

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Each of the conference days will witness messages from the pastors, ministers, missionaries and workers. Delegates are registering over the weekend at accommodation arranged by the Housing Committee in local hotels and homes.

Each day opens with doctoral teachings by the Rev. J. C. Griffin.

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Church officials include, Bishops C. H. Mason, founder-organizer; J. O. Patterson, national presiding bishop; T. R. Young, state bishop; Mrs. A. L. Bailey, head, Women's Department; Mesdames C. Carter and E. Griffin, state supervisors of Women's Work; Mrs. Ada Jones, Home and Foreign Mission;

Others are: Mrs. Margaret Dillard, recording secretary; Mrs. Ada Jones, director of Choirs and Registrars; Elder James F. Parker and Elder James Parson, Executive Secretaries and Chairmen of Supts.; Elder David Span Chairman, Elders' Board; Elder Author Shields, Chaplain; Elder J. C. Griffin, B. Th., Y.P.W.W. president; Elder C. E. Powell, Sunday school president; Elder J. C. Griffin, treasurer; Deacon R. L. Cherry, President of the Usher Board; Elder Frank Durette, President of the Evangelist Board; and Mrs. V. L. Thomas, president of Voluntary Mission and state secretary Women's Department.

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State set to block Dobson new trial

Cross burnings continue

BULLETIN

Four youths, 11 to 16, were arrested Thursday and charged with six of the fire bombings and cross burnings.

A three-foot tall cross, covered with newspapers and held together by nails and a bicycle tire inner tube were found burning Tuesday night on the lawn of Mrs. Christian George, of Pine Crest Dr., Hillsmere Shore.

This one brings a total of 13 cross burnings and firebombings in the Glen Burnie-Marley Park Area.

The first fiery cross was planted and burned on the lawn of Herman Donny Brown in Pasadena.

Police have charged John Baptisteller, of Waterford Rd. in Pasadena, Md with conspiring to burn a 10-foot wooden cross on Brown's lawn.

Baptisteller was released Feb. 28 on his own recognizance pending trial. Capt. Lee J. Kinsey of the Anne Arundel County Police Department stated Baptisteller has given us a statement and there are three other men involved."

However, Capt. Kinsey told the AFRO Baptisteller will not give the names of his three friends that are involved in the first cross burning and firebombing.

Speaking of the other firebombings and cross burnings, Capt. Kinsey stated, "The small children think it is a joke now. It is now making more problems for the police and community. Some of this is not called for. We are still working on information we received and they (suspects) are not going free."

Robert A. Pascal, the Anne Arundel county executive and Robert Nealy, executive director of Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission met March 3, with citizens of the Glen Burnie-Marley Park Area.

Following the meeting Mr. Pascal and Mr. Nealy toured the area and observed some of the homes

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THE AFRO visited the Cross-Burning Area of Glen Burnie and Pasadena. Reporter Miss Pam Widgeon and a neighbor inspect the tire tracks the vehicle left as it sped by the area and threw out fire bombs.

(AFRO staff photo by Robert M. Matthews IV)

AFRO 1974 Honor Roll nominations

AFRO readers are invited to send in nominations for the 1974 Honor Roll. Let us hear from you. Write to us and tell us who you feel in 1974 made contributions beyond the call of duty, without thought of personal gain, in advancing his fellow man.

Deadline is midnight April 20.

Nominees may be from all walks of life but not previously elected to the Honor Roll. Service without thought of personal gain is the criteria.

WRITE: AFRO Honor Roll, City Desk, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, 21203.

Last rites held for rape victim

Funeral services were held Thursday at First Apostolic Church for Miss Veronica Himpie Goode, 14, 1000 block Bethune Rd. She is buried in Westview Cemetery.

Miss Goode, a 7th grade student at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, died March 3, at John L. Deaton Convalescent Home.

The teenager was sexually assaulted and beaten July 4, 1974. Relatives state Miss Goode was in a coma until death.

Police are searching for William (Tuscon) Jackson, 3900 block Woodbine Ave., previously charged with rape and beating the teenager. He was released in August after police failed to show for the trial. The court was not told of her grave condition.

Jackson, 20, is now charged with murder and violation of probation in a previous offense.

She is survived by her parents Mrs. Garnetha Goode, Al Himple and stepfather, Aaron Goode; two sisters, Misses Vanessa and Shirley Goode; two brothers, Leo and Paul Goode and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy.

State's attorney wants sentence to stand as is

The State's Attorney's office says it will file papers before the Maryland Court of Appeals protesting the new trial verdict of the Court of Special Appeals in the Sherman Dobson case.

Deputy State's Attorney Joseph Murphy Jr. told the AFRO he will place the file before the Court of Appeals in Annapolis within the next 30 days.

Thus, begins what may be a long court battle over the case which involved in Friday, July 13, 1973 murder of Del. James A. Turk Scott. Meantime, Dobson's parents put up their home to free him from prison on bail.

Del. Scott was about to go on trial as being one of the largest narcotics merchants on the East Coast when he was killed.

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He died after unknown assassins gunned him down in the underground garage of the plush Sutton Place Apartments where he lived.

The brutual murder was called an "execution". He was struck by bullets from two guns.

Young Dobson was found not guilty of the murder. However, he was found guilty of kidnap, robbery, and handgun charges.

The jury trial which brought the conviction ended in December, 1973. Kenneth Johnson and Gerald South were defense attorneys.

Judge Robert B. Watts imposed a sentence of 15 years. Dobson began serving time at the Maryland Correctional Institute

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THE DEACON group doesn't want children to go to Lombard.

Canton J.H. still protests

Members of the first council district delegation spoke in support of the Southeast Desegregation Coalition's revised zone plan during a public hearing Wednesday night.

The Southeast Desegregation Coalition has revised the zone plan to prevent the Canton and Hampstead Hill Junior High students from being re-assigned to Lombard.

Councilwoman Barbara A. Mikulski speaking in the Poly-Western auditorium stated, "I do not support the board's plan that would send our kids to Lombard. No one wants to go to Lombard. It's not fit for anyone in the community."

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Mrs. Betty Deacon, chairman of the group who carried out a near successful boycott at Canton Feb. 28 told the board that the revised plan was an intelligent workable one.

She added that their plan helped achieve a greater racial balance at Canton than the plan proposed by the board.

Councilman John A. Schaefer said, "There is no way this community will alow any child to be sent to a school such as Lombard where students are constantly disruptive."

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Northeast Baltimore parents requested that the Chinquapin Middle School not be affected by the proposed junior high plan and that it be allowed to maintain its present racial composition, 77 per cent black and 23 per cent white.

They also asked that the southern boundary line be extended to Cold Spring Lane.

Falstaff Middle School parents requested that their boundary line extend down Rogers Ave. to Liberty

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Newspaper Week salute to AFRO carriers

For over 82 years the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper has not only been an outlet for employment but also a source of cash income for inner city youths who want their own money.

Currently, according to Robert Rea Sr., AFRO's circulation manager, over 650 youths are seriously engaged in sale of the paper as a means to supplement family income or their own benefit.

Typical of these are Tyron Anderson, 12, 1000 Druid Hill Ave.; Daryl Fitzgerald, 12, 400 block W. Biddle St.; Danny Byrd, 11, 300 block N. Carey St., and Robert Stokes, 14, 500 block Dolphin St. whom the AFRO salutes on the occasion of newspaper week.

"Some sell the AFRO for the heck of it, so they can make money to go to the circus, movies or buy things they want," Mr. Rea told the AFRO.

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Mr. Rea states with some families selling AFRO has become a family thing, an inheritance, so to speak. "A father would tell his son, I sold the AFRO, so you do the same," Mr. Rea observed.

The required age for carriers is 12 and, of course, parental consent for some of these youths who sell about 40 per cent of the paper in the street

Young Anderson, a 6th grader at School No. 122 told the AFRO, "I enjoy selling the AFRO because I can buy things I want." A keen sports enthusiast, Anderson who lives with his parents, two brothers and two sisters, wants to be an athlete.

"I've been selling the AFRO since I was staying with my grandmother. About 50 copies a day gives me enough money for a week," young Byrd told the AFRO.

Young Byrd who goes to Franklin Square Elementa-

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YOUR AFRO CARRIER, for example, Daryl Fitzgerald, deserved your praise and devotion, as he braves all kinds of weather and works hard to bring your favorite newspaper. (Photos of other AFRO carriers inside)

RICHARD L. TRADER jailed arsonist

Fires the past week include a 10 - alarm; two 3-alarms; six 2-alarms plus those involving 66 buildings and structures.

Arsonist gets 15-year term

A 19-year-old South Baltimore youth was last Monday sentenced to 15 years in jail for arson.

Richard L. Trader, 800 block W. Lombard St., allegedly confessed when he was arrested nearly two years ago that he set fire to some 17 vacant buildings in a 5-block downtown area.

However, after pleading guilty to two arson charges Judge Shirley B. Jones, sent the young man to jail directing that Trader be examined at Patuxent Institution.

Police said young Trader admitted setting fire to a building in the 500 block South Hanover St. on May 23, 1973, and setting another building on fire the following day, May 24, 1973.

According to Ford Loker, the prosecutor, police found a container of lighter fluid under Trader's mattress when he was arrested, and also found three packets of matches on him.

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Police records show at 1:06 p.m. May 23 they received a call to the 500 block S. Hanover St., where they observed a vacant office building on fire.

The fire was confined to trash located in the first floor rear of the three-story building owned by the city and which was scheduled to be demolished. No suspect was found in the area, according to police.

At 11:50 a.m. May 24 police state they received another call for a fire in the 200 block S. Sharp St. where they found a large pile of office furniture set on fire. Police also discovered smaller piles of papers in the various parts of the building.

An eyewitness told police he saw a young man running away from the building and watching the smoke from afar. A description of the youth was obtained and, according to police records, investigations led to the arrest of young Trader.

Cong. Mitchell testifies at Senate spy probe

BY Alan Shearer

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — A former Baltimore police officer testified Wednesday that members of the Vice Squad routinely conducted "illegal wiretaps" with the help of a former police captain employed by the C&P Telephone Co.

George Guest, a former Vice Squad officer, told the Senate Committee investigating alleged spying by police that "illegal surveillance was common knowledge" among Vice Squad officers.

"There were key officers, detectives, who handled the major cases through vice. These guys had the personal phone number of a retired Capt. Burns, who was employed by C&P. They called Burns direct to get wiretap information."

Committee Counsel Dianne G. Schulte said later Burns was employed by the telephone company at one time, but is now deceased.

Guest, introduced by Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, said the wiretaps were most often used for the surveillance of major crime figures. Each wiretap was routinely approved by Lt. George Andrews, head of the vice division.

"When officers obtained information through wiretap information . . . these

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LATE NEWS BRIEFS

4 bodies found this week

Bodies of four men were found this week. Three of them are declared apparent homicides and the fourth a suicide by homicide police.

The dead men are identified as:

James M. Faulk, also known as Charles Wilson, 38, 3700 block Reisterstown Rd., found dead in his home at about 11:25 a.m. Wednesday by his brother. Police believe he was killed Saturday.

Roy T. Calhoun, 52, 500 block Maderia St., found beaten to death in his kitchen. He was struck with a hammer, according to police. The dead man's wife, Mrs. Doris L. Calhoun, 54, has been charged with homicide.

Melvin K. Webb, 50, 2900 block Reisterstown Rd., was found in the nude on a

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Olde Mill turned down

The Olde Mill Tavern, 1100 N. Fremont Ave. closed three years, has been refused a new license by the Liquor board.

This marked a victory for members of the community who are opposed to the many liquor outlets in the vicinity of the Wil-

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Woman charged with abduction

A five-year-old kindergarten pupil taken from Bentalou Elementary School Wednesday is back home with her parents.

Miss Vernetta McCulloh, 21, 2100 block W. Fairmount Ave. has been charged with abduction, assault and child abuse.

The child's mother, Mrs. Lucille Hayes said she (her daughter) had a bruise on her left thigh that was not there when she left home.

A school spokesman said a woman came to the classroom around 9 a.m. and asked for the child. The child went in the hall and talked to the woman.

The child was then taken to the home of Miss McCulloh. Police report Miss McCulloh later returned to the school and turned over the key to her home, where the child was found.