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Dr. Patterson is calm, hearing goes 2nd day

Session tonight 7 to 10

BULLETIN

Early Thursday morning word reveals there is a strong movement within the Board to halt the meeting and offer Dr. Patterson a one-year contract plus cooperation.

On the other hand, word is Dr. Patterson's attorney will take nothing less than three years and a clean slate.

By Portia E. Badham

The "resigned or be fired" hearing for Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson continues today (Thursday) after a stormy session yesterday.

Highlighting the eight-hours was an assertion by Dr. W. Eugene Scott on the influence of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers Co. over Dr. Patterson.

He stated, "Superintendent Patterson is not his own man. He is still controlled by two former board members and the AFRO."

When questioned during a recess, Dr. Scott told this AFRO reporter, "The board instructed Dr. Patterson to apply for a hearing by June 14. By June 13, he had not done so.

"On June 13, an editorial ran in the AFRO urging Dr. Patterson to request a hearing. On the next day, he did so."

Dr. Scott claimed he had no facts to back his statement, saying, "I can't support this statement," its just a gut feeling.

"The point is very subjective and could be argued."

Meantime, Commissioner David E. Sloan made a motion to censor Dr. Patterson's shortcomings, to drop the specifications and terminate the hearing in his favor.

However, that lost by a 7 to 2 vote, Mr. Sloan and Dr. Beryl Williams in favor.

Noteworthy among witnesses for the board was Principal Isaiah White who said he had talked with principals and teachers who said they were leaving the system for 'frustration". His examination of the board records revealed 1,100 teachers and 115 principals have resigned.

Mr. White's testimony concludes those witnesses for the board. Mr. Hartman told the AFRO, "I will not present any further witnesses. My presentation is completed."

Today (Thursday) may see some of Dr. Patterson's 50 witnesses testifying in his defense to bring about what his attorney has warned, "This is the end of the road, not for Dr. Patterson but for the board which has made the mistake of voting to fire the superintendent."

Wednesday, the first day of the School Board's "resign or be fired" hearing on Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson, found Attorney Larry S. Gibson still protesting that

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MISS MORGAN UNIVERSITY — Toni Chavez, 20-year-old senior who is this year's queen at the northeast Baltimore college campus wears the new look shirt. Morgan officially became a university on July 1. Event was celebrated at convocation this morning (Thursday).

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

MORGAN CELEBRATES TODAY

New trustees named

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Morgan State University, just three days old, is marking today, July 3, as a time for celebration. Festivities began at 10 a.m.

Present are the 12 new MSU board of trustees, six of them members of the old Board of Visitors and six new members, all named by Gov. Mandel this week.

The old Board of Visitors are:

Charles R. Weaver, 4206 Maple Terrace, Chevy Chase, 4 yrs.; Mrs. Edna O. Campbell, 3702 Denison Rd., Baltimore, 4 yrs.; Alfred P. Ramsey, 409 Kensington Rd., Baltimore, 2 yrs.; Mrs. Odessa E. Hahn, 5720 Cross Country Blvd., Baltimore, 2 yrs.; Rabbi Jacob D. Agus, 7906 6 yrs.; Dr. G. James Fleming, Morgan State College, 6 yrs.

The new trustees are:

Dr. Thomas P. Fraser,

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Lt. Gen. James up for 4 stars

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Air Force Lt. Gen. Daniel James Jr. was nominated Tuesday to become a four-star general, the first black man to gain that high a rank in any branch of the armed services.

James, 55, will be assigned as commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command and commander of the Aerospace Defense Command.

There are 22 black generals in the U.S. military, but James is the first to get four stars.

Born in Pensacola, Fla., James attended Tuskeegee Institute and became a fighter pilot in World War II. He also flew 101 combat

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DR. PATTERSON AT THE TRIAL TABLE Wednesday morning in AFRO staff photo by Cynthia Grandison is flanked by (from left) Attorney Larry Gibson, Earl Jones, administrative assistant; Dr. N. Neubert Jaffa, deputy superintendent and Ms. Lauralyn Bellamy, Education Dept., public relations director.

SUPREME BENCH

U.S. probe of courthouse is continuing

"The matter has now reached the Employment Section of the Civil Rights Division and they have the matter under consideration.

"We look at the specifics that were set out by the Senators in their letter to just see what the situation is and to see whether there is any federal jurisdiction. . ."

A spokesman in the U.S. Justice Department was speaking to the AFRO on Wednesday from his Washington office.

He was explaining the status of the complaint filed by Maryland U.S. Congressmen against Baltimore City's Supreme Bench.

Senators Charles Mac Mathias and J. Glenn Beall, Jr. and Representatives Parren J. Mitchell and Paul S. Sarbanes had asked the U.S. Attorney General to launch the probe.

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It followed a revealing complaint by Supreme Bench Judge Joseph C.

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MRS. CLAUDETTE CHANDLER
opposes Mayor Schaefer

Ms. Chandler first to run for mayor

The Sept. 9 mayoral primary will witness the first black woman in history running for Baltimore's chief executive post.

She is Mrs. Claudette Chandler, wife of a Towson State College Business Administration instructor, Dr. Cleveland Chandler. Mother of three children, Mrs. Chandler has a master's degree in education.

Mrs. Chandler is an ar-

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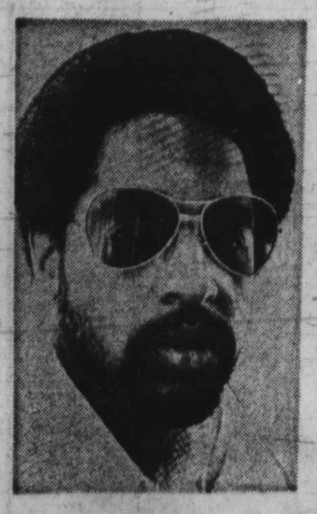

ANDRE DAVIS
nothing to celebrate

MRS. CATHERINE THOMAS
the same old thing

MS. DIANE SUTTON
no real excitement

WILLIAM GRAY
not like it used to be

MS. CRYSTAL DAY
time to relax

MRS. BEVERLY THOMAS
better things to do

It ain't what it used to be

By Bryan D. Holt
(Photos by Cynthia Grandison)

The Fourth of July, or Independence Day as it is officially named, marks the day 199 years ago when the United States of America gained its sovereignty from Great Britan. The first big celebration was held in Philadelphia where the Declaration of Independence was signed by American statesmen.

In the course of the past 199 years, America has seen drastic changes. Independence Day has not gone unaffected.

University of Maryland student **Andre Davis** is just one of millions of black Americans who no longer looks forward to the Fourth of July with zeal.

Davis' dislike for the holiday has nothing to do with high food costs or mass commercialism. He isn't even bothered by the ruckus caused by the traditional fireworks.

He told the AFRO, "The Fourth of July has no meaning for me. As a child I was caught up in the celebration because of all of the paraphernalia.

'Now with the realizations of what this country is, what it has done, and what it continues to do, this country has not done its homework. It will have to pay for all its wrongs.

"I don't feel as if things are any better now for black people than they were 100 years ago. Now the inequities are more subtle. We don't have anything to celebrate; we've got to face up to the truth."

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Davis was just one of several citizens interviewed by the AFRO Roving Reporter who doesn't look forward to the Fourth. Only one very camera-shy gentleman out of the group still enjoys the nation's independence celebration.

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Mrs. Catherine Thomas, nurses aide, 1200 block Cherry Hill Road says, "I don't really enjoy it anymore. Every year it's the same old thing after the same old thing. There's nothing to look forward to. I liked it when I was young, but then I enjoyed Christmas and New Year's, too."

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Ms. Diane Sutton, clerk, 2800 block Garrison Ave. "I don't look foward to nothing! I used to but now the Fourth of July is just like any other holiday. The fireworks and picnics and things are all right, but there's no real excitement."

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Ms. Crystal Day, educational aide, 3800 block Granada. "The Fourth is a time for relaxation for me, no excitement. I can be with my family and break off from work. When you are a kid, it's exciting and fun, but as you grow older things change."

Mrs. Beverly Thomas, clerk, 4600 Mark Hall Road, expressed a similar sentiment.

'Now, instead of my parents taking me out, I'm taking my own kids around and dishing out the money. That's not really a problem for me because I have it to give to them, but I do have better things to do with it.'

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William Gray, retired, 5300 block Green Oak, "Things have changed. It's not like it used to be; there's no excitement anymore. You can't have picnics and cookouts like you used to because food prices are so high."

Our one positive reply came from **William Hawkins**, longshoreman, 1200 block Augusta. He said, "I still look forward to it. I haven't found any additional problems because of the changes or food prices. I just go away and celebrate the Fourth of July in my own way."

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