—Dr. Patterson's hearing

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charges against the superintendent have not been made clear.

Some 300 citizens were seated at 9:39 a.m. at War Memorial Building, Fayette and Gay Sts. while some 50 persons were left outside.

Dr. Patterson appeared calm and confident. The first day heard no mention of "resign or be fired". All proceedings so far are leading toward Dr. Patter's having his "day in court" and opportunity to dispute the board's assertions.

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The meeting began promptly at 10 a.m. following a 30-minute executive session of the board and opened under tight security with plain clothes and uniformed officers stationed in the building and outside on the grounds.

Proceedings similar to a court trial, the session is expected to continue through today (Thursday) due to the number of witnesses expected to represent both sides.

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In pointing out the failure of the board to give Dr. Patterson the details of the charges, Mr. Gibson is laying the grounds for the case to go into the courts and up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Wednesday's session "cooked on" until 6 p.m. with each witness testifying nearly an hour.

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Deputy City Solicitor Ambrose T. Hartman presented the board's witnesses first.

At Hartman's table are Mrs. Blanche Wahl, assistant city solicitor; Charles Benton, Baltimore Finance Department; and Daniel Paul, chief auditor for Baltimore.

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Sitting as judge and jury are all school board members, Norman P. Ramsey, president and Grover L. McCrea, Mrs. Sheila Sachs, Howard E. Marshall, Robert Schaefer, Oscar Helm, Dr. W. Eugene Scott, David E. Sloan and Dr. Beryl Williams.

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Although the board can question either counsel or the witnesses, most board members sat quietly, while counsel for both sides engaged in "heated" arguments over the legality of certain procedures.

Mr. Gibson stated that neither he nor Dr. Patterson had been informed of the procedure for the hearing and argued over 30 minutes the question of presenting an opening statement.

In that statement, he said, "This matter does rest on the superintendent. However, this is your last opportunity to make your position clear and offer some clarity.

"And, this is your last opportunity to build confidence in a community which you represent. Dr. Patterson has already gained that confidence. An indication is the presence of all the persons here today."

Mr. Gibson also told the board that he would not take up any matters not specified to him prior to the hearing.

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Gibson said "I will not question any witnesses on information that I have not had adequate time to review," but I request the privilege to call upon these witnesses at a later time."

However, Board President Norman P. Ramsey showing anxiety to save time and speed up hearing, constantly urged Mr. Gibson to make his point clear and get on with further testimony.

In the event that the meeting does conclude today (Thursday) it is not certain whether the board will take another vote on the superintendent since the decision to fire the superintendent was made earlier.

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If the board does fire Dr. Patterson following the hearing, Judge Joseph C. Howard who rendered a stay on the June 20 hearing will have complete jurisdiction once again.

The Maryland Court of Appeals overturned the judge's decision stating that he could not enjoin an administrative hearing.

However, Judge Howard can enjoin any action the board takes once the hearing is concluded and can stay their action indefinitely.

This means that the superintendent can sit in his post until his Oct 1 contract runs out.

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During the hearing, persons were only allowed to enter or leave War Memorial by the side entrance just across from the Police Department Headquarters.

Officers inside the building were stationed at each entrance, seated in the assembly room and were assigned to the school commissioners as they entered and left the room.

Prior to admitting members of the press and the public, a police dog was taken through the entire first floor to check for dangerous weapons, a possible bomb or narcotics.

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Among the many Patterson supporters present were Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Sen. Verda F. Welcome; former board member, James Griffin, Rev. Vernon Dobson and other local ministers.

As Dr. Patterson entered the room at the opening of Wednesday's session, he received a standing ovation from the audience.

Mr. Ramsey warned the audience that any loud outbursts or interruptions would cause the meeting to be rescheduled in a private room and aired on closed circuit TV to the audience.

Fire officials were on hand to keep a constant count of the number of persons seated in the assembly room since the capacity is 315 persons.

—U.S. probe

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Howard, one of four black members.

He charged that the Supreme Bench, with headquarters in the downtown Baltimore City Courthouse, is a "bastion of discrimination based on sex and race."

Further, Judge Howard alleged that only a small percentage of the over 700 employees in the six-story Courthouse is black or female and there were only tokenism in administrative positions.

His unprecendented accusation came after his fellow judges by-passed the black candidate, Leonard A. Briscoe for a master vacancy in the Juvenile Court, and appointed instead a 31-year-old white lawyer, Harry Golden.

Judge Howard joined by another member of the Bench Robert I. H. Hammerman, had pleaded with the other jurists to demonstrate democracy by giving preference to Briscoe whom they described as the better qualified candidate.

Only two of the present seven Masters of the court are black. They are U. Theodore Hayes and Paul Smith.

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Meantime, from another source, Maryland's four black state senators have called on Md. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy for a special appointment to discuss Judge Howard's charges.

In a letter this week Senators Verda F. Welcome, Clarence W. Blount, Clarence M. Mitchell III, and Robert L. Douglass asserted that the matter was of such magnitude it deserved the attention of the state's chief administrative judicial officer.

In addition to being chief judge of the state's highest court, Judge Murphy has authority over politics and procedures of all the lower courts in the state.

No date has been set yet for that meeting which is likely to be held early next week.

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The AFRO learned on Wednesday that figures Judge Howard accumulated to support his discrimination charges are said to be devastating.

They are said to indicate rank discrimination based on race and even favoritism for some minorities, not including women and black persons.

The figures reportedly also indicate that whites predominate in the security force and maintenance service.

The Supreme Bench presides over all Baltimore City Courts of records and judges sit in the Superior Court of Baltimore, the Court of Common Pleas, the Baltimore City Courts, the Circuit Courts, and the Criminal Courts.

In addition to Judge Howard, the other black judges are Harry A. Cole, Robert B. Watts and John R. Hargrove.

Chief Judge is Dulany Foster.

Other members of the bench in addition to those named above are: Mary Arabian, Anslem Sodaro, Shirley B. Jones, Meyer M. Cardin, Charles D. Harris, J. Harold Grady, Albert L. Sklar.

Also, Robert L. Karwacki, Marshall A. Levin, James W. Murphy, Basil A. Thomas, Paul A. Dorf, David Ross, Solomon Liss and James A. Perrot.

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AIR FORCE LT. GEN. DANIEL JAMES in AFRO file photo, July, 1974.

—Lt. Gen. James

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missions during the Korean War.

A protege of the former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, James served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs and since 1974 has been vice commander of the Military Airlift Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

—Mrs. Chandler

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dent supporter of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

She and her husband reside on Oakford Ave.

Here is her news release on "Why I decided to run for mayor."

People want a choice when they to to the polls. We must have a mayor who understands and respects the fact that human beings inhabit this city.

"Therefore, we no longer can have a power mad dictator at the head of the City Government who would try to gloss over the deprivation of a large portion of its residents with paint, folly, and games.

"We are tired of the present politics which would set the progress made by Blacks back 400 years and make them inhabitants of white-power run colonies.

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"The brutal treatment of Superintendent Roland Patterson, by the puppet School Board, controlled by the present Mayor, is intolerable.

"Unemployment is rampant and money that could have been used to feed hungry children, health care, and housing is used on sweat shirts, etc. to advertise short-run jobs that lead to nowhere, and only appear in abundance during election year.

"Deals continue to be made between the Mayor and County officials in housing, the outcome of which favor the convenience of white residents, and continually shift black residents from pillow to posts.

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"We are tired of present politics which stifles the human potential and destroys the constructive aspirations and efforts of citizens.

"It is time to go forward with courage to meet the challenge.

"My opponent in the Republican Primary would not be a serious challenge to Schaefer if he were elected. Certainly, he does not represent a clear choice for Republicans, Independents, or Democrats. He seems to be the product of a Schaefer dirty trick of trying to guarantee his own election to a second term, by picking his opponents in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

"This facade not only denies all people in Baltimore City a real choice, but it also drives people away from the polls. Citizens of Baltimore deserve a choice and a change with Chandler!"

—Morgan celebrates today

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2409 Wheeler Ave., 2 yrs.; Francis W. Gates, 112 Caroline St., Denton, Md., 2 yrs.; Charles E. Davis Sr., 7170 60th Pl., Fairmount Heights, 4 yrs.; Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, 1015 Beaumont Ave., 4 yrs.; Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, Ivy Ave. 6 yrs.; Nathaniel H. Hoff, 10529 Morning Wind Lane, Columbia, 6 yrs.

Dr. Fraser is former interim president of Morgan.

Mr. Gates is assistant superintendent with the State Department of Education.

Mr. Davis is mayor of Fairmount Heights. Mrs. McMillan is president of the Baltimore branch NAACP and a Morgan alumnae.

Dr. Carroll, also a Morgan alumnae, is an assistant superintendent of Baltimore city schools. Mr. Hoff is an executive with the Maryland Teachers Association.

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Various city, state officials, school administrators, students and alumni, from across the nation are in attendance.

The University Day convocation was held at 10 a.m. Thursday with greetings from Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, Gov. Mandel and Mayor Schaefer.

Music was by the MSU Summer Choir, Nathan Carter director, and the Morgan University Jazz ensemble, Melvin Miles, director.

At noon the Morgan State University plaque was unveiled in front of the Carter-Grant-Wilson administration building.

The informal reception followed in the Carl Murphy auditorium.

Morgan will be closed Friday, July 4, but will reopen for classes Monday.

DR. HUNT NAMED

Dr. Delores C. Hunt of Glen Burnie, well known civic leader and former Baltimore City School principal now on the faculty of the University of Maryland, was reappointed to the Anne Arundel County School Board yesterday by Governor Mandel.

Charles Center

Rapid Transit Station

OPEN MEETING

THE MTA
will hold a Public Information Meeting to introduce interested citizens, community groups and businesses to the final design phase of development of the Charles Center rapid transit station. The purpose of the meeting will be to acquaint area citizens with the principal transit representatives who will be involved with the design of the station and trackway section, and to explain the steps required to design the Charles Center Station. Citizens' questions will be addressed and comments will be heard with regard to the transit station, its utility and visual impact on the community area it will serve.

FINAL DESIGN TEAM
will present the general activities to take place within the community in connection with the design phase of the Charles Center Station. An approximate time schedule for design and construction and for additional meetings with the community as design progresses will be discussed. It is expected that commentary from the community at large will assist the station Final Designer and Architects in addressing the concerns of community and business individuals in the project area.

INTRODUCTION
This Mass Transit Administration Introduction Program on the Charles Center Subway Station has been developed to accommodate the needs for community reaction and response.

All questions and requests for additional information should be directed to the Community Relations Department of the Mass Transit Administration Rapid Transit Division.

MEETING PLACE
9:30 a.m.
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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

IT'S INDEED SORROWFUL and sad to see our people being wiped out of the city. Homes are being depopulated and residents swept out by the hundreds to become piled on top of each other in some old frame house long ago gutted by former owners. Fire traps rented at three times the worth.

ONE OF THE LARGEST interracial organizations (MAD) has a program which will do something about it, at last.

MAD is led by such persons as lawyers, doctors, high-salaried residents who warn everyone in their inner city that THE HIGHWAYS ARE COMING unless you fight.

FOR EXAMPLE MAD is fighting hard since plans are being made to go back to court to revive the $141 million, 8-lane expressway through Leakin Park.

A new study is being prepared by Volkert Assoc. Inc. at $198,000 on air and noise pollution, Richard H. Trainor, chief of the Baltimore Highway Division says.

The project which bisects Leakin Park to connect Interstate Routes 70 and 95 has long been opposed by the residents.

Last week MAD (Movement Against Destruction) representing dozens of citywide neighborhood organizations, announced a petition is being circulated to bring the matter of the highways to referendum.

WITH GEORGE TYSON as president, MAD urges citizens to sign the petition so that highways cannot be built until voters approve.

Citizens are urged to call 468-2362 or 594-3374.

Tyson says some 5,000 more signatures are needed to bring an amendment to the City Charter. MAD urges inner city residents who are now more than half the population to note that they will have to pay their share of the $1.3 billion to $3 billion cost.

ALL CITIZENS are urged to help sign the petition at once.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS SIGNING PETITION

It's not too late to fight Leakin Park Hwy.

THE LEAKIN PARK project was halted three years ago when U.S. District Court rules officials had failed to meet legal requirements and ordered new hearings and more detailed environmental pact study.

Movement Against Destruction Inc.
Member Organizations
Better Air Coalition.
Canton Improvement Association.
Dickeyville Association.
Fells Point Improvement Association.
Franklintown Community Association.
Mount Royal Improvement Association.
Rosemont Neighborhood Improvement Association.
Saint Agnes Neighborhood Association.
South Baltimore Community Council.
South East Community Organization.
Windsor Hills Neighbors.
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President George Tyson, 468-2362 or 594-3374.
Vice-President, William T. Durkin.
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Treasurer, Mary Logan.

HOME OWNERS — If you live in the city and your home is assessed at $20,000, you are subsidizing the road by another $2000 per year. This is only the beginning. It will continue to increase each year for many years.

WHAT CAN BE DONE? IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

The road is still 85 per cent incomplete—the most expensive segments — Leakin Park, Fells Point and Fort Mollery—have not been approved by the federal government.

(1) SIGN THE PETITION which is being circulated by MAD to amend the City Charter so that Interstate Highways can not be built until they have been approved by voters.

(2) VOTE FOR the charter amendment in November.

(3) VOTE AGAINST highways when they are presented for your approval.

YOU ARE PAYING FOR THE ROAD—STOP IT.

Cortez Peters needs help

The third oldest black business school in America, an institution that has trained over 20,000 Baltimoreans over the past 40 years, needs to raise $25,000 within 40 days.

The president of the college is asking all graduates, former students and friends to send in contributions. These contributions should be sent to the Cortez W. Peters Business School, 1208 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md. 21217.

Any organization that feels that a black college is a terrible thing to lose and who would like to assist the school in any way should call Miss Evelyn Wilkey at 669-0323.

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