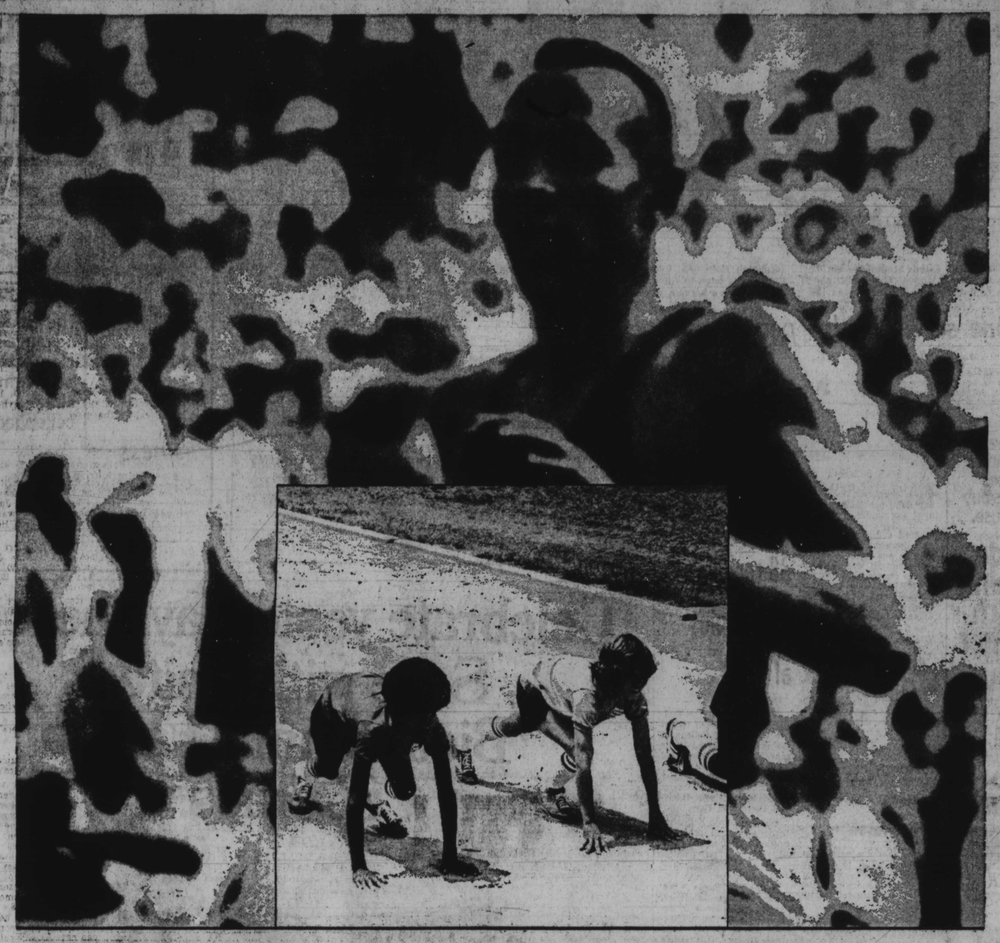

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Dr. Patterson has endured a long, hard, uphill fight in Baltimore

THE FIRST WAR MEMORIAL HEARING, Tuesday, Juy 1, found the auditorium all but deserted when this photo was taken at 9:30 a.m. by Robert M. Matthews IV. (RIGHT PANEL) shows the 300 empty seats. When the word came down that Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall had stopped the hearing for 24 hours, newsmen and TV workers were the lone figures in the hall. Only three members of the Board were there, Commissioners Grover McCrea, Howard E. Marshall and Dr. W. Eugene Scott. Confused, they said they would continue the hearing "anyhow" and asked, "Who called the meeting off?"

Now the board wants to hire a new man and get on with school business

DEEPLY DISTURBED — Citizens sat quietly in the 25th St. School Board Room June 9 as the commissioners voted 7 to 2 to fire Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson. Most of them as shown in AFRO photo by Robert M. Matthews IV were visably displeased with the board's actions.

The effort to take away the $50,000 a year post held by baltimore's School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson has witnessed the educator enduring a long, hard uphill fight.

The Board of School Commissioners started the battle early this spring when there was word around town, "they're trying to get rid of Dr. Patterson.

Realizing something was afoot, Dr. Patterson demanded an evaluation of his four years service as head of the nation's eighth largest school system.

Despite numberless pages of satisfactory and excellent ratings, the board registered as negative his inability to accept criticism and board directions and failure to recruit "best personnel," to delegate authority and lack of "credibility" with the board.

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Commissioners Dr. Beryl Williams and David Sloan okayed Dr. Patterson in a separate report, agreed to renew his contract and help him overcome the small inefficiencies.

With former school board member attorney Larry Gibson as his private lawyer, Dr. Patterson subsequently went through a series of unprecedented legal moves to off-set what Gibson termed arbitrary board action.

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KEEP HIM, HELP HIM — This is what Dr. Roland N. Patterson's only two board supporters, commissioners Dr. Beryl Williams and David E. Sloan said.

to fire Patterson if he did not resign by June 24.

The hearing June required by law was offset by Judge Joseph Howard's restraining order.

After the Court of Appeals upset the Howard order, a June 30 hearing was set for the War Memorial Building.

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall delayed that hearing 24 hours while he studied the case filed by Dr. Patterson's attorneys.

Meantime, Dr. Patterson's attorneys told the board the charges against him were "too broad and lacking in specifications" in answer.

Demanded were more details.

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The answer came June 23 through the board's attorney, City Solicitor Ambrose Hartman, in a letter which did not detail any charges nor list any complaints upon which the board based its decision to fire Dr. Patterson.

The letter to Gibson said, "The memorandum of understanding which Roland N. Patterson asserts his rights to employment expires Oct. 1, 1975.

"As you have been advised, the memorandum can not and will not be renewed nor extended."

Hartman also said the board's proceedings against Dr. Patterson at this time are to go on and appoint Dr. Patterson's successor and install him at the earliest possible date so that he (the new superintendent) can prepare for the forthcoming school year."

The hearing continued as per board plans on Wednesday, July 2, after the Supreme Court 24-hour period expired.

However, whatever the results of the hearing Dr. Patterson's attorneys announce they will take further legal action which may return the case to Judge Howard and then proceed through to the Supreme Court on constitutional claims.

NORMAN P. RAMSEY

MRS. SHEILA SACHS

HOWARD E. MARSHALL

GROVER L. McCREA

DR. W. EUGENE SCOTT

Gibson says he won't be stampeded

"I don't intend to stand by and be stampeded into a situation.

"If during the hearing the board attempts to bring in any new information, I will not address the matter."

This was the statement from Larry S. Gibson, attorney for Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson during a late Tuesday afternoon press conference at 25th St. School headquarters.

His statement followed Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall's decision staying the scheduled Tuesday morning hearing.

Commenting on the decision, Mr. Gibson stated, "I appreciate the court's prompt action."

Although Justice Marshall reversed his decision by refusing to grant a stay longer than 24 hours, Mr. Gibson said that he accepted the decision that intervention by the Supreme Court would be premature before the hearing is concluded.

DR. JOHN L. CREW
anything can happen

But he also said, "We will exhaust all remedies made available to us under the law because the superintendent's rigs have been numerously violated."

Mr. Gibson added that although he would refuse to answer to any new information he had no intentions of walking out during the hearing.

Crew denies interim post

Dr. John L. Crew, 47-year-old deputy superintendent for Planning and Research has once again denied being asked to serve as interim superintendent if the post is vacated by Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

Reliable AFRO sources state that the deputy superintendent who has been in the system over 16 years, is the board's choice to replace Dr. Patterson while a search committee is formed to select a new school head.

Sources also state that Commissioner Grover L. McCrea is poised to make the motion to appoint Dr. Crew once the board has terminated Dr. Patterson.

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However, Dr. Crew told the AFRO, "I have not been informed that I have been selected to serve as interim superintendent. I only know what I've read in the papers.

"I've received no word from the board."

Dr. Crew would not comment whether he would accept the position, saying, "Things are not over at this point. Anything can still happen."

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June 29 was the date when Assistant City Solicitor Ambrose Hartman wrote Dr. Patterson's attorney that proceedings at that time were "to let the school board appoint Dr. Patterson's successor and install him at the earliest possible date so that he can prepare for the forthcoming school year."

Word on the wind, so to speak, at that time was that Crew had already received the interim nod and that Sterling Keyes, a former assistant superintendent in 1971 under Dr. Thomas Sheldon, has been Okayed for permanent superintendent. Mr. Keyes has a New York state education department position.

School Board may vote on deseg budget tonight

The School Board will meet 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in executive session to reconsider the proposed $3.9 million proposed desegregation budget.

At a special meeting June 26, the board voted to send the proposal back to the Budget and Finance committee for rview, even though it was to be submitted to the Board of Estimates by July 1.

It was stated by several commissioners that further review of the budget necessitated delaying approval.

However, the Finance committee has not met since last Thursday to work on his proposal which may come before the board at its regular meeting today (Thursday), following the private session.

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Some 106 persons now on staff are included in the request for fiscal year 1975-76 and must be paid by other funds until the budget has been approved, first by the board and then the Board of Estimates.

Ely Francis, controller stated, "We have several ways to pay these persons but we must get approval from the city.

"However, I do not anticipate that these people will have to be cut off before the budget is approved."

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While the board reviews the plan in executive session, Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson will have another "shot" at trying to include the human relations and staff development funds.

He stated, "When students are suddenly being confronted with new situations, there is a greater need for staff concern and better relations."

If the board approves the inclusion of these funds, nine counselors would be added in September to assist in the desegregation process.

The public meeting will be held in the auditorium of Coldstream Park Elementary, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave. at 7 p.m.

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10 Harlem pupils receive bonds

NEW YORK — Ten outstanding Harlem elementary school students were awarded $25 U.S. Savings Bonds as part of Lenox Terrace housing development's annual program for scholarship and achievement among Harlem youth.

The awards, presented for the 15th consecutive year, went to Larry Sims and Nathaniel Gladden, students at P.S. 197; Kim Hill and Michael Kennelly, of P.S. 133; Anthony Mungin and Barbara Young, of 175-M; Kenneth Pratt and Christian Smith of P.S. 100, and Mark Fowler and Zevilia Jackson, of P.S. 92.

JAMES M. JOHNSON of the 1500 block E. Federal St., was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. Courses include seamanship, military regulations, firefighting, close order drill, first aid and navy history.

A CORRECTION

Rev. King crowned

In last Friday's edition, the AFRO ran a mistake in the story on the Rev. Mrs. Lillian King, who was crowned queen of the Eastern Coast Assembly in Atlantic City, N.J.

It was stated that the Rev. Mrs. King was the daughter of the late Alexander and Katie Yancey of Chicago, she is a graduate of the Booker T. Washington Senior High School and the Chicago School of Nursing.

The paragraph should have read: The Rev. Mrs. King is the daughter of the late Alex and Katie Yancey of Rocky Mount, N.C. She is a graduate of the Booker T washington High School of Rocky Mount and attending the School of Nursing in Chicago and the Booker T. Washington School of Nursing, Baltimore.

In addition, the Rev. Mrs. King is a notary public of the state of Maryland.

She moved to Baltimore in 1937 and joined the Mt. Hope Baptist Church under the late Rev. Griffin Turner and served as church clerk.

The Rev. Mrs. King has worked at Union Memorial Hospital and the St. Joseph Hospital.

The AFRO regrets the error.

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