—Has NAACP sold out?

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black, has kept it independent of control by big business.

HOOKS AND WILSON

Actually the talk in continuing crescendo among delegates in various workshops is "Hooks and Wilson have gone soft on NAACP principles."

The principles "that the NAACP has never in history compromised on its total equality thrust" is evident in historic records.

Through decades of civil rights battles, the record shows the determined group, without violence, has demanded total freedom. With unwavering strength it has carried its freedom flag on the shoulders of grass roots members across the land.

UNWAVERING

Regardless of suspicion of storm clouds gathering over standards, thundering applause was heard in St. Louis Tuesday night as over 10,000 gathered at the farewell banquet for retiring Executive Director Wilkins, now 75 and in obvious failing health.

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Paying him tribute in repeated standing ovations, the throng seemed to burst with pride as Wilkins pointedly told how the NAACP has never sold out to vested interests "who would mute the voice of our oldest civil rights group."

From 7 p.m. to nearly midnight, the 10,000 refused to leave and they cheered as Wilkins outlined the NAACP's high principles and "in spite of financial difficulty" told how they had come through victorious in the civil rights struggle of the 50's and 60's.

Many voices were raised at the banquet to praise the NAACP's vigilant and courageous stand.

NAACP Washington Bureau Chief Clarence M. Mitchell Jr cautioned the assembly to remember the past victories and realize "again the enemy is at our heels."

Wilkins' wife, Mrs. Minnie Wilkins in accepting an award referred to the crisis the NAACP faces and hit "those members of the board" who in a drive for power had sought to "rain the organization."

The glittering banquet saw Mrs. Wilkins receiving a medal struck in her husband's likeness in silver. The one struck in gold given Wilkins presented by Pennsylvania Commonwealth Secretary of Delores Tucker said, "Like Roy Wilkins, gold endures. Bronze not rust and it cannot be destroyed."

PRES. CARTER

President Jimmy Carter's message read by Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., noted Wilkins had stood firm in times of vacillation and times when cool heads were needed.

"He never stopped to savor the fruits of triumph and every American can be proud he was one of us and was there when we needed him." Pres. Carter stated.

Hooks himself, at the banquet, pledged "continued support of NAACP's unwavering thrust for total, absolute, unconditional freedom.

WILKINS

Wilkins' 25-minute speech was dramatic although in a slow, sometimes faltering but moving voice.

He declared that although he is retiring from leadership at the top of the NAACP, he will continue to be a part of the struggle in work with the branches and the youth as long as there is breath in my body."

He said, "We will not be bought out nor co-opted by any special interest or fad.

"The struggle for freedom requires us to speak freely about the conditions of the Negro people.

"The new strategies for dealing with the recent setbacks by the Supreme Court will not be developed from a position of fear or defeat.

"We will not get out of litigation. The NAACP will not let any mob or 'bill-of' attitude about Civil Rights keep us from going to the courthouse for justice."

WARNING

Wilkins, in an obvious reference to the difficulties he has had with some members on the board of directors and new chairman Margaret Bush Wilson, warned the board to let the staff do its job and stop meddling.

He said, "It has become in the past several years a board-oriented staff which does not seem to know whether it is headed right or headed wrong.

"They are good workers, who have too many bosses. We must have an executive director who is a strong leader, supported by an able board which sets policy, advises and consents."

Wilkins further warned that some members of the board would like to make "hound dogs" of the staff.

It was clear that many of the delegates and observers had arrived in St. Louis to see Wilkins "come home to retire" and they expressed their appreciation of his undaunted years of service in no uncertain terms.

46 YEARS

They are present from 2,000 NAACP branches and youth councils in every state and U.S. territory.

Wilkins' 46 years include those on the national staff first as assistant to Executive Director Walter White, then editor of the Crisis Magazine and in 1955 upon the death of Walter White, appointed executive secretary of the national NAACP.

Traditionally the NAACP has let the director speak for the body. The convention each year in its resolutions sets the unwavering standards. The board of directors continues the policy.

Now, with Margaret Bush Wilson's appointment, questions arise about the Hooks-Wilson hookup."

—New law will

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would come before his.

When contacted last week, Mrs. Green said that there were at least 400 cases in the backlog at present and confirmed that it would take at least three years to process them all.

Henderson's problem of getting his discrimination case satisfactorily resolved is typical of the hundreds of cases filed during the last five years before the Commission.

In fiscal year 1976, out of 194 cases certified for hearing, only 6 were closed in the hearing process. Similarly, in the five year period from 1972 to 1976 out of a total 412 cases, certified for hearing by the commission only 37 were closed in the hearing process, according to data furnished by the commission.

"This problem was that after we were told in 1974 that we could no longer fine companies to enforce decisions, we became a mediating agency that could not force respondents to pay up," said Al Rutledge, a spokesman for the Human Relations commission.

The commission, in its present structure has 12 volunteer hearing officers who are appointed by the governor. At each hearing three commissioners sit and hear a case without the power to punish a company for discriminatory practice.

During the past three years Commissioners have sat on cases, Rutledge said, allowing the backlog of cases to build up. "Because they couldn't enforce decisions that were made they said there is no reason to hold hearings."

All that may change on July 1, 1977 because of Bill No. 458 in March '77 which will go into effect and increase the enforcement power of the commission, which was severely weakened after the state Court of Appeals ruled in 1974 that the commission has no right to impose monetary damages even in clear discrimination cases.

Although the fining power of the commission is limited to cases of racial, sexual, and age discrimination in employment practices, Rutledge said, persons who file after July 1 will not have to deal with the backlog because the past cases are not affected by the new ruling.

"As of July 1, the hearing officers will be qualified attorneys. "Rutledge said, "eliminating the need for the 12 volunteers as commissioners to hear cases. Instead the 12 commissioners will be used as an appeals board.

—Willie Adams

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last Thursday but was postponed.

Adams contends that the Frolic clientele is bad and if the bar did come into the block he would expect Sober to run a first class operation.

There are two bars in the block now, the club Casino, owned by Adams' brother-in-law Allen Quille and the York Lounge, of which Del. Lloyal Randolph is the major license holder.

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Sober is bitter but he is continuing the fight.

"I fell that if it hadn't been for Mr. Randolph and Mr. Adams, the property owners would not have protested," he said. "If I can't get that post I'll probably have to got out of business."

Sober said that he might have to "shell out" between $150,000 and $200,000 and he does not want to do it in a new location in another area.

"I have a certain clientele here and they want me to relocate," he said.

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Adams said his fight against the elocation of the Frolic Cafe is not similar he was recently involved in and that it is not just his fight.

"You're talking about a shopping center and a 130 seat restaurant that's going to bring jobs to the community," he said, the plans to build a McDonald's on the Mondawmin Mall parking lot.

"This is not just my fight," he added. "This is part of my fight. I just own more property and I don't intend to see it destroyed."

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—900 city jobs

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"But we didn't want what happened last year to happen again."

(Last summer the city laid off 750 workers, 600 of whom were black.)

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The five city unions were forced to accept the city's offer after the Court of Special Appeals in Annapolis threw out a lower court decision that would have guaranteed their annual pay raises.

The decision handed down by Judge Robert C. Murphy, vacated a June 19 ruling by Supreme Bench Judge Martin B. Greenfeld ordering the Board of Estimates to recommend that the City Council put back in the 1977-78 budget the $5.4 million for the raises.

The $1.96 billion budget cleared the preliminary hurdle late Wednesday night and was given final approval Thursday in time for the new fiscal year which begans today, Friday.

In the two-page opinion Murphy said the five unions that sued the city "were not entitled to the declaratory of injunctive relief."

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Clarke bitterly referred to the decision as "strictly an establishment opinion" and said that "there was not enough time to hear everything."

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"I think they found favor of the city just to get the case off their back," he pointed out.

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The conflict between the city government and its employes began in early May when Jeffery Austin, the city labor commissioner, told workers they would have to give up their pay raises or accept layoffs.

The workers balked at that demand, then took the city to court when it offered to give them the across the board raises rather than their annual raises.

Judge Greenfeld ruled in favor of the city employes and the city announced that it would lay off 900 employes and an additional 800 if they lost the appeal.

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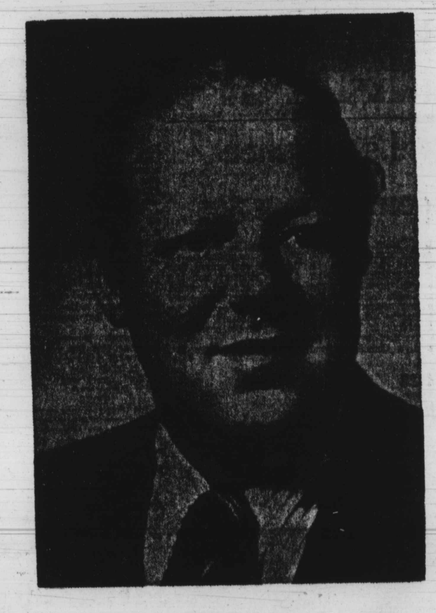
Clarke emphasized the city had a moral obligation to live up to its agreement and that threats of strikes and demonstration from the five union coalition put the city to agree this much.

He added that for the last four months the unions have been entitled to the $13 million in anti-recession money which can be used to maintain the level of service in the city.

In Memoriam



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The Associates of Hutzler Brothers Company deeply regret the passing of their president and chief executive officer, Charles G. Hutzler, III, a man dearly loved by his fellow workers, and sincerely appreciated for his dedication to the Hutzler firm.

—Fear at Bowie

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AID program, who already work under letters of appointment.

"The letters mean each person will serve at the pleasure of their superiors," he said. "Each individual has already received his letter."

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The voiding of contracts has created a tense situation among the administrators who wonder if they will have a job when school opens in September. The administration is about 24 per cent non-black.

Mester's appointment to interim president earlier this month had created an angry stir among black educators in the state but not a word of protest has been heard from the campus itself.

Amos White, head of the faculty senate, said the faculty is adopting a watch and wait posture as is the school's Alumni association.

The situation clearly is tense on the Bowie campus.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

A ROBBER IS WAITING FOR YOU — This is what a high ranking police officer said at the law enforcement executive's convention in Atlanta last week.

AND, he added, summertime is a thief's best time to get you.

FIRST, people generally become lax due to nice weather and the vacation fever, "to get away from it all." That's when the burglar gets down to business.

He knows windows and doors are open all night "for fresh air" and he can slip right in, even if you're right there.

NEXT, he knows sooner or later the family will be gone away and the house is his to leisurely pick and choose what he can sell quick.

IF YOU'RE FOOLISH, you will let the neighbors know you and the folks are gone "down home" for the summer and you forget to remember they'll tell it; "The Browns won't be back until September."

HIGH GRASS, empty garbage cans, blinds pulled down, no car in the garage, all these signs tell a thief he can back a truck up and clean you out...with ease.

GETTING READY to go on a trip, you give yourself away. You may as well broadcast it on TV or radio when you come home from shopping loaded with suit cases, thermo jugs, picnic packs etc., etc.

ANOTHER WAY the thief knows you're not home, this one which is a complete shock!!

A GOOD ROBBER reads the newspaper and takes note of funeral dates, wedding announcements, parties and (get this) wakes.

WHILE mourners are at wakes and funerals, the robber knows not a soul will be at home during the announced hours of the sad event. At the time bereaved persons are weeping, he's happy as a lark.

And, he loves church weddings because you won't be home until after the reception.

DOWNTOWN and in shopping centers, summertime thieves really have a picnic knowing vacation buyers have soooo many packages they can't watch their pocketbooks. Then too, being excited about catching planes, buses and trains, folks are absent-minded and pre-occupied.

CONSEQUENTLY when the number of thefts zips to the top of the scale, it is a person's own fault. Carelessness!

AND, being so preoccupied and in a rush to get on their way, folks rarely report to the police. They fail to take precautions like locking doors.

ONE MORE THING: you ever think your house cat would be the guilty one to let the thief know you're not home?

A LITTLE KITTEN CAT, left to fend for herself will sit in a lonely ball of fur on the front doorstep day after day and, happy to leave, will meow to a stranger.

When the thief says in a friendly way "Has everybody gone and left you?" the naughty cat will unwittingly say. "Yesssssss."

DELIGHTED to get inside, Kitten will accompany the thief in your back window and show him around the house from room to room.

IS THERE ANYONE who does not recall a court case surrounding a burglar who ate food from the ice box before he carried off the TV, silver and radio? Testimony fails to real that the kitten cat also dined along with Rim.

NEW THING smart thieves are trying now on the open road--pretending to having a car breakdown, they wave to motorists for help on certain vacation highways and back beach roads.

DON'T STOP regardless of how sorry you may feel for the supposedly helpless person. He or she might rob you of your vacation cash, take your car keys and speed away. Also, he may take your license plates for his own auto and swipe your CB .

DID YOU KNOW?

ZION TOWERS next door to Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, is now open for applicants for the 211 apartments for senior citizens. The buildings will be open in November for occupancy.

Eugene Henderson, manager, at 710 Pennsylvania Ave. offices, is accepting the applications. A veteran of 30 years association with HUD, Mr. Henderson is over Orchard Gardens, Woodland and Greenwillow Manor. You may reach him by calling 728-6100.

DID YOU KNOW?

AMBASSADOR Andy Young has round-the-clock guards?

MCDONALDS has 3,751 places in the U.S.; 224 in Canada; 255 in other countries; sells 22 billion hamburgers, about 100 to every living American?

SCHOOL TEACHERS resigned in greater numbers this year than ever before? (Some are taking to driving cabs and going on welfare rather than return to instructing today's children.)

GHANA, Haiti, Zaire, Ethiopia, Hungary, Korea (North) and Communist China are on the list of 151 countries that are not free nations.

A LAD Ypaid $25 for a purebred "police dog" who was just an alley pup. When told the canine was a "secret service member" and in disguise, she kept him and was satisfied.

IDI AMIN, president of Uganda, is the most widely known person in the world today? Even little kids recognize his name and picture.

THE VATICAN in Rome has the world's largest collection of books on astrology.

BIG PROFITS are going to investors in the day care homes for children, rest homes and senior citizens' houses.

OVER 10,000 disadvantaged Baltimore families need low-income housing.

1977-78 ALMANACS nationwide forecast the coming winter will be the worst in history. Economists say electricity, food, heat will be scarce. Like the little squirrels, many citizens are hoarding canned meats, vegetables, sugar and flour.

Search on for Provident head

The search has begun for the new head of Provident Hospital.

Sources close to the hospital board of trustees report a 12-member search committee met this week to plan for replacing Dennis Gowie, the hospital executive director, whose resignation was accepted last Thursday.

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The big problem will be finding the best person for the job within a two month period.

Gowie, who has been head of the hospital since 1973, submitted his resignation last month in the midst of controversy over the nurses' working conditions.

But the board tabled his resignation and appointed a committee to review the situation.

In a recent interview, Gowie said he had been considering the resignation for almost nine months.

"Anyone has the privilege to resign," he said. "It was in my best interest to resign."

Gowie would not comment on other job offers, nor would he comment on whether the board forced him to resign.

However, there have been reports that the relationship between Gowie and the board has not been cordial.

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Says Senator Robert Douglass, new to the Provident board, "We have to get a replacement for Gowie and we only have two months. While the committee was considering his resignation we should have been looking for a replacement. That's the business way to do things."

Douglass denies that he led the fight to force Gowie to resign.

"I haven't been there long enough," he said, referring to the fact that Thursday was his third meeting. "I've got a big mouth and I'm going to say what I mean."

"I'm not one of those people who think Gowie is a knuckhead," he continued. "He's very intelligent and has a lot going for himself."

Douglass further said the committee should keep itself in a position of conducting the business of looking for a replacement and let no political considerations yet in the way.

Mike Mitchell's brother directs operation by long distance phone

ST. LOUIS — Michael Bowen Mitchell, prominent Baltimore attorney, present here taking part in the 68th NAACP National Convention, was stricken Wednesday morning and transported to the hospital.

The emergency appendectomy was performed at Barnes Hospital at 8 p.m., June 29 by noted surgeon Dr. John Buettner, following long distance phone directions from Mitchell's brother, Dr. Keliter Mitchell, Baltimore physician and surgeon.

Mike Mitchell, who is a City Councilman, is reported "doing fine" but will possibly be confined to Barnes through the holiday weekend, relatives state.

Mitchell was due to fly back to Baltimore to vote in the City Council on the 1978 Budget but was taken with excruciating pains too late to travel.

He spoke Tuesday at the NAACP workshop on Political Action: Black Elected Officials on the Problems of the Inner City," along with J. C. Hope, president of the Georgia NAACP State Conference of Branches and Las Cruces, New Mexico Mayor Albert M. Johnson. Chairman of the panel was Newark, N.J. Institute of Urban Programs Member Curtis J. Way.

Grandson of the late NAACP great lady, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson and nephew of Maryland's only black congressman, Parren J. Mitchell, Councilman Mitchell has attended NAACP conventions actively along with his parents, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. and Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, since childhood.

—Broadway star

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Baltimorean whose father has owned and operated a grocery store for years, and hailed as a brilliant young actress," has received rave notices for her spectacular performance in For Colored Girls..."

The drama in which Ms. Beverley, 31, is appearing was penned by writer Ntozake Shange which is an intense and moving work.

The play considered a painful but creative statement on black womanhood was originally performed in various backroom cafe's and the Henry Street Settlement Playhouse in New York.

Due to arrive in Baltimore next March at the Morris Mechanic the play is now enjoying a successful run on Broadway.

Speeding toward Morgan Trazana was asked what impact, if any, the success of "For Colored Girls" had on her life.

"Acting was always my dream, and now...you see "Colored Girls" is the result of a lot of hard work and effort from backrooms of bars to Broadway...acting is all I ever wanted to do since I was 5 years old. Sure it's had it's impact...success has tremendous responsibilities and even if you don't change, people change...your friends change."

Crossing a blue-jeaned leg, Trazana proceeded. "I've been in other productions as such, but this one really had no obstacles — it sort of went on through...it wasn't easy, but I guess it was supposed to happen.

The Drama, called a choreopoem" because of its poetic format follows the development and evolution of a black woman.

Some playgoers who've seen For "Colored Girls..." feel the drema espouses the familiar black woman's cry "you've done me wrong!!"

When asked the validity of such criticism, Trazana contemplating a few minutes before answering replied:

"Well...the piece is really about a woman who has been hurt very badly. It's so personal it can't be general...it's impossible.

"It's about a sister who has been hurt a lot. A lot of sisters can relate to i but quite frankly, white women, even a man can relate to the piece, for that matter.

"If you can move beyond that it is a woman's piece, anyone who has been hurt can relate...you see the eight women in the play are all extensions of one of us ...

Trazana went on, "Ntozake's purpose was to write from a woman's point of view... the thing that a piece like "Colored Girls" will do is stimulate discussion, passion...it's certainly not the end but more so a beginning.

Brothers were offended because some dirty laundry was put on the line, the piece is offensive, it's beautiful...it's truthful. Ntozake has the artistic license to write what hse wants to write — her own depth, her own personal experience."

"Even the title, "For Colored Girls" ...it's a concept. We certainly didn't mean colored girls as the given term passed on to us — but more so it's about women of color ... different hues of our own race ...."

Where is Trazana Beverley the artist headed? Smiling as if she knew the question was coming, she paused:

"I'd like to direct, make films and write..all aspects of media becaue that's what's happening. Now as far as recommending that course to others, I would say first of all, use common sense if you have mind to use it...if you are going to New York especially with money (laugh) be open, be flexible to all experiences.

Be discerning. A lot of people claim to be acting teachers, but a few are. Be creative — that's what the gift is for ...you see, I feel very, very blessed to have the talent, the brain to expand, to do" ..

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In the finale of For Colored Girls ...", all eight women in the cast are dressed in rainbow-colored leotards. Their arms stretched out ... they begin an almost religious ritual. "a laving on of hands."

Eight beautiful sisters singing in celebration of a woman's exhilarating experience within herself, who like Trazana, are indeed "blessed."

No trash collection on July 4

No municipal refuse collections will be made in Baltimore Monday, July 4.

The public is requested not to put refuse out for collection on that day. Materials will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

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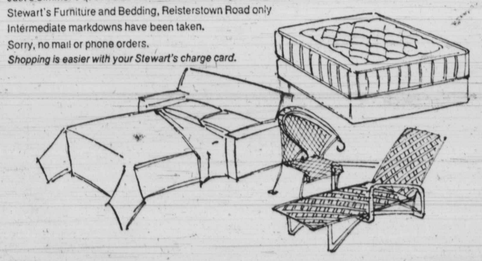
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