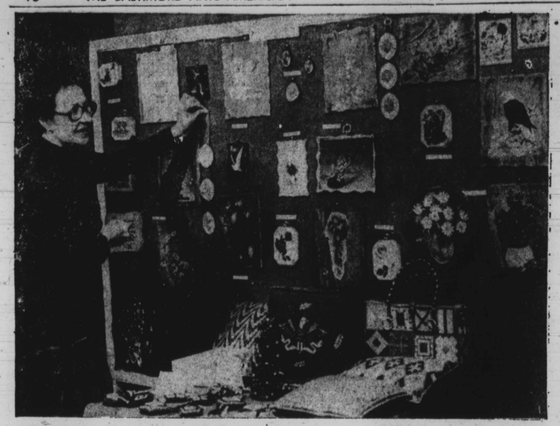

"THE WEE BAZAAR" — Mrs. Mercedes Wilson, art and music teacher at Memorial Apartments, 301 McMechen St., arranges the display of decoupage and needlework done by apartment residents. Some of the articles will be for sale in the lobby and the exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Residents will present "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. in the Coulter Community Room of the apartments.

(AFRO Photo by Robin McGinty)

—State workers angry over $$

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"A 3.5 percent pay raise is not enough for employees in this age of rising costs," said Ron Samuels, spokesman for the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 92.

"What we're asking for is a $1,100 across-the board pay raise for each employee."

To voice their discontent employees held a rally earlier this week and began to circulate petitions presented to Lee at a meeting held Friday.

The employees also sent mailgrams to the acting governor calling his pay proposal "ridiculous".

Samuels believes there is not much they can do about getting the pay raise except by keeping up the pressure.

"To a degree Gov. Lee is better to deal with than Mandel," he said. "At least he's willing to listen."

"We had considered asking for $1,700 or $1,800 but we thought that was a little absurd," Samuels explained. "The $1,100 raise would bring employees just below the 1978 level cost of living index. Lee has to determine where his priorities lie especially since there's a $128 million surplus."

While state employees try to get more money from Lee they are also loudly protesting against Attorney General Francis Burch for joining several other states in a suit which challenges unemployment compensation coverage for local and state employees.

Samuels calls the move a "tragic action."

"It's another nail in the coffin for state employees," he said. "We fought hard to get that compensation for those who get laid off through no fault of their own. They need something to tide them over until they get another job.

"The situation puts state employees smack behind the eight ball, especially since most of them are black," Samuels continued. "The state government is out to save and make money, not give people jobs. We're fighting the state to keep them from trying to contract out to different firms to do some jobs. Whole departments can be wiped out that way with no guarantee the people are going to get their jobs back. We can't afford to have no unemployment compensation."

Samuels added Council 92's protest against both actions has received full support of the Maryland Public Employees Council 67 and the American Federation's Local 2250 in Prince George's County as well as key unions along the Eastern Shore and St. Mary County areas.

—Lawyers back Baylor

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Last week a spokesman in Gov. Lee's office told the AFRO it may be likely Judge Baylor will be appointed to fill the spot to be vacated by Judge Harry Cole when he moves up to the Court of Appeals.

No action has been taken yet in the appointment.

Petitt had high praise for Baylor, stating "no one exceeds the judicial and legal excellence of Judge Baylor."

Petitt added because of the "nuerical composition" of the Supreme Bench in relationship to the black population of the city he said he hopes Lee will move swiftly in making the appointment.

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Joan Little's fiance snitched out of fear for their lives

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) — Prison escapee Joan Little's fiance said Wednesday he told police where they could find her because he feared for his life and hers.

Vernell Muhammad told UPI that a friend of Miss Little's tried to pull a gun on him (Muhammad) and that Miss Little also seemed afraid of the man.

George McRae, 29, was arrested with Miss Little Wednesday morning in New York and charged with third degree assault, reckless endangerment, leaving the scene of an accident, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Muhammad said he had talked with Miss Little numerous times since she escaped from prison Oct. 15. Muhammad said Miss Little called him Monday and Tuesday and he agreed to go to New York Tuesday night. Muhammad said he hoped to convince Miss Little to return with him to North Carolina.

Muhammad said Miss Little and a man she identified as "Duck" met him at the airport and they drove around the area for almost two hours. During the time, Muhammad said he tried to convince his fiancee to return, but her friend said she would not go back.

"Joan Little seemed like she was afraid of him. She wouldn't really answer me," Muhammad said.

He said when Miss Little tried to speak once, her male companion told her to "shut up."

"And I knew then and there that there was something wrong," Muhammad said. "I've never known her to back down from anybody. I kept sensing that she was afraid."

Muhammad said the man with Miss Little claimed to have been in prison four or five times on felony charges.

"He told me that he didn't mind going back to prison. He told me he didn't mind killing. He told me that nobody was going to take Joan back to North Carolina. He told me that he was going to make sure that Joan didn't go anywhere," Muhammad said.

The man also accused Muhammad of having told the FBI that Miss Little was in New York, he said. Muhammad said he denied the allegations and asked to be taken back to the airport.

Muhammad said the man continued to drive him around the city and soon asked Miss Little to drive. When the man got out of the car, Muhammad said he did also. The man got back into the car and sat in the middle of the seat, but Muhammad remained outside and refused to go with them.

The man began pulling a gun from his belt, said Muhammad, who then slammed the door and ran toward the lights of the airport. When he arrived, Muhammad said he called police.

"At that time, I was afraid he was going to hurt me," Muhammad said. "I was thinking that she (Miss Little) showed so much fear of him."

Muhammad said he returned to Raleigh after telling his story to police.

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THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Come on down, Big Brother

The seemingly magic movement of money by wire is the latest step being taken toward a "cashless society" and one of the greatest steps to bring into everyone's lives total control over their money by the government.

A report, recently released by a state panel studying electronic funds transfer, called the implications for Maryland consumers, financial institutions, retail establishments and state and local governments "broad and complex."

"Such transfers may involve large amounts of money moving between financial institutions or the so called 'automatic' deposits of employee paychecks," said Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein who heads the committee.

"In any case the questions of the consumer's right to privacy, the impact on financial institutions, business, indusfry, utilities, employers and employees all need close examination. This issue reaches into everyone's pocketbook and bank account," Goldstein said.

The Comptroller noted that the issue is so broad that federal and state legislation will undoubtedly be needed to protect the individual citizen in the face of the growth of the electronic funds transfer phenomenon.

In "1984" a novel by George Orwell, the government has total control of its citizens who are given no privacy. Strangely enough, Emanuel Goldstein was one of the chosen few in a decision - making position.

The conditions in the book "1984" may arrive before the year 1984.

Be on the lookout for Emanuel.

Goodrich doesn't have blimps

The Goodyear blimp continued to fly high and glorious this week, advertising for a company that allegedly forced small gas stations to buy its tires.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company was charged with selling tires to oil companies at low rates who in turn made it mandatory that their gas stations sell only Goodyear tires.

The tire company settled out of court in an agreement Attorney General Francis Burch said would "benefit both service station dealers who were forced to buy tires from selected distributors and consumers who have been paying inflated prices for tires."

Burch said the agreement prohibits Goodyear from selling tires to oil companies and a five - year ban on the practices the company was sued for would mean that competition will be returned to the tire industry in Maryland.

But the attorney general said he did not feel a fine was appropriate and said that business restrictions were sufficient punishment.

What better example could there have been given of the dual nature of justice in Maryland. If Goodyear had been a small local company with such practices, it would have been fined. If a citizen is caught taking money from a company or business he or she faces jail.

It seems a shame that the innocent consumers who paid the higher prices for the Goodyear tires won't get a refund.

Just find a good lawyer

Two Baltimore lawyers were charged this week in what many believe to be a racket that attorneys have participated in for a long time: submitting false medical bills to insurance companies in car accident claims.

Howard Fine, 43, of Baltimore, and Gerald N. Klauber, 46, of Towson, were charged in the indictment with mail fraud and racketeering.

The federal grand jury indictment charges that members of the city Mass Transit Administration were paid by the lawyers to refer people who claimed injuries in accidents.

The bills inflated the number of office visits that persons injured in the car accidents made to doctors and exaggerated their injuries, according to the indictment, and the two lawyers allegedly received false medical bills from area doctors which were then given to insurance companies.

In addition, the indictment charges Fine and Klauber kept some of the cash settlements that should have gone to their clients and kickbacks were given to insurance adjusters and employees of insurance companies.

How many others out there are bilking the public?

New cars with new labling

Potential car buyers have something to sing a happy song about, despite the fact that they are paying higher prices for cars now than ever before in the 83-year - old history of automobile manufacturing in the United States.

Dealer preparation charges on new cars that sometimes climb as high as $100 or more for work not performed at the factory, must now be itemized by automobile dealers in Maryland.

Alan T. Fell, state commissioner of consumer credit, said the action by the Automobile Trade Association, which represents 450 new car dealers in Maryland, will not apply to used car dealers.

"If there were a few dealers who were using this as a means of getting more on the price of a car, the resolution by the Automobile Trade Association should wipe that practice out and prevent sky - high fees, because reputable dealers will be itemizing their preparation charges," he said.

Fell added that customers sometimes complain that new car dealers used the vague category of dealer preparation charges to hide commissions on base car prices.

The consumer, who seems to spend more money every year, needs all the protection he or she can get.

Return of the old city dwellers

For the first time in 25 years, the white population of predominantly black Washington, D.C. increased in 1976 in what some believe to be a return of affluent suburbanites back to the city.

The Municipal Planning Office estimated in a recent study that the white population increased by about 6,400, from 162,000 in mid - 1975 to 169,000 in mid - 1976. It was the first increase since 1951.

The white population comprised 23.9 percent of the city's total in 1976 as compared to 22.5 percent the previous year. That was the first percentage increase since 1943.

Government planners said the new figures reflected white movement into renovated homes in inner city neighborhoods. Some poor blacks are being pushed out as the value of housing in their neighborhoods escalates.

Looking out for battlefields

Look to the rainbow. Better yet, don't worry if you happen to live in a neighborhood where jobs and economic stability have been lost because of cutbacks in defense contracts.

The United States, which depends on its defense sales and contracts would not dare allow those who for so long depended on the defense industry to go broke.

So Maryland Sen. Charles McMathias Jr. has introduced a bill that will provide assistance on both national and local levels and establish a supervisory Defense Economic Adjustment Council.

The council will be located in the Office of the President to represent government, business and labor organizations, while coordinating local conversion projects.

"This bill will provide many Marylanders with the guidance and federal assistance they need in converting from defense to productive civilian jobs," Mathias said.

The Senator added that where necessary, federal funds will provide occupational retraining and counseling services for displaced employees.

Now isn't that strange. All the blacks out of work in Baltimore and Mathias is sponsoring a bill that will only help persons who live in towns where defense contracts provided the income.

Infant unidentified

SILVER SPRING Md. — Montgomery County Police have not identified a black infant found behind the Hebrew Academy Nov. 15.

A police spokesman said Monday they have no clues or leads to the infant's identity nor to the identity of the infant's mother. The investigation is continuing.

The infant, who is three weeks old, is presently under the care of the local Social Services department.

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Court docket

Shoplifting — Ronald L. Henderson, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation.

Traffic Violation — Charles Reynolds, Jr., 2 months imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation, $300.00 fine, 1 year probation, $300.00 fine.

Unauthorized Use — Dennis E. Johnson, guilty, 2 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation and fine of $250.

Traffic Violation — Thomas Harold, guilty, 60 days imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation; Kenneth D. Holler, guilty, fine $25.

Shoplifting — Richard M. Creighton, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation, except for 2 months.

Violation of Probation — Cher Hatches, guilty, 5 years imprisonment.

Breaking and Entering — Joseph A. Smith, guilty, 9 months imprisonment.

Attempted Larceny — Joseph A. Smith, guilty, 9 months imprisonment.

Larceny — Larry Mitchell, guilty, 2 years imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine $300; Carl Brooks, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine $100.

Narcotics Violation — Kren L. Spiegel, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation.

Unauthorized Use — Carl Brooks, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 cases, guilty, fine $500, as to each; Helen Bertholomew, guilty, fine $25.

Rape — Archie B. Williams, plea of guilty 3rd count, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation.

Incest — Archie B. Williams, nolle prosequi.

Shoplifting — Mary E. Caldwell, guilty, 1 year imprisonment.

Day House Breaking — Edward J. McCroy, pending.

Assault With Intent to Murder, James Benvenuti, plea of guilty, 5 years imprisonment, concurrent with present sentence.

Narcotics Violation — James Benvenuti, nolle prosequi.

Receiving Stolen Goods — James Benvenuti, nolle prosequi.

Hand Gun Violation — James Benvenuti, nolle prosequi.

Larceny — James Benvenuti, nolle prosequi.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Ralph T. Young, guilty, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Murder — Fred B. Richard, plea of 2nd degree, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Aaron Claybourne, not guilty.

Murder — John J. Simms, motions to suppress pending.

Rape — Dwayne E. Jackson, guilty, 35 years imprisonment.

Perverted Practice — Dwayne Jackson, guilty, 35 years imprisonment to run concurrent.

Burglary — Dwayne E. Jackson, guilty, 20 years to run concurrent.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — James Sherrod, pending; Dennis Haley, guilty, 12 years imprisonment.

Rape — Alonzo Reese, guilty 1st and 4th counts, balance of natural life imprisonment, as to 1st, 10 years imprisonment, consecutive, as to 4th count.

Arson — Charles Ellerba, pending.

Robbery — James Oxendine, plea of guilty, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Marvin L. Pope, 2 cases plea of guilty, 5 years imprisonment, 2nd case concurrent.

Marriage licenses

GRAJA-LARRY J., 27, 3918 Frankford, Janice F., 27, 4904 Loch Raven.

CAREY-FOREST, 39, 1903 Forest Park, Shirley T., 38, 4000 Belvin.

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ALLEN-HALL: Michael P., 27, Box 19 Church Lane, Margaret M., 24, 8127 Ridgely.

CARROLL-DUNLAP, Marvin H., 24, 2709 Oakley, Marilyn J., 22, 1621 Aisquith.

STOVER-THOMAS, Johnny E., 24, 1239 Darley, Sandra E., 18, 120 Reedbird.

Divorces filed

Mary Jane Ryan vs. John J. Ryan III; Clarence Francis Hall vs. Frances S. Hall; William A. Kraemer vs. Deborah J. Kraemer; Marsell Williams vs. Ruth S. Williams;

Matthews Gainer vs. Odell Gainer; Walter Jones Jr. vs. Edna Mae Jones; Sadie M. Cutlis vs. Harry L. Cutlis;

Hannah Elizabeth Coates vs. James Ernest Coates; Carl David Smith vs. Catherine Virginia Smith; Arden Russell Tharp vs. Helen Louise Tharp;

Robert A. Henry vs. Irma M. Henry; Susan E. Seidle vs. David M. Seidle; Ann Michelle Bennett vs. Martin D. Bennett; Pat Ann Sawyer vs. Patrick Scott Sawyer; Bernard Eugene Thomas vs. Eunice Thomas; Louise Keith vs. Monroe Keith; Walter Jones Jr. vs. Edna Mae Jones; Jonathan Calsby Williams vs. Ann Bill DeCarlo Williams.

Divorces granted

William C. Meagher Jr. from Margaret Meagher;

William Foster from Theresa Foster; Kenneth G. Fenlo from Shirley Ann Bucher Fenlo; Eileen Pauline Anderson from Charles Anderson Sr.;

Carrie Hamilton from George Hamilton; Celia Maude Jones from Keth Edward Jones; Louise E. E. Meizer from Richard F. Meizer; Berta L. Benham from Edgar F. Benham; Janice D. Clark from Walter K. Clark; Helene L. Murphy from Brian R. Murphy.

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