—Murphy Homes

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Nearby on a couch, shot in the neck was Linda Hall, an unemployed housewife. They were found by her 13 - year - old son.

On Oct. 16 just outside the Murphy Homes, Edward Scott was shot and killed and two others were wounded. They had just returned from the Murphy Homes.

Police have not reported any arrests in the slayings.

The Murphy Homes, a 14 - floor structure with 758 families, were opened in November, 1963. The projects were named for George B. Murphy Sr., the pioneering black educator and humanist whose civic work spanned a rich 45 years.

Murphy served as one of the Housing Authority's first commissioners. He was one of the original founders of the Baltimore NAACP and one of the first Maryland citizens to receive an honorary doctor of law degree from Morgan.

The high rate of crime and violence in and around the Murphy Homes indicates an apparent inability by the Central District police to curb the crime in this area and lax security at the housing project itself.

November, December and year end crime statistics will not be recorded until mid - January, according to a housing security official but the AFRO obtained crime figures for October, 1977.

During October alone, the Murphy Homes experienced 25 of what housing officials called "impact crimes." There was one murder, two reported rapes, two robberies, eight aggravated assaults and five burglaries.

Housing security does not record incidents of vandalism or drug incidents.

John McCauley, deputy housing commissioner, told the AFRO he feels crime is on the decline.

"We are making tremendous strides toward improving things," he said. "It used to be we couldn't get families to move in here. We carried vacancies for a long time. Now we are full.

"Most of the tenants are clean, upstanding church going people," he said. "We have a full range security force recruited from the tenants. They go through an extensive training program at Coppin State College and are hired by the security force we have on contract.

"We do have certain rules the tenants have to follow," McCauley added. "Tenants are not allowed to disrupt their neighbors or they will be evicted."

McCauley stated they have installed new elevators which are faster and safer. He also said they currently have plans to enclose the lobby with security proof glass and install cameras.

We're turning everything around, though," he said. "We have a special program with HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) that works with the physical as well as the social problems at the Murphy Homes."

Robert Embry, former housing commissioner, said: "High - rise buildings now in existence for poor and broken families are a terrible, expensive mistake," referring to poor conditions of the elevators, the restriction high - rises place on the elderly and the open invitation to crime.

McCauley agrees and said "You place a family with social problems in a concentrated area and you're sure to have a tense situation."

"High - rises create problems especially for a mother's supervision of her child. In a low-rise a mother could look out on the street and watch what her child is doing. She couldn't do that with a high rise and would have to keep him inside.

"The elevators also compound the problem," McCauley added. The hallways and stairwells of a high - rise would need extra supervision."

"High - rises just were not a good idea."

James Bea, Edward Scott, William Smith, Linda Hall, Arnold Holmes and others know this. They are evidence of that "terrible and expensive mistake"

FOOD BASKETS — The Teen Council and Volunteers of the Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Recreation Center gave several baskets of food to needy families in the Cherry Hill community. A collection of canned goods and a dance were held. Members of both the Volunteer and Teen Council are (L to R) Mark Redding, Gary Crowner, Kelly Robinson, Tyrone Johnson, Diane Shepphard, Linda Luck and Terry Owens.

—CETA jobs

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He specifically questioned CETA program.

The federal program was originally designed to provide jobs and job training for the chronically unemployed and for those who cannot support themselves or their families.

Baltimore and the surrounding five counties will receive nearly $109 million for CETA programs this year to create 7,400 jobs. Half of the jobs are in the city.

Marion W. Pines, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources, which administers the funds, said non of the CETA jobs were handed out as political favors.

"This office could be a real political handout thing but the Mayor (William D. Schaefer) has been terrific about it," Pines said. "He has tried to keep politics out of it. Once you open it to politics . . . You've sold out all of the programs.

"We would not do anything to jeopardize the program," she said. The list of people now employed under CETA include:

— Sarajane Greenfeld, wife of Supreme Court Bench judge Martin B. Greenfeld, is a culinary arts teacher at the Community College of Baltimore.

— Paul Francis Weisengoff, son of Paul E. Weisengoff, chairman of the city's House Delegation to the General Assembly, is a counselor to drug offenders in the City Criminal Court.

— Anne B. Winter, daughter of Judge Harrison L. Winter, a Baltimore-based judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, is a press aide in Schaefer's office.

—Deborah Freeberger, daughter of city sheriff George W. Freeburger, works in pretrial release in the Criminal Court.

Commenting on these latest developments Brailey told the AFRO on Dec. 29 that he had demanded an investigation of Mrs. Pines' operation last summer.

He reported that after a two-hour meeting with the Manpower chief she could not give him satisfactory explanations why black joblessness was so high or how she was spending her office's $100,000 million. Federal appropriation.

The legislator also said he learned in the meeting that the CETA programs are funded on the number of persons they place on jobs only. He said the Labor Department does not require any follow up to see if the applicant was placed on a job one day and laid off the next.

At the conclusion of the meeting with Marion Pines on August 15, Brailey said, "I asked her 'if your programs are so good why does Baltimore have the second highest rate of unemployment among youth in the nation? She said, "I can't help it because those people had all those babies.'"

MSU to hold new registration

The Morgan State University Center for Continuing Education will hold registration for the 1978 spring semester Jan. 10 - 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the McKeldin Center.

Late registration will be held Jan. 12 — 16 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Communications Center.

The Center for Continuing Education meets the needs of persons seeking either the B.A. and B.S. degree or job advancement. It also provides a variety of educational experiences for returning and transfer students, retirees, foreign students high school students, as well as the already employed individual seeking a better job, a new career, or professional certification.

The center assists high school students who have not been adequately prepared for college acceptance through the college preparatory program, Upward Bound. This program is primarily designed to help such students develop skills and motivation necessary for educational success beyond high school.

The Upward Bound G.E.D. Program prepares veterans who have not completed high school for the General Education (G.E.D.) Test. Another program, Upward Bound Bridge, helps high school students previously enrolled in Upward Bound to make the transition to college during the summer immediately following high school graduation.

The Center for Continuing Education offers the Stride Program, designed for non-professionals employed by the Department of Health Education and Welfare, as well as the Access Program, which recruits students already in college into various HEW offices to obtain work experiences.

The center's Community Outreach Program is primarily designed to extend education to the community by offering special courses at community centers for persons seeking personal development and job advancement rather than a degree.

Other extension programs are MANDATE, which offers business and management skills at the Prince Georges County Model Cities, and Upward Mobility, which offers adult education courses to employees of the Social Security Administration. The center meets community needs through other varied programs as Study Abroad, and the plus 54 Senior Citizen Outreach Program.

During the upcoming university session, the Center for Continuing Education will offer 143 evening courses in 47 disciplines. For further information, call 444-3156 or 444-3157.

—Winter

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Since Winter 1978 promises to be as severe as last year's cold season the $281,000 in aid funds remaining offer scant relief.

The AFRO has learned that no cold weather emergency strategies or programs have been proposed by public or private agencies.

A spokesman for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company said each month the utility cuts off service for an average of 3,000 of its 800,000 Maryland customers because of non - payment of bills.

The company official said the utility will not shut off service on a day when the 7 a.m. temperature drops below 30 degrees. Service is discontinued only after the customer is contacted and has received periodic warnings through the mail.

Jack Levin, assistant director of the city's Department of Social Services said once an individual or family receives a fuel grant they are not eligible again for two years.

Mike Lane, who works at the Northeast Community Organization, said "As far as I know NECO doesn't have a plan to deal with this."

Patricia Owens, of the Baltimore branch of the Red Cross, said "We become involved on an individual basis usually when all other programs have been exhausted."

Quentin Lawson, an aide to Mayor Schaefer, said the mayor's office is basically a calling post for the state in terms of emergency aid for people who have problems paying their utilities.

"As funds get low, that's when the state gives us a call.

Manley fights paper

KINGSTON, Jamaica — The Socialist government of Prime Minister Michael Manley has officially told the opposition newspaper, the Daily Gleaner, that it intends to take over all importation and distribution of newsprint.

Industry and Commerce Minister Sen. Danny Williams said in a letter last week, the Gleaner will be "adequately provided for within the context of foreign exchange resources."

The Gleaner said its board of directors had decided "to register a strong protest at the government's monopolizing the import of newsprint as this new power could be used to impede freedom of the press."

"You can rest assured that the needs of your company will be adequately provided for within the context of our foreign exchange resources," Williams wrote the newspaper.

"I need not remind you that the government is committed to freedom of the press and I hope that you have taken not of the fact that even within the tight import licensing system which now prevails, the Gleaner Company has obtained ample supplies of newsprint for operations," he said.

The Gleaner said in reply that its board of directors would write the minister outlining its objections and "strong protest."

In a front-page editorial Dec. 8, the Gleaner had predicted that newsprint would be the next battlefront in the continuing struggle between the newspaper and the Manley government.

Mondawmin blacked out

Mondawmin Mall and its general area suffered a complete blackout Thursday leaving most of its residents without lights for most of the evening.

At AFRO presstime details were unavailable.

DID YOU KNOW THIS MAN? — Maryland State Police are trying to identify a man found murdered in Laurel County Nov. 18. The victim's mutilated body was found floating in a barrel on the shore of the Patuxent River. The victim was about 6 feet tall and weighed 190 pounds. He had black hair and brown eyes. Anyone knowing the identity of the victim is urged to contact the nearest Maryland State Police barracks.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City will receive sealed bids in duplicate for the rehabilitation of 919 N. Calhoun Street, 918 N. Gilmor Street 916 W. Lafayette Avenue and 1113 W. Arlington Street on 3:00 p.m., (Eastern Standard Time) on January 11, 1977 in the office of the Chief of Finance and Accounting, Room 445, Saratoga Street Municipal Building, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and Technical Specifications are on file and may be examined and obtained by persons who have been prequalified by the Department of Public Works, Baltimore City, or the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. These contract documents are available at the office of the Director of Construction and Buildings Inspection, Room 230, Saratoga Street Municipal Building, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Interested parties may obtain information concerning requirements and procedures for prequalification at the City Department of Public Works, Room 300, Municipal Building, or by calling the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, 396-3086.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds within 10 days after the date of the letter of notification of award of the contract.

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity, and that not less than the prevailing wages, as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BALTIMORE
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NOTICE O
In duplicate, addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and endorsed: "PROPOSALS FOR REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURES, GREATER WAVERLY - GREENMOUNT/GREENMOUNT WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT II: 16 - 1166 N. BARCLAY STREET, 1007 HOMEWOOD AVENUE AND 535 E. 27TH STREET, JOB NO. R-1077" will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204, City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland, until Wednesday, January 18, 1978, at 11 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time (positively no bids received after eleven o'clock A.M.) and at 11 o'clock noon on said date they will be publicly opened and read by the Board of Estimates in Room 215 in said City Hall.

A certified check of the bidder, a bank cashier's check or a bank treasurer's check drawn upon any solvent banking institution of the United States made payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, a bid bond executed on the form as provided in the Bid or Proposal for an amount which is determined by multiplying the total bid submitted by two per cent and rounding the result to the next highest Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or certification of a valid annual bid bond on file with the Department of Finance, will be required with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to give bond in the amount called for in the specifications.

Drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be obtained at the Office of the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Room 720, Saratoga Street Municipal Building, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland, on and after December 30, 1977, upon deposit of a check payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars ($25.00), which amount will not be refunded. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Board of Estimates reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or to waive technical defects as it may deem best for the interests of the City.

Bids, when filed, shall be irrevocable.

Attention of bidders is called to the fact that not-less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must insure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The successful bidder may be required to prepare and submit an Affirmative Action Program regarding the employment of minority individuals.

All Contractors (and all Subcontractors whose portion of work amounts to or exceeds ten per cent (10%) of the total contract bid price) desiring to bid on work under the jurisdiction of the Department of Housing and Community Development will be required to be prequalified with the Department of Public Works, City of Baltimore. The Certificate of Prequalification must include work classifications covering contract items.

The Cost Classification Range for this project will be from $100,000.00 to $10,000.00.

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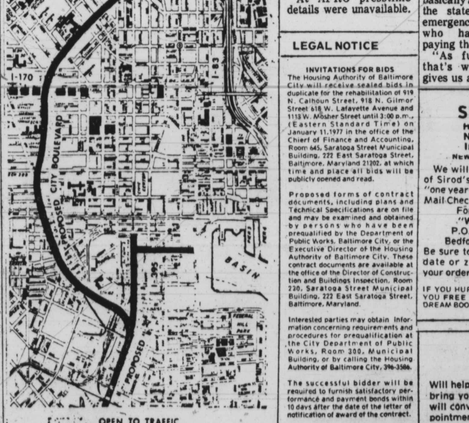
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Interstate Division for Baltimore City, State Highway Administration of Maryland, in accordance with the Maryland Action Plan and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aid Program Manual, Volume 7, Chapter 7, Section 5, Paragraph 10d, dated December 30, 1974, has received from the Federal Highway Administration, location approval and design approval for Interstate Route 895 from Outland Street to Russell Street and Conway Street and City Boulevard from Eutaw Street to Russell Street.



Location approval and design approval have been received based on Alternative No. 4, presented at the January 13, 1977 Combined Location and Design Public Hearing. The approved location and design are contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FHWA-MD-EIS-74-05-F, FHWA-MD-EIS-71-15-16-F). The City Boulevard would extend from Eutaw Street in the north to Russell Street in the south, a distance of 1.4 miles. The project is located along the northern and western edges of downtown Baltimore. The proposed City Boulevard is generally a six-lane, at-grade facility with a variable width median which would intersect for the most part, existing city streets at-grade. The City Boulevard would pass under elevated I-170.

Interstate route 395 located between Sharp and Plum Streets would extend from elevated I-95 Ramps in the vicinity of Ostend Street to the vicinity of Russell Street at the City Boulevard on the west and to Conway Street on the north. Interstate Route 395 would be for the most part an elevated viaduct with three lanes in each direction, with fully controlled access. Conway Street would be constructed at-grade with three lanes in each direction from I-395 to Light Street. Howard Street would be extended at-grade southerly to I-395 at Conway Street.

Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information supporting the location and design approval of this project may be inspected in examining this material should inquiry at the Office of the Chief, Interstate Division for Baltimore City, Third Floor, 7223 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21204, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on normal working days. For additional information please contact Mr. Thomas H. Horner, Chief, Environmental Section, Interstate Division for Baltimore City, 396-7141.

Pride convicted for funds misuse

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A U.S. District Court jury has convicted Columbia attorney Hemphill P. Ride II of willfully misusing federal housing project funds for personal expenses.

U.S. District Judge Robert F. Chapman said no date for sentencing Pride, who faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and-or a $50,000 fine.

Pride said after the verdict his attorneys will file a motion for a new trial.

Pride, who is well-known for his criminal defense of young blacks was critical of the verdict which took the jury 4½ hours to return. He said "It was humanly impossible for a large amount of evidence and the several hours of testimony in such a short period of time."

He pointed out that the trial lasted 10 days, there were 200 pieces of documented evidence and 26 witnesses were called. He said he and his lawyers will appeal "every aspect" of the case and "exhaust any and all judicial avenues of relief."

He remains free on a $5,000 unsecured bond.

Although the jury of 10 whites and two blacks found Pride guilty of all 10 counts on the indictment against him, it acquitted him of two specific charges contained in the first count.

That count alleged he misused approximately $30,000 derived from rent and other income generated by Arrington Manor, the federally subsidized housing project he owns in the Five Points area.

The jury found Pride innocent of alleged misuse of $5,719 in one instance and $1,235 in another.

The total amount of money he was accused of using unlawfully, mainly for mortgage payments on his $85,000 house, was approximately $37,000.

Facing possible disbarment and an end to his law practice, Pride said he was carrying on business as usual and he did not suspect there would be any movement to prevent him from practicing.

He is scheduled to defend five persons charged with racketeering, on Jan. 16.

Judge Chapman is scheduled to preside over that trial, Pride said.

Teen charged in classmate's death

BALTIMORE

A 13-year-old girl who is charged in a juvenile petition with murdering her classmate Donna Diggs, Nov. 28, is scheduled to appear before Juvenile Court Master Howard Golden on Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

Donna Diggs, of the 2200 block Guilford Ave., died at Union Memorial Hospital after being stabbed while sitting in classroom 225 at Robert Poole Junior High School, 1300 W. 36th St.

The teenager charged has been held at the Maryland Children's Center for 21 days for psychiatric and psychological examination.

Assistant State's Attorney Mazelis stated it would be determined on Tuesday by Master Golden if the teenager will be detained for additional evaluation or she might enter a plea through her attorney.

Mazelis said it was not likely that the state would seek to try the girl as an adult.

The teenager has no juvenile record and had been living with her grandmother until two months ago when she was placed in foster care.

Police state Donna had accused the suspect of taking something out of her desk, before her throat was cut with a paring knife.

TAKING THE OATH — Judge Harry Cole of Baltimore is sworn in as the first black named to the Maryland State Court of Appeals. The oath of office is being administered by Acting Gov. Blair Lee 3d who appointed Cole, making him one of only four black judges sitting at the state Appeals Court level in the nation. The ceremony took place Monday in Annapolis.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyz

Former Richmond aide

Rogers jumps to $49,000 as Berkeley city manager

Elijah B. Rogers, who left Richmond in 1974, has just had his contract renewed as Berkeley, Calif. city manager with a hefty raise in salary, the AFRO learned this week.

The Berkeley city council extended the contract for three years at a salary of $49,000 beginning January 1, increasing to $52,000 in July, 1978.

"There is no job more difficult than that of a city manager of an urban American city," said Mayor Warren Widener in a 20-page evaluation report.

"The city manager," he added, "must maintain good relationships with the city council, the employees, boards and commissions, and the residents of the city. I rate Mr. Rogers' performance as excellent with respect to all four of these relationships."

The big salary hike and glowing report are a big tribute to Rogers. Before he took over the manager's job, city council was in constant combat with Rogers' predecessors who seldom completed a full term.

Rogers, 38, was appointed city manager on July 8, 1976, after serving the California city as assistant city manager for two years.

The Orlando, Fla., native was assistant to the city manager for general administration and assistant city manager for administration for the city of Richmond from January, 1972, until he took the Berkeley post.

Prior to coming to Richmond he was chief of staff for the city manager's office in Bowie, Md.

Rogers attended elementary and secondary schools in his native Orlando, received a B.A. in sociology at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg and master's degrees in social work and urban administration at Howard University in Washington.

Elijah Rogers

Pitts memorial fund set up

DOVER, Del. — The Peninsula United Methodist Foundation, Inc., has announced establishment of the Lowan Pitts Memorial Fund for Ethnic Minority Local Church Development.

The fund is in memory of Lowan Pitts who died December 17 in Dallas, Ontario last October.

Pitts, who lived in Dover, was executive director of the Delaware Human Relations Commission and an active United Methodist. She was the chairperson of the Peninsula Conference Commission on Religion and Race and headed the Ethnic Minority Local Church Development Task Force. She was an alternate lay delegate to the General Conference in Portland, April 1976.

The fund will continue the work of human development to which Pitts dedicated her life and worked so hard to achieve.

Persons wanting information should write Peninsula United Methodist Foundation, Inc., 139 N. State Street, Dover, DE 19901.

Black CPAs needed, says NAPA officer

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The major "Big 8" certified public accounting firms have been challenged to recruit, hire and promote minorities by Ms. Paula H. J. Cholmondeley, an executive of the International Paper Co.

She is one of the highest ranking women in corporate America.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Cleveland chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, Ms. Cholmondeley said, "The job won't be done until we have more than 28,000 black accountants in this country."

In illustrating the present status, she said there are six black partners among the major firms, out of the total of approximately 4,000 partners. She also said that of the 2,000 CPAs active on American Institute of CPA committees, less than 15 are black.

Ms. Cholmondeley challenged the black accountants in the audience to prepare themselves for employment and promotion, emphasizing career planning and professional development as essential for all aspiring accountants, especially blacks.

Also during the banquet, Ms. Cholmondeley, who is national treasurer of the NABA, was recognized by Cleveland's mayor and presented with a key to the city.

Congressman Louis Stokes also issued a congressional proclamation in her honor.

KEY TO CITY — Ms. Paula H. J. Cholmondeley (R), CPA, receives key to city from Mrs. Rowena Gordon, representing the mayor of Cleveland.

Dalton ready for move to Governor's house

Republican Gov. - elect John N. Dalton is in "excellent" health as he prepares to move into the Governor's Mansion on Jan. 14, the AFRO has learned.

Dr. Frank S. Royal told the AFRO he gave Dalton a thorough checkup the day after his victory over Democrat Henry E. Howell Jr. and found Dalton to be in "excellent" condition.

Dalton, just winding up a hectic campaign, got his physical examination in Dr. Royal's office located in the heart of predominately - black Church Hill in Richmond.

Dr. Royal mentioned the Dalton visit two weeks ago when the AFRO telephoned him and asked the physician about reports that Dalton was thinking about naming Dr. Royal to his cabinet.

John N. Dalton

Have you been in touch with Dalton since the election?

In response to that question, Dr. Royal said: "He was in my office the Wednesday after the election. I'm his doctor."

Dr. Royal, who was a top advisor in the Dalton campaign, is also considered the closest black to Dalton.

It reportedly was Dr. Royal that Dalton first offered the cabinet position of secretary of human resources. Dr. Royal reportedly refused the offer and recommended Dr. Jean L. Harris for the post. Dalton offered the post to Dr. Harris, making her the first woman and first black cabinet member in Virginia's history.

Did Dalton and Dr. Royal talk about politics when the governor - elect visited the doctor's office?

"No," Dr. Royal answered. "We talked about his health . . . it is excellent."

SCLC wants probe into city's funds

GREENVILLE, N.C. — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has asked federal justice department officials to investigate the use of federal funds by the city of Greenville.

SCLC said it ran into what it though were discrepancies in the handling of federal funds while investigating the case of a black policeman who is fighting city officials to keep his job.

In a telegram to the office of Civil Rights, the SCLC asked federal officials to "investigate the city of Greenville's use of federal funds to determine if there is misuse and what areas these funds are aiding all citizens, especially minorities and blacks."

Frinks didn't specify what he hoped to ask for the investigation but said he believed "a difference exists on racial lines as to job recruiting, hiring compensation, training, promotions, upgrading and transfers and the policies of the city of Greenville in the use of federal funds."

Greenville City Manager James Caldwell said the city won't mind an investigation by the office of civil rights, if the office decides one is necessary.

Caldwell said, "I think some people are trying to use this for their own personal reasons."

SCLC began an investigation into the city's police department after the city allegedly tried to make its first black police officer resign.

Sgt. Ceasar Corbett, a 27-year veteran of the force, claimed he had been next in line for a promotion to lieutenant, when he was asked to resign by the city. Corbett claims the city wants to give the job to a white officer with less seniority.

A federal judge has blocked Corbett's dismissal with a temporary court order. Corbett has filed a $100,000 suit against the department.

Wrong man jailed; sues

NEW YORK — Octavio McFarlane was recently released after spending six months in jail on a murder charge.

Now he's suing the city for $5 million because they jailed the wrong man.

Immediately after his release from jail last week, someone asked him if his faith in the American criminal justice system was still intact.

"Whatever has happened has happened," he said.

The 21-year-old Panamanian is suing the city for false arrest, malicious prosecution and negligence.

McFarlane's troubles started last June.

The Colon, Panama native speaks little English and had explained to authorities in Spanish that he was fixing his bicycle in the Crown Heights area when an argument started across the street.

Shots were fired and a stray bullet hit him in the back of the head, paralyzing him on the left side.

While he was being treated for injuries at Kings County Hospital, police received a tip that a man who had killed a man named Russell Ballanger last Christmas had been shot and hospitalized.

The police thought it was McFarlane.

George Farkas, McFarlane's lawyer, said police had a snapshot of the alleged murderer, known only as Tito.

"The police never bothered to take a look at Octavio and compare him to the picture," Farkas said. He said that he had been trying to get a copy of the photo for several months.

Then last week, he said, the district attorney's office let him see the photo and he told them, "This is not my man."

McFarlane was released when two witnesses said he was not the killer and Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Leonard Scholnick dismissed the charges.

Contractors protest

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Minority contractors and the Mass Transit Administration are at it again over the city's eight mile subway system now under construction.

The time it takes to do with supply contracts.

A spokesman for the Maryland Minority Contract Association said this week the association plans to lodge a complaint with Acting Gov. Blair Lee III and the Board of Public Works charging that transit officials refuse to change the language in a subway specification which would put a limitation on how much credit can be extended to a contractor for supplies.

"There's nothing to stop them from throwing out some recent bids and change the language," said Robert Dashiell, general counsel for the association. "If they intended the ruling to help minority contractors then they would do that. But they have no intentions of doing that so the whole thing was a scam from the beginning."

The new ruling, entitled the 20 per cent rule, calls for a flat limitation to be placed the amount of material cost to be credited to a minority contractor, if the contractor didnot manufacture the material.

The limitation, according to Dashiell, is supposed to be 20 per cent of the 10 per cent minority contract.

He said however the rule is not being followed.

The dispute arose after minority contractors learned of the violations when Expressway Contractors Company received $17.4 million contract for the North Avenue station Dashiell said Likida Enterprises, out of Philadelphia received a sub-contract for $1.7 million but pointed out the firm, did only receive $700,000 of that contract.

"One million of that sub contract went for steel", he said, "and this is not the first time it's happened."

Dashiell said right before the 20 percent rule went into effect Peter Kewitt and Sons Contractors sub-contracted Likida to make use of its steel supply at the Bolton Hill station.

Likida's subcontract, according to Dashiell was $400,000 but was credited with $1 million Bethelehem Steel received from Kewit for the steel.

"Likida will never see that $1 million," Dashiel said.

The attorney said what has happened in both cases is that Expressway and Kewit allegedly entered into a package agreement with Likida to make it appear the minority firms purchased the steel when in fact it did not.

He added the same situation will likely happen again with the Lexington Market station.

Black leaders 'disappointed' in W. Va. Gov. Rockefeller

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — Black leaders in West Virginia have told Gov. Jay Rockefeller they are disappointed in him.

In a Christmas letter to the governor from the state conference of branches of the NAACP, the black leaders said they are "disillusioned and disappointed" by what they see as Rockefeller's unkept promises during his first year in office.

Hebert H. Henderson, state president of the NAACP, signed the letter but he said it "speaks for a broad consensus of black leaders" in the state.

A primary goal of the NAACP is more jobs for blacks in state government, Henderson said. He claimed six percent of the state's population is black, but only one percent of the state jobs are held by blacks.

In the letter, the leaders said Rockefeller failed in promises to hire or appoint blacks in every facet of state government, require companies holding state contracts to hire blacks, begin a statewide affirmative action program and hire a director for it and to promote the development of black enterprises.

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Workers win discrimination suit: 144 to receive $205,000 backpay

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Albemarle Paper Co. of Roanoke Rapids and a union representing plant employees have agreed to pay $205,000 in back wages to black workers who filed a discrimination suit against them 11 years ago.

The company and the United Papermakers and Paper Workers agreed to the payments in a consent decree approved by U.S. District Judge Franklin Dupree.

The lawsuit arose in 1966 after several black employees sued the company and the union. The employees alleged blacks were promoted in the same manner as whites and the company's job qualification tests discriminated against blacks.

The workers asked for back pay stemming from the alleged discrimination.

The agreement calls for $205,000 to be paid to 144 black workers. The money will be distributed to the employees according to how long they worked at the plant and the type of discrimination they allegedly suffered.

One worker will receive $3,000, two others will receive $1,500 each and the remaining 141 will get amounts ranging from $284 to $1,494.

The consent decree, approved by Dupree last Friday, allows the company to use tests in hiring workers for selected jobs that are spelled out in the document. However, the decree doesn't require the firm to offer jobs to both blacks and whites who have passed the test.

The decree also states that by 1980, the proportion of blacks in skilled jobs shall approximate the proportion of blacks available in the work force in Halifax County, where the plant is located.

If the company fails to meet the goals, its officials must explain to the court why it failed.

Additionally, the company must allow eight workers who had been employed by Albemarle before the case arose to apply for certain jobs, regardless of their test scores.

Those employees will be given 30 days to show competence in the new work. If they prove unqualified, the decree stipulates the employees can be returned to their old jobs with no loss of seniority.

The consent decree does not constitute an admission by the company, or the union of wrongdoing, nor is it a finding by Dupree that discrimination occurred.

Representatives of the employees and the company said they are pleased the court battle has ended.

"All parties wanted the litigation to end," said Paul Thompson, an attorney for Albemarle.

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MAKING HISTORY — Dr. Jean L. Harris of Richmond, the first black and the first woman to be named to the Governor's Cabinet of Virginia, appears with Republican Gov.-elect John N. Dalton at press conference in Richmond. Dalton appointed Dr. Harris secretary of human resources. The job pays $41,000 a year.