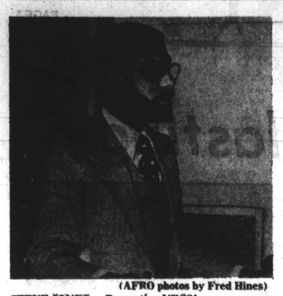
NECO sought 'scrub' on reassessments

Lee says 'No' to petition



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STEVE JONES — Presenting NECO's case.

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS — Acting Governor Blair Lee III agreed Tuesday that Baltimore's property reassessment process is unfair and unjust but said it was impossible for him to grant NECO's request of throwing out the 1978 reassessments.

During a 90 minute meeting with NECO (Northeast Community Organization), Lee heard evidence from several community representatives that pinpointed specific examples of unjust higher reassessments.

A slide presentation showed that many Baltimore homeowners with smaller homes are paying higher property taxes than some residents in other parts of the city who own bigger, more expensive homes.

Lee listened with an intense look on his face, but his reaction was well contained.

"As you know, I disagree with having reassessments every year for the whole city. I would much rather go to triennial assessment, where different parts of the city are reassessed," Lee begins as if he were sympathizing.

Then he lowered the bombshell.

"But on the business of scrubbing the whole city's assessments, nobody has the power to do that. You're asking me to do more than I can or will do. It would throw the Mayor's budget off capriciously."

Lee's response had caught the NECO members off guard and the rest of the meeting was doomed to be anti-climatic despite the fact that their presentation was well researched, quick and formal.

Steve Jones, a NECO member, commented before the meeting that he expected Lee to not give an answer to their proposal.

Before Lee gave his response, Jones started the meeting off by telling Lee that many homeowners like himself were sent increased reassessment notices after the Jan. 1 deadline date.

The meeting culminated 16 local meetings in Northeast Baltimore, the last of which drew 500 residents who came out to protest unfair tax assessments.

"We'd like to boast of equality," said Robert Younger of the Ramblewood Association in Northeast Baltimore, who spoke after Jones. "You must see that the illegal injustice be stopped now. You have the power to get rid of it."

NECO's final objective was to get Lee to sign a petition that would have scrubbed the proposed reassessments for 1978. The petition also sought to adopt last year's assessments so that an "equitable" reassessment could be made of all city properties.

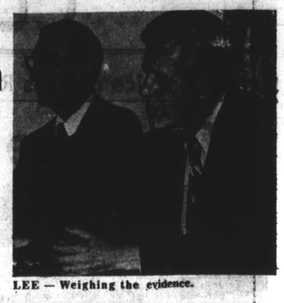
At the end of the meeting, Lee gave only a vocal commitment that insisted that every community be assessed at the same rate.

On the bus trip back from Annapolis, some of the NECO members said that Lee did not take the organization seriously and therefore did not have to make any serious commitments.

It was evident, one of the members said, that Lee does not realize how many votes can be taken from him if the Northeast section does not endorse him.

For the future, the group says it is planning several strategies, including a city-wide tax assessment meeting in the next two weeks and a meeting with other gubernatorial candidates to see how they stand on the issue of unjust tax assessments.

Edwin Jackson of NECO summed up what the meeting meant to him: "The idea of being there (in Annapolis) to a lot of us, it was a status symbol. For that reason, I would have to say that I was more disappointed in us than in Lee because we weren't as forceful as we could have been."



LEE — Weighing the evidence.

Bills would give property tax credit

ANNAPOLIS — Without debate the House has approved a package of property tax reform bills, including measures that would give all homeowners assessment reductions and some homeowners tax credit increases.

With one exception, the bills, which would cost the state $94.6 million, passed the House unanimously Wednesday. The other measure, involving an extension of the circuit breaker, passed 120-3.

Two of the bills passed would:

— Reduce property assessments 10 percent, costing the state $38.9.

— Extend the circuit breaker, called the Home Property Tax Credit, to persons under 60 years giving them a maximum $450 credit and increase credits for persons above age 60 to a maximum $900, depending on income. That program would cost the state $29.5 million.

The senate also approved the two measures Wednesday.

When the Senate approves the other House-passed property tax measures the bills will be referred to a conference committe to clear up minor differences and then will be sent to Acting Gov. Blair Lee III.

Del. Benjamin Cardin, D-Baltimore and the chairman of the House Ways and Means committee that drew up the bills, said, "We had worked hard to get the full support of the House because this was important tax reform.

"I think that next year we will need to have income tax reform," he said.

Cardin said he thought the bills passed because they were balanced.

"Some people want to relate relief to ability to pay which is what the circuit breaker does and some people think there should be across-the-board relief which is what the assessment rollback accomplishes," he said.

Cardin said the two controversial parts of the package also were the circuit breaker helps the poor and the assessment rollback gives more aid to the rich.

Cardin said approximately 25 percent of all homeowners in the state would be eligible for the circuit breaker under the bill the House and Senate have passed.

Other parts of the package that passed the House include:

— Put a 15 percent ceiling for tax purposes only, on the annual increase in assessed valuation. The program would cost the state $8.3 million.

— Increase state aid by $12.6 million to counties to pay for police protection.

— Repeal the requirement for Baltimore County and Baltimore City to contribute money to the state medicaid program, costing the state $4.5 million.

The House also gave tentative approval Wednesday to a capital budget of $55 million for bond issues for construction projects in the state.

Allergy victims— beware in spring

A Baltimore allergy specialist says if people suffering from scratchy throats, watery eyes, sneezing and coughing are smart they won't sit under a tree smelling flowers like "Ferdinand the Bull."

Dr. Mark Valentine, who works in the allergy division of Good Samaritan Hospital, said spring has kicked off the allergy season that will cause misery for 15 to 29 percent of the population.

"The treatment of choice is to avoid the allergies," he said. "Don't be like Ferdinand the Bull, who preferred to sit in the garden under the cork trees and smell the flowers rather than fight"

He said people with a history of allergies can help minimize their symptons with non-prescription antihistamines. But Valentine said the drugs are only mildly effective.

Valentine said when the ragweed season hits in late August "If you can afford a trip to Europe, take it because there is almost no ragweed there.

"But I don't know if it's tax deductible," he said.

Valentine said the allergy season has already started with the hay fever season, which runs through April. It is followed by the grass pollen season, which lasts until Memorial Day.

Valentine, who is also an associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, said he too suffers from allergies.

"My dog, and hay fever. But mostly, like Snoopy, I'm allergic to morning," Valentine said.

Asked if he has late morning office hours, the 42-year-old graduate of Tufts Medical School said, "Well, we do have to accomodate some early risers."

Valentine said some food allergies are also a seasonal problem.

"People who are allergic to ragweed can also be allergic to watermelon and cantelope. People who are allergic to peanuts can also be allergic to peas and beans," he said.

Valentine warned that anyone allergic to insects, specifically bees and wasps, should be especially careful in warm weather.

"Any patient who has a bad reaction from a sting should ask his doctor to prescribe an emergency kit, which includes adenalin to inject plus other first aid measures."

Jobs rally planned for April

A national march is planned in Washington, D.C. on April 8 in efforts to guarantee full employment for youth, the Baltimore Youth March for Jobs Committee announced this week.

Rosaline Sorrel, a representative for BYMFJ said, "We hope to accomplish support by letting young people know other people care about the jobs situation."

According to a letter sent out to supporters, April 8 is an especially appropriate time to bring this message to Washington. It is the Tenth anniversary (April 4) of the death of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We will be demanding that the government and White House take positive action to provide jobs and a future to seven million youth in this country," a release says.

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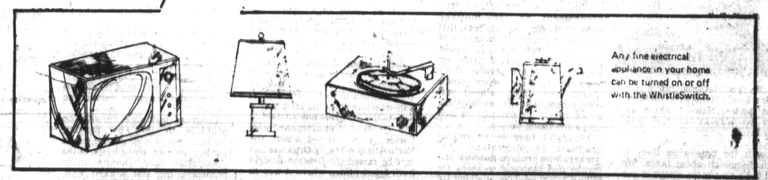

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AFRO Q & A

Q: I've always been confused on why Easter is celebrated on a different Sunday every year. Can you tell me the method that is used and why there is no standard date like Christmas? J. C. Mosher Street.

A: It all started at the First Nicine Council in 325 A.D. At the council meeting the members decided that they would use the first Sunday after the full moon, between March 21 and April 25.

Q: I remember reading something in the AFRO about honey bees at the University of Maryland's College Park campus. Can you tell me how much honey was produced last year?

A: Bees at College Park produced 286,000 pounds of honey in 1977 at an estimated worth of $221,000, according to the State Department of Agriculture. The 1977 figure compares to $262,000 worth of honey produced in 1976.

Q: Could tell me how many person are employed by the State Lottery Commission? Also, how many of the Commissioners are black? W.W. McCullch Street.

A: There is a total of 117 persons employed by the State Lottery Commission and one of the five commissioners is black. His name is Robert Haynes. How is that for fancy numbers?

Q: I am interested in becoming a member of the Timbukto Center. Could you please give me some information about the center and how do I go about joining them. K.T.C., Cold Spring Lane.

A: We have bad news for you. The Timbukto Center located in West Baltimore on Edmondson Avenue will be closing its doors in June. So there is little chance of you being able to join.

Got a question about Baltimore or Baltimoreans, ask us. We'll give it our best shot or tell you who could possibly be of further aid.

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Court Docket

Burglary — Patrick Walsh; guilty, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

Forgery and Counterfeiting — Richard Bruce Boone; guilty count 3, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

Housebreaking — Ronald B. Johnson; guilty count 1, held sub curia.

Forgery — Tracy N. Jones and Kevin Jones; guilty, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

Housebreaking — James N. Harris; guilty, 18 months imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

Robbery With Deadly Weapon — Anthony Truesdale; guilty, held sub curia.

Rape — Eddin H. Brandy; guilty count 1, 4 years imprisonment.

Shoplifting — Virginia Williams, Regina Smith, Karen Kingwood; guilty count 1, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

False Pretenses — Bessie Victoria Brown; guilty, 3 years imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation.

Handgun Violation — Allen N. Stamper; guilty count 1, 18 months imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation.

Narcotics Violations — Franklin A. Lewis; guilty, 20 years imprisonment.

False Report — Ernest G. Robinson; guilty, 6 months imprisonment; suspended, 1 year probation.

Deadly Weapon — Alphonsus A. Lizer Sr.; guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 5 years probation.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Donald Lowery; guilty, 20 years imprisonment.

Murder — John M. Gladden, mistrial declared, hung jury; James Duckett, pending.

Robbery — Tyrone Brown, plea of guilty, 5 years imprisonment.

Breaking And Entering — Andre Miller, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation.

Traffic Violation — Leon Hanna, guilty, 2 months imprisonment, suspended 18 months probation and fine $350.

Murder — Robert W. Mallette, III, plea of guilty 2nd degree, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

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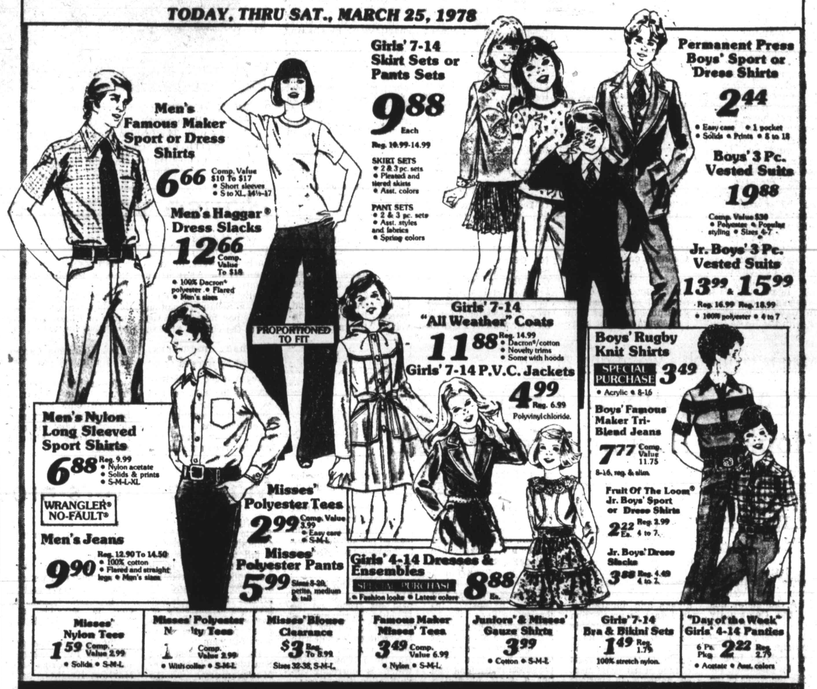

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