—Verda and Willie

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Now, the Fourth District group and the Metro Democrats are forming separate tickets.

Thus speculation reported in the AFRO two weeks ago that much of the political excitement in Baltimore would be in this district is proving out.

The latest split between Welcome and Adams, according to political experts, seemed to have been a foregone conclusion.

The controversy last year over building a McDonald's on the Mondawmin Mall is what brought about the split. Adams wanted the project; Welcome opposed it.

Adams has admitted he and Welcome "had economic differences" citing the McDonald's issue as an example and the senator has stated she would "continue to fight Adams on the issue."

But whatever the reason for the split, Welcome has made sure the strained coalition is not re - established this political year by forming her own ticket.

The ticket includes, Sen. Welcome running for another term; Del. Troy Brailey, going for a fourth term; Howard "Pete" Rawlings, community activist and Dr. Olin, P. Moyd, a Baptist minister.

She has dropped Dels. Kenneth L. Webster and Lloyal Randolph, both members of Metro.

Welcome had pointed out to the AFRO in the past that she dropped Webster because she did not like his political tactics.

She said that he had killed two of her bills in the General Assembly and the only reason he was on the ticket in the last election is because Fourth District and Metro were working together and Metro wanted him and she didn't.

Welcome said she wanted to keep Randolph on her ticket but that she dropped him because it was not known whether Adams was going to put him on his own ticket.

"I waited but they hadn't made up their minds."

The Metro organization, has in fact, not made up its mind who it plans to run, according to Adams.

"Metro has not even discussed candidates," he said. The organization did hold a meeting Thursday but details were not available at press time.

Although Metro has not announced candidate selection, speculation is that Randolph and Webster are to be among those candidates on Metro's ticket and Adams is also trying to locate a strong candidate to challenge Welcome.

He did have Baltimore educator Isaiah "Ike" White as a challenger but White was killed in a traffic accident earlier this year.

The only other names mentioned to date are Wes Ivey, brother of Urban Services head Linwood Ivey and Mary B. Adams, a member of the Democratic State central committee.

There is also speculation that Frank Conaway, head of Ashburton Insurance and a House of Delegates candidate, might join the ticket but Conaway has told the AFRO - he is running independently.

But whoever Adams and Metro decide to run against the Fourth District, the battle lines are clearly drawn in the 40th District already.

—Conaway demands

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Frank M. Conaway, head of Ashburton Insurance Ltd. and a candidate for a seat in the 40th Legislative District, in a strong letter to Carroll this week asked that Carroll either resign his post or withdraw as a candidate in the September 1978 primary from the post he now holds.

"I am deeply troubled by the unwholesome division your candidacy for Court Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas is causing," said Conaway.

"There is some evidence that you do have an element of support from the Supreme Bench," he continued, "However, there is a question in my mind as to whether it may not have been acquired at the expense of with - holding loyalty to your former superior, Paul Chester."

Conaway said further that with - holding the loyalty from Paul Chester is among the "major reasons" why Carroll will "probably never be acceptable politically to the black community, whose voice is articulated through the black caucus."

Frank M. Conaway

Conaway added that the political reality of Carroll's actions could mean that a "non - black" may be able to seize an office which the black community deserves."

Mrs. Ethel Blake attended St. John's

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel H. Blake, were held April 25 at St. John's A.M.E. Church, where she was an active member.

Mrs. Blake, of the 3900 block Bateman Ave., died at her home April 22 after a lengthy illness. Friends of Mrs. Blake state she had more than 75 plants anf lowers in her home.

She was often called upon by her neighbors, family and friends for advice in decorating and dressmaking.

Mrs. Blake was active in numerous organizations at her church. She is survived by two brothers, Edgar Harris and Emory Harris of Cambridge; a sister, Mrs. Glenda Ballard; two adopted daughters, Mrs. Barbara Bentley and Mrs. Ann Fuller; five adopted grandchildren.

—Morning Star

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Records filed this month in Circuit Court by attorney Robert P. Conrad, who is representing several members of the church, state that a few members of the trustee board have "attempted on various occasions to obtain an accounting from the pastor," the Rev. Samuel Ray, and officers of the church, of the receipts and disbursements of the church so that the trustees could properly carry out their duties.

However, court records reveal Rev. Ray, the chairman of the deacon board and chairman and co-chairman of the trustee board have "failed and refused" to account to the trustees.

As a result of the failure to produce an accounting of the church receipts and disbursements, a number of trustees did on Feb. 11, 1978 formally request the minister to cooperate with the trustees in producing additional financial information.

Despite the petition dated Feb. 11, the trustees have not received sufficient information concerning church finances to permit them to carry out their proper function and the trustees believe that the church finances were improperly handled by the minister and chairmen of the deacon and trustee boards, according to court records.

Records filed in Circuit Court state that the board of trustees are the owners of the church property and are charged with the duty of the estate property and inheritance of the same, together with the minister of the church.

"Despite repeated requests, the trustees have received no further breakdown on the proposed expenditures and they are unable to act on the budget as proposed," records state.

The trustees' attorney also states in the court record that the plaintiffs are asking the court for the present finances of the church and for past receipts and disbursements for a period of not less than six years.

Conrad told the AFRO, "There are no allegations of any wrong doing. The only allegation is that the trustees have not been given information necessary to ascertain whether or not the money is being spent properly."

"A lot of these churches just don't have a business-like way of accounting for their money. Many of the churches have been run by the minister and are dealing with an awful lot of money," said an attorney.

Again, the Morning Star case is symptomatic of new kinds of power struggles developing in many black churches, particularly Baptist churches where the minister's absolute authority over fiscal and spiritual matters is being challenged by younger members... who have become officials of such churches.

—Dean 'baffled'

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Sen. Blount could not be reached for comment at presstime, but told the AFRO in earlier statements that he is behind his delegates all the way.

He also told the AFRO, however, that Oaks "looked good" and that he had "done his homework" in preparing for the legislature and he would have to support him.

Which brings up the question: What are Blount's plans for a 1978 legislative ticket?

There has been speculation that the reason for Blount's reluctance to take Dean on is the disagreement Dean had with Blount and his Five and Five political organization during the 1974 race over campaign money.

But Dean quickly discounts that speculation as the reason for the current rumors.

"Back in 1975, I was asked to come to a meeting with Blount at his house on Saturday," he said. "There had been discussion as to what type of slate was going to be put together, so I thought the meeting would be between me and Blount."

Dean said when he got to Blount's house the entire Five and Five group was there and they had asked him to join them on a ticket which included Blount and Maceo Williams, former Bay College vice president, and Del. Pinkney Howell.

"I had no argument with running on the ticket," said Dean, "But they asked me to put up $1,500 to participate."

"It wasn't a question of the money," Dean pointed out. "Being on a ticket saves a lot on campaign expense but the problem was they didn't discuss it with me."

Dean said the end result was an "amputated bumper sticker" with his name cut out.

At the present time Dean has no idea if he will be on Blount's ticket or not.

He did say, however, if he's not on Blount's, he can still put together an effective campaign.

He pointed out he sees the issue this year as "taxes, property and otherwise" and unemployment.

But Dean was quick to add that campaign issues are most often overshadowed by "personality squabbles."

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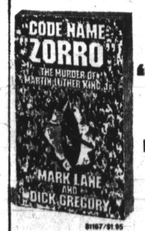

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Park Heights residents protest MTA plans

It was one of those meetings where you wait 30 minutes before it begins and waiting causes folks to have a sense of anticipation. Someone was going to learn something.

The 150 Park Heights residents who came out on Monday night, April 24, to the Lewin Methodist Church were well aware of what they intended to do. The Park Heights Community Corporation had organized the meeting to help change the Mass Transit Administration's mind about a new bus garage.

This public hearing was called to protest an MTA proposal to build a garage in the Park Heights (northwest) section.

The state transportation agency was considering building the facility at the old Carlins amusement park for a 300 - vehicle bus storage yard and garage. MTA says it is trying to relocate its presently crowded Retreat Street yards in the northwest area.

"Here comes MTA bringing us buses. No matter what they tell us those buses are going to bring nothing but smoke and air pollution," said James Young, the vice president of the Park Heights Community Corporation (PHCC) and one of the first speakers.

No policy making administrators from MTA attended the meeting to answer questions from the residents. But there was one representative, Mike Maranio, the community relations person from MTA.

Mariano was referred to as a "whipping boy" by Baltimore City Councilman Michael Mitchell who said MTA sent him to be the man who everyone talked about but the residents were aware of the tactic.

"As a result of concerns raised by you at a recent meeting, we've (MTA) gone back to the drawing board," Maranio began. "We've gone back to study the original 24 sites."

"We envision 18 sites being looked at again. We have heard you and we are looking into your concerns again."

Many of the residents didn't believe him, including Howard "Pete" Rawlings, an announced candidate for legislative office in the 40th District, one of the speakers. He said the battle to prevent MTA from locating a garage in Park Heights has a long history.

He added that the report given to the community from MTA contained an excess of racism.

"The document they presented to you is full of discrepancies and code words that indicate the bias of the study," Rawlings said.

Rawlings added that 10 sites were rejected from the study that had many of the same characteristics of the Carlins Circle site in Park Heights.

The report he was referring to is called "Site Selection for Northwest Bus Facility," prepared by Baltimore Transportation Inc. for MTA in October 1977.

One of the code words Rawlings was referring to was the term "high quality residential area" used to reject the University of Baltimore property that was under consideration.

Exactly what that term means is not explained in the report.

Another phase of the report was its rejection of the Greenspring Avenue site. "The site is quite close to Sinai Hospital, which would be a very strong deterrent of the construction of a bus facility in the area," it says.

But the report does not mention the fact that the Carlins Circle site is near Provident Hospital.

Another site removed from future consideration was the Seton Property located north of Liberty Heights Avenue, west of Northern Parkway. "Development of the remaining area as a bus facility would place the facility in close proximity to residential areas," it says.

But there is no mention in the evaluation of the Carlins Circle site that the Park Heights site is in the heart of a residential district.

When asked by Councilwoman Rochelle Spector how much the Mass Transit Administration was planning on spending to build a new facility, Maranio said $12 million had been allocated.

Ms. Spector then asked him what was the possibility of building a double decker at the present Retreat Street facility and he said "in all probability, yes."

"For $12 million, I think MTA can afford to stay at Retreat Street and that's what they need to do," Spector said when she spoke later.

Look up the number—or pay 20 cents

Staff members of the state Public Service Commission and the agency's People's Counsel have expressed their support for a proposal by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. to charge for excessive directory assistance calls.

Assistant People's Counsel Philip S. Shapiro said only a small portion of "businesses and lazy subscribers" make more than 12 information calls a month.

He said currently, the cost of providing directory assistance is built into everyone's telephone bill and "to have all customers subsidize a few is not fair."

The function of the People's Counsel is to represent the interests of state residents before the Commission, and it has frequently opposed utility proposed rate increases.

The phone company proposal would allow a 20 cent fee for all information calls above a maximum of 12 a month.

Also favoring the proposal were the Commission's accounting and engineering divisions.

Marshall Stokely, chief PSC auditor, said he thought the limit of 12 calls was too many, but by law the commission could not lower the number.

Commission Chairman Thomas J. Hatem and Commissioner Michael D. Barnes voted to hold a hearing on the proposal before deciding the issue, as they were asked to do by opponents of the proposal.

After two years of debate, the Maryland legislature passed a law last year allowing the Commission to approve a proposal such as the one submitted by the phone company.

However, the legislation passed by the General Assembly required certain guidelines for any such proposal, including the 12 call minimum.

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