—Keating vs Swisher

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Keating comes into the race for the State's Attorney's office when no black candidates have yet declared for this post.

Although there is a strong search to place a black lawyer in the contest, no announcement has been made so far. Some persons are "standing in the wings," according to members of the Monumental Bar Association, the organization of black lawyers.

Keating's announcement to oppose Swisher this week, flays the present State's Attorney's office as failing to take action against white collar crime and crime in general.

He says Swisher and his assistants are not effective as prosecutors and the States Attorney should be a person qualified to use the powers of his office in an effective way — "one who does mote than simply sit behind his desk, one with ability to go into court and set examples for those who work for him."

Swisher has been accused, by Keating and others, of not having knowledge and background to give training to his staff. Black citizens have scored him for letting Assistant State's Attorneys John Denholm and Mary Ann Willen go "hog wild" in attempting to get indictments against leading black citizens "for the sake of indictments."

Recently Swisher was attacked publically for lack of control over his staff. He himself admitted to the AFRO he does not know just what Denholm and Willen are doing but "supposes" they are conducting investigations within the law.

Swisher has admitted the federal government is "breathing down his neck." A Maryland senator and a congressman plan investigations on the activities of the Swisher force and specialy on Denholm and Willen operations recently termed "witch hunting."

Challenger Keating cites his record as showing fine years trial experience, first as a prosecutor and then as a public defender with a record number of some 1,000 cases in the local criminal courts.

He says he will not spend four years as a "desk-bound caretaker" but if elected will go into court and prosecute.

He states there are many men and women, black and white, who are qualified to go on the State's Attorney's Office staff as prosecutors.

Claiming that the present state's attorney is "politically obligated," he says the capable prosecutors who could be on the staff are denied opportunity "because they lack influence, connections and affiliation" with the "right" political organization.

He says Swisher diverts the energies and time his duties demand by "currying political favor." He also claims the present state's attorney fails to foster an atmospher of cooperation with the U.S. attorney and the Maryland attorney general.

Other failures cited include the mandatory life imprisonment sentence without possible parole for four times offenders, a law by the 1975 Maryland legislature, which has never been invoked since passage.

He asks, "How can people have faith in a justice system which allows the "big fish" to get away?"

Keating notes that the present State's Attorney's records show 48 percent of the persons charged with crimes by that office in April, 1978, were released without trial all to show Swisher's ineffectiveness in office.

—Conaway files

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Later Conaway said: I am running for election from the 40th District because I believe our community needs intelligent, conservative leadership in the state legislature.

"In the 40th District, unemployment, crime and housing still remain acute problems. I intend to use my vote in Annapolis to support and initiation aimed to solve these urban ills," he said.

Conaway further pointed out: "There must be more jobs available in state agencies for women and other minorities in Annapolis and in Baltimore city.

"There is no doubt about it that we are under-represented on boards and commissions which determine policy. I intend to address this job problem, and the related fact of discrimination in hiring."

Conaway has indicated that he is running as an independent candidate because "our district needs an independent voice in Annapolis."

He added, howe has not firmly closed the door on an alliance with other candidates.

"It is entirely possible that a ticket may be formed with the kind of philosophy I can live with, so I am not closing any doors against a possible alliance," he said.

Conaway, 45, has spent this past legislative session in a new role, as insurance lobbyist.

From January to March 1978, as a registered and recognized expert, he supported legislation for his clients in the insurance field, providing sensitive background information so that rights of consumers were given high priority.

—St. Martin's plans college

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"We haven't heard from them in two and a half weeks," said Lorenzo. "Time is running short so we just decided to start our own school."

Though a little vague on the details, Lorenzo said that the two year school will be "religious supported along the same lines as Morgan, Loyola and Oral Roberts University."

"We're hoping the school will be ready to open in the fall," he explained. "Oh, we don't have a curriculum yet but we know where the students are. Remember every student is worth $18,000 and it will be open to all.

He added that those students the committee had proposed to provide for Bay College could be used to fill their own school.

The committee's proposal had called for providing Bay with $2.5 million and at least 1,200 students for the school.

The plan would be put into effect only when Sidney Kaplan, chairman of the board of trustees, stepped down from his present position and Dr. Frederick Nims, former president of Bay, was reappointed.

Meanwhile Bay continues to have problems.

A curtain of silence still engulfs the school raising some questions as to its future.

The school is ending its third week under federal receivership and its second week of classes under the receivership and already there are reports the students and school staff are showing signs of discontent.

School officials have ended the evening classes listed on the late spring semester schedule during registration and now close the building every day at five p.m.

Teachers have not been given the pay promised them May 15. Grant money for the students is also a week late.

The official enrollment has not exceeded 200 students and less than 100 students are attending classes.

No one inside or outside of the school knows what the situation is. Charles Howard the federal trustee désignate, has refused to discuss the problem. Sidney Kaplan, chairman of the board of trustees, has made himself scarce since late April when rumors that Bay would close down began.

According to reports he has not returned anyone's calls in connection with college business including the trustee members.

Herbert Singleton, the student body's legal advisor, said that the curtain of silence should be lifted and lashed out at the local politicians for remaining quiet during Bay College's trouble.

He added that he believes that because of the present financial plight of the school and the long silence a lot of money could go unaccounted for.

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—Rev. Silver new Baptist prexy

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Dr. Silver, a native of Halifax County, N.C., has been a minister 30 years and married 30 years to the former Miss Theophra Harris of Wilkesboro, N.C. They have five children.

He has been pastor of Concord Baptist 18 years and will take office as the new convention president after the executive board meeting next week.

Highlights of the past four years were given in the final address by Dr. Alexander on the second day of the convention. The gathering is expected to reach a total of more than 10,000 by closing sessions May 26.

Dr. Alexander presides at the last session at 7 p.m. with Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, head of the Women's Convention, announcing new officers and reports of committees and auxiliaries.

Mrs. Jacqueline Brooks will give summaries of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Convention.

Dr. Alexander's four-year term saw the completion of the Baptist Aged Home. The FRED Committee under Rev. Drs. Lorenzo Graves and Arthur Jones, chairman of the trustee board, was lauded for the rebuilding of the home.

Also reviewed was the financial status which shows a balance of nearly $200,000 at the year's end.

Mrs. Catherine Greene and members of the Trustee Aides are credited with contributing more than $2,000 to the FRED building fund. Also praised for service are Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, president and the Women's Convention and many community clubs and organizations.

The incoming officers headed by Dr. Silver are: Revs. Lorenzo Graves, first vice president; Olin Myd, second vice president; Nathaniel Higgs, third vice president; John Wright, treasurer; Richard Ogle III, corresponding secretary; E. Jerry Williams, recording secretary, Lawyer L. Swinson, statistician and Herman Williamson, auditor.

Installation services led by Dr. W. L. Clayton were May 23 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah.

The appointed officials are the same as the preceding year:

Rev. A. D. Nance, director of Finance

Rev. Bernard Boyd, secretary of Finance

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Rev. James Ball, chairman, Home Mission Board

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BAPTIST MINISTERS who were elected on May 23 at the annual United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland meeting were the Revs. Lorenzo Graves, Olin P. Moyd and Nathaniel Higgs.

TOP OFFICERS of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland shown from left are the Revs. James Gray Jr., assistant recording secretary; Matthew Silver, president; E. Jerry Williams, recording secretary; John Wright, treasurer. Back row shows the Rev. Herman Williamson, auditor; Lawyer L. Swinson, statistician and Richard Ogle, corresponding secretary.

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BY JOE BLACK

By the Way

Time has a way of sneaking up on us and before we know it, it is D-Day. This time D-Day is the U.S. census count that will take place in 1980.

Somewhere, somehow, Black and other minorities have acquired the notion that we are "beating" the man when we fail to tell the truth when asked how many people reside in our house or apartment. I don't know the reasoning behind this conjecture, but I am going to state some facts and then let you decide who really loses when we cheat the census count.

Fact 1. Population totals are used to determine how many representatives from each state will go to Congress. (I know that we are not satisfied with only sixteen Black Congressmen.)

Fact 2. Revenue sharing allocations by the Federal Government are apportioned annually on the basis of the local and state population. (This has a direct bearing on food stamp programs, work incentive programs, CETA, child nutrition act, etc.)

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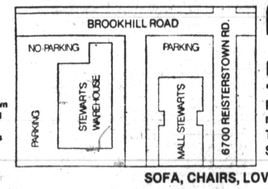

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