—Beauty contest turns ugly

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guidelines from the national office in New York and that's all I can do."

He continued, "The judges I selected for the pageant are professional and of high moral and social standing. They would not stoop to such a thing as fixing a pageant and I would not stoop to

"The pageant was fixed. We have contacted four judges that say they would go to court and swear they didn't vote for Michelle," said Miss Harrington, serving as spokesperson for the group.

On Wednesday afternoon also the contestants decided to demand certain things of Mr. Hulbert and said if he didn't complay they would sue.

"We will file a suit against 'Hot-Rod' if he doesn't cooperate," said Miss Harrington. The young women are demanding that Mr. Hulbert refund each of the contestants' $100 sponsorship fee, $350 each expenses, strip the title of Miss Black America of Maryland 1978 from Miss Michelle Yates and that a new pageant, with new judges, a new director be held in a public place free of charge to guests.

Replying to the charge of the pageant being fixed, Hulbert said, "My pageant is straight. Very straight. I followed the ask them."

Aside from charges already stated, Hulbert is also charged with mismanagement of funds and disorganization.

"We never received a receipt for the $100 sponsorship fee paid Mr. Hulbert. He promised us a decorated stage and said originally the pageant was to be held at Morgan State University. He is a big liar and a cheat," stated Miss Harrington.

In response, Hulbert said that the $100 sponsorships paid to him were used to produce the pageant and the rest will go toward the trip of Miss Black Maryland to the national finals.

Hulbert presented a letter to this reporter from Morgan State University stating that the auditorium on the campus would be unavailable on the June 4 date requested. The letter was on official Morgan State University letterhead. It caused him to switch to the Greenspring school site.

The AFRO was able to obtain copies of the judges' voting sheets. This reporter's examination of same indicated that there had been no tampering with these forms.

Judges for the ninth annual pageant included the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers Managing Editor Ralph Matthews; WMAR-TV's anchorman, Dennis Holly; Eva Anderson, artistic director, Baltimore Dance Theatre; Margaret C. Lindsay, chairperson of Music, Forest Park High and assistant director, Morgan State University Chorus;

Alfie J. Williams, On Air Consultant to WEBB Radio and Larry Wilson, Public Services Director, WCAO AM-WXYZ-FM.

Responding to the accusations in reference to the fairness and honesty of the pageant, Larry Wilson said, "As far as my knowledge of the pageant is concerned—everything was above board. I had no knowledge of the pageant judging until I was given rules and regulations upon my arrival at Greenspring Junior High.

"I followed the regulations for judging from the national headquarters of Miss Black America to the best of my ability."

Judge Dennis Holly's feelings concurred with those of Wilson but did add, "Because of all the issues that have been raised I do feel some investigation needs to be made of the pageant."

The AFRO's Ralph Matthews simply stated, "I will soon write about this whole unfortunate situation."

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Lee institutes hiring freeze

ANNAPOLIS — Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, reacting to the taxpayers' revolt in California, said Thursday he has ordered a hiring freeze in state government because the only way to control taxes is to control state spending.

"I am going to take some steps which flow directing out of proposition 13," Lee said, referring to the initiative passed recently by California voters, which limits property taxes in the west coast state.

Lee said California has much higher property taxes, $415 per capita, than Maryland at $239 per capita, but "if proposition 13 had been on the ballot in Maryland last week, it would have passed."

"I think the California vote, although a little irrational, was a valid expression of taxpayer outrage and frustration," he said.

However, Lee said articical tax ceilings are not the way to cut taxes.

"The only effective way to control taxes is to control expenses," he said.

To control state expenditures, he ordered a freeze on all new hiring for all state agencies. Only those new jobs approved by the department of budget and fiscal planning will be filled, Lee said.

The last hiring freeze was imposed in 1975.

Lee said the Department of Budget and Fiscal planning also will compose a list of all state jobs that have been vacant more than a year and they will be abolished by the board of public works.

A third Lee order will cut out-of-state travel expenses for state employees by 33 percent.

He said the total savings of the three measures will be about $5 million—not a substantial dent in Maryland $4.5 billion budget.

"But the only way to start saving is to start saving," Lee said. "We have to develop the ability to say no."

Lee said Maryland taxpayers already are scheduled to receive about $122 million in tax relief through tax cuts approved by the 1978 General Assembly.

The acting governor said he does not expect taxpayer rebellion to be a campaign issue in the gubernatrial race.

Lee strenuously opposed giving Maryland voters the constitutional right of initiative — the right used by Californaia voters to get proposition 13 on their election ballots.

"I think it's a terrible idea," he said. "We work on the representative system of government. Initiatives are neeessarily simplistic."

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Lee, Schaefer to discuss prison

Acting Gov. Blair Lee III and Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer will meet next week to discuss a planned 890-bed prison to be built at Fort Armistead Park in South Baltimore.

They discussed the prison site while cruising aboard the Maryland Lady, the state yacht.

The 1978 Central Assembly passed Lee's bill to move the site of the prison from the Old Continental Can Co. site in East Baltimore to Fort Armistead Park if city and federal approval can be gained by Feb. 15, 1978.

Baltimore and the federal government must approve the plan becuase the park land was deeded to the city by the federal government on the condition that it be used as a park.

So far, Schaefer has not given city approval to the Fort Armistead prison proposal.

More juvenile investigation

Thursday morning Judge Joseph Kaplan sitting in Criminal Court, signed an order for Juvenile Court to make an investigation to determine if Juvenile Court should take jurisdiction in the case of two youths charged with murder, kidnap and extortion.

The two youths are Michael Evans, 16 and Joseph Nowlan, 15, charged as adult in the May 1 death by drowning of Mario Howe, age 7, 3200 block Royce Ave.

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Bay College to pay debts from federal funds

Bay College officials may have found a way to pay off some the junior college's $1.6 million debt.

The AFRO learned this week from sources close to the board of trustees that the expected surplus of $800,000 predicted for next year by Sidney Kaplan, chairman of the board of trustees, will be from federal money left over from grants of the current Bay College graduating class.

Some of that money — between $80,000 to $90,000, acording to officials — would be used to pay the debts while the rest may be used for an escrow fund.

Expenses said Kaplan would be between $700,000 and $725,000.

The financial situation of the bankrupt junior college came out after Judge Joseph O. Kaiser, the federal bankruptcy judge, told school officials they had until July 5 to devise a plan for paying off the debts.

Kaplan said that more than $300,000 of the college's $700,000 in asset were owed the school for back tuition and loan repayments and that most of it was probably uncollectable.

He further told the judge that officials have planned cost cutting measures which include ending the athletic program, stopping the use of outside consultants and discontinuing free parking for staff and faculty.

The parking lot on Franklin Street has already been turned over to the Allright Parking Co., owned by board member Alan Quille.

Bay College's long line of creditors include the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare, the State Unemployment Security Administration, the State Manpower planning office,

Jefferey Press, Xerox Corp. and other private businesses.

Jeffery Levenson, of Jeffery Press, said the college owed his company about $5,000 but he did not expect to be paid the full sum.

"I'd like to get 50 cents on the dollar and be done withe whole proposition. Otherwise; we're going to be involved for years," he said.

The college also owed HEW $500,000 and the manpower office officials claim they owed $5,780.

Federal trustee official Charles P. Howard said, however revised estimates showed the federal agency was owed less than $200,000 and they only owe the manpower office $1,468.30.

Yet, despite its debts the school plans to continue operating if it can get approval for the payment plan and approval of its facilities and academic operations by the state Board for Higher Education.

Lawson appointed Coppin v.p.

The dean of education for Coppin State College has been appointed the school's vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Cassell A. Lawson was appointed late Tuesday by Dr. Calvin W. Burnett after an extensive nationwide search for college officials.

His appointment becomes effective July 1.

Lawson is a graduate of Langston University in Oklahoma with a master's degree from Indiana Univ ible for the planning and development of the undergraduate and graduate curriculum, coordination of research and public service by faculty and students and will exercise line authority over five academic deans and the director of the library.

Lawson came to Coppin in 1977 after serving for a year as assistant to the vice president of administration at Morgan State University.

Prior to that he was assistant professor and director of center of urban educationuand before that acting president of Roxbury Community College.

A former Rockerfeller Fellow, Lawson told the AFRO he was happy about his appointment and said it came because "It was a team effort between the faculty and the staff," he said, "utilizing all the resources that were available to me."

"I like Coppin," he said. "I want to be the vice-president of a small or moderate size public college or university because I feel I understand the hopes and aspirations of faculty, students and community concerning the university college concepts. "Eventually," he added. "I want to be a small college president."

Dr. Cassell Lawson

Port administrator gets appointed

State Transportation Secretary Hermann K. Intemann says W. Gregory Halpin will head the MUARYLAND Port Administration because he is the most qualified for the job, having been employed by the agency since 1959.

Intemann said Wednesday Halpin will succeed Joseph Stanton, who retired at the end of 1977 after serving as port administrator for 21 years.

Intemann said, "Greg Halpin has spent nearly 20 years serving the port of Baltimore. As a result of his innovative communications programs, Baltimore now enjoys a prominent place in the worldwide maritime community."

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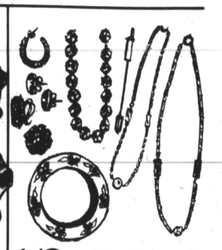
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