—Is Sachs stalling?

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"This office has no intention in stonewalling any complaint," he said, referring to Sachs' campaign promise last year of equal justice. "We intended the meeting with EEOC to work out a way of handling the claims. Some of them are very old claims made under a continuing system devised a while ago."

Millman added that Sachs did not participate in the meetings.

While no one in the EEOC office was available for comment several officials in the office who refused to be identified related stories of how some affirmative action officials in the university turned over the necessary figures to their superiors for the EEOC office and when they contacted EEOC later they discovered that the figures never arrived.

They also said that while the Attorney General's office and top university officials during the Burch regime resisted all efforts at the resolution of the discrimination complaints the office now is "less cooperative than ever."

Millman told the AFRO that the allegations were not true pointing out his office was "taking a step back" in order to work out a new system of handling EEOC discrimination complaints.

"We have some plans to totally reorganize the way the Attorney General's office is handling not only the University of Maryland complaints but all EEOC discrimination complaints," he said. "We're planning to hire another person to handle these cases along with our present staff."

Millman said that the reorganization will streamline the current process and consolidate all the EEOC complaints under one division.

He added that he expects to have the new attorney on board by the end of August.

—William Sykes named

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"The most critical and least conscionable issue in Maryland education is the fact that by accident of geography one child may have substantially fewer educational resources at his disposal than another," he said.

Sykes' support of increased aid to the poorer school districts is also the goal of Baltimore city school officials along with those of rural counties in their suit against the state over its school aid formula.

Sykes said he realizes that the suit means he must be careful about what he says but pointed out the board is on record as favoring state aid for more "equalization" and "to the extent I can in my position speak out for equalization, I intend to do so."

Former head of the Model Cities program Sykes also cited his stand on other important educational issues.

The issues include competency testing, a program he will support until a better alternative is developed and "defrilling" the school curriculums as budgets get tighter which he also favors.

On desegregation of Maryland schools Sykes said "that it will always remain an issue."

The concept that it takes a certain number of white children in the building to make a good school is one I find repulsive," he said.

A graduate of Hampton Institute, with a master's degree in social work from Howard Sykes is not only the first black to hold the top position on the board but also the first Baltimorean. He feels his residency is just as significant as his face.

He said the most important action of his service on the board thus far has been his role in the selection of David Hornbeck as state superintendent.

—Moyd says 'no'

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Mrs. Adams is the state central committee chairman and a member of Metro. According to some sources Moyd was not able to deliver the minister's endorsements in exchange for the seat.

But Moyd denies this, pointing out he could not possibly deliver the ministers' endorsement to Mrs. Adams.

This is apparently substantiated by the fact that the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Baptist Minister's Conference seem to be focusing their attention on the 5th District council race.

Moyd is also, according to other sources, considered a loyal member of Fourth District, despite having some problems with the Fourth District's present slate.

Moyd said he will be making his own endorsements but refused to say who these would include.

Mrs. Adams told the AFRO that an official meeting to name a replacement would be called "according to the constitution."

The meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Enoch Pratt Library on Cathedral Street.

Persons interested in the position, said Mrs. Adams will "be given an opportunity to speak for themselves" and at that time she and Councilwoman Victorine Adams, the other member, will "take a public vote."

—Douglass

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Reliable sources said the biggest endorsement problem could come from Ray Clark, head of Local 44 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees.

Clark told the AFRO that it is not the labor leadership that makes the endorsement decision but the membership.

"I don't know how they're going to do," he said pointing out that voting would take place late Thursday. "However, Douglass may have problems, though. He's got a lot of explaining to do concerning his support of the cut in sick leave and the pension plan we didn't want."

At prestime no news of a decision was available.

As far as he is personally concerned, Clark said he has an open mind."

Douglass thus far has received the endorsement from almost every black political faction as well as a number of white organizations.

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Gas heads for $1 per gallon

Maryland motorists paid more than a penny more per gallon last week for gasoline as they average pump price continued to climb toward the $1 mark, an automobile Club of Maryland survey showed.

Spokesman William P. Zorzi said the clubs weekly survey of 30 stations found pump prices of: premium 86.9 cents a gallon, up 1.6 cents; no lead 97.1, up 1.7 cents, and regular 92.7, up 1.5 cents.

"It's maintaining a tremendous pace," Zorzi said. "Its running well over a penny each week, which is a very fast clip."

Zorzi said gas supplies were good and should continue to hold up as the end of the month approaches.

"We're certainly holding our own," he said. "I certainly feel we will make it through July, but the rest of the summer is up to the dealers and the department of energy."

Zorzi said gas station openings have not been a problem for motorists except during the evenings. He said 24 of the 30 stations close by 8 p.m. Weekend openings have caused no problems, he said.

The odd-even gas plan will be an open day July 31 because it is followed by an odd day, Zorzi said. All motirists will be able to buy gas on July 31.

Zorzi said he did not know if a planned nationwide protest by independent gas dealers would affect the gas situation in Maryland during August.

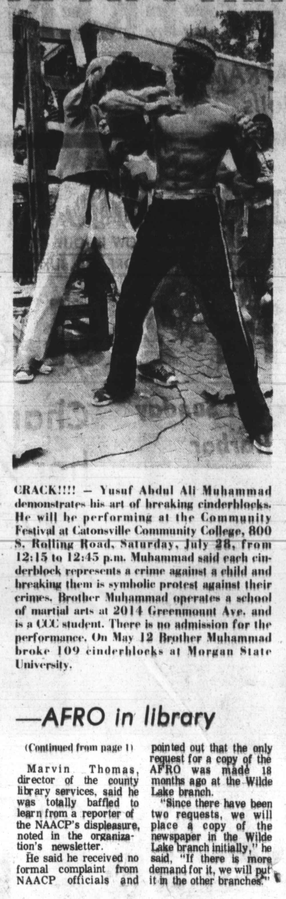
The dealers voted to participate in a nationwide demonstration in Washington Aug. 1 to protest the Energy Departments 15.4 cents profit margin ceiling.

"That's the only bad spot on the horizon," Zorzi said, referring to the protest. "If that is resolved it seems to me well certainly make it through the summer and then things should get better in the fall."

Vic Rashfed, president of the Greater Washington — Maryland Service Station Association, said his dealers would join the proposed nationwide tow-truck convoy to Washington. He said Maryland dealers had opposed a station shutdown.

"We are not even talking shutdown," Rashfed said. "The only thing is we don't know what individual dealers might do. We know the mood is one of frustration."

Rashfed said member dealers want to be able to raise prices above administration ceilings: to freeze rents on stations as long as their is a shortage; to have allocations equal the amounts delivered in 1972 or 1978, whichever is greater, and to reduce allocations delivered to self-service stations.



CRACK!!!! — Yusuf Abdul Ali Muhammad demonstrates his art of breaking cinderblocks. He will be performing at the Community Festival at Catonsville Community College, 800 S. Rolling Road, Saturday, July 28, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Muhammad said each cinderblock represents a crime against a child and breaking them is symbolic protest against their crimes. Brother Muhammad operates a school of martial arts at 2014 Greenmount Ave. and is a CCC student. There is no admission for the performance. On May 12 Brother Muhammad broke 109 cinderblocks at Morgan State University.

—AFRO in library

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Marvin Thomas, director of the county library services, said he was totally baffled to learn from a reporter of the NAACP's displeasure, noted in the organization's newsletter.

He said he received no formal complaint from NAACP officials and pointed out that the only request for a copy of the AFRO was made 18 months ago at the Wilde Lake branch.

"Since there have been two requests, we will place a copy of the newspaper in the Wilde Lake branch initially," he said, "If there is more demand for it, we will put it in the other branches."

—Mfume miffed

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The station asked the question why change the name of the neighborhoods like Oldtown and Patterson Park when it would only serve to confuse the residents and other Baltimoreans accustomed to calling those neighborhoods by their old names.

Kweisi Mfume

Mfume feels that it should be the choice of the residents and neighborhood groups whether or not to change the name of the neighborhoods as they see fit.

Mfume told the AFRO he is considering filing a complaint with the Complaints and Compliance Division of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

Under the FCC regulations, television stations are to allot response time for editorials "dealing with public importance."

Mfume said he is the public and the editorial was important to him.

Few local eateries due gold stars

The city is ready to give out gold stars for sanitary conditions in restaurants, but it doesn't look like many eating establishments are worthy of them.

Since February, more than 3,000 stores and restaurants have been inspected. But so far, "nobody qualifies for the award," the health commissioner said.

To get an award, a food establishment must pass an unannounced sanitation inspection, scoring 90 out of 100 pints for spotless equipment, good food and the absence of vermin and dust.

"Nobody qualifies for the award," said City Health Commissioner John B. DeHoff. "Maybe a 98 is too high."

He explained the city wanted to use the awards to "raise the quality of sanitation in food establishments without decreasing the quality of food inspections." The program was started in February for restaurants and food stores and award certificates already have been printed for prospective winners.

Mayor William Donald Schaffer is ready to sign the documents, suitable for framing.

Realtors issue warning about 'for sale' signs

The greater Baltimore Board of Realtors has drafted a letter cautioning realtors about posing "for sale" signs on property in the wake of a court ruling knocking down an ordinance banning the signs.

Board spokesman C. Willis Hammons said the letter will be sent to 500 city realtors urging them to use discretion in posting the signs. Many brokers have held off posting signs until it is decided whether city attorneys will appeal the July 13 ruling.

Judge Mary Arabian ruled illegal the five-year city ordinance banning the signs.

The ban was placed in effect in to restore stability to neighborhoods plagued by panic selling when blacks moved into an area.

Arabian's ruling came in the case of a city realtor who filed a suit seeking to overturn the ban. She said "it was highly unlikely" that Baltimore residents would be victims of "panic peddling and resort to panic selling."

The boards letter said it agreed with Arabian's statement and cautioned discretionary use of the signs to prevent any type of panic selling.

Judge rules convicts rights not violated

U.S. District Judge Frank A. Kaufman has ruled that 513 inmates at a state prison were not denied their constitutional rights when they volunteered for an experimental medical program.

Kaufman said the House of Corrections inmates were unable to prove "any violation of their constitutional rights" by state prison officials and the University of Maryland medical school doctors who sponsored the program.

The class action suit was filed because inmates claimed the mere fact that they were in prison made it impossible for them to give free consent to participate in the program.

The program, which ran from 1958 to early 1976, included tests for typhoid, cholera and malaria. The program ended when the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare stopped funding it.

"Some persons may prefer that if society's needs require that human beings be subjects of a non-dangerous, temporarily disabling, unpleasant medical experiments, such subjects should either be chosen by lot or at least not come only from the ranks of the socially or economically underprivileged, including prison inmates," said Kaufman.

"Such preference, even if valid, does not add up to a presently established constitutional absolute."

The suit was filed on behalf of inmates who participated in the experiments from 1973 to 1976. Another 3,000 inmates involved in the testing could not become part of the suit because the statute of limitations had run out.

State officials had claimed the inmates volunteered and were paid.

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Druid Hill YMCA to reopen in March 1980

What do you think? Let us know about it

In 1976, the Greater Baltimore Area YMCA closed its Druid Hill branch at 1619 Druid Hill Ave. in the Upton planning area. The Druid YM had long been a vital institution in the black community.

The property was given back to the city with the understanding that the city would lease the physical education portion of the facility back to the YMCA after completion of the first phase of total renovation.

The remaining space in the facility would be used by several other community agencies following the completion of Phase II in 1981.

The facility would be named the Lillian M. Jackson Multi - Purpose Center.

Step one in the planning and implementation to re - establish a YMCA in the Upton area is completion of a study to determine how community members feel the YMCA may best serve the area.

Other steps include forming a task force to work with results and recommendations of the study and the continued involvement of the community in the various stages of the re - opening process.

A study, was formed to conduct interviews among members of the proposed Jackson Center community.

A list of more than 200 community members was compiled which included persons who presently live in the Upton area; were members of the former Druid Hill branch YMCA; were members of the board of managers of the Druid Hill branch; current members of the Northwest branch YMCA or its board of managers which has provided services to parts of Upton; are youth in the Northwest section of the city, or are prominent members of the black community, such as lawyers, doctors, politicians, etc., who can help influence decision making in Baltimore.

A survey with 12 questions was used which sought information concerning the previous relationships with the Druid Hill branch, community support, projected program needs, and community involvement in the re - opening process.

Questions were open - ended to allow respondents to provide as much information as possible.

Those responding to the questionnaire indicated some of the factors they thought had contributed to the closing of the Druid Hill branch.

Some of the reasons listed included lack of sufficient income, poorer people residing in the area, programs did not meet community needs, facility in poor condition, competition with other agencies offering free services and community at lqrge unaware of YMCA's problems.

Survey respondents commented on the impact on the area as a result of the YMCA branch closing.

Six people felt the positive influence of the YMCA on the community ceased when the branch closed. Other answers said children have nowhere to go, lack of social services for families and increased crime because youth have little to occupy their time.

One potentially beneficial outcome of the branch closing according to survey answers was an increased awareness that the community needs to work and organize to prohibit closings of community organizations.

All the people interviewed except one felt there would be support from area residents for the Lillian M. Jackson Multi - Purpose Center. The one person who did not feel there would be support felt so because he believed there is not enough money in the community.

Those persons who feel there is support recommended strong public relations, the YMCA must stay in tune with the community and involve the community in determining the direction the YMCA will take, programs must meet the needs of the area residents and community and other civic groups must also use the facility.

The following programs and services were recommended for when the YMCA reopens: a complete recreational program for youth and adults, educational, tutorial and vocational services, social and black cultural experiences, large youth program, information center, swimming, day camping;

And, senior citizen outreach, health programs, community discussion groups, Bible classes, political awareness and employment opportunities.

Ten program ideas were arranged in order of their importance by the respondents. They felt the YMCA branch should provide, in order of most important, youth program, parent - child, informal education, health services, fitness, recreational sports, volunteer - leadership training, swimming, special clubs and international programs.

Those answering the questionnaire suggested names and organizations which could be contacted to provide volunteer leadership for the operation of the branch. Churches and church leaders, probation department volunteer coordinators, university sociology departments, community organizations, fraternities, schools, business and the NAACP.

Survey respondents identified possible obstacles to re - opening the Druid Hill YMCA. The included absence of community leaders in planning programs to meet the needs of the community, financial support, inadequate or unqualified staff, lack of good public relations, political obstacles, poor management and apathy on the part of city government.

Respondents also suggested ways for the community to pay for services. Memberships, program fees, government grants, financial aid from churches, fundraising activities, voluntarism and sliding fee scale were suggested.

Additional recommendations from those surveyed said the community needs must be the primary concern, community members must be involved in the project from the very beginning, YMCA must be supported by the total black community, competent, resourceful and experienced people are needed.

Persons to be considered for the task force included Delegate Isaiah Dixon, Dr. Flossie Dedmond, attorney Charles P. Howard Jr., Leroy Dyett, the Rev. Willie Ray and Sandra Dotson.

The study team concluded that four major areas must be addressed in order to insure a successful re - opening of the Druid Hill branch YMCA:

1. It is important that input from residents be gathered to determine community needs so programming of the YMCA is relevant;

2. A well - thought - out plan is needed to insure the operation will be financially sound;

3. Leadership of the community must be recruited to provide volunteer leadership and direction for the YMCA, and

4. Adequate and competent staff must be employed who can offer quality programs and gain community confidence.

The study also makes specific recommendations, including seeking additional funds as "start - up money;" host a ministers' and church lay persons' breakfast and seek mayor's support, to participate at the breakfast; develop and work with a task force from the community to do initial planning, develop a list of candidates to serve on a management committee, develop job descriptions for candidates who will be hired as staff, hold community meetings to discuss plans and receive grassroots input, secure outside funding sources, determine community needs, and make personal visits to major businesses in the community.

The most recent information about the Druid Hill YMCA, according to Yvonne Butler, vice president for program planning and development for the YMCA, is the projected March, 1980 re - opening of the Lillian M. Jackson Multi - Purpose Center.

Ms. Butler, who said she is coordinating the project full - time, said a list of residents from all areas of the city, is being compiled to form a task force.

She also said an executive for the Druid Hill YMCA will be hired in advance of the re - opening.

Pomerleau chides parole system

Juveniles committed almost half of crimes in city in '79

Baltimore City crime statistics just issued by the police department show that during the first six months of 1979 juveniles accounted for 48.6 percent of all crimes for which arrests were made by police.

Juveniles were arrested for 14.3 percent of the reported violent crimes and 15.2 percent of the report crimes against property. The 9,562 juveniles taken into police custody since Jan. 1, exhibit a combined criminal history of 26,445 prior arrests.

Of the 9,562 juvenile offenders, 5,232 were taken into custody for larceny, burglary, robbery, auto theft, aggravated asault, rape and murder.

Charged as adults were 197 of the juvenile arrested and that had histories of 2,085 prior arrests. The 2,614 escapees, parolees and probationers arrested during the first six months of this year had been arrested on 26,805 prior occasions.

Commissioner Donadl Pomerleau says, "It seems unreasonable for society to sentence a person to 20 to 25 years upon conviction of a crime and then have that person returned to the streets in just a few years."

The commissioner also said that if realistic sentences for crimes were imposed and those sentences served, there would be no need for a Parole Board.

He stated that the Parole Board "could and should be abolished. Parole does not work when it is used as a vehicle to meet administrative needs. The commissioner feels the current process does not meet the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore and the State of Maryland." Escapees involvement in crime was a major concern of local police authorities as cited in the report. Some 270 adult criminal offenders were reported as escapees were arrested by the police department during the first six months of 1979.

Some of the escapees had been at large prior to the start of the year. These 140 escapees had combined criminal history of 1,305prior arrests within Baltimore of this number 87 were apprehended by the Department of Escape Apprehension and 53 escapees were arrested by other members of the police force.

In the first six months of 1979 412 persons on parole who were charged with committing crimes. Another 40 persons who were on both probation and parole were charged with additional crimes. Of the 2,022 persons arrested while on probation from Jan. 1 to June 30, 519 were subsequently cjarged with the commission of serious crimes, 143 of which were violent crimes.

The report released by the police department also reveals that an individual who had been convicted of murder and was on parole until 1982, was rearrested and charged with an additional murder and distribution of narcotics.

Another person who had been convicted of rape and who was on probation until 1986, was re - arrested and charged with an additional rape. He had been arrested previous times in Baltimore.

During the first six months of 1978, there were 91 murders. This year there had been 126 murders, 248 rapes; 4,113 robberies; 2,985 aggravated assaults; 8,175 burglaries and 3,050 auto theft. Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; Property crime includes burglary, all larceny and auto theft.

Adams is 'Man of the Year'

William L. "Little Willie" Adams, local business and politicial leader, has been selected as the honoree for the "Man of the Year Award" by the Saint Francis Academy.

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