—Morgan takeover?

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The secret report, which was obtained by the AFRO completed in late August and designed to evaluate the state of higher education in Maryland and determine how to improve it, according to a cover letter sent by committee chairman Sen. John Byrnes along with the report.

But high placed educational sources who are aware of the report's existence, said it was just designed to "save money for the state legislature rather than improve higher education in Maryland."

Those sources also state that the draft in its present state would not only have a deadly affect on the four black schools and the black students but would also seriously hurt the white schools.

Byrnes, however, said there "is no such report" pointing out what the draft is a "compilation of ideas of the committee members.

"At no time was a vote taken," he explained. "Those viewpoints were compiled into 'discussion points' so a report could be developed."

But according to the Sept. 18 minutes of the joint committee's fifth meeting, obtained by the AFRO, Sen. Byrnes, himself called the "discussion points" a draft report when talking to Robert E. Brady, administrative analyst with the State's Department of Fiscal Services' budget review division.

And the minutes themselves prepared by committee staff member, T. Eloise Foster, called the "discussion points" a draft report.

The meat of the report includes such recommendations as:

"Cooperative planning" between Morgan State University, the University of Baltimore, the Community College of Baltimore, Coppin State College and Towson State University.

This proposal was made several years ago and black educators believed then it was an effort that would result in a merger of the schools into a predominatly white regional university.

— Placing Morgan State University under the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and Universities.

Morgan at the present time is operating as an independent governing body and does not have to answer to the board of trustees. The only other school this recommendation was made for was pre - dominantly white St. Mary's College.

This point, however, was eliminated late Tuesday night at a meeting held by the committee.

— Creating "a college of the Maryland Eastern Shore" by either "the merger of Salisbury Stae, Chesapeake Community College and the University of Maryland Eastern shore or by a joint governing board and specifically allocated responsibilities."

— Awarding doctorate programs to other colleges and universities in a specific field. Presently Morgan is the only university outside the University of Maryland that has a doctorate program in a particular field. Such a recommendation would open the door for such schools as Loyola College and Towson State University who were rejected last year.

This point was also eliminated.

— Establishing one institution of public higher education in Maryland with a superior academic program for gifted students. This facility would be placed at the University of Maryland, College Park except for those students who are majoring in urban studies. In that case they would be sent to Morgan State.

— Not allowing any four year institution to have "a significant remediation program within its curriculum."

The report said that any student needing "remediation" should receive it "in an appropriate institution such as adult secondary education or community college programs."

It was suggested thought that in view of Morgan's special mission and "what appears to be a substantial remdiation problem" Coppin and Morgan "should enter into an appropriate arrangement where by remediation for Morgan's purposes could be accomplished at Coppin."

— Having Morgan and St. Mary's follow the State Board for Higher Education (SBHE), recommendation that each institution have "an appropriate predictive index or admissions test "which would determine who would get into the particular school and who would not.

Byrnes said while the report was only the committee members thinking put down on paper, copies were sent to officials on the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and Universities, the State Board of Community Colleges, the University of Maryland Board of Regents, St. Mary's College and Morgan State.

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan, told the AFRO he was aware of the report but did not want to comment further. High placed MSU sources, however said that the school's board of regents are unaware of the report's existence.

And when the AFRO contacted other heads of the black institutions it discovered they too were unaware of the report, although Dr. William Hytche, chancellor at UMES, said he would "fight anyone tooth and nail that interferes with UMES' mission."

Sources from the school said that UMES has had an upward swing in enrollment that is considered so remarkable school officials bed to turn away 86 students.

High placed sources at SEHE also say that the top governing board also has not received a copy of the report and were totally unaware of its existence.

Dr. Sheldon Knorr head of the state board could not be reached for comment.

Byrnes pointed out that the draft was originally not supposed to be released but that one of the committee members sent a copy to a University of Maryland official.

Dr. Walter Dean, the only black on the committee, was reluctant to comment on the report but did say the report in its present form could seriously damage the black institutions and students.

Sources said he is in the process of preparing a minority report expected to be completed next week.

Byrnes said the committee would continue to work to complete the proposed report by the end of October or the first week in November.

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—Black trooper under pressure

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Porter told the AFRO he was informed in June that the department was investigating him. However, he told the AFRO, "The investigation is not job related. It definitely occurred in my personal life and is now in the appeals stage."

Emory Pitt, an assistant attorney general does not agree with Porter and stated, "The investigation is job related and I cannot discuss it. The investigation started in October 1978 and is expected to be completed in a week."

When the AFRO asked Porter about his investigation concerning a sergeant he said, "no comment."

However, the trooper stated he was considered an "outstanding narcotics investigator" from 1975 to 1978. "I was considered second best to Trooper Charles English, another black trooper."

Several troopers have stated that black troopers are placed in narcotics for the use of their street knowledge and their ability to get next to people to obtain information about narcotics.

Black troopers discussed their complaints about hiring and promotion practices with state police superintendent Col. Thomas Smith Monday in a session both sides said was a first step toward resolving their differences.

The two - hour session was closed to the media. Porter says the meeting did not settle the dispute but it was a beginning.

Following the meeting Col. Smith promoted three black troopers to the rank of corporal and transferred them and another black trooper into supervisory positions.

Troopers promoted to corporal were Troopers First Class M. A. Lewis, Charles A. English and provisional Cpl. D.C. Franklin, Sgt. H. C. Rockel was promoted to second lieutenant while Sgt. F. J. Tully and R. J. Meerdter were promoted to first sergeant.

The troopers are scheduled to meet with the state secretary of personnel, Théodore Thornton, on Oct. 8, 11 a.m. at the State Office building.

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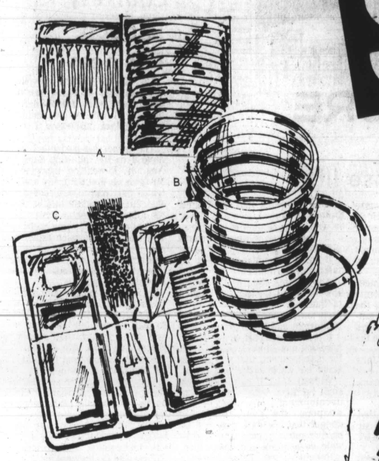

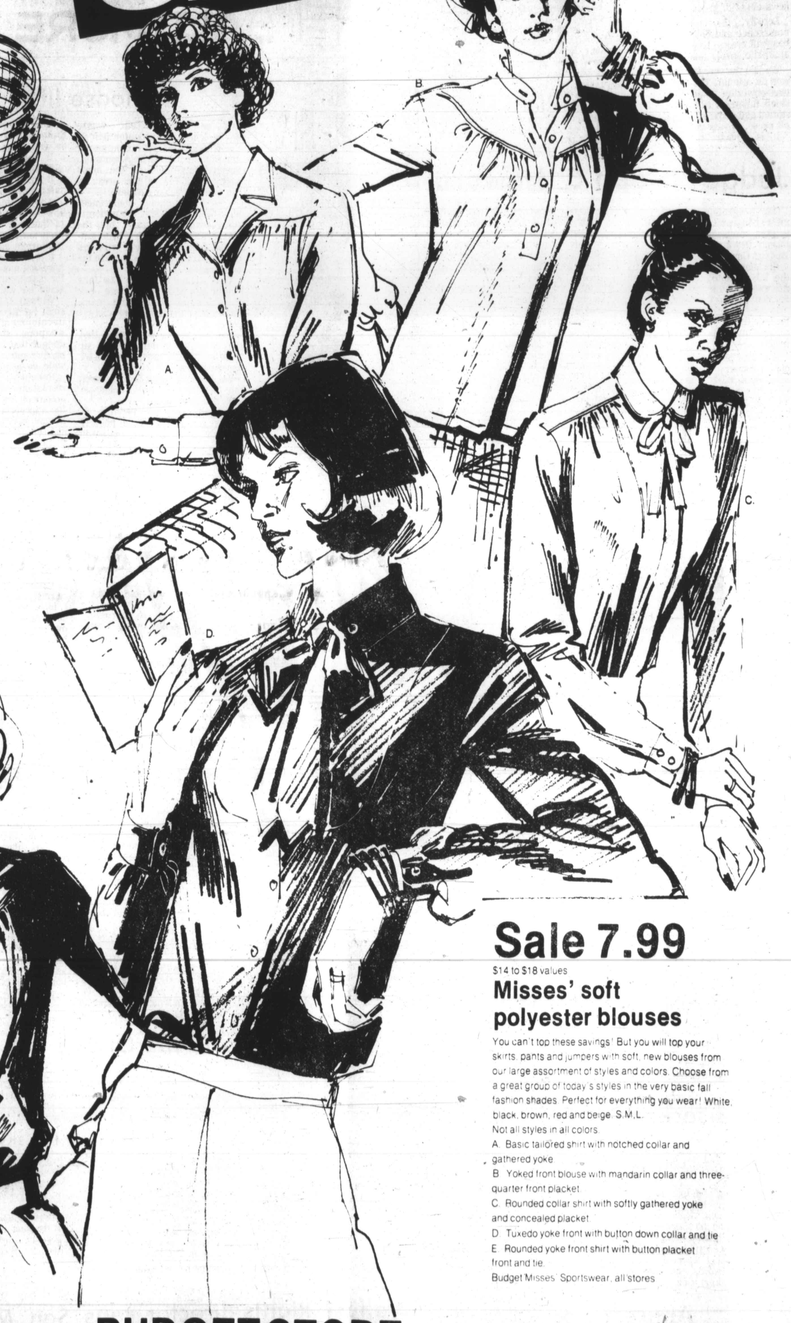

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