—Fuel $ for the poor

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For example, a non-farm family of four with an income of $8,970 or less should be eligible, as would a farming family of four earning up to $7,132.

The governor said local agencies would be ready Dec. 3 to start accepting applications for the aid from eligible families.

Hughes said the state expects to hear soon if the federal government will allot more money for the program, but pledged to work with the legislature to provide state assistance, if necessary.

"With the additional federal funding, we anticipate that the emergency needs of low income families would be met with federal funds alone," he said.

"However, if future events show that additional assistance is necessary to maintain the health and safety of low income families, I am prepared, in concert with the general assembly, to consider backup assistance," he said.

The governor, urging that thermostats be kept at 65 degrees, also said he has written every bank in Maryland urging the establishment of special loan programs for homeowners and fuel distributors.

The program would:

— Provide homeowners with special 12-month loans to help pay heating bills;

— Create loan programs for homeowners interested in improving insulation, installing storm windows or doors, or similar conservation measures;

— Provide loans to fuel oil "jobbers" and distributors who need assistance in purchasing fuel products and carrying their customers' accounts.

Hughes said about 43 percent of the households in Maryland use either kerosene or oil, two home heating fuels that have increased in price by 60 percent since last winter.

5,000 Thanksgiving meals

By Pam Widgeon

He left the comfort and security of his 3,000 member congregation at Wayland Baptist Church on Garrison Blvd., in 1970 to go into the ghetto without salary or security to help the lonely, the sick, dope addicts, alcoholics and juvenile delinquents.

For nine years, he has kept his promise and says, "My dream is still unfolding and this year we plan to feed 5,000 people dinner on Thanksgiving.

His name is the Rev. William W. Payne, pastor of City Temple Baptist Church and founder of the House of Hope. When Rev. Payne served his first Thanksgiving dinner in 1970, he said, "We served dinner to 50 people at the church. Next Thursday, with the contributions he has received from local businesses, friends and members of City Temple, "We are prepared to serve a full course dinner to 5,000 people," said Rev. Payne.

Following the morning service at City Temple Church on Thanksgiving at Dolphin and Eutaw Street, dinner will be served from noon until 4 p.m. at the church, The House of Hope, Wolf and 20th Street and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

With the high rate of unemployment in our city and inflationary food prices, hundreds of families are finding it difficult to survive. Rev. Payne says he has received 50 turkeys from one business, bread from bakers and members of the church have already started preparing food in their homes for the dinner.

Volunteers serve the dinner and senior citizens who are confined to nursing homes have their dinner delivered to them by some of the volunteer teenagers who usually drive.

"We will send 1,000 dinners out by cars, vans and bus next week," said Rev. Payne. Some people eat with us every year and I am thankful that we can continue to do this. People are people and I love people."

The House of Hope serves meals daily. It is a walk in service for people who want someone to talk to or need food, a job or are looking for a home. We also have Sunday services at the House of Hope on Sunday. "I believe in walking the streets daily and I still see people in need," said Rev. Payne.

Tune up, save gas

Have you had an engine tune-up recently? Do you need one? If your engine is hard to start, hesitates, sputter, idles roughly, or the like — you are losing mileage and should check its condition immediately. You may need to clean and adjust spark plugs and ignition points, replacing of necessary; check timing; and replace air and fuel filter elements. How much you will save on gasoline consumption will depend on the condition of your engine and how much you drive in the course of a year, but savings could range up to 13 percent on your gasoline bills.

—Cross burnings

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"I'll be surprised if it lasts one week," he said.

Wise said he felt officers responding to the cross - burning were apathetic. And when the AFRO called Northeastern District, an officer abruptly declined to give a reporter any information. He cut the reporter off twice.

Lt. John Fuller of Northeastern District would only say the car would remain on Shamrock Avenue "until the problem resolves itself."

A marked patrol car will act as a deterent, he said. An unmarked vehicle, which would be more inconspicuous and might lead to the apprehension of the vandals, was unavailable.

"We need unmarked cars in other areas where crime prevention is necessary," Fuller said.

Wise said three of his neighbors visited and told him they are sorry he has been harassed and offered assistance.

The Northeast Community Organization, NECO, is trying to enlist the support of neighborhood and religious leaders in the area to halt racist incidents.

"We want to get leaders of the community to come out and say, 'We can't tolerate this type of activity,'" said Bill McQuay, a NECO representative.

NECO has requested that a resolution condemning Ku Klux Klan - style activities in Baltimore and Maryland be introduced in the City Council.

The organization is also calling for a federal investigation into the recent slayings of anti - Klan demonstrators in Greensboro, N.C.

A city - wide, inter - faith demonstration is tentatively planned for Dec. 2.

—City workers

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"If you found an old pair of gloves on the ground, would that be stealing?" he said.

A representative from National Cash Register, the leasing company for the cash register, said the model missing after the Greek Festival was no longer manufactured and could be called "junk."

The golf cart, according to Trainor, had flat tires and faulty steering when the DPW employees loaded it on a city truck and stored it in a Pratt Street warehouse.

The Coca Cola dispenser had half-full canisters and DPW workers planned to use it for a party for employees, he said.

"That's like stealing trash," Trainor said.

He does not consider the transfer to the Back River Sewage Treatment plant "punishment. We have a lot of good people working there.

"I wouldn't mind working there," he said.

Trainor said he does not think thievery is widespread in his department, but "with 5,000 employees, it's the same as the rest of civilization."

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—Are we being 'taken for a ride?'

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Neighborhood deterioration in areas not directly served by the subway will increase because investors will be more interested in property near rapid transit lines.

"Any rapid transit system fosters development of commercial and residential land use. If a particular community is not served, there is not a great desire to invest," Rowe said.

He cited two sectors of East Baltimore, Gay Street and Greenmount, which have traditionally been centers of minority economic development. Because the current subway route serves northwest Baltimore, Rowe said Eastside businesses, already feeling the inflationary pinch, will decline more.

Even those small black businesses located near subway stops may not survive to reap the benefits of rapid transit. Many small retailers, black and white, located at present construction sites are in jeopardy of bankruptcy or have already folded.

Rowe said many times minority businesses cannot compete for premium rental space and are forced to find locations where they can afford to rent.

"The quality of life the little man has truggled to maintain for so long will be eroded," Rowe said.

And, as businesses crop up near subway stops, black residents will find it difficult to reach services and goods they need, he said.

A straight - line, "spoke" pattern rapid transit system also serves to reinforce differences between racial and ethnic neighborhoods, Rowe said.

"If the population of the city was homogeneous, it would be fine. But this system will reinforce sectors of the population," he said.

One advantage of the subway touted by transportation officials is the number of jobs generated through construction and after completion.

Rowe said hiring practices will not have a long - range benefit and the majority community as well as the black community have "been sold a bill of goods.

"Many of those hired have been out - of - state contractors. That doesn't help our economy."

A spokesman for the Mass Transit Administration, MTA, did not share Rowe's sentiments.

Raymond "Buzz" Bartlett, with MTA's public relations office, said he has heard the statement that the subway will be used to move suburban whites into the city as much as he has heard that it will move blacks out of the city.

"We are talking about trains, a system of moving people both ways.

"To make a bold face statement that the subway will be used only by white commuters is not true," Bartlett said.

He acknowledged that some businesses near station construction have been forced to close but he said it is "impossible to determine what portion of businesses have been effected by the construction.

"I can truthfully say no businesses have closed because of the construction. I am unwilling to say we are the sole cause of business failures."

Bartlett acknowledged that three businesses at the Laurens Street station site were closed because of a gas explosion June 7, 1979 which leveled the buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue.

A pamphlet from MTA says the rapid transit line will "not only provide more efficient transportation for a great number of people, but it will also provide extensive commercial development to the Baltimore region . . .

". . . Woodward and Lothrop (department store) in downtown Washington, D.C. claimed a 70 percent increase in customers following the opening of the Metro Blue Line to the downtown shopping district.

"Woodie's has a direct entrance into its basement from the Metro Pentagon station."

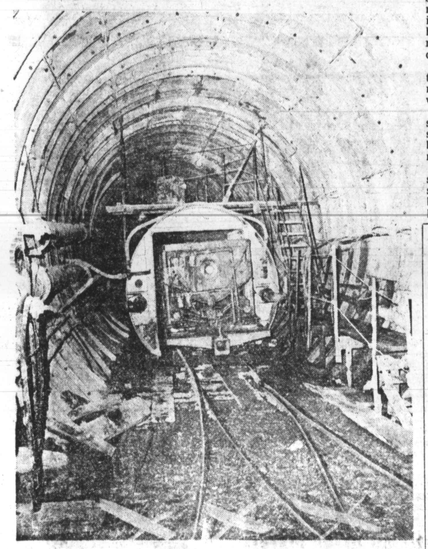
The pamphlet does not mention economic benefits to predominantly black areas of Washington, D.C.

Almost half of the minority contractors participating in subway construction have been from outside Maryland. An MTA spokeswoman told the AFRO that of 107 minority firms, 86 or 54 percent, have been from Maryland.

Rowe and Bartlett agreed on one point: the current energy crisis makes some form of rapid transit vital.

"Given the present energy situation, we would be crazy not to use the system.

"But it should have been a pattern which would have allowed an equal usage by blacks and whites," Rowe said.



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TUNNEL BENEATH BOLTON Hill subway station under construction a year ago.

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Point lays off 500

More than 500 workers at Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Sparrow Point mill have been laid off during the last four months because of a drop in business, company officials said this week.

Bethlehem laid off 175 workers in August. Since then, another 300 workers have been laid off, the spokesman said Monday. The layoffs followed the closing of a blast furnace and two open hearth furnaces.

Another 25 workers were laid off before August.

The steel mill normally has about 19,000 employees.

Steel orders began to decline in the second quarter of 1979 and have been dropping ever since, Bethlehem's third-quarter financial report indicated.

"As a result, fourth-quarter shipments and earnings are expected to be lower than for the fourth quarter of last year," the report said.

The company blames some of its troubles in imports of foreign steel, which rose sharply during the period in which the firm's business was on the decline.

Bethlehem expects business to remain slow the first quarter of 1980, the financial report said. It said the outlook after the first quarter will depend on a number of unpredictable economic factors.

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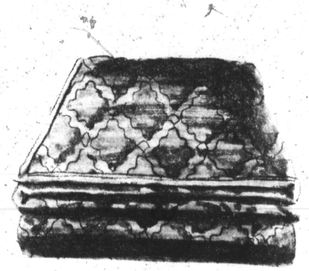

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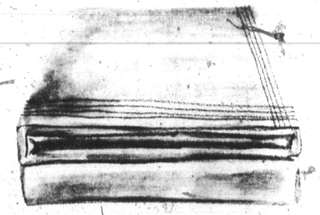

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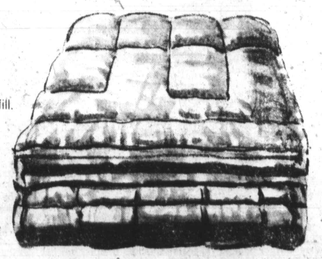

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