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Youth march downtown to demand jobs

WE WANT TO WORK — More than 200 Park Heights youth demonstrated in Mt. Vernon Place Tuesday, Jan. 15 protesting exclusion of Prak Heights from city Youth Entitlement-funded jobs.

William Adams charges dropped

Baltimore political boss and millionaire businessman, William "Little Willie" Adams, accused of masterminding a $25 million a year illegal lottery operation had all charges against him dropped bSupreme Benchudge James A. Perrottafter a hearing in criminal Court n Jan. 16.

Adams, 67, the husband of City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams was scheduled to go to trial in March.

His attorneys, George L. Russell Jr. and Kenneth L. Thompson, filed a motion in Criminal Court to

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'Laundromat' rapist sentenced

A 23-year-old man who raped three women in November and December 1978 was sentence to life plus 25 years in prison by Criminal Court Judge Elsbetb Bootbe on Jan. 17.

Assistant State's Attorney Lawrence Rosenberg stated police set up a surveillance in the area of the Linden Lounge on North Avenue after three women reported they had been raped.

Court records state police observed Mills going in and out of the laundry room and storage rooms of apartments located on North Avenue in January 1978. Police approached Mills and stated they were investigating several burglaries in the area and would like to talk with him. After questioning Mills and taking his picture, he was released and his picture was shown to two women who were able to identify him as the man who had raped them.

Police report Mills was arrested the following day when he was seen in the area looking in the laundry room of apartments on North Avenue.

Court records state Mills is married and his wife was pregnant at the time he was arrested.

Park Heights group stages MLK day rally

"Martin Luther King did not die in vain," shouted Joann Dow to her fellow students Tuesday, Jan. 11. "He left us with his hopes. He fought for equal rights, equal opportunities, love and respect for the human race."

Ms. Dow was speaking at a gathering of over 200 seudents, who had decided to use their school vacation day to demonstrate for more jobs for teenagers in the Park Heights area.

The large turn-out of enthusiastic students dramatized the plight of the city's young black population, which has the highest unemployment rate in Baltimore.

The youths were protestingoutside the Mt. Vernon Place office of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources, and were angry over a decision by that office not to include the Park Heights area in the 1980 Youth Incentive Entitlement Program, a project which provides employment for school-age youth.

"We want the chance to help ourselves," said one high-schooler, Precious Barnes. "If you help us help ourselves, we, the youth of Park Heights, will prove that we are serious about ourselves, the community and our future."

Rev. St. George Crosse, who had earlier scored the Manpower office for what he claimed was "a shifting of emphasis" away from poor, black youth, expressed support for the students at the rally. Other participants included Rev. Elijah

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Ali, Wallace Muhammad here Sunday

On Sunday, Jan. 20, Wallace D. Muhammad , President of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West, and Muhammad Ali, three-time heavyweight boxing champion, will take part in a leadership forum at the Baltimore Civic Center.

The purpose of thefund-raiser is to promote and develop a conducive leadership conscience for the 1980's in the areas of politics, economics and education.

The program is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. For further information contact Baltimore Masjid, 514 Wilson Ave., 728-1363

Council gets rent control bill, Mfume, Mitchell nix Ramsey

By Ann Sagi
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Rent control may yet be a reality in Baltimore if a bill introduced by Councilman Kweisi Mfume at the Jan. 14 City Council meeting passes the legislative body and is signed by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

In other action, Mfume was joined by his colleague from the 4th District Michael Mitchell, in opposition to the appointment of Norman Ramsey as president of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The rent control bill would roll back rents to the July 1, 1979 level and would allow landlords to raise rates based on the amount of utilities paid.

If rent includes no utilities, the allowable increase would be 4 percent. If the cost of heat by fuel oil, but not gas orelectric is included landlords could ask for a 9 percent increase.

If the rent includes gas and-or electric utilities, the permissible increase would be 10 percent.

The bill would expire six months after it becomes law or when there is a system of rent control for the city, whichever comes first.

City voters passed a rent control referendum on the November 1979 ballot which was later overturned by Judge Jospeh H.H. Kaplan. The case is now under appeal.

The measure, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, will probably face opposition in the Council because some members were against the referendum in November.

And, even if it passes the Council, it must be signed by the mayor who vehemently opposes a rent ceiling.

Mfume and Mitchell both said they did not approve of Ramsey's nomination because they felt Mayor Schaefer could have named someone who better refects the city's majority black population.

"I stand in opposition (to Ramsey) not on the basis of his qualifications but because I think Schaefer was remiss not to come up with somebody else," Mfume said.

"It is the responsibility of the chief executive of this city to make sure the majority population is represented on boards and commissions. It's a question of prin-

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Mrs. McMillan sticks to her guns

Despite the mounting threat of a merger which could strip Morgan State University of its autonomy, Enolia McMillan, head of the local N.A.A.C.P., has once more leveled charges of fiscal mismanagement against the president of the institution, Dr. Andrew Billingsley

McMillan, who is also a member of the school's board of regents, says that she feels her attack on the administration does not weaken in the face the school of the proposed merger.

"The things that Billingsley has been doing certainly weakens Morgan, but I think hiding these problems is even worse."

McMillan has charged that over $100,000 was diverted to a special Morgan foundation which is not open to general scrutiny. She further alleged that Billingsley and high-ranking members of his administration misused the funds in the foundation.

At a board of regents meeting held Wednesday, Jan. 16, McMillan announced that she plans on asking a federal judge to order an investigation.

"I have no other course of action," she had told a reporter earlier. "I've asked the state's attorney's office to investigate, and they say only the board of regents can demand an audit of funds of the foundation. But I don't expect the board to do that."

Although a five-member panel was appointed by the board to study the matter, McMillan feels that this is not enough.

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Teachers stick to pay demands, union official mum on strike

Negotiations will reslume next week between the city and the Baltimore Teachers Union which is seeking a 27 percent pay increase for city teachers.

John Bethea, BTU president, stated that the contract talks could go through the spring but hoped that an early decision could be reached.

"We're going into the bargaining sessions with good faith and open minds," said Bethea who pointed out that the union would not change its position on the 27 percent increase.

"We see no reason to change our position just because the city says it's having a problem with money."

He would not speculate on whether the union would call a strike but stressed the union will remain firmly behind its demands.

Bethea also said that teachers have been denied full increments for three years and that they justly deserve the increase. He also stated that the city which has kept raises for city workers below five percent should make teacher salaries more competitive with other counties in the state.

"In order to have a top-notch school system we must have top-notch salaries," he said.

The city's contracts with teachers expire July 1.

5th annual MLK Breakfast

'We must be the Martin Luther Kings'—Dr. Koontz

Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

More than 1,000 Baltimoreans who gathered at the Hilton Hotel for the fifth annual MLK Memorial Breakfast, Tuesday, Jan. 15, heard Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, the featured speaker insist that we must become the Martin Luther Kings of today and try our best to truly make a difference in the quality of life for all people, but particularly for blacks.

When we lost Martin Luther King, said Dr. Koontz, we were filled with despair and a cry of anguish fell on us — "My God, what

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300 crowd church to save Morgan

By Portia E. Badham
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This week the community opposed to the merger of Morgan State University made its strongest showing of support yet to prevent the consolidation of the institution with two predominantly white universities.

Nearly 300 people attended the meeting sponsored by the Baltimore NAACP and the First Apostolic Faith Church to develop a pplan of action to prevent the merger of Morgan with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and the University of Baltimore.

Community, political and church leaders served as panelists on the porgram which had a two-fold purpose to inform the audience of the entire merger plan and other issues contained in the memorandum sent by Dr. Sheldon Knorr, commissioner of education to the State Board of Higher Education and answer aany audience questions.

Sen. Robert Douglass, D-45th, chairman of the Maryland Blaa Black Caucus pledged the support of the entire 20-member legislative group and stated, "The caucus will be very vigilant during the next 83

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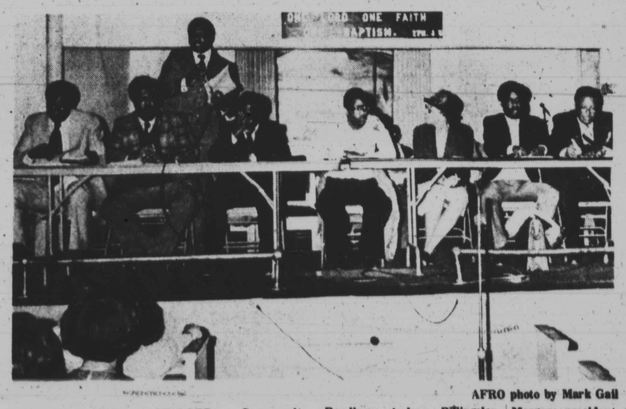

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OPPOSING MORGAN MERGER — Community leaders who participated on the panel to develop a plan of action to prevent the merger of Morgan State University with the University of Maryland include (L to R) Delegates Walter Dean and Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Andrew Billingsley, Morgan president, Sherman Moore, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, Alvin Thornton, Sen. Robert Douglass and Barbara Cooper. Standing behind the panelists is Elijah Cummings.

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