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Rape of CCB

The recent news that the Schaefer administration wants to convert part of the Community College of Baltimore downtown harbor campus to commercial development is still another in an unending series of moves by this city's present mayor to turn as much of Baltimore into a profit machine for the already wealthy at the expense of everyone and everything else.

Speaking of Schaefer's designs on Harbor campus this week, freshman City Councilman Norman Reeves said the move required public debate and that he had serious problems with a 'mentality' that would change everything that "walked and talked' into a new business hustle under the rubric of the Inner Harbor.

We understand that Schaefer or his minions is exerting extreme pressure on college officials to okay a sign-off on the Lockwood Building and there are mumbled threats about messing with CCB's budget and other tactics we would expect from the late Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago and all-around goon, but not from our dear sweet, Donald.

Schaefer argues, as best we can distinguish his boosterism run amuck, that parts of the Harbor campus are under-utilized, specifically the Lockwood building.

This argument is specious and so much poppycock.

What Schaefer means is he has discovered yet another parcel of public land inside the city limits that someone can make a buck off and the fact that said real estate presently is dedicated to the education of Baltimoreans is completely irrelevant.

Damn education! we hear our mayor saying.

As we see it any college building is just a part of the total campus and it cannot be separated from the programs and activities of the total college.

As colleges operate from early morning until late at night and serve a wide range of citizens, to decide that a building is under-utilized at any point in that time span as Schaefer evidently has decided is ridiculous.

We turn the thing around on the mayor and suggest that he walk through his newly developed Inner Harbor area after 5:30 if he insists on his space utilization approach.

To even the most casual observer downtown, new and old, is dead as doornail after dark because the new downtown has an abundance of office buildings that are occupied during the day by office workers, the majority of whom leave not only downtown but Baltimore city as well, taking their paychecks with them.

Schaefer's new downtown is an absolute disaster insofar as intelligent and cost-efficient utilization of space is concerned.

We will resist dwelling at length on the fact that the majority of daytime Inner Harbor area workers are also white, as well as being non-resident, because that would be beating the issue past death.

Yet we cannot ignore another important aspect of the Schaefer move to re-acquisition parts of the Harbor CCB campus.

Running true to form, our mayor, scratch that, THEIR mayor, wants to seize the building named for a distinguished black educator, William V. Lockwood, still a vital community figure, still active in the development of the total Baltimore community.

This same Dr. Lockwood was a moving force in the development of the Community College of Baltimore and against almost insurmountable odds and tremendous resistance, guided the Harbor campus planning, development, organization, funding, construction through a complicated maze of coordination and approvals which involved city, state and Federal government agencies as well as the private sector.

Baltimoreans esteemed his efforts enough to name a building on the campus he helped build and now with total insensitivity to the feelings and needs of the city's majority black population, William Donald Schaefer now says the hell with all that: Tear the Lockwood building down, let's make a few more bucks.

We see the Schaefer move on the Lockwood Building and all the Harbor campus symbolizes as an insensitive, arrogant, dishonorable and apparently racially motivated act by the Mayor and his 'shadow government' not only against the black community, but the educational community as a whole.

If it is the mayor's judgement that CCB is not a viable institution in totality then he should do what he can do to close down the entire operation ...but to shut down one component and turn it over to the speculators is to enter a sphere which goes beyond shabbiness.

We will closely watch this attempted rape of an educational institution by the Schaefer administration and as we do, we call all thoughtful citizens to do all in their power to save CCB, the Lockwood building.

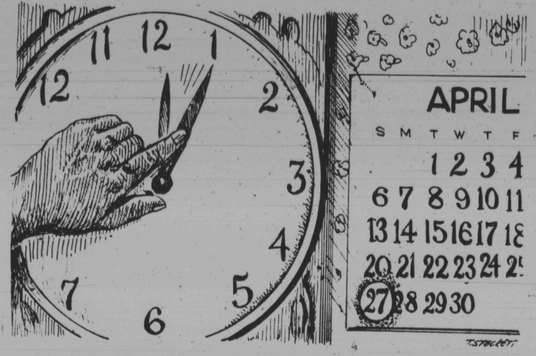
We sense the community will move to rebuff this possible takeover.

For the record, the Lockwood building and land belong to the Community College of Baltimore and cannot be sold without the approval of the college's board of trustees.

Some of the present trustees have close ties with Schaefer but we are certain they will stand firm and do what is good insofar as our community is concerned rather than that which is economically or politically expedient over the short haul.

The trustees include:

Marion Banfield, Weptanomah Carter, Edward H. Crouse, Stephen Kamatian, Leonard Rosenberg and Charles T. Tildon.



MADELINE MURPHY

Long way from racism

Just a few weeks away from the primary election, the much debated problem of the sitting judge principle raises its thorny head.

The principle deals mostly with keeping judges appointed by the governor to the bench, on the bench.

All those lawyers who challenge this system by running for these seats are considered either traitors, or crazy, or born losers, or all of the above.

Presently, there are five appointees and six or seven challengers, depending upon whether District Court Judge Carl Bachrach has decided to withdraw his name from contention.

Among all running for the Supreme Bench (Circuit Court) however, are three black lawyer, one already appointed: Judge Robert M. Bell, former District Court judge now appointed Supreme Bench judge; Alonzo P. Hairston, and William "Billy" H. Murphy, Jr.

Recently one black citizen was quoted as saying that voting for the three black judges to the exclusion of those other sitting judges, was "racist."

Putting aside my personal interest in this election, let us look at the idea of racism and what it really is.

Racism is defined in the Encyclopedia Britannica as "an excessive and irrational belief in or advocacy of the superiority of a given group, people or nation."

Being pro-black, being interested in equal representation on the courts, therefore cannot be considered racist. What all blacks strive for is not the attitude of superiority or telling others that we believe we are better, all we want is our equal share in the process.

Further, racism in the advocacy of superiority also carries with it the POWER of control over the social, political and economic destinies of those considered inferior.

Since blacks do not have this power they cannot be called racist by any stretch of the imagination; considered inferior by whites, we aren't likely to get that power!

It is racism on the other hand when 60 percent of the Baltimore City population is black, yet 78 percent of the judges on the Supreme Bench are white.

It is racism that encourages the sitting judge principle and abolished the election of District Court judges after 1970.

It was in 1970 that the imbalance of blacks on the District Court had been challenged by William H. Murphy Sr., against the sitting judge principle.

Then as now there was one black running with the sitting judge principle: Judge John Hargrove was standing for election to retain his seat along with the other appointees, who were white.

At that time there was a hue and cry that Judge Hargrove would be jeopardized by Mr. Murphy's independent candidacy and would lose.

Instead, Judge Hargrove carried the highest number of votes in the race and Judge Murphy received the second highest number.

Black voters learned then and should remember now:

— That we must elect more black judges if the endemic system of racism in the courts, in the prisons, and jails is to be reversed;

— That we should not be tied to a sitting judge principle that leaves us in the minority when our population is in the majority;

— That we have the freedom to make this reversal;

— That even though there are five judges to be selected, black voters can vote freely for the three black candidates, just as they did in 1970;

— And finally, we can vote only for those three black independent candidates to ensure that they will win.

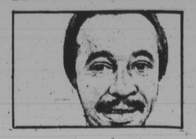
This would increase our representation on the Supreme Bench to 34 percent.

We should be careful how bitterly and recklessly we use "the master's" code words.

Don't let us be swayed by the myth of reverse racism or emotional diatribes that cloud the real issue — equal representation.

Since we have neither the power of that label, nor the inclination toward that condition, we are indeed a long, long, way from being called "racist."

PARREN J. MITCHELL



Disparity in juvenile justice program

Congress is about to consider refunding for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's programs. These programs are designed to aid juvenile offenders and delinquents with rehabilitation and reorientation toward a constructive place in the community.

However, it appears that the positive program benefits are misdirected when it comes to black and minority youth.

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice has found that those programs currently funded through the Office of Juvenile Justice are highly selective. Rehabilitation efforts are not focused on youth labeled as "hard core offenders" or those defined as "unreachable" through counseling, job programs, halfway homes and other forms of professional supervision.

For "these people" incarceration is still recommended as the appropriate institutional response in the absence of so-called workable alternatives. The result is that the Office of Juvenile Justice's programs have the effect of segregating the nation's youth by race and class.

Black and minority youth frequently suffer at the expense of predominately white, middle-class youngsters.

In recent testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Robert L. Woodson, resident fellow with the American Enterprise Institute for Policy Research, cited the following points from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's budget which support charges of unresponsiveness to blacks and minorities.

First, of the $5 million expended over a three-year period for technical assistance, none has gone to a minority firm.

Second, of the $37 million expended for research over the same three year period (1975-1979) not a single minority individual, college or university received funds.

Third, where the bulk of the Delinquency Prevention program's monies are spent, under its Status Offender Initiative, less than 30 percent of the youngsters served were minority.

Fourth, under the Restitution Initiative, where 41 programs are funded, less than 20 percent served minority youngsters.

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice also finds that there is an insignificant number of blacks in policymaking or mid-level positions within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Human Resources is presently considering H.R. 6704, the Juvenile Justice Amendments of 1980. This bill will provide refunding for the Office of Juvenile Justice's programs. I have testified before the Subcommittee and asked, in fact urged, that its members take a hard look at incorporating strong language in the bill to assure that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will be responsive to aiding black and minority youth in the future.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants are made available to state planning agencies which in turn assist local units of government with specific juvenile justice activities. These state agencies, through our state representatives, must also be sensitized to the special problems of minorities and minority organizations.

As is written in the popular song, "I believe our children are our future ..." In order to preserve our future, our resources must be properly directed, including those of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

LETTERS

Conaway answers the daily press

Dear AFRO:

As I read the editorial comments of the Sunpapers on the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, several propositions emerge with handwringing clarity:

1. It is so awful that the Black Caucis in the last session behaved like a sophisticated political group instead of live a group of Sunday school teachers, effectively negotiating and lobbying the Assembly persons for votes and programs which it (the Caucus) espoused.

2. It is so awful that the Black Caucas may now be deviating from the Sunpapers - preceived mission the Caucus has to be champion and quardian of the poor of Maryland.

3. It is so awful that Delegate Frank M. Conaway was elected chairman of the Caucus over Delegate Troy F. Brailey, whom the Sunpapers may believe would have made a more acceptable Chairman.

4. It is so awful that Brailey has resigned from the Caucus and by so-doing weakened its effectiveness.

Now permit me to respons one by one to the above.

When I think about number 1, I am reminded that the white press, including the Sun, is usually very adept at excusing majority interest for having their total way with issues despite the protest of the weaker black minority voice on the ground that the greater good has to be served.

On those rare occasions, such as in the last session when blacks bartered successfully for what they want, the press sees the accomplishment as being tainted and unworthy of the Caucus.

As to number 2, I suspect it is accurate to state the original mission of the Caucus was to champion the concerns of the big city poor, and automatically include therewith all blacks. And while certainly the Caucus cannot abandon this major concern i.e. for the plight of the poor people, to limit its legitimate concern justly is to be too narrow in perspective. Happily, because of the resiliency and adaptability of our society. Blacks are always emerging from the ranks of the poverty stricken and adopting political interest and needs of all other people.

In Maryland, thousands of blacks are home owners rather than renters, taxpayers rather than welfare recipients, business proprietors rather than industrial employees, government and industrial executives rather than bottom-rung workers.

To suggest that all of these voters representatives must focus exclusively on legislation for the poor is, in my judgment, absurd. It is like telling black policemen years ago, that they could arrest only black criminals.

As to number 3, I believe the wisdom of members of the Caucus was manifestly superior to that of the Sunpapers, since by an overwhelming majocity members to whom the vote belonged, elected Frank M. Conaway over Troy F. Brailey.

As to number 4, I regret Troy's resignation and asked him to reconsider. But, as my Aunt Sally use to say, "one actor don't stop the show."

If Troy does not reconsider, I am satisfied that, given the reality of our political processor, the Caucus will carry on in its ever-improving viability and accomplishments.

Frank M. Conaway
Chairman-elect
Maryland Legislative
Black Caucus

If Charter is obsolete, change it

Dear AFRO:

It is alarming that the Schaefer administration continues to circumvent state and city law without raising an outcry from the public.

Those of us who believe in the democratic process in "government of the people, for the people, and by the people" ...cannot in good conscience support the actions of this city's administration just because it is more efficient.

We feel that if it is found that the City Charter is obsolete or cumbersome, then it should be changed by legal means.

History has shown time and time again that "government by convenience" will, in time, foster more evasive actions, usurping of more power, and diminution of the democratic process.

MAURICE S. DORSEY,
President,
Public School Administrators
and Supervisors Association
of Baltimore City

City Council capers

On the page opposite we print a spirited account of a recent City Council meeting.

We think you will find it instructive.

We think you will also understand just why many Baltimoreans feel the time for a complete overhaul of the City Charter is long past due.

Add to this the Sunpaper's recent and fascinating description of Schaefer's shadow government, and how enormous amounts of money are committed in the city's name to projects that fly right over the City Council's head, yet another argument for changing the charter to give the Council some power over the things that affect all of us is provided.

Most importantly to our community we need a City Council with teeth if our needs are to be addressed. With all due respect to our hard-working Councilpersons they are with one or two exceptions just part of a Muppets show directed, produced and scripted by the mayor.

Ten ways to fight stress

Dear AFRO:

"The 10 ways to fight stress" part I and Part II appearing in the AFRO, January, 1980 was quite educational and helpful.

We have had pamphlets, listened to panels and watched talk shows on stress. They all were interesting.

We find Dr. Charles W. Faulkner's column to be easier to understand.

We have no problems with the symptoms ourselves; due to reading, and to do what the doctors say, and write. We hope people who read Dr. Faulkner's column will pay close attention to what he says. I nursed in the state of Maryland 24 years and have been retired three years due to serious health problems. I am 65 years old or young.

I do the things that Dr. Faulkner explained in the column of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, if and when there is need to do so.

May God bless Dr. Faulkner in all of his work.

I think it is good medicine.

E.G.H.

Troy and Frank

Delegate Troy Brailey reiterated this week that he will not return to the Maryland Legislative Caucus after resigning some days ago.

New Caucus chairman Frank Conaway now states that while he would rather work with Brailey he is prepared to work without him.

This is a classic impasse.

We feel the pressure is on both politicians.

One has to make the caucus work and the other has to make his individual program work without the caucus.

We would have hoped the difference could be reconciled but time, certainly, will show us which wisdom will prevail.

There's only one winner in City Council game

Schaefer has all the marbles save three at any time

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

Under this city's charter, Baltimore, theoretically at least, has three branches of government: the mayor, the City Council and the Board of Estimates.

Theoretically, each branch enjoys the same amount of decision-making power.

Don't believe it for one hot instance.

There is only one seat of power in this city and Mayor William Donald Schaefer is firmly in possession.

Kweisi Mfume

His grip over the City Council was evident at Monday's meeting when its members voted on a Schaefer appointee to the Animal Control Advisory Commission.

The appointee is white, female, and Republican. The remaining members of the commission are also white.

Black Council members, notably Kweisi Mfume, D-4th, have vocally protested the dearth of black representatives on city boards and commissions since the current Council session began in late 1979.

They have complained that in a city where the black population is 60 percent, blacks make up only 17 percent of commission membership and that Schaefer ignores the Council and its suggestions on filling vacancies before he submits a name for consideration.

Mfume and two colleagues, Norman V.A. Reeves, D-5th, and Michael Mitchell, D-4th, have been arguing a seemingly futile case. That is, until Schaefer tapped Elizabeth Ann Tuomey as a member of the Animal Control Advisory Commission.

It looked as if there might be enough votes against the appointment.

Her appointment was held for one week and during that time, Schaefer was asked to withdraw her name.

Reeves co-authored a letter with Council President Walter Orlinsky which requested a black nominee for the commission.

"In 1980, the existence of any official body representing the City of Baltimore which does not include members of the majority-minority population of the city is indefensible," the letter said.

Behind-the-scenes discussion led some Council members to believe that while they might not have the votes to defeat Ms. Tuomey's nomination, they might just have the votes, or the non-votes from those too faint-hearted to oppose Schaefer who might pass, to make a fair show of opposition to the man in charge.

Not even close. Hours before the 5 p.m. Council meeting, Schaefer called the Council to his office and frankly, scared the hell out of them.

Mfume relates the first 45 seconds of the meeting as follows:

"I walked in there and he (Schaefer) starts shouting at me and shaking his finger at me. I told him I am not a little kid and I don't have to put up with that from anybody.

"Then I told him what to do with his meeting and I left," Mfume said.

He was the only person who did. The rest of the Council members stayed behind, and, as it was said later, were told to "shape up or ship out" by Hizzoner.

WHO IS THIS MAN? — It's Mayor William Donald Schaefer, dressed in a cloak - and - dagger disguise at a Greater Baltimore Committee meeting held April 22. Schaefer, apparently angered by daily newspaper stories about his "shadow government" condemned the series of articles detailing how quasi - public corporations spend millions of dollars to seemingly circumvent the city charter.

The Tuomey appointment was not the only agenda item. Schaefer also reportedly lambasted Council members who talked to a daily newspaper reporter about Baltimore's "shadow government" which makes decisions without feeling compelled to consult with anyone except the mayor, even though millions of dollars are funneled into activities and projects these "shadow" people deem worthy.

After Schaefer got through with the Council members, whatever opposition had existed to Ms. Tuomey's nomination, evaporated into the ozone.

The final vote was 12 in favor, one non-vote, three opposed and three absences.

Mfume, Reeves and Thomas Waxter, D-5th, accounted for the three votes to block Ms. Tuomey's membership on the commission.

Mitchell, also loudly negative to Schaefer's nomination policy in the past and an almost certain "no" vote, did not attend the meeting.

Victorine Q. Adams, also from the 4th District, was in a quandry over her vote because she is a "double minority" —black and female. So in an effort not to offend either, she passed. "This is a very delicate situation for me," she said.

Victorine Q. Adams

Orlinsky backed off, even though he had called for Ms. Tuomey's replacement, and voted in the affirmative because he has championed greater participation by women in government.

And Schaefer promised him that the next vacancy on the Animal Control Advisory Commission would be filled by a black, Orlinsky explained.

Council Vice President Clarence "Du" Burns voted in favor of Ms. Tuomey's appointment because she lives in his district. He does not view her nomination as a racial issue and "I deplore the fact that we have to do everything based on race."

Even though Councilman Nathan Irby, also 2nd District, agreed with Reeves' perception of boards and commissions — "his charge is correct, on time and I concur" — he said he "must" vote in the affirmative.

So, despite Mfume's and Reeves' diligent efforts, yet another white joins the already WASPish circle of mid-level decision makers whose actions, in varying degrees of importance, impact on everyone in Baltimore City.

In the case of Ms. Tuomey, although it can be argued that a seat on the Animal Control Advisory Commission is really not that important, it is still, as black Council members have argued from the beginning, a matter of principle.

The municipal handbook states that members of the commission assist and advise the commissioner of health on animal control matters, which includes the animal shelter, licensing and spaying and neutering.

But if that explanation doesn't help much, don't worry. One member of the commission is quoted in the minutes for both the January and February 1980 meetings as requesting from the mayor a clarification of the commission's functions.

And as long as they submit names of qualified blacks to Schaefer and argue that he is unresponsive to the needs of the black community, as long as Council members continue to knuckle under when told to, as long as he ignores the needs of Baltimore blacks, the status quo remains.

Schaefer has the reins. He has no desire to effect change to benefit the black community and nobody, but nobody, can sway his determination to keep the bulk of the power in Baltimore in his hands and those of a few white cronies.

Mfume likened the mayor to the famous magician, Harry Houdini.

Walter Orlinsky

"He is the master illusionist. He has been successful at creating the illusion that he cares about the black people of Baltimore by passing out certificates and showing up at black churches. But that is all it is — an illusion," Mfume said.

The only way to add substance to the illusion, Mfume said, is for Baltimoreans to scrutinize his actions and deeds.

"So much of the responsiblity for what he does must fall on the voters to make him accountable."

So what else is new?

Michael Mitchell

A New Day Begun—By Dr. Samuel Banks

The race for Supreme Bench

The race for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City is highly important and critical to the residents of this city. The stakes, to be sure, are high.

It is very disquieting and unsettling that there has not been more discussion among community groups and media, print and electronic, coverage and analysis of the candidates and their platforms.

The judges of the Supreme Bench have a pronounced and enduring effect on the lives of the citizenry in terms of the quality of justice, mercy and fairness meted out to those who have encounters with the criminal justice system.

All citizens need to become involved and to work to improve the quality and function of the Supreme Bench.

There are a number of pressing and urgent issues which this city, particularly the majority black community, needs to address now in conjunction with the forthcoming May 13, 1980 primary election for the five vacancies on the Supreme Bench:

1. There are five vacancies to be filled on the Supreme Bench. There are 10 candidates who have filed for the May 13 primary election for the Supreme Bench; three of them are black.

2. Historically, sitting judges (i.e., incumbents) of the Supreme Bench have run on the same ticket. It should be noted that voters are free to select any five candidates of their choosing. The voter, in other words, does not have to "vote the ticket."

3. The five persons chosen for the 23-member Supreme Bench will be elected for 15-year terms and receive a salary of $42,000 per year. The judicial decisions that they render will have a direct and enormous impact on the citizens involved in the criminal justice system.

The race for the Supreme Bench takes on an added significance when one considers that for so-long it was argued, fallaciously and mendaciously, that "qualified" blacks with the proper judicial temperament and ability could not be found for the judiciary here in Baltimore and across the nation.

The presence of three able and highly qualified black candidates as reflected in Judge Robert Bell, William "Billy" Murphy Jr., and Alonzo Hairston, provides a magnificent opportunity for the total community to add greater sensitivity, strength, diversity and legal acumen to the Supreme Bench.

The enchantment of the Supreme Bench through wise selections can contribute to the overall quality of life in this city. Your vote can make a difference; give it a try.

The greatest danger confronting the total community, at this point, is endemic and deadening apathy. I urge you not to go fishing on election day. Take your break or "go fishing" after you have cast your ballot.

The right to vote is a priceless function and privilege of a democratic society. You have an opportunity, through your ballot, to strike a blow for a more humane, effective and even-handed Supreme Bench committed, in theory and practice, to "equal justice under law" for all.

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

MOST IMPRESSIVE were the ceremonies Friday in the ceremonial room at City Hall when the keys to the new $3 million Constant Care Health Center were presented to Dr. Harvey Webb Jr.

The hard-working, handsome young man is director of the center which services nearly 20,000 persons with every health care need you can think of. The area from which they come is densely populated and has over 100,000 residents who have almost as many complaints.

CONSTANT CARE, Dr. Webb's own project, is one of the best in the USA and entirely designed by him. He reminds you of a Mother Hen, watching over her children, caring for each one. Dr. Webb is truly dedicated. Don't overlook his staff all of whom from top to bottom seem to be thoughtful and loving to those who need them so much.

Designers, Sulton and Campbell Architects of D.C. have done a great job with the $3 million building at Division and Mosher. You will soon see how wonderful it is adapted to service. Builders, Victor Frenkil and son Leonard are also devoted to the cause of service.

YOU CAN SEE devotion in the beautiful place, all because those involved care.

FRIDAY was quite a day. We presented our nominee, George Crafton Brown at the Silver Bowl Awards affair on Cromwell Bridge Rd. and then took part in the evening ceremonies at Blue Crest North for the latest scholarship winner, Kenneth Harvin, the Edmondson High Senior. Sponsors are members of the Malcolm Johnson Scholarship Committee headed by Dor Doroth Chambers, Social Studies head and Dr. Samuel Banks, that fantastic person who is head of all the Social Studies programs for the public schools.

DOUGLASS HIGH students, graduates, all of them who have ever studied there are due at the reunion at the Convention Center Awards Banquet Saturday May 17.

—MORE LETTERS—

Johnny Walker fan: 'Thanks a lot, Holly'

Dear AFRO:

To this date, I cannot understand the jury action in Baltimore recently in the suit brought against Johnny Walker and WFBR Radio. Doesn't anyone know the difference between humor and malice?

I have been a fan of Johnny Walker for the last six years and enjoyed every minute of his jokes.

What does the outcome of this suit do to other professional comedians like Redd Foxx, Flip Wilson, Richard Pryor, and others.

Sure Mr. Holly had the right to sue. But I feel he has an inflated ego or a lousy sense of humor. I remember that statement Walker made about Mr. Holly.

How could anyone believe that? Walker may have been better off if he had participated in the looting instead of joking about it.

If I were a member of the jury, I would have Mr. Walker make a public apology over the air and that's that. Since Mr. Holly was upset, that was all that was needed.

Heaven help us if we can't have humor. We need it to get by in this world with all its problems.

Johnny Walker, I'd like to say I'm still with you and there are many more blacks who are still with you and enjoying your jokes.

Another thing I like to add —I don't like the way the press is making this a racial thing. Not the AFRO but others. That's all we need. One more issue to separate the races.

Thanks, Mr. Holly. Thanks a lot.

SANDRA V. EVANS,

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.

FOR ALL WE KNOW

Chairman Hannibal Mickens urges each and everyone to place their names in the Patrons Book and join the Alumni Association. Contact the committee at 752-5009.

TICKETS are going fast. Weekly meetings are at Douglass High every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Come one, come all. PARENTS— if your kids now live out of town, go register for them so their names will be in this historic book.

AGENT HARLOW FULLWOOD, the amazing Police Dept. exec., has another honor coming May 8. The Mt. Vernon Optimist Club with James David president, has named him Policeman of the Year.

METHODIST CHURCH members have begun buzzing already although the annual conference at American University in Washington is not until June. Rumors are flying about the assignments and the pulpit changes.

WORD IS that Rev. Ernest Clark who just retired from Metropolitan's pulpit will take over as head of the flock at Metropolitan in Glen Burnie.

REV. IRVING LOCKERMAN, the brilliant young pastor, will take over at Metropolitan when he steps down from district superintendent of the Hagerston District. How about that?

"EAST BALTIMORE will never be the same", that's what they are predicting when the Rev. St. George Crosse takes over a Methodist pulpit there after the June 9 conference.

Rev. Crosse tells us that wherever he goes he will continue his one man fight against discrimination and protecting for the poor and "I will still be politically involved", he states.

MAY 4 is a crowded day but uppermost is the 4 p.m. Business and Professional Women's affair at 3106 Liberty Heights Ave. Heritage Church.

GOVANS METHODIST CHURCH has its annual flea market May 17 and you should be there for some rare goodies.

DUBOIS CIRCLE marks the 75th Anniversary at 6 p.m. at the Belvedere Hotel on May 20, an occasion that's always very beautiful— whenever those ladies hold forth.

MORGAN U's Alumni Day— May 23-24 looks like a real bomb shell but we'll wait and see.

JOSEPHINE ORA YOUNG, the lovely County teacher and NAACP and Freedom House executive, will be honored at a Banquet Sunda, May 25 and don't you forget it. Call her or Freedom House for tickets.

CONSTANT CARE has its banquet and celebration at 6:30 p.m Saturday May 11. Call Constant Care for information on this fine affair.

SEN. WELCOME'S 4th District Demos have set their Birthday Party for May 2 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 2257 Madison Ave. Call 669-5380 for information.

JUANITA WILLIAMS is back from Dallas where she attended the annual session of the American Baptist Churches of the South. She represented her husband, Earl Williams who is deacon of Providence Baptist Church.

ALSO there were Dr. Olin P. Moyd and Dr. Samuel Ray and Mrs. Gladys Patterson.

MORE ON the Business and Professional Women's Club for May 4, Annual Founders Day and Awards Presentations. Speaker is Mrs. Mary Singletary, national president.

AWARDS go to Miss Anita Williams, the Sojourner Truth Award; Mrs. Thelma Cox, Professional Award; Mrs. Roberta March, Business award; Judge Robert Bell, Man of the Year Award.

Mrs. Delores L. Thornton, chairman and Mrs. Edith M. Thomas, president, are in charge.

MEALS ON WHEELS needs volunteers to help with their fine program for the homebound. Plans are to open a new kitchen at Liberty Heights and Garrison Blvd. I can not think of a more worthy service. Please help. Call Nancy R. Rouse, 435-5217 NOW.

GRACE AND ST. PETERS at 709 Park Ave. has the Spring Fair May 3 10 to 5:30 on the School Grounds. Goodies, eats and lots of the most interesting things will be there including valuable antiques. I wish you could go. Get there and win a prize.

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