Teddy, Jimmy Carter —Crosse sues Pressman

Kennedy

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Speaking calmly but forcefully in his East Baltimore Sheraton Inn hotel suite, Wednesday afternoon flanked by his sister, Eunice Shriver, and niece, Maria Shriver, he reiterated his belief that the economic issue was the main political issue.

He sharply criticized Carter's budget cuts, and rejected the notion that Congress, and not the president was responsible for the cuts in social welfare spending.

Carter supporters have said that the president can't make a difference, but Kennedy disagrees.

"Roosevelt made a difference," he said eloquently. "Truman and Johnson made a difference. They were all able to deliver."

The Carter budget, says the senator, will most drastically affect those on a fixed income, minorities, the elderly and city dwellers.

When asked why blacks continued to support Carter, Kennedy shrugged.

"The power of incumbency can't be overlooked. Carter's economic program is inhumane to blacks."

Kennedy staffers produced statistics which graphically illustrated that Carter's proposed budget will cost the city of Baltimore $78 million in lost aid monies.

The breakdown follows;

anti-recession aid—$9.5 million

mass transit—$19 million

school lunch programs—$1 million

low-income housing—$8.6 million

CETA—$11 million

LEAA—$2.3 million

Revenue sharing—$27 million

Carter

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The first Marine Corps black general was appointed by Carter, as well as two of the current four black admirals in the Navy.

On the judicial front, Carter has made blacks federal judges in regions such as the South, an unprecedented achevement; and has selected 35 black federal judges during his term in office.

On the Cabinet level, Patricia Harris of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or Solicitor General Wade McCree, both appointed by Carter, have demonstrated their expertise at contributing to the running of the nation.

Federal regulatory commissions such as the Federal Trade Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Energy Regulataion Commission have gained black representation due to Carter's efforts.

In the area of minority contracts, Carter has raised the amount of federal business done with minorities to over $2.5 billion, up from $800 million four years ago.

Youth programs have been funded to the tune of $4.0 billion from $2.5 billion in 1977, and have provided 250,000 with jobs.

Carter had strengthened the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, (CETA), from 325,000 jobs to 660,000 and, althouth the Senate plans to cut 200,000 jobs from the program, Carter has opted to subtract only 50,000 jobs.

Carter has given new life to many of the nation's cities through the creation of the Urban Development Action Grant and a $2 billion increase in housing for the handicapped and the elderly.

—Crosse sues Pressman

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Pressman entered the offices of the Urban Services Agency in October, demanded the personnel files of St. George Crosse, and showed them to a group of reporters.

Crosse had been employed by the agency more than 10 years ago.

In the suit, Pressman and the Urban Services Agency are charged with two counts, invasion of privacy and an intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Crosse is asking for a total of $2 million in damages.

The incident which provoked the suit occurred October 29, a week before the general elections. Pressman had called a news conference in front of the Urban Services Agency's headquarters, located in the first block of East Mount Royal Avenue.

After denouncing Crosse as unfit for office, Pressman led the reporters into the building, requested Crosse's personnel files, and showed them to the assembled members of the media.

According to Crosse, Pressman's actions cost him the election.

"The raid and rape of my personal records cost me the election," he claims. "It ruined my reputation among my colleagues and my standing in the community."

He also said that, since Pressman's action, he has been forced to leave his position as pastor of Lewin United Methodist Church and accept a position at a smaller church in East Baltimore.

Crosse feels that Pressman took action against him after he slammed Pressman's administration of the city market system.

He added that since the election, his charges have been substantiated by the City Council, which has recently requested that the markets be removed from Pressman's jurisdiction.

—Slug it out

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in this year's series of nation-wide primaries, while Carter is trying desperately to drive the final nails into the senator's election hopes.

Kennedy won in Pennsylvania last month by hammering at Carter's economic policies and their effect on city poor and working class citizens. He is gambling on success with a similar strategy in Maryland, and, in an address before a group of local black ministers at Heritage United Church of Christ he claimed that Carter's policies will cost the city $78 million.

Upon hearing of the senator's charges, the Carter camp quickly rebounded by sending emissaries to the city media refuting the charges with comprehensive statistics of their own.

Since Baltimore is a city populated by working class people which includes a large black population, the economic issue may well be the deciding factor in Tuesday's elections.

—AFRO mom

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from 5 until 9 p.m. Every mother present will be treated to refreshments and entertainment.

The winners will receive many prizes. Among them will be gift certificates for clothing, hairdos, dinner-for-two and plays; also flowers and a certificate citing them as winners.

Each mother who was entered as a contestant by the deadline date has been invited to the Ritz for the Awards Ceremony.

For admittance each mother must bring her letter of invitation from the AFRO-AMERICAN with her and present it to the hostess at the door.

Each mother who is coming may also bring two close relatives as guests. However, any guest who is included must be 18 years old or older.

Remember: Saturday, The Ritz, 5 until 9 p.m. Please be on time. Winners will be selected promptly at 8 p.m.

John H. Murphy III, chairman of the Board of Trustees, The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Inc. will make the award to the "AFRO Mother of the Year."

Stan Stovall, anchor man of Channell 11 News team will serve as Master of Ceremonies and as a presenter. Also serving as a presenter will be Don Brooks, business manager of Radio Station WEBB.

—McGee

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The Association of Black Social Workers is planning to have a fund raising activity for McGee and all proceeds will be given to the McGee family to help with medical bills.

The coalition will also have several fund raisers. Their money will be used to try to form a review board to monitor police activities and review police policies and to purchase stationery and supplies for the McGee Coalition.

McGown, has been placed on administrative duties since the shooting. The parents of McGee have filed a $15 million lawsuit against the officer and the City of Baltimore in Federal Court.

Randolph King and Constance McGee filed the lawsuit on behalf of their son against McGown, Commissioner Pomerleau, Mayor William Schaefer and the City Council.

Suspect arrested

Darneal Maddox, 20, of the 1600 block Harlem Ave., was arrested May 7 and charged with the murder of Bruce Gray, 29, of the 1600 block Lanvale St.

Maddox was being held at City Jail at AFRO presstime. Police report Gray was found slumped lying in the right rear seat of a red and white Ford in front of 1615 Harlem Ave.

—Cop charged

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A copy of the violations were given to McGown May 6, while o duty. The five violations of police regulations state: "Detective McGown laced himself on duty when it was not necessary to do so and/or took unnecessary police action.

"He failed to conform to the policy of the agency and he failed to use discretion in invoking police powers involving the use of his firearm.

"While at or near 4530 Erdman Ave., McGown acted in a manner which reflected discredit upon the department in the use of his firearm and he used his firearm other than in one of the cases authorized by department rules."

Police charges maintain that McGown also failed to exercise the utmost care and precaution in the use of his firearm, while at or near 4530 Erdman Ave.

McGown shot McGee because he believed the teenager was about to rob a pizza parlor. McGee, who is now partly paralyzed, was actually holding a cigarette lighter.

The detective will be tried by a departmental panel. The final decision on McGown's future will be made by police commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau after the trial board makes its final recommendation.

Police departmental rules state that "Members of the department who are authorized by law to carry firearms shall exercise the utmost care and precaution in the preservation and use of such weapons.

While sworn members are authorized to wear, carry or transport a handgun off duty, they are reminded that their manner of doing so must be in conformance with existing state law and departmental general orders. No member of the department use firearms in the discharge of his duty except in the following cases: In self-defense or to defend another person (unlawfully attacked) from death or serious injury.

To effect the arrest or to prevent the escape, when other means are insufficient, of a person convicted of a felony of the dangerous type, or of a person who has committed a felony of the dangerous type in the presence of the member.

—Rent control

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A group of landlords and property owners filed a suit to block the inclusion of the question on the ballot.

City voters overwhelmingly approved the referendum, but, just two weeks later, Judge Joseph H.H. Kaplan overturned the voters' mandate, ruling the referendum unconstitutional.

Rent control advocates then took the case to the Court of Appeals which heard arguments on Feb. 4.

As of May 8, the court had not released a decision.

The delay is the basis of Douglass' suit. He told the AFRO, according to Article 4, Section 15 of the Maryland Constitution, the Court of Appeals must render a decision within three months after hearing a case.

"My action is devoid of interest in who wins or loses. But the Court of Appeals is violating state law," he said.

Douglass pointed out several recent rulings by the court which forced prosecutors to schedule cases within mandatory time periods, notably the state of Maryland vs. Hicks, wherein the court ruled a defendant must be tried within 120 days after he is charged.

The pivotal word in both the Hicks case and Douglass' suit is "shall." The Constitution requires the court "shall file a written opinion within three months after argument."

In the Hicks decision, the court ruled "the word 'shall' is ordinarily presumed to have a mandatory meaning."

"Here we have a case of the state's highest court saying that speedy trial rules apply to everybody but themselves," Douglass said.

Barry Steel, Douglass' attorney, explained that the suit calls for an immediate injunction which would require the Court of Appeals judges to decide the rent control question immediately.

But he said it would take a bold trial-level judge to issue such an order to the seven highest judges in the state and Steel does not expect that to happen.

Rent control backers have issued a statement of endorsement for candidates to the Supreme Bench in the May 13 primary.

They are backing William "Billy" Murphy Jr. and incumbent Judge Robert Bell, saying both candidates have championed the rights of tenants and have worked for passage of rent control.

Rent control supporters also announced their opposition to Judge M. Albert Figinski, citing his role in arguing the anti-rent control position and working to overturn the election results.

Figinski was unavailable for comment at AFRO presstime.

"We need to stick together and elect judges who will be responsive to basic human needs," said Ken McElroy, co-chairperson of the Baltimore Rent Control Campaign.

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Mazer files suit

An applicant who was rejected for the job of director of the city's Department of Human Resources has filed suit seeking to block the appointment of the man named to the post.

Stanley Mazer, director of urban projects at Morgan State University, filed suit in U.S. District Court charging Mayor William Donald Schaefer denied him equal opportunity for the job awarded to George G. Musgrove, of New Haven, Conn.

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Rouse Company releases statistics

Harborplace affirmative action goals exceeded

The Rouse Company, developers of the extravagant Inner Harbor shopping center Harborplace, has released affirmative action figures for both construction and tenan participation for the two structures scheduled to open July 2.

A spokesman for Rouse said the company has surpassed the total contract goal as well as the percentage of minority participation on construction jobs.

Of the $13.9 million contract, more than $1.4 million was awarded to black subcontractors.

The Rouse Company's objective of 25 percent black participation on construction jobs was surpassed by 16 percent. Forty-one percent of the construction workforce is black.

The spokesman also said 24 percent of the black workers are employed in skilled trades, such as plumbing, welding, electrical work, etc.

Of the 100 major tenants, as of May 8, 17 black owners have either signed a lease or the rental arrangements are out for signatures.

Applications are currently being accepted for jobs after the building is complete. Between 1,500 and 1,800 persons will be hired during the next two months to work at some of the 130 shops and stalls.

The Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources is coordinating the hiring and will match applicants with prospective employers.

The city has set up a job bank near the construction site. About 1,000 of the jobs will be full-time and the remaining positions will be part-time. Other seasonal jobs will be temporary.

PLUMBING APPRENTICE — Kendal Smith, an apprentice plumber at Harborplace, gets some hints from a foreman.

PLUMBER — Richard Williams has worked as a plumber at the Inner Harbor Harborplace construction site.

LEARNING ON THE JOB — Jeanette Snowden, a sheet metal apprentice, receives on-the-job training at the Rouse Company's Harborplace development.

NAACP questions Bauman for Congress

Regional NAACP officials said Monday they have "very serious concerns" with the voting record of Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., who is running for re-election in the first congressional district.

Emmet C. Burns, the organization's regional director in Maryland, said Bauman voted against the NAACP's position on civil rights bills 20 out of 22 times.

Burns said the group will conduct voter registration and education drives on the Eastern Shore to "try to bring about a change in leadership."

But Burns said the NAACP will not endorse any candidate.

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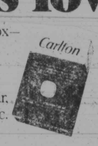

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GOP candidates gear up for races

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Six black city Republicans are running for office in the upcoming primary election and two, Ted Williams and Victor Clark, are seeking two seats, as delegates and as 7th Congressional District candidates.

Williams, a young medical administrator at Johns Hopkins hospital, is making his first foray into politics.

He says that, if elected, he would probe the "infiltration of Koreans into the black business community."

William says that Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, who has represented the 7th District for over 10 years, has risen to such a position of national prominence that he has neglected his constituency in the city.

Victor Clark feels that "voters have not developed the necessary political sophistication" to gauge when a GOP candidate may be a better choice than a Democratic one.

According to Clark, many voters joined the Democratic Party following the Great Depression of the Thirties, after the Republican administration failed to solve the country's economic woes.

Interestingly enough, before the Depression a black Democrat was a rarity. One reflection of this former status is the fact that the city's Republican party is 65 percent black.

Clark says that several myths associated with the GOP, such as its "insensitivity to the poor and minorities," must be disposed of through voter education.

He says that he has plans to form a Fourth District Republican organization by mid-July, and predicts a full-fledged campaign to unseat Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7.

Other blacks who are running for seats on the Maryland contigent to the Republican National Convention include Madie Mitchell, Carl Adair, Marshall Jones and St. George Crosse.

Mitchell, Adair and Clark all were candidates for City Council during the November general elections, but none proved victorious.

Crosse sought the comptroller's seat during the same election and was also defeated.

Get out and vote
May 13

When will fire safety classes begin for Cherry Hill tenants?

It has not been determined when residents of the Cherry Hill Housing complex will be given classes on how to respond to fires in their building.

The decision was made following a fire on May 4. Eva Stukes, 8, died of burns suffered in the Seagull Avenue fire. She was burned while attempting to escape a one alarm fire which engulfed her in the apartment where she was visting with cousins.

Residents of the apartments blame the girls' death on the lack of a fire escape or smoke detector in the complex, which was built in 1963. Capt. Patrick Flynn, of the City fire department, told the AFRO that the housing complex has been found in violation of a city fire code because it was not equipped with smoke detectors. The two-story apartments also do not have fire escapes.

Joel Newton, housing manager for Cherry Hill was not available at AFRO presstime for a statement. John McCauley, deputy housing commissioner, was in a meeting. No one could say when the smoke detectors will be installed.

Mrs. Claretha Folkes, a resident of the Cherry Hill complex told the AFRO she has already taught her children what to do in case of a fire and doesn't think the classes are necessary. Mrs. Folkes said, "Teaching tenants steps to take in case of a fire is not enough. We need smoke detectors and fire escapes. There is only one way in and one way out of our apartments and it would not hurt them to give us smoke detectors."

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