Roberson named local manager of tobacco firm

Warnell Roberson, a native of Dallas, Texas, has been promoted to manager of the Baltimore Sales Department at Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. - USA.

Roberson joined B and W in 1968 as a sales representative in Dallas, and later served in that same capacity in Los Angelew and La Habre, Cal.

In 1975 he was promoted to manager of the Valley North, California Sales Division. The following year he was promoted to region manager of the Detroit, Mich., Sales Department.

In 1979, he was promoted to manager of field operation services in the sales planning department at the corporate headquarters in Louisville, Ky.

Roberson attended Xavier University in New Orleans, LLa., and Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. He is married to the former

Warnell Roberson

Frances Fay Glenn, also of Dallas, and they have two children.

Brown and Williamson, manufacturers of KOOL, Viceroy, Raleigh, Belair and Arctic Lights cigarettes, is the nation's third largest tobacco company, and maintains a large sales force throughout the U.S. for distribution, merchandising and sales promotion.

—Housing protesters

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even after he threatened them with jail.

"If you're black in America, you're in jail anyway," an activist shouted.

Bob Cheeks, head of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization and a fervent opponent of AHOP, lashed out at Orlinsky.

"You aren't always going to have the cops with you, Orlinsky!" he said.

Council Vice-president Clarence "Du" Burns was the target of the activists, also.

"You think this is funny 'Du' Burns?" Cheeks demanded.

The protestors began chanting "AHOP, AHOP ain't no good, step on AHOP like you step on wood" until the police cleared the balcony after Orlinsky adjourned the meeting to clear the protestors from the chamber.

The legislators expressed anger and disgust at the comments and behavior of the group.

Councilman George Della, D-6th, chided the group's lack of respect and said regardless of the merit of their stance on AHOP and rent control, he would not support their views.

"I wouldn't vote for a measure they favor if my life depended on it," he said.

Councilwoman Victorine Adams, D-4th, said while she disagreed with the tactics of the protestors, her colleagues should pay attention to the dissent.

"These people are trying to tell us something. We haven't been listening or responding," she said.

Another 4th District legislator's comments created almost as big an uproar as did the protestors.

Eweisi Mfume reminded the Council that in 1976 a gunman walked into City Hall and fatally shot Councilman Dominic M. Leone and seriously wounded four other people. Mfume said that incident was triggered because "nobody listened.

"What we are doing is setting the groundwork for the same damn thing. We must listen to people whether we agree or disagree," he said.

Mfume's remarks brought a harsh response from 3rd District Councilman Frank Gallagher.

"You weren't even here (when the shooting occurred.) You are missing the point," he told Mfume.

He also accused Mfume of "playing to the crowd. You heat them up and that invites trouble."

Orlinsky aired his views before the meeting adjourned for the second time.

"I will not legislate in an atmosphere of threats and screaming epitaphs (sic) at one and all.

"The threat I received (from Cheeks) was not vague, it was explicit."

He said thought must be given to distinguish between dissent and protest which threatens bodily harm.

With the exception of a July 28 meeting, Council is on hiatus until September which, as some legislators hope, will allow enough time for tempers to simmer down.

—Inmates

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The shop, a clean, well-lit building that contrasts with the grime of the remainder of the prison, is frequently open on weekends by the inmates' request. Usually, inmates work Monday through Friday.

"Most of the guys you see here want to work seven days a week," said Wayne Waddell, 25, of Baltimore, who was busy binding a biography of Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Every bit of free time you have, you try to grasp different aspects of it. It's kind of like a trade."

Warden George Collins said the inmates deserve my credit they receive because they put the Braille Association together on their own. And they did it without much help from the prison administration, he added.

Blackwell, the association's founder, acknowledged Collins' remarks and said for once he would let the members of the project take a break.

"This day is for these 34 men out there. We've done a lot of work, and we're going to do a lot more work — but today, take it easy," he said. (UPI)

—White 'front'

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The Department of Transportation has questioned whether a $21 million joint venture contract can be counted as part of the Minority Business Enterprise goal. If it is not counted, the MBE share of the Fort McHenry Tunnel project will be only about seven percent.

"Federal funding for the entire project may be jeopardized because of the failure to reach MBE goals.

Mitchell stated he would request a meeting with the city solicitor to try to determine what specific steps the city should take to avoid a possible loss of federal funds.

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Wm. Green Federal Bldg.
6th & Arch Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

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Auditorium
State Highway Admin. Bldg.
707 W. Preston Street
Baltimore, Md. 21201

August 6, 1980 (7:10 PM)
City Council Chambers
City Hall
Richmond, Va. 23219

August 12, 1980 (7:10 PM)
Gold Room
Allegheny County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

August 13, 1980 (7:10 PM)
Conference Room A & B
Capitol Complex, Bldg. 7
Charleston, WV 25305

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EPA, Region III welcomes your oral or written comments regarding MBE utilization goals. Your written comments may be presented at the meetings or mailed to EPA Office of Civil Rights (3CROO) at the address noted below prior to August 25, 1980. All comments will be considered in Region III's review of the MBE program. Further information on the meetings may be obtained from:

USEPA, Office of Civil Rights (3CROO)
6th & Walnut Streets
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Mitchell blasts city, SBA at conference

Despite funds earmarked for Baltimore to add 1,000 more summer jobs to the 16,000 already slated for youths, Rep. Parren Mitchell says this doesn't begin to address the problem of black youth unemployment.

More than 17,000 youths will be employed this summer. But Mitchell stated, "The problem for Baltimore city is much more complex as a result of action taken by the Senate Appropriations Committee."

Mitchell explained that the city will lose $450,000 in its Special Concentration Grants Program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title 1.

He also pointed out during a press conference this week at his Bloomingdale Road office, that the city would be further hurt by reducing in its recession, the level of funding of the Basic Title 1 Program of ESEA.

Because of the reduced level of funding, major urban school districts will lose an additional $10 million from the Basic Grants part of the program. It is yet to be determined how much Baltimore will lose.

Mitchell, who has been actively involved in legislation for minority businesses, stated that the Small Business Administration which previously said it was out of direct loan money, has found $100 million for this fiscal year which it has not spent.

"The White House staff member advised me that it would direct the Small Business Administration to release the $100 million, " he said.

"At this time, I cannot give an accurate figure as to what portion of that sum will be made available to minority businesses in the Maryland, but whatever the exact amount, these funds will of great help to our minority businesses."

Minority businesses depend heavily on direct loans from SBA because, despite a 90 percent federal guarantee, rarely do banks, make loans to minority entrepeneurs.

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Housing workers strike over contract

Unionized maintenance men at 34 public housing projects walked off the job Tuesday in a contract dispute that forced the Baltimore Housing Authority to suspend hot water service to 15,000 tenants.

The strike by 600 maintenance men and some supervisory personnel was called after union members overwhelmingly rejected a proposed agreement that would raise wages 12.5 percent at the end of two years.

Negotiators met separately with federal mediator Ed McMahon while strikers set up picket lines at all 34 housing projects and a downtown maintenance shop, said authority spokesman Richard Davis.

Picket lines were set up at 7 a.m., when most employees were scheduled to report to work.

Davis said housing officials shut down hot water boilers at seven housing projects because the equipment must be tended continously to ensure its proper operation. Hot water boilers at 27 other projects operate automatically and do not require maintenance.

The maintenance men are represented by local 847 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers (AFSCME). Their maintenance supervisors, who voted to strike last week, are represented by AFSCME local 2979.

Salaries for maintenance workers currently range between $4.80 and $5.80 an hour. The contract offer employees rejected Monday night would have raised wages 7.5 percent in the first year and 5 percent in the second year of the proposed agreement.

The city's 34 public housing projects house 50,000 residents. Maintenance workers are responsible for cleaning hallways, tending boiler rooms and performing routine structural maintenance to the public housing projects.

The walkout is the first since maintenance men were unionized 11 years ago, Davis said.

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FROM HAITI — Newcomers to Baltimore are Anne Marie Bernard, Irene Mompremier, Leomene Corgelas, Rejeanne Seide, Prudent Rosemarelle, Pierre Yeanty, Joseph Alnos, (Abber Lormegat, Yonclair Welma and Yolse Laurin. Mr. Alagia Gray front row in left is their leader.

Local firms form development group

Six major Baltimore area firms have formed a development corporation to provide financial and technological assistance to neighborhood businesses and to build homes that other investors believe are too risky, it was announced Tuesday.

The Baltimore Neighborhood Development Corp. plans to begin as many as four projects, two of them commercial ventures, within its first year of operation, said corporation president Francis J. Knott.

"I believe very strongly that the private sector has to redirect its resources into solving community problems," Knott said. "I believe we can solve these problems — creating jobs, preserving neighborhoods, producing housing for people of all incomes — and make a profit."

He said the corporation will focus on ventures in the metropolitan area, not just Baltimore City.

The York Ridge Planning Area committee, a non-profit group headed by Knott, will own 4 percent of the corporation's stock, but will not be a voting member.

The six main investors are the Henry A. Knott Remodeling Co., which is headed by Francis Knott, the Rouse Co., Union Trust Bank, Maryland National Bank, Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan, and the Investment Firm of Baker, Watts and Co.

Knott said the Baltimore Neighborhood Development Corp. plans to raise at least $500,000 to form a small business investment corporation, which then could generate $2 million in loans from the federal Small Business Administration.

Other corporation subsidiaries would be a development company to attract private investments in commercial or housing ventures, a local development corporation to attract public grants, a management firm, and a non-profit organization to train neighborhood residents and community groups.

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(2) copies of current pay stubs for the last three months of employment;

(3) if you are receiving a welfare grant and-or medical assistance, a copy of your grant letter and-or medical assistance card;

(4) a list of present debts and amount of monthly payments and balance due; and,

(5) a statement explaining why you are unable to pay.

If you are not satisfied with the results you may contact the State Hill-Burton Agency, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Health Services Development Section, 201 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Public Defender office says lawyers needed

If the Maryland Public Defender Office is to handle the current caseload it will need a larger budget to hire more lawyers, the office's director says.

Director Alan Murrell said last week the agency has overspent its budget for the last five years, and will do so again by a larger amount next year if its budget is not expanded.

Murrell said he will probably ask the State Legislature for about $300,000 next year to pay lawyers' fees.

"We're processing juveniles at the rate of 600 a month (in Baltimore City)," Murrell said. "Our staff can't absorb anymore than they've already absorbed. It jeopardizes the rights of our clients."

Professors oppose financial disclosures

More than 1,000 Maryland college professors are challenging a state ethics law provision that requires them to file financial disclosure statements.

In four separate lawsuits, the faculty members are asking the federal court to declare the statute unconstitutional. The University of Maryland and Towson State University professors maintain the law is an invasion of privacy.

Additionally, the instructors claim they should not be subject to the law's mandates because they do not set public policy or control public funds.

The statute requires state employees of grade 19 or higher, or who earn more than $19,619 annually, to disclose their assets and holdings in real estate, stocks and bonds to the state ethics commission.

Water, sewer rates to increase

The city Board of Estimates has approved a 15 percent increase in water and sewer charges for Baltimore homeowners.

The rate increase that affects 195,000 water users, will raise an additional $3.5 million a year, officials said.

The increase was needed to pay a $750,000 operating deficit in the city water department, officials said.

Mine sweeper

The ocean going mine sweeper USS Imervious (MSO - 449) will be open to the public on Saturday, 5 July, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, 6 July, from noon to 4 p.m. The Washington Navy Yard is located at Ninth and M Streets Southeast, D.C. Free parking is available.

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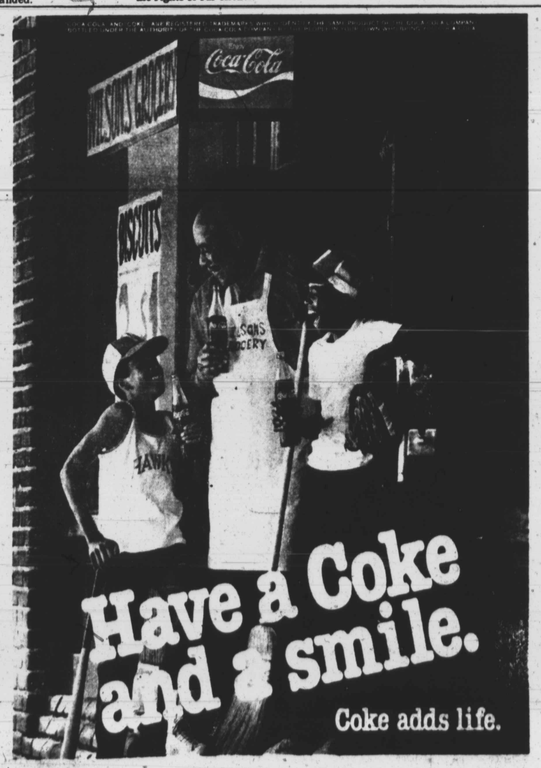

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