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Stabbed in heart, he's still alive

Md. GOP convention delegates had key role

The Republicans have decided that Ronald Reagan and George Bush will be their standard bearers in the upcoming presidential race; their national convention is ending in Detroit and black Republican delegates are returning home to Maryland generally pleased with their party's chances next fall.

State Sen. Aris Allen, the Anne Arundel County physician, and in his post as secretary to the Republican National Convention senior member of the Maryland contingent in Detroit, sees good things ahead.

Dr. Allen also confirmed for the AFRO that it was indeed pressure from black Republicans that saw NAACP executive secretary Benjamin Hooks, at the last minute, included as a major speaker before the convention.

The sudden and headline - making appearance of Hooks in an address to the Republicans was explained by Allen who told the AFRO:

"Cecil Grant and I sponsored a prayer breakfast with Ben Hooks as guest speaker for all the black delegates to the convention. From that meeting there followed a discussion which led to a resolution by black delegates asking that Hooks be allowed to address the convention."

Allen said further, "I was asked to personally deliver to the platform committee the resolution about Hooks. I did this. I delivered the resolution to Bill Brock, committee chairman."

Asked if reports that black Republican delegates had threatened to walk out of the convention if Hooks' appearance had been refused were accurate, Allen said, "Yes, there was mention from two or three

Sen. Aris Allen

delegates about walking off the convention floor if the resolution was not accepted."

The GOP Rules Committee did change the rules which paved the way for Hooks' address.

"Hooks was enthusiastically received," said Allen. "On the whole, it worked out very well."

Delegate St. George Crosse commented on the Hooks situation, saying that he felt it corrected the "unfortunate" view that the party "intentionally" snubbed black people as a whole.

Crosse also told the AFRO he felt the GOP 1980 platform looked upon blacks favorably. "It speaks to a strong home life, more jobs, a stronger defense and the need for America to regain respect around the world."

Delegate Victor Clark, the Republican challenger for the Congressional seat now held by Parren J. Mitchell, told the AFRO that-th not have let Hooks address the convention "would have been the third strike against the party. The first strike was when Reagan didn't come to the NAACP convention in Miami; the second was the watering down of the Equal Rights Amendment. If they had not let Hooks speak this would have been the final slap in the face of all minorities."

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Harlem Park residents vow they'll get the rapist

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

CONCERNED CITIZENS living in the Harlem Park community are shown at a meeting Wednesday at the Lafayette Multipurpose Center to discuss what they plan to do about the rapist who has been in their area since March, 1980. STORY, PAGE 7

NAACP to probe brutality

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore chapter of the NAACP held a press conference on the steps of the Western Police station Tuesday, July 15 to protest the arrest and alleged brutalization of a Pikesville, Md. couple and their three children.

"The citizens of Baltimore will have to demand a better account of what the police are doing," thundered NAACP legal counsel Hero Singleton. "It is time for the citizens of Baltimore to understand that situations like Miami are something which could happen here."

James Crockett, 30, and his wife and three children were leaving a relative's house in the 1600 block Westwood Avenue on Friday of last week, when Crockett was accosted by a police officer.

As Crockett was placing his wife in the car, he glanced at his watch, and a police officer nearby said, "What do you have there, boy?" according to Crockett.

"I told him that he was getting a little personal," said Crockett. After an exchange of words, Crockett said the policeman radioed for help and began placing handcuffs on him.

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The 'people' blast TV, newspaper treatment of blacks

By James M. Abraham
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The Tuesday, July 15 meeting of the NAACP held at St. Johns AME Church, opened with a rendition of James Weldon Johnson's "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and this was the only time the assembled group was in harmony on anything.

The meeting was billed as a forum to discuss the question: "The Media — Whom does it Serve?", and featured representatives from three commercial television stations, one public station, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN and the Morning and Evening Sun.

Cathy Pugh, editor of a weekly tabloid, opened the forum. She is president of the Association of Black Media Workers and told the assembled crowd that one of the main concerns of her organization was the transience of black reporters at local television stations.

After making a plea to support black media, she turned to Chester Lemmon, managing editor of the Evening Sun, and asked him to explain the role his paper had played in recruiting black journalists.

"We do have a very effective program to recruit black journalists," he claimed. "We've been in touch with job net, (a national talent search organization) ...and most of our recent hirees are black." He added that few blacks have been at the Sun long enough to work their way up to management, but added that his paper is attempting to train in-house black employees to make the transition to management.

Paul Banker of the Morning Sun pointed out that his paper has one black editor; Curtis Riddle, who has recently been shifted to a county bureau. "I must say," he added, "that it has been a constant frustration," (to find "qualified" black reporters.

Rick Brietenfeld of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, stated that media must be divided into two sections; public and commercial.

He said that all aspects of the media are depended on their stockholders if they are commercial and the legislature of institution which created them if they are public.

"The Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting was created and can be abolished by the Maryland General Assembly," he told the crowd.

Arthur Kern of Channel 13 spoke next, and told the crowd that his station reached over 2 million people each week. "It's an awesome obligation, but we try," he said. He said that he, as general manager of station, felt a "deep obligation to the whole community."

He also backhanded public broadcasting by stating, "I go to bed at night thanking God that the federal or state governments do not own us."

Lemmon said that his paper is making a conscious attempt to "cover stories that are relevant to all segments of our community." He described a series of "meet the editors" sessions the Evening Sun

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Fisherman attacked by masked whites

A 32-year-old West Baltimore man was stabbed through his heart by three masked white assailants Sunday afternoon as he and a companion were fishing in the Essex area of Baltimore County.

According to county police spokesmen, Alphonso Wallace and Eugene Wallace, also 32, were fishing near the waste - water treatment plant in Essex when the attack occurred.

The two had observed three young whites at a distance from them, but had ignored the youths.

Shortly after they spotted the white youths, they looked up again and the three were behind them, with stocking masks over their faces and knives in their hands.

After demanding money from Wallace and Jackson, the tallest of the three masked assailants stabbed Jackson in the chest. The other two boys ran down the road, while the knife-wielding third man jumped on a small motorcycle and left the scene.

Jackson and Wallace made it to the waste - water treatment plant, where a worker called an ambulance.

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Prison date for Diggs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr., D-Mich., has lost his final bid for leniency on mail fraud and payroll padding convictions and was ordered to begin serving a three - year prison term on July 23.

Diggs, who resigned from his House seat following Supreme Court rejection of his appeal, represented Detroit's inner city for 13 terms and was the senior black member of Congress.

He was convicted in 1978 on 11 counts of mail fraud and 18 counts of filing false pay vouchers in what the government said was a scheme of inflating staff payrolls to obtain kickbacks to meet business expenses and pay mounting personal debts.

Diggs appeared before U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch July 14 and asked to be placed on

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Charles C. Diggs

She sues insurance exec for assault and battery

A 31-year-old license insurance agent and broker, formerly employed at the Roger Walker Insurance Agency in the 5300 block of Reisterstown Road, has charged the agency owner with assault and battery, false imprisonment and intentional infliction of mental and emotional distress.

Ms. Gloria Jan Avery

Ms. Gloria Avery of the 200 block Diener Place filed the complaint through her attorneys, Cummings and Smith, on July 9 in Superior Court.

Court records state that on May 19 when Ms. Avery reported for work, Walker without cause, justification or provocation hit Ms. Avery several times in her face, head, neck and body and threw her against a wall and a sofa.

Also, her suit alleged that Walker placed his arms on her and touched her on various parts of her body, causing her to suffer injuries.

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Wins 60 G's in Irish sweeps

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

Mrs. Helen Goode is a lucky lady.

She recently won $60,000 in the Irish Hospital's Sweepstakes, Irish Sweep's Derby, 1980.

It was the June 3 race that paid off for Mrs. Goode, a Social Security employee, when her horse "Princess Bee" placed second.

Her winning ticket number, DAG02229, was in a $50 book of tickets which she purchased through a friend in Kentucky more than six months ago.

She forgot she had the ticket.

Mrs. Goode said that she heard of her big win through the news media. Her reaction was, "I thought they were pulling my leg."

She said, however, that when she received a telegram verifying her win, she felt elated.

Mrs. Helen Goode

When asked what she would do with her winnings, she said, "I haven't decided yet. It's in the bank now."

"I just want to look at it for awhile."

Mrs. Goode's three children, Yvette, 17, Carolyn, 16 and Carl, 12, are more excited than she is and have already made plans on how to spend all $60,000.

When she isn't working at Social Security, Mrs. Goode is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and enjoys bowling.

She is now eligible to win more money. When a horse places first, second or third in a race and winners receive what becomes a major prize, such as Mrs. Goode's, they have a chance to win again.

One can only wish more luck to a lucky lady

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