#### SCHOOL BOARD MAY FACE SUIT

## Gladden back as principal on contracting b

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Eastern High School feel

Junior High.

and alumni object to this

apparent demotion but

they also insist Gladden

be kept at Eastern. They

At the July 10 meeting

representatives of the

uttered many firm and

strong statements.

threaten to file suit.

testifying were: Mrs. The Board of School Lula Weaver, second Commissioners will meet vice - president, Eastern on Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at High Alumni Assn.; Coldstream Park William Cooper Jr., Elementary School No. president, PTSA, 31, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave. Eastern High and Mrs. However, many Syrider substituting for parents and teachers at Helen Bartholow,

Representatives

president, Eastern High

the panel will again turn Alumnae Assn. a def ear to them and the are alumni association on a statements in part: heartfelt matter. WILLIAM COOPER

Time and again this Jr.: "At your last meeting, school year, various I discussed the desires of Eastern High groups my organization to retain have expressed the Mr. Gladden as principal desire to keep Elzee of Eastern High School. Gladden as principal.

Over 100 members of the Eastern High School But, Gladden has been community, a cross moved "for reasons section representing unknown" from prinalumnae, the staff, and cipal at Eastern to vice the parents came with a principal at Garrison similar interest. Why are we being ignored? Not only do Eastern High parents, teachers

"At our meeting with Dr. Crew, we were again informed that principal would transferred.

Will this board help We are

community with one

request: Eastern High adults "Kee Elzee Gladden as decisions be made in an principal of Eastern High School.

"Why create unnecessary conflict with parents, teachers, students and alumni?

MRS. WEAVER: "The Eastern High Alumni opposes any transfer of Elzee Gladden, principal of Eastern High.

"We have observed the continuation of progress under leadership of Mr. Gladden who is an experienced administrator.

"His removal serves no useful purpose as he has demonstrated to us unquestionable administrative and leadership capabilities.

"In spite of disruptions caused by having first City College and later New Eastern, No. 460 located in the building, a positive educational atmosphere has prevailed due to Mr. Gladden's total commitment.

"No other school has had to experience such disruptions. Good management

practice dictates that personnel and promotion equitable fashion. "However, when we

veer too far from the principle of meritoin the selction process, morale suffers and ultimately, production will also

"The products in the case of the Baltimore City Public School Systems are the children the leaders and tax payers of tomorrow.

"Superintendents come and go and administrators come and go, but students and parents remain.

"Public education is under attack from many quarters and the public school needs the support of parents, alumni and the community.

"Should Mr. Gladden be the only individual transferred, then one must seriously question the administration's objectivity and sense of tair play.

"The Eastern Alumni Association has had an uninterrupted commitment to Eastern and we plan to stay actively involved and monitor the

situation at Eastern. Partisans of Gladden will again confront the School Board on Aug. 14.

# Mitchell sues GS

Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell filed a lawsuit rarlier this week in U.S. District Court against the General Services Administration, alleging that the government agency made illegal contract awards in 1979 of at least \$300 million.

Mitchell charged in his suit that GSA has failed to comply with a public law that requires major contractors with the federal government to subcontract with minority-owned firms.

Mitchell accused the GSA, as well as other federal agencies, of acting in "a continued pattern of lawlessness" by not complying subcontracting the legislation, labeled P.L. 95-507.

The congressman asked the court to force GSA to develop procurement rules and guidelines to ensure compliance with the

legislation by other agencies, many of which do not comply with the law, he said

"This action is only one of a number of remedies that we will employ to counter the footdragging within the federal agencies in complying with the law," Mitchell said at a press conference announcing the suit.

Many minority businesses may have been "cheated" out of opportunities to earn federal dollars because of noncompliance with the law by federal agencies, Mitchell said. Mitchell also announced that some "real progress" had been on a list of thirteen proposals presented to the White House last month to assist minority businesses

Mitchell and businessmen met on Vice-President Walt discuss an emerge action for recess minority businesses also met with House

O'Neil. The Carter admin promised action on a the proposals, wh described as "sign couraging.

The veteran cong that "we will be able demise of a large minority businesses the "swift action" White House to proposed measures

Congress still ha Mitchell's proposal of them can be imp

#### Request for voluntary draft registration turned down

Four representatives of the United States Student Association asked U.S. Selective Service Director Bernard Rostker this week to make draft registration voluntary, but their efforts were in

Frank Jackalone, national chairperson of the group which represents over three million college and university students, told reporters that in light of the topsy-turvy events that immediately preceded this week's draft registration process, it is "immoral" for the government not to make registration voluntary.

Jackalone said that his organization maintains that because of the Philadelphia federal court's ruling that the current registration system is

Dr. W. Montague Cobb,

distinguised professor of

anatomy, emeritus, at

Howard University

College of Medicine, has

been honored with the

Henry Gray Award from

the American Association

of Anatomists (AAAS).

Cobb has been

member of the medical

faculty at HU for 51 years

was chairman of the

Department of Anatomy

for 22 years and is

currently president of the

1925 and his M.D. from

HU in 1929. His Ph.D.

sexist, and thus unconstitutional, registration should be voluntary until the Supreme Court rules on the case. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan stayed the were voiced, said Jal Philadelphia court's injunction barring registration of males only.

Therefore registration proceeding as planned.

Jackalone maintained that those young males who are required to register now may be confused by the series of events that preceded the first week of registration. He said that the "government's publicity has been horrendous."

Jackalone said that the organization also sought from Rostker some type of guidelines of disciplinary action the government would take against nonregistrants in light of the extenuating circumstances

active member of the

Council of the American

Association for the Ad-

vancement of Science,

and vice-president of the

Section on Anthropology.

fellow of the AAAS, the

thropological Society and

the Gerontological

American

Society.

Cobb is also a longtime

rapidly changing that young people immediat heard registration started

The maximum

failing to register years in jail and a "It is ridiculous to Justice Department those who don't cor Selective Service Ac Jackalone said. young men read the weekend declaring null and void, the have undoubtedly h about registration : Selective Service publicity for regista

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At GOP Convention

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#### Ben Hooks' surprise appearance

By Ethel L. Payne AFRO Correspondent DETROIT — The surprise appearance of NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks at the Republican National Convention was actually the result of some feverish strategy by a coalition of blacks and whites who were concerned that the Reagan snub of the NAACP some weeks ago could result in costing costing him the presidential election.

A key figure in convincing the candidate and GOP Chairman Bill Brock that Hooks should be inserted into the program as a speaker was Dr. Aris Allen, the black physician and Maryland State Senator who was given the highly visible post as Secretary of the Convention. Dr. Allen is independently

wealthy and highly respected. He told me earliër that he was very disturbed by the Reagan failure to accept the invitation to appear before the NAACP, as well as some of the other reverse actions adopted in the platform committee.

Although the strongest civil rights statement in its history was approved, the rejection of the Equal Rights Amendment and the anti-abortion plank were alarming to Dr. Allen.

Dr. Allen said that he planned to meet with Ronald Reagan and have a one-on-one discussion on what needed to be done to change his image with blacks.

Accordingly, when the former California governor arrived in Detroit amid much fantare last Tuesday, a priority item on his agenda was to confer with Dr. Allen and other GOP officials.

Meanwhile, some of the other black GOP delegates were busy. among them Samuel Jackson, the Washington attorney and longtime NAACP activist, and Arthur Fletcher, whose credentials in the Republican Party are solid Jackson and Fletcher are part of the D.C. delegation, as well as Rev. Jerry Moore who delivered about the Reagan turndown. the invocation at last Tuesday's Although he refers to himself as an session. Jackson was on the phone independent, Hooks is associated to Hooks. He was concerned about with the Republicans because of the rumor that it was black his past background. He was Republicans who had persuaded appointed to the Federal Com-Reagan to snub the NAACP on the grounds that it would be futile, that tirst black member of that agency



ON THE SCENE - NAACP Convention in Detroit where he at-Executive Director Benjamin Hooks tacked the party's conservatism but appears at the Republican National got a polite reception.

likely he would be booed and that on the recommendation of Sen. in addition, with John Anderson, Howard Baker of Tennessee. sen. Edward Kennedy and At the time, Baker was in a tight President Carter all, slated to race against a formidable make appearances, there would Democratic opponent and it was be no bonus for Reagan to show. As good politics to promote Hooks, the it turned out, this conclusion was a preacher and civil rights activist.

mistake. As one black Republican who asked not to be named said, Even it he had been booed, Reagan could still say that he had tried. By not showing up, he only reinforced the idea that neither he nor the Republicans gave a damn about the black vote.

Then there was that Michigan Chronicle headline which really threw the fat into the fire for the GOP. It asked, "GOP" Meet: No Blacks Wanted? This was picked up in the major media.

Ben Hooks was plainly angry munications Commission as the

Besides his reputation as a fiery orator was well known. Baker won that election with the help of Hooks. The fact that it was Richard Nixon, the President of the United States, who sent the nomination to the Senate, did not have any harmful effect on Hooks in the wake of the Watergate fiasco.

Even Sen Barry Goldwater of Arizona, the 1964 presidential candidate who lost to Lyndon Johnson and a chief apostle of the right-wing philosophy, had a tough act to follow Ben Hooks. He had opposed the voting rights amendment of 1965

Hooks told the mostly white, mostly conservative, mostly affluent delegates that whatever their personal views were, the rights and options which are available to the rich must be made available to the poor.

It was a real rock and roller. evangelical message and even if the sinners weren't quite ready to repent of their past omissions and commissions, nevertheless, they gave Hooks a standing ovation.

Without endorsing the proabortion position espoused by the Womens Rights movement, Hooks says it is wrong for the federal government to deny poor women the opportunity to have proper medical supervision of interrupted pregnancies. He reminded his audience that blacks make up more than one fourth of the nation's poor, and to ignore them would be disastrous both for the party and the country.

Reagan made an ambiguous gesture towards blacks earlier in the day when he appeared at reception for black delegates and said he would work to see that everybody has the price of admission to go through the doors that civil rights statutes have

work was completed at Western Reserve University in 1932.

Dr. Cobb honored with AAAS aw

The posts Cobb has assumed over the years vary. He was the editor of the Journal of the National Medical Association from 1950-1977, as well as being its

president from 1964-65. Since 1953 he has been an

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Born and raised in D. C. Cobb received an A.B. from Amherst College in

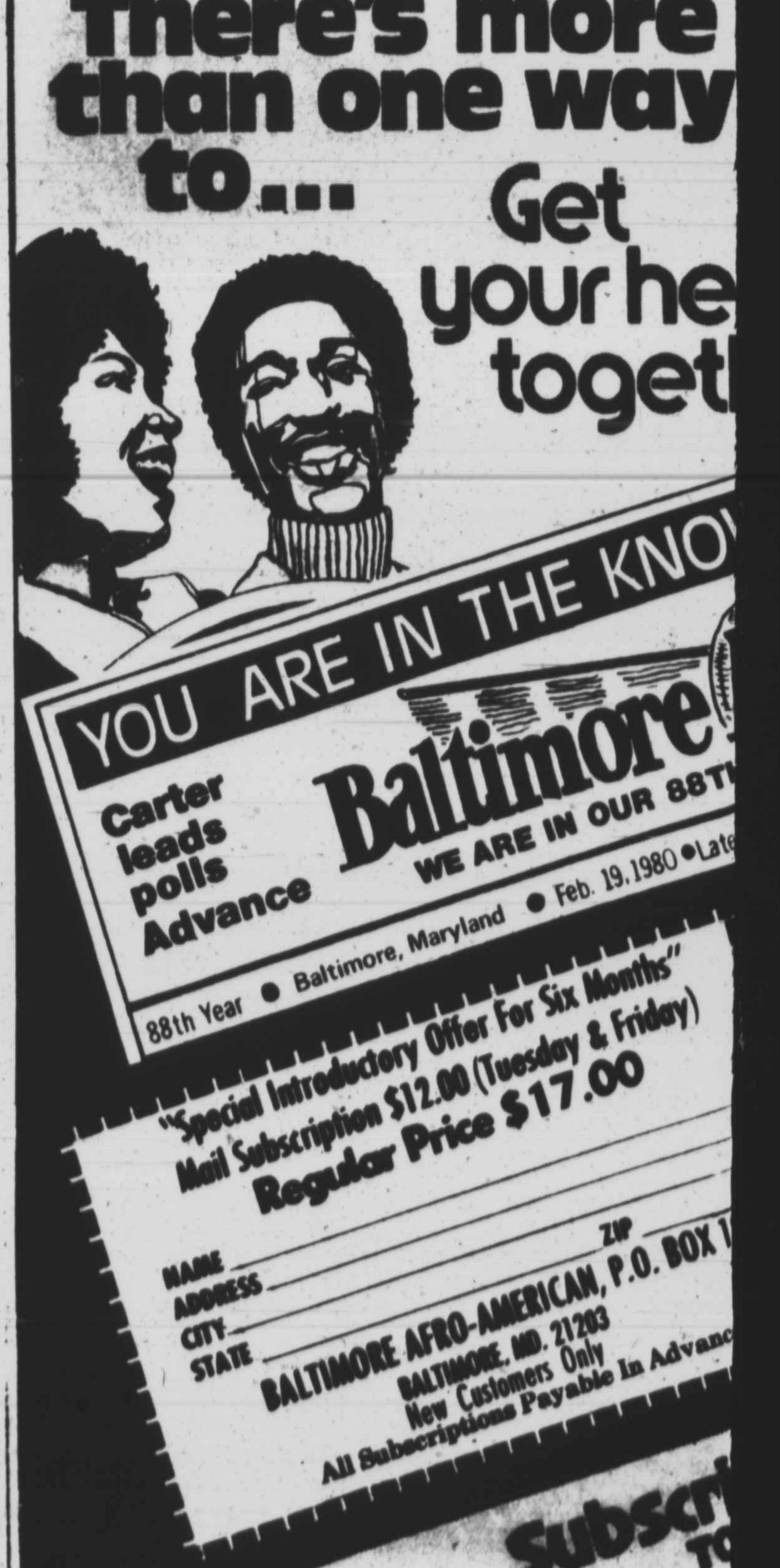


### named envov

Barbar M. Watson of the District was recently named to be ambassador plenipotentiary States United Malaysia, replacing Robert H. Miller.

Watson, a graduate of Barnard College and Nev York Law School, I of State for consular affairs since 1977.

with the United Seamen' Service of New York and executive director from 1946-1956.



originally from Boston, met