—Watkins

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Pomerleau told the jury that the department investigates any allegations when it involves any member of the force of any rank. "The broadcast was a rehash of complaints the department had received and investigated," said Pomerleau.

James Bumbry, owner of the Town Store that was formerly located on Pennsylvania Avenue testified that Watkins did his job "day and night on Pennsylvania Avenue" and "cleaned up" the dope traffic. At AFRO presstime, the former officer did not divulge his plans now that the case is over.

In 1912, Massachusetts adopted the first minimum wage act for women and minors, according to a publication of the U.S. Department of Labor.

he initiated five years ago had come to a close.

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New school bd. president in 10 days? —mayor's mum

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Mayor William Donald Schaefer may announce his selection to head the city's board of school of commissioners within the next week to ten days.

But mum's the word on who the appointee will be and the mayor's spokesman, Chris Hartman, states that even he doesn't know who or how many the mayor is considering.

The position, vacated by Mark Joseph July 1 must be filled within 120 days according to the city charter which means the mayor has until Oct. 29 to name someone.

But, Hartman stated that Joseph's resignation was not effective until July 15 which gives the mayor until Nov. 12.

Dr. Beryl Williams, who has been serving as acting president since the resignation and was recently elected by the board to continue as vice president, said she believed Joseph's resignation was effective July 1.

But, Joseph said he submitted his resignation to the mayor, effective July 1 but that in a letter to him Schaefer said he would accept the resignation effective July 15.

The question remains whether the mayor's appointee selected to oversee the city's predominantly black school system will actually be black or another white male attorney which has been the pattern in the past.

A strong candidate for the volunteer post is Dr. Williams, who has served on the board since 1975. She is the dean of continuing education at Morgan State University.

However, Dr. Williams stated, "I've been so involved with the opening of schools, personnel items and other school matters that I haven't given much thought to considering the position as president."

Hartman, the mayor's spokesman, would not state whether Dr. Williams was an actual candidate for the post.

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AMBASSADOR SPEAKS — U.N. Ambassador Donald McHenry addressed the Baltimore Council on Foreign Relations Wednesday night. McHenry spoke of the need for the United States and other world powers to realize the fact that the Earth's nations have become interdependent.

Atlanta mayor lauds Murphy

It was a night of suspense and excitement. Nearly everyone was anticipating the fateful outcome of the Ali-Moore encounter but many were also caught up in the political excitement resulting from Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson's visit to Baltimore to support Billy Murphy's bid for a seat on the Supreme Bench.

Enthusiastic devotees of Murphy's were sardine-packed in Peerce's Restaurant at a reception hosted by Howard (Pete) Rawlings.

There, Jackson, in a balcony setting, hammered home the need for political power by blacks.

He pointed out that although blacks had made progress in the political arena since 1970, they still have less than one percent of all judgeships in the United States, emphasizing that "we must do it for ourselves because whites often cannot see the quality of our intellect because of the color of our skin."

At the fund-raiser for Murphy at the Civic Center immediately following, supporters heard speaker after speaker — Councilman Kweisi Mfume and Norman Reeves; John H. Murphy III and Dr. Andrew Billingsley — talk of the courage and brightness of Billy Murphy.

He was described as part of the 'promise' and his willingness to take his resources, talents and honesty to help blacks attain their rightful place in Baltimore was lauded.

Principal speaker Maynard Jackson again called for alertness on the part of blacks in order to get a "piece of the economic action." Enjoining the national census and assuring affirmative action are among his primary objectives. Atlanta's new multi-million dollar airport has 89.9 percent affirmative action, he added.

Maynard Jackson holds a prestigious position in the National Association of Mayors and is recognized as a mayor of a large American city with a large black population and a balanced budget.

Billy Murphy responded to the dias and audience by outlining his campaign as one of equality not superiority, and as one using humanism as the corrective action for the city of Baltimore.

Rev. Abernathy brings history message to Carver students

By Arthur Johnson

Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, addressed a capacity crowd of high-schoolers at Baltimore's Carver High School Oct. 1.

"You are reading a lie in your history books when you read that Columbus discovered America," said the minister. He pointed out that since native American Indians were present when Columbus landed, credit for his discovery has been misplaced.

His opening statement set the tone for his speech, which was delivered to an audience too young to remember the "golden years" of the civil rights movement when organizations such as his had their greatest power.

He gave his version of how the movement started during the 'Fifties.'

"Before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to the white man on the bus, two other black

Rev. Abernathy

women had been brutalized on busses. I decided to organize a boycott, and everyone walked until the walls of segregation tumbled down. I presuaded (the late) Dr. Martin Luther King to take over our organization...he was to be our spokesman. Our message was 'we are tired and we ain't gonna take this message no more.' King knew how to dress up this message. We made him our chief, we were the ground crew."

Abernathy had a special message for the youths, who attended one of Baltimore's oldest public trade schools.

He described two separate occasions when workmen, after repairing appliances in his home, told him that they had either gone to vocational school or learned on the job.

"As a result of these experiences," he concluded, "I have a greater appreciation of vocational - technical training . . . W.E.B. DuBois' idea of freedom was the liberal and fine arts ...(but)...there is more than one way to freedom..."

Abernathy concluded his speech by stating that "The big businesses of America pay no taxes and are paid subsidies by the government. Yet whites look down upon blacks who receive welfare. If my country won't help me to become employable, I'm not ashamed to take a check. Know your roots and know where you came from. Love and Power to the People!!"

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