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COPE KICKS OFF BLACK VOTER UNITY CAMPAIGN

Political takeover by 1983!

90 hospital workers suspended, strike nears

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Over 100 members of the National Union of Hospital Health Care Employees Local 1199E marched outside Maryland General Hospital this week to protest that institution's recent suspension of over 90 employees who have refused to stop wearing buttons in support of the union.

Chanting "what do you want? Contract!" the employees represented all of the six area hospitals which will be affected by the strike, which is due to begin Dec. 1 if no new contract agreement is reached by then.

Bob Moore, a representative of the union, said that the basic right of freedom of expression had been violated by Maryland General, and that the union intended to take action in the form of civil suits and the filing of unfair labor practices.

Although the buttons are being worn by employees in all of the hospitals represented by 1199E, suspensions have only taken place at Maryland General.

The unrest on the part of the union members comes as the result of a strike vote taken last week after hospital management reportedly continally presented union representatives with cut-back proposals, including a reduction in health benefits and a refusal to grant employees a fund which would allow them to upgrade their educations.

In the vote of 1960 to 247 votes in support of the strike, the members were also protesting management's reported unsatisfactory considerations for higher wages.

Moore said that since the strike vote, no new negotiations have taken place and none are planned.

He also said that emergency arbitration is planned for Monday.

One hospital employee on the Maryland Animal Lauren Chapman, a radiological technologist at Provident Hospital, told the AFRO that personnel in her department are seeking students from its training program

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MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER — (R), Mayor of Gary, Indiana, was keynote speaker for COPE dinner held this week. Hatcher is seen being greeted by Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell while Thelma Daley looks on.

Big push to elect blacks to city-wide offices launched

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

More than 300 of Baltimore's most influential black businessmen, politicians, and community leaders gathered at the Blue Crest North Monday night to formally kick off a plan aimed at securing more citywide electoral positions for blacks.

The group, after being exhorted by chairperson Mary E. Robinson, contributed almost $70,000 in pledges towards the organization of COPE '83, (Committee on Political Equality), a group which plans to push toward increased black representation in the policy-making structure of the city.

"What does it cost to be free," asked Ms. Robinson, as "table captains" at the various seating clusters began passing around pledge cards for those present to fill out.

The keynote speaker, Gary, Ind. Mayor Richard Hatcher, gave an impassioned speech in which he said that blacks must be responsible for their own (political) destiny.

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Black elite pledges $70,000 to COPE '83 on 1st day

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

It was a political gathering but not just to talk a little shop about upcoming elections. And it was a fundraiser but the purpose was not merely to raise money to support the efforts of a single candidate seeking a political office.

It was COPE '83 and while it included all those elements it went far beyond the usual political fundraising dinner.

COPE's mission was to light a spark of interest in the black community for the 1983 city-wide elections and raise funds that would result in a massive "get out the vote" drive.

It is the hope of COPE's organizers that $500,000 will be raised to not only get most of Baltimore's 60 percent black population registered but out to vote on election day.

If Monday night's showing at Blue Crest North was any indication of where COPE's efforts will go, then the next three years should show that the black community is taking seriously the need to have more control over what happens in this city.

First, it was a good showing with nearly 300 people attending, including educational, political, legal, civil rights, medical and religious representatives.

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22 named to Druid YM board

The Druid Hill Branch YMCA, located in the 1600 block Druid Hill Avenue, has been completely renovated and is offering a varied program of physical fitness and recreational programs for youth and adults in the inner city.

The newly appointeed Board of Managers include:

Mesdames Camay Murphy, Margarette Lang, Leah Hasty, Kathryn D. Water, Alice Harris; Drs. Eugene Byrd Jr., David Fisher, Robert C. Lloyd, and Keiffer Mitchell, the Revs. William C. Calhoun and Lyman Farnham; and Messrs. Leroy Dyett, John Clark Mayden, Iman Ronald Shakir, George Boston, David Glenn, Charles H. Lynch Jr., O'Neill Hammond, Hiram Butler, Tony Curtis, Michael Valentine and John B. Ferron.

This board intends to support the youth groups of the 20 churches in the area around the Y. The facilities will be used during the winter holiday for a Swim-A-Thon, after school tutorial program, a How-To Program, and the Community Christmas Program.

The Druid Hill Y needs volunteers. Please call 728-1600.

Black woman aide to Daley ignored

Mfume raps Schaefer over choice for new treasurer

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, angered by Mayor Schaefer's decision to appoint a white county resident to replace a resigning city administrator, urged the black community to "keep this in mind for 1983."

Mfume was responding to a decision by the mayor to replace out-going city treasury director Lawrence B. Daley with Lloyd Jones, a nine-month city employee who currently is head of the city Bureau of Accounting Operations.

"The appointment of Jones was a slap in the face of 300,000 black citizens and those in the community who happen to believe in fair play," said the fiery young legislator.

Mfume said that "the logical choice," to replace Daley as interim treasurer is Peggy Watson, an assistant to Daley who has been employed by the city for more than four years.

"She has been there, (as an assistant to the treasurer), for the past 4 and a half years," he said, "and was not even offered the job. It was unconscionable that he did not offer the position to the lady."

Despite Jones' current status as an interim treasurer, Mfume said that he still has reservations. The mayor is calling this an interim appointment, but I think he'll get it, (the job).

Mfume said that he plans on taking the issue to citizens of the 4th district, and that he will oppose the confirmation of Jones if Schaefer presents the interim treasurer to the Council.

Teen McDonald's worker murdered after robbery

Police are still looking for two men who entered a McDonald's restaurant in the 5100 block of York Rd., around 11:55 p.m. and shot and killed a 19-year-old employee, before they left the store with an undetermined amount of money.

Glenn Harrod, of the 1700 block Fayette St., was working part-time at McDonald's in the 5100 block of York Road while attending Morgan State University.

According to police, Harrod was at the cash register when the two men with .38 caliber revolvers entered the store and ordered him to open the cash register.

As one of the managers came from the kitchen, one of the men, who police say are in their early twenties reached over the counter and took the money.

As they left the store, the same man who leaned over the counter for the money, shot Harrod once in the chest. Harrod died at Sinai Hospital at 1:15 a.m. after a paramedic team worked for 30 minutes trying to revive the student.

There was one female customer in the store and five other employees, who were in the kitchen because it was near closing time.

There have been several holdups in the Govans area this month and police report the two men who killed Harrod matched the description other citizens have given concerning other holdups in the area.

Police were still investigating the case at AFRO presstime and no arrest had been made. Funeral arrangements for Harrod were not complete.

(AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)

ANGRY PROTESTORS — outside Maryland General Hospital earlier this week let it be known that they intend to hold out until their demands are met.

Were secret Morgan records stolen?

Police at Morgan State University are still trying to determine why and who broke into the office of a university official, taking various papers and documents.

The offices of Stu Brooks, executive assistant to Morgan President Andrew Billingsley were broken into either late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, according to a spokesman.

Brenda Ferguson, public information officer, stated that police were investigating the break-in and that she did not expect any information to be learned before Monday.

Although at AFRO presstime it had not been determined exactly what papers were taken, sources state that the papers belonged to the Morgan Foundation, which has been sharply criticized and accused of misusing funds geared for the university.

According to George A. Nilson, assistant attorney general, the foundation was supposed to turn its files over to a legislative committee so that a complete audit could be performed to answer the charges of mishandling funds.

However, the files which were expected to be forwarded to the legislative group by Nov. 11, had not been released by the foundation.

Brooks' office is located on the fourth floor of the administration building along with the board of regents office which was also broken into.

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