—Hospital strike nears

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to fill in for regular personnel should a strike occur.

But, she said, members of the union are encouraging the students not to cross the picket line.

In addition to radiological personnel, strikers would include dietary personnel, housekeeping staff, nursing assistants, and in some cases, licensed practical nurses.

Such a strike would almost definitely have a serious if not adverse affect on patient care.

But, according to Ms. Chapman, hospital management has seemed especially unattentive to the demands by union members, even with that threat.

"At the first meeting we had, the hospital management walked out," she said, "but at the second meeting, management came to us with proposals for cutbacks that we just couldn't accept."

It was at that time, she said, that the strike vote was taken.

In an earlier AFRO interview, union leader Moore said that hospital management had been the main stumbling block to the negotiations and said at that time that the union had been doing "everything it could" to avert a strike.

He said this week, however, that the negotiations had not progressed significantly since the strike vote.

The hospitals which will be affected by the Dec. 1 strike, if it should occur, include Maryland General, Provident, Johns Hopkins, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Lutheran and Sinai.

—$70,000 raised

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Among those seated at the tables in the Blue Crest North ballroom were Thelma Cox, Bishop and Mrs. Harrison Bryant, Dr. Vernon Gray, Christine Moore, Leroy Dyett, Dave Richeson, William "Box" Harris, Enolia McMillan, Travis Winkey, Walter Dean, Dwight Pettit, Sandra Banks, Elise Jude Mason and Daniel Henson.

Secondly, those who attended came with more in mind than just getting a free meal and some drinks. They came ready to support a cause and by night's end, COPE '83 already had more than $70,000 in pledges.

Those pledges came in amounts ranging from five dollars up to $4,000. Local contractor, Robert Clay pledged $2,000 and other pledges included those from Robert Deshields in the amount of $500, Frank Conaway - $500, Rosalyn Smith - $250, Dr. Flossie Dedmond - $750, Leroy Dyett - $500, Ray Haysbert - $500, Benjamin Brown - $1,000, John Douglass - $700, and Dr. John Maupin - $250.

State Senator Verda C. Welcome topped contributors with a pledge of $4,000.

As Mary Robinson, program chairperson, read the list of pledges the scene seemed reminiscent of previous tele-thons where the audience cheered with excitement as the tally was continuously read.

Keynote speaker Richard Hatcher, Gary, Indianna mayor, seemed to share the sentiment of those assembled when he stated, "We must utilize our own resources, finance our own causes and work to make change occur for ourselves.

"It's not going to be easy, but we must continue to struggle and if we have problems or opposition that ought to make us work that much harder."

—Political takeover

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"It doesn't matter who's in the white House, we still remain in the outhouse," he said." "Where a minority controls and oppresses a majority, there is injustice there, whether it is in South Africa or Baltimore."

He said that blacks must begin to claim political power, as the nature of the world balance of power changes. "Those who have been pushed down represent the foundation of the new world order," he announced.

Addressing himself to the COPE dinner, Hatcher said that in Gary, no significant political decision is made unless a black is involved in the decision-making, and said that Baltimore blacks should begin building toward that goal.

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell addressed the audience next, and announced that "if we are to win, then we must declare ourselves at war."

Mitchell compared the job of COPE to that of a military organization, in that intell-gence-gathering, administration, supplies, and logistics must be supplied by the community.

Although several of the organizing members of COPE and Mitchell had been at odds in the past, Mitchell appeared eager to bury the hatchet as he told the organizers to "use me, whatever way you see fit."

After the dinner, a reporter asked Mitchell if he was serious. "I meant every word I said," he answered. "I don't live in the past, I'm a futurist."

Endorsees of this initial Cope 83 banquet included Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Maryland Senators Aris T. Allen, Clarence W. Blount, Tommie Broadwater Jr., Robert L. Douglass, Clarence M. Mitchell III and Verda F. Welcome.

Also, City Councilpersons Victorine Q. Adams, Clarence H. Burns, Nathan C. Irby, Kwiesi Mfume, Michael B. Mitchell, Norman V. A. Reeves, Maryland House of Delegates Troy F. Brailey, Joseph A. Chester Sr., Frank Conaway, Walter R. Dean Jr., Isaiah "Ike" Dixon Jr., John W. Douglass, Nathaniel Exum, Hattie N. Harrison, Lena K. Lee, Margaret H. Murphy, Wendell H. Phillips, Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Sylvania W. Woods Jr., and Larry Young.

Also, City Court Clerks William Allen, Saundra E. Banks and Elmer O. Harris. The Cope 83 Steering committee which is still in formation includesRaymond H. Boone, Herbert Brown, Bob Cheeks, Lynn C. Clark, Thelma T. Daley, Samuel T. Daniels, Flossie Dedmond, John W. Douglass, Lenwood M. Ivey, George L. Jude, John E. Maupin Jr., David H. Richeson, Mary E. Robinson and James E. Wood Sr.

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Cope, which had been meeting for almost seven months in secrecy prior to the dinner, unveiled a year - long plan of action and an agenda for the future.

The leaders of the COPE '83 organization represent many of the established power bases in the black community as indicated in the list of names sponsoring the affair, and of those contributing at Monday night's dinner.

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Washington editor says:

'There will always be need for black papers'

By Jerry Turner

RICHMOND

As long as black people want to learn about their neighbors, what they are doing and how they are doing it, there will always be a need for a black newspaper, says the publisher of a black newspaper in Washington.

Arthur M. Carter, publisher of the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN and Tribune, speaking at Virginia Union University Nov. 14, told a group of journalism students the need for the black press would remain even though the white-controlled media was disseminating some news about blacks.

The "struggling" black press has a mission to eliminate all forms and vestiges of slavery, said Carter. But he said the task was difficult because of a lack of advertising.

Art Carter

Carter, the main speaker for the first annual John Mitchell Lecture sponsored by the Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN and Planet said despite the low amount of advertising the black press receives, the number of black-owned newspapers is growing.

There are 183 black-owned newspapers in the United States, about 20 percent more than a decade ago, Carter emphasized.

Carter, who has been with the Baltimore-based AFRO - AMERICAN chain since the early 1930s, called on the students to be advocates for the black press.

He said any editor worth his salt will pay attention to "consumers" of the paper on issues of concern to them. Four or five consumers writing letters to the editor on the same subject is a "multiplicity" of writers as far as a good editor is concerned, said Carter.

The same is true with business establishments that do not advertise in the black press, Carter added. He said when consumers of the black press read the paper and do not see advertisements from businesses they patronize, they should call or write the business and say, "I will like to see your ad in the paper."

Carter said when five or ten consumers noted their desires to the business establishments, the businesses will respond.

He said, further, that black people need to develop pride in black press. Some people, he said will buy the AFRO, put it in their pocketbooks and read the daily newspaper while on their way home from work.

"It's alright to read the AFRO on the bus or streetcar . . . it's a good paper," said Carter.

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