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statement, a young man, later identified as McIntee, yelled f— you n—r and threw another snowball, which hit Trooper West in the face.

At this time, West got out of his car, and taking his gun from his holster, put it in his left hand (West is right handed) and pointed it to the ground. With his other hand, he took out his badge and identified himself as a police officer.

As he walked towards the crowd, the statement said they began to taunt him and say he was no police officer. Racial slurs were continually thrown, the statement read, and the crowd jeered that the gun West held was a phony.

West addressed himself to McIntee, telling him that he was under arrest for assault, and advisedthe youth to get to the ground. The youth ignored him. As the crowd converged on him, West's statement said he "became afraid for his life." He stated that he fired a shot to the ground to warn the crowd to keep away. After a brief silence, someone in the crowd yelled out that the gun was a "pinay cap gun."

West, now moving toward his car, told the group that he would be back. He said in his statement that the victim, McIntee, was in the midst of the crowd that was now virtually on top of his car throwing snowballs and yelling racial slurs. The victim apparently did not look injured, West wrote.

The trooper managed to get his car out of the snow and went to the Northern District, where he reported the incident to the officers in charge.

According to Singleton, the youth, who apparently did not know he was injured until later, was brought to Northern District about an hour or so after the incident. He at first wanted to drop the incident. Reportedly, one of the officers at the station told West "the accused just wants to drop the incident and go home."

McIntee wanted West, however, to drop his assault charges as well, and when the trooper refused to do so, stating that he had been "afraid for his life", the officers in charge attempted to track down McIntee's parents, who were out celebrating New Year's Eve.

After consulting with another son of theirs, who is a member of the Baltimore City police department, the family decided to charge West with assault by shooting.

He faces a Jan. 29 court date at the Northern District.

Singleton stressed that West did not intend to shoot anybody. When he went to the Northern District to report the incident, he said that nobody had been hit although he had fired two shots.

"The man was afraid that he would be hurt," Singleton said. "All he wanted to do was arrest the youth who had hit him in the face with the snowball. There was no way he could have made that arrest, however, without being hurt."

Singleton said that under the circumstances, West had acted with extreme prudence.

"He was extremely upset...he told me that he at no time felt angry, just afraid. Here he was, a police officer, and nobody believed him. There was nothing he could do or say to get them off his back."

Singleton said that the trooper was even more upset when at the Northern District the officers in charge treated the case with disinterest.

He said that West told him the victim was treated with almost more respect than he was. The ordeal was long and frustrating; West, Singleton said, had worked hard to be a law enforcement officer because he wanted to helppeople. The whole incident made him feel helpless.

"But he was not out to hurt anyone," Singleton said. "He did exactly as law enforcement officers are trained to do.

"West was not angry or out for revenge...he wanted justice." Singelton said.

"This was not a case of an angry old man trying to hurt someone for continually bothering him, as was the case in the Welzant incide nt.

"This was," he said emphatically, "a case of unadulterated racism."

CORNER HANGOUT — This storefront was crowded with youths who allegedly assaulted state trooper Frazier West and his girlfriend as they were driving through the area last week.

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Mahoney replaced as member of state lottery commission

Gov. Harry Hughes replaced George P. Mahoney this week as a member of the State Lottery Commission, possibly bringing to an end the year old Mahoney's long and checkered career in public office.

The governor also replaced Morgan W. Wayson, Jr., on the commission, naming in place of the two men George E. Bahen, 50, a Salisbury attorney, and John F. Gore, 59, a computer specialist for the Bendix Corp. in Columbia.

After praising Mahoney for helping to make Maryland's legal numbers game "one of the cleanest, best-run lotteries in the nation," Hughes was pressed to explain why he then bumped Mahoney off the Commission.

"Because I felt there was need for change," he said, adding that he also wanted to have a lawyer and someone from the Eastern Shore on the Commission.

Over the years, Mahoney has run in, but lost, 12 statewide races, including four bids to become governor and five tries at one of the state's U.S. Senate seats. He consistently drew support from conservative Democrats, particularly in his native Baltimore County.

In the 1966 gubernatorial race, Maryland Democrats split their allegiance between the conservative Mahoney and longtime Baltimore Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman, thereby helping to elect Republican Spiro T. Agnew.

In a separate announcement, Hughes named Baltimore attorney Carl E. Eastwick, 36, a former assistant attorney general, to be his new legislative counsel replacing Judson P. Garrett, who resigned at the end of last year.

Eastwick, a Princeton and University of Virginia Law School graduate, most recently worked as a senior associate in the prestigious law firm of Piper and Marbury, specializing in municipal financing.

Eastwick will be responsible for the governor's legislative package, and is expected to testify on behalf of administration bills before legislative committees during the 90-day 1981 General Assembly, which opened this Wednesday.

Regarding the reshuffling of the lottery commission, Hughes said lottery director Martin Puncke had recommended that a lawyer be named to the Commission, but Hughes declined to say that Mahoney's public career is over.

"I learned years ago you could never predict the end of Mr. Mahoney's career in public life," the governor said.

Mahoney had been a member of the Lottery Commission since the games began in 1976, and his late wife, Ann Mahoney, had served on the State Racing Commission.

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Greyhound, Trailways cut fares for Baltimore riders

Would-be travellers who have put off taking their long-awaited trips because of rising fare costs may have been given the go-ahead, at least for a while.

Greyhound and Trailways bus lines, in attempts to beat off increasing competition from Amtrak and some major airlines, announced this week a substantial slash in round trip fares between Baltimore and several northeast cities.

According to a spokesperson from Trailways, fares between Baltimore and New York have been reduced from $47.75 to $23.70, roundtrip; a jaunt between Baltimore and Boston will now cost $47.00 instead of the heretofore $94; Philadelphia fare will be only $12.80, as compared to $25.60.

The cheaper rates began this week. Trailways fares went into effect yesterday (Thursday), and Greyhound began its bargain fares on Tuesday.

Officials for both Trailways and Greyhound predict that ridership should increase "quite a bit" with the fares, and did not indicate that there were any restrictions or special requirements for travellers who wish to travel by bus on the new rates.

Both buslines, although competitors, are posting the same prices for the specified northeast city destinations.

Activists name 'Baltimore's worst'

A local community activist group, Citzens For Better Housing, has announced their "Baltimore's Worst" awards, which have been timed to coincide with the annual "Baltimore's Best" awards, presented at the Lyric Theater Wednesday night.

The award-winners are divided into eight categories, and include Lyon Miller, who recently went to jail for crimes against his tenants at the Glenview-Parkington apartments.

The winners are;

Worst landlord—Charles Colson, Lyon Miller, Frederick Levitan and BP Realty.

Worst management company—Property Enterprises.

Worst Baltimore speculator—Cavalier Realty.

Worst out-of-town speculator—Micheal Brown of Washington D.C.

Worst City Council members — MiMi DiPietro, William J. Myers, Pochelle Spector.

Worst Mayor -William Donald Schaefer.

Worst all - around — Baltimore city government.

Worst subversive award—The city's shadow government.

Worst President-Elect—Ronald Reagan.

Jonathan Reidy, a member of the citizen's group, said that the awards were designed to "remind Baltimore and its citizens that all is not well in Baltimore. Our awards are not meant to imply that there is nothing good about Baltimore however, to merely point out those people who play an active and vigorous role in keeping Baltimore from truly being best for all its citizens.

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (AFL) was formed in 1900, according to "Important Events in American Labor History," a publication of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Crockett's 'for sale' sign fight goes to high court

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore city lawyers have decided to take their controversial ban on "for sale" signs on residential properties to the Supreme Court in the wake of rejections at local and state court levels.

The city filed suit against realtor James Crockett after the city man erected a "for sale" sign in front of a property he was selling, which waas in violation of the city banintroduced in 1974.

City Supreme Bench judge Mary Arabian, however, ruled in favor of Crockett, who claimed that the sign violated his right to free speech, and her decision was subsequently upheld by the state Court oof Special Appeals and the state Court of Appeals.

Associate city solicitor William Hughes, who filed the breif with the Supreme Court, said that a rash of "For Sale" signs could lead to an exodus of a race from a specific community.

He said that the city enacted the ordinance because it "served a compelling and significant interest." The brief filed with the high court says that the sign will allow the city to "maintain racial stability and integration within the city's neighborhoods."

The City Council passed the ban after complaints were received from property owners that real estate agents were erecting bogus "for sale" signs in an effort to panic other homeowners into moving.

Although Crockett calls the ban an infringment on his free speech, the city's breif reads that "commercial free speech is not an absolute and that the Maryland courts should have not decided such an important question without allowing the city to develop a full case ,(before the court)."

Local realtor James Crockett says that he is not worried about the city's latest efforts to enforce its ban on "for sale" signs placed on residential properties.

"I feel that they will refuse to hear the case," said Crockett. "It is a violation of the first amendment, (to the constitution)."

Crockett cited a 1977 Supreme Court ruling on a similar ban enacted by a New Jersey town which was declared unconstitutional, and he says that the same ruling will probably be delivered by the court if they do decide to hear the case.

Although backers of the bill say that it was introduced to prevent "blockbusting" or the racial conversion of neighborhoods, Crockett disagreed vehemently.

"There was no blockbusting in 1974 when it was introduced," he said. "It was just introduced to keep blacks from buying houses in white neighborhoods."

Crockett gave two reasons why he felt the ban should be rescinded.

"You have a dual housing market," he said. "Blacks who go to white realtors don't have a chance to negotiate the safe price. They are told that there are no houses for sale in white neighborhoods, but when you drive around, you would be able to see the sign, (if the ban was repealed)."

"Besides, a lot of whites are moving back into the city, and they are buying because they see the signs," he added.

Crockett said that his business has picked up since he started placing the signs in front of his properties.

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