Photo by Regnan Hankewycz

UNSELD HONORED — State Senator Verda Welcome, D-40, presented at Senate of Maryland Resolution to Wesley "Wes" Unseld this week, honoring the basketball great's retirement from the Washington Bullets after 13 years. Other notable Baltimoreans to be honored at the event included Edward Thurgood Marshall, former principal of Calverton Junior High; Mrs. Belle Frye, community activist and George Brown, former government and community relations manager of the Mondawmin office of the C&P Telephone Company. Shown (L-R) are Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40; George Brown, Mrs. Belle Frye, Wes Unseld, Sen. Verda Welcome, Edward Thurgood Marshall, Del. Troy Bralley, D-38; Toney Fulton, program chairman, and Rev. James Wise, program chaplain.

New guide on black organizations published

Philip Morris U.S.A. has published A GUIDE TO BLACK ORGANIZATIONS, a compilation of 102 national, state and local groups devoted to advancing the interests of Black communities in the United States.

The 80-page Guide provides the names and addresses, officers, objectives and backgrounds of Black organizations and contains information regarding membership, publications and principal events. The booklet lists organizations from every part of the nation, representing a wide range of professional, cultural, religious, educational and political interests.

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Hughes still uncertain on double-celling issue

By John Frece

Gov. Harry Hughes says he is uncertain if the state will go ahead with plans to double-cell inmates at the new prison annex in Jessup even if a federal appeals court gives him the chance to do so.

Hughes said this week that he expects the 4th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., to stay an order by a federal judge in Baltimore that would prohibit the state from double-celling inmates at the just-opened annex.

But the governor said he wants to consult with state legal advisors first before deciding if Maryland will ignore the order by U.S. District Judge Alexander Harvey, II, who said he wants no double celling under his jurisdiction.

In an informal meeting with reporters following a bill signing ceremony at the State House, Hughes said he has not yet had a chance to meet with attorney General Stephen Sachs to discuss Harvey's order, which was issued Monday.

Maryland is under separate court orders to end the practice of putting two inmates in cells at two prisons in Hagerstown, the penitentiary in Baltimore and the House of Corrections in Jessup.

Facing a May 18 deadline to end the overcrowding at the Hagerstown prisons, Hughes announced a plan last week to temporarily double-cell inmates at the just-opened annex at Jessup. Harvey, however, vetoed the plan before it ever started, and Hughes ordered Sachs to appeal.

"I would disagree with the judge that all double-celling per se is unconstitutional," said Hughes.

The governor said the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule this summer in an Ohio case on precisely that issue, and said there have been indications that the high court may say that double-celling under certain circumstances is permissible.

"Our proposal was a good proposal—that it was humane to double cell inmates in the new facility," he said.

Hughes also acknowledged that an appeal will give the state more time as it awaits completion of the new annex at Jessup by June and another new prison in Baltimore, expected to be ready for occupancy by September. Some inmates have already been moved into the Jessup annex.

The governor denied, however, that he ordered the appeal for the purpose of buying time, saying "we disagree with the ruling."

For a year or longer, state officials have been saying the two new prisons will give the penal system the capacity needed to alleviate the overcrowding.

But Harvey referred to Hughes' most recent plans as a "shell game" in which the state seeks "to eliminate overcrowding at one institution by overcrowding another."

On a related topic, Hughes said he is close to naming a successor to Gordon Kamka, who resigned as secretary of public safety and correctional services a month ago.

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Family living rises 15 percent in city

It cost a "well-established" family of four $23,389 to live in Baltimore last year, 15.1 percent more than in 1979 the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this week.

The Baltimore cost is $255 above the average cost for American cities, but still $1800 below the cost for the Washington, D.C. area, said Alvin Paisner, the Bureau's regional director.

Taxes replaced food as the biggest single expenditure. The average family paid $5,715 annually in taxes, a 24 percent increase, while food cost $5,386, an 11.4 percent increase.

The Bureau defines the average family as a husband, his non-working wife, a 13-year old son and an 8-year-old daughter.

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REGIONAL AWARD WINNER — Mrs. Muriel W. Spriggs Gwynn won the United States Postal Service's Eastern Regional outstanding handicapped employee of the year award. She is shown conversing with a hearing-impaired employee by using the manual alphabet.

Handicapped woman wins postal award

At the age of 10 a rare optical disease known as vogt - koyanagi - harada left her sightless. Now, 37, active and productive years later, Mrs. Muriel W. Spriggs Gwynn has won the U. S. Postal Service's Eastern Regional outstanding handicapped employee of the year award for 1981.

Mrs. Gwynn, a 13-year postal veteran and resident of Copper Ridge Drive was selected from among 13 nominees in a seven state area.

Regional Postmaster General E. Herbert Daws will present the award to Mrs. Gwynn in a special ceremony at the Post Office, 900 Fayette St., on May 8, 11 a.m.

Mrs. Gwynn graduated from Morgan State College in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in education. She was the first blind female student to graduate from Morgan State.

She is now employed as a clerk typist in the post office's medical unity. She prepares and types medical summaries, develops x-rays and serves as a receptionist.

Mrs. Gwynn is able to communicate with the post office's 32 hearing impaired employees through sign language.

"Working for the medical unit of the Baltimore post office has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. Any handicapped person who has gotten a job knows of the numerous problems one encounters while seeking employment.

"All we ask for is a chance to put to use those skills for which we have been trained. Thirteen years ago I was allowed to do this. Loss of sight, hearing, limbs, etc., restricts you to a degree. However, there are things you can do successfully, with proper training, to become a self - sufficient, productive citizen in our society," said Mrs. Gwynn.

Mrs. Gwynn, the mother of one son Otha J. Spriggs III was the first of her race to finish the tenth grade at the Maryland School for the Blind and attended Douglass High School.

She has also attended Baltimore College of Commerce where she learned to use the dictaphone, transcribe and later had private tutoring in medical terminology. She plans to attend Berlitz School of Languages where she will study French and German.

Mrs. Gwynn says she plans to continue crafts instruction. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is the daughter of Mrs. Muriel Fulton and Ellsworth C. Wilson.

20 GM employees return to work

About 20 workers at the General motors Key Highway plant were being called back to work Wednesday, but the recall won't make more than a tiny dent in the 1900 workers laid off in the past two years.

The recall was made because 20 workers have moved to a GM plant in Shreveport, La., and are being replaced.

Meanwhile, company officials said workers on the truck assembly line at the GM Broening Highway plant in Baltimore will be laid off seven weeks earlier than expected. About 2,000 employees will be out of work on June 12, instead of the July 31 date the company had previously announced.

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fledgling organizations born of new issues and priorities. While the booklet lists 102 organizations, it should not be considered a complete directory.

In a statement introducing the Guide, Philip Morris U S A Chairman Hugh Cullman points out that the publication can be a resource to all Americans. "This directory of major Black organizations details their diversity and breadth and dramatizes their influence on and contribution to all our lives," Mr. Cullman added, "Black America speaks with many voices to address many concerns. We at Philip Morris salute the Black organizations and their members and wish them success in the years ahead."

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Mathias says U.S. can play 'pivotal' role in world coal demand

By Ann Bagg

Sen. Charles Mc Mathis Jr., R-Md., said this week the United States can "play the pivotal role in filling the mounting world demand for coal," but witnesses told a Senate panel that private industry and the federal government must work together to eliminate export bottlenecks.

Maryland Gov. Harry Hughes, Baltimore Mayor William D. Schaefer officials from federal agencies and representatives from coal, port and rail companies testified on the importance of developing a cohesive federal coal exporting policy.

Mathias was assisted by Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.) in chairing the hearing by a subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The world coal study, conducted by experts from 16 countries, estimates that coal will have to supply between one-half and two-thirds of the world's energy needs in the next 20 years. The study said production will have to increase two-and-a-half to three times and world trade in steam coal will have to grow 10 to 15 times above 1979 levels to meet that need.

Steam coal, used in power plants to generate steam, has a lower BTU capability and a higher sulphur content than metallurgic coal used in steelmaking.

"The United States can play the pivotal role in filling the mounting world demand for coal," Mathias said. In 1980, the United States exported 90 tons of coal, a 39 percent increase over 1979. Mathias said projections indicate a U. S. potential to produce and export between 125 and 215 million tons of steam coal by the year 2000.

"An effective, coherent U. S. policy to encourage coal exports is imperative if we are going to capture a large part of the world coal export market," he said.

Hughes and Schaefer stressed the necessity of federal funding to dredge Baltimore's port to accommodate larger vessels. Congress authorized the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1970 to deepen the shipping channel, but a court suit filed by environmental groups opposed to dumping the sludge on Hart and Miller Islands has stalled the project.

A federal judge ruled last month that Maryland can dispose of the spoil at the islands and the state has committed $70 million to build a storage facility, but no federal money has been budgeted for fiscal 1982 to begin actual dredging.

Deepening Baltimore's port "Will send a needed message to coal nations that we can be competitive" and the "boom-bust syndrome that has plagued the coal industry should end," Hughes said.

Carl Bagge, president of the National Coal Association, said his industry has committed millions of dollars to construct coal loading piers because the industry realizes the potential profits.

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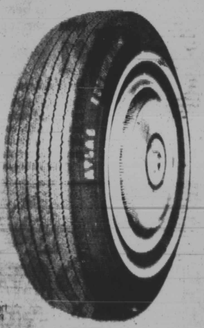

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