Governor promises pay hikes for state troopers

Gov. Harry Hughes says Marylands state troopers will get "special attention" when he requests a salary increase for the states 4000 employees in the 1982 General Assembly.

The troopers have been particularly critical of Hughes because they failed to get a pay increase this year.

"There definitely will be a pay increase" Hughes said at the Maryland Trrooperds Associations annual legislative picnic. It marked the first time he has publicly made a commitment to request higher salaries for state workers.

"Special attention will be given to state police" Hughes said this week.

The governor said he recently ordered Dr. Lou Settler the state budget secretary to devise a method to fund the pay increases which will be announced at a later date. Hughes declined to estimate how large the pay raise might be.

Hughes statement followed several months of discontent among state employees because they did not receive a pay hike during the 1981 legislative session.

The Maryland Troopers Association which represents 1240 of the states 1530 troopers has been particularly outspoken in its criticism of the governor.

"I would say the governor has a general lack of concern for the state troopers" said Troopers Association President Johnny L. Hughes moments before the governor arrived at the picnic.

The troopers starting salary of $13570 ranks them 43rd among the 49 state troppers organizations in the nation.

"Its demoralizing when police in surrounding states make more money than we do" Johnny Hughes said.

Disgusted over the salary situation the troopers associations executive board met May 26 with Teamesters Union Representative Ichard Saluso to discuss a possible affiliation. Talks between the troopers and the teamsters and the AFL-CIO continue.

However the governor said he would "prefer that the troopers not affiliate with the teamsters because of the unions reputation for aggressive bargaining techniques.

Meanwhile memebrs of the Fraternal Order of Police Maryland Troopers Association Lodge 40 made up of troopers in Allegany and Garrett Counties voted this week to affiliate with the AFL-CIO.

Charles Ward president of Lodge 40 said 25 of the groups 75 members voted unanimously to join the union. He said Lodge 40 is the first in the state to vote for union representation.

"Troopers are disgusted about having to beg for a decent wage. Troopers are no longer willing to risk their lives for substandard wages" Ward said.

"I believe other lodges will join us and unite with this powerful union that is capable of obtaining for us the wage and fringe benefits that have been too slow in coming" he said.

Ward called the governors pledge of higher salaries a "campaign promise."

"Weve heard it before. He had his chance and he didntdo anything for us" Ward said. "What happens between now and the next time he wants to run for governor? Well be going to an empty well again."

In Northern Maryland the Eastern Shore and other parts of the state troopers continued a job slowdown.

Police officials previously said the Eastern Shore was unaffected by the slowdown but Kevin Knussman president of the Maryland Troopers Associations Lodge 17 said several troopers on the Shore have been issuing tickets for "lesser offenses" to protest the lack of a pay hike.

Troopers have begun raising funds for lobbyists by selling a new magazine called "Trooper." The first 3000 copies so far have added $50000 to the Associations treasury. Johnny Hughes said.

County police school called biased

The Baltimore County Police Department is investigating allegations of racial discrimination and cheating in the County Police Academy a department spokesman said.

E. Jay Miller police department spokesman said the department has been "completely and thoroughly" investigating the accusations since it received an anonymous telephone call June 18.

Miller responded to comment this week from County NAACP President James Pennington who said the charges were brought about by five black recruits who did not pass at the Academy and maintained they were hounded out.

Pennington said he asked the Justice Department and County officials to look in to the charges.

He refused to name the former police students on grounds it would harm them in seeking other employment

Miller said he did not understand Penningtons motivation for requesting the inquiries when he knew the investigation about a week after the anonymous call was received.

"His (Penningtons) statements are like pulling a fire alarm after all the fire engines are at the scene fighting the fire" Miller said.

Pennington said the five recruits "want to bring about professional unbiased police training free of sexual and racial overtones."

"It may be summarized justly by saying that for black recruits to be successful they must practice subservience to white instructors in a plantational manner work harder or perform white recruits and sacrifice their principles of manhood or womanhood to be successful in this academy" Pennington said.

Miller acknowledged that five blacks failed academically at the academy but pointed out that seven whites also were separated from the class of 52 students.

"I dont know what hounded out means. Thats a racist remark its untrue and not worthy of further comment They failed. Five recruits simply failed" Miller said.

Pennington said there were only eight blacks in what he said was a class of 58.

The civil rights leader said his organization would pursue allegations that at least one white female recruit was provided answers to an academy exam in advance and that instructors violated regulations, by socializing with other female recruits.

Teh accusation that recruits cheated on exams are "separate and and if they are found to be true appropriate serious action will be taken." Miller said.

Black recruits "said they did not receive equal or effective counseling" Pennington said.

Miller reacted by saying the department has one civilian employee at the training academy who offers remedial aid.

"That employee is a black man" Pennington said. "I think that speaks for itself."

Safety and Health conference

Coppin State College in consortium with the Community College Baltimore - Harbor Campus is sponsoring the construction safety and Health Workshop at Hopkins Plaza on July 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be speakers, demonstrations, and many exhibits on the hazards of construction work and related occupational injuries and illness. In addition, officals will test for silicosis and asbestiosis. This event is free to the public. For further information contact Daniel Ham at 383-7434.

—Community Notebook—

Brandys Dance Troupe will give a free performance on the War Memorial Plaza stage at noon Friday July 10.

The group features creative dance and its membership consists o33 girls aged 6 to 17. The Public is invited. Call 396-4891 for more information.

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The 7th annual Westside Community Fair will be Saturday July 11 at Hilton Park Hilton and West North Avenue. Music food games and information for the entire family will be featured.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free. Its sponsors are the Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations and the Rosemont Mayors Station. For more information call 396-0766.

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The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation is sponsoring two classes in Basic Nature Photography. Classes will meet from July 20 through August 16 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Anneke Davis is the instructor. Topics to be explored are natural subjects lighting composition the selection of shutter speed and lens opening to control pictorial effects.

Participants are asked to furnish their own equipment and must pre-register. A $15 fee is required.

Mrs. Elizabeth Long has information and registration forms. Her number is 396-5642.

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Southern High School class of 1962 is planning a 20th year reunion. Members of that class who have not been contacted for the Reunion Committee are urged to call Bonnie Elburn Hammen at 828-0360 or Linda J. Quimby at 752-7467 after 6 p.m.

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The Interdenominational Ilinisters Wive and Ministers Widows Alliance of Baltimore and vicinity are meeting Saturday July 11 at 3 p.m. at the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church 430 E. Belvedere.

Among the items on the agenda will be plans for the alliances picnic of the year and a report on the recent convention in Barbados.

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Senior citizens take up your pens! Mayor William Donald Schaefer has annouced the first "Baltimores Best" Senior Citizen Poetry Contest. The contest is open to all non-professional poets age 55 or older residing in Baltimore City.

The contests theme is "Baltimore is Best because..." All entries must not exceed one page and must be double-spaced typed or printed. One entry per person is permitted.

Entries must be mailed by Sept. 22 1981 to Mrs. Selma Gross Director of Commission on Aging and Retirement Education 1114 Cathedral Street Baltimore Maryland 21201.

Mrs. Eleanor Cook Supervisor Senior Citizen Division Department of Recreation has contest guidelines and can provide further information. Her number is 396-5640.

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The Maryland Science Center is showing "Volcano" a 25-minute multi-media presentation daily through Sept. 7.

The presentation discusses the important role volcanoes play in the earths evolution and features the geographical history of Mount St. Helens in Washington state. Mount St. Helens erupted last year.

The science center is open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Adult admission is $2.50 Students senior citizens and military personnel are admitted for $1.50. Children under 12 pay $1. For more information call 685-5225.

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Motor Vehicle Administration offices in Maryland will be closed Saturdays during July August and September.

All MVA offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

Saturday hours will resume beginning the first Saturday of October.

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The Senior Citizen Film Festival sponsored by Ginos Restaurants is presenting the western musical "Calamity Jane" starring Doris Day and Howard Keel Wednesday July 25 at the Central Police Auditoriam on East Fayette Street.

The Senior Citizen Film Festival is part of a Summer Film Festival sponsored by Ginos and is staged at 100 recreation centers and playgrounds through August 21.

For information about films being shown locations and showtimes in your neighborhood call the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation at 396-1473 or the Baltimore Police Department at 396-2710.

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The Inner Harbors two free childrens outdoor entertainment series: Little Peoples Program and Kids Stuff are presenting "Adventures with 88 Keys" with classical pianist Ann Heligman Saslav on July 14.

Ms. Saslav a native Texan has performed her program "Adventures with 88 Keys" more than 200 times in the last three years. She has become a regular and welcome visitor in schools throughout Maryland.

The program provides a close-up view of the pianists muscular skills artistic insights and sheer fun of listening to music.

For a complete schedule of the Little Peoples Program and Kids Stuff call the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Tourism at 685-8687.

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As of July 1 four funwagons began making stops at public playgrounds and lots as part of a project sponsored by the Mayors Office of Special Projects.

The funwagons will feature a magician bicycle rodeo crews who will teach cycling safety and skills and puppets.

Buses also will be provided to take area children on 32 trips to the Druid Hill Park Zoo and on 32 Discover Baltimore Tours.

Information about the funwagons and childrens outings can be obtained by calling the Mayors Office of Special Projects at 396-4891.

SHOW EXTENDED

Nevis Mountain Dew, a West Indian drama, will be extended to Sunday, Aug. 2 at The Rep Inc. Show times are 8 p.m. on the weekends. To make reservations, call 291-3903. George Mason

George Mason University's Fine Arts department is holding auditions for admission into its new Bachelor of Fine Arts program in dance.

Auditions will be held on campus Monday, July 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 691-7950 or 691-7956. Source Theatre

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Center works to redeem youth

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

When Christ went after his disciples he didnt go to the libraries the university halls or the palaces of the wealthy.

Instead the Prince of Peace the Redeemer of mens souls went to the waterfront to the back streets to the areas where the poor and dis-heartened of the community lived.

Today in the heart of West Baltimore a project is being launched among the forgotten and neglected members of the black community In a small building with a dubious history the Reverend Willie Ray is working to redeem the souls and bodies of many of the areas forgotten people.

The building a former police station is known as Redeemers Palace and is located in the abandoned police station on Pine and Saratoga Sts.

"The community was leery about us at first" said Margeurite Hunt the personable director of the program-probably because this used to be a detention center. They didnt think anything good could come out of a place like this."

Throughout the building there are constant reminders of its history. From the small green cells on the first floor (which are now occupied by several staff members) to the dank dungeon-like basement one can easily conjurs up images of "the line-up" or the "third degree."

But the sounds of children laughing and scampering about and the smiling faces of staffers and volounteers serve to exorcise those memories from the building.

Currently Redeemers Palace is embarking on an ambitious schedule of programs for youth senior citizens and the average community member.

Classes are being offered in slimnastics martial arts sign language GED Preparation and a multitude of other topic areas of interest.

But when it comes to money the center is operating "on a shoestring budget" Hunt and Tonni Rotan programming director said simultaneously.

The two said that they are embarking on a fundraising campaign through car washes dances bake sales and donations from community members. The center was so strapped for cash last winter that it had to shut down as there was no money to heat the building.

But Rev. Ray appears optimistic that the program will eventually be able to sustain itself. Although Ray was responsible for persuading city finance director Charles Benton to okay a $15000 grant to the center for "seed money" he is quick to stress the need for the program to assume financial independence.

"There is a need for community leadership to be more creative and to use their own ability instead of remaining dependent on government and other agencies to support us" he said.

Ray described the purpose of the center as an effort to "be an arm of the church and government by reaching out into an area where the brave dare not go. We want to tell the community that the dream of Martin Luther King Harriet Tubman and others is still alive through us. Although the dreamer is dead the dream goes on."

Ray reminded silent though most of the interview and allowed staffers to explain the program to a reporter. He said that the reason for this was that he plans to withdraw from active participation in the Baltimore center in order to concentrate on spreading his program to other cities.

Somewhere in America in the dispair-ridden slums and dark tenements filled with forgotten people somewhere in the streets filled with anguish; Ray will probably lay down his burdens roll up his sleeves and start to work to build another ceneter to redeem the un-redeemable.

PASTOR AND FAMILY — The Rev. Dr. Raymond Kelly Jr., founder and pastor of Harlem Park Community Baptist Church was honored at a banquet July 3 at Martin's West. Shown from (L) are Mrs. Bernice Kelly, mother; Mrs. Barbara J. Kelly, wife; Millicent Joy Kelly, Rev. Kelly, Mrs. Bernita K. Conaway, sister and Dr. Samuel L. Grandy, a friend.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS who were seen at the ushers annual banquet shown are Mrs. Louise Smith (seated) Standing from (L) are George Fitzgerald Sr., Mrs. Eva May Aikins, Mrs. Josephine Rollins and Mrs. Marjorie Green, chairperson.

Ushers host fellowship banquet

The fourth annual Maryland Ushers Fellowship banquet was held recently at Martins West. For four years the theme of the affair has been "Love."

Mrs. Marjorie R. Green founder and coordinator of the group says "It was through God's grace & the efforts of many praying workers that the ushers were organized to bring joy and happiness into the lives of people less fortunate.

"We recognize the work and sacrifice of ushers whose work has not been noticed."

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Bryan Holley president of the Young Adult Ushers of John Wesley United Methodist Church received the Walter Landus Stokes award.

The late Mr. Stokes was the president of Timothy Baptist Church Usher Board and an active member of the Maryland Ushers Fellowship Committee. He died on May 30 1981.

Mrs. Louise Smith former president of Faith Baptist Church received the adult usher of the year award. Mrs. Smith has served as treasurer for the Maryland Ushers group since its inception. She is also a member of the Missionary Circle of Faith Baptist Church.

Aleric Collins received the Youth Usher of the year award.

ALERIC COLLINS, a member of First Baptist Church in Guilford received the youth usher of the year award from the Maryland

AFRO photo by Mark Gail
Ushers Fellowship. Aleric is shown at the banquet with his father Alvin Collins.

He is a member of First Baptist Church in Guilford. The honorees also received certificates from Mayor William Schaefer.

Among those who participated on the program were the Rev. Curtis Clanton associate minister of Charity Community Church of God; Rev. Norman Sanders associate director of Billy Graham Crusade; Mrs. Laura Turner associate minister of Fulton Baptist and the Rev. Leroy Fitts president of the Baptist Ministers Conference and pastor of First Baptist Church.

Also Mrs. Bessie Mason president of the Womens Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland; Tommie Roberts Roland Joe Smith Miss Katie Jackson and the Reflections of Truth.

Executive committee members are Corine Saunders Daisy Moore Pearl Blake Marie Jackson Blanche Benjamin Cleveland Bell Ellaeves Mills Pearl Carter Eva M. Aikens Maggie Fullard Clara Snowden John Green Elsie Moore Sadie Love Louise Smith John Gray Vivian Hill and Louise Nance.

SPECIAL AWARD — Bryan Holley, president of the Young Adult Ushers of John Wesley United Methodist (L) received the Walter Landus Stokes award. Shown with Bryan from (L) are Mrs. Corine Saunders and Lehonor Thompson.

Summer tutorial classes and vacation Bible school held at local churches

During the next two months several churches will be having Vacation Bible School and tutorial programs for children.

Morning Star Baptist Church 1063 Fayette St. opened its annual Vacation Bible school June 29 and will continue until August 2. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until 12:00 and breakfast and lunch will be served. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Ray is pastor.

Wayland Baptist Church 3200 Garrison Blvd. will have Bible school July 20-21 from 6 p. m. to 8 p.m. The Rev. Darneal Johnson is pastor.

A summer tutorial program is now being held at New Shiloh Baptist Church Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street. Classes will be held Monday Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12:00. Elementary level of reading and math will be offered and there is a $10 fee for the four week session.

At Bethel AME Church Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street Vaction Bible School will be held from July 13-31 9 a.m. to noon. Free lunch will be provided along with field trips. Bethels Outreach Center is also sponsoring a Saturday school program.

Basic skills such as reading English and math will be offered at the Saturday school. The program is opened children and adults and there is a $1.00 registration fee. The Rev. John R. Bryant is pastor.

Allen AME 1130 Lexington St. will have a day camp program at the church from June 29 until Aug. 7 9:30 a.m. to 12:00. Free lunch will be provided and there is no fee.

From July 11 until August 8 10 a.m. until 12:00 Vacation Bible School will be held at Waters AME Church 427 Aisquith St. A summer day camp will also beoffered from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Certified teachers will be teaching reading math music appreciation home economics arts and crafts at Browns Memorial Baptist Church2000 Fulton Ave. July 6 until 31. The Rev. Douglas I. Miles is pastor.

Metro Church Briefs

The Youth Leadership Council of St. John AME Church 810 Carrollton Ave. will be attending a youth retreat at Camp Farthest Out in Sykesville Md. July 10-13. The Rev. Benjamin S. Foust is pastor and Mrs. Vera H. Smith is president.

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The 71st anniversary of the Flower Circle of Israel Baptist Church Preston and Chester Street will be observed July 12 3:30 p.m. The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor, Bethel, will be the speaker. Mrs. Malinda Moore is president; Mrs. Esther Waddy program chairman and the Rev. Harlie W. Wilson Jr. is pastor.

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The Pastors Aid Society of St. Timothys Christian Baptist Church 4007 Groveland Ave. will observe their pastors anniversary on Sunday July 12 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Lottie Holland is president and the Rev. Carl L. Washington is pastor.

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An all night prayer and bible study vigil will be held at New Shiloh Baptist Church Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street on July 17 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

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