—Lightfoot leaving

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The jail curently boasts several educational programs, and has established and maintained two pre - release units.

Under Lightfoot's administration, the jail has gone through a relatively calm period compared to the stormy Schoonfeild regime.

There has been no escapes, few internal disturbances, and few internal disturbances.

Despite his success at the jail, Lightfoot readily admits that his new post will bring with it new problems.

"It's going to be a much larger system, with a lot of different problems, but many of the problems will be the same, such as over-crowded conditions," he said. "I'll have to learn their system and bring about some new ideas if they aren't already in force up there. I'll have to see if some innovative ideas can be applied."

But, based on Lightfoot's performance at the jail, New York can expect a man who believes in a tough but rehabilitative penal system.

—Redistricting

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What is reapportionment, and how will it affect the black community? Will we gain or lose strength? How much input do blacks have in the reapportionment process?

According to state law, the governor must submit a plan for realigning the state legislative boundaries every ten years based on the most recent census information.

Districts in Maryland must be comprised of 80,000 people in order to qualify for full representation in Annapolis. Each full district is alloted one state senator and 3 delegates.

Currently, there are 47 districts in the state, containing a total of 47 senators and 141 delegates. Out of that number, five districts, (four in Baltimore, one in Prince Georges Co.), are predominantly black, and have a total of 19 representatives. The lone black Republican in the General Assembly, state Sen. Dr. Aris T. Allen, was not elected by his predominantly-white constituency, but was appointed to fill a vacancy in his 30th district (Anne Arundel Co.).

The reapportionment process is a stormy one, as evidenced by the past.

In 1973, Governor Marvin Mandel's reapportionment plan was struck down by the state Court of Appeals between February 1979 and January 1 1979, the plan went through 6 changes or additions.

The present reapportionment plan may gain blacks 20 more representatives optimistically, and at its worst may only maintain the current representation.

According to John Douglass, D-45, head of the Legislative Black Caucus, blacks may gain new representation in areas like the Eastern Shore.

"The Eastern Shore is ten percent black overall," he said, "and in some areas of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties, the black population ranges as high as 40 percent."

Douglass says that his committee is also looking at the possibility of carving a new black district northeast of the 45th's boundary lines. The 45th is the city's lone Eastside all-black district, and the proposed new area would encompass the Wilson Park, Northwood, and Morgan Park.

Probably the most threatened area is the district currently occupied by state Sen. Julian Lapides, D-39. His area sits between the 6th and the 40th, and is bounded on the southwest by the 38th.

All of the adjoining districts then are black, and Lapides' traditional base of upper-income Belton Hill-type residents may be dwindling to the point where his district will be merged divided up among the three adjoining black districts.

This may place Lapides in a predominantly black district, where the chances of his being re-elected may be slim.

State Sen. Cornell Dypksi's 47th district faces a like threat. The district lies between powerful state Sen. Harry McGuirk's 37th and Sen. Clarence Mitchell's 38th both formidable candidates, and Dypski may be faced with the loss of his district as a result.

But blacks may suffer too, and the resultant furor could damage the citywide alliance built up over the years, especially in the west.

In West Baltimore, population shrinkage, according tothe census, is even more acute.

There, politicians from the heavily Jewish 42nd district may be casting covetous eyes at the black 41st district.

It may become quite a battle, as 42nd district and 41st district folk try to find an adequate amount of people to guarantee them a legislative area.

Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40, says that black legislators are "better prepared this year than ever before," to deal with reapportionment.

The group has already drawn up their proposed redistricting plan, and several black legislators serve on the two main reapportionment committees.

Del. Larry Young, D-38th, heads the city delegation's reapportionment committee, and several black politicians, including Del. Joseph Chester, D-45, and Walter Dean, D-41, are members of the committee.

One of the state's most astute political analysts and former Carter campaign official Dr. C. Vernon Grey is a member of the Governor's re-apportionment committee, which has the unenviable duty of presenting the final reapportionment plan to the Governor.

There will be a public hearing Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Joint Committee Room of the General Assembly in Annapolis on redistricting. To gain a better idea of the stakes involved, citizens are urged to attend.

Downtown renewal set

A Los Angeles millionaire who discovered Baltimore while eating clams has signed a contract to invest more than $250 million in the city's largest revitalization project.

David Murdock plans to use a combination of private and public capital to revitalize a five-block area near Lexington Market, a downtown section.

Ground will be broken for the project within the year, but the ambitious plan could take as long as six years to complete, Baltimore officials said.

M. J. Brodie, the city housing commissioner, said the Murdock agreement would be forwarded to the board of estimates for fina. approval, which some city officials say they expect to be prompt.

The Murdock plan calls for the rehabilitation of two department stores and construction of two office towers, a parking garage, a glass enclosed atrium and a pedestrian mall.

—FBI, NAACP enter case

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Duckett also said he was waiting to receive the police's final investigation reports. After those reports had been reviewed by his office, the matter would be forwarded to the Anne Arundel County grand jury.

Snowden, emphasizing his was not the official NAACP stand on the matter, said he hoped evidence gathered through the grand jury's investigation would lead to an indictment of Hodge for Perry's death.

He expressed outrage over the incident and called it 'a case of "blatant murder."

Snowden said Perry's death is part of a national pattern where blacks are being shot by police over alleged motor vehicle violations.

"It's almost become dangerous to be black and caught in a situation like that late at night, with a white police officer."

Dr. Jean Creek, president of the Anne Arundel County NAACP, said she called for the FBI to investigate the Perry case Monday, because of her doubts about the objectivity of the county police.

"I requested the FBI step in and investigate the shooting because I do not believe the Anne Arundel County Police Department is capable of investigating or policing itself," she said.

Dr. Creek said the Perry incident is another example of "questionable" police action. Among the incidents she cited was the police shooting death of a Lothian man, forced out of his burning home and met with police gunfire.

Dr. Creek admitted the man was alleged to have been armed, but she questioned the necessity of his being shot to death.

She said a police review board needed. That suggestion, however, has been resisted by county police in the past.

"The bottom line might be, there needs to be a community-police review board in these (county) subdivisions, so a group of people of various walks of life can sid down and look at these controversial issues to make some recommendations and determinations," Dr. Creek said.

John Kutz, special agent at the Baltimore regional FBI office, said his office was conducting a preliminary investigation into the Perry shooting several days before Dr. Creeks requested they enter the case Monday.

"Prior to their request, we had an open Civil Rights investigation (of the Perry shooting)," he said.

Kutz said such investigations are standard policy. The FBI does not need a "request to do this if it is something the media that brings our attention to a possible civil rights violation."

The preliminary investigation will take about a month to complete, he said. After that, the information will be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

The Justice Department will decide whether any violations occurred and whether the case is prosecutable. If it is, the investigation will continue, Kutz said.

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Pantry Pride workers may sue company

A federal bankruptcy judge in New York has refused to halt the mid August closing of Pantry Pride supermarkets, but he did clear the way for unions representing Pantry Pride workers to file damage suits against the company.

Melvin Steinberg, one of the unions' lawyers, said Judge John Galgay Monday refused to grant the unions request for a temporary restraining order against the closing of 41 stores in the Baltimore sales region.

The union contended that Food Fair Inc., had broken a binding agreement to keep Pantry Pride open of more than 4,000 employees took wage cuts totaling $16.5 million over the next two years.

In Baltimore last week, federal Judge Joseph Howard ruled the unions would have to press their case before Galgay in New York. On July 17, Galgay issued a restraining order prohibiting any third party from interfering with Food Fair Inc.'s liquidation plan.

Galgay Monday modified his original restraining order to allow unions to pursue the issue of whethere they had a binding agreement with Food Fair, Stenberg said.

Steinberg said union attorneys will decide Wednesday whether to take advantage of the modification and press for a temporary restraining order against the store closings in U. S. District Court in Baltimore.

"For all intents and purposes the closings of most of the stores is already done," Steinberg said.

But Steinbger said he expects the unions to file for salaries and benefits lost because of Food Fair's alleged violation of a binding agreement. He said that matter would also be pursued in Federal Courts in Baltimore.

BG and E rates 10th highest in nation

A survey of 1980-81 residential electric bills says that among electricity users in 25 major cities, Baltimore residents pay the tenth highest bills.

But a spokesman for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company termed the study "completely worthless."

In its third nationwide winter survey, the National Association of Regulatory Utility commissioners studied residential bills for December 1980 and January and February 1981.

The association checked three different levels of electricity consumption 250, 500 and 750 kilowatt hours along with the typical monthly cost of electricty for customers with space heaters.

The survey showed that of 25 major cities, Baltimore ranked tenth. The city ranked 77th among 198 nationwide.

The survey showed 1,500 kilowatt hours over the three months cost Baltimore customers $96.86. The bill was $31.86 in December 1980 and $32.50 in both January and February. The cost averaged out to 6.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

But Charles J. Franklin Jr., BG and E spokesman, characterized the survey as a "grevious error of comparing apples and oranges."

He said such studies do not take into consideration other parts of the country that rely on different sources of power to generate electriety.

"Studies like this are completely worthless. They should stick to the East Coast when they are comparing bills," he said.

"You can't expect BG and E to compete with the Northwest where they use hydro-power, the cheapest form. And they don't take into consideration the difference in the Southwest, where they burn a lot of natural gas that is welled in the state's own back yards," he said.

"Electricity here costs less than anywhere on the East Coast.Look at similar metropolitan areas. We have just about the lowest costs between Maine and Florida," Franklin said.

Figures for 1980 show BG and E generated 59 percent of its electricity at its Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant, 30 percent from coal, 14 percent from oil, 2 percent from natural gas and 2 percent from water power. The figure comes to more than 100 percent because they utility sells about 7 percent of its electricity to other utilities, Franklin said.

"Without a doubt, nuclear power is far and away the cheapest. Nuclear power can produce electricity at about one-fourth the cost of coal and is at least 10 times cheaper than oil," he said.

BG and E must import coal from Kentucky and West Virginia because Maryland's coal has a high sulphur content that would exceed state air pollution limits, Franklin said.

The National Association's study showed that New York City residents paid the highest average cost per kilowatt hour 11.6 cents during the three months. The lowest among the 25 major cities was St. Louis, at 4.3 cents per kilowatt hour.

The association said the report showed that residential electricity costs are up about 17.2 percent from the bills reported a year ago. The consumer price index went up about 11.3 percent during the same period.

The average cost per kilowatt hour increased from 5.4 cents to 6.3 cents during the year, the association said.

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