Minority Affairs Office reaching 10 percent goal

The office of Minority Affairs serves the interest of the administration in the minority communities in various ways. The major program responsibility is the minority business enterprise effort.

The Office of Minority Affairs was established by executive order March 12, 1980. The staff and budget of the Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise were transferred to the governor's staff from the Department of Economic and Community Development and designated the Office of Minority Affairs.

The state legislature has defined the term minority person to mean Negroes, women, Puerto Rieans, Spanish speaking American, American Indians, Eskimos, Aluets, Asians and handicapped persons.

The function of the Office of Minority Affairs includes:

To carry out the various state and federal programs created to foster growth and participation in minority business.

To promote and coordiante plans, programs, and program objectives, and operations of the state government which affect or may contribute to the establishment, preservation and strengthening of minority business enterprise.

To promote the mobilization of activities and resources of state and local government, businesses, and trade associations, universities, foundations, professional organizations, and volunteer and other groups towards the growth of minority business enterprises, and coordinate the efforts of these groups with those of state government, local and federal agencies.

To establish a system for the development, collection, summarization and dissemination of information to assist persons and organizations of the state in undertaking or promoting the establishment and successful operation of minority business enterprises.

The priority for the Office of Minority Affairs in 1980 was accomplishing the goal of utilizing minority business enterprises in at least 10 percent of the state's contracting and procurement within the Department of Transportation, the Department of General Services, the Interagency Committee for School Construction, and the University of Maryland.

In 1980, efforts of the office resulted in $89,428,583 worth of state contracting and procurement going to minority firms. This figure represents thousands of actual transactions with minority firms in various state agencies.

Aside from the procurement and contracting transactions, the office counseled 117 businesses in financing and loan packaging. Approximatley, one-half of this effort is attributed to the current fiscal year.

Thousands of businesses have attended conferences, outreach programs, and training sessions which the office has conducted. This figure often includes "repeats" some of whom attend every activity the office sponsors.

The Office of Minority Affairs has served many clients in other varied areas, such as cooperative development, Hispanic Community affairs, Cuban exile settlement, welfare rights, and civil rights.

In spite of adverse economic conditions facing the state, the Office of Minority Affairs worked diligently during the year to improve and increase minority business enterprise participation in the procurement process of the state.

To assist the office in achieving its goal to increase minority business participation in the procurement process, the office established various committees.

One such committee, the Procurement Committee, comprised of individuals of the minority business community and state procurement officers, was established in order to expand the human resources of the office in addressing the problems faced by minority entrepreneurs in doing business with the state.

The Procurement Committee had developed and implemented a pilot demonstration program that could directly match the capabilities of the minority business enterprise with the procurement opportunities of state government.

One ofthe main objectives of the pilot program was to open the lines of communication between the procurement officer and the minority business community, which included a series of meetings with the individual buyers to determine their specific problem areas and to receive their suggested remedies to those areas.

Another objective was the identification of those commodity areas where there was little or no demonstrated minority business enterprise capability.

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City's only black nursing agency

Sylvia Edwards and Beatrice Williams, both nurses, saw a need to supply nursing homes with well-trained nursing personnel to meet the needs of patients in nursing homes.

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Williams joined together in a partnership to create the city's only black nursing agency, Supportive Life Line.

The purpose of the agency is to provide optimal health care services to nursing homes and other health care facilities that are short-staffed by either leaves, resignations or insufficiently trained personnel.

The agency supplies nursing personnel on a full-time, 24-hour, seven day a week basis.

Mrs. Edwards who worked as director of nurses at a nursing home, stated, "I realized how hard it was to maintain coverage. I also found that most nurses did not meet all the federal and state regulations required to work in nursing homes."

She said this prompted her to put together a firm that would offer this service. "The idea came to me about 3 a.m.," she said.

In June 1980, Supportive Life Line was formed and operated out of Mrs. Edwards' home until October 1980 when the business moved to its present location at 2132 Maryland Ave.

NURSING AGENCY OWNERS — Sylvia Edwards and Beatrice Williams, both nurses used their health field expertise to form a unique partnership to provide nursing services to nursing homes.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

Mrs. Edwards says she sees advantages for both the nursing homes and the nurses who work with her agency.

"We're both nurses," said Mrs. Edwards, "so we are sympathetic to the needs of the nursing home as well as understanding the problem of the nurses."

Supportive Life Line, which currently has 50 nurses available, not only provides nursing staff but training for nurses with special attention to the geriatric area.

—Architecture

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Washington in 1920 to teach at Howard.

Cassell, born in Towson, in 1895 received his architectural education at Cornell University. He began his practice at Tuskegee with his partner William Hazel Augustus.

In 1920, Cassell went to Howard University to establish its first separate degree granting Department of Architecture. He was appointed university architect in 1921.

He provided architect-engineering services for 10 buildings at the university and in 1938, he developed a 20-year physical development plan for the university.

Perhaps Cassell's most ambitious project was his dream of planning and building an entire city. To this end, he purchased a 280-acre farm on the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County, Md. and completed the design and market studies for the "New Town" in 1932.

Despite a federal grant, the project became enmeshed in political and racial controversy which prevented its development.

In 1960, Cassell resumed development of the project which had expanded to 520 acres. He constructed the roads, water and sewer systems, and emergency power plant.

He was attempting to obtain funding for the next phase when he died in 1969.

Many black architects who were later to make outstanding contributions of their own, received their early experience in the architectural offices of Albert I. Cassell. Among them are Louis Fry, Sr., Hilyard Robinson, Roscoe Vaughn, Howard Mackey, John D. Sutlon, Warren Gray, Julius Gardner, Arthur Ferguson and others.

It was not until 1923 that the official white professional organization, the American Institute of Architects, recognized black professionals and Paul R. Williams of California was admitted as a member.

Williams attended the University of Southern California and began his practice in 1923.

Over the years, he designed the homes of a number of famous Hollywood film stars. Williams completed many projects in partnership with Hilyard Robinson later in his career.

Williams died in 1980 at his home in Los Angeles.

The 1950's saw many new black firms established throughout the country, John L. Williams in New York, Whitley and Whitley of Cleveland, Ohio, John Chase in Houston, Texas, Louis E. Fry Sr., and John D. Sutlon of Washington, D.C.

The black firms throughout the country until the late '60s relied predominately on racially generated projects.

But their ability to survive, despite all obstacles, is symbolic of the tradition of blacks in the profession. After three - quarters of a century, the black architectural firms of America are still striving to enter the mainstream of the profession.

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AFRO celebrates 89th birthday with parade, Clean Block Honors Day

89th Birthday celebration at War Memorial Plaza Thursday has Michael A. Bateman of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company cutting cake with John H. Murphy III, AFRO Chairman. From left, Ken Wilson, AFRO vice-president; Miss Black Baltimore, Miss Sharon Wharton; Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bateman; Miss Kimberly Ann Brooks, Miss Talented Teen International and Mrs. Ida Peters, AFRO Clean Block Director.

The Jackson Steppers, majorettes, pom poms and drum corps from St. Wenceslaus Church participated in AFRO birthday and 47th Annual Clean Block Honors Day. Other units were The Original Stormasters Drill Team, The Vikings, Marquis Drum and Color Guard, St. James' Drum and Bugle Corps.

1400 Block of Druid Hill marched with youngsters from entire block and decorated car with green and white streamers and trash can. Marchers carried brooms and pom poms.

150 blocks get AFRO-Kool Flags

By Ida Peters

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers celebrated 89 years of continous publication as the Eastern Seaboard's largest chain of weekly newspapers with a parade and birthday party at War Memorial Plaza Thursday.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer greeted John H. Murphy III, Chairman of the Board, AFRO executives and long-time AFRO employees who have worked at the newspapers from 21 to 41 years or more.

AFRO-KOOL Honor Flags were presented by Mayor Schaefer and Michael A. Bateman, Community Affairs Director of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco whose KOOL Cares Grant of $20,000 helped make the flags possible.

AFRO Clean Blockers carrying 100 brooms were part of the parade. The Rev. Al Green, nationally known soul - gospel singer was not able to make it at the last minute because of the airline strike.

In a show of KOOL Flower Power, live plants were presented to the 395 blocks registered in the 47th AFRO Clean Block as a birthday present.

Gracing the stage and helping with presentations were queens, Miss Kimberly Ann Brooks, Miss Talented Teen International and Miss Sharon Wharton, Miss Black Baltimore, Maryland.

Parade participants included a color guard and detachment under Sgt. Lloyd Scott of the Maryland National Guard from the Melvin H. Cade Armory, Co., 58th Spt. Bn., 243rd Engineers.

Representatives from the Fire and Police Departments also participated including the Rat Eradication Van, the Free Spirit Theatre, the Arena Players Youtheatre.

Plants were presented to AFRO Clean Block leaders who have served and been active for 10 or

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County cop indicted in Perry slaying

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Wednesday's indictment of a white Anne Arundel County police officer, charged with the July 20 shooting death of a 48-year old Annapolis man, brought mixed reactions from the county's NAACP officials.

A spokesman for the Baltimore regional office of the FBI said the U.S. Justice Department through the FBI, will continue to monitor the indictment and prosecution of Officer David R. Hodge, 27, who now faces manslaughter charges following the death of Leroy Perry.

Hodges indictment by the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury was announced at about 6:45 p.m. Wednesday after 100 minutes of deliberation that came after two days of secret testimony.

Hodges, a six-year county police veteran, indictment stems from the early morning incident that occurred at the corner of Ritchie Highway and Arnold Road.

The officer claimed he shot Perry, twice in the chest, in self defense after he stopped Perry for suspected drunk driving. Hodge claimed Perry lunged at him with what appeared to be either a pistol or an ice pick. The object in Perry's hand turned out to be a screwdriver, which Perry's family claimed he needed to pry open the trunk of his car where Perry stored his vehicle registration papers.

This indictment marks the third time in Hodge's brief police career he has been accused of using excessive force on a citizen. He was cleared of the earlier charges.

Sam Gilmer, an Annapolis city councilman and a member of the Anne Arundel County NAACP, said the charges against Hodge should have been greater. He said even though he did not know all the circumstances surrounding the case, Hodge should have been indicted with higher charges.

"He'll get off with a slap on the wrist with such a light indictment," Gilmer said.

Carl Snowden, Anne Arundel County NAACP vice president, said Hodge's indictment proved the protest mounted by black people lead to the indictment.

Perry's death sparked a rally and demonstrations by concerned NAACP officials, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County residents and someof their elected officials.

Hodge will be formally charged with the indictment Monday. A spokesman for the Anne Arundel County police department said no official action regarding Hodge's status with the police department will be made until then.

According to County Attorney Warren B. Duckett Jr., who presented the case before the grand jury, charges against Hodge carry a maximum prison sentence of 10 years.

Youth shot by cop still in critical condition

City's new aquarium worth the wait

After spending about $15 and waiting two hours in a long, twisting line, Debbie Melton and her family finally entered the National Aquarium in Baltimore last week.

Mrs. Melton, 26, said the aquarium was worth the wait.

"I really didn't expect it. I thought you would go in and see a couple of tanks and go out," she said.

The Meltons did leave, but according to her, that was several hours later. She said the aquarium appears small on the outside, but once indoors, well, that's another story.

"You can really spend some time in there. We spent about three and a half," Mrs. Melton said.

Indoors, she said she saw just about every kind of fish in all imaginable shapes, sizes and colors. The rain forrest at the aquarium's top, was humid and the dolphins were crowd pleasers, Mrs. Melton said.

"I liked the dolphins. I think the dolphins like the people, too. They dived for the crowd.

After she, her husband and two small children were done experiencing the "funny" feel of star fish and sea snails, Mrs. Melton said they caught a free boat ride, sponsored by a local radio station, across the harbor. The Meltons ate lunch at a Harborplace restaurant and just made a day out of their outing.

Congratulations are coming in

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

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The Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper began its 90th year of publication on Aug. 14.

Congratulations are coming in to the venerable old newspaper established here in Baltimore by John H. Murphy Sr., a whitewasher by trade.

We would like to hear from all of our readers. Your letters will be published in the coming historic 90th Year Edition due on the street soon. Write to us.

Here is a telegram from U.S. Secretary Samuel R. Pierce, a member of President Reagan's Cabinet and a longtime AFRO friend and reader:

I congratulate you and the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers on the beginning of your 90th year of publication.

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For further information call Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor at 728-8200, Ext. 272.

Cambridge citizens want some answers

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Cambridge- About 500 angry black residents jammed the basement of an Eastern Shore church this week-end to demand what they call justice in the handling of a shooting incident involving a white officer and a black youth.

The scheduled meeting between police officials and city residents was moved to Bethel AME Church in this old Eastern Shore town after city leaders insisted that the original site for the meeting, the City Council chambers, was too small.

But answers surrounding the incident and what will be done in the handling of the officer involved were scant, due to an ongoing investigation, and residents, for the most part, left the orderly meeting feeling frustrated.

Timothy Sampson, 19, reportedly unarmed was allegedly shot by Patrolman 1st Class Scott Mears last week-end after a speed chase throug the streets of Cambridge. Sampson now lies in a Salisbury hospital with a head wound, in critical condition.

Cambridge residents are outraged at the incident, charging inequities in the judicial system that has allowed the officer to remain on the police force with pay until the investigation is completed.

That investigation, which has been turned over to the state police, is not due to be completed for two weeks. Until that time, and unless an indictment is handed down by the state's attorney, Mears will remain on the force on administrative leave, with pay.

"The whole thing is to get him suspended without pay," said the Rev. Roland Dennis, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

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THIS WEEK'S MR. AFRO

THEODORE KESS, a descendant of a noted old Baltimore family, was born in 1892 same as the AFRO. His wonderful story will be told in the AFRO's 90th Year Edition coming soon. If you know of anyone born in 1892, let us have a photo and a story of those grand old days in Baltimore 90 years ago. Write or call AFRO 90th Year Edition, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 21202. PHONE — 728-8200. We want you to be in this historic edition of pictures and features of the AFRO's 90 years of publication.