City seeks to sell $700 million in bonds

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

An hour-long filibuster on the floor of City Council this week by Councilman Kweisi Mfume, D-4th, apparently did little more than flare tempers of his colleagues as they rushed to beat a midnight cutoff of their bond authorizing power.

Mfume worried over what he called "lack of scrutiny" by city lawmakers on the use of almost three-quarters of a billion dollars in industrial revenue bonds, said he delayed action so that councilperson would know "you just can't talk about doing things and not including everybody."

Despite his protests, however, the Council managed to pass most of the proposals set before them, ending a hectic three days of events.

The rush began early this week, when Congress announced it would review the feasibility of maintaining industrial revenue bonds.

The tax-free bonds allow companies to finance projects using interest-free loans.

Although the city approves the issuance of the bonds for specific projects, monies come from the federal government. Every time a bond is issued, the federal government loses money because it cannot collect taxes.

Under an administration which is seeking to replenish the U.S. treasury, the bonds are coming under close scrutiny as yet another area of possible cutbacks.

With that in mind, fearing imminent cutoff, the Mayor Monday urged the Council to approve close to $700 million in industrial revenue bonds before the midnight deadline this Wednesday.

Mfume explained that IRBs were designated by the federal government to be used for "publicly useful" projects some time ago.

The financing tools, he said, were supposed to make it easier for urban renewal projects, including those which would specifically help black economic development and employment, to be approved.

Mfume charges, however, that the bonds have been used for "questionable" projects, some of which would help nobody but the private companies issued the bonds.

Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves, D-5th, was not as much against what happened this week as was his colleague.

"It's an insane reaction to an insane situation," Reeves said, "but essentially, it was something that had to be done."

Reeves said that given the same set of circumstances, he would have done much the same thing as did Mayor Schaefer.

"In terms of housing and economic development, blacks came out reasonably well," Reeves said, citing projects that will help the black community.

He said the proposed projects will create about 6,000 new jobs in the city, allowing 44 percent of them to go to blacks, 10 percent of all contracting work to go to black firms, with another 12 percent of all contracts involving a joint venture (black& white firm) set - up.

Reeves explained that the projects which have received tentative approval for bond issuance now have to go to the bank. If the banks do not approve the project in question, no monies will be issued.

But, he said, at least now "we're covered."

Reeves as well as Mfume questioned monies earmarked for BEDCO, the Trustees, Market Center Development Corporation, and the "Baltimore Foundation, among others."

It seems, they said that money allocated to those groups have not been set aside for any particular purpose.

Reeves also took particular exception to monies allocated to a television service that will offer "R" and "X" rated - movies to late-night viewers.

But the two men sharply differed on the need for the rush-through approval of the bonds.

Mfume said the mayor had created an emergency situation, while Reeves looked at it another way.

"I don't know if I can rightfully say that the mayor created the situation," he said. "I think the emergency situation was created by the Congress."

"I would have done the same thing if I had been the mayor," he said.

Rawlings addresses conference

Maryland State Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings (D-40th) recently attended Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) 13th annual work conference in Lexington, Ky.

The conference was attended by 150 legislators from 14 states. It focused on several of SREB's Task Force recommendations to improve the quality of higher education.

In keeping with this year's theme, "The Need for Quality," Rawlings delivered a presentation on collegiate admissions and curriculum standards developed for Maryland high schools and colleges.

Rawlings pointed out in his address three key factors in Maryland's plans are an across the board approach to raising admissions and curriculum standards, the establishment of a 15 percent exemption category that will allow admissions of qualified minority and disadvantaged students; and well structured remedial support and counseling services for students admitted under the exemption category.

Rawlings cited the Maryland plan as one that recognizes the need "to attain quality improvements in higher education and, at the same time, meet the affirmative action requirements."

Urban Services has fuel money

A spokesman for a black-owned fuel oil company, participating in the Maryland Energy Assistance program, said although last year the state was beset by problems administering the program this year things will be better.

Darnell Foster, office manager for G&M Oil Co. said his firm has participated in the program since its inception two years ago. Last year's program began in December, he said, but families eligible to participate were not awarded their grants allowing a minimum of $325 worth of fuel oil until January or as late as March of 1981.

The delays were caused by a slow application approval process, he said.

Hopefully such delays will be avoided this winter as the Board of Estimates recently loaned the city's energy assistance program $130,000 to pay for two months operating costs of the program.

The funds will provide salaries and other expenses for about 20 temporary workers to be hired within the next two weeks. The money will be paid back through Baltimore City's share of federal energy funds which are supposed to arrive in November, according to an Urban Services Agency official, which administers the city's program.

State officials told fuel suppliers at a September meeting, the state would try to speed up the application process for this year's program.

Once an applicant has been approved and notification has been made to the fuel company, service of the applicant's contract can begin, Foster said.

Last year G&M Oil Co. serviced about 500 people, mostly in West Baltimore, he said. Under the program, needy families will receive the fuel, but the money is paid directly to the participating oil, gas, and electric companies.

Delores Brown, a secretary for the Urban Services Energy division, said information about the program has not yet been released.

"We have to wait for the state. We don't know what they're going to do," she said.

Mrs. Brown said no contracts have been signed by the state and her agency. Last year's program began Dec. 1, she said. When it will begin for this winter, she "can't say."

Scatman Crothers in
Local singer back for birthday bash

Noah Berry, Scatman Crothers, Mike Mazurki, Maxine Stuart and Richard Whiting star as five spry senior citizens who kick up their heels at the thought of being turned out to pasture, and use their collective skills to bust a dognapping ring, "Revenge of the Gray Gang", on NBC-TV Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Disdaining the urgings of their grown children to act their ages, the five old-timers set out after a gang specializing in swiping pooches for hefty ransoms.

Milo and his "over-the-hill" gang come to the aid of Theodore, a 10-year-old friend and fellow blackjack player whose beloved mutt falls victim to the dognappers. Though Milo's son, Francis, a police captain, is baffled by the caper, the graybeards investigate on their own and out-con the cons by tracking them down to their hideout.

Boxing great Archie Moore on "Search for Tomorrow" on CBS daytime series with newcomer Larry Joshua.

Local chanteuse Brenda Alford is back at the club where she first gained fame and recognition and is planning a gala birthday celebration there.

The club is The Closet, located in the 200 block W. Franklin St. The talented thrush, who last year recorded a live album at Morgan State University, will be on the bill at the club for the month of October.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, a birthday bash is scheduled to honor Ms. Alford, who recently returned from an engagement in Washington D.C. during the Black Caucus weekend.

A hometown favorite, Ms. Alford has the ability to blend both contemporary tunes and old standards in her extensive repetoire; and perform them—all with grace and an inimitable style.

Ms. Alford will also be taping a second album at MSU, during a live perfromance scheduled for Nov. 7.

FIRST LOAN PRESENTATION. — Members of the Park Heights Development Corporation, which organized the Revolving Loan Fund, recently awarded their first loan to the Bryant Pie Company, a minority business. The $40,000 loan will be used for working capital and to purchase additional equipment. Shown are Tracy Simons, administrator of the loan fund; Morris Iles, president of the Park Heights Development Corporation; Delia Brock, vice president of Bryant Pie Company; Robert Bryant, president of Bryant Pie Company and Wayman Merrick, accountant for the company.

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—Al Jarreau

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jung." It's Jarreau, trying to one-up the cymbols.

Listening to him is like getting a lesson in sound effects. His verbal gymnastics bring to mind monks chanting on a Tibetian mountaintop, monkeys chattering in jungle trees or snorting horses. He's the sound engineer on his own voice, a maestro at wowing the audience.

Part of Jarreau's appeal is that he interacts with the audience, inviting participation. After limishing "Fly", a song of his fourth album release "All Fly Home" (1978), he asked for example, "Did you make the flight?" "Yes", they screamed. And it was first class.

He is, at least with the audience, although some reports of his backstage behavior tag the 41-year-old vegetarian "finicky" and "tempermental".

After his performance this August 1 at Pier 6's HarborLights Music Festival, for example, insiders commented negatively about his insistence on being served a special soybean soup and herbal tea for lunch, a case of Perrier and bottle of Courvoisier cognac. Towson officials said he was "a gem" to work with, however.)

Jarreau responded to such criticism while sitting outside a Dickeyville warehouse owned by Maryland Sound, reputedly the third largest sound engineering firm in the country. Two of their engineers, Mike Prowda and Craig Melvin are accompanying Jarreau on this tour.

"It's an indication of achievement, a certain kind of success, when the press looks for little things to criticize instead of that we're a pure, decent crew. The things they said were quite true about me requesting Perrier and soybean soup, but I'm doing pretty much the same as most groups..."

Many groups' special meal requests are "standard business", said Jarreau. It's part of the contract called "the rider", and some groups' rider requests are "embarassing to look at" because of the pettiness of the demands. And what about the bands who "unofficially" request drugs? Perrier's a tame comparison.

William King, Lionel Richie and Walter 'Clyde' Orange talk about success of the Commodores on DC station WDVM-TV.

Free films for fun

"The Unexplained", in which scientists and amateurs delve into unexplored frontiers in astronomy, biology, geology, and animal behavior, and "I Can", true story of a handicapped teenager who becomes a champion horseswoman, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 19, at the Canton Center, 1030 S. Ellwood Ave.

"Silver Blaze", Sherlock Holmes detective mystery revolving around a racehorse, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 19, at the Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Ave.

Two film tours of European cities, "Hildegard Knef's Berlin" and "Melina Mercouri's Athens", will be screened at 7 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 20, at the Roland Park Branch, 5300 Roland Ave.

The following projects are those having a direct impact on economic development in the black community:

March Funeral Home-$1 million
BEDCO Park Circle Industrial Park-$75,000,000
Barclay Greenmount NSA Limited Partnership-$6,500,000
Druid Hill Associates-$5,200,000
Franklin Square Associates-$3,500,000
Franklin Square Development Corp.-$1,500,000
Franklin Square Limited Partnership-$3,000,000
Hollins Townhouses Limited Partnership-$2,000,000
Housing Assistance Corporation-$34,615,000
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P.J. demands probe of city judge

1,000 kids barred from schools

By Portia E. Badham
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About 1,000 students were barred from class this week for failure to meet state immunization requirements, according to school officials.

Baltimore city public school students had been given until Oct. 14 to meet the necessary requirements or be excluded from class until they get their shots.

Those students who are out of class because they are not properly immunized are still considered truant, officials said, and parents of those pupils face court action.

Dr. Robert C. Lloyd, assistant superintendent of pupil services, stated that the figure was down considerably from last year this time.

"We've gotten a response from parents based on the education they received through the media," said Lloyd. "Also, we started last year on the elementary level, sending out letters to parents informing them what they would have to do."

Last year about 2,000 students were out of compliance and Lloyd said, "So we've done a much better job this year."

He said he expected the number to drop to 500 by Nov. 1 and after that time school officials would begin referring families to truancy court.

Rita Bortz, coordinator of the office of special pupil services, stated that five years ago there were 17,000 students who did not meet immunization requirements.

She said it would not be until December before court action was taken.

Officials hope to update the figures next week before preparing court referrals.

Parents who go to court face a penalty and stiff fines for each day the student has been out of school.

Baltimore city public schools have not had a reported case of contracted measles for two years, according to Lloyd.

$26,000 dress!

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THAT'S WHAT IT COSTS to wear this creation, replete with fur-lined stole, which was aired during the 24th annual Ebony Fashion Fair held here Sunday, Oct. 18. (See Our World section for more details).

Cites citizen complaints against jurist

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, (D-7th, Md.) has asked Chief Judge Richard P. Gilbert, chairman of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to investigate the conduct of Southwestern District Court Judge James Welsh.

Mitchell says he received his first complaint against Judge Welsh six months ago and the complaints he has received since then each involve a black woman.

In a letter to Judge Gilbert, Mitchell sent a copy of correspondence he received from a constituent who detailed serious allegations about the conduct of Judge Welsh.

According to Mitchell, the allegations range from offering racist remarks, to denying arbitrarily the right to a jury trial. Mitchell said, "Citizens respect for and support of the law can be eroded seriously if those charged with the administration of justice act in a fashion detrimental to the judicial system."

Judge Welsh refused to talk with the AFRO about Mitchell's statement and had a Southwestern District court clerk to tell an AFRO reporter "he had no comment."

The AFRO contacted the chief judge's office but was told Judge Gilbert would not be available for comment until Monday.

Mitchell, however, revealed that he has received a letter from Judge Gilbert who stated he would keep Mitchell informed and if the case is investigated would let him know the findings to determine the status of Mitchell's call for such an investigation.

Welfare righters win in court

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

A class action lawsuit, filed by the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization against the State of Maryland that charged the state with "neglect" of the needy, is just about settled with the BWRO receiving almost all it asked for, the group's lawyer said.

But, Bob Cheeks, BWRO executive director, told the AFRO he is "suspicious" and dissatisted with the suit's outcome and with his group's Legal Aid attorneys.

The lawsuit was filed in Maryland District Court Oct. 13 and claimed the state's errors were responsible for the hardship and suffering of about 35,000 state residents who were illegally terminated from public assistance on Oct. 1.

The cut offs, affecting Marylander's in the state's Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, were based on stricter eligibility rules imposed by the Reagan Administration.

Peter Martin, of the Legal Aid Bureau in Baltimore, was one of the lawyers who represented the BWRO. He told the AFRO that at an Oct. 15 meeting, two days after the suit was filed, representatives from the State Attorney's office "essentially" agreed to give the BWRO what it had asked for.

Martin said the state agreed to give residents, who were cut off of who had had their grants reduced,

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...but Bobby Cheeks says lawyers should have fought for more

Trial of cop who shot Perry begins

The trial of a white Anne Arundel County policeman, accused of manslaughter in the July 20 shooting death of a 48-year-old black Annapolis man, began in Western Maryland Thursday.

The AFRO has learned reports that Anne Arundel County police officers, using their patrol cars, planned a motorcade to Garrett County in support of officer David R. Hodge, were unfounded.

Hodge, 27, a six-year county police veteran, was indicted Aug. 13, in the shooting death of Leroy Perry, a stationary engineer who worked in Baltimore. The trial was moved to Garrett County at Hodge's request.

Charges against Hodge stem from an early morning incident in which Perry was gunned down along a stretch of Ritchie Highway near Annapolis. He has been suspended without pay from the force pending the trial's outcome.

Hodge told police he shot Perry in self-defense after he stopped Perry for suspected drunk driving. He claimed Perry lunged at him with what appeared to be either a gun or an ice pick.

Anne Arundel County NAACP President Dr. Jean Creek told the AFRO she recently learned of a plan by police to drive 25 patrol cars, filled with uniformed officers to the trial in a show of support for Hodge.

Dr. Creek said the NAACP would file an injunction to stop the motorcade. But according to Robert Pascal, Anne Arundel County Executive, Mrs. Creek is "incorrect" about the motorcade.

No county vehicles would be used except those needed to transport people summoned to appear in court, he said.

Ray McCerary, president of the Fraternal Order of Police in Anne Arundel County echoed Pascal. He said the suggestion had been made for a motorcade at a lodge meeting about a month ago, but nothing more had been said about it since the meeting.

"We can't go up there and demonstrate, it wouldn't be professional," McCerary said.

Psychiatrist tells jury about Martin Scott
Convicted killer brighter than intelligence tests show

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Dr. Dennis Harrison, a psychologist, told a Criminal Court jury Thursday morning that Martin Scott performed above average in certain performance IQ tests and he is a lot brighter than his intelligence test measured.

Scott, 27, was convicted of first degree murder, armed robbery, assault with intent to murder and handgun violations on Oct. 1 in the McDonald's restaurant murder of a Morgan State University student.

Glenn Harrod, 20, was shot to death in the York Road McDonald's after he had given Scott the money and pleaded with him not to shoot him.

Scott is also charged with the November 1980 deaths of John Hiotis, killed in his Greek carry out shop in the 800 block of Greenmount Ave., and Jung Gu So, slain in his grocery store in the 900 block East Eager St.

In one of the tests given Scott by Dr. Harrison the psychologist testified that Scott said if people had not had it in for him, he would have been much more successful and he has had fear that people were trying to kill him in jail.

The psychologist said that Scott has had a constant fear that people are trying to influence him and control him. The defense has 35 more witnesses to testify following the psychiatric testimony.

Criminal Court Judge Peter Ward is presiding at the trial that will continue today (Friday).

On Monday, Scott testified that he was sorry about killing Harrod and the victim's family has his deepest sympathy.

He also told the jury, "The only thing I have to offer is my own life be it the gas chamber. My lawyer wants life imprisonment. I personally would prefer the death penalty. Martin Scott is dead, all my dreams are gone. I can no longer recapture the past."

New prison at Hagerstown

Calling a plan to build a new 720-bed prison on state land in Hagerstown "the most logical, economical and effective method" of solving Maryland's overcrowded prison system, Governor Harry Hughes is expected to present his plan to the Maryland General Assembly for approval.

Hughes received support for his proposal on Oct. 21, when a joint committee of state senators and delegates, who have been studying the prison issue all summer, endorsed it.

The prison is to be built with $41 million diverted from monies that previously had been approved to build a 528-bed annex at Jessup. The new prison and overall plan will cost the state an estimated $8 million to $10 million more.

In addition to building the 720-bed facility next to the Maryland Correctional Institution near Hagerstown, the new plan calls for building a 192-bed prison in Hagerstown, one that also had been planned for Jessup.

Basement workshop areas at the existing Hagerstown Prisons also would be converted to house 320 beds.

The $41 million needed to build or to renovate these had been earmarked to replace the deteriorating House of Corrections in Jessup, a 19th century building, that has been called "inhumane" in the past.

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Black state legislators choose Baltimore for national convention

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

At a Wednesday press conference held at the new Hyatt Regency hotel, state Senator Clarence Mitchell III disclosed plans for the first major political convention to be held at the facility.

On Dec. 2, Mitchell announced, more than 300 black state legislators from across the nation will be converging on the Baltimore site for the third annual National Black Caucus of State Legislators convention.

The convention, which will be in session until Dec. 7, is designed, according to Mitchell, to give the legislators a chance to "interface with the corporate community."

In a strong pitch to the Baltimore business leaders gathered at the breakfast, Mitchell spoke of the need to "help each other survive if any of us are to survive."

He gave a partial list of

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Clarence M. Mitchell III

Morgan alumni to fight state board merger plan

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of the Morgan State University Alumni Association have decided to fight the proposed State Board for Higher Education reorganization plan with a petition drive.

The alumni, opposed to the merging of the governing boards for Morgan and Coppin State College, will begin a massive petition drive this weekend, seeking 50,000 signatures in support of its efforts.

Chad Wortherly, president of the Naylor Alumni Chapter, said the group plans to request a meeting with the governor and several key elected officials and present the list of signatures at that time.

"We intend to mobilize the alumni and the community and take this fight to the General Assembly or wherever we can get a foothold," said Wortherly.

He said he expected the governor to accept the group's views because "he needs the black community in the next election. He's not going to alienate us because he needs us."

Wortherly emphasized the group's feelings that Morgan must remain autonomous and keep its own individual board.

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