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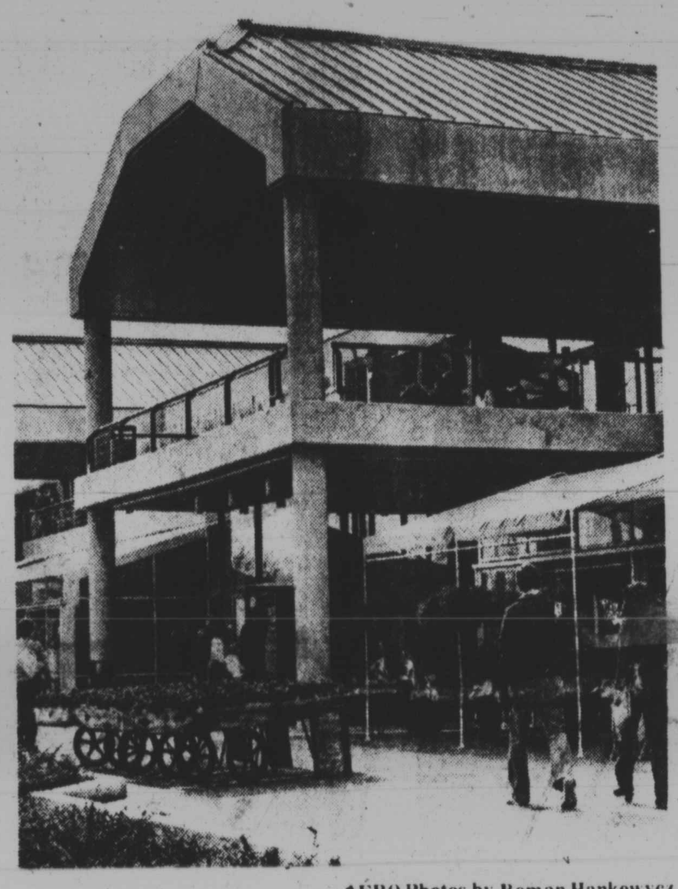

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JOBLESS IN PARK HEIGHTS — R. C. Williams, 30, of the 3500 block Oakmount Ave., leans against a fence in the 4300 block of Park Heights Ave. Williams says he has been unemployed for two years. Before his present unemployment, he worked for Transit and Traffic under the CETA program.

MEANWHILE — Downtown in Harborplace shoppers browse and stroll cheerily along the city's showplace attraction. Apparently business is good for Harborplace's more than 30 stores and restaurants. New downtown bazaar reports sales volumes, so far, are in excess of $40 million.

Jessup prisoners' strike still on, situation tense

Unrest continued at two Maryland prisons as tactical squad officers tear gassed and stormed a barricaded annex at the Maryland Correctional Institution at Hagerstown to oust rebellious inmates and equally rebellious inmates at the House of Corrections at Jessup refused to end their "work stoppage."

Beverly Marable, a spokeswoman for the Division of Corrections, told the AFRO Hagerstown superintendent, James P Tinney III was notified at about 12:30 a.m. Thursday that 40 inmates in the G-1 basement annex had barricaded themselves in their dormitory after they removed the building's corridor lightbulbs.

"The inmates were ordered to come out," but they refused, she said. A squad of tactical officers were called to the prison, who also ordered the inmates to come out. The officers, instead, were greeted with a barrage of thrown objects.

Ms. Marable said the inmates were armed with pipes, table legs, and batteries "wrapped in socks." Tear gas was ejected into the dormitory and the inmates again were ordered to come out, and again refused to do so.

After the tear gas was ejected, the tactical officers entered the dormitory to "forcibly remove" the inmates, Ms. Marable said The officers were met with "quite a bit of resistance."

Several inmates were injured in the incident and two guards suffered a broken wrist and a broken foot. Inmates and officers were treated for their injuries and were later released, she said.

As of noon Thursday, Ms Marable told the AFRO, things were back to normal at Hagerstown. An investigation has been launched to determine the cause of the incident and to identify the inmate "ring leaders."

At Jessup, sources inside and outside the prison told the AFRO the prison remains in an "undeclared state of emergency" and that about 1,200 inmates, stilled locked in their cells, are becoming "restless and grumpy" as the work stoppage continues into its second week.

However, Warden Howard Lyles told the AFRO the prison is "operating under normal conditions" and approximately 800 of the prison's 1,486 inmates have either returned to their work details or to their educational program classes.

Lyles said about 400 inmates returned to work Monday and were followed by another 400 the next day.

But, according to sources inside the prison, things have not returned to "normal" and only about 200 inmates, who had never participated in the work stoppage which began Oct. 26, are working.

The inmates are protesting stricter Division of Correction Regulations (DCR's) that were initiated by Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services Thomas Schmidt following the March resignation of his predecessor, Gordon Kamka

Inmates presented a list of demands and vowed they would not go back to work until they had a chance to discuss their grievances with prison officials.

Lyles said Commissioner Jon Galley "advised" him on Nov. 3, he would discuss the DCR's with the 14-member inmate council "when everything had returned to normal" at Jessup.

MSU prof, governor make political peace for now

With the understanding he will not seek any immediate legislative office, Gov. Harry Hughes has not asked Dr. C. Vernon Gray to step down from the reapportionment commission.

Gray, a Howard County resident and professor of political science at Morgan State University, is one of two public representatives on the commission.

Gray met with the governor Tuesday to clear the air of charges that he was considering to run for office in Howard County which his commission was reviewing.

In his letter, dated Nov. 3 to the governor, Gray said, "As noted in our meeting on this date, I recognize and am sensitive to the questions which have been raised in connection with my service on your advisory commission on legislative reapportionment and concurrent reports of a possible candidacy by me for a seat in the 1982 election.

"This is to confirm, that I do not intend to be a candidate in that election," Gray stated.

Earlier reports indicated the governor was upset with Gray and called the meeting with the possibility of asking him to step down.

But Gray stated the meeting was a pleasant one and that "we talked about his office, the fireplace and the furniture."

He said that prior to his appointment to the commission earlier this year, he had been approached by several persons and asked to run for a seat in the General Assembly.

"I told them I could not consider that after I was appointed," said Gray.

Then he stated, "I think I've been fair and objective on this commission."

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Park Heights housing exec quits, blasts PHCC 'incompetency', 'favoritism'

By Patricia Tatum and Pam Widgeon
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PART ONE

A senior executive with the Park Heights Community Corporation (PHCC) has resigned her post, charging the community agency with "favoritism inside politics and personal vendettas."

This is the latest in a long series of fights between the people who control the PHCC board and professional staff members.

Ms. Marietta L. Allen, 32, was until October 30, coordinator of the Park Heights Community Corporation. She has issued a list of allegations which are the most damaging to surface regarding PHCC in its eight-year history.

In a letter explaining her resignation, Ms. Allen paints a telling picture of a public agency mismanaged and engaged in continual office warfare.

What is perhaps the most politically explosive charge Ms. Allen levels against the PHCC "leadership team" as she terms the board is an insider's view of the Coldspring McDonald's restaurant boycott which is still proceeding.

Ms. Allen alleges, "I requested Ms. Rosetta Jolley (PHCC board president) to clarify the corporation's position concerning a public funded non-profit agency using its staff and resources to fight a battle with private business, especially when the matter had been resolved in a court of law, and why after McDonald's had conceded and advised they would re-hire the original staff at McDonald's was PHCC still fighting?"

Ms. Allen further sets forth a list of concerns presented to the PHCC board by professional staff two years earlier which, she maintains, have yet to be resolved.

They include problems such as "PHCC board and executive administration holding closed door meetings with persons not directly involved in day-to-day operations. Keeping the Park Heights public in the dark by addressing only superficial problems at full board of directors monthly meetings.

"Not giving senior level staff (program directors) enough reign to promote programs, acquire needed resources, both financial and informational.

"Lack of administrative policy and procedure personnel policy...."

"The board reflects a biased attitude in efforts of soliciting community input, available resources and lines of communication with funding sources, community residents for various committees must meet board approval.

Also, "The board shelters those individuals most likely not to produce, but who seemingly support the various board members. Productive and accountable staff go unrewarded for good efforts and results, but penalize those staff persons who seem to be independent thinkers, and will voice his or her opinions that differ from that of the board and or administration."

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Marietta L. Allen

Death for Scott

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Before his conviction on Sept. 28 for the cold-blooded murder of a MSU student in a York Rd. McDonald's restaurant, Martin Scott, 28, asked the jury to give him the death sentence.

Last night (Thursday) Martin Scott got his wish.

After 12 hours of deliberation, six white and six black jurors informed Criminal Court Judge Peter Ward that they had reached a verdict — Martin Scott must die.

Scott, a handsome young man, had, during the month-long proceedings against him, had presented a very friendly demeanor in court.

Psychiatrists giving testimony had called him a borderline schizophrenic (split personality).

Hearing the death verdict the other Martin Scott surfaced. As Deputy Clerk Shantel Oliver polled each juror, Scott, gazed at them with a look that one courtroom observer called "chilling and deadly."

He smirked as he was lead out of the courtroom handcuffed.

Scott was also to have stood trial for the November 1980 robbery murders of a Greek sandwich shop operator and a Korean grocer.

His conviction and subsequent death sentence for the death of Glenn Harrod, the Morgan State student, makes the other two trials unnecessary.

Scott's lawyer Thomas Saunders cried after the verdict had been announced.

Gampy's killer awaits sentencing

Now that a criminal court jury has found Willie Green, 40, guilty of murdering two Gampy's restaurant employees, it will begin hearing testimony Nov. 17 to decide whether he should receive the death penalty.

The 10-black, two-white member jury deliberated six hours Tuesday before finding Willie Green, guilty of the first-degree murders of Robert Seidman, 57, and James Curtis, 60, last March.

No jobs!

Unemployment for the state of Maryland reached record levels not seen since 1976, as 7.2 percent of the population or more than 154,000 people were jobless.

In Baltimore, the figures are even bleaker as 10.7 percent of the city's population or 42,514 people are without jobs as the holiday season approaches.

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BUILD taking car insurance bias fight to Annapolis

Dissatisfied with the position taken by State Insurance Commissioner Edward Birrane on the high policy rates assessed city residents, members of BUILD, Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development, are taking their fight to Annapolis.

Nearly 600 members of the group, a citywide, bi-racial partnership of 30 churches, turned out for a meeting Wednesday night with Birrane at the Masonic Temple.

After conducting a survey in various churches throughout the city last spring, the group learned that city residents pay as much as $205 more than county residents for the same insurance premium.

The purpose of the meeting was to get a commitment from Birrane, who oversees licensing rates for the state, that there would not be any additional rate hikes.

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