—NAACP probe

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Burns admitted the issue of racism by the state lottery was raised by Mitchell and said the NAACP was stepping in so the issue "simply will not be ignored."

"We have developed a survey to determine the level of the employment of blacks in the lottery system," he said.

"Of about 112 state lottery employees, only 23 are black and no blacks are in the agency's top management, Burns said. The NAACP is prepared "to go all the way, even to court" depending on the outcome, he said.

When making his accusations against the state lottery Mitchell also requested an investigation of the agency by the Maryland Human Rights Commission.

David L. Glenn, executive director of the commission, told the AFRO a complaint has not been filed against the state lottery, but in a letter to Mitchell last week an inquiry will be conducted as a open matter.

Maryland State Lottery director, Martin Puncke, told the AFRO lottery officials and those from the commission would be meeting at about 10 a.m. Friday.

"The Human Relations Commission is coming in and they will make a designation," he said. "We'll have a discussion about what we do, how we do it and so forth."

The charges made against the state lottery are not "correct," Puncke said.

"In my opinion, we feel we are not discriminating against the black community and the female community in the way we operate. I think we're running a reasonably clean shop," Puncke said.

Of the 52 promotions within the agency during the last two years, 32 of them have been either blacks or women.

He said the agency's advertising is handled by the firm Foster & Green Inc., but several black radio stations and newspapers, including the AFRO does business with the lottery.

Puncke said an agreement was made with the AFRO to distribute 20,000 pouches in an advertising campaign.

Other business aspects, such as whom the lottery uses for printing, is made by another state agency, he said. Lottery terminals are awarded to locations and businesses where a profit hopefully can be made. The decision is not based on race, Puncke said.

—Dope ring

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Mrs. Fryson, who owns the Precious Lounge in the 2600 block of Greenmount Ave., and the Tiger Lil Lounge at Collington Avenue and Orleans Street, was arrested March 10 along with 16 other people after being indicted by a grand jury on conspiracy to possess heroin and its distribution.

Police state Mrs. Fryson had one of the largest drug rings in the city ever operated by a woman. The AFRO has learned that she allegedly continued the operation for her husband, Willie Fryson, who is now serving time in a federal prison in Connecticut on drug conspiracy charges.

Fryson, who is known as "Bo-Peep" was also indicted by the grand jury last week. The AFRO has learned that although serving time he had "knowledge" of what was going on and was involved.

According to sources, the teenager was earning more than $1,000 a week while working in the narcotics operation. Police report they want the teenager tried as an adult because drug dealers have been using teenagers in their operations because youth get lighter sentences.

Warrants have been issued for seven other suspects in the case. Police state one of the seven people they are looking for is Clifton Wright, 61, who lives in Pennsylvania.

Wright was arrested in February after he and Mrs. Fryson allegedly made a $2 million drug transaction on the parking lot of the Maryland House Service Center on Interstate 95, police said.

Police said Wright was stopped in his 1981 car at a toll booth in Cecil County. According to police, they found $13,700 in cash in Wright's car. He was charged with distribution of heroin.

Police believe Wright might be in New York because his wife owns a home there. Police could not release the names of the other five suspects they are seeking.

Others who were arrested last week with Mrs. Fryson and charged with narcotics violations were Gerald Watkins, 28, of South Washington St., was the alleged lieutenant of the drug ring and was out on bail for murder when he was arrested. Police state he is now being held without bail.

William Max Holt, 61, worked at the Precious Lounge and lived at 725 George St. Police state Holt sold watermelons from a truck and was seen making several drug sales.

Ms. Pamela Thornton, of the 3300 block Bowleys Lane was released on $10,000 bail. Freedie Branch, 21, of the 200 block of Chester St., was released on $10,000 bail.

Willie Watkins, 26-year-old brother of Gerald Watkins was released on $10,000 bail. No bail was set for John Herod, 3300 block Sumpter Ave. Police report he has a previous record.

Robert Noel, 49, of the 700 block of Carrollton Ave., was released on $2,500 bail and Francis Cowan, 19, of the 4000 block of Boarman Ave., was released on $5,000 bail. He is the son of Mrs. Fryson.

Willie "Bo - Peep" Fryson

Jesse "One Eye Gabe" Hammond

Gerald C. Watkins

—Shake and Bake

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Police said 10 picketters were arrested about 7:20 a.m., March 15, at the site, the corner of McMechen and Pennsylvania Ave. The men were charged with failing to obey police officer's orders to move from an alley entrance.

Wednesday, two more arrests occurred, police said. The protesters were charged with failing to obey a city police officer.

The union ironworkers are said to be protesting one of the project's nonunion subcontractors, an Annapolis based steel erection company.

Union officials are reported to have said the nonunion workers are taking work away from unemployed, local union ironworkers.

J.H. Williams, chairman of the board of the general contracting firm, told the AFRO the whole dispute is "sort of ridiculous."

He said his company has not signed an agreement with the ironworker's union and has been using nonunion labor for "at least 20 years," prior to this dispute.

Williams said nonunion labor is used because it is "cheaper" and that there are no working rules with such labor and less problems with nonunion labor than with the unions.

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—Braxton guilty

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Kaplan said the B stood for Brittingham, Brown and the S stood for Spell. Brittingham, Brown and Alvin Spell testified for the state. Spell told the jury how he had purchased the gun from one of the defendants and after he learned that the gun had been used in the shooting death of Dr. Phillips, he became afraid and called the police.

"Brittingham and Brown got a deal with the state and when you get deal that you keep you out of jail, you will give up your grandmother," Kaplan told the jury.

Kaplan said that the state would not vigorously object if Brittingham and Brown were tried as juveniles. The defense attorney called Brittingham a "snitcher."

Kaplan said that the state was depending on Brittingham and Brown and the jury should return with a verdicy of not guilty. L Assistant State's Attorney Sam Brave said as a prosecutor for the state it was his job to "seek the truth, present it to the jury and ask for justice."

"Are we so hungry for a victory that we would go along with a plot?" Brave asked the jury.

"The guilty verdict will not bring Dr. George Franklin Phillips back, but truth and justice demands that this community points to Donald Braxton as the killer."

—MTA mistrial

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Robert C. Perry, 35, the defendant, is being held at City Jail in lieu of $50,000 bond still charged with the first degree murder of Keys and assault with intent to murder Charles Lee Pettus on April 13, 1981 at the MTA union hall.

Assistant State's Attorney Mark Cohen told the AFRO, "I want a new trial immediately. I am shocked and disappointed. The evidence was strong."

The jury became deadlocked by a 10-2 vote in favor of a guilty verdict. Sources told the AFRO two of the black female jurors refused to participate in the deliberation. The AFRO has learned that one of the jurors said the defendant was "dressed too well and looked too intelligent" to have committed a crime. Court sources said the other juror read a book while the jurors were deliberating.

Perry was represented by Dwight Pettit and Kenneth Johnson. Pettit said he felt he presented a case that left more than a reasonable doubt and he feels that the state should not seek a new trial. Pettit has filed a motion in criminal court for a bail reduction. A trial date has not been set.

Perry, of the 600 block Wildwood Parkway, had been suspended from work following an argument with his supervisors. Court records state that Perry went to the union hall on April 13 and started arguing with Pettus and Keys.

Pettus testified that Perry drew a gun and shot him in the arm.

Pettus testified that after the shooting he ran out of the room and heard additional shots and heard Keys cry, "no."

Following the trial, Pettus told the AFRO, "I don't care how long it takes and how many trials they put me through, I will tell them the same thing. I know that man shot me. If they put me back on again to testify, I will be there.

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Black legislators push rehabilitation programs

State Delegates WalteD Dean (D-41) and Howard "Pete" Rawlings (D-40) are seeking a shift in the way criminal justice is administered in Maryland.

Citing what they preceive as an overemPhasis on the Punishment of offenders, the delegates seek to shift the focus of efforts toward crime prevention and criminal rehabilitation.

"We are jointly interested in rehabilitation in city and state prisons, especially at a time when people are interested in locking people up and throwing away the key," Del. Rawlings said Tuesday, March 16.

The delegates are jointly working on a resolution they hope will pass in the State House of Deligates and be signed by Governor Harry Hughes.

House joint resolution No. 77 calls for the creation of a task force which would "study the quality and quantity of rehabilitative programs available to convicted persons in Maryland."

The resolution is founded on the assumption that an overwhelming proportion of offenders have clearly recognizable problems which increase the probability of their becoming involved in further crimes.

The resolution further assumes the problems, which include unemployment, and alcohol and drug abuse, are targetable and may be addressed by specific actions.

Punishments that do not remedy the problems underlying criminal activity may actually be responsible for the perpetuation of the criminal cycle, Rawlings said, adding steps must be taken to prevent offenders from slipping further from the mainstream of society.

Such slippage results in individuals more likely to harm society with further criminal activity.

A conservative political climate exists in the nation and the state, however, a factor Del. Dean said could imperil any actions not seen as harshly anti-criminal.

But a letter from Governor Hughes to Del. Rawlings conveyed the Governor's support for the "overall intent" of resoResolution No. 77.

Black rep. urged for 6th district

The Baltimore branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in an effort to increase black representation in the sixth councilmanic district recommended the vacant seat be filled by a black representative.

The seat formerly was occupied by Joseph Murphy. The NAACP sent a letter to the office of Sen. Harry McGuirk, the south Baltimore democrat and chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee to request a meeting between the remaining councilmen, George W. Della and William J. Myers and Sen. McGuirk concerning the sixth district seat.

In the letter, the NAACP said the sixth district contains a "significant black populace." "In light of this fact we feel very strongly that at least one of its representatives should be black."

At AFRO presstime the senator's office had not responded to the letter.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch said, "We're trying to get black people in office in an elected or appointed position."

Sen. McGuirk said the NAACP contacted his office concerning increased black representation but did not point out the sixth district. He said he never received a letter.

McGuirk said the decision to fill the sixth district seat rests with the remaining councilmen.

Councilman Della said he has compiled a list of 22 names from recommendations from community individuals.

From the list of 22 names, six are black. They include Margaret Campbell, Delano Bailey, Madeline Murphy, Cornell Bass, Thomas Seaborne, and Russell Brown.

Della said a decision would not be reached until in the next several weeks.."

"We would have liked to have done it sooner (but) most people it sooner (but) most people waited until the councilman was buried."

George Buntin, political action committee for the NAACP, said this position was adopted because "leadership (in that area) is not in tune with the needs and desires of the people."

Buntin said the NAACP is "still pushing for a meeting."

Common nuisance charges leveled at businessman

A local business man who is charged with maintaining a common nuisance appeared before district court Judge Carl Bachrach Thursday for a preliminary hearing.

Sgt. Goldie Phillips of Northwestern District testified that Giovanchanchy's and Pascal's Disco clubs in the 3300 block of Park Circle had been under surveillance following public complaints.

Sgt. Phillips stated that citizens had complained about violent crimes and narcotics violations in the business area.

After hearing testimony at the preliminary hearing, Judge Bachrach told the court that the case was strong enought to be referred to criminal information for indictments.

No trial date had been set for the owner of the clubs, Edward R. (Slim) Butler.

Police recovered four guns, drug paraphernalia and alleged illegal substances in the two disco clubs on Feb. 14, in a raid conducted by some 40 police officers.

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Improvements for boys homes to stave escapes

Annapolis - A lawmaker worried about constituent complaints of more than 200 escapes from the Maryland Training School For Boys asked a Senate panel Thursday to authorize $500,000 to tighten security at the Center.

The proposal by Sen. Dennis Rasmussen, D-Baltimore County, would have the money used to repair door locks on cottages housing some of the facility's 461 inmates, install high fences and make other structural improvements, all with any eye toward security.

"It appears the whole school has, at one time or another, run away," Rasmussen told members of the budget and taxation committee.

"The people in my area have seen these kids run away, and they are demanding that we do something about it."

Rex Smith, director of the State Juvenile Services Administration, said 200 youths escaped drom the center and another 180 failed to return from authorized leaves last year.

Smith agreed the money would help tighten security at the center, located in Cub Hill in Northern Baltimore County. But he added more guards also would have to be hired to cut substantially the number of escapes.

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