AFRO survey

Should marijuana be legalized?

By Kofi Owusu

Marijuana has been called many things, but to many the illegal drug is just plain "dope."

The D.C. City Council, in an effort to curb marijuana use, has outlawed drug paraphernalia with a ruling that went into effect Jan. 1

Drug accessories such as rolling paper, bongs (a type of pipe), clips, and other items known to be used in consuming drugs, can no longer be sold in the District.

Because marijuana has been called the most commonly used drug, the AFRO asked its readers what they thought about its use: "Should marijuana be legalized in the District of Columbia?".

LESLIE DOWD, 22, student, Oxon Hill, Libra; "No. There are too many things to positively influence the young people here in D.C., and legalizing marijuana would just hinder their positive development."

DINA WILLIAMS, 16, student, Southeast, Aires; "No, it shouldn't. It messes up the brain cells, and its hard for people to function when they smoke it so much. The smell of it is terrible. It gives me a headache."

RONALD J. MONTGOMERY, 38, mail clerk, Northwest, Libra; "No. As for using it to get high, too many people use it and get addicted. As for a medical cure for glaucoma, it should be used to a limited extent only."

SPENCER BATTLE, 39, carpenter, Northwest, Gemini; "No. Because you have lots of people who are using machinery, or drive, for a living. It would make an insurance problem besides the obvious health problem."

DIANE C. WILDER, 27, restaurant manager, Southeast, Leo; "No. It stinks. It has no purpose. And it sure doesn't help save any money. It doesn't do anything positive for you."

RODRICQUEZ PINKEY, 21, cook, Southwest, Taurus; "Yes. It is affecting your body, and not harming anyone else. Until it's proven to harm someone, it should be legal. Liquor is a drug. That's legal, and it kills people every day."

Murphy's appointment draws fire

In action that drew an angry storm of criticism from several of his councilmanic peers Clarence Du Burns appointed Timothy D. Murphy (D,6th) as chairman of the key budget and finance committee at Monday's Council session.

The embattled Council president shrugged off criticisms that the appointment was strictly the result of a political deal, and in fact acknowledged that it was just that.

But Burns said it was nothing more than politics as usual and suggested his critics were responding from political disappointment.

Burns said he had promised the committee chairmanship to Murphy back in the fall in return for assurances from the Stonewall Democratic Club that he would have their blessings.

It is widely assumed that Burns' promise of the chairmanship to the sixth district, which is largely controlled by the Stonewall club, was dealt to insure that Burns would not be challenged for the council's presidency by Stonewall political boss Harry McGuirk.

Burns has said he had no choice but to bargain with political plums if he was to win the council presidency, a situation Burns said was created by the refusal of three key councilmen, Kweisi Mfume, Michael Mitchell and Norman Reeves, to back him early in his bid.

But at least two of the councilmen Burns claims to have approache for support have flatly denied that Burns ever solicited their aid.

"That is untrue," Michael Mitchell, of the 4th district said.

"That's a lie," Kweisi Mfume, also of the 4th istrict said.

Burns' selection of Murphy over Reeves leaves the Council with no blacks as heads of major committees for the first time in eight years, a fact which has caused some councilmen to claim that Burns' presidency has resulted in a political regression for the black community.

"This has set us back wards 20 years," Mfume said.

Fifth district councilman Norman Reeves, who also was named by Burns as one he sought for support is recovering from surgery at Provident Hospital, and was unavailable for comment.

The objections to Murphy's appointment centered around the process by which Murphy was selected, and largely ignored the issue of Murphy's qualifications.

Murphy came to the Council only 10 months ago, and is un-elected. His appointment came when sixth district councilman Joseph N. Murphy (no relation) died in office.

Murphy's elevation to the head of the budget and finance committee fills a vacancy created by former sixth district councilman George Della's resignation. Della left to begin his term in the state senate.

An issue that further angered members of the council is the fact that Burns passed over Reeves in naming Murphy.

Reeves had been considered a qualified and likely candidate to fill the committee chairmanship, and many of the councilmen who objected made reference to the fact that it appeared that qualifications were not the deciding factor in Burns' decision.

"I wish Mr. Murphy well. I think he will make a good chairman. But I don't think ability has anything to do with his selection and that is what I object to," fifth district councilman Thomas Waxter said.

Serious crime falls by 6 percent in the city

Serious crime reported to police in the city fell 6 percent during 1982 compared with 1981, the police commissioner said, tying the decline to increased citizen awareness and involvement with police.

Figures showed auto thefts posted the sharpest decline of the seven crimes included under the serious crime category, dropping 16.2 percent from 1981 to 1982, from 5,314 to 4,452.

Also declining were the number of murders, rapes, robberies burglaries and larcenies, the figures showed, while aggravated assaults rose.

There were 228 murders reported to police in 1981 compared with 227 in 1982, the figures showed, while robberies fell from 10,715 in 1981 to 9,347 in 1982.

In sum, the number of serious crimes reported to police in Baltimore fell from 77,563 in 1981 to 72,906 in 1982, the figures showed.

Commissioner Frank Battaglia praised members of the department for their achievements in reducing crime, besides citing the efforts of citizens.

Post Office accepting applications

The Baltimore Post Office will be accepting applications for participation in an examination to establish eligibility in filling future vacancies of Maintenance Mechanic, Mail Processing Equipment, according to Postmaster Warren M. Bloomberg.

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Lobbyist used gimmicks to get point across

By John Frece

Annapolis — Women lobbying for a relaxation in abortion regulations Thursday handed out apple pies.

Union officials, worried that pay scales for state employees were too low, dished out miniature tin tacks and handcuffs like handcuffs.

Proper nutritionists looking for support for their sustenance projects gave out — what else? — prunes.

It may be the latest trend in lawmaking: a gimmick for every issue.

The apple pies were distributed to all 188 state legislators and to Gov. Harry Hughes by a coalition of groups calling itself Marylanders for the Right to Choose.

Their appeal was for a relaxation of guidelines on when state funds may be used to pay for abortions for poor women under the Medicaid program.

Their message: "Choice is as American as apple pie."

Representatives of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, the state's largest independent public employee union, had a different gimmick.

They wanted to impress on the lawmakers that they pay scales for state employees were stated and need to be improved.

To remind the lawmakers, union officials gave each General Assembly member a miniature handcuff to represent the pay stuck to a "hard bargain" state employee.

"Don't handcuff state employees to outdated pay scales."

Earlier this session, lawmakers who were asked to assist in the restoration of the historic Brice House in Annapolis were given small jars of preserves and a recipe to "preserve historic Maryland buildings."

Ingredients included: 188 members of the General Assembly; a pinch of Maryland preservationists; one national historical landmark (The Brice House) and generous amounts of refreshmentry.

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General contractors seeking sub - contracts and National operation from "certified" MBE complies by Feb. 1st, 1983, on Cedar Lane Park Phase I capital project in 628. Howard County Md. Reply - to: Moore Golf, P.O. Draw 816, Culpepper, Virginia 22701; (703) 825-8219.

MINORITY SUB-CONTRACTORS

Structlite Inc., 2115 N. Charles St. 685-3160 will be bidding alterations and repairs items to: Civic Plaza Bldg. Workmen compensation commission. Prices for respective trades will be received on Feb. 2, and bid to awarded on Feb. 3, 1983 at 3 p.m.

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Carmel Construction, Inc. is seeking Subtrade Contractors AM-42 BHX;BHF-BHX;BSF, Aretrack Section Improvements, Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines, Inspection Services, Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women - Owned Subcontractors and suppliers for mobilization and projects for excavation, utilities and supplies. We would appreciate receiving your proposals on or before January 13, 1983. For further information, please contact: Mr. Ted Kelly, 20 Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20018, Phone 202-636-1928. Carmel Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity contractor and employer.

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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
THE URBAN AFFAIRS Committee of the Baltimore City Council will meet on MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1983 at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium of Northern High School - 2448 Kenmore Ave. to conduct a public hearing on Bill 1084,
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AN ORDINANCE concerning
URBAN RENEWAL — RANDALLSTOWN PLAZA
AMENDMENT — AMENDMENT NO. 1
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SMALL BUSINESSES

Sealed Contracting Company seeks year only contracts for WIDENING OF CANTON VIADUCT, CONTRACT BRB-A-247, BALTIMORE HARBOR TUNNEL THRUWAY. Bidding on FEBRUARY 15, 1983. Prefer are required for: LUMBER, SIL-TEX, CONCRETE, REINFORCING STEEL, CONCRETE FORMS, CONCRETE PUMPING, CONCRETE, STRUCTURAL STEEL, REINFORCING STEEL, TRUCK WORK, LATEX MODIFIED CONCRETE FOR DECKS, DECK GLASS OVERLAY, TRAFFIC STRIPE, CONC. TRAFFIC BARRIER, RESET EXISTING GUARDRAIL, TEMP. PAVEMENT STRIPING, BITUMINOUS PAVING, TOPSOIL AND SEEDING, EROSION CONTROL, PROTECTIVE COATINGS. Please contact our Mr. Willis Bennett at 685-3132 or 685-7464 as soon as possible.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FOR SALE
NEWLY REHABILITATED HOUSES
Utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds
2 BEDROOMS

699 Baker Street -	$20,000
693 Baker Street -	$20,000
1016 Bloom Street -	$19,000
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