—Minister Farrakhan:

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brotherhood . . .transcending the sectarian to the universal. . .this is the richest day of my life."

Jackson said the trip was a "political risk not a moral risk," defining it as simply the "right thing to do."

Jackson, the candidate, cannot escape the the questioning of his motives. Jackson the man, believes very sincerely that his political destiny is inextricably tied to the will of God, many of his supporters share his view.

Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, accompanied Jackson and said, "I saw God working in Jesse. . .he has a vision for this nation."

Farrakhan likened Jackson to the Biblical characters Daniel and Moses, equating the great deeds of those sons of slaves with him as a modern day son of slaves divinely inspired to do the work of God within the political system.

Joeujati said people all over the world are saying "the words of Rev. Jackson are magic."

"The words of Rev. Jackson are not magic, it is his sincerity that is magic," he said.

By Susan Phillip
AFRO Staff Writer

Released Navy airman Lt. Robert O. Goodman and Democratic presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson were met yesterday at Andrews Air Force Base by hundreds of local citizens, the mayor and city officials.

The Cardozo High School Marching Band was on hand to entertain the crowd waiting in the early morning below 40-degree weather.

Upon their arrival, Jackson and Goodman were greeted by family members, Mayor Barry and councilmembers Frank Smith (D-Ward I), Hilda Mason (At-Large) and Wilhemina Rolark (D-Ward 8).

Smith told reporters that Jackson's trip "proves that when people stop shooting and start talking it is possible to resolve their differences."

"I hope that the president will seize upon this opportunity to settle that situation over there," Smith added.

A caravan of cars and buses followed Jackson and his group to the District for a thanksgiving service at New Bethel Baptist Church.

There they were joined by another crowd and welcomed by D.C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy, pastor of New Bethel.

One of those who came out to meet Jackson and Goodman, was Dr. Ernest Cunningham, chaplain of the Metropolitan Police Department. Cunningham said he made the trip because he is a friend of Jackson's and because he prayed for the success of the trip.

Many of those waiting to meet Jackson at the church said they had been up all night.

Songs of "God bless Jesse Jackson,"

"Welcome Home," and "A Moral Approach To Peace," decorated the entrance of the church and the Howard Inn, where a closed luncheon was held after the service.

The words of one spectator, Karen Cook, a Northwest resident, summed up the expressions of most of the crowd: Cook, who said that she woke up at 3 a.m. to make the trip to Andrews, called Jackson's trip "significant" and added that he was "unique" among leaders.

"If I didn't go some other people probably thinking the same thing wouldn't go, and I thought it was important," she said.

—Gov. reported

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Although Hughes has yet to say whether he intends to back increased state spending for education, gubernatorial aides are already at work putting together the governor's budget proposal which Hughes will deliver to the legislature Jan. 18.

Since the legislature can only cut the budget, and cannot add to it, programs not included in the governor's spending package have virtually no chance of enactment.

The task force recommendations came after Hughes called for a study and recommendations concerning the level and distribution of state aid to education.

According to Civiletti, the task force sought a spending formula which would help equalize educational opportunity for children statewide.

The existing state spending pattern consist of a number of distinct spending schemes which evolved over a 50 year period. The state helps local school districts pay for the cost of books, teacher pensions, school construction, special education programs, and virtually every other aspect of educating Maryland's 683,500 primary and secondary public school children.

But because counties spend different amounts of their own money on public education, per-pupil spending levels vary widely across the state.

In fiscal year 1982, for instance, Montgomery County spent $3,330 per pupil, the highest amount of the state's 24 counties. Garrett County, in Western Maryland, spent only $1,919, the lowest per-pupil.

State and local education administrators think the disparity means that children in poorer counties do not have the same chance to get a good education as children in the richer subdivisions.

"You would have to assume the child in Montgomery County would have gotten a better education for the extra $1,000," said Ronald Ray, a Maryland Department of Education administrator.

Baltimore school superintendent Alice Pinderhughes said the city's school system, which has endured several years of lean fiscal appropriations, would benefit greatly from a spending hike.

Pinderhughes said new sources of revenues are "critical to Baltimore City in terms of improving our school system." She said the Education Department would be able to reduce class sizes, provide more materials and supplies, upgrade the instructional program and expand instruction in computers with increased state assistance.

The report places two options before the governor and state legislators.

The first, favored by wealthy suburbs, like Montgomery and Baltimore counties, which don't want to pay for ambitious new education programs, would raise state spending on education $52.4 million next year and $180 million by 1989.

The second, favored by poorer school districts, including Baltimore city, calls for $67.7 million more in spending for next year and $244 million by 1989.

Baltimore city would get an additional $19.3 million next year and $45 million in 1989 under the lower spending plan. Under the higher level, known as 3A, the city would get $22 million next year and $60.8 million by 1989.

Baltimore legislators say they are pressing the governor to heed the Civiletti report recommendations and adopt the 3A spending level. But they acknowledge the governor is having his doubts.

"After the report was first released (in November) I was hopeful. The governor seemed to be strongly behind it. Now I think the governor is sensing resistance and is backing away," said state Delegate Dennis McCoy, D-6, the city's delegation leader.

McCoy and others say the wealthier counties, which would gain the least under the redistribution plan, are likely to resist the 3A level if a tax increase is involved.

McCoy said although supporters of the plan would attempt to convey the "righteousness" of the report's recommendations, he said they probably would have to do some horsetrading to get a spending boost passed.

"Righteousness alone wins few votes," McCoy said, laughing. "Righteousness tempered by political expediency wins more votes."

McCoy added that without the governor's support, however, the issue is not likely to reach the legislature at all.

State senator Clarence Blount, D-41, said he expects the governor to support a spending increase, but perhaps at the lower level.

Blount said resistance to a tax increase among his fellow legislators could kill any chances for an increase at the 3A level.

"The votes are not down here for a tax increase. Heck no," Blount said.

Blount said although he probably could convince his urban constituents to go along with a graduated income tax hike wealthier counties, which would pay more of the graduated tax, are likely to stand in the way.

Prisoner moved, commits suicide

PHILADELPHIA — A West Philadelphia man who had been transferred to Holmesburg Prison after an escape attempt from the House of Correction hanged himself with a bedsheet, police said.

Leggitt Woods, 22, of Hazel Ave. near 52nd St., hanging from an air vent grate in cellblock C. Police said guards had checked his cell only 15 minutes earlier.

prison guards found

—Smoke detectors

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for punitive action being taken against those individuals in violation of the law.

The mayor did suggest that a positive media campaign to encourage the public to install the detector units, check the battery regularly, and plan emergency escape routes, might be forthcoming.

To date, the fire department has distributed 108,000 smoke detectors and inspected 111,000 dwellings and, it has found that at least 90 percent are in compliance.

Homes failing to comply have been subject to the issuance of a 15-day citation, though a stiffer penalty of up to $100.00 may also be instituted.

Flynn stresses that the department has avoided using the extremer punishment because it is concerned with "making friends" to prevent senseless injury or death.

House Bill 1299 requires that the occupants of any building of up to three families must each secure their individual smoke detector. Privately owned homes and apartment buildings with four or more families are the responsibility of the property owner.

While the program has been successful at limiting the numbers of fire deaths, there have been problems.

Highly sensitive to smoke, the detectors are often triggered when the smoke from food cooking or the fireplace reach the units.

Flynn cautions that the public should not dismantle the detectors, even temporarily, by removing the battery or disconnecting the electricity.

"Six months ago we had a fire in the 3000 block Thorndale Ave. The smoke detector was disconnected because of accidental activation and five people were injured."

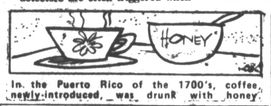
On Oct. 20, a 1983 & 25-year-old Northwest Baltimore women was killed as a result of children playing with matches. Again the smoke detector failed to sound because the battery had been removed.

"People should resign themselves to the fact that this is a necessary inconvenience and, they should tolerate it. By muting the detectors it may cause some dear family members or friends to lose their lives in a fire."

He suggest that people fan the smoke away from the detectors with a piece of paper, a broom or a portable hair dryer.

Flynn also cautions that now is the time for residents who received smoke detectors early last year to change the weakened battery, immediately.

The department is optimistic that the program's initial success will continue and, to aid that effort, it will resume its smoke detector distribution throughout the year.



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Three traffic deaths over weekend holiday

By United Press International

Traffic accidents killed three people on Maryland roads during the New Year's weekend., with two of them blamed on drinking and driving, police said.

Police said Mrs. Virginia Branock, 36, of Gambrills, was killed when she lost control of her car and slid off the road at about 9:20 p.m. Sunday. Police said the car ran off the road, flipped and came to rest upside down.

In an earlier accident, Earl Hubbs Jr., 40, of Darlington, was killed when his car slammed into a telephone pole near his home. Police said the car was discovered about 7:15 a.m. Sunday.

Hubbs was pronounced dead at the scene, said Trooper John Fields, who investigated the accident.

"The medical examiner said there was the strong smell of alcohol," Fields said. "We're listing alcohol and driver error as the cause."

Hubbs had visited his mother's Baltimore County home on New Year's Eve and at about 3:30 a.m. called his wife and told her that he was leaving for home, Fields said.

Hubbs was northbound on U.S. 1 in Darlington, when "for some unknown reason, he failed to negotitate a curve," Fields said.

The car crossed the southbound lane and crashed into the utility pole off the road, he said.

"Even in the bright daylight it was hard to see the car," the trooper said. "It's impossible to say when the accident occurred or how many people drove past him before someone reported it."

State police said an Ellicott City teenager was killed when the car she was driving ran off state Route 144.

Angela Geckle, 17, lost control of her car and hit a tree. Police say Geckle was flown to University of Maryland Hospital's Shock-Trauma Unit where she was pronounced dead at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Police cited alcohol as a factor in the mishap.

Two people had died in traffic accidents in Maryland at this time last year.

No big winners have 'Lotto' officials concerned

By Steven Humphreys
United Press International

Maryland lottery officials say participation in their new lotto game is up more than 100 percent since it was started 10 weeks ago, and revenues are coming along as expected — but there's a bit of a problem.

There have been no jackpot winners.

"I'm not worried," Lottery Director Martin Puncke said Tuesday. "It's just a coincidence. I think we're going to have a winner very shortly and then the pendulum will swing the other way."

But the chief of the state-run craps game admits that if the current trend continues — if no overnight millionaires are forthcoming soon — the time may come to "reassess everything."

To win the weekly game's jackpot, players must mark out six numbers on game cards numbered from one to 40, in hopes those numbers match the six picked in a drawing. The Maryland game is patterned after successful games in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, both of which have produced dozens of millionaires.

Puncke said he had expected the game to produce a winner within three weeks of its inauguration on Oct. 31, 1983.

Instead, after nine drawings and an ever-increasing jackpot prize that now stands at an estimated $4 million, Lotto is not doing what it was designed to do — make millionaires of a few volunteer taxpayers.

Part of the problem, said Puncke, lies in the reluctance of Maryland's gambling public to cast its lot with Lotto.

Although the game's participants have grown from about 500,000 in October to more than one million currently, that number is still under the two million needed to ensure a winner each week, Puncke said.

The other problem making losers of everyone, he said, is simply that people are betting the wrong numbers.

Rather than spreading their choice of the six of 40 numbers across the board, the lottery director said, many green betters are opting for the first numbers that cross their minds — 1-2-3-4-5-6.

How many? More than 5,000 in the first week of the game, he said.

With 3,838,380 different combinations of numbers to choose from and 5,000 people picking the same number, Puncke said, winners are hard to come by.

"It's kind of a touchy subject because we're not supposed to tell people, Do or do not pick a particular number,'" Puncke said. "I want very much to have a winner, but I'm not concerned because the winner is going to come."

Mayor calls for statewide Venture Capital Fund

By Steven Humphreys
(UPI) — Mayor William Schaefer Tuesday called for the creation of a statewide venture capital fund to lure new growth industries into Maryland.

Schaefer, saying Maryland is losing ground to other states in the competition for small, innovative industries, called for an initial pledge from the General Assembly of $5 million in seed money for new businesses.

"In my mind, Maryland has not been receiving its share of small-and middle-sized businesses," the mayor said. "Other states are moving ahead of us and it's time to get this going."

He said his proposal would place control of the fund under local governments, with matching funds coming from the state in the form of equity purchases, loans or loan guarantees.

Baltimore would put up $1 million in the first year of the program, setting up an advisory panel to recommend how the money is used, Schaefer said.

He said the city is in a good position to attract emerging firms in the field of biomedical research because of the expertise available at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

Schaefer said the program would be geared at small and medium - sized businesses, which he said provide Marylanders with more employment stability than do large industries.

"When a very large company goes out of business and that's the only thing you have, it affects your economy," Schaefer said.

He cited as examples the closings or slowdowns at Fairchild Industries near Hagerstown, Cellanese Fibers in Cumberland, and Bethlehem Steel and General Motors.

The mayor also pledged to make minority - owned businesses in the city the primary target of the program.

Hagerstown Mayor Donald Frush, also on hand at the news conference, said his city probably would contribute another $1 million for the fund.

He said he knew of three companies willing to locate in Hagerstown if the venture capital is available.

Similar legislation was proposed in the General Assembly last year, but never got out of committee in either house when legislators voiced concerns that more information was needed on venture capital programs.

Tom Saquella, executive assistant to the secretary of the state Economic and Community Development Department, said his department has not yet decided whether to support the mayor's proposal.

But he predicted the legislation, which is being sponsored by Sen. Julian Lapides, D-Baltimore, and Del. Dennis McCoy, D-Baltimore, would face stiff opposition in the upcoming session.

Saquella said legislators may balk at the idea of the state having no control over how the money is spent.

Paying Christmas billsd brings January pains

By Deana M. Davis
United Press International

With January comes the end of the holiday season and the unwelcome arrival of the bills for all those Christmas gifts bought on credit.

Worries about how to pay those bills can be minimized with planning and common sense, says a consumer educator from Ohio's Bowling Green State University.

"Whatever arrangements you have made with the creditor should be adhered to," said Mearl R. Guthrie, a professor of business education who teaches classes in consumer finance.

"If you want to maintain your good credit rating, you should be prepared to pay the bills in whatever time limit has been set," he said.

But for those people who tally up their Christmas purchases and learn they have overspent their budget, Guthrie suggests another plan.

"See your creditors. Admit you can't pay the amount when due," he said. "They may charge you some extra interest, but most of them will say, 'What can you pay?'"

Guthrie said the people who find themselves being sued for unpaid debts are those who "never go to see the banker, the credit manager at the department store and the hardward store owner."

Guthrie said most people believe they spend too much money on Christmas gifts, but he added that consumers who make budgets and plot a spending strategy before they go into the stores can counter that feeling.

"Keep a record of what you spent last year and look at the way you want to spend money this year," he said. "Then put on controls so that you spend it that way."

Those controls could mean starting a Christmas fund account or throwing away credit cards and paying for gifts with checks or cash, Guthrie said.

"Some people are credit-holics who spend money until their cards are taken away," he said. "The best thing they can do is put themselves on a cash basis."

For those who really want to save, Guthrie suggests delaying gift-buying until the post-Christmas sales.

"They'll really get the most for their money, but most people don't like that alternative," he said.

Single women sue state

A group representing single parents has filed suit against the Maryland Department of Humans Resources, attempting to halt the state's practice of using an applicant's income level to determine if it will help collect child support payments.

Parents Without Partners Inc., a national organization that has 9,000 Maryland members, is challenging the state on behalf of tow Maryland women who were denied child support enforcement services because their incomes exceeded a set level.

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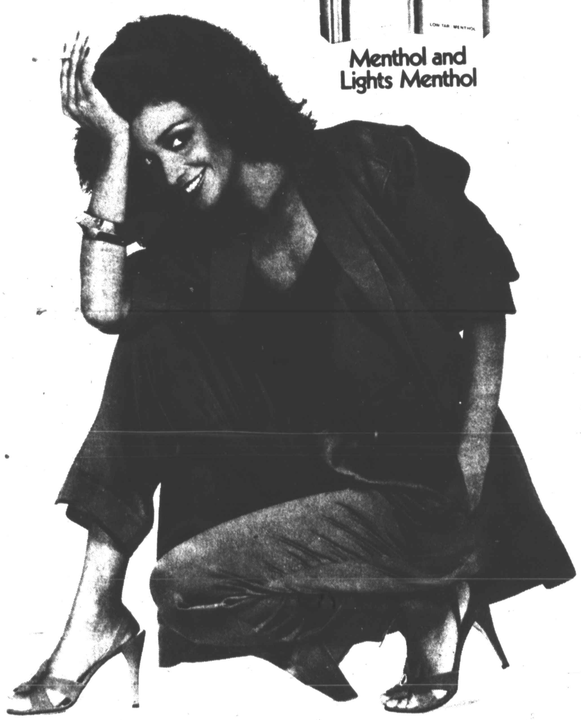
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