—Native son

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by Adelphi, Md.

Disregarding speculation concerning the possibility that he might become Morgan's permanent head, Dr. Richardson outlined his primary interest for the interim period.

"My philosophy is whatever you're doing for the moment, do it well and whatever that leads to, so be it," he told the AFRO during an interview Wednesday morning.

"I will review the status of the university with the staff with particular emphasis given to fiscal affairs because of the recent audit and because of where we are in terms of the budget review in the state legislature. Then and only then can I make a substantive comment.

Richardson also responded to charges by Morgan Student Government Association president Shareef Aleem and Morgan Faculty Senate president, Cynthia Harvey that anyone from the University of Maryland would be an unacceptable choice for the interim presidency by citing his 12-year association with black higher education as opposed to his only two year tenure at the University of Maryland.

"My personal philosophy is that if Morgan State University is going to continue to become a quality institution that attracts blacks and whites, if you are going to impact on areas where there is a shortage of blacks, you're going to have to have engineering, architecture, and computer sciences.

"There's no way that I could do anything different, not only for Morgan, but for UMES, Bowie and Coppin."

The Richardson family, which includes wife Sheila and son Eric Anthony, 5, has just recently moved into a Forest Park home and maintains a residence on the Eastern Shore also.

A native of the Eastern Shore, Dr. Richardson received his undergraduate degree from Maryland State College in 1965 (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore) before becoming a commissioned Air Force officer of Information and Protocol at the Otis Air Force Base in Massachussetts, and he was also stationed in Greenland.

After completing his tour of duty in Dover, Del., Richardson was employed by his alma mater in its career planning and placement office. Later he took a leave of absence in order to obtain his master's of science degree in education and doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania.

Richardson completed his dissertation when he returned to UMES. In 1975 he became the executive assistant to the chancellor, "Where I played a vital role in the internal management of the institution." In 1981 he became the assistant to the president of the University of Maryland system.

—Black Caucus

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save some $80 million which was to be used for increased aid to education and for the bay cleanup.

Hughes' apparent change of heart occurred a little more than 24 hours after some 5,000 state employees converged on the State House Monday night in protest of efforts to reduce their retirement benefits.

Legislators speculate that school aid and the bay's revitalization may be in jeopardy if state worker's are appeased.

The governor didn't get a great response from the legislature which would rather have a sales tax," said Sen. Troy Brailey.

"I doubt that this will pass because its going to hit people in the higher income brackets. A sales tax hurts the little people, mostly black people," said the 40th District senator.

—Extreme cases

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statewide. By March, 1983, that number had grown to 8,555, and by last November to 9,589. The fiscal 1984 budget had anticipated only 8,270 children being served at any one time this year.

Sledge said "The new freeze will cause some centers to raise the fees and it may also require them to carry more vacancies than they usually do. Some centers may have to make internal changes. But mostly the freeze will affect those parents that have found work and need day-care assistance."

State officials also are contemplating steps to make the day-care program more restrictive statewide, a move that could limit the program to parents with extremely low incomes who are working or attending high school full-time. Parents seeking higher education or job training might not meet the new qualifications as they do now, said Dorothy A. Dunn, director of the Kirk Ave. Day-Care Center, located 909 E. 22nd St.

"Before the freeze the city had a priority list for filling day-care vacancies. There were three categories which were; children under protective services, parents that are below the 40 percent medium salary rate, and parents who are attending high school. Now the city has removed low-income families and those parents whoattend high school. Only those children who are under protective services are being allowed to enter day-care centers funded by the state," Ms. Dunn said.

However, according to Mrs. Dunn, those children who are eligible under the freeze, only make up a very small percentage of the total number of children in the day-care program.

Also in response to MHR's freeze, concerned day care providers, mothers of children in state-supported day care centers and advocates of an array of services for the poor and disadvantaged appeared in Annapolis before a Senate Budget and Taxation subcommittee this week, largely to plead for more money for their program.

The subcommittee must vote on the Human Resources budget before it goes to the full committee in a few weeks.

—Avon Long

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an eight-year scholarship to attend the Lincoln Seminary to study for the ministry but he chose the glittering nightlife of the famous Cotton Club.

"My mother envisioned sitting in the front row," he said," seeing her son, Rev. Avon Long, preaching." But with a mind all his own, he fled to Boston to perfect his artistic craft.

It was there that he first met his wife Gretchen, his bride of over 40 years. He was considered in a class all his own with his avant garde approach to dance laced with ballet and jazz influences.

To all the praise and the curtain calls he merely commented, "My ideas come from the brain rather than the feet."

Listed in "Who's Who in the American Theatre," Long always credited his former Douglass High School Latin teacher, Miss Nellie Buchanan for paving his way because she recognized his talent and potential for success.

Though a star in the early 1940's, his greatest break came when he was asked to audition for the part of Sportin' Life, the clever film-flam artist who hounded the streets of Catfish Row spreading his vices, in Gershwin's black folk opera Porgy and Bess. The hit tune "It Ain't Necessary" so became his trademark and he brought the curtain down whenever he performed.

Among Long's other achievements are his performances in the musical, "Carmen Jones," "Shuffle Along," "Kiss Me Kate," "Fly Bla ckbird," "Ain't Suppose to Die a Natural Death," and "Don't Play Us Cheap," a role that won him a Tony award nomination.

His movie credits included "The Stars," "Starry and Tonic," "Pinman's Rainbow," "Ziegfeld Follies" and his most cherished role as the crafty Chicken George in the Roots II sequel.

He is survived by wife, Gretchen; daughters Ms. Gretchen Hear and Ms. Eilyn Marshall; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The body is on view today (Friday) at the Walter Cooke funeral home in New York, with services scheduled for tommorrow at the Blessed Sacrament Church at 153 W. 71st St.

Burial will take place at the Trinity Church Cemetery on Riverside Drive in New York.

—Minority-owned

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ly is only interested in developing a deluxe hotel.

Haysbert, who is president of the Parks Sausage company, said if the consulting firm gives the go-ahead the partnership will go to city officials in an attempt to find a site for the hotel. Currently two parking lots just west of the convention center are being considered as possible locations.

Haysbert said Dean Witter, a New York investment house and Vista International, a hotel management firm, have been contacted as possible sources for financing and management for the planned hotel. The group also may also seek a co-developer with construction experience to assist with the planned 25-story hotel, which is slated for construction by 1987.

Although a number of minority individuals have participated in the Inner Harbor's revitalization—chiefly as Harborplace merchants—the hotel project would represent by far the largest single minority contribution to the downtown renaissance, a fact not unnoticed by Haysbert.

"We feel there needs to be some representation of the city's majority population at the Inner Harbor," Haysbert said. "Certainly this would be visual evidence to the entire country that ours is one city and not two."

BOWIE STATE

The Bowie State College National Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Retreat Feb. 17 to 19 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Md. The theme for this Year's activities is "Reflections of the Past, Images of the Future — A New Beginning."

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Saunders named to alcoholism council

Thomas L. Saunders, a Community Relations Representative at the city Community Relations Commission, was recently appointed, as a member of the Alcoholism Advisory Council by the Mayor and the City Council.

The Alcoholism Advisory Council advises and reviews the activities of city-sponsored alcoholism programs.

"I know that I wil' complement the council because alcoholism and the drug addiction rate of the youth is something that greatly concerns me." Saunders said.

"Being young myself, the problem of Baltimore's youth is something that I can definitely empathize with and caring and understanding are the most important ingredients when attempting to combat most social ills."

Saunders, who is 26, is a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and has a B.A. Degree in Health Science and Policy.

He was the youngest campaign manager in the most recent city elections.

He has been a fund raiser and a promoter since the age of seventeen. Currently, he supervises the operations of the city's Rumor Control Center at the Community

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—Women shouldn't

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it is as simply "The Sabbath Day Church." Being a Seventh Day Adventist the Sabbath is celebrated on Saturday

Mr. Manuel's eyes suck you in immediately from behind bifocal glasses and they stare hard like black dots. At times they seem to slowly turn to dark liquid and suddenly change back to their solid state. He quickly discerns whether he likes you or not.

A sprinkling of white fuzzy hair as white as freshly layed snow, soft in its infancy, sits atop his head flightly like the dandelion when its petals have died and its remains are as delicate as a silky lady witch.

He is a skinny brown caricature, an aged marionette held together in his silver wheelchair with mind and wit as sharp as the biting edge of the sword.

Acorn Manuel has outlasted a lot of wars and lived long enough to see the "White Only" signs come tumbling down. He has bested ten decades clinging to his Bible and avoiding the tantalizing aroma of good cooked pig meat.

He gets disoriented when too many things happen all at once but when concentrating on one particular dialogue he is there all the way recalling his boyhood in Raleigh, N.C.

"I think I had nine brothers and sisters. I'm second oldest...I'm up in there but I ain't the oldest. John Manuel was the oldest though I ain't never seen him. I had two sisters...my sister Dora and Roseanne. She was named after my mother."

A traveling man by nature he left home for good in the 1920's venturing to Norfolk, Va. "I was just traveling 'round. I didn't stay very long," he says. But he did marry for the only time in his life while on the road. He was nearly 50.

His wife, Emma was born and raised in Amelia County, Va. and according to his memory, he married her in Jones Church, a small church on Saratoga St. near the German Church in Richmond.

They separated and he came to Baltimore, though he isn't really sure of the exact year. It was probably around the mid-late twenties. About his wife he will only comment. "The Lord said emphasize the good things not the bad things."

He says though she didn't treat him right he loved her because she was his wife and when they married the man said until death do us part.

For the second straight day it has rained and Acorn Manuel hunched forward in his seat ignores the cascading rain. Minutes later Mrs. Alma Manuel, Acorn's great-niece, with whom he has lived for 35 years, enters and scolds him for not wearing his nice suit for the interview.

He has opted for a sportier outfit, a pair of cream colored cranberry red slacks and a short-sleeved white shirt. Two beige, long john sleeves protrude from beneath his shirt warming his arms. He is neat and well-groomed, one of the last of a handful of true gentlemen.

Age has mellowed his disposition some and he sits quietly preferring not to respond to rhetorical questioning. She is his second voice helping him to sort out the sketchy details of his lengthy tenure.

They both recall when Lexington Market extended from Eutaw St. to Pine St. and merchants all sold their goods from behind stalls. Back then that was the center of town.

"Everybody did their shopping there. That was downtown and black and white ...anybody who could afford to had a stall," says the crisp minded centenarian.

Acorn Manuel has very different opinions about how women should carry themselves. "I'm very funny about women and I have very much respect for women.

"I like a woman to stay in a woman's place and do nice things, good things. The Bible says a woman should wear nothing pertaining to a man. Man is the head of the household. Women shouldn't wear no britches or pants. A woman wears dresses."

He says he almost did remarry but quickly changed his mind when he discovered that the woman had the same faults as his first wife and he saw no point in going to hell over somebody who was like Emma.

Like most of his values his attitude about breaking his wedding vows and thus in his mind committing adultery are all influenced by his belief in the Mosaic laws of the Old Testament.

His favorite book and chapter, Exodus 20, and its biblical tale of Moses' trip down from Mount Sinai to deliver God's word to the Israelites, the Ten Commandments are his most treasured few verses.

"Jesus said think not that I come before the law. I didn't come before the law I come so that the law might be fulfilled. The law of God is perfect; the Commandments are perfect."

He has maintained a strict religious virtue, steering clear of the late night womanizing and weekend bafoonery characteristic of Baltimore's jazz-swing-be-bop era.

Acorn clings to two devotional ideologies. He has worshipped for the last 15 years as a holiness at the Church of God in Christ, while holding fast to his belief in the adventist movement. Niece Alma chastises him playfully reminding him that the minister at the holiness church, where she is also a member, frowns on his dual devotion.

Mrs. Alma Manuel works nights as a nurses's assistant in a convalescent home similar to the one now housing her great-uncle. She is fifty-ish and a large chunk of her weekly schedule involves visiting Uncle Acorn.

Her loyalty appears deeper than mere superficiality. She dotes over his every word laughing at memories of her childhood with him. His dogma is her own too.

About Alma he says, "She always did like dresses and never like no pants. I know'd her when she was a baby; she growed up to be a very nice person, raised four children and keeps the Lord's commandments. She's alright.

"She comes and sees me and talks with me and she washes my clothes and keeps me clean. I feel very proud of her. She always comes to see me."

Acorn Manuel says he likes the nursing home because the people are nice, a comment that draws a crack from his niece, "He likes it because the nurses let him have his way," she cautions with a chuckle.

He never gives up. But there is pain that comes from being 113 years. Until six months ago he was a spry young man who often walked two or three miles a day. It was nothing to see Mr. Manuel walking a 15-20 blocks a day and back.

"He would walk from our house at 1801 Gertrude St., which is off the 1800 block of Poplar Grove St., to Alton and Saratoga if the bus wouldn't run," Alma explains.

But an acute leg ulcer claimed his right leg and thereafter he had to be moved from his home to the nursing center. All the bitterness of that upheaval pour out and Acorn's loss of his manhood rises to the surface.

For him being a man has meant being able to get around on his own. Now he is confined.

"I wish I could get around like I use to," he says in a dry raspy voice. A letter written recently to the president of the United States asking him to help Acorn Manuel get a plastic leg never got mailed. He had someone type it but Alma talked him out of it urging him to have faith.

He is determined to go on with things as usual. There are no grisly tales about slavery or the KKK and about the latter he says, "They didn't bother children and as long as you had a pass to be out they never bothered you."

Abraham Lincoln was his hero and his death saddened him. He feels they killed him because he advocated racial mingling. "He was a hero because he didn't stand for nothing. I was small when he got killed but I know that he got killed and I know that the black man was free before he got killed," he recites with strong inklings of patriotism.

"I'm gonna live to be 130," he says not doubting the possibility. And as for fruitful living he advises young people to honor mother and father as they go on in life and always consider God's word which will stand for life.

"Always put your great hope and your life towards God and God will direct your step in every walk of life that you can go. Elder Acorn Manuel gave you advice being 113 years and he ain't tired of living and ain't tired of going.

"I'm gonna make it to 130 years old if you only do one thing, if you get my plastic leg and put it on me so I can GET UP like I want to." And with that final plea off he is wheeled to his fourth floor room.

Judge John Hargrove sworn in as federal judge today

Judge John R. Hargrove, Sr., of the City Circuit Court will be sworn in as a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, this afternoon, Friday, February 17, at 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom 1A in the U.S. Courthouse, 101 W. Lombard St. The public is invited to attend.

Although Judge Hargrove was born in Atlantic City, N.J., he has resided in Baltimore since the age of six months.

He attended St. Catherine's Academy and Frederick Douglass High School.

In 1941 he entered Morgan State College and studied there until he entered the U.S. Army in 1943. While in the Army he participated in the Army Specialized Training Program studying Engineering at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

He completed the basic engineering course and received a certificate in Engineering. When he was honorably discharged from the Army in February 1946, he entered Howard University and received a B.A. degree in Government and Public Administration.

In September, 1947 Judge Hargrove began his studies at the University of Maryland School of Law. He received his LL.B. degree in June 1950, and was admitted to the Maryland Bar that year.

He engaged in the general practice of law in Baltimore from 1950 until 1955 when he was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney. From 1957 until 1962 he served as the Deputy United States Attorney. As an Assistant and Deputy he represented the United States in many cases, civil and criminal, in the United States District Court.

In 1962 and 1963 Judge Hargrove served as an Associate Judge of the City Peoples Court. From 1963 until 1968 he practiced law with the firm of Howard and Hargrove. In 1968 he was again appointed to the bench as an Associate Judge of the city Municipal Court.

When the judges of that court then became judges of the new state District Court, Judge Hargrove was named Administrative Judge for District No. 1, Baltimore City.

After serving on the District Court until 1974, Judge Hargrove was named Administrative Judge for District No. 1, Baltimore city, was appointed an Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, which is now known as the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. From 1977 - 1980 he served as the Juvenile Court Judge.

Judge Hargrove married Shirley Ann Hayes in 1953, and they are the parents of John Raymond Hargrove, Jr., Steven Louis Hargrove, Janet Ruth Hargrove and Lora Frances Hargrove. Mrs. Hargrove is a counsellor in the Baltimore City Public Schools. They are members of St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church.

Judge Hargrove is a member of the Monumental City and National Bar Associations.

During his career as lawyer and Judge, Judge Hargrove has served on a number of boards and commissions, including the State Constitutional Commission, a delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention, the Commission on Review of Criminal Law and Procedure, the State Advisory Board of Corrections, etc.

Judge Hargrove fills the judicial vacancy created by the resignation of Honorable Shirley B. Jones in December, 1982. He will be the twenty-eighth District Judge appointed to the United States District Court of Maryland since its inception, in 1789.

SCHMOKE CALLS

Insanity defense 'incongruity'

By Ann Sagi

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Baltimore's top prosecutor told a Senate panel Wednesday that Maryland's current insanity defense law is an "incongruity" in the criminal justice system that is misunderstood by the public.

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee held a hearing on a bill proposed by the governor's task force to review the defense of insanity that would change the existing law to require criminal defendants to prove they are insane, rather than requiring the state to prove they are not.

Baltimore State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke said he supported the bill that would change the burden of proof because "If we have to have the insanity defense, I'd rather see it this way than the current law."

He said, however, he "disagreed with the bottom line conclusion" of the task force to retain the insanity defense.

"This is an incongruity in the criminal justice system that is misunderstood by the public," he said. "In my experience it is not necessary for a defendant to be pretty sick, it depends on having good doctors and good lawyers.

"I think the system now still lends itself to a form of lottery," Schmoke said. "Cases at the margin make the difference and color the public's perception. . A battle of psychiatrists is a waste of resources and not consistent with criminal law."

Lt. Gov. Joseph Curran Jr. chaired the task force charged by Gov. Harry Hughes to study the defense of "not guilty by reason of insanity" following the acquittal of John Hinckley Jr. who shot President Reagan on March 30, 1981. Hinckley was found "not guilty by reason of insanity" in June, 1982 under a law similar to Maryland's.

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ABA urges federal aid for crime victims

Federal aid to state and local crime victim compensation and assistance programs is "necessary, fair and appropriate," the American Bar Association told Congress today.

"Victims whom the criminal justice system has been unable successfully to protect deserve the assistance of the federal government in dealing with the financial and service needs occasioned by the crime against them," stated Frank Carrington, chairperson of the ABA's criminal justice section committee on victims.

Carrington noted that the federal government has provided substantial sums of money to educate and rehabilitate state prisoners, and added "it is only just that federal funds also assist the innocent taxpayer victimized by these prisoners."

House Judiciary subcommittee hearings, Carrington pointed out that 36 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico all fund victim compensation programs to reimburse victims for medical expenses for physical and psychological injuries.

Some programs also compensate for other expenses. Additionally, at least 15 states offer funding for local victim assistance projects, which provide counselling and other direct services to victims.

The bill under consideration by the subcomittee would reimburse states for up to 50 of the cost of compensating victims of federal crimes compensable under state law, and 100 of the cost of compensating victims of federal crimes which would be compensable under state law but for the fact that they are subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction.

Whilele Carrington registered ABA support for H.R. 3498, he suggested several amendments to it.

Carrington expressed strong support for provisions in the proposed bill that would provide victims of crime with direct services. Carrington urged that these services be provided to witnesses of crime as well.

For example, he said, escorting witnesses to court, protecting them against intimidation or interceding with employers to allow them time off for court appearances would encourage them to cooperate with law enforcement officials.

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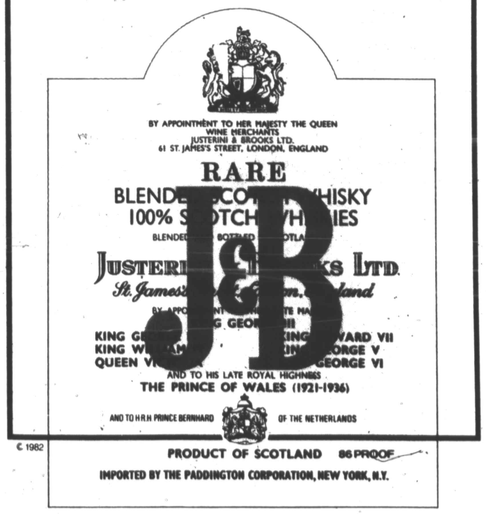

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