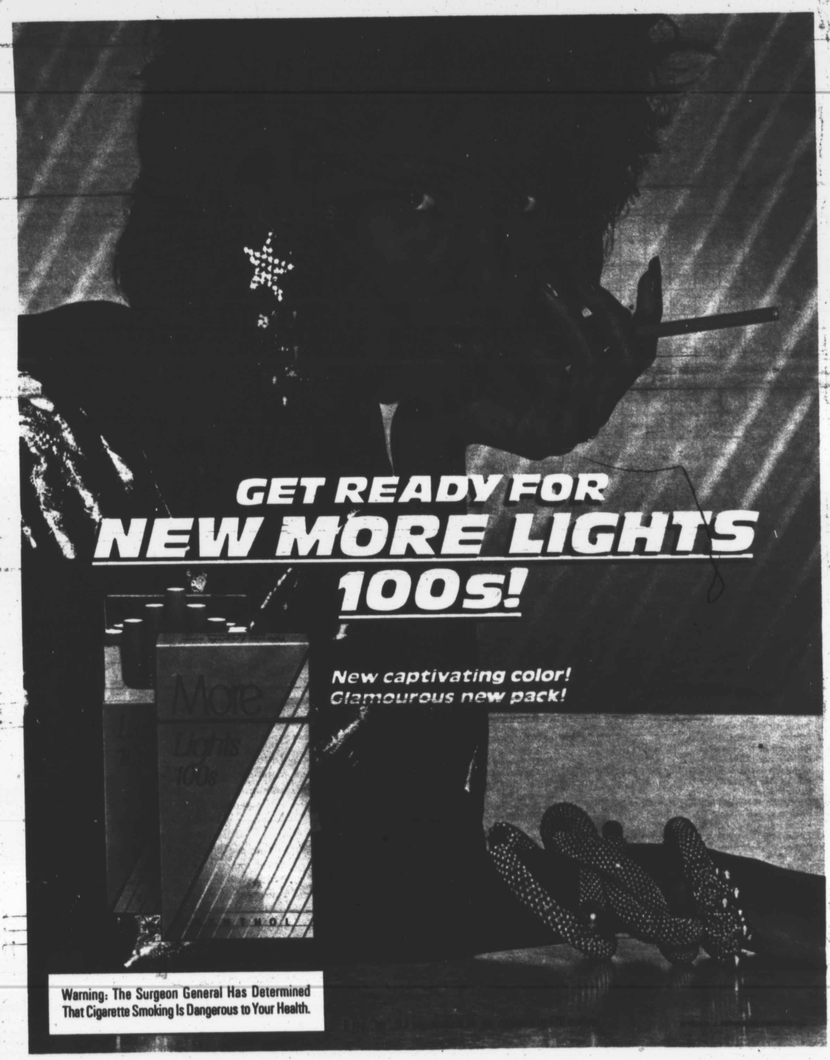

Society woman found innocent of theft

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On eve of crucial election, Haysbert goes over to GOP

Murphy seeks top NAACP post

By Jadi Omowale
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Madeline R. Murphy is running for President of the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP. A little known position of great importance, the conference president is akin says, Colonel James Pennington, president of the Baltimore County branch, to governor of the state of Maryland.

The conference is a statewide organization that includes the

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DEMOCRATIC VICE-PRESIDENTIAL candidate Geraldine Ferraro is joined on stage by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Sen. Edward Kennedy (right) this week following a rally attended by 7,000 cheering Democratic supporters at the Hollywood Palladium.

Crossover group joins white pro-Reaganers

A local political group which boasts supporters in Baltimore City and five counties; and endorses the re-election of President Ronald Reagan, announced this week that the head of Parks Sausage Company has joined their membership.

The Operation Crowwover group, whose members are said to include people from the Republican, Democratic and several independent parties, introduced their newest member, Raymond V. haysbert, Sr., at a Wednesday morning press conference.

The group also unveiled plans to merge with a local white pro-Reagan group, made up of once loyal Democrats, including Ocean City Mayor Harry W. Kelley, called Marylanders for the President.

The crossover group has adopted a new name and is now officially called Black Marylanders for the President.

A former GOP member during the fifties, Haysbert; who succeeded Henry Parks as president of the local meat packing firm beating his name in 1974, did not attend the downtown press conference.

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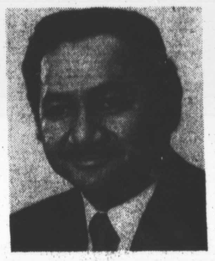

RAYMOND V. HAYSBERT, SR.

AT NAACP MEETING

'Hot,' stormy session this weekend

By Jadi Omowale
AFRO Staff Writer

The NAACP's annual Maryland State Conference is expected to elicit some heated conversations this weekend, as the civil rights organization convenes its Maryland Branches, chapters and youth groups.

Some of the heat began to be generated several weeks ago when the organization, which is bipartisan, took a stand in Baltimore City on Question P.

The question, which is on the ballot in the November 6th election, is a proposal for an elected school board versus continuing with an appointed school board.

Question P has sparked the most controversy in a local election since Billy Murphy ran against Mayor Schaefer in last year's primaries. For his part, the mayor, who seldom takes stands on bond issues, came out strongly against the elected school board proposal during a press conference held earlier this week.

In still another press conference this week, the civil rights organization came out in support of another controversial question on the ballot which has sparked a few debates of its own.

Question Q is a proposed amendment to the City Charter to require redistricting the city into 18 councilmanic districts, each of which would elect a single city councilperson.

In a statement issued by the chairman of the political action committee, Rodney A. Orange, the group said that it supports "single districting" for two reasons.

First, the current districts are too large, geographically and in population to provide responsive and effective government for the city. Orange explained, "Under question Q there will be 18 districts, each with a population of 44,000 people."

He concluded that the smaller more compact, single member districts would provide the citizens of Baltimore with more effective representation.

The final point, Orange explained, "Question Q will be a step to assure that the Council more accurately reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of Baltimore."

The two questions reflect the theme of the conference, "Vote to make our dreams a reality."

This weekend's conference is taking place in Waldorf, MD, at the Holiday Inn. Tony Brown, noted journalist and host of Tony Brown's Journal, will deliver the keynote speech.

Other speakers at the conference include: Dr. Emmett Burns, region VII Director; Bennie Thayer, chairman, Maryland Rainbow Coalition; Dr. Calvin Bunnett, President, Coppin State College; and Del Elijah Cummings, chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

The numerous workshops and plenary sessions are primarily aimed at the task of emphasing the importance of getting out the vote in November. The NAACP voter registeration drive in

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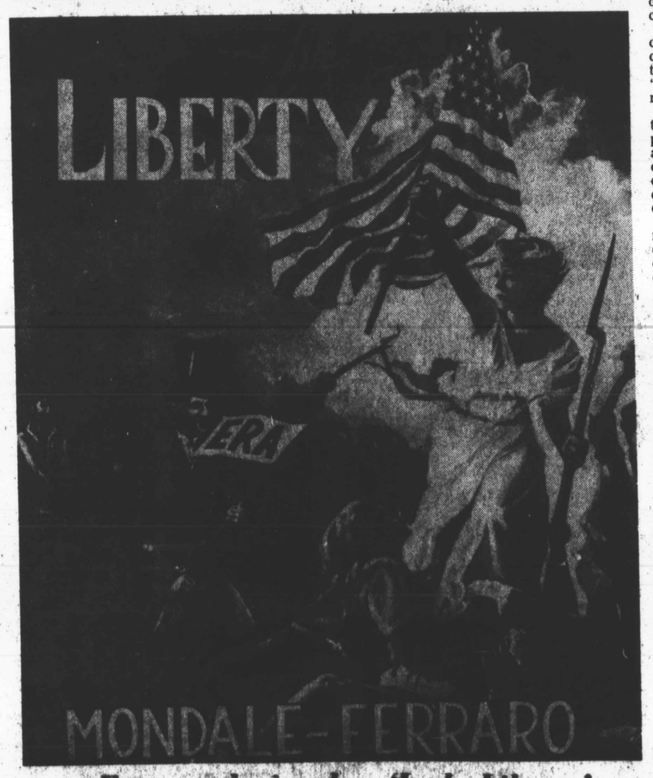

Ferraro depicted as 'Lady Liberty'

Lady Liberty — The above poster, inspired by Eugene Delarcois's 1830 French painting "Liberty Leading The People To The Barricade," was created as a tribute to Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, by Kip Overton, an artist living in Montana.

Commenting on the color poster Mrs. Ferraro is quoted as saying, "I love it! Wonderful . . . it's superb." The original Delacroix was the inspiration for New York City's own Statue of Liberty monument.

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State to be hit with Brailey textbook suit

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Senator Troy Brailey's suit to get the old biased history textbooks out of the public school classrooms and get new ones in which correctly reflect the black citizen's role in American history, may well begin in the state of Maryland.

Sen. Brailey whose research opened the discriminatory manner in which textbooks are written, all omitting the black history of America, is following the decision of his attorneys who feel Maryland is violating the civil rights of youngsters black and white by failing to have books which tell the truth as to history of the state and nation.

"Maryland is guilty as well as other states," Sen. Brailey said Thursday," and I may as well begin to get the correction under the law in this state."

Sen. Brailey's suit comes as the result of his research this summer into the pages of school textbooks on the history of America.

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Skip Wise jury hung after 9 hour parley

A Baltimore Criminal Court jury, after nine hours of deliberations, hung in the matter of "Skip" Wise, who was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine. The charge resulted from an arrest on April 17, 1984 whereas it was alleged that Mr. Wise, upon being approached by police officers, dropped a capsule of cocaine wrapped in a five dollar bill.

The jury did find Mr. Wise guilty of making a false statement to police in reference to the name that he gave after being arrested. The defendant was represented by attorney A. Dwight Pettit.

CLUBWOMAN INNOCENT

'Verdict...exonerates her of wrongdoing'

"This has been quite an ordeal. We feel that the jury gave all the evidence its strong attention and consideration, and we are extremely pleased at their verdict which clearly exonerates her of any wrongdoing..."

Baltimore attorney, John P. Miller, was reacting to the not guilty verdict handed down Monday by a Howard County Circuit Court jury exonerating his client, Mrs. Agnes Reaves.

Mrs. Reaves, of the 2600 block Allendale Rd., was accused of embezzling over $65,000 from the Westinghouse Technical Training Operation office in Columbia, where she was employed as an

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