—Haysbert

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ment distributed by a Reagan/bush state press representative included comments from the prominent black businessman.

Haysbert was quoted as saying, "My beliefs are more in tune with the Republican philosophy of expanded economic opportunities for everyone," according to the press release which also indicated that the black entrepreneur will change from the Democratic to the Republican Party at the conclusion of the November 6, presidential election.

A self-made millionaire, Haysbert chose to back incumbent Mayor William D. Schaefer over challenger Judge William H. Murphy, Jr. during last year's mayoral election contest.

Contacted yesterday by the AFRO for further comments, Haysbert was said to be preparing for an out-of-town business trip and was unavailable to speak with the press.

Also present at the Wednesday morning press conference, was the wife of Republican vice - president George Bush, Barbara Bush, who stopped off for a brief congratulatory appearance before rushing off to spend the day campaigning on behalf of GOP Congressional challenger Helen Delich Bentley.

Mrs. Bentley, who has in the past unsuccessfully opposed incumbent Congressman Clarence D. Long, (D.-2nd), has become the toast of the national Republican Party which is waging a full-scale offensive to carry the state of Maryland.

Mrs. Bush praised the black crossover members for "bucking" their party and told the two dozen - people assembled at the Water Street offices of Howard Security Services, Inc., that Ronald Reagan and George Bush represent opportunities for everybody."

Black Marylanders for the President co - chairpersons, Beverly Douglass and Melvin Bilal, for their part assured Mrs. Bush that they would do everything to see that "there are four more years of President Reagan."

Explained Bilal, whose firm employes a staff of 600 and was the site of the Wednesday press conference, "We are all Americans. We all have stock in America and not just in a handout philosophy."

The crowwover group has repreatedly blamed the poor economic state of the black community on an unresponsive Democratic leadership.

Too many blacks are dependent onliberal social programs and not on securing their individual economic freedom, they also have charged.

"We need to go with this winner," commented Douglass in referring to the Reagan/Bush team. "All of the progressive blacks in this community . . . people who understand the meaning of hard work . . . have that spirit."

Joining the black Marylander effort in the city, is the head of the Wilson Street Masjid, Imam Ronald Shakir, a follower of Warith Deen Muhammed, national leader of the American Muslim Mission.

Muhammed, the son of the late Elijah Muhammed, former leader of the Nation of Islam, announced several weeks ago that this group would support the two Republican candidates.

"There are alot of persons who could be working who are receiving welfare benefits. The Republican Party platform is better for the African - American community. We will be forced to do something about our problems."

Asked whether he thought the black community was responsible for its economic problems, Imam Shakir said, "Absolutely, absolutely!"

Responding to the news of Haysberts' imminent departure from the Democratic Party, state senator Troy Brailey said, "It seems that Mr. Ray (buy black, buy us) Haysbert has sold blacks out by endorsing president Reagan after (he) cut $214 billion from the budget in the last four years that helped poor blacks and the near-poor.

"Being a millionaire Mr. haysbert benefited from the $286 billion tax-cut President Reagan gave to the rich."

Fourth district councilman Kweisi Mfume said that Haysbert's decision would mean a loss for the party.

"My reaction is disappointment because I think Mr. Haysbert and the others who have joined Operation Crossover could be a tremendous factor for the Democratic Party this year if in fact they were to remain loyal to the party.

"The Democratic Party will miss their services. They all have something to offer," Mfume remarked.

—Brailey textbook suit

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Brailey (D-40, Baltimore, Md.) said that as of a result of his extensive investigation into the contents of public school textbooks nationwide, he has concluded, based on the overwhelming evidence, that our public school textbooks portray blacks in this country as inferior to whites.

"The portrayal of blacks in the public school books perpetuates racial discrimination in our society at large. The image depicted of blacks, both in photographs and written descriptions, is that of a subservient role, which is a continuing vestige of slavery." He said our black children have and continue to obtain a negative image of themselves. This negative image was addressed in the historical case decided by the United States Supreme Court in Brown vs Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.

—Verdict

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engineering staff assistant. In that post, she was responsible for office equipment purchases.

However, the jury, discounted claims of Westinghouse officials and upheld the defense of Mrs. Reaves who contended she did nothing illegal, rather she purchased items with her own check and was reimbursed after submitting a cash requisition slip, a method, she said was initiated at the request of her supervisors to speed up payment for office supplies.

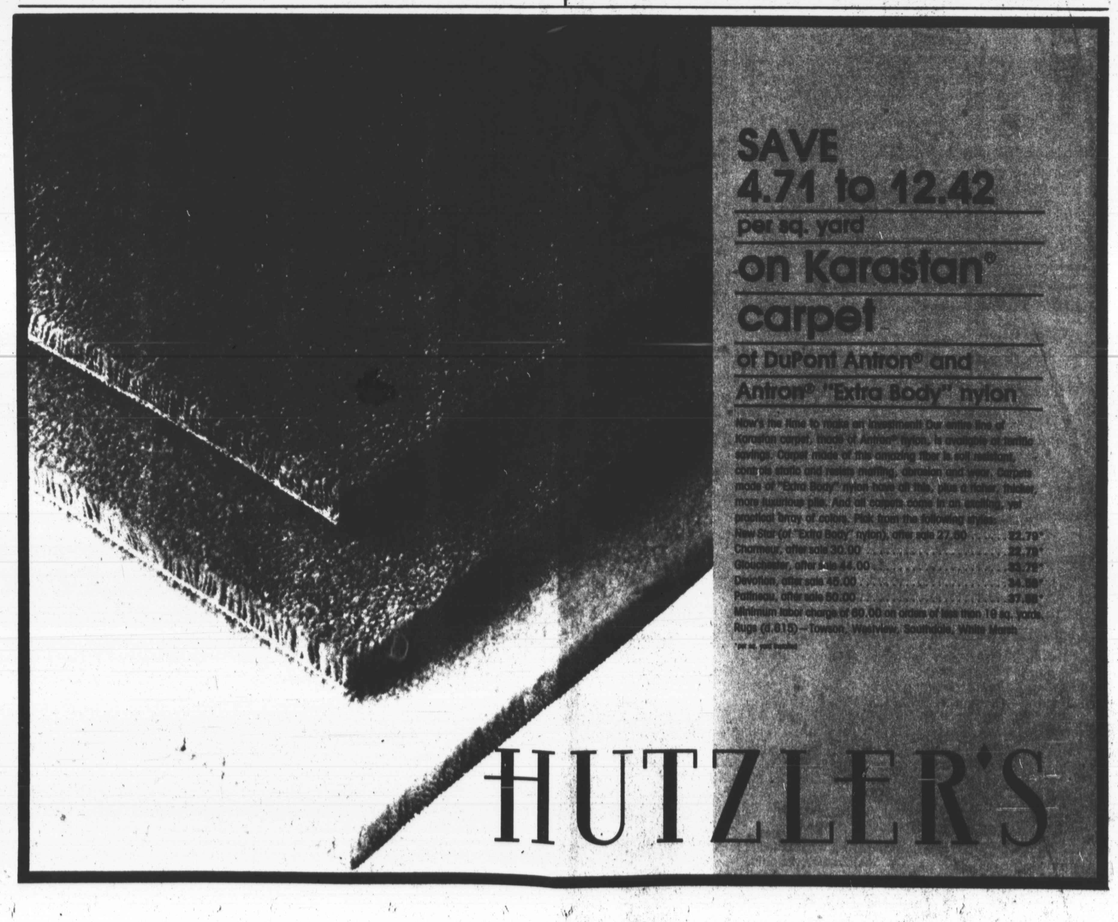
Attorney Miller told the AFRO: "We told the jury throughout the case that all the actions taken by Agnes Reaves were with the direct knowledge, approval and direction of her supervisor. Obviously, the jury's not guilty verdict means they acted consistent with the evidence presented."

The lawyer declined to say whether action is planned to restore Mrs. Reaves to her Westinghouse post. However, he did state: "Mrs. Reaves had been employed for over 20 years at Westinghouse, and has an exemplary work record. She worked up in the technical training operation area and was senior engineering staff assistant. We are looking into every and all possibilities, and not discounting action to be brought as a result of the wrong done to Mrs. Reaves."

Eleven whites, 7 women and 4 men, and 1 black man served on the Reaves jury which heard four days of testimony in the Ellicott City Circuit Court presided over by Judge Robert Fisher.

They returned the not guilty verdict after four hours deliberation. When it was announced, Mrs. Reaves embraced her attorney and her husband, J.C. Reaves, who had been in the courtroom with her throughout the long trial.

Mrs. Reaves is a popular Baltimore clubwoman, active in a number of social and civic clubs. She is a longtime member of Enon Baptist Church. — E.M. MOSS



BLACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Morgan State's Title III Program receives $520,081

By Dr. James H. Haynes

The Morgan State University Title III Program has been approved to receive a grant of ($520,081).

Morgan administrators submitted a four - year proposal under the Title III Institutional Aid Program in 1982. The 1984 - 85 school year represents the third year of approved funding. The cumulative grant to date totals $1,693,997. The 1985 - 86 school year represents the last year for which Morgan can receive funding under the Title III Institutional Aid Program.

The third year funds have been earmarked for nine (9) activities that were written in the original proposal submitted in 1982. The activities, their respective director, and the amount of funding is as follows: Center for Basic Skills Development, Dr. Delois Flemons, $54,540; Management Science, Dr. Sara Cordery, $74,355; Pre - Engineering Development, Dr. Alex Aning, $50,997; Human Ecology, Dr. Herma Williams, $60,544; Gerontology Career Preparation, Dr. Williamae Abrams-Kilkenny, $23,407; International Student Affairs, Ms. Peggy Crawford, $670; Pre - professional Health and Science, Dr. Colliston Rose, $91,412; PME - MIS Development, Dr. Joel O. Nwagbaroacha - Dr. Mohommad Shariat, $47,222; Development of Institutional Research, Dr. James H. Haynes, $33,719.

Other activities that have received funding in the first two years of the grant include the Honors Program, Financial Aid Office, and Finance Office. All activities funded through Title III are subject to an annual review. Consequently, funding is not guaranteed from one year to the next.

Each Title III activity is designed to move the University toward a concrete realization of self - dependence and self - sufficiency. The term "self sufficiency," as used here, defines that point in the University's development at which it has designed, installed, and fully integrated, within, its operational structure, systems, programs, policies, and procedures which will facilitate its smooth and continuous attainment of objectives, goals, and mission without the assistance of Title III funds. Each, activity addresses a unique subset of these goals and objectives and subsequently impact upon the major priorities of the institution.

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