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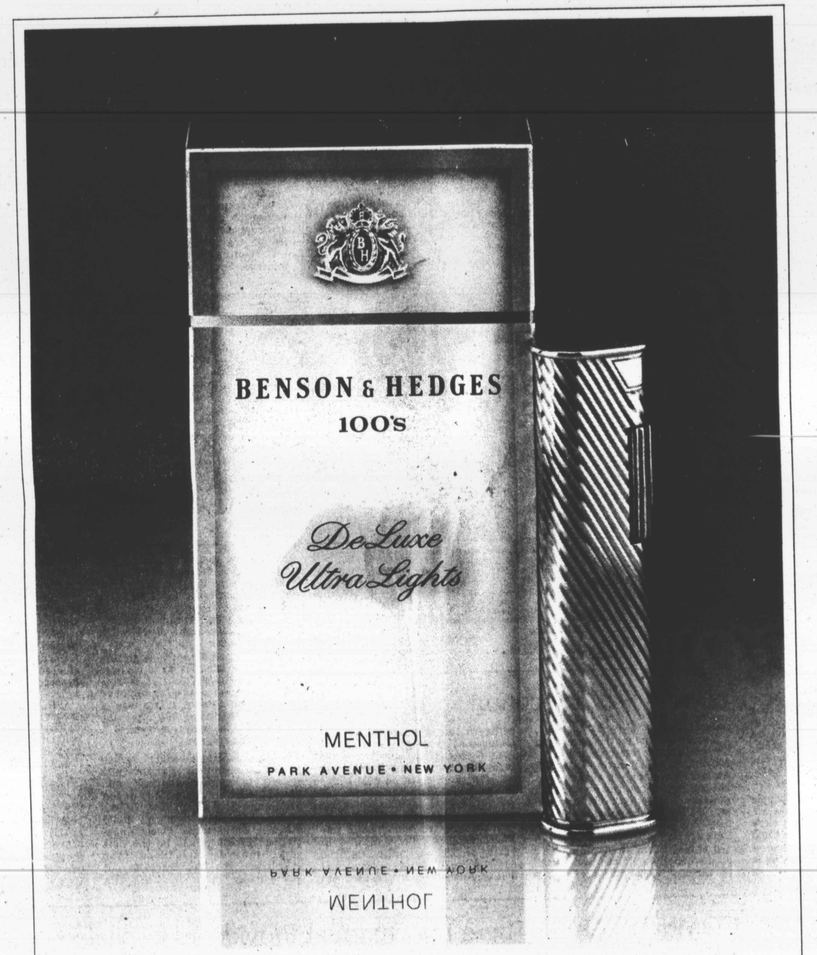

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—Cable-TV

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and monthly service cost fees for the elderly and the economically disadvantaged and, United's financial commitment to its minority partner, Universal Telecom, Inc. (UTI).

"I don't like the fact that United has not come up with a firm percentage of minorities that they will employ. The only thing they have said is that they will hire approximately 200 people. I want to know of those 200 people, how many will be minorities?" McLean demanded.

"I'm not satisfied with the ambiguties related to the promotional opportunities and training opportunities that will be available to African-Americans.

"I have very serious reservations and a great deal of apprehension that the alleged basic rate of $4.95 might in fact double before the completion of the system," said Counciliman Mfume, despite contentions by the vice-president of franchising, Sam Street, that any rate hike during the system's construction would amount to only a one or two dollar increase.

Councilman Mitchell says he wants to know why the city will not benefit from the lucrative advertising revenues?

"There is nothing firm to show that the Baltimore franchise will benefit from national and revenues that the parent owns. What type of local revenues will be generated by local and national advertising.

"What about Coors Beer (the Denver brewery he alleges has a large investment interest in United) and Budweiser and others who'll advertise. Denver will get all the revenues but the city and Universal Telecom, Inc. won't," Mitchell pointed out.

The list of concerns doesn't stop there.

Mitchell continued, "As far as minorities are concerned, there's nothing there...its on a whim and a fancy. Best effort... well Reagan says he's using his best effort."

He went on to suggest that the blacks involved with UTI are not pleased themselves with the financing arrangements negotiated between the group and United.

UTI president, Dr. H. Garland Chissell, refused to comment on the agreement citing the "sensitive nature of the financing agreement" and possible federal and state Securities Exchange Commission violations.

He did promised full disclosure of UTI's relationship with United once the council has acted on the pending bill.

That disclosure information will be made available in the form of a "formal offering memorandum" to be released to potential investors, he said.

"UTI will not be allowed to share in the ongoing management fee that will be available to the general partnership (United Cable of Baltimore). They will only get $10,000 for the first two years," Mfume cited, explaining that those revenues could be utilized to purchase additional minority-controlled channels, additional UTI staff, and to improve the two channels the company is guranteed to receive as part of the existing franchise agreement.

Both Mitchell and Mfume have expressed reservations about supporting the cable bill in its current form, with Mitchell stating uniquivically on Wednesday "no" when asked if he would support the legislation at that time.

Mfume said he would wait to see if sufficient answers to certain questions were satisfactorily provided to the council. He told United officials on Tuesday that he would "take it upon myself to lead a sustained economic boycott to financially cripple" the local cable company should it renege on its commitment to the black community.

Repeating that warning Wednesday, McLean told the group, "If they do get the franchise and they're employment level does not represent at least 55 percent of the minority community in all levels of employment, I'm gonna take very stringent measures (including) boycotting and taking them to court."

Asked if she would vote for the cable bill give her personal concerns, she remarked, "I don't know!"

Only Burns and Councilman Nathaniel McFadden (D,2nd) have indicated that they will support the bill. Councilpersons Iris Reeves and Agnes Welch were unavailable for comment at presstime.

APPOINTMENT—Attorney Charles E. Donegan, a 1967 graduate of Howard University Law School was recently appointed a member of the National Panel of Consumer Arbitrators of the Council of Better Business Bureau, Inc. Donegan, an experienced labor arbitrator, has also earned degrees from Roosevelt, Loyola and Columbia Universities.

BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART

Congresswoman Mikulski will read from the Babar story, with slide illustrations, on Sunday, January 27 at 2 p.m. The program is free of charge with admission to the Museum. Everyone 21 and under is admitted free at all times; other non-Members pay $3.

—Melvin charged

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legal drugs from the Washington D.C. - Alexandria, Va area.

Little Melvin is quoted as going to a safe in his residence at 2206 Park Ave. and counting out $100,000 (cash), handed it to Robinson.

The next day, it was testified, Ms. Datcher, Hawkins and Robinson went to a Norfolk, VA hotel for the purpose of making the purchase of four kilos of cocaine.

The purchase was "attempted" to be made from an undercover agent. During a "sting" maneuver arranged by Federal agents, Walter Robinson, Ms. Datcher and Hawkins were all arrested at that time. Ms. Datcher was eventually released on her own recognizance. Hawkins and Datcher were both charged by the government.

However, later, testimony revealed, Robinson turned government witness "because Melvin refused to pay his lawyer." Testimony disclosed that Robinson gave the government a sworn statement that Hawkins was innocent. At that time the government dropped charges against Hawkins.

However, the Federal agents kept the pressure on Robinson. He pleaded guilty and was placed under protective custody. Hawkins was not released.

It was Magistrate Klein's decision to hold both Hawkins and Little Melvin without bail. Hawkins, according to testimony is Little Melvin's chief lieutenant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Quarles told the court that there is information from state narcotics agents that may link Little Melvin to an informant named Frazier who was found dead in Leakin Park. Another informant said to be "the Pennsylvania source" cooperating with narcotics authorities, could be in fear of his life if Hawkins and Williams were released on bail, it was testified.

The arrest of Little Melvin and confiscation of his worldly goods from his home on Park Avenue are merely evidence which the government has "leading up to the charges of narcotics involvement." At a press conference at the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration headquarters at the Federal Building in Baltimore, the "evidence of high living" displayed was apparently linked to his drug traffic, agents said.

Displayed was his $54,000 Maserati automobile, his wife's extensive wardrobe of furs and hers and his diamonds, gold chains, watches and rings plus $30,000 in cash and a .357 magnum gun, a shot gun and a .38 - caliber pistol.

At the time the "rich cache of proceeds from illicit drug traffic" was taken, several other places were raided besides the Melvin's plush Georgian Mansion on Park Avenue.

—Lift-equipped buses

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more people," insisted MTA spokeswoman Jane Howard. "The use of lift-equipped buses along five routes was a year-long test. We had low ridership. We found that only a few people were making the most of the trips."

Miss Howard said the new procedure allows disabled riders from all over the city to use the MTA. She said it was also possible to order a week's worth of service at a time.

"If someone calls us within the 24-hour time limit, we will try to accommodate them. We know things change, but we cannot guarantee that they will receive service if the call is less than the 24-hour requested."

In addition to changes in lift-equipped bus service, there were also changes the van/taxi mobility services which before Sunday ran from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and never on weekends.

Now the disabled can make use of the vans and taxis from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. The request for van and taxi service must also be 24 hours in advance.

According to Miss Howard, the vans have even expanded their service to Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties.

"But we feel more could be done with the vans," said Mrs. Mearkle. "We'd like to service outside the beltway, places like Security and Golden Ring Malls."

Miss Howard said disabled citizens could call for lift-equipped buses to carry them to these places.

BADD and other disabled groups plan to meet next week with MTA officials to push for confirmation of more expanded services to the disabled.

HOPKINS DIABETES COURSE

The Johns Hopkins Diabetes Center offers a week-long course to people with diabetes who want to learn how to control their disease and avoid its serious, often fatal, long-term complications.

The cost of the course is partially covered by health insurance plans that pay for physician visits. Family members may take the course at a discount. For more information, call 301-955-7139.

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