—Blessing or blot?

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"We get meals and clothes. At the end of the week we get a token grant — a small sum of money...," he said.

"I think we pay more than any other mission in the city.

"We've never asked any man to join. We're not here to beg people to join. We don't have enough room for the numbers of people who want to come in," said his director.

Bruce didn't complain much. His concern is that he has to attend a devotional service every morning — presided over by Capt. Adkins.

"It's mandatory. It's in the contract. If you don't go they put you in the street.

"I don't remember what he talked about this morning because I couldn't keep my eyes open, but he's always talking about death.

"He's into death boy... Fire and brimstone man... He never talks about the good things God has to say — only bad. That's why I'm always asleep," said Bruce.

Rev. Charles Montgomery is employed by ARW... He's the manager of their East Monument Street Thift Shop. He, for 6 months, has doubled as the store manager and Mission Chaplain. He would describe ARW as a program that leaves much to be desired.

"There's a lot of work that can be done. There are no incentives put into the program to lift the man up.

"A man lives at the mission, earning $5 to $20 a week and that money is needed for personal items, etc., how can he save to get away on his own one day?

"There should be a system in place for those who work, that puts more money away for clients. It should be substantial so and clothing of their own at some and clothing of their own at some point," he said.

"These people have problems living in society," said Capt. Adkins.

"It's them — not society. You evidently don't know mission men. You got to feed, clothe and council them.

"ARW began 100 years ago when it broke away from the Salvation Army.

"It was originally established to reform alcoholics.

"The best thing you can do for these people is keep them busy.

"Some of these people have been kicked around so long they don't even feel like people," he said.

An analogy was draw between mission men and Lazarus of Bible fame, begging for crumbs at the rich man's table — instead of doing something for self.

"That's it. Some of these Lazaruses will never push away.

"They're not lazy — they're fine people-decent men. God sent me here to work with them," said Adkins.

Adkins and his wife, the assistant director, have been in Baltimore a year, from Williamsport, PA.

"We were called here by God.

"My personal commitment is to God and to serving people," he said.

ARW receives no government funds or tax money. It's support comes from the food stamps clients must apply for and turn over, voluntary contributions of used clothing, furniture and other usable items. Such items are sold in the organizations Thrift Stores. They also accept cash donations.

"ARW is for men but whoever shows up at these doors gets help. We can give anythign needed accept money... Whatever the problem — just ask and I can make a phone call," said Adkins.

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—Urban Services

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[illegible] to units where the cuts are not being made. That's [illegible] to."

Ivey insists that the union knew about the unit structure. He also insists that he has a very protective attitude toward USA workers. "I have kept people who would have been laid off in other agencies because of sickness or alcohol related problems, but I have tried to work with them and help them. When some people got caught stealing fuel, and they were let go, I wrote letters of reference for them. Many of our workers are people who formerly needed our services, but I hired them.

"I don't want to see any of them out on the street without a job. I care about the workers and I care about poor people. The union doesn't give a damn about poor people. It doesn't give one dime to the poor. It hasn't helped fight for funding for neighborhood services. All the union does is criticize," remarked Ivey angrily.

Once again the union disagreed. "I don't understand what Ivey is talking about when he says the union doesn't care for poor people. We make up the agency and all we've been doing is helping the poor. Our local is very small, so we don't have a lot of money to donate to the poor, but we have demonstrated in Washington D.C. against budget cutbacks.

"Last spring some of our members were in front of the White House demonstrating against cutbacks. We donated money to the People's Organization which teaches people who to get friends of the poor elected to office," said Mrs. Harvel.

The two sides even disagreed on the focus of the agency. "The emphasis of this agency is on the young people and the elderly. We can not make this a one dimensinal agency that just deals with neighborhood services. I feel that it is important to have daycare centers and programs that introduce young people to the arts. It's important to have programs and transportation for senior citizens."

"The fight is not with me, it's in Washington where the cuts are made. Fighting me will not add one penny to the agency budget," said Ivey.

The union disagreed once again. "If this is an anti-poverty agency to help the poor why are they getting rid of the people who help the poor directly, especially since these are senior workers. It's nice to have Alvin Alcy come in, but most of our clients can not afford to go.

"They're getting ready to expand the Health and Exercise Palace which is going to cost money. They say that program is self-sufficient in terms of funds but they laid off some people there. A lot of strange things are going on in this agency," said Mrs. Harvel.

The director of USA Lenwood Ivey feels besieged, the union feels betrayed and some residents feel abandoned. The Urban Services Agency is in deep trouble.

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—House passes

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one voter against it.

"It's become abundantly clear to me that many lives can be saved because of seat belts," said Del. Elijah Cummings.

Cummings is chairman of the Black Caucus and a former foe of the bill.

Maybe Cummings was swayed by the statistics from the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use.

The Committee, in its fact sheet indicated that "a minimum of 290 lives would have been saved if there had been a seat-belt law in the state and all residents had complied with it."

The fact sheet reported 739 people dying on Maryland roadways as compared to 650 in 1984.

Medical records indicate that auto accidents are the principal reason for the increase in paraplegia, quadraplegia and epilepsy.

The report also said that 58 percent of unrestrained occupants hit their heads against the steering wheel, windshield glass or frame, and another 21 percent are ejected from their cars and usually land on their heads in an "unfriendly environment."

"A lot of human tragedy can be avoided," reflected Cummings. "A lot of people in shock-trauma would tell you that if they had been wearing seat-belts, they would have not sustained the injuries that they had."

In considering his vote, Cummings said another factor he weighed carefully was the cost to the state.

"The question becomes, do you pay me now, with a seat-belt law which is going to save lives and prevent human tragedy, or do we pay later, in high hospital bills... and death?

An eloquent arguement to be certain, but not one which convinced Del. Ralph Hughes, who voted against the bill.

Hughes is not anxious to see dismembered bodies lying on the highway, or bloodstained roads. He said he is not against seat belts, he is for airbags.

"The issue isn't (the seat belts—the issue is the airbags. The auto industry doesn't want to provide airbags," he charged.

He said statistics indicate that airbags are safer than seat belts by themselves—and used in tandem they provide the best protection.

"If so many states pass seat-belt legislation, the auto industry won't have to put airbags in cars..."

Hughes, who said he's done a lot of research on this subject, said seven years ago, the federal government requested that auto makers install airbags.

The auto makers said no. And Hughes thinks the auto industry got away scot-free in their refusal to make cars safer for the American public and opened the door for foreign profit-making.

Few cars in the U.S. offer airbags as an option, but this year Mercedes-Benz features airbags as standard equipment.

According to one Benz dealer, the manufacturer has been featuring airbags as standard equipment in its higher line cars for the past three years, (models 300 SD and up). In Europe, the Benz has featured them for the past ten years.

Hughes said he was concerned about some of the amendments attached to bill, fearful that the amendments might promote police harassment.

The third delegate, Mary B. Adams voted in favor of the bill. Mrs. Adams did not return several calls from the AFRO for this article.

If passed, Maryland could join 16 other states with seat-belt laws.

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Schaefer" or BUS.

They represent a virtual Who's Who among the city's business and civic communities, as well as several high-placed members of the Schaefer government.

The group met in the third floor office of the AFRO's president John H. Murphy III, where they announced to viewers from around the city and the state, that BUS's man for the governorship is Mayor Schaefer.

The Mayor has yet to say he will run. He's yet to say that he won't for that matter, which means he will announce sometime this spring.

BUS circulated a press statement which included a 'disclaimer' freeing this newspaper from any association with their endorsement decision.

Among the more than 30 BUS members who came here were: Lenwood Ivey and Elva Edwards, Executive Director and Associte Director of the Urban Services Agency;

Baltimore City Councilman Nathaniel McFadden; Samuel T. Daniels, President of the Council for Equal Business Opportunities;

Dr. Uthman Ray, Ackneil Muldrow, Doris Johnson, Board of School Commissioners, Raymond Haysbert of Parks Sausage, Henry G. Parks, Jr. and Osborne Payne and William Adams.

Those listed as supporters, and members who were not present include: School Superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes, George L. Russell, Jr., Otis T. Warren, Allen Quille, Charles Tildon, Verda Welcome, Dr. John Crew, Leon Bridges, Dr. Anne Emery, Dr. H. S. Chissell and others.

Wednesday's press conference brought all these faces out to laud Schaefer for everything from cleaning up the Inner Harbor to freeing the city and its people from the bondages of decay, and deprivation.

They praised him for "expanding housing facilities to meet the needs of low income families (and) caring about and giving support to the city's education and health needs."

They pointed to Schaefer's commitment to hiring blacks and promoting them to key posts in his administration incentives guided them.

They are not ashamed to stand up and thank the man who helped put them on the map. Neither are they concerned with what their critics may think or chose to believe about the fruits of their success.

BUS Chairman Samuel Daniels remarked, "I would take exception to the allegation that those in this room have benefited. We take exception to the suggestions that this is the same old group of well-heeled individuals.

Old heeled or not-heeled, those for Schaefer say they've chosen their candidate and they aren't turning back.

—Freeze planned

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are content to stay in public housing.

But Bob Cheeks, whose group first approached a city councilman about introducing a resolution suggesting Commissioner Pines consider the moratorium, says the problem goes far beyond that.

"I agree there isn't enough public housing (but) they don't tell people that they don't have a snowballs chance in hell of getting housing and so people lose their incentive to go out and do something else, like having two mothers share a house.

"The city is forcing people not to afford housing because they won't approve rent control or create other forms of housing."

Cheeks promises that his organization is once again setting in motion a plan to seek support for rent control through the ballot box.

A 1979 referendum question on rent control was approved by city voters only to be overturned on a technicality in the local court system.

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People in the news

Doris Johnson named to North Charles board

Mrs. Doris Johnson has been named to the Board of Directors of North Charles General Hospital.

A member of the Baltimore City School Board, Mrs. Johnson is director of the Adopt-a-House program and is responsible for the construction of Montpelier—45 units of housing for persons with low-income in the Coldstream Homestead Montebello community. Most recently, the Doris Johnson Medical Center, a private medical facility that provides quality medical care, was named in her honor.

Mrs. Doris Johnson

Mrs. Jones is Essex registrar

Savannah C. Jones

Savannah C. Jones of Baltimore has been named the new Director of Records and Registration at Essex Community College. Mrs. Jones holds a B.S. degree from North Carolina A&T State University and an M.P.A. degree from the University of North Carolina. She comes to her new position at Essex from Howard Community College in Columbia and brings with her six years of teaching and nine years of administrative experience in higher education. She resides in Northwest Baltimore with her husband, Andrew, and their two children.

'Get fit and fight' diabetes

The Maryland Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association has launched an exciting new fund raising event called "Get Fit and Fight Diabetes." It will involve exercise marathons throughout the state.

"Get Fit and Fight Diabetes" is a way for local volunteers to raise money for diabetes research and education while raising people's awareness of the seriousness of diabetes," said Arnold Bereson, Chairman of the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate. "Many people do not realize that diabetes is the third leading cause of death by disease. Furthermore, many people suffer the complications of diabetes: heart and kidney disease, amputations, and blindness."

Dance, exercise, even karate students can help fight diabetes by securing pledges for their participation in "Get Fit." Based on how much they raise, they will receive prizes such as sports bags, running outfits, and boom boxes. The best fund raiser in the state will win a Get Away Weekend for two at Fenwick Inn, an Ocean City Sensation. The coordinator of the state's best event will win a trip for two to the Caribbean.

For more information on "Get Fit," contact your local chapter of the American Diabetes Associaton or call Donna Moulton at the Maryland Affiliate, 486-5515.

Baker backs forfeiture bill

Former United States Attorney for Maryland and Democratic candidate for Attorney General Russell "Tim" Baker, testified in Annapolis today on behalf of H.B. 813, which would create an effective, efficient, standardized legal procedure for the forfeiture and confiscation of the profits and instrumentalities of serious crimes.

In his recent remarks before members of the Maryland House of Delegates Judiciary Committee, Baker said this bill may be the most important law enforcement measure to come before the Legislature this season.

According to Baker, H.B. 813 would expand the subject matter crimes for which forfeiture may be imposed, and would also take the two different forfeiture procedures which now exist in Maryland law and consolidate, rationalize and standardize them so that Maryland would have one forfeiture procedure for all crimes.

Baker asked that Maryland law enforcement officers be given the same weapons federal law enforcement officers have so that Maryland can strike at the business of crime more effectively. Baker told committee members "This is the bill the major narcotics traffickers and other organized criminals in Maryland are really worried about in this session of the legislature because this bill is the one that will hit them where it hurts."

In addition, Baker called for the legislature to fund a cadre or financial detectives to hunt for the hidden assets of drug dealers. Not only would such a unit be a profit center, said Baker, but "it would make Maryland a national leader in law enforcement's counter-attack on the drug dealers and other organized criminals in our society."

Baker was federal prosecutor for eight years including 3½ years as Maryland's United States Attorney, and one year as Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the United States in charge of the national organized crime program where he supervised the 14 strike forces across the United States. He is currently in private practice as a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Piper & Marbury.

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Suspect charged in D. J. slaying is apprehended in Augusta, GA

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Johnny Eugene Evans, Jr., the 29-year-old Baltimorean who is charged with the Jan. 4 murder of a disc jockey at Moreco's International was apprehended in Augusta, GA near a pool hall which he has frequented since fleeing arrest here in Baltimore.

By AFRO presstime today Friday, he is expected to be enroute to Baltimore by plane and accompanied by city homicide detectives and members of the Fugitive Squad.

Evans who enjoyed freedom 60 days in Georgia with relatives had escaped arrest here until Monday, March 10, when local Crime Stoppers received a call that he was in the Howard Pool Hall in Augusta.

A teletype to the Richmond County, Augusta sheriff's office revealed the homicide and fugitive warrant was out for Evans and within a few hours, he was apprehended. Police down there reveal they had about half a mile chase on foot to get the suspect, however.

The sheriff's office said Evans has signed consent for extradition but Baltimore officers said arrangements to go down to Georgia and fly the prisoner back take time.

Meantime Monday through Thursday Evans remained in the Georgia jail without bail.

The incident at Morecos in the 5400 block Reisterstown Rd., left Daniel Rosell Green, 29, the disc jockey, dead just inside the door. Witnesses say the man who was running after Green shot through the door and hit the victim in the back with one bullet.

Witnesses also told police the suspect later identified as Evans had been inside the club earlier attempting to cause a fracas. They said he returned with a gun which misfired and then left only to come back with a shotgun.

Persons who attempted to follow Evans on foot said he got into a late model car which sped away.

The car driver apprehended later is Michael William Garrett, Jr., 19, 3900 block Mortimer Ave. who was arrested on Jan. 7 as an accessory after the fact.

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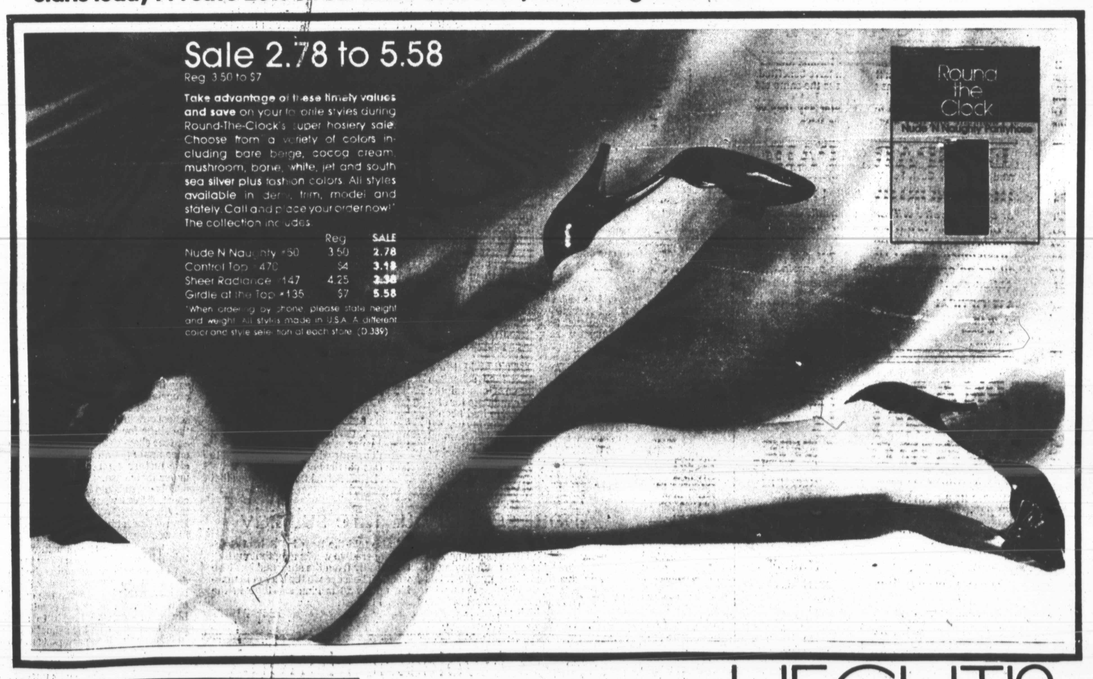

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