Joining Cong. Parren Mitchell at a briefing held downtown were Cong. Michael Barnes (D-MD) AFRO Photo by Paul A. Greene (left), Cong. Walter Fauntroy (D-DC) (center) and Howard Wolpe (D-MI), (right).

—Congressional briefing

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Military attaches from the U.S. Embassy in South Africa and a ban on South African uranium and coal exports.

Barnes also called for a withdrawal of landing rights for South African airlines and urged the government to join with the international community to insure that the sanctions are enforced.

"Clearly, South Africa is not only an enemy of its own people, it is the cancer of the continent," he said.

Cong. Fauntroy, back from a recent trip to South Africa, described the prospects for peace as "bleak."

"Violence is escalating at a level unknown to us in the Western world," he said.

Fauntroy described what he termed "institutionalized terrorism," where the South Africa government regularly beats opponents of apartheid—to set an example for the rest.

"I love the Lord," said Fauntroy," and I am totally committed to non-violence, but I almost understand why they are looking to anybody . . . to be free of this system," said Fauntroy in reflecting on his trip.

He called for a boycott of Shell Oil saying, "We believe in the David and Goliath theory—go for the baddest cat first."

Members of the Baltimore Anti-Apartheid movement, many of whom were present on Wednesday morning were encouraged by what they heard.

April 4, as they plan to rally in front of City Hall against apartheid.

—Crisis in housing

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According to Earl Cole, a spokesmanior the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Office which oversees all federal projects for this area, budget cuts have been severe and the picture does not look brighter for the future.

"The president's budget submittal for 1987 proposes 50,000 more families be subsidized nationwide. That is a reduction from 200,000 in 1981 and down from almost 400,000 during the peak year in the late seventies.

"It's been increasingly difficult for people who need housing to get it. It's a time when the responsibility for carrying the burden must be passed onto the states."

Some state politicians, particularly Delegates Howard "Pete" Rawlings, (D-40) and Anne S. Perkins, (D-44) have already begun to respond to the local housing problem. The pair are co-sponsors of multi-million dollar housing initiative package which would among other things provide funds to create new low-income housing.

The package of bills is still pending in the Maryland General Assembly with legislators having already endorsed some of the proposed measures.

"One bill for low-income renters proposes to spend $9 million to build 1,000 low-rent units for the poor throughout the state, but largely in the city where many of the poor live," said Elaine McCloud, an administrative assistant to Del. Rawlings.

Those funds would be disbursed through the Community Development Administration of the Department of Economic and Community Development, a state-run agency.

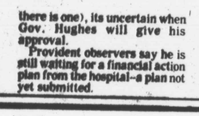
Unfortunately, however, those one thousand new homes will only be a drop in the bucket, reducing the more than 40,000 applicants on the city housing department rolls by a mere fraction.

Whether Commissioner Pines will authorize the one-year moratorium on housing applications as requested is not known at the present time.

But, according to Cole over at HUD, that decision rests entirely with city housing authorities.

"They needn't ask us because its at their discretion. They may ask us for concurrence to make absolutely sure, but we would tell them okay," he said.

Bob Cheeks and his group wants the one year ban, "Right now all they're doing is processing paper, which is costing thousands of dollars when that money could be used to create housing."



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cheese and other goodies and plot ways to coerce their man into running.

They needn't worry about only coercion tactics because the man is already sounding more and more like a future candidate. Just the other day across from City Hall he was approached about the subject. Are you going to run for Congress? "I am giving consideration to running," he responded.

Fletcher added that it would take between $250,000 and $300,000 to mount a successful campaign, evidence that he has been doing his homework.

But aren't you worried about Rev. St. George Crosse who looks like he could be a formidable candidate? "Yes, I understand that St. George does plan to run (but) if I decide to run it is because I have made the determination that I can win," Fletcher answered before turning the corner.

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BEST BETS from the political rumor mill include these juicy treats: Retiring Congressman Parren J. Mitchell plans to run for Mayor of Baltimore in 1986.

Baltimore City Councilman Michael Bowen Mitchell will try to capture the 39th District State Senate seat now occupied by his brother, Clarence M. Mitchell III, who will run for the congressional seat currently held by his uncle Parren Mitchell who will retire and head for parts unknown.

And finally, hoping that State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke and Baltimore City Council President Clarence Burns get into a political slug fest and split the black vote, the following white candidates will run for mayor in 1987: Councilman Joseph DiBlasi, School Board President Robert C. Embry, Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman and Lyndon LaRouche, Democrats Lawrence and Debra Freeman.

—Provident nurses

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After the Senate approval (if there is one), its uncertain when Gov. Hughes will give his approval.

Provident observers say he is still waiting for a financial action plan from the hospital—a plan not yet submitted.

nurses against the hospital.

Grosser said if the board rules in their favor, he will ask the striking nurses to continue in their temporary employment.

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Provident Hospital inched one step closer to financial solvency last Friday when the Maryland House of Delegates approved $2.5 million in state aid.

The measure, however, saw changes in the language of the conditions the hospital must meet as outlined by Gov. Harry Hughes last November.

Among the conditions to be met was an occupancy rate for the hospital of 70 percent.

Provident has been unable to hit the 70 percent mark and during the current strike by its registered nurses, the occupancy rate has hovered around 50 percent.

The measure, now before the Senate has deleted occupancy rate goals.

However, the measure does contain stronger language as to how this money is to be spent.

The Senate version states the money is not to be used for capital maintainence and improvements or awards incurred in malpractice litigation.

Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, (D.-40th) called the conditions "justified."

"The state is justified in asking for those conditions given its history in assisting Provident." He added the conditions were consistent with the state's Health

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BEDCO proposes fee for land maintenance

By Racine S. Wisborne
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO) has asked for permission to assess a 10 percent management fee to the purchase price of land slated for industrial/commercial development to help defray long-term maintenance costs.

That request came on Wednesday during a routine Board of Estimates meeting at City Hall.

Since its establishment in 1976, BEDCO, a quasi-public agency created to promote economic development opportunities in the city, has acquired and developed over 450 acres of industrial and commercial properties.

This development has meant a substantial increase in the city's economic base and has been responsible for the creation of some 3,000 temporary and permanent jobs.

But a BEDCO spokesperson, Dave Hash, told the board that such development has also forced the agency to absorb all costs covering land maintenance prior to its sale and to help administer the project once development has been completed.

For instance, in the case of the Seton Business Park, located northwest of the city, maintenance and upkeep of a single acre of land for a five to seven year period could cost BEDCO as much as $2,000 during the pre-development period.

What BEDCO proposes to do instead is to have that 10 percent management fee tacked onto the actual price of the land with the funds being deposited into a special City Council real property account.

The account is designed to provide funding for land acquisitions, property development and economic development projects all of which are administered by BEDCO.

In the case of the Park Circle Industrial Park, where an acre of land has previously sold for $30,000, that figure would be increased by 10 percent to $33,000 to include the management fee.

Mrs. Anne Davis and Prof. Patrick J. Carmichael (seated).

Retired nurse enjoying days of work and leisure

Mrs. Annie Davis, the retired City Jail nurse, is enjoying her free time and spends numerous hours working with her church and in her neighborhood. She worked at the jail for 20 years.

Last month, she presented an award in Monroeville, ALA to the founder and former principal of Perdue Hill Industrial High School, Prof. Patrick J. Carmichael, on his 100th birthday. Prof. Carmichael was the former teacher of Mrs. Davis' parents, and more than 500 friends and relatives turned out to honor him.

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