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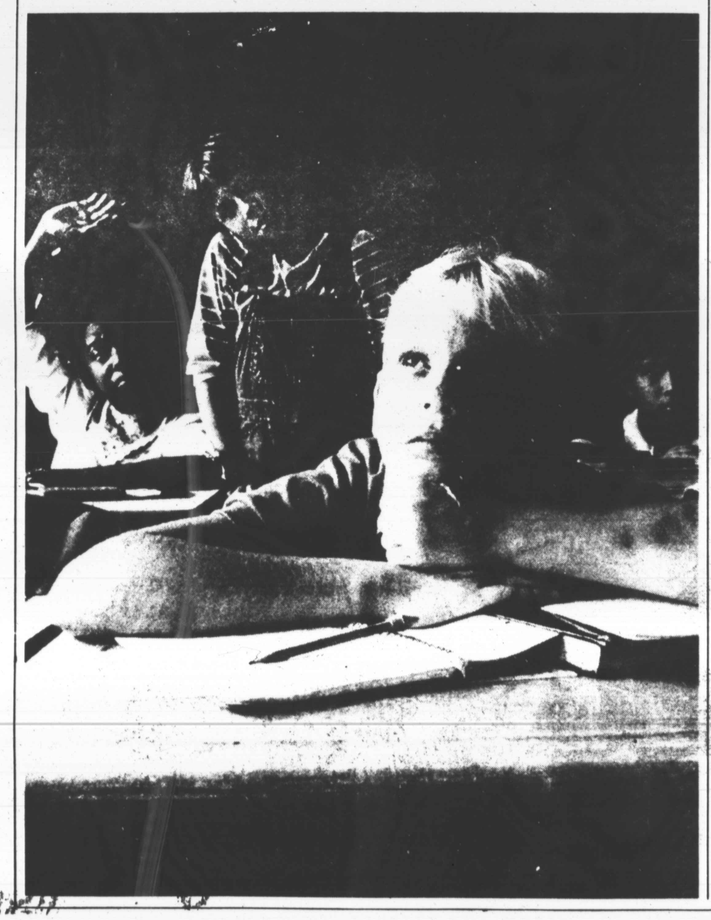

Billy is an abused child. In the classroom, he's pretty tough to beat. But at home, it's a far different story. And the marks that Billy displays on the outside don't even compare to the far deeper ones he carries within. But thanks to the State of Maryland, Billy now has a fighting chance for a spotless future.

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RELUCTANT—Alice Beecham, the mother of Sgt. Kenneth Ford, the only American soldier killed in the West Berlin terrorist attack, says now that the United States has attacked Libya, she fears for mothers of other American soldiers. Mrs. Beecham, taking to her normal chores, said, however, she reluctantly agreed with President Reagan's decision to retaliate against Libya.

THE REACTION:

Community divided over U.S. bombing of Libya

(Compiled from AFRO and wire sources)

Outrage over the U.S. bombing of Libya is being expressed throughout many segments of the black community immediately following the aggressive action.

Although many blacks support the U.S. attack on Libya, others could not remain silent on the issue.

"In principle...I do not believe in using violence to react to violence," said Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Mickey Leland (D-TX), "and that the use of it will in turn create more violence."

Echoing the same reaction was retired Admiral Eugene LaRock, who said while speaking on WHUR radio that "...if you have a fire and the only thing you have to put it out with is gasoline, you don't use it."

LaRock, who based his response on his military experience, said that the U.S. military attack on Libya is counter-productive if the objective was to eliminate terrorism.

"I think we are going to see attacks of terrorism in the U.S., fear of travel, and millions of Americans living overseas are going to be vulnerable to terrorist attacks," he points out.

DAKI NAPATI, American Friends Service Committee, Mid-Atlantic South African Project Director

"AFSC is strongly opposed to the escalated cycles of violence.

"We would urge Ronald Reagan to take a broader view of the Arab/Israeli/PLO situation.

"One must consider the whole picture (Israel/PLO/Libya/US) to make an assessment. It's a struggle for peace and justice for all in the Mid-East."

ENOLIA MCMILLIAN, local and national president, NAACP

"I think it's unfortunate that we had to resort to violence. Maybe there was no alternative, but I think here must've been

"Perseverence is the key . . . It pays off. Maybe this will pay off—we'll have to see."

AJAMU MWAFRICA, Republic of New Africa

"Libya is like Grenada. When the U.S. finds a country that is no longer interested in plugging into the American way, they find a way to invade, attack or overthrow that country.

"America is hated outside because of this characteristic that the rest of the world is beginning to understand."

A random survey by the AFRO to determine significant increases or decreases in activity at area recruiting stations in the wake of the Libyan situation, has revealed no changes.

Not able to secure an official statement, the AFRO did receive a series of off-the-record reports

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Richeson accuser admits he's a liar

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The Federal Court trial, involving local businessman Dave Richeson in alleged narcotics traffic has turned in his favor this week.

Dewar Shaikh, Dave's former vice president of his Quasar Import-Export firm at the World Trade Center, has admitted in sworn testimony that he lied not only to the government against Richeson, but also to the U.S. prosecutors when he was put on the stand.

Additionally damaging his credibility as the government's chief witness, Shaikh also admitted on the stand that he lied to the Federal Grand Jury.

Shaikh and Richeson were both arrested in May, 1985 and indicted on multiple charges of importing and distributing heroin. Richeson is free under $1 million bail. Shaikh is still under Federal custody.

Shaikh has turned against Richeson and has become the government's main witness, as he testified, "To make it easy for me."

He pleaded guilty to being involved in importing heroin from Pakistan and has been held in protective custody. The government has moved him around from a Montgomery County jail to a Harford County jail. At one time he testified he was lodged in a Hilton Hotel.

He testified earlier when the government first put him on the stand as its witness, that he and Richeson purchased heroin in Pakistan and brought the drugs into the United States on many occasions.

In an intricate and detailed story, he described the heroin distribution process in Baltimore involving many local persons.

However, under cross examination hour after hour by Richeson's lawyer, William H. Murphy, Jr., Shaikh has admitted, in essence, that he "pulled the wool over the government's eyes."

LONG JURY TRIAL

The trial continues next week under Judge Herbert Murray with the 12-member jury sitting in the fifth floor courtroom of the Federal Courthouse.

There is no estimate how long the trial will last. On record are dozens of witnesses who are yet to testify and be cross examined.

On Tuesday, Judge Murray said, "It is incredible for a case like this to consume this much time."

The jurist requested Murphy and the two Federal prosecutors give him a list of each side's witnesses "and I will explore the list out of court to see what can be done."

The Pakistanian Shaikh who said he has been in the USA 20 years without citizenship testified he did not need citizen's papers since he did not plan to vote.

Speaking English very well, Shaikh admitted under cross ex-

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DAVE RICHESON, local businessman (L) and his attorney, William H. Murphy, Jr., walk from the Federal Court House downtown in Baltimore confident that the government's main witness in the trial has been "blown out of the water."

POLITICS '86

John Douglas

Dr. Augustus A. Adair

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Political Writer

PURPLE REIGN—1920 W. North Ave. is a lavishly-decorated rowhouse replete with hand-painted signs and a bright purple canopy on which is printed an announcement that this is the campaign headquarters of Gus Adair, candidate for Congress in the Seventh District.

The Morgan State University political science professor has been keeping a relatively low-profile (he isn't alone in this regard), but his headquarters are anything but that. A sign proclaims loudly that he is "uniquely qualified for the job. He certainly knows how to attract attention.

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A press advisory was recently dropped off here prepared by the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus and announcing that group's endorsement of Del. John Douglas, (D-45th) for state treasurer.

The caucus is championing Douglas as one of the brilliant "fiscal minds" in Annapolis.

They point to his 12 years of service as chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee where he has supervised the work of the state auditor and his 16 years spent as a member of the House Appropriations Committee as proof of qualifications for the job.

The delegate helped come up with the funding needed to implement the 1984 Civiletti IA Educational Program.

Douglas may be the first black to seek the post now held by State Treasurer William James who will retire in January having served for the past 12 years.

The state treasurer is elected by both the House of Delegates and the Senate and serves as one of three members on the Board of Public works along with the governor and state comptroller.

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WAKING SLEEPING POLITICIANS — Campaign news finally arrived here from the Phillips for Congress organization. Perhaps it's the start of a healthy new trend. It seems that the head of the Baltimore City Legislative Delegation and congressional candidate in the Seventh District and a large number of his supporters are preparing to take his message "downtown to the people."

Phillips will appear in person outside Lexington Market (near the peanut stand) at Eutaw and Lexington Streets on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. Campaign organizers are calling their man a "progressive leader" and promise that he will launch a highly "colorful" campaign.

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HUGHES—1, DEPOSITORS 0—Gov. Harry Hughes wins the "Courageous Politician Award" this week for having the guts to enter the U.S. Senate race and not bowing down to that angry crowd of S&L depositors who are fighting mad at him.

The 59-year-old Hughes returned to his roots on Monday in Denton, MD where he tossed his hat into the race for the Democratic Primary nomination.

Hughes is trailing congresspersons Barbara J. Milkulski,

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Council zeroing in on afterhours clubs

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

A bill adding "after-hours establishments" to the list of conditional uses which would require the approval of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals before future zoning permits are issued has been sponsored by the Fifth District City Council delegation.

Iris Reeves, Rochelle "Rikki" Spector and Thomas J. Waxter, Jr., all representing the Fifth District, are joint sponsors of Bill 1243 which was introduced on Monday.

The legislation would also limit the location of such clubs to those business and/or commercial areas carrying a B-3, B-4 or B-5 zoning designation.

The zoning board would be able to attach certain restrictions on the operation of the after-hours establishment and hold public hearings where those affected communities could voice their opinions for or against prior to the issuance or denial of any zoning permits.

The bill would also define after-hours establishments as "any banquet hall, dance hall, meeting hall" or other like place remaining open past 2 a.m. on any given

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No action yet on WIC program change

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene said it was in the process of designing a program to lure some 10,000 persons who had fallen from the WIC rolls as a result of changes mandated by the federal government.

That was three weeks ago.

To date, the DHMH was not publicly presented its proposed changes.

Anne Blackburn, spokesperson for the department said the plan is still forthcoming.

Blackburn explained that long and short range plans were being devised — simultaneously.

When asked why the problem was being approached that way, Blackburn responded, "There are a number of concerns that need attention." However, Blackburn declined to identify those concerns.

She assured that DHMH and its secretary, Adele Wilzak, were "not looking for a quick fix solution."

"We want to use all of the food money to feed as many mothers and infants as we can," said Blackburn.

Jan Houbolt of the Maryland Food Committee, one of the most vocal opponents of the changes which would see $3 million in funds returned to the federal

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AFRO SURVEY

Your reaction to the Libya bombing?

Tamara Jones

Rhonda Carter

Pamela Coleman

Kenny Johnson

This week the question to the man and woman in the street is, "What is your reaction to the bombing of Libya by American forces?"

Tamara Jones, 19, model, "I'm glad they did it. Khadafy was pushing it and trying to start something. I guess he thought Reagan wasn't going to respond. I just hope we don't go to war."

Rhonda Carter, 26, defense employee, "I was shocked. I

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