—Richeson accuser

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attention several times to the defendant witness' reputation on his background which the defense termed "excellent."

The jury foreman is a male. On the 12-member panel are four black men, four white men, one black woman and three white women. The two alternates are white. One male, one female.

Shaikh has been under examination five days. During testimony on the stand he admitted he came to the United States in 1975 and "fled his way into the country" by claiming to be a mechanical engineer.

Shaikh also admitted under cross examination that he possessed several credit cards, several Social Security numbers and operated under 12 different names.

It was brought out through testimony that when Shaikh went to Richeson and applied for a job, he gave a false resume listing several firms he claimed he had worked for. Testimony disclosed that he was actually employed at one time or another but that he had been either fired from his jobs or had absconded.

At one point, after he had been promoted to Richeson's vice president of International Sales, Shaikh went to Richeson with a false contract for a million dollar construction job with an Arabian firm. He testified "Look Dave at the deal I cut."

Trusting Shaikh, it was revealed through cross examination, that Richeson sent Shaikh all over the world on various business adventures.

Shaikh testified under cross examination that he went to dinner with U.S. agents. He testified he was given a total of $5,500 of which he paid $2,100 rent for six months and $1,500 long distance overseas phone calls.

He revealed in testimony that he was allowed by the government to make unmonitored overseas calls to do more business abroad while he was in U.S. custody.

Frequently under cross examination, Shaikh testified he failed to tell the government about his fraudulent background," because they did not ask me."

He told the jury he concealed his 16 years history from the government "because I did not want to ruin my chances."

Shaikh also admitted under oath he used an American Express card through March of this year while he was in government custody. He testified he tried to make a business deal hoping to use the commission to pay the American Express bill of $3,310.85.

The phone calls, he testified, concerned his own import-export business.

Under further cross examination by Richeson's attorney, Murphy, Shaikh told of dealings he and Richeson allegedly had with a Pakistan heroin vendor. By his own admission, he said he at one point told the court that heroin went for $5,000 a kilo.

However, he admitted he told the Grand Jury a price of $7,000 a kilo. Later he admitted that what he told the Grand Jury was not true but the price he quoted at the beginning of the trial "is the truth."

Shaikh also told the jury that he went by customs agents safely with three bags of heroin rolled up at the bottom of his suit case "and my clothes on top" without being detected.

Shaikh testified the customs agents did not remove his clothes but "felt around them" and allowed him to go on through with the heroin to board his airplane flight.

—No action

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government said, "They have stated their plans: 'We're about to sit down with our legal advisors and discuss this.'"

In an earlier interview with The AFRO, Houbolt said that legal action against DMHH was a possibility.

"We don't know why they haven't done anything," he mused. "The fiscal year ends October 1—they don't have a whole lot of time to deal with this."

Houbolt equated DMHH's laxity in this matter to "fiddling while Rome burns."

Blackburn said she was certain that nothing would be announced within the "next seven days," but she assured this reporter that strides were being made.

What strides? "I can't answer that," she replied.

"It all will be announced by Ms. Wilzak," she said.

—Community divided

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that indicate normal activity.

"We have not experienced a massive increase in traffic. We have been making the normal mission per month," said a spokesperson at the Baltimore headquarters of U.S. Army recruiting.

"We're doing pretty good anyway," she said.

"The Libyan conflict hasn't generated any influx of activity. Things are going on as usual," said a Station Commander who preferred to remain anonymous.

A sergeant said that 25 people a month come into his office to volunteer, of which 8 to 10 are accepted.

"You can't just walk in and join the Army anymore. It takes awhile," said another.

History shows that recruiting stations were swamped on the heels of the Pearl Harbor bombings prior to the U.S. entering into World War II.

Recent activities have not pointed to similar responses.

EDITORIAL REACTIONS

Newspaper editorials on the U.S. bombing of Libya ranged from cautious approval to applause. Tuesday, with The New York Times calling it "emotionally satisfying."

"The smoke in Tripoli has hardly cleared, yet on the basis of early information some the most scrupulous citizens can only approve and applaud the American attacks on Libya," The Times said. "It's emotionally satisfying to say that Colonel Qaddafi deserves whatever he gets; the Reagan Administration has never proved it."

The Dallas Morning News said: "He asked for it. And he got it. The evidence against Col. Khadafy as president Reagan put it, was 'irrefutable.'"

Other newspapers were more cautious, with a sobber look to the future.

The Honolulu Advertiser said: "... most Americans will be supportive of the Reagan view that this was necessary and the only way. But whether it will be truly effective is a question that can only be answered later."

USA Today: "... there should be no rejoicing in the USA. We dealt in the business of death last night. That is sobering. And it is dangerous. It could mean the further loss of innocent life."

Other editorial reactions to the U.S. raid:

The Atlanta Journal said: "We have no choice but to strike back when the evidence of an attack on our citizens so clearly points to the leader of one nation."

The (Baltimore) Sun: "The American bombing raids on Libya inform the dictator that the United States will not tolerate terrorism directed by a sovereign state against American citizens anywhere in the world."

The Washington Post: "It is reasonable and necessary to ask whether the strike is more likely to slow Col. Qaddafi down or to incite him to raise the stakes. Any comprehensive judgment will have to take into account not only that the United States had reason and right to do what it did but whether the strike had the actual effect of reducing Libya's capacity or taste to conduct further depredations."

The Los Angeles Times: "Was the attack on Libya a victory over terrorism? Or did American bombs spilling from F-111 fighter-bombers over Tripoli blow open a Pandora's box of terrorism that will make Europe, and perhaps America, yearn for quieter times? . . . The decision has been made, the act is done. There is nothing for us, or any Americans, to do but hope that the cycle of terror can be broken with a single, complicated sortie of high-tech aircraft. History, unfortunately, provides no assurance that those hopes will be fulfilled."

The San Francisco Chronicle: "The clear message delivered last night in Libya is that the U.S. will respond with force to international terrorism and will not stand idly by as American citizens are targeted for terrorist attacks.

"Only time will tell whether the U.S. military response gets the message across to Khadafy or escalates the level of terrorist activity."

The Oakland Tribune: "After weeks of waiting, the Reagan administration has finally sent its bombers against Libya. However the world reacts, one fact is clear: The spineless response of our European allies to his calls for economic sanctions gave President Reagan little choice but to go it alone with military force."

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didn't think that Reagan was going to go through with it. I have ambivalent feelings about the bombing. It brings job security for me, but it also means loss of lives. My religion says to talk it out as opposed to fighting."

Pamela Coleman, 20, stylist, "I was shocked. It was a shock that it took so long. Khadafy has been bombing our airplanes, etc. I am sorry it had to take the life of a baby and its parents before anything was done. It should have been done a long time ago."

Kenny Johnson, 26, entrepreneur, "I think Ron Reagan is in a 'no-win' situation. Libya is not going to fight a conventional war. They are a terrorist-style country, and this will fuel Col. Khadafy's sick motives. The terrorist war will escalate. If we were going to do something, we should have wiped them out."

Lonnie Maddray, 22, food service employee, "I have seen it in the news. I think we should stop foreigners from coming here because that is what's causing the problems. As far as Ron Reagan is concerned, we shouldn't have re-elected him, he definitely is messing things up."

Lonnie Maddray

Reuben Anderson

Maurice Harrison

Lisa Griffin

Reuben Anderson, 30, bus driver, "I think it was an act of terrorism by Mr. Reagan. If he doesn't want innocent people killed from this country, he shouldn't bomb innocent people in Libya. If two intelligent leaders are supposed to be intelligent enough to run countries, then they should be able to talk to each other instead of bombing."

Maurice Harrison, 18, laborer, "In a way I believe he was right because he tolerated a little too much from Khadafy. But if it goes any further, there might be drafting of men, and I am not ready for that now. I just don't want any war."

Lisa Griffin, 23, student, "I think Ronald Reagan did the right thing. It had to be done. But then again, he shouldn't have stooped to this level. Ronald Reagan talking about innocent people being hurt and what did he do. I have a brother in the service and I don't want him involved in Ronald Reagan and his argument."

—Council zeroing

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day.

After hour clubs presently located in areas zoned as residential, office - residential, neighborhood business or community business districts would be forced to relocate within 18 months after the passage of the bill. The bill would not affect private clubs.

Introduction of the legislation comes on the heels of a dispute over the opening of Moreco's International Club, a combination health spa and entertainment facility situated in northwest Baltimore.

Residents living near the Reisterstown Road club have complained vehemently that it has been the source of disruptive and violence-related incidents almost since its opening in the Fifth District in late December. The club's owner has denied the allegations and insisted that his intention was to provide a community service by leasing the facility to various groups to hold private affairs.

In its original conception, Moreco's was to be a community health spa complete with an exercise swimming pool and aerobics classes. It is also zoned as a meeting, dance and banquet hall.

Based on the language contained in the new bill, the club would qualify as an "after hour establishment" and be subject to some zoning restrictions, including a provision barring its location in a community business zoned area.

Its owner would have less than two years in which to relocate the establishment elsewhere should the bill win passage in its present form.

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Michael Barnes and Baltimore County Executive Donald Hutchinson in the polls.

BEST RESPONSE BY A POLITICIAN — City Councilman Michael B. Mitchell on whether he will run for his brother's senate seat in the fall primary.

"I don't rule out anything but that certainly isn't part of my present thinking (and) my nephew (Clarence IV) certainly isn't coming to the council."

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HUB annual banquet is Sunday, April 20

By Frederick I. Douglass

During a heated meeting this past Wednesday evening at The Forum, Baltimore's largest black owned and operated catering facility, several participants articulately stated the continuing need for HUB's annual Buy-In BUY US Week which culminates this coming Sunday evening with a banquet. They also emphasized the need to support black businesses all year long.

"We just don't support our businesses," bemoaned City Council member Nathaniel McFadden from the 2nd District in East Baltimore. "Other communities buy from within and thereby become self supporting. Everybody knows about our problem. The Asians have heard about us and are travelling 3,000 miles to reap the profits to be made in the black community. I don't blame them, I'm not mad at them! I just want to see more black people profiting from the black community. That's why I support HUB."

Echoing McFadden's comments, B. Tyrone (Terry) Addison asserted "...We all sit around and say we spend black, but somebody's not telling the truth. It could be you. If you want to find out, study your checkbook and see where you really spent your money. Then think about how much of it you could have spent with black businesses if you tried a little harder or drove a couple of extra blocks."

Standing at the forefront of the struggle to enhance the climate and opportunities for black business to survive and prosper is the HUB organization, a collection of entrepreneurs, educators and community activists who are determined to do more than just complain about this situation—they are aggressively working to change the attitudes and buying habits of the black consumers who have become convinced that "white ice is cooler than black ice."

Barbara Knox, the chairperson of the Buy-In-Buy Us Campaign, sums up the financial relationship between the black community and black business owners by saying "...The theme of last year's effort was 'Return the Black Dollar,' a statement that is the underlying theme of everything HUB has done and will continue to do. The theme was chosen as a mandate to the over 600,000 black citizens in Baltimore to patronize black-owned and operated businesses.

"It is time for us to spend and reinvest our dollars in each other so that we can experience economic growth and prosperity. This phenomena would not only result in a multiplying of the current 3,500 black business in the Baltimore area, but would also help build an economic power base. The development of a strong economic power base is critical to the creation of viable business, educational, and social independence within the black community.

"The wealth to create this financial power base currently exists in the black community. However, we continue to function exclusively as consumers—spending our $2.5 billion a year purchasing goods and services from the majority community and reinvesting very little in our own neighborhoods."

Ms. Knox adds "Now is the time for attitudes to change! Now is the time for us to become entrepreneurs! Now is the time for blacks to claim ownership of their destiny. We must act together to raise the median income of Baltimore's black businesses from a mere $48,000 annually, increase the number of businesses, and decrease the number of black business failures. The era of federal and state government subsidies is over. Government is no longer willing to play a major role in business development. Thus, if the black community and its businesses are to survive while becoming financially sound, then blacks must demonstrate that we can support our own by returning the black dollar to the black community."

Harold Reid, the owner of gasoline and oil businesses which generate more than $6 million annually, says that black consumers have been the key to the success of his operation. "I believe that black-owned businesses can survive in the black community," he says. "There are many examples of successful businesses that we can all learn from. We must study these businesses so that we can apply the techniques that made these ventures work to other ventures."

Discussing the impact of blacks spending more money with black businesses, Terry Addison says "It's very simple. If I were to get an additional $2,000,000 in bookings for the Business Travel Centre, I would immediately have to hire three new people. Now that sounds like a lot of money, but companies like American Express get that kind of business every day. But the difference is that they simply process this influx of cash with computers whereas a small business is labor intensive and would need more people to handle such an increase in the volume of business.

"The same formula applies to The Forum. that is, if I were to get an additional party for 500 people every week, the ripple effect would be tremendous. I would have to move part-time people to full-time and some of the full-time people would have to become management. The economy of scale is different for a small business and an infusion of cash means benefits for everyone.

"For example if the parishioners of one of Baltimore's large churches decided that the whole congregation was going to buy from the Atlas Insurance Agency, I would immediately have to hire more people, perhaps their sons and daughters."

Dorothy Brunson, the owner of WEBB-AM Radio and the current president of HUB, sees the need for increased sophistication on the part of both black business owners and consumers as the key to enhanced fiscal viability within our neighborhoods. "We're moving, but we still have a lot to learn and do," she says. "Black businesses have to learn to place advertising and marketing in their budgets if they want to grow. Black consumers have to learn that if they want their sons and daughters to have summer jobs and future business opportunities, then they have to invest in making black businesses economically viable, even if it means spending a few more pennies. Generally, I find that the prices are the same at black and white businesses, you just have to learn to shop for the bargains in the black community. The main thing is that business is a reciprocal relationship wherein the merchant provides a quality service and-or product in exchange for the consumers' dollars. We must learn to make this relationship work for us so that we can strengthen the black community economically and socially."

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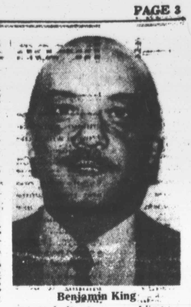

Benjamin King

The honorees for the 1986 HUB Banquet, which will be held at The Forum this coming Sunday, (April 20) are: James H. McLean, owner and President of Four Winds and Seven Seas Travel Agency, Inc.; Marvin K.E. Jones, vice president, Westinghouse Electric Corporation; Benjamin L. King, certified public accountant; and Lillian H. Lincoln, president, Centennial One, Inc. The guest speaker will be Waymon Dunn, president and chief executive officer, Dunbar Broadcasting Company of Little Rock, ARK.

Baltimore Antiques Show

The Fourth Annual Baltimore Antiques Show, the only event of its kind to be held in a leading American museum, will open at The Baltimore Museum of Art on Thursday, May 8 and continue through Sunday, May 11.

A preview party to open the show will be held Wednesday, May 7, from 6 until 10 p.m. A gala buffet dinner will be served, with music and an open bar. The cost for the evening is $75 per person.

Show hours are Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, $3 per person for tickets bought before May 1. Group rates are also available.

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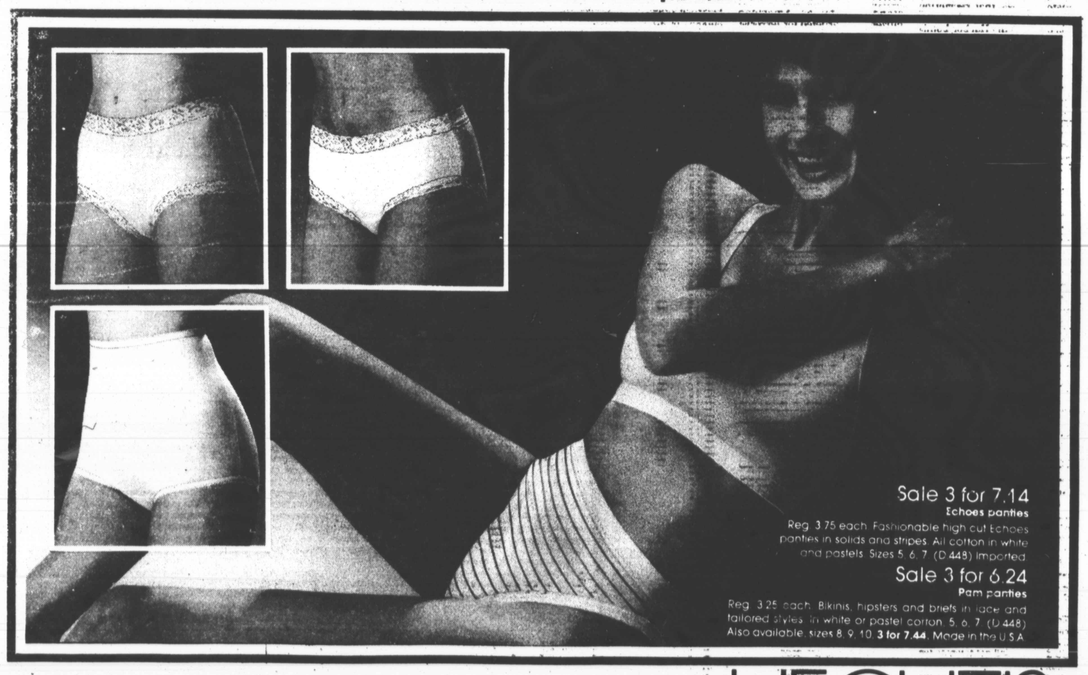

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