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Rep. Mitchell asks U.S. probe of New York contracting firm

(UPI) — Rep. Parren Mitchell (D.-MD.) has asked for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate a New York contractor that allegedly gave $100,000 to the Mitchell family law firm.

But Mitchell, the retiring 7th District congressman, said the investigation has nothing to do with the firm's alleged connections to his family.

Wedtech Corp. is being investigated in connection with minority business contracts and its ties to two former White House officials.

Mitchell, who heads the House Committee on Small Business, said he was concerned that complaints he turned over to the Small Business Administration about Wedtech in 1984 had cleared the company of any violations.

Investigators alleged Wedtech improperly portrayed itself as a minority firm so it would be eligible for no-bid defense contracts.

Several weeks ago, a questionable payment to the law firm of Mitchell, Mitchell and Mitchell was disclosed.

The first of two $50,000 payments was allegedly made a month after the congressman asked the SBA to investigate the firm's minority status. Mitchell said he dropped the matter when the SBA said it had checked out the allegations.

The law firm is headed by the congressman's nephew, state Sen. elect Michael Mitchell.

Federal investigators are also checking the firm's connection with former White House aide Lyn Nofziger, who was given $1 million in stock, and James Jenkins, a former deputy counselor to President Reagan, who received consulting fees.

HONORED — Mrs. Lydia Mussenden, center, recently retired as human resources specialist with U.S. Extension Department, was honored at a dinner party arranged by her twin daughters and their husbands, (Left) Dr. Carol Ellis and husband, Dr. Rodney Ellis, Suffolk, Va., and right, Christine Williams and Gregory Williams, Prince George's County. Some 75 friends from Md., D.C., Ill., Fla., and Calif. attended the dinner held at Peabody Court last Saturday.

BNI claims bias found at apartment complex

By Manotti L. Jenkins

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI) is its name; the elimination of housing discrimination in the area is its game.

The local fair housing group stalked yet another apartment complex and filed suit in U.S. District Court against its owners, managers and rental agents this week for allegedly violating federal and state fair housing laws by discriminating against black apartment seekers.

The action was brought against the Willow Springs Apartments, located in Dundalk, and against its owners, Nathan and David Harris, and its managers and rental agents, George and Doris Courtney.

According to the suit, Ms. Phyllis Seward, Ms. Rita DeVillasee, and Toney Dixon, black BNI testers, inquired into the availability of apartments for rent at the Willow Spring Rd. complex for the past 14 months.

The testers, also named as plaintiffs in the suit, were consistently told that there were no vacancies for the type of apartment they sought, the suit contends.

On the other hand, a group of white BNI testers were told that the same type of apartments were available and "were given other positive rental information," said Don Miller, associate director of BNI.

The suit, filed under the Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Maryland law, alleges that the defendants' actions promoted residential segregation by its non-compliance to anti-discrimination laws and seeks nearly $3 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

The AFRO contacted George Courtney for a statement on the suit, but was totally rebuffed by the co-manager.

"I've got nothing for you; goodbye;" he responded.

Neither David nor Nathan Harris could be reached for comment.

According to Paul Schurick, spokesman for the city's Neighborhood Progress Administration (NPA) David Harris is the past president of the Property Owners' Association, a private organization.

He added that NPA records reveal that the Harris family members are "long-time property owners" in the Baltimore area.

The suit represents the 16th suit BNI has been involved with since it began its legal action program in 1983. BNI won 14 of these suits and one is still pending in the city's Circuit Court.

Miller, who heads BNI's testing and compliance program, is asking all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in their search for housing, to contact him at 243-4400.

—Rev. Crawley

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(Tuesday) and revealed jokingly that his fainting and "passing out" at the banquet was, "Because I was jealous. You (Vaughn) were the center of that glorious banquet and I thought I would get some attention if I fell out."

The formal fete at The Forum was indeed a crowning event.

Vaughn, whose grandparents, joined Sharon in 1897, wore a crimson tuxedo and seated at the top of the double-tiered head table was accompanied by his wife and three children, the fourth generation of his Sharon-born family.

As tokens of appreciation Vaughn gave out 100 pink and white carnations to the Installation Week Committee chaired by Trustee Elaine Brown Paige and Dr. Gray.

AFRO HONOR ROLL PLAQUE

The new AFRO Board Chairman John J. Oliver, Jr., presented Dr. Vaughn the 94-year old newspaper's highet honor, the AFRO Honor Roll Plaque. The prestigious engraved plaque, given for community service without thought of personal gain, is the first awarded under the AFRO's new fourth generation administration.

The honor is the second for Rev. Vaughn. The first was awarded him in 1960 by Dr. Carl Murphy the late AFRO publisher.

As pastor-elect of Sharon since June, 1986, Vaughn has admitted 200 new converts. Sharon with over 800 members was founded by Rev. William Alexander and marked its 100th birthday in February, 1986.

Rev. Vaughn has twice been selected to head the powerful Baptist Ministers Conference of Maryland which has met at Enon Baptist Church each Monday for the past 85 years. Rev. Walter S. Thomas is present chairman.

Vaughn is also chairman of the board of trustees of Virginia Seminary and College. Lynchburg, VA., which is on the National Register of Historic Places and one of the oldest seminaries in the nation.

Actual installation services came Sunday at old Sharon to the sound of trumpets. Rev. Walter S. Thomas read the impressive rites. Among the more than 20 clergymen taking part in the week-long ceremonies was Rev. DeHaven Vaughn, brother of the newly installed pastor.

Ministers speaking during the week were Rev. Drs. John Bryant, Bethel AME; Errol Gillard, Greater Harvest Baptist; Lorenzo Graves, Calvary Baptist; Jimmy Baldwin, Shiloh C.C.

Howard Camper, Payne Memorial AME; Eddie R. Wilson, Leadenhall Baptist; Dr. Thomas, New Psalmist Baptist; Harold Carter, New Shiloh Baptist; James A. Everett, Raymond L. Johnson, High Rock Baptist;

Darneal F. Johnson, Wayland Baptist; Herman Ford, Fountain Baptist; Vernon Dobson, Union Baptist; W. W. Payne, emeritus, City Temple Baptist; Langston Talley, and Dr. Ruth J. Pratt, Sharon Baptist Church.

The Vaughn children gave their mother, Dr. Lillian Vaughn, a dozen long stemmed roses and sang a tribute to their father accompanied by Dr. Daniel Everett.

Tributes to Rev. Vaughn came from States Attorney Kurt Schmoke, Williams Jews, Elizabeth M. Oliver, Derrick Woodson, Betty Foy, Rev. James Lightfoot, Jr., Eddie Moore, brother of the late James L. Moore, Dr. Gray, Mrs. Paige, Gwendolyn Daye, Soloist, Essie M. Hughes, Mildred Williams, pianist; Deacon Alfred E. Cheek, Anthony Perkins, choir director, Rev. Willard Clayton, Rev. Olin P. Moyd and Dr. Wilson.

—Michael

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heard things.

"I'm sure the Mitchells are not completely pleased with me," Young said. "Clarence (Mitchell III) hasn't told me to my face, but I've heard they were not pleased that I torpedoed any suggestion of a switch."

During a telephone interview earlier this week, Michael Mitchell bristled at the mere mention of the word "rumors" and refused to let the question be asked.

"I won't dignify that," he said. "It was all speculation and inuendo. It clearly was untrue."

Illness and the inability to campaign did not prevent Mitchell from beating his Republican opponent Victor Clark in the Nov. 4 general election by a vote of 8,810 to 1,332.

In late September, it was reported he had been released from a Washington area hospital after receiving treatment for exhaustion and several other things.

A Montgomery General Hospital spokesman is reported to have said Mitchell had been in the coronary care unit there before being transferred to the Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park.

Sounding vigorous and fit, Mitchell told the AFRO he is ready for his new duties. Whatever his health problems, he said they had been "licked. My brain is functioning."

"I look, forward to serving the people of the 39th district," he said. "There is so much to be done. I will be focusing all my attention and energy on that."

A city councilman since 1975, Mitchell said for the past six years he has been working with the district's representatives. It has been a close working relationship and will continue as such.

The state of Maryland is a larger entity, but Mitchell said his legal and legislative skills will stand him well.

He rattled off a long list of concerns and needs that must be addressed:

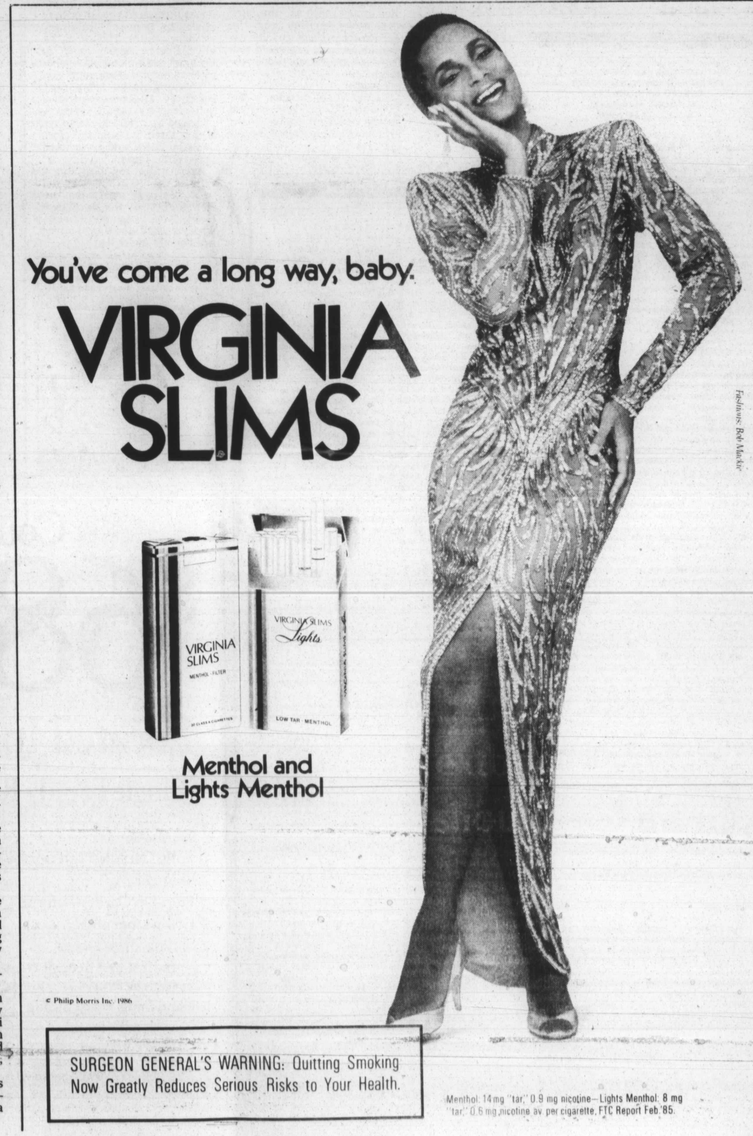
The high attrition rate of Baltimore City Policemen; problems in the education system; city children having to pay to ride the bus to get to school; delays in public aid benefits and the hardship such delays create were among what Mitchell said needs to be examined.

He said while he opposes the state lottery system, a problem exists where monies generated by a jurisdiction are not being directed back from where they came.

"We should have our proportionate share," Mitchell said.

Fighting pockets of racism in the state and linking with newly elect Congressman Kweisi Mfume in fighting the harsh policies of President Ronald Reagan all are on his mind, Mitchell said.

As the 39th legislative district's new state senator Michael Mitchell said he wants to move on a positive note.



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