Most Marylanders oppose racism

By Myriam Marquez

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI) — An overwhelming majority of Marylanders oppose racial and religious bigotry, but the number of reported assaults stemming from bigotry has escalated, a gubernatorial task force study shows.

The Governor's Task Force on Violence and Extremism, which issued its final report Monday to outgoing Gov. Harry Hughes, said physical assaults in 1985 accounted for 37 percent of the reported racial, religious and ethnic incidents. Assaults jumped to 144 cases in 1985 from 30 cases in 1981.

The task force, which Hughes created in 1981, said physical assault had become the No. 1 vehicle for transmitting hatred.

"We still have this terrible thing of discrimination and hatred," said Hughes, whose term ends Wednesday.

While Hughes conceded he did not expect to see an end to bigotry in his lifetime, he said he was pleased the report noted Marylanders were more tolerant of other races and religions than Americans in national studies.

The study, which sampled 1, 135 Marylanders in April 1986, found 92 percent supported open housing and 90 percent disapproved of harassing incidents stemming from prejudice.

Marylanders were more supportive than nationally sampled groups — by at least 10 percentage points — of legal and institutional rights for minorities, the study found.

Other racial incidents, such as cross burnings, decreased. The task force reported there were six cross burnings in 1985 — down from a peak of 33 in 1982 Vandalism also decreased to 82 cases in 1985 from its 1982 peak of 144.

Hughes said he was pleased to find in the study that young people, aged 18 to 25, were generally more tolerant of other races and religions than the older generation.

In his last news conference as governor, Hughes touted his administration for getting stricter laws on the books to curb racial violence. Those laws include making cross burning a felony, making harassment a crime and prohibiting the carrying of firearms during public displays, Hughes said.

The study also found 13 percent of all Marylanders believed they had been victimized, while 27 percent of blacks and 34 percent of Jews said they had been victimized.

About 73 percent of Marylanders polled said they felt conditions had improved for blacks over the last five years. But 27 percent of blacks polled said they had experienced job discrimination.

The task force recommended reporting all bigotry incidents, not just those in which criminal charges have been brought, and that public officials continue to speak out against discrimination and bigotry.

Hughes said he would give the report to Gov.-elect William Schaefer.

Liberty nurses get pay hike

(UPI) — Registered nurses at the Liberty Medical Center ha ve ratified a three-year contract that includes a nine percent wage hike in the first year.

Larry Grosser, a labor relations consultant for the Maryland Nurses Association, said the pact also provides a five percent pay increase in the second year and four percent in the third.

Liberty Medical Center, which was formed in August by the merger of the financially troubled Provident Hospital with Lutheran Hospital, currently has about 185 registered nurses.

The basic wage scale for those nurses now will range from $21,800 to $30,500 annually, depending on experience.

Rev. Dr. Marion Bascom of Douglas Memorial Community Church presents a gift of $1,000 for the Druid Hill YMCA Annual Giving Campaign to Richard Wills, YMCA Branch Board of Managers member, and Ms. Kacy Conley, YMCA executive director. "To provide camperships and financial assistance for our needy community youth and families is the purpose of the Druid Hill YMCA's 1987 Annual Giving Campaign," according to City Solicitor Benjamin Brown, campaign chair.

MTA adds new surburban routes

The Mass Transit Administration will begin bus service on two new Flyer lines and will extend service on another starting Monday, Jan. 26.

The new MTA suburban bus routes are the No. 130 — Randallstown/Pikesville-to-Towson line and the No. 220 — Glen Burnie to Baltimore line. Service will also be extended on the current No. 110 line between Towson and Essex to include Dundalk.

No. 130-Randallstown to Towson Flyer — Service will begin on Liberty Road north of Chapman Road at the Randallstown Kiss 'N' Ride lot, travel east on Liberty Road to Old Court into the Old Court Metro station, back to Old Court Road, to Stevenson Road then non-stop on I-695 to Towson. All local stops will be made in Randallstown and Towson.

In Towson the buses will exit I-695 at Dulaney Valley Road traveling on Joppa Road, Washington Avenue, Burke Avenue, York Road and Cross Campus Drive to Osler Drive, ending at St. Joseph Hospital. Two trips will be made in both the morning and evening. The fare is $1.45 one way.

No. 220-Glen Burnie to Baltimore Flyer — The route for this new service will begin on Governor Ritchie Highway (Rt. 2) near Mountain Road, then proceed north along Rt. 2 with stops at Americana Circle, Marley Station Road, Guilford Road, Aquahart Road, Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, 6th Ave. NE, Roesler Road, Ordnance Road, the Motor Vehicle Administration and Church Street. Buses will then travel via Hanover Street, I-95 and I-395 to Conway Street in downtown Baltimore, then travel Conway and Charles Sts. to Centre Street. All local stops will be made in downtown Baltimore.

In the evening, the route to Glen Burnie will start at Centre Street and Guilford Avenue to Saratoga Street, St. Paul Street, Conway Street and onto the I-95. Stops along Rt. 2 will be the same as in the northbound direction.

There will be four trips each morning and evening. The frae is $1.45 one way.

No. 110 — Service on the existing route between Essex and Towson will be extended to Dundalk. The new section of the route will begin at Dundalk and Holabird Avenues, following Dundalk Avenue, Dunmanway, Merritt Boulevard and North Point Boulevard around Eastpoint Mall to Eastern Avenue, Rt. 702, then non-stop on I-695 to Towson.

Buses will exit at I-695 and travel Loch Raven Boulevard, Joppa Road and into downtown Towson. Evening trips will take the reverse route. Local stops will be made along the route in Dundalk, Essex and Towson. New stops will be initiaed along Merritt Boulevard. Bus will then stop along Eastern Avenue to pick up and discharge passengers from the Essex Park 'N' Ride lot, but will no longer pull into the lot. The fare is $1.45 one way.

The new bus routes are part of the MTA's Suburban Transit Program, designed to increase bus service from suburban population centers to downtown and to other suburbs. Suburban Flyer routes already established include express bus service between downtown Baltimore and Annapolis, White Marsh, Bel Air and Columbia.

For more information about these new bus services, call the MTA at 539-5000; TTY for the hearing-impaired only at 539-3497. MTA information agents will mail callers a timetable for the new service or answer questions over the telephone.

Information agents are available Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays from 2:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

More money sought for children's programs

By Quincey Johnson

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) - An estimated $27 million is needed for programs to help Maryland children before problems such as child abuse, foster care and day care, reach "crisis proportions," children's advocates say.

The Maryland Committee for Children and Office for Children and Youth issued their recommendations to lawmaker last Friday in a report entitled: "The Challenge: Meeting the Needs of Maryland's Children."

In the report, child care advocates said 1,500 day care slots should be created for fiscal 1988, which begins July 1. About 3,000 to 4,000 children are on waiting lists for subsidized day care, the report said.

Evelyn Slaught, director of public policy for the Maryland Committee for Children, said the General Assembly was receptive in its last session to issues such as child abuse and passed laws helping children, including requiring background checks of day care providers and others who work with children.

On the issue of child abuse, the report recommended the state include money for more staff to cut down the number of child abuse cases each staff member handles.

"Although the laws have changed, money for continuing support has not grown significantly," Slaught said. "We've gotten the legislative support, but we need the dollars to make sure the services are there."

"We need prevention, not waiting until it reaches crisis proportions," she added.

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A. BERNICE S. HUNLEY RETIRES IN STYLE

Decked in a lovely bejewelled, pink creation, Mrs. Ann Bernice S. Hunley retired in style recently after serving for 31 years with the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Sponsored by a committee of former students and friends, Mrs. Hunley's retirement fete was hosted at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

Presiding the program was Mrs. Rosabelle Lewis, former student, who was also chairperson for the event. After cocktails, prior to the delicious dinner, invocation and Grace were offered by both Charlotte Harper and the Rev. Father Carl Fisher, pastor, St. Francis Xavier Rectory, where the honoree is a member. (Cuff Note: Father Fisher has subsequently been appointed the 11th black Catholic Bishop in the U.S.)

The Occasion was very aptly given by Dr. Flossie Dedmond, a friend and soror of the honoree's.

Other friends and colleagues offering greetings and congratulations to Mrs. Hunley were Dr. DuBell, Superintendent of Baltimore County Schools; Mrs. Edmonia Yates, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, former teacher and counsellor in Baltimore County, who was Mrs. Hunley's first administrator; Mrs. Beatrice Myers, Mrs. Essie Hughes, a Douglass High (retired) teacher who taught the honoree; Mrs. Charlotte Harper, a soror, and classmate, who did a poem, "This Is Your Life"; Mrs. Mary Ellen Satterlie and Mrs. Katherine W. Wilson.

A tribute in song, done by the audience to Stevie Wonder's tune of "I Just Called" was led by Mrs. Clara Green.

The honoree was also recognized by the Maryland Women's Committee for the United Negro College Fund, of which she is a highly active member.

Money was donated to the Phi Delta Gamma Honor Society in Mrs. Hunley's honor presented by Etheline Barland. Mrs. Hunley was the first black president of this organization on Hopkins' Campus. The honoree was also recognized by Mrs. Linda Fassett, Executive Director, Echo House.

The honoree's sorority, Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha, also lauded her, with the retirement rite given by Janet Woolridge, a tearose presented her by Heloise Frazier, chapter basileus, and laudation by Mrs. Idell Pugh, North Atlantic Regional Director.

Musical selections were done in honor of Mrs. Hunley, by Mrs. Jewel Moseley.

From her church, Mrs. Mary Stevens presented the Golden Chain of Friendship and Father Fisher a crucifix, and a letter of commendation from John H. Ricard, Catholic Archdiocese of Maryland.

Proclamations were forthcoming from the Mayor's and the governor's office declaring the date of the retirement "A. Bernice Hunely Day in Baltimore City and Baltimore County."

From former students, sorors and other friends the honoree received numerous other gifts, and presentations from her high school class of 1937 (pictures and a video tape by Melvin Johnson); the class of 1958, her first class at Sollers Point (a scrapbook and a bouquet of Roses) and from the class of 1959 a Sweatt statuette presented by Christine Mitchell.

Mrs. Hunley was repeatedly cited for her kindness and her dedication to her profession, particularly to students, and for her service to others.

She ended her career as a nationally certified counsellor, but has served as a social studies teacher, as president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., director of Project SAGA, a senior citizens' organization; parish council president of St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church; president of Lady of Lourdes Parish Council; president of Echo House; Board member of the United Way of Central Maryland, and president of the Maryland Women's Committee of the United Negro College Fund.

The honoree, the recipient of numerous awards, was born in Baltimore, attended St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic School, Booker T. Washington Junior High School and Frederick Douglass High School, from which she graduated.

She earned the B.A. Degree at Morgan State College, the M.A. Degree in Guidance and Counseling, with honors, from the Johns Hopkins University and from the same institution in 1978, the Advanced Certificate in clinical counseling and therapy.

After graciously thanking all for their presence and their various laudits, plaudits and gifts to her, she, in turn. gifted her committee members.

The sponsoring committee included Mrs. Rosabelle Lewis, chairperson; Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Program; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mrs. Barbara Holt, and Melvin Johnson.

Hosts and hostesses were Allen Evans, Mrs. Delores Goode, Mrs. Jacqueline Knight, Mrs. Gloria Pankey, Mrs. Norma Bush, Timothy Douglass and Willie Curbean.

LES GRANDES DAMMES CLOSE OUT YEAR

Les Grandes Dames closed out the old year with two heartwarming projects.

For the first, they carried the season's cheer to residents of the Ashburton Nursing Home where young carolers provided the

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MRS. A. BERNICE S. HUNLEY, recent retiree, is holding the crucifix presented her by Bishop Elect, Carl A. Fisher, S.S.J., from the parish of St. Francis Xavier, her own parish. Bishop Elect Fisher postponed a scheduled trip one day so that he could be with the honoree at her retirement celebration. She is studying to become a Liturgist and is also looking forward to becoming an Eucharistic minister for the church.

Scenes from the official opening of Schmoke headquarters

MAYORAL HOPEFUL and Baltimore State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke (L) chats with Arthur Murphy, vice president of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers during the recent official opening of the 'Kurt Schmoke for Mayor' headquarters on North Charles St.

DISCUSSING POSSIBILITIES are (from L): Joyce R. Newsome and Imelda D. Newsome.

EDWIN V. AVENT(L) and Mark C. Booker stop for a verbal exchange.

IN A RAP SESSION are (from L): Debbie Palmer and Karen Carter.

IN PRIVATE TETÉ-A-TETE are Schmoke and Helen Mitchell, president, C.B.A.

GLORIA PERKINS (L) and Tulani Salahu-Din find much to talk about during the event.

EVELYN KIRK (R) drives home a point as Ethella Reynolds (L) and Essie Sutton (C) listen.