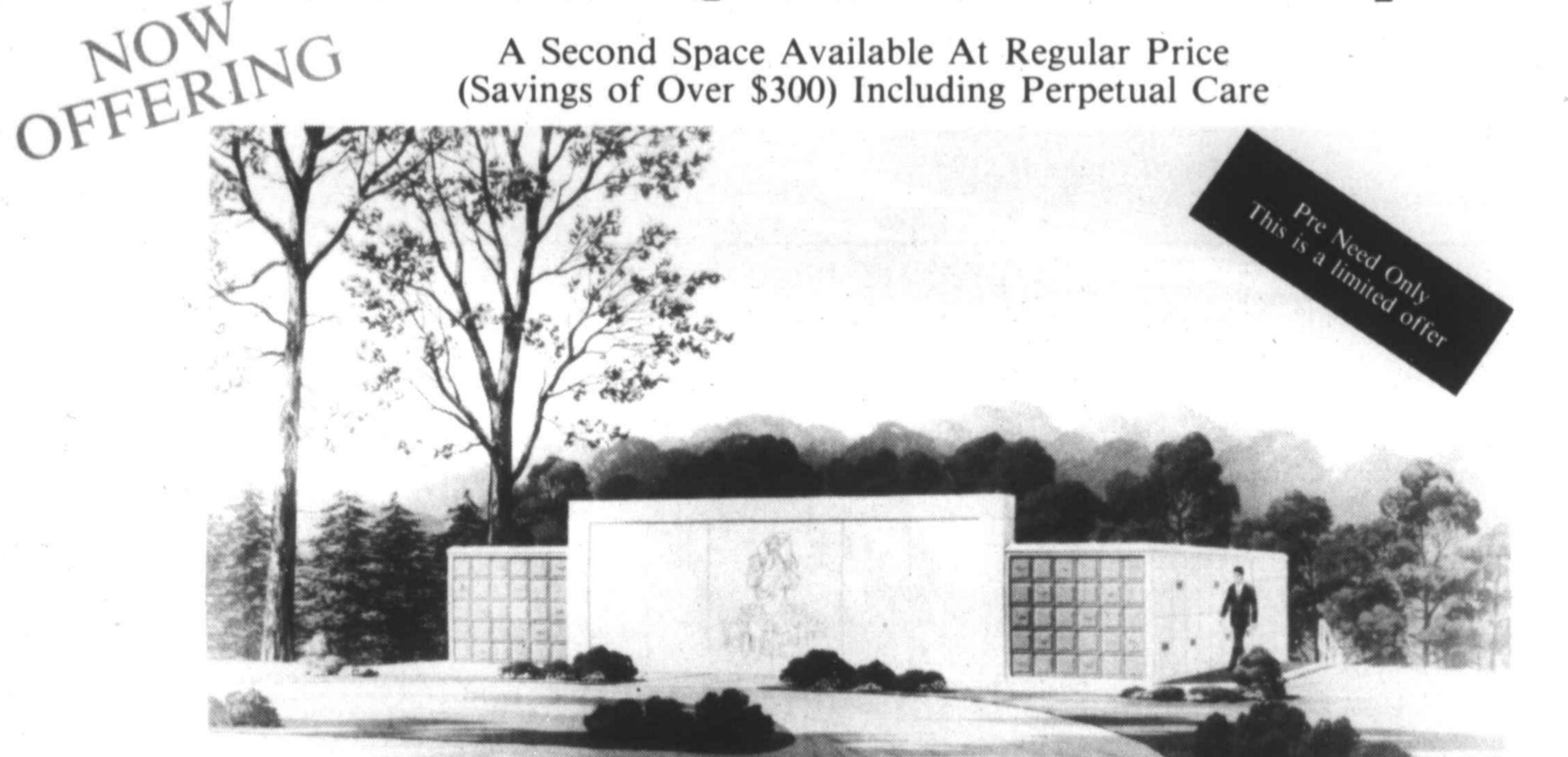
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Oaks hopes to beat financial indictment

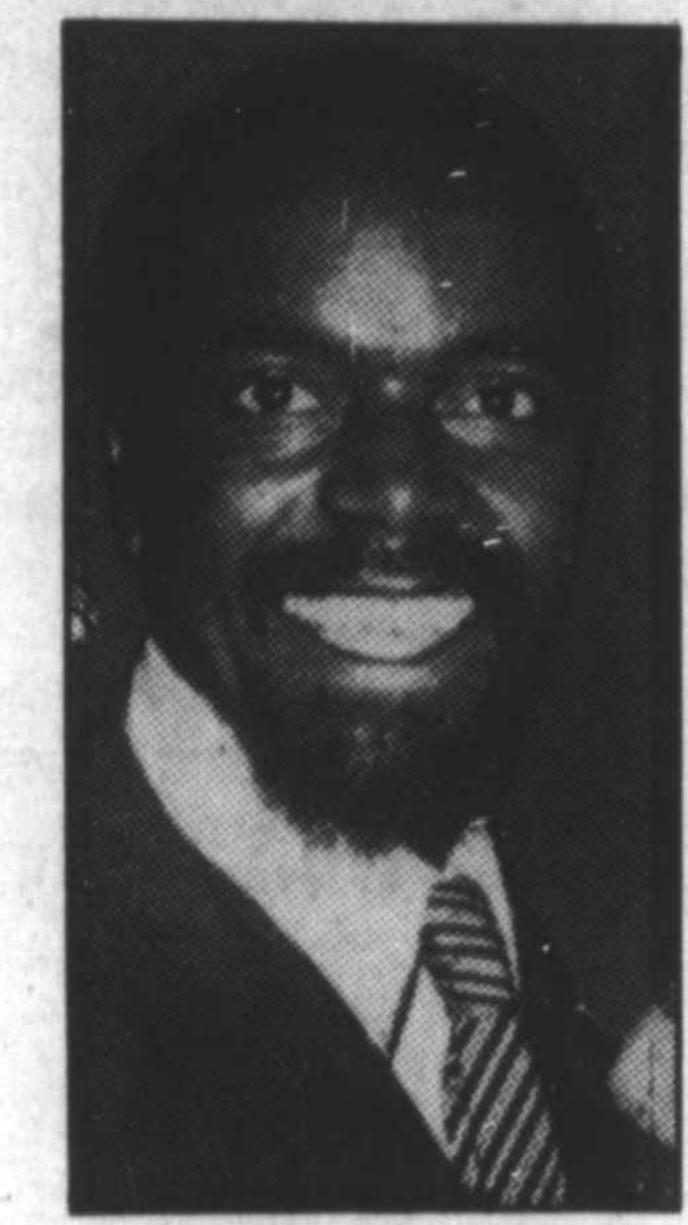
By Alisa Samuels AFRO Staff Writer

Del. Nathaniel T. Oaks (D-41), said he is optimistic he will be acquitted of the theft, perjury and misconduct in of-fice charges, brought against him June 14 in two Maryland

"Once I have an opportunity to tell my side of the story to 12 of my peers in court, I'm sure I will be found not guil-"Oaks said Wednesday, upon his return from North

He will be arraigned July 12 in Baltimore for allegedly stealing \$13,000 from his campaign fund over a two-and-ahalf year period.

grand jury also indicted the legislator last week for per-



Nathaniel Oaks jury and misconduct in office. Oaks was also charged with

Continued on Page 3A Rowan case stirs

black resentment



Rowan, who is black, used an unregistered pistol to shoot a white teenager during the early morning hours in the

Chevy Chase, Md., was Hospital after the shooting SY — This building located a

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Dukakis eyes Jackson

tial race but refused to reveal

speaking to reporters after meeting with he believed he would strengthen the ticket but wanted to be on it.

Jackson's comments com a day after Dukakis, the Massachusetts governor, said he was giving the civil rights leader "very serious consideration" to be his vice presidential choice.

Asked at a news conference if he had decided whether he would accept the vice



MUM'S THE WORD-Rev. Jesse L. Jackson has decided to keep secret his decision to be Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis running mate.

Jackson said, "Privately y . publicly no."

"It is my choice" to keep told reporters in Boston Wednesday that he does not the decision private, Jackson noted. "It is appropriate." "The process of deliberation and negotiation involves

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Dukakis, who has his par-

ty's nomination locked up,

believe Jackson's lack of

SDEAKS

By Alicia Benjamin AFRO Staff Writer Sen. Larry Young (D-39) who has filed an alleged false

> Pulls out of caucus

leadership race

report which is linked to an assault against his former assistant, according to sources, has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates vying for the chairman position of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus. Young mailed a letter to

present Caucus chairman,

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Annapolis police downplay threat

Where are the Jamaican 'posses'?

By Carol Stewart **AFRO Correspondent**

Federal agents claim Jamaicans are selling drug in Annapolis, members of An but Annapolis police discount the rumors of a Jamaican "posse" masterminding dru traffic in the state capito

Annapolis mayor, Denn Callahan, allegedly received Jamaicans on June 15. Police said the threat was

reported by the Bureau

But police said they have no confirmed report that Jamaicans living in the Annapolis area engage in criminal activities.

Captain John Wright, commanding officer of the Annapolis Police Dept., said "we trafficking, but we are not

apprehend any of these Jamaicans because it takes time to build a criminal case against anyone, he added. Police officials say that drug trafficking is rampant in Annapolis, and both blacks

"We have not been able to

and whites engage in these Sgt. T. J. Harrington, of the Annapolis Police Department said "I have been with the An-

napolis Police Department for Continued on Page 3A

DRUG SITE—Boston Heights in Annapolis, Md. is a reputed drug-trafficking area.

Claim black woman unfairly moved Black contractors Workers picket child fight City Hall

By Alisa Samuels AFRO Staff Writer

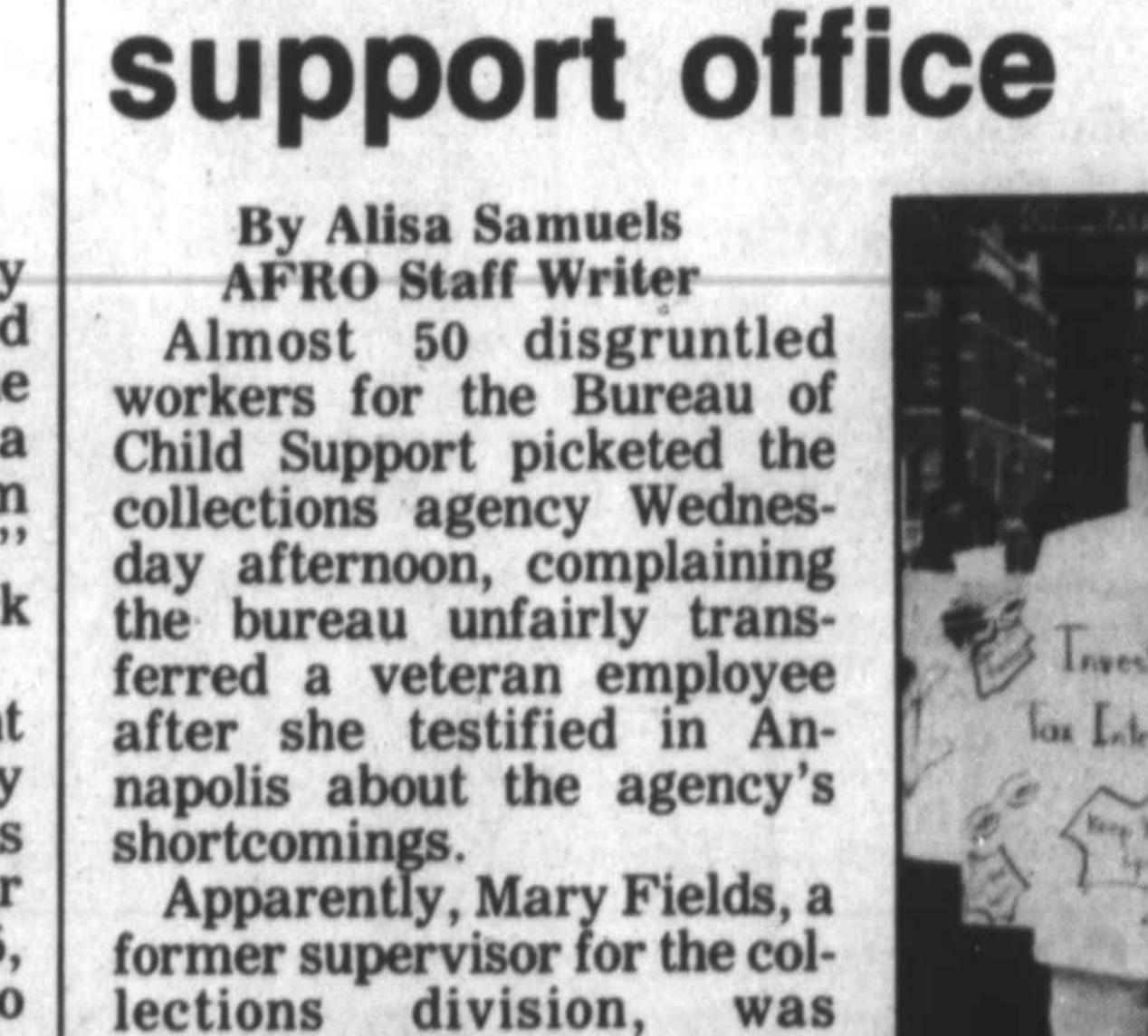
The Maryland Minority Contractors, Inc., is prepared to go to court, to challenge the city's attempt to rescind a contract awarded the firm under the Clarence H. "Du" day afternoon, complaining

from the city on April 25, stating the city was "going to

tractors bought the 25,000 minority contractors.
"Just like the white con-

tractors do," said Jolivet. The letter was "null and void" Jolivet said, because the person responsible for

recommending the contract takeback was Robert Hearns, munity Development Com-



sion on Food and Nutrition, director for the American Municipal Employees,

reassigned to head the newly

about the child support tent," said Blackwell



marches with protesters.

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