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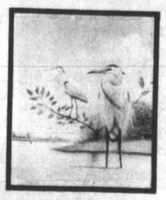

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VOTE OF 413-3:

Judge Hastings impeached

By Bob Matthews

By a vote of 413-3, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach Federal Judge Alcee Hastings for high crimes and misdemeanors, and ordered him to stand trial in the U.S. Senate.

The House adopted 17 articles of impeachment against Judge Hastings, and appointed six House members to prosecute the case in the Senate. No date has been set for the trial.

Of the three votes against impeachment, two were black congressmen, Rep. Gus Savage, (D-IL) and Rep. Mervyn Dymally, (D-CA). Another member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Harold Ford, (D-TN) voted present.

Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume was asked why he voted for impeachment. His answer was clear and somewhat pained, as he iterated the difficulty of sitting in judgment on a black Federal official.

He pointed out that Rep. John Conyers, who was chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, which voted for impeachment following long, extensive hearings, had changed his previous stance and voted for impeachment.

Rep. Conyers, as was fellow Michigan Congressman George Crockett, were perhaps the most vocal members in defense of Judge Hastings among CBC members.

And when these two were convinced that the impeachment ruling was the correct one, Rep. Mfume told us, it carried a lot of weight in my deliberations.

Earlier this month, Conyers sent out a memorandum to the press, outlining his conclusions in the matter. He stated: "After hearing the case

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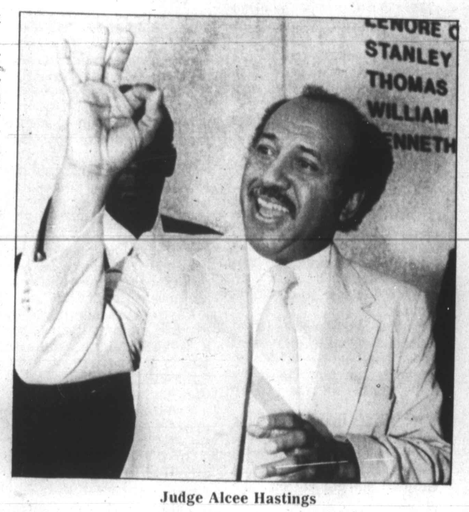

Judge Alcee Hastings

Just Cooling Out!

IN THE HEAT OF THE CITY — Sylvia Beharry, 18, sucks up a view of the city peering through dark glasses and sipping on a Slurpee to beat the scintillating heat.

Drug study held on decriminalization

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The answer to the question, "Should drugs be legalized?" should not be yes or no, according to Baltimore City Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke.

The mayor held a Drug Policy Workshop Thursday, August 4, to discuss the public health, ethical and criminal justice issues surrounding drug decriminalization.

Schmoke took a few minutes from the scheduled workshop to brief members of the press on the progress of the dicussion he had with drug experts.

Schmoke, who suggested at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. in April, that the country consider drug decriminalization to take the profit out of selling illegal drugs, said he wanted to get national experts to help him think about his approach.

Schmoke is scheduled to appear before the House Select Committee on Narcotis Abuse and Control in Washington, D.C. as a lead witness on Sept. 29.

"Some substance we may never want legalized," said Schmoke. But he sees marijuana as a drug that may have medicinal purposes and he said it should possibly be changed from a schedule one to a schedule two drug.

Schedule one and schedule two are drug classifications, Schmoke explained.

Drugs that are considered to be dangerous with no medical uses are classified as schedule one drugs, he said. Other substances that can be abused but also have medical uses are classified as schedule two drugs, he continued.

Medical studies have shown that marijuana can be used to relieve the symptoms of glaucoma and high blood pressure, stated Schmoke.

"Tobacco has killed more people than marijuana has in a decade and so has alcohol, but these drugs are legalized," Schmoke stated.

There have also been a number of medical studies that show that heroin can be used to relieve intractable pain, he said.

Experts have told the mayor not to focus on drug decriminalization but to instead focus on the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes

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Prison rioters given penalties

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

Punitive segregation has been imposed on 58 inmates who took part in the fracas last Sunday at the Eastern Correctional Institution, while nine inmates have been charged with assault with intent to murder, for their involvement in the inmate uprising at the Maryland Penitentiary last week.

Corrections spokesman Corporal Greg Shipley said yesterday that as of Tuesday, all activities have resumed and everything is back to normal at the ECI in Somerset County, after last Sunday's incident.

Shipley said that water has been fully restored to the inmates' cells and that only the 58 inmates who were identified for taking part in the incident are now facing conditions similar to a lockdown situation.

During the punitive segregation, the inmates are denied privileges like recreation, visitation and meals in the dining hall, Shipley said.

The ECI incident is believed to have started as a result of a shortage in water supply to the inmates' cells as well as bad ventilation.

At the Maryland Penitentiary, 70 inmates have now been identified as those who took part in the riot last week. "Some of the inmates violated Penitentiary rules but did not commit criminal offenses," Shipley said yesterday.

Those inmates who did not commit any criminal offense during the riot Shipley said, "will undergo what is called institutional adjustment."

Certain privileges may be taken away from those inmates during the adjustment, according to Shipley, who also said that the 70 identified inmates have already been segregated.

Stuart O. Simms, State's Attorney for Baltimore City announced Wednesday that charges have been brought against nine inmates who were identified as those who attacked the Correction officers.

The nine inmates, who were charged with assault with intent to murder and possession

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March on Washington '88 planned to celebrate 25th

By Hamil Harris
AFRO Staff Writer

Black America is "on a collision course with reality" and that fact alone, according to officials involved with the 25th anniversary March on Washington, makes the Aug. 27 event of greater importance.

And if some blacks don't consider this to be the case, said Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President Joseph Lowery, who is serving as one of the coordinators, "then they are living in a fantasy land."

The 1988 march will be part of the day-long activities that will climax on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as did the March on Washington in 1963.

Event organizers remain optimistic for a good turnout. "... We can't survive with 40 million poor people, exporting jobs, and expanding poverty," Lowery said.

Although the march aims to focus national attention on poverty, joblessness, and the worsening conditions in South Africa, Lowery said there is a bigger prize at stake.

"This is an election year and on Aug. 27 we have a chance to assemble thousands of people who can say to the next administration, 'Here is your agenda which should include full employment, health care, housing for the poor and

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No Najee at Pier 6

The Harborlights Festival at Pier 6 has cancelled the appearance of Najee, scheduled for next Thursday, August 11, The reason is simple — Najee will be appearing at AFRAM this Sunday night at 7:30.

Someone goofed in the booking, so the Pier 6 outing is off. Refunds are available at the box office for ticketholders.

Family Day Sunday

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

While this may come as a reminder to some, it may be news to many. Sunday, August 7 is designated as Family Day in the state of Maryland.

The state began celebrating this holiday which is comparable to Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandmother's Day and Children's Day on the first Sunday in August in 1976.

Celebration of Family Day stemmed from the acceptance of a resolution proposed by Senator Troy Brailey on Jan. 30, 1976.

"The purpose of Family Day is to bring families together," said Brailey.

The resolution which was passed by both houses of the General Assembly and signed by the Governor in law, stressed the importance of the family unit.

"A strong family structure is the first defense against juvenile delinquency, and related youth problems and supplies invaluable support and encouragement to all its members."

Brailey said it is important that the family be a support system in shaping

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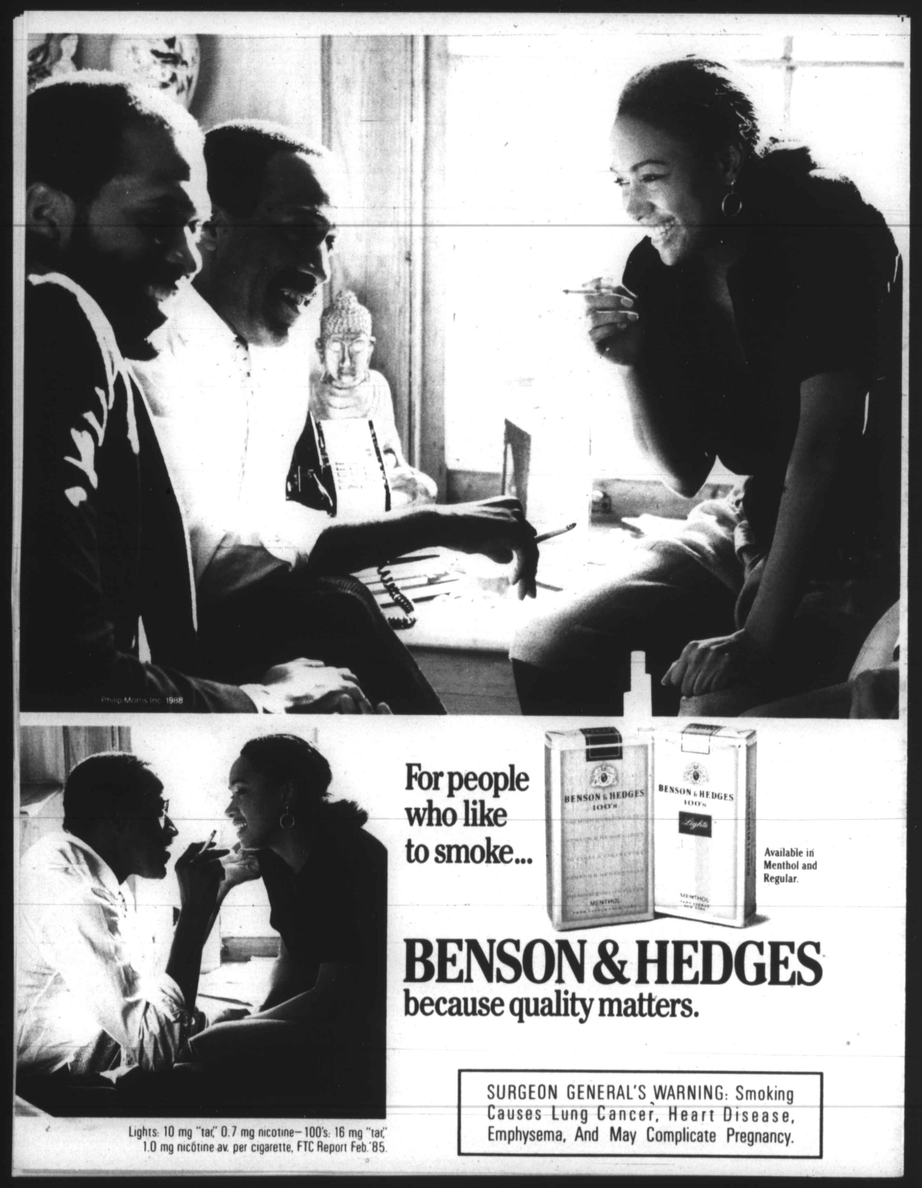
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