—Barclay school

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Hunter's remark that the Calvert curriculum is not suited to "our population." This is a slap in the face to me. Our children come to public school able to learn as well as children in private school."

Straus also asserted that Hunter does not have a clear understanding of the Barclay-Calvert proposal.

During the press conference, Council members McLean and Ambridge pledged their steadfast support of the Barclay school in their effort to form a partnership with the Calvert School.

Dr. Hunter made the following statement in regard to the Barclay-Calvert proposal. "The Barclay proposal must be linked to a city-wide proposal to reduce class size, because we must develop a single agenda."

Hunter continued, "Because the funding source is the same, a single agenda will make it much easier to accomplish the school system's goals. We are seeking equal opportunity for all 122 elementary schools."

Jo Ann Robinson, member of the Barclay P.T.O., stated, "We must say that we deeply regret that the Superintendent has linked the Barclay-Calvert proposal to a grant request for systemwide class size reductions. This linkage is unfair and totally misses the original intent of the proposal."

Prior to Thursday's scheduled School Board meeting, Dr. Hunter had released this statement: After careful analysis and evaluation of the Barclay-Calvert proposal, approval has been recommended, pending certain conditions which must be met to include all elementary schools.

(1) The Abell Foundation must agree to fund a proposal we submitted on behalf of all students, parents, and communities in Baltimore who have identified class size reduction as their top priority. If approved, this grant will fund size reductions in all third grade classes.

(2) All of the operating funds for the Barclay project must come to the Baltimore City Public Schools as a grant from the Abell Foundation, and this project must be funded for a period of four years.

(3) The Calvert School curriculum will not be used in the Barclay School program nor will any Calvert School staff members be assigned to the Barclay School to direct the activities of the Barclay School faculty and staff.

(4) Funds for staff development. Barclay School proposal will be provided by the Abell Foundation.

(5) Funds for educational assistants to reduce adult - student ratios, will be provided by the Abell Foundation.

(6) Class sizes for the Barclay School will be determined by the systemwide average class sizes projected for the school system in, **Baltimore City Public Schools Priorities In 1989 - 1992**, as funding becomes available.

(7) The Abell Foundation Grant will fund a position of master teacher for support teacher for Barclay School.

(8) The Abell Foundation will provide $50.00 per pupil for bonafide classroom materials.

If they accept the proposal with the conditions I've suggested, the curriculum committee will recommend the project to the full Board of School Commissioners at their meeting on March 16. If the Board approves, we will begin implementing the project.

The Barclay School/Calvert School Proposal

The Calvert School received a grant to pilot the Calvert curriculum on a wider scale. The Barclay School No. 54 was selected as a partner for this joint venture.

The project would highlight the following:

Four-year project would involve the kindergarten and first grades of Barclay School during the first year.

Curriculum and procedures will be extended one grade level each year, for a minimum of three years.

Teachers would be involved in an intensive 10-day in-service training.

A Calvert staff member would be employed as a fulltime coordinator.

The ratio of students to adults will not exceed 15 to 1.

—Ralph Jones

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tion and parks chief.

"His passage is a great lost, not only to his family, but to the citizens of Baltimore, who have greatly benefited from his special talents for providing recreation in urban settings," said Mayor Schmoke, who ordered the flags half-staffed.

In the late 1970's Mr. Jones underwent quadruple by-pass surgery for a heart ailment. He was a friendly and hard-working man.

When Jones, who had over 27 years of recreational experience, was sworn in, he said he wanted to make Baltimore's recreational system the best in the nation.

His plans included increasing cultural arts in the centers and improving community outreach efforts.

Dr. Jones said he also wanted to find opportunities for the physically handicapped to enjoy recreation and upgrade the existing recreation centers.

Before becoming the city's recreation and parks chief, Dr. Jones worked as the head of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Baltimore for 15 years.

He replaced Chris T. Delaporte who went to the Maryland Stadium Authority.

Dr. Jones once was a professional baseball player for the Chicago Cubs baseball organization, a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and a sports analyst for Morgan State University Football Network.

"Dr. Jones was a tireless advocate for the recreation of people....I will miss his abilities, his dedication as a public servant and his smile," the mayor said.

He was a member of the National Recreation and Park Association, Maryland Recreations and Park Association and Society of Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Schmoke said it was premature to name Jones's replacement.

Ralph Chase, the deputy director, will act as the acting director until a permanent is found.

Dr. Jones received a bachelor's and master's degree from the Indiana University in Bloomington. He received a Phd in recreation administration from the University of Maryland College Park.

In 1961, he served as a coach and instructor in the health, physical education and recreation departments at Morgan State University.

His father, Ralph W.E. Jones, Sr., was former president of Grambling State University in Monroe, La.

The native of Lafayette, La. is survived by his wife, Jesola and three sons, Ralph, Jr., Ernest and Warren.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, that donations be sent to: The Dr. Ralph W.E. Jones, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

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—Home buyers

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If people can afford a home, their dream should not be shattered by settlement costs," the governor added.

Under the Maryland Settlement Expense Loan Program, low- and moderate-income homebuyers aged 18 and older can borrow up to $5,000 for as long as 10 years to buy homes.

The interest rates are as low as four percent.

The potential homebuyers must show a financial commitment, demonstrate they can not afford to pay settlement costs fully and are capable of repaying the loan.

Jacqueline Rogers, secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, said SLEP is intended to help couples and individuals who have good credit ratings but have no available funds to buy homes.

The General Assembly approved the program, which is administered by the Community Development Administration of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, in 1988.

To qualify for individual loans, a person must earn $28,000 annually and double households or more must earn $33,000.

The DCHD will reserve 50 percent of the funds for households earning $22,000 or less.

"The lack of affordable housing is a concern for today and for future generations," the governor said.

Lt. Gov. Melvin A. Steinberg said the federal government has withdrawn many of its housing funds forcing local governments and states to provide dollars.

Settlement expense loans can be used to pay title, deed, notary and appraisal fees.

The types of qualifying homes include existing or newly constructed single family homes and semi-detached townhomes or condominiums.

In Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles and six other counties, the maximum sales price for homes are $77,000 for both existing and newly constructed homes.

When asked if there were any $77,000 homes for sale in Montgomery County Steinberg said there were.

The sale limit on existing homes in Allegany, Caroline and Dorchester counties, is $66,000.

For more information contact the Homeownership Program at 974-3524 or 1-800-638-7781.

—'Beepers

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Congressman Mfume stressed "Minors who have the proof of their employer that a beeper is necessary in the commission of their duties as well as a minor who has parental permission would not be affected by the bill.

In a statement issued to the press, Dr. Hooks supports Congressman Mfume's beeper restriction bill by pointing out the fact that "The NAACP is especially sensitive to any threats to the health, welfare and stability of the black community. Therefore we a deeply troubled by the epidemic of drugs that is tearing our neighborhoods apart."

Dr. Hooks sees this bill as the first concrete solution to attacking the vast drug problem within the black community.

The NAACP is committed to furthering its assistance to the Federal Communication Commission, helping them to develop strategies, rules and regulations regulating the sale and rental of beepers.

Together with the support of the Baltimore City Police Department and the NAACP, Congressman Mfume hopes this bill will become law.

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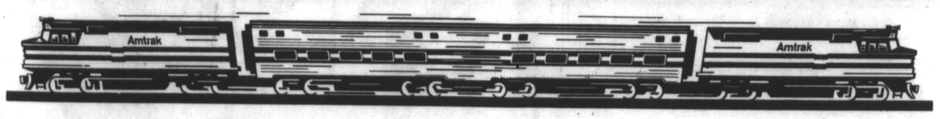

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New study shows suprising trend

RACISM Part I of a series

AFRO Staff Reporter
By Helen Glover Cook

Those who believe the many strides made by civil rights workers of the 60's, along with legislation emerging from those struggles, produced an American society of the 80's free of racial hatred and ethnoviolence, are poorly misinformed.

The National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence; the only national organization dedicated solely to the study and response of bigotry and the offentimes violence associated with it, reports that during the conservative climate of the Reagan era, racially related incidents dramatically increased.

All sectors of the workforce were the venues for acts of hate and violence against minorities. Lynora Williams, Executive Director of The Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta Georgia and a national expert on hate groups says "No part of the U.S.A. is exempt from hate group activity. Last year the Ku Klux Klan even marched in Maine."

"They often use harmless sounding names as titles for their movements, one of their favorite names which is growing in popularity is the Populist movement which is of no relation to the 1930's movement of the same name."

"David Duke (the ex-klan member recently elected to the Louisiana State Senate) was backed by the Populist party of Chicago, Duke said that he was not a racist ,just a populist Republican party member from Louisiana."

"What Duke did not say was the fact that the security forces used by Duke were organized by Art Jones— of the American Nazi Party. It is significant that these facts were ignored by most of the mainline press. It was recorded by the Mississippi Advocate and The Louisiana Weekly, a New Orleans based paper" says Williams.

Right Wing hate groups such as the Skinheads, The Aryan Nations, the Posse Comitatus, The Order and the Ku Klux Klan are constantly in the news because of their racist actions.

The public is familiar with their names but is often taken in by groups that are called by harmless sounding names that give the impression of religious organizations or bible study groups or patriotic associations.

Lynora Williams says" Many times the government's failure to prosecute criminals charged with racist attacks acts as a green light for the crossburnings, nightriding attacks, and para-military training that followed.

"Today we face a new round of white supremacist activity. Like worms that grow new bodies ,new recruits for terrorism will come from the ranks of ostensibly legal and public organizations.

"But it is the public and legal activities of the racists which present the greatest challenge. They often pose as candidates for public office, or Christian ministers or defenders of the constitution."

Often the public attitude is responsible for the successful campaigns of these groups , many people feel what harm can be done by groups that have such religious sounding names? The answer is a lot, if that organization is only using religious names and references to cover racist activity.

An entire movement calling itself "The Christian Identity Movement" which encompasses organizations such as The Covenant, The Sword and The Crusade for Christ and Country have in common their desire to take in the public with their innocuous sounding names.

After all many people reason what harm can an organization that promotes Christianity do? The public is led to believe that these groups promote and believe in the tenets and dogma of the Christian faith, nothing could be further from the truth.

These groups increase their numbers by exacerbating the fears and ignorance of a rural population which has been hard hit by such economic hardships as bank closings and farm sellouts.

Church and religious references are used in the speeches and writings the of Christian Identity Movement as a way of giving a theological rationale for the racist and or anti-semitic violence used by these hate groups.

No theological rationale exists for the actions of these groups, although this thinking does present an opportunity for these groups to bring a message similar to that of the South African government's message of apartheid to the citizens of the U.S.A.

Much of the written propaganda distributed by these groups as well as their ideological rationale originates from South Africa.

John B. Ferron, Director of Baltimore's Community Relations Commission is well informed concerning the attitudes and actions of hate groups.

The Baltimore Community Relations Commission (BCRC) is mandated to design and expedite a educational and action program for the purpose of eliminating and preventing prejudice and discrimination in Baltimore city.

His office follows the trends set by hate groups both national and local, a task Ferron says would be impossible without the help of staff member Tom Saunders who Ferron quotes as the "brainchild" of VIVA; Victims of Intimidation and Violence Assistance Program.

The VIVA program was formulated to assist BCRC in implementing this mandate. The program is divided into three components; education, crisis prevention and follow-up.

Ferron says "We as a people are too asleep, some of us think that racial and other forms of discrimination are no longer around.

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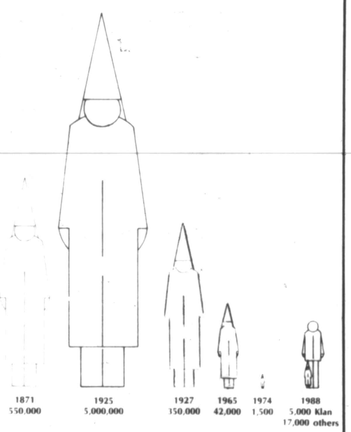
Estimated Klan Membership: 1871-1988

While Klan membership by 1988 was once again at a low point, as many as 17,000 Americans belonged to other racist organizations. These figures do not include vast numbers of sympathizers who may read white supremacist literature and attend rallies but who are not official members.



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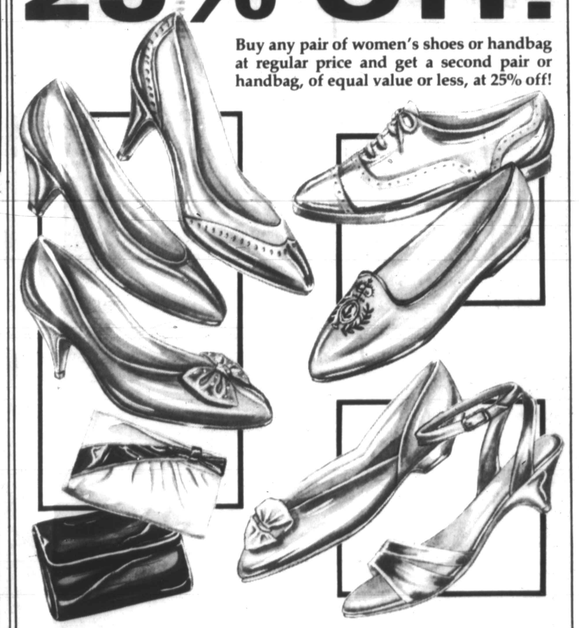

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