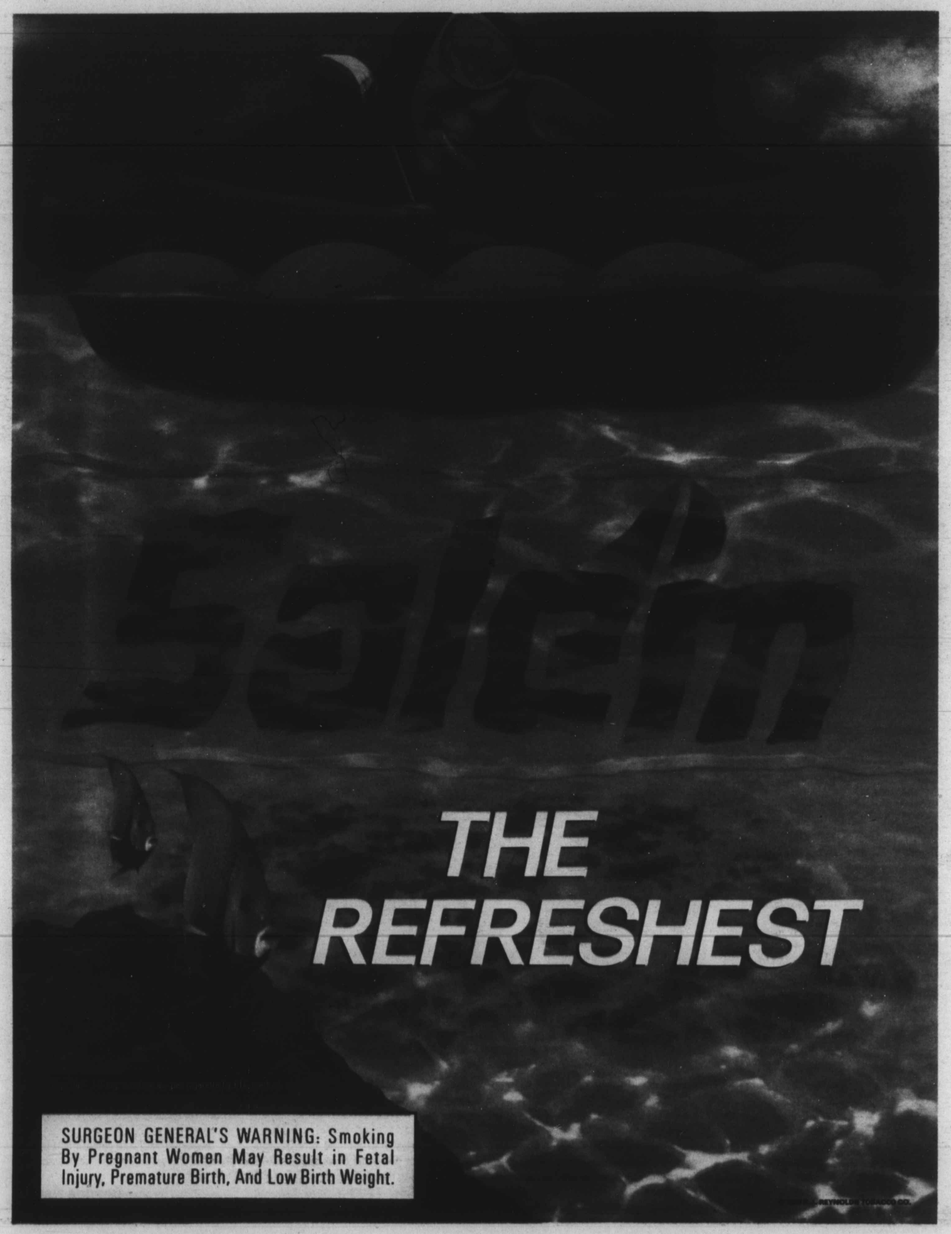

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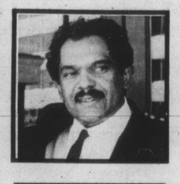

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African American Summit:

Maryland delegation shines

By Frances M. Draper

A well organized and well received Maryland delegation to the African American Summit '89 resulted in the recommendation that Maryland be considered as the site for the next summit.

Although a date was not set, the recommendation was presented to the 1000 delegates at the final session of the conference on Sunday by Pennsylvania Representative David Richardson and seconded by Delegate Curt Anderson, leader of the Maryland Summit delegation.

Anderson later said that he hoped that the final document outlining the priorities from the '89 Summit would reflect "a lot of individual input since there were so many delegates there, with so many impor-

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STATE DELEGATE Curt Anderson (right), chair of the Maryland delegation to the African American Summit, and George N. Buntin, Jr., executive director of the Baltimore NAACP, discuss strategies. The 50-member Maryland delegation vigorously participated in all facets of the three-day Summit.

$140 million:

Morticians boycott casket maker

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

Frustrated over the lack of support from the Batesville Casket Company, the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc., (NFD&MA) has agreed to suspend purchases from the world's largest casketmaker.

The 60 year old 2,000 member MFD&MA, the only national alliance of African-American funeral directors, asked its members to adopt the Selective Buying Program and shop only with suppliers who support and reflect the activities and goals of the group.

The group spent $140 million with Batesville in 1988 and in return received $30,000 worth of support for convention and seminars for MFD&MA members.

In addition group officials have reached a stalemate with Batesville executives in negotiations regarding the

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800 attend rites for H.G. Parks, 72

By Alisa Samuels
and
Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writers

U.S. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes, Governor William Donald Schaefer, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, former Mayors Clarence Du Burns and Thomas D'Alesandro and a cross section of civic and business leaders were among the estimated 800 persons at the memorial service for Henry Green Parks, Jr. on Thursday at the Douglas Memorial Community Church.

The minister, Rev. Marion C. Bascom, called Parks "a giant of a man with

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FORMER STATE SENATOR Verda F. Welcome and daughter, noted attorney Mary Sue Mercer, extend condolences to the family of Henry G. Parks. The more than 800 mourners included Governor William Donald Schaefer, William (Little Willie) Adams, and former Mayor Clarence Du Burns.

Petition drive ends May 1

By Fred Lindsey

President William Kirwan of the University of Maryland promises to make a decision soon regarding the fate of coach Bob Wade.

But even before the NCAA makes its decision, and inspite of new allegations about the misuse of courtesy cars, the Support Bob Wade Committee and the Dunbar Alumni Association will continue to take petition signatures until Monday, May 1, 1989.

The completed petitions, an effort to demonstrate community support for Wade to continue as the Terps basketball coach, will be presented to Kirwan

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Alexis is acting Howard U. prexy, search begins for permanent head

Cheek leaving 'too exhausted' for diplomat's post

By Olive Vassell
AFRO Assistant Editor

Dr. Carlton P. Alexis, executive vice president and a 1957 Howard University medical school graduate will act as interim president of his alma mater when Dr. James Cheek retires June 30.

Cheek who is well-known in Republican circles, has been mentioned as President Bush's likely choice as U.S. Ambassador to the African nation of Cameroon.

Earlier this week, however, Cheek said he would be "too exhausted to accept the position, if it was offered."

DR. CARLTON P. ALEXIS

Alexis, a native of Trinidad, will occupy the post while a board-appointed search team looks for a replacement for 56-year-old Cheek.

Alexis, a fellow in endocrinology, first joined Howard in 1964, as an instructor in the School of Medicine. In 1969 he was appointed vice president of health affairs.

He joined the Howard faculty in 1970 and was appointed executive vice president, under Cheek, last year.

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Hunter 'under attack':

Del. Cummings asks why

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

"Enough is enough! The current barrage of editorials and letters in the Sun attacking the school board and Superintendent Dr. Richard Hunter is damaging this city and our efforts to improve our schools."

This is the beginning of a letter written by 39th district Baltimore City Delegate, Elijah E. Cummings.

Delegate Cummings sent hundreds of these letters to, "Ministers, community leaders, friends and associates," according to the Delegate.

The letter writing campaign is an effort on Cummings' part to solicit support for Baltimore City School Superintendent, Richard C. Hunter.

Within the letter Del. Cummings outlines several editorials and letters opposing Dr. Hunter and his policies and he asks the question, "Why is The Sun doing this?"

In an interview with the AFRO, Cummings said, "I don't know whether it's a campaign against Hunter or what, but it looks very suspicious."

Del. Cummings is especially alarmed about the Hunter situation, because of his affiliation with a former City School Superintendent, Roland Patterson.

Cummings served as a clerk for Patterson in the early 70's, when Patterson was perceived by Cummings as being attacked by the Sunpapers.

"Patterson was weakened by the Sunpapers campaign and I don't want to see the same thing happen to Dr. Hunter," said Cummings.

Cummings continued, "I don't want to see Hunter's legs and arms cut-off before he gets the chance to climb

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School Superintendent
Richard Hunter

Hyatt sued by BET president

By Victor Wright
AFRO Staff Writer

Robert L. Johnson, president of Black Entertainment Television, Inc. (BET) has filed a $2 million lawsuit against the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. The complaint alleges that Johnson was wrongly accosted and forcibly detained by five security guards as he attempted to leave the hotel.

The incident in question took place December 20, 1988 in the lobby of the hotel where Johnson was registered as a guest. According to Johnson, he was detained without explanation for 20 minutes.

The hotel reportedly was in the process of investigating an alleged mugging of a guest on one of the upper floors. Ac-

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