City faces higher property taxes; no salary increases

By MAX JOHNSON

"This administration faces a crisis not of its own making. To meet that crisis we have been forced to adopt methods not to our liking.

"Accepting the fact that the city is hamstrung in its efforts to effectively broaden its tax base, we will use our limited powers in the best possible way."

Mayor J. Harold Grady issued this statement Wednesday, revealing he had abandoned hopes of influencing Gov. J. Millard Tawes to call a special session of the General Assembly to help Baltimore meet a $13,750,000 deficit in its 1960 budget.

As a result, Mayor Grady said a sizeable hike in the property tax rate, along with some other forms of levies can be expected.

This tighter economy program for the city spells almost certain doom for the 1960 requested salary increases of $7,017,110 for municipal employees including a total of $4,772,798 for school teachers, as well as expanded plans of city agencies.

Present estimates are that the property tax will be hiked about 15 cents on each per $100 assessment. Which means this tax rate will rise to $3.49, or possibly higher from the present $3.34 per $100 assessment.

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MAYOR GRADY had this to say in reference to new taxes:

"We must approach the 1960 budget on the basis of austerity. We can not expand city services; we may be forced to discontinue some we have had in the past.

"We can not fail to provide essentials, but it must be done economically. We will be forced to adopt measures not to our liking, but like any citizen we must balance our budget and live within our means.

"At the same time, we can not destroy values in Baltimore by too great an increase in real estate taxes.

"These things will be done: intelligent but severe budget cutting and elimination of waste. Every item in the budget will be studied before a decision is made."

Mayor Grady made this further promise:

"There will be no hasty action. There will be no destructive anti - business taxes.

"We will balance the budget by drastic reductions in spending and by levying taxes which will not hurt the economy of the city.

"The burden on real estate owners will be made as bearable as possible."

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IN SEEKING a special session of the General Assembly for the necessary authorization of the one per cent tax he had proposed on the incomes of all persons employed in Baltimore, and some other measures as second choice Mayor Grady was turned down flat by Gov. Tawes.

It had been estimated that the earning tax, affecting county residents employed in Baltimore would have solved the city's budget problem.

Smarting under the rebuff to his General Assembly proposal, Mayor Grady took this crack at Gov. Tawes:

"Baltimore city's financial crisis, which the present administration inherited from its predecessor, can not be adequately solved without help from Gov. Tawes and the General Assembly.

"For this reason we repeatedly urged Gov. Tawes to call a special session of the Legislature. We urged him to use his influence as a state - wide leader of the Democratic party to give the city affirmative support in its present plight.

"The governor recognizes that an emergency exists in the city's financial affairs. However, he absolutely ruled out consideration of any sales, income, inheritance or alcoholic beverage taxes."

The mayor explained the rebuff a bit further with these remarks:

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"AS TO an earnings tax, the governor adopted the narrow view of certain county legislators, without giving the whole Legislature a chance to stand up and be counted.

"He vetoed an earnings tax which would have been fair and equitable to the city of Baltimore. The only earnings tax he would consider was one paid solely by city residents.

"County residents who made their living in Baltimore would pay nothing.

"Such a restricted tax is completely unacceptable to the city administration, and to the people of Baltimore.

"The cornerstone of an effective tax program such as is in effect in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and many other cities was removed by this action of the governor."

The mayor shed further light on the budget problem with the following:

"Only inadequate stop - gaps remain— some requiring enabling legislation in Annapolis, and others within the city's present taxing power.

"There is little choice. The city has few taxing powers not pre - empted by the state.

"The major source of city revenue, as it has been for nearly 200 years, is the real estate tax.

"The admitted inadquacy of a make - shift program automatically casts a major share of the tax burden on city real estate."

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LAST MONTH, the mayor's appointed committee on revenue sources, headed by Charles L. Benton, city budget director, listed several possible tax sources the city is empowered to impose.

Among these were, chiefly:

A city sales tax of two per cent; public utility gross receipts tax of eight per cent on residential consumer; gross receipts tax; service charge for garbage and refuse to average $18 a year;

Modification of rate that tax on manufacturers expires; tax on restaurant meals at three per cent; tax on soft drinks; on time deposits in savings and loan associations and commercial banks at ten cents per $100 deposit.

Also, tax on real estate transfers, city recordation tax; overnight parking permits of about $10 a year for street parking; parking lot tax;

Uniform rates for water and sewerage; private refuse disposal at $2 per ton; increase in dog license to $3 a year; municipal dog shelter charges; bad check charge of $5, and a vending machine tax.

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WHICH OF these proposals will be included with the higher real estate tax has not been determined.

The committee suggested the following sources of revenue which would require General Assembly action:

City payroll tax of one per cent; tax of 25 cents per $100 on time deposits of savings banks, commercial banks and loan associations;

Distribution of unidentifiable state income tax withheld on basis of residence on withholding statement; a beer, wine and liquor tax; city inheritance tax;

The inclusion of state aid to City Hospitals for indigent and medically indigent; higher beer and liquor license fees, and city reimbursements for the pension and social security fund of Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Gov. tawes' refusal to call a special session of the General Assembly has temporarily killed these latter proposals.

BABY TOM
Teddy bear and all, the 1-year-old tot above is consentrating on how nice it would be tohave a home, mommy and daddy.

LITTLE KATHY
Riding around on the kiddie car, hoping and waiting, 18-month-old Kathy promises to be good girl in her new home—if someone will adopt her.

BUSTER
Ready to ride into your heart on his hobby horse, the 18-month-old 'cow-boy' above is waiting to move into a good home just any time.

LOOKING FOR HOMES are these adorable youngsters above and 3,000 more whom the Department of Public Welfare has ready for adopting. Attractive, lovable longing for the security of mother, father and home, these children have no other prospect of ever having a permanent home unless families in the community adopt them. The Department of Public Welfare offers prompt and sympathetic adoption service and now has many older children, brother and sister groups, handicapped youngsters anxious for home and happiness.

Four success stories prove it's wise to hire the handicapped

This is National Employ the Handicapped Week. Official dates are Oct. 1 through Oct. 7.

Throughout this city, in fact, all over the country, are thousands of men women and children who are physically handicapped in some way.

However, despite their physical disabilities a vast majority of these people earn a living and have a bright outlook on life.

They are living examples of courage and faith as they adjust to circumstances, sometimes in miraculous ways.

The AFRO employs several such persons who have overcome disabilities and now hold responsible positions.

One of them is William Henry Lewis, 1234 W. Lafayette Ave., who is employed in the AFRO business department as a clerk.

Mr. Lewis was stricken with infantile paralysis when he was six months old and remained in the hospital for almost three years.

His formal education was interrupted when he was in the seventh grade and he was returned to the hospital.

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HOWEVER, Mr. Lewis possessed the qualities to overcome his handicap and began to teach himself by reading.

In April, 1954, he received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the Department of education.

Aided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education at No. 2 W. Redwood St., Mr. Lewis received tuition and expenses for books and attended Cortez Peters Business School and came to the AFRO in February of 1958.

Mr. Lewis credits his continued physical growth and development to the all around physical activities program of body building offered at the Francis M. Wood School No. 176 at Schroeder and Franklin Sts., which specializes in serving handicapped persons.

He is now 5 ft. 11 inches tall and weighs 203 pounds. Possessing a winning personality and many likable ways, Mr. Lewis plans to wed Miss Elaine Gross, 221 N. Carrollton Ave., a city employee in November.

He recommends the vocational rehabilitation program as "one of the best" to bring forth the abilities of any handicapped individual seeking aid.

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THOMAS STOCKETT, AFRO's staff artist, is another person who offers an example of ability to overcome obstacles.

Mr. Stockett was stricken with infantile paralysis when he was two years old and he recalls:

"At first I could not walk. They thought I was going to die."

With his usual sense of humor and the pleasing personality for which he is well known, Mr. Stockett chuckles and says:

"I fooled everybody. My father used to say I was just stubborn, but I was determined to get along as well as anyone else."

This year Mr. Stockett was credited with "working a miracle" with his talent.

A youngster had been missing for several days and the parents turned to the AFRO for help. There was no picture of the child available, but there was a picture of an older brother.

Using this picture plus help from the family, Mr. Stockett drew a likeness of the missing child. Less than two hours after the picture appeared in the AFRO the child was recognized and returned to his parents.

Mr. Stockett's artistic ability is not lessened altough he has only the use of his left hand.

As former Gov. Theodore McKeldin watched him at his desk at the AFRO he said:

"Just think he does this fine work with only one hand."

Mr. Stockett who is 35 years of age, was formerly employed in movie display work for 14 years.

He and Mrs. Helen Stockett, his wife, and their five children, ages 2½ months to 8 years reside at 105 Albemarle St.

His art work has won four first prizes and one second first prize in art contests.

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ANOTHER PERSON who has overcome handicaps is Leslie Frazier, 69, 1713 2nd St., NW, Washington, who has been an AFRO proofreader for eight years. He commutes from Washington by bus each evening.

Usually on the dot in rain, sleet or snow, Mr. Frazier admits to no handicaps although he lost a leg in a street car accident in 1905 when he was 15 years old.

Mr. Frazier proudly says:

"I have found out I can do anything that anyone else can do. I have long ago ceased to recognize I am handicapped in any way.

"You find out that there are so many nice people in this world. Everyone is very nice to me and I know some wonderful people."

Mr. Frazier is a widower. His wife, Mrs. Gertrude C. Frazier, died in March this year.

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ANOTHER success story is that of 31-year-old James Edward Brown of 1917 Dukeland St., an arm amputee.

Mr. Brown has worked as clerk and delivery man at the Maryland Pharmacy, Madeira Ave., and Monroe St. for eight and a half years.

His left arm was caught in a conveyer in 1945 when he was employed by a Sparrows Pt. manufacturer.

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"AT FIRST I didn't think I would ever get another job because of my arm, but they tried me out here at the pharmacy and I guess I made good," said Mr. Brown.

But now that he has become accustomed to his artificial arm, he feels that there's nothing he can't tackle.

"I can do anything with this arm that anyone else can do with two," he declared.

"I play football, baseball; and I drive very well," he added.

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ONE OF his major hobbies is drawing.

"I took commercial arts in school (Carver High), and I think I can do pretty well.

"Occasionally, I do some drawing on the side now if anyone wants me to do posters or sign."

He says he also likes to sing, and enjoys "all types" of music.

Mr. Brown named the former Miss Anna V. Brown of the Eastern Shore.

They have six children, Karen, 9, James Jr., 8, Carlton, 7, Christine, 4, Olivia, 3, and William, 1.

This then is the story of four handicapped persons who are filling useful and important jobs in the community.

It proves that it makes good sense to hire the handicapped.

JAMES BROWN
Loss of arm no handicap to him

Douglass warns youths in the Western District

"We are not going to have this New York situation in Baltimore.

"You boys that hang around the streets just to create trouble are going to be dealt with severely in the Western District:

"I want you to spread the word to all your friends. We're just not going to have it."

Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass sternly spoke these words to a 16 - year - old youth before slapping him with a stiff sentence for carrying a can of activated lye to a football game.

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SENTENCED TO a year in Boys Village was Robert Young, 1100 block N. Monroe St., a Carver Vocational High School pupil.

The youth told the court that he bought the lye during the fourth quarter of a Carver-Forest Park game because he heard some boys were out to get him.

He said he activated it with a bottle of soda water.

Alerted policemen arrested the boy before anyone was injured.

Teachers ask for special tax session

The Public School Teachers Association composed of 4544 members, has called for a special session of the Legislature to act on Mayor Grady's tax program.

The teachers' request was made in a telegram by Martin H. Raila, president, to Governor Tawes and the state legislators.

The telegram said:

"The public school teachers association of Baltimore feels that the extraordinary circumstances of the moment compel it to publicly go on record as requesting the Governor of Maryland to issue a call for a special session of the Maryland Legislature and that the influence of his office be extended in behalf of Mayor Grady's tax program for Baltimore City.

The need in immediate and urgent.

If the city officials are forced by inaction at the state level to curtail essential services or are rendered unable to meet urgent needs, particularly in terms of our public schools, the state as well as the city will unquestionably suffer serious and prolonged damage.

"We hereby respectfully call upon the county as well as the city delegates and senators to the Maryland General Assembly to press for the adoption of the proposed Grady tax program.

This action was urged and unanimously approved today by the 200 member representative assembly of our 4,544 member association."

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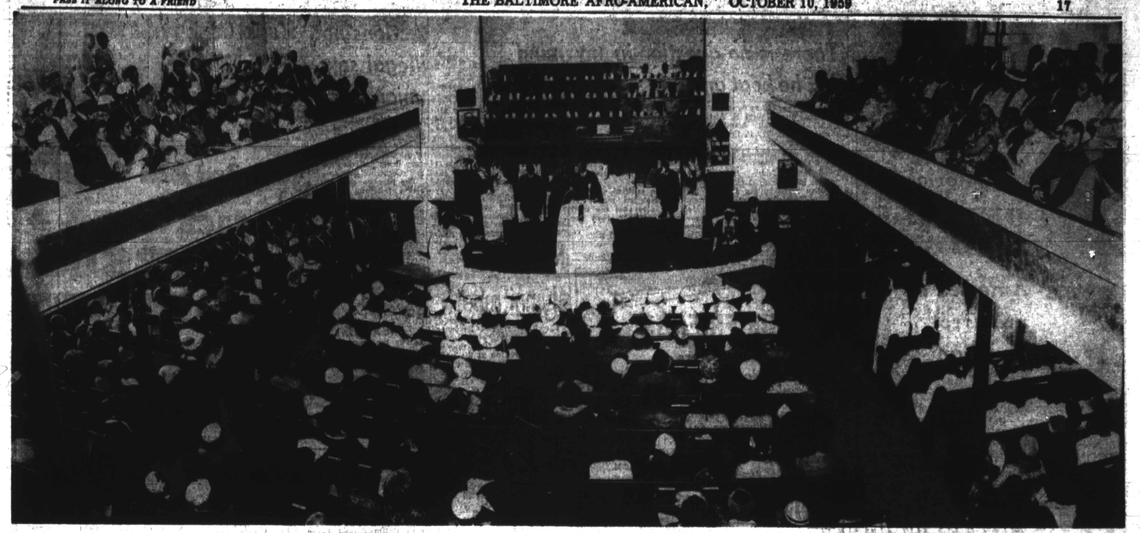

THIS WAS THE SCENE AT Pa. Ave. AME Zion Church in Baltimore on Sunday morning when 1,000 members and visitors turned out to hear the new minister, the Rev. Clinton R. Coleman, 35, preach his first sermon. The Rev. Mr. Coleman of Fayetteville, N.C., was appointed last week to succeed the late Rev. G. M. Edwards who built the church and developed the church property to the place where it is known far and wide as the worship house for the friendless. He died Sept. 2, 1959. In his initial sermon, the Rev. Mr. Coleman said, "I realize I am standing in the preaching place of one of Zion's most illustrious sons . . . I want to stay with you and share your joy, sorrow and heartache . . ."

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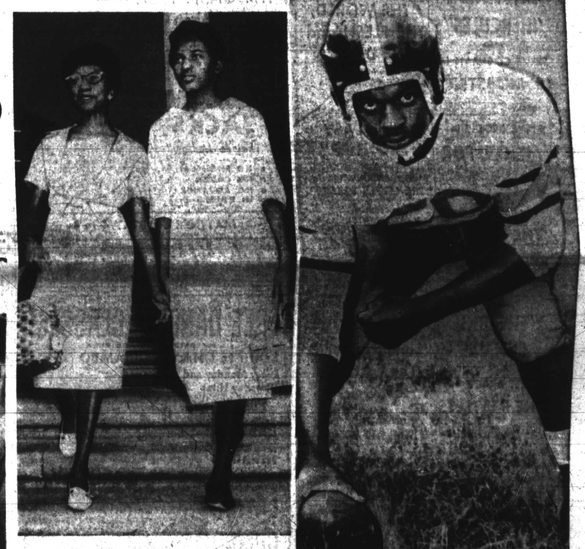
AFRO VISITORS on Monday afternoon were Dr. Ralph Bunche, honowned writer, lecturer and world traveler, who was in Baltimore for a weekend visit with his daughter, Mrs. Yolande D. Williams, right. This was the first visit he has made to the AFRO office, according to veteran staff members.

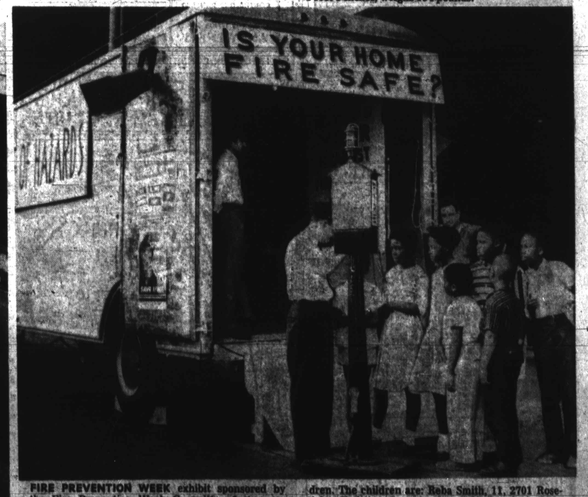


JUNE IN OCTOBER weather means Baltimoreans have not had to put away their summer clothes. These ladies photographed recently are Miss Carole Williams, 2711 Round Rd., and Miss Alvidine Richardson, 2802 Winwood Ct.

CO-CAPTAIN of 1959 Morgan Bears is Ralph Chase, senior of D.C. Chase, who is first string center, is 5 feet 9 inches, weighs 194 pounds.

THEY CAME TO SEE how Americans run their schools. These gentlemen, (left to right) Pak Kyung Won, Lee Choong Jo, Kim Chong Moo and Lee Song Woo, all Korean high school principals, are talking shop with Benjamin Whitten, vice principal of Carver Vocational High School, on Tuesday. The Korean gentlemen are scheduled to tour numerous schools across the country to get some progressive ideas for their own school system. They are interested in technical education.

SCENE AT ENON BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION SUNDAY shows the divided chancel with the pulpit left and the reading desk right. Visiting ministers, church officials and the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Payne are shown preparing for Communion at the services which dedicated the $30,000 innovations and additions constructed during the summer.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK exhibit sponsored by the Fire Prevention Week Committee features a house of dangers residents are urged to watch for to avoid fires. This photo was made at the Mondawmin Shopping Center Wednesday as Fire Capt. Thomas J. Burke talked to a group of school children. The children are: Reba Smith, 11, 2701 Rosedale; Christine Ourston, 11, 2704 Rosedale; Elsie Young, 12, 2704 Rosedale; James Bright, 12, 2515 McDonah; Vernon Powell, 12, 2836 Raynor; Roderick Smith, 6, 2701 Rosedale; and Gordon Longwood.