All 4 black councilmen oppose Thieblot's vote

By PAUL EVANS

The self-styled "conservative" new appointee to the Board of School Commissioners is Attorney Robert J. Thieblot.

Mr. Thieblot was named by Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Commissioner, John Sweeney. The appointment ends in 1972.

He is a well-educated lawyer who lives in the Bolton Hill section of the city, and it said to be a close personal friend of School Board President Robert Karwacki.

Since the mayor made public his intention to submit the name to the City Council, Mr. Thieblot has been under fire from some in the white community because he has allegedly had no contact with the public school system.

Thieblot did not attend public schools and his daughter is registered at a private school in the city.

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Since the appointment was scrutinized by the Council, the AFRO has been told that Mr. Thieblot was reportedly dismissed from the City Solicitor's office (under the late Judge Joseph Allen) because he was not able to render impartial decisions on racial matters.

At Council session Tuesday night, Councilman Robert Douglass (D-2nd) said, "Last Tuesday night, after the meeting of the Executive Appointment Committee, I received some information concerning the Mayor's latest appointment to the Board of School Commissioners.

"Since I was unable to attend the hearing, I talked to several members who had attended this hearing to ascertain whether this information was brought out in the hearing. I was told it was not."

Douglass said he, Councilwoman Victorine Adams, Councilman Robert Marshall (with the concurrence of Councilman Dr. Emerson R. Julian) talked to William D. Schaefer, president of the City Council.

Mr. Schaefer, reportedly told the black councilmen to talk with Mayor D'Alesandro on their apprehensions over the Thieblot appointment.

"We told the Mayor that we were not interested in causing a big fuss and, perhaps, running the risk of maligning one of his appointees over an unfounded rumor.

"The Mayor agreed that we should call Mr. Thieblot and set up an appointment with him to discuss the possibility of allowing us to check the information by checking with the City Solicitor's office files," noted Douglass.

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He related that Mrs. Adams called Thieblot, explained the purpose of the meeting and set up a meeting time. At that time Thieblot consented to attend. The time was 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11.

"But on Thursday morning when Mrs. Adams called he refused to attend unless Councilmen Mach (Joseph Mach D-2nd) and Clement Prucha (D-2nd) were in attendance. We felt that this request was an honorable one, and attempted to honor it," Douglass said.

Douglass said that he called Thieblot, telling him that Mr. Mach has consented to attend, but Mr. Prucha could not.

He stated "I tried to stress to him the importance of holding this meeting with, or without, the other Councilman he had requested. I told him we should meet at the previously agreed time. Mr. Thieblot said he would not attend, unless Mr. Prucha attended.

"I called Mr. Thieblot and Councilman Prucha and rescheduled the meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 16."

Mr. Thieblot continued to refuse to meet with the black councilmen.

"Because of Mr. Thieblot's refusal to meet with us, I consider it an act of irresponsibility on his part. I believe he has completely disregarded an honorable request from the black members of this Council.

"If this is indicative of his actions in matters that question his integrity, then I feel he is incapable of representing any segment of the population of the City on the School Board.

"Mr. Thieblot's appointment at this time would be a bad appointment. His appointment would be an affront to the parents and guardians of the 70 per cent black children of the city."

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Mr. Douglass concluded, "...I do not think that Mr. Thieblot can offer anything positive to this Board. His actions of the past week indicate clearly that he dealt in negatives for he has not allowed his file to be made public.

"I, therefore, believe Mr. Thieblot should be rejected. I move that the Council send this nomination back to Committee, with specific recommendations that the files of Mr. Thieblot in the City Solicitor's office be examined and made a part of the public record."

The vote to recommit the nomination was defeated 15-4. The president of the council, Mr. Schaefer voted with the majority — not to recommit.

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In the vote for final confirmation, Dr. Julian and Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Adams, all made statements against the nomination.

Dr. Julian may have summed up the feelings of the black members when he allured to the allegations that Mr. Thieblot was a strong supporter of Barry Goldwater in the presidential election of 1964.

"Around my house Goldwater is a nasty word. I am against Goldwaterism in all forms," said the only doctor in the council session.

Thieblot is expected to take his seat formally on Board of School Commissioners when it meets next at Eastern High School, February 25th at 8 p.m.

The board is now at full member strength with the addition of Thieblot. He is openly expected to vote with the self-styled conservative bloc on the board which now, with the resignation of John Sweeney, includes Commissioners Maree Farring and board president, Robert Karwacki.

Mrs. Johnson feted at surprise party

The home of Mr. and was the setting for the gala surprise party that marked the birthday of Mrs. Grace Johnson, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Alexander executed the affair, inviting Mrs. Alexander over "for snacks." When the latter arrived, chic in a black and white pants suit, she found a galaxy of friends and relatives to wish her "happy birthday."

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Guests had come baaring gifts of cash, which was made into a "money collar" for the honoree.

A seated dinner was served.

Following dinner the party was continued at the Playboy Club.

Guests were:

Mrs. Evelyn Scipio, Mrs. Gladye Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas, Mrs. Viola Jeter, Mr. and Mrs. Hyrman King, Mrs. Sarah Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mason, Mrs. Alice Cunningham.

Miss Margaret Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Squire, Mr. and Mrs. John Squire, Miss Marie Drumgoole, Kelvin Hamblyn of Port-a-Spain, Trinidad; and Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips of Germany.

Balto. keglers pick up $1806 in Eastern meet

Baltimore bowlers fared extremely well in the 10th annual Eastern Regional tournament, concluded recently after a six-day hiatus in Atlantic City.

Arthur Boseman of the Heidelberg Beer No. 1 team, captured men's all-events honors with a score of 1840.

The Heidelberg mixed team also took team honors, with Boseman, George and Joe Lee, Joy Wilson and Sylvia Butler forming the victorious quint.

Two other firsts were recorded in the women's ranks, Della Ruffin and Thelma Wilson scoring in the scratch doubles, and Elizabeth McNeil and Burnette Johnson victorious in the handicap division.

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For these and a wide assortment of other triumphs, Baltimore keglers accumulated a total of $1 806 in cash prizes.

In the team handicap division, the Westenders finished sixth, the Heidelberg No. 1 Mixed Team was 14th, and Theodore Jackson, Inc., was 22nd.

Fairlane Ladies gained a third place in the women's scratch division.

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In women's singles handicap competition, Charlotte Pully was third; Burnette Johnson was 17th, Mary Harrish was 22nd, P Alise Jenkins was 23rd, Rose Josie Burns finished 36th.

Allise Jenkins took a 6th place in the scratch women's division, with Thelma Wilson 7th.

Third place in the handicap division in women's doubles went to Della Ruffin and Thelma Wilson, and fourth place to Mary Parrish and Charlotte Pully.

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In men's singles of the handicap division, Melvin Hill finished 10th, and Carl Eggleston was 27th.

In men's doubles (scratch), Pete Pompey doubles went to Della Ruffin-Johnson was 17th, Mary and James Williams paired for a 4th place finish.

In men's handicap doubles, Calvin and Melvin Nelson were 6th, Pete Pompey and James Wilson were 8th, and Melvin Hill and Tom Pinkney were 19th.

Sports Symposium

Coppin State College will sponsor a symposium on "The Racial Factor in Intercollegiate Athletics."

The speakers will include Earl Banks, head football coach at Morgan State College and Alex Sotir, head football coach at Johns Hopkins University.

The symposium will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at 11 a.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Julian Science Building.

The public is invited.

Pool King to appear with Zenker

"Minnesota Fats" guests on 13 m4

Rudolph "Minnesota Fats" Wanderone, renowned pool shark and "hustler," is Arnold Zenker's guest on "From A To Zenker" Saturday, February 20 at 10:30 p.m. on WJZ-TV (Channel 13).

"Minnesota Fats," alias New York Fats and Triple Smart Fats, recalls his first introduction to pool playing at the age of five, and recounts numerous stories of hi career which was made into a movie, "The Hustler," in 1961, and starred Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason and George C. Scott.

In another segment of the show, WJZ-TV film crews visit Baltimore pool halls and talk with Earl "Baltimore Fats" Magid. "Baltimore Fats" obliges with his imitation of "Minnesota Fats."

Wanderone who says he "never forgets a face," gives Zenker the details of his one and only encounter with "Baltimore Fats."

Throughout the entire show, he spices his conversation with demonstrations of his pool-playing wizardry.

"From A To Zenker" is produced by Howard Jaffe, Associate Producer is Barbara Fenhagen. The director is Dan Kolsrud.

Rec Bureau taking Olympics entries

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation is accepting entry blanks for the following indoor Youth Olympics meets to be held at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

Meets will be held Feb. 24, March 17 and April 15. Entry blanks are due no later than one week prior to date of meet. Entry blanks are available at recreation centers throughout the city or at the main office at 1129 North Calvert Street.

Contestants are separated in age groups as follows: Nine years and under, 11 years and under, 13 years and under, 15 years and under, 17 years and under. Age is determined as of the day of the meet.

Events will include the 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, 440-yard run, 440-yard relay, 880-yard run, 880-yard relay, standing long jump, and running high jump.

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Flood, unchanged, irked by boss' tarnished label

MILTON RICHMAN

Bob Short calls some of his Washington ballplayers "tarnished."

He doesn's mean to put them down when he used the word in connection with Denny McLain, Curt Flood and Joe Foy he merely means to explain how he obtained them.

"I never would've had any chance at all to get them if they weren't tarnished," says the Senators' owner.

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So far Curt Flood's relationship with Bob Short has been cordial.

"Why determines that we have been tarnished?" Flood wants to know.

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Wait a minute now, he wasn't looking to get off on the wrong foot with his new boss, was he? "No," Flood said. "But if he can say it, I can dispute it. They have called Denny McLain and myself 'bad boys' right along. Who determines that? Is it the sports writers? Is it the American public?"

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GOING, GOING, GONE was this antique clock when attractive collector, Mrs. Beatrice Locke purchased it for $30 at the auction Wednesday for ancient furnishings left at Old Providence Hospital. Thousands of patients seated in the main hall at the hospital over a period of 50 years were told the time of death and birth of loved ones by the large clock which hung on the wall.

Brooks Robinson wins award

Over 500 persons, representing the major business and civic organizations in the metropolitan area, are expected to attend the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Council's Annual Report and Awards Luncheon at the Belvedere Hotel at noon on February 22.

According to George H. A. Kommalan, executive director of the BACVC, guest speaker will be William D. Toohey, President of Discover America Travel Organizations, Inc. (DATO), a Washington, D.C.-based travel promotion organization.

Sharing the head table with Mr. Toohey will be political and civic leaders, as well as recipients of BACVC's two annual awards, The Monument Award and The Merit Award.

Monument Award winners are Brooks Robinson, Baltimore Orioles third baseman, and Joseph Clautice, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore.

Merit Award winners are Haussner's Restaurant and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland.

Patapsco youth 'Scholar-Athlete'

Genal Reese, a senior at Patapsco High School, survived a gruelling competition with 63 other highly-qualified youngsters to attain recognition as scholar-athlete of the year, Wednesday night at the Eastwind.

Victory in the 8th annual competition sponsored by the National Football Hall of Fame Foundation and the Baltimore Chapter of the Quarterback Club, marked the first time an entry from a county school has won the honor.

Douglass High School's George W. Jones was one of the five finalists.

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Others to reach the final round of eliminations were Jeffrey Bender of Mt. Hebron High, Robert Elliott of Catonsville High, and Robert Leese of Westminster, along with Reese and Jones.

Reese's credentials included two seasons of varsity football, serving as captain in his senior year; two years of lettering in wrestling and lacrosse. An honor roll student throughout his high school career, he is in the top one percent of his class, president of the Student Government, and a member of the Student-faculty Relations Committee. And in 1968, he was the Optimist Club "Boy of the Year."

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Young Jones played varsity quarterback and linebacker on the Douglass Eleven.

A former JV swimmer, he advanced to the varsity and was named the school's outstanding swimmer for the 1969-70 season.

He ranks in the top ten percent of his class, is a member of the distinguished High School Students for his scholastic excellence; is president of the Student Council, vice president of the Varsity Club, and a member of Outward Bound.

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Highlights of the evening were the speeches by a pair of college head coaches: Ben Jones, of the Air Force Academy was the main speaker, and Earl Banks, of Morgan, was called upon to wind up the occasion.

Martin charged the youngsters with the responsibility to make the best of the opportunity afforded them, and admonished the adults to provide the guidance and acceptance due "our leaders of tomorrow."

Banks urged the youngsters to move wisely in their choice of colleges, and be wary of "instant friends", when they complete their collegiate careers and look to professional participation.

He then challenged them to go as far as they can but to never forget from whence they came.

"No matter how far you go, or how great you become, or how much money you make," he said, "if you forget your Mama and your Papa and what you came from, you aren't worth a damn!

Sports symposium at Coppin Wednesday

Vince Bagli, veteran sports commentator and sports director at Baltimore's WBAL-TV, has been a sports commentator in Maryland by the National Sportscasters' and Sports Writers' Association.

He joins other sports writers and commentators voted the outstanding throughout the country who were honored in the association's State-by-State awards.

Selection of the top commentators was made on the basis of a poll by the Association's membership. Presentation of the awards will take place during a formal awards banquet to be held in Salisbury, North Carolina, at the end of March.

Bagli is a native Baltimorean and a graduate of Loyola High School and Loyola College where he was an English Major. He joined WBAL-TV as Sports Director in October of 1964. Louisiana at LSU."

Bullet tickets to aid Douglass

The Douglass High School Varsity Club is selling tickets for the basketball game between the Baltimore Bullets and the New York Knickerbockers, which will be held on Feb. 28, at the Civic Center.

The Varsity Club is selling them at a discount price.

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