—Koger: Hold it

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AFRO story, Mr. Ivey will answer all of Mr. Koger's questions and quiet all his fears with facts.

Meantime, Mr. Koger's assertions are stated in this release issued to the media by him Thursday morning:

HOLD UP THE FUNDS

By Earl Koger Sr.

Baltimoreans should flood President Ford with letters asking him to withhold the $22.7 million granted this city for community development. Baltimore is not ready. Our officials, Mayor Schaefer and the City Council, have failed to properly interpret the real spirit and intent of this federal grant.

Senators Beall and Mathias and Congressmen Long, Mitchell and Sarbanes should immediately investigate local Housing and Development (HUD) forces to see why they have not stirred from their offices to insure adequate and sincere citizen participation.

ALLEGED INEQITIES

They should compel Sen. Blount, Comptroller Pressman, William Sykes, Lenwood Ivey and local HUD people to explain why previous inequities and blunders should be compounded.

As U.S. officials they will be certainly embarrassed not to investigate the criminal aspects: bookkeeping frauds, conflict of interests, public official conspiracies, concealed investigation results, and why haven't the States Attorney and Grand Jury seen fit to make broader inquiries?

NO PLAN

The real purpose of this money is to provide better housing, improved environment and economic advancement — all, especially for poor whites and blacks.

At the apex, is the mandate that citizens must participate in the planning.

More important, they must understand what they are planning, make sure their civil rights are honored and that feed back from officials is made to them on every level.

I know, the officials know, and the readers know, that no such comprehensive plan with their genuine input has been conceived nor prevented.

QUESTIONS

Has anyone explained to the small home buyer how he can make needed improvements to his home, and get low cost government funds to do it and time to pay it back?

Has anyone encouraged him to pool his needs and get contractors from his own community to contract his jobs?

To the thousands of poor people renting in delapidated houses, has anyone explained to you how your landlord can put in a badly needed furnace or bathroom in your rented home, and how he can get a government subsidy to pay for it, and how you can get extra rent subsidies to pay him the difference?

Has anyone informed the black businessmen what may be done if they united their allocations for housing, stocking and security, how greater profits may be made, more tax money generated and how viable economic advancement be made like in Durham, Gary, Atlanta, etc?

We know nothing has been asked and much less explained.

The people are treated as fools.

If you have been to any city sectional meetings, as I have, the plans discussed were already made and rubber stamped. People have taken the floor to say as much.

To knock a building down is not good housing, nor slum clearance.

As one section is knocked down, blight starts elsewhere.

The Park Heights area is where forced overcrowding, severe rent hikes, use of trickery, already delapidated houses demoralize and defeat the people's hopes and funds.

Has there been any evidence of city planning ahead of the people's flight? To allow houses to be boarded up like corners in a moderate neighborhood, by absentee landlords seeking tax shelters and where improvements are too expensive to be born due to obsolete building codes, and being forced to move to high rise apartments or to "vertical ghettoes" which become even worse than the blighted slums.

Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Embry and Mr Ivey: this is not improved "housing and urban development" and if compounded as you appear to be doing, it is a fraud, and should be treated in this fashion.

States Attorney Milton Allen did little about this matter. It is hoped that Mr. Swisher will see his duty clear, and have the Baltimore and/or the Federal grand juries do their duty.

This $22.7 million may be one of the last government handouts for a long time.

The poor people of Baltimore need it and deserve it. Please, let us not squander it.

Let the president, to at least check to see if the proper ground work has been laid.

Walter Burman gets 34 years

Walter L. Burman, 40, was sentenced to 34 years in prison and fined $20,000 for possession of heroin with intent to distribute, with intent to distribute.

FRANK FAUST IV

Judge H. Kemp MacDaniel imposed sentence March 18, in Baltimore County Circuit Court.

Burman, of the 3700 block Winterbourne Rd. was also convicted in Baltimore County Circuit Court of possession of heroin and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

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Burman and Ms. Dieidre Baker, 30, were arrested Oct 15, 1974 during a raid by the State Police at Ms. Baker's apartment.

Police report they recovered 395 packets of heroin worth an estimated $3,000. Mrs. Baker was released on $1,500 bail pending a presentence report.

-Heart attack

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heart attack but he had never been a very sick boy."

A native Baltimorean, he was born Jan. 1, 1938 and was a graduate of Harlem Park Junior High.

He was the pianist for the Fellowship Choir at the Monroe Street Church which he attended.

Survivors are his parents, Mr and Mrs. Frank Faust, III; a brother, Timothy; two sisters, Cynthia and Theresa; grandparents, Mrs. Abbie Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faust Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Booth Sr.; three aunts and three uncles.

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Man pleads guilty to park murder

Edward L. Mack, 18, 1300 block Pentwood Rd. pleaded guilty March 17, in Criminal Court to second degree murder for shooting a man riding a bicycle in Druid Hill Park on June 30.

Mack also pleaded guilty to attempted robbery. Judge Solomon Liss ordered a presentence report before imposing sentence.

Mack is charged with killing Marvin B. Lewis, 30, 1700 block Brunt St.

Assistant State's Attorney Howard Grotsfeld told the court, Mr Lewis was shot in the throat after Mack stopped him while riding his bike in the park.

Baptist confab opens, 500 expected

The three-day American Baptist Convention opened Thursday night at the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Lanvale and Fremont Ave., with a pre-conby Nathan Carter.

Over 500 persons are expected to participate in the 105 church-member convention. Official business and planning sessions began at 9 a.m. this morning (Friday).

A complimentary luncheon was held at 11:30 a.m. for ministers and missionaries of the conference which covers 15 southeastern states.

A banquet with the theme: "Rediscovering the New Testament Church Concept." is scheduled at 6 p.m. at the church.

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—Embry: Ready to go

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that the city's housing and community development department is employing an internal affirmative action program to insure that black contractors are used, and that non-black contractors use black employees.

The affirmative action program will assist in the establishment of new minority owned businesses.

Mayor Schaefer says with the funds Baltimore will:

NEW TOWN

1. Continue the commitments it has made under the Neighborhood Development Program in the Oliver and Washington Hill areas of East Baltimore, in Reservoir Hill and the Orchard-Biddle area of West Baltimore, and the Coldspring New Town in Town.

2. Fund additional activities, or the higher costs resulting from inflation, in the established urban renewal areas such as Gay Street I, Mount Winans, Upton, Oldtown, Charles Center, Inner Harbor I and Inner Harbor West.

3. Continue funding the unfurnished Rosemont federally-assisted code enforcement. area.

4. Fund a number of new projects in Park Heights, Poppleton, Fells Point, Ridgely's Delight and the Metrocenter Retail District. The Fells Point areas will have planning only; Park Heights will represent a new approach to redevelopment, with the initiation of an innovative social program to supplement the physical improvements.

DAY CARE CENTERS

5. Funds, through the Urban Service Agency, these programs: Business Packaging and Counseling Assistance, Direct Search for Talent, Ralph Young School, Cultural Arts Program, Minority Contractors' Technical Assistance, Vision Examinations, Quarter-Way House for Alcoholic Women, Community Councils, Day Care Centers, SAGA Multi-Purpose Centers, Prisoner Assistance, Consumer Law Center, Operation Champ, Teen Centers, Transportation Pool, Self-Help Housing, Deaf Referrals, Community Residential Center, and Hands-in-Darkness Program.

6. Support multi-purpose centers throughout the City.

7. Expand rehabilitation activities.

8. Support the development of the Carroll Industrial Park.

9. Provide a Comprehensive Community Plan and Policy-Planning Management.

-Two share

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where she is enrolled in the A course.

Her hobbies include the piano and enjoys playing classical and popular music. Also she is an ardent reader, particularly an historical and romantic novel.

Her future career plans are indefinite. Her last summer job, which she expects to repeat this summer, was an art counselor at the Johns Hopkins Hospital camp.

Miss Jamison is a member of Girl Scouts No. 1266 which meets at Payne Memorial Church. She has been a Girl Scout for eight years.

She, an 8th grader at Booker T. Washington Junior High School. Her hobbies are bowling, modern dance, knitting and reading.

Miss Jamison plans to be a Navy nurse because she is interested in travelling. She says she will enlist in the Navy after high school.

Witherspoon pleads guilty

John Witherspoon, 32, 700 block Woodbourne Ave. pleaded guilty March 17, in Criminal Court to manslaughter for killing his wife, Mrs Mary Helen.

According to assistant state's attorney Walter F. Balint, Wittttherspoon to the police that his wife picked up a gun while she was cleaning a closet and the weapon fired.

However, Mr. Balint told the court, the couple's children said they heard their parents arguing. Judge Anselm Sodaro will imoose sentence after he receives a report from the probation department.

Lanky Jones death report is erroneous

An earlier report of the death and burial of Dr. Edd "Lanky" Jones has been discovered to be without foundation.

In its Baltimore (Tuesday) edition, the AFRO carried a story to the effect that the former basketball great at Morgan State College had succumbed to a lengthy illness.

The report, relayed to the AFRO by a usually reliable source, was inaccurate, and the paper regrets the error.

Jones, a prominent physician in Orange, N.J., for more than 30 years, remains in stable condition at his home there.

Lanky was a member of the first championship team at Morgan, one which started a decade of topflight basketball at the Hillen Road institution.

Teammates on the Bears aggregations with Jones, were Rapp Wheatley, Pinky Clark, Cutie Brown, Jack Spencer, Powell Sheffy, Mack Payne, Marse Hill and the late Ike Young.

—Baptists gather

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pensive white tuxedoes worn by many of the Baptist ministers and the parking lot filled with high-priced cars, the Rev. Mr. Walker said each person should therefore be able to tithe to accomplish the building of more and better aged homes and other big projects.

His speech accorded him standing ovations, sustained applause, Amens and cheers.

Mrs. Chessie Brailey and the Rev. Leroy Pitts presided.

Miss Helen V. Benton, Mesdames Walter E. Paige, Gladys Patterson, Estelle Dobson, Mamie Coutins, Mary Brown and the Revs. A. C. Brown, Lorenzo Graves, and Arthur E. Jones, all chairmen of various divisions, formed the general committee with honorary chairmen, the Revs. Spencer Dobson and E. Jerry Williams and Mrs. Mable S. Cox, honorary trustees.

Chairmen of the hostesses were Miss Pattie E. Holloway, Mrs. Mamie Butler and Mrs. Jacqueline Brooks.

Others on the program were Rev. C. C. Alexander, president, United Missionary convention of Maryland; AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver, WMAR-TV public relations director, Charles Richardson, the Rev. George A. Crawley, William Brown, Mrs. Graves, Rev. E. D. Meade Sr.

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