CCB, Coppin heads back Mogan-Bay negotiations

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A proposal that Morgan State University develop plans to help the students of the sinking Bay College has received the backing of the heads of two predominantly black colleges in the area.

The two leaders, however, said they will not come to the aid of the financially plagued junior college unless they are asked.

Dr. Rafael Cortada, president of the Community College of Baltimore and Dr. Calvin Burnett, president of Coppin State College, both admitted to the AFRO that they have talked to Dr. Andrew Billingsley, Morgan's president, about the possibility of the university absorbing Bay if the school should close.

"Yes, we discussed the situation," said Cortada. "I'm in full support of anything that will help the students. We don't want to see those students left out in the cold."

Dr. Burnett said he and Billingsley discussed some program possibilities and was very supportive of the proposal.

He was quick to add, however, he would not go to the Bay College board of trustees with an offer to help because Coppin was in the midst of strengthening its own problems.

The news that Bay College might close was revealed by the AFRO last week when the board of trustees met in closed session to discuss opening negotiations with Morgan.

The trustees, the AFRO learned, decided they could not keep the non-profit college open and had been seeking money to keep the school open through the end of the term when they approached Morgan to ask them to develop programs for their students.

Billingsley has since appointed a committee of top Morgan officials to study the possibility but plans are not yet definite.

"Tattletales" creates furor

Mosley, Mrs. Clark set record straight

A section of "Tattletales" in the AFRO's Friday, April 21 edition has created a small furor in two city school regions.

School officials, parents and community leaders in Regions Four and Seven are upset because the AFRO's "Tattletale" said Boyse Mosley, Region Four's superintendent, was taking over for Vondalee Clark, Region Seven's superintendent, and Mrs. Clark, Region seven's superintendent, and Mrs. Clark was considering a change in assignment.

According to the article, Mosely was leaving Four after having several runins with white principals.

After this appeared the AFRO began to get calls and conflictiong reports from persons in both regions.

Some parents in Seven were shocked to hear that Mrs. Clark was leaving and refused to believe it. Others said the AFRO had the straight story. Persons in Region Four were angry because they wanted to hold on to Mosley.

Mosley told the AFRO he's "not going anywhere.

"I'm not going to Region Seven," he said. "I'm at home here at Region Four. We're doing some good things and I'm satisfied."

Mrs. Clark said as far as she knows, she's not going anywhere, either.

"As far as I know, the people who make the changes are not planning to move me and I don't have any plans to go anywhere."

She added that she talked to Dr. John L. Crew school superintendent, and he was just as surprised as she was at the report.

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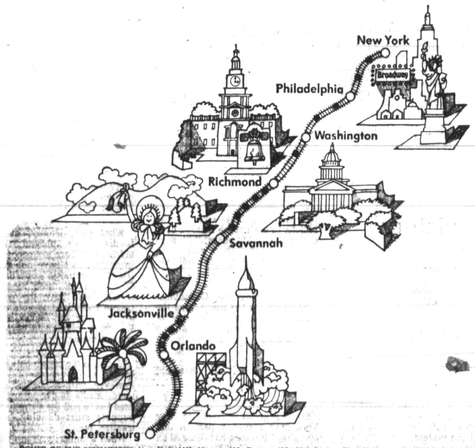

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AN EVENING WITH VERDA — Political leaders and gubernatorial hopefuls were among the guests at the Blue Crest North April 19 to honor Sen. Verda Welcome at an appreciation dinner. In the left panel Mayor William Donald Schaefer (L) and Acting Gov. Blair Lee laugh with Sen. Welcome and her husband, Dr. Henry Welcome, while in the right panel gubernatorial hopeful Ted Venetoulis greets the couple.

AFRO photos by Roman Hankewycz

Giving Verda her night

Marylanders are considered the political, educational and social elite of the state — people who at times may not agree with each other — were at the Blue Crest North Wednesday night with one united thought in mind.

They came to honor Sen. Verda Welcome.

Close to 500 persons attended the $25 a plate appreciation dinner for this city's woman legislator, held as the 1978 campaign season opens.

Sen. Welcome, fresh from her 90 - day stint in the General Assembly, and recuperated from surgery before that, stood in the receiving line dressed in a black strapless satin gown with a wine colored shawl and a diamond necklace.

Beside her was Dr. Henry Welcome, and their daughter, Ms. Mary Sue Welcome, city solicitor for the Atlanta Courts.

She greeted a host of political hopefuls who showed up for the swank affair to offer best wishes and to better acquaint themselves with the community.

Among the guests were gubernatorial hopefuls Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, State Senate president Steny Hoyer, City Council President Walter Orlinsky, former Transportation Secretary Harry Hughes and Baltimore County executive Ted Venetoulis.

The candidates refused to talk politics.

"I'm here to share an evening with my friend," said Venetoulis, smiling. He then sought out his special assistant, Marie Henderson, who was talking to Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

"I'm just here to have a good time," said Lee, joining the receiving line.

"I'll always support Verda," said Harry Hughes, who greeted her with a kiss on the cheek (a standard greeting for the evening.)

"I knew Verda when she beat the Jack Pollack machine by a whopping 64 votes supplied by Walter Orlinsky," said Orlinsky laughing. "This is the type of thing that draws flies to the honey."

Other political hopefuls came, too. They included Dels. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon, Lena K. Lee, Walter Dean and Troy Brailey and Sen. Clarence Blount.

Del. Arthur Murphy did not attend. He was recovering from an operation on his vocal chords.

Challengers, for Assembly seats were there too — Frank Conaway, Howard "Pete" Rawlings and Dr. Olin P. Moyd.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan, head of the Baltimore NAACP, and members of the NAACP youth auxiliary were there also to pay respects.

"Verda's a trooper and us troopers have to stick together," said Delegate Dixon.

Greetings were also sent from First Lady Rosalynn Carter. Mayor Schaefer declared April 19th as "Sen. Verda Welcome Day" in Baltimore.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president emritus of Morgan State University, received a standing ovation at the affair which was entitled "Verda. . .As We Know Her."

He acknowledged the accomplishments of Sen. Welcome in the state legislature and in the community for the removal of discrimination and deep interest in education and community affairs.

Ms. Welcome, the senator's daughter, called her mother her "Rock of Ages."

Sen. Welcome, touched by the praise recalled, the day Harry Hughes changed one of his legislative votes after listening to a plea by her on civil rights.

"My load is lighter because of the help from my fellow legislators," she said, adding that she knew Dr. Jenkins would sleep well tonight," referring to his remarks that black children, if given a chance, can accomplish as much as anyone else.

It was indeed a night for Verda.

CHATTING — Sen. Welcome and City Council President Walter Orlinsky, who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, talk prior to the dinner.

CCB offers course for salesmen

The Community College of Baltimore (CCB) is offering a short course in "Developing Selling Skills for Salesmen." This four - week course will meet on successive Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning May 3.

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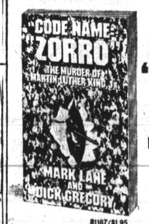

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