—White city in 1980?

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According to the study, because of the drop in the black birth rate as well as the lack of in-migration to the city and the sizable out-migration from the city to the Baltimore county area, Baltimore will likely contain more whites and fewer blacks by the late 1980s.

Baltimore is currently over 55 percent black.

The report also predicted that white flight to the suburbs will reverse itself as more middle class people seek an urban life style. The result will be increased home prices. Affordable housing will be a thing of the past.

Levin's report sharply contrasted with a report issued 17 months ago by a retired Johns Hopkins University professor, Abel Wolman, that predicted a severe drop in the city's population, but called for a reduction of services provided by the city and a diligent effort to promote economic development.

Levin's report said the population will drop but officials should not be concerned because "smaller is more efficient."

The study said the smaller city would result in a declining need for city services such as schools because there will be "fewer children to educate;" pressure on the city's tax base should be eased considerably through changes in the population composition.

Levin also wrote that in the maturing city of the 1980s there will also be few teenage delinquents, a larger proportion of elderly people who require relatively little expenditure of municipal revenue and more gainfully employed adults.

On the employment scene, the study shows that the number of white collar jobs in Baltimore city will expand while the number of blue collar jobs is decreasing.

Right now roughly two-thirds of the white collar jobs are held by suburban residents while two thirds of the manufacturing blue collar jobs are held by city residents.

The report recommends that Baltimore must however continue efforts to revitalize its depressed downtown retail district to create new jobs and spur urban growth.

It also said that the city must strengthen its efforts to bring a larger portion of its poor into the "economic mainstream" by helping them to get the education and training needed to qualify on a competative basis for jobs in the growing services sector.

But while the study said the city must strengthen these efforts it added that Baltimore will continue to have difficulties developing jobs for all its poor and preventing housing displacement.

Levin said Baltimore can reduce the impact of displacement by helping more of its moderate income residents to purchase city housing while prices are still relatively low.

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Opposes historic designation

Mayoral candidate blasts Schaefer's retail district plan

WASHINGTON — The federal Interior Department's Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service has awarded Maryland a $2.2 million grant to develop state parks.

Officials said the federal grant will be matched by state money for parks in Caroline, Queen Anne, Prince George's, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's and Washington counties.

The Republican challenging Mayor William Donald Schaefer in the November election says the city's retail district will become a "ghost town" if it is designated an historic district as Schaefer has proposed.

Samuel A. Culotta said that Schaefer ignored the warnings of the Greater Baltimore Committee, a local businessmen's group, when he asked the federal government to designate several buildings in the district as historic landmarks.

The designation will prevent needed renovations and may force several stores to leave the area, he said.

"This serious mistake will probably doom Baltimore's retail district," Culotta said. "If Hutzler's (one of the affected stores) follows the path of Stewart's and Hochschild's (two stores that left downtown), the retail district of our city will soon resemble the modern equivalent of a ghost town."

Culotta said if elected he would urge the federal government not to designate the area an historic district and would seek the advice of downtown merchants for ways to improve the retail district.

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Glenn Ayers - "Pittsburgh. They play united with Willie Stargell taking the credit. They also have the most powerful bats. Plus I have $100 on them."

Lewis Butler - "Orioles. They got a good team. They're still young."

Deitra Woods - "Orioles, becaue they got the team."

Kyle Gill - "Realistically, Pittsburgh, but becaue I live here, the Orioles."

Robin Mack - "Orioles, because they're number one."

Pamela Gamble - "Pittsburgh. They got the bench and the Orioles are going to have to use most of their pitchers."

Duane Moore - "Orioles, becaue they got the hitting power."

Shelly Spencer - "Pittsburgh, because I like All Pittsburgh teams."

-Ex-Panther

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Another undercover agent testified that Young promised to supply him with substantial quantities of cocaine and heroin, even promising him "pure cocaine."

Police say Young then left his home and returned with a large canister that could hold about 48 ounces of the drug. They say Young removed the lid and removed three plastic bags of a white powder. Young sold the agent one ounce for "$2000," police say.

The defendent plead guilty to two counts of using a communication facility to further a narcotics offense. The maximum penalty for each offense is four years in prison a or a $30,000 fine, or both.

Hughes pledges penal reform

BEDORD SPRINGS, PA.—Maryland prisons will continue to focus their efforts on rehabilitating convicts instead of just punishing them because to do anything else is "inhumane," Gov. Harry Hughes has told state businessmen.

Hughes, speaking to the Legislative Conference of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, said his administration hopes to overhaul a correctional system "that for years has been sorely neglected."

He said the prime belief behind the effort is that "to lock up criminal offenders with no attempt at rehabilitation is not only inhumane, it is ineffective."

Hughes said most prisoners are eventually released sooner or later, because few are serving life terms, and that rehabilitation will make it easier for them to return to normal life.

Highes, referring to a critical report about conditions at the House of Corrections n Jessup, where 30 prisoners escaped Aug. 23, said "there has been shoddy management in the past" and that prisons have been understaffed.

Hughes said all state prisons have similar problems. He said a recent shakeup among top corrections officials and an order to hire more guards are the first steps toward strengthening the system.

Hughes said business groups can help the state's efforts. He said one business group, the Greater Baltimore Committee, is reviewing the prison system and that the National Alliance of Businessmen will hold a conference on hiring ex-convicts in Maryland this winter.

In other areas, Hughes said he remains committed to economic development and that a business advisory council has been formed to advise him on business development.

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