AFRO Clean Block leaders tour city

By Ida Peters
Clean Block Director

The month of May is hereby declared AFRO Clean Block Registration Month as Captains, and Co-Captains are urged to canvass their blocks and turn in their workers to the Clean Block Office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Free flower seeds are now ready so that Captains may get an early start on their planters and back yards.

In order to get the 46th Annual Campaign sponsored as a public service by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers city officials and members of the Clean Block Steering Committee made a four hour bus tour of the city last week.

While some progress has been made in some areas, pictures on this page show that Charm City has many problems and a long way to go.

City officials have promised AFRO Clean Blocks they will do everything they can to help Captains get their blocks in shape.

Weekly meetings will start June 27, 1980 at 11 a.n, at the close of school at McCulloh Homes Auditorium.

This Saturday, George B. Murphy Homes will kick off their Annual Beautification Program at 10 a.m.

City officials and Clean Blockers making a tour of the city were:

Mrs. Victoria Evans, Animal Control, 396-0539, stray dogs and cats; Clayton Tucker, Self-Help Housing, 728-7211; Cleveland Brister, Youth Development; George Larkins, Gino's; Leonard B. Folio, Sanitation, 396-4512 for bulk trash; Claude Patterson (HCD Complaints), 396-4139; Charles Gilliams, (Rats) 396-7712 ; Ms Patricia Rhodes, Housing, 396-4028, Ms Pamela King, BUG.

Also on the tour were members of the Community Neighborhood Association Thomas Savage, S. Hilton St.; Edward O. Hunt, S. Hilton. Mrs. Alice W. Parham, Madison Avenue Neighborhood; Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson, E. 21st Street; Ms Khadeeja Fatou Mata, Gilmor Street; Donald Spencer, N. Monroe Street; Ms Florence Hope, Aisquith Street; Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, W. North Avenue; Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Braddish Avenue, Rev. Elinor Powell, Grayson Street and Mrs. Julia Murray, N. Appleton Street.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Bus Tour getting an idea of work that needs to be done in the city. Guests were: Madames Gracie Adams, Elinor Powell, Mary Sue Johnson, Florence Hope, Khadeeja Fatou Mata, Minnie Mitchell, Alice Parham, Ida Peters, Clean Block Director, Mary Sawyer, Julia Murray, Patricia Rhodes, Arnetta Lottier, Pamela King, Leonard Washington, George Larkins, Cleveland Brister, Claude Patterson, Clayton Tucker, Leonard Folio, Charles Gilliam, Donald Spencer, Edward Hunt, Thomas Savage, Art Murray and Al Tyler.

Photo by Roman Hankewycz

South Hilton makes complaints

Inc. conducted a tour of the area and asked the AFRO Clean Block to help them make their neighborhood a sanitary and attractive place to live.

Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, AFRO Clean Block toured the neighborhood taking pictures on this page.

The Association wants the bridge at Frederick Avenue and Hilton Street painted or removed. They also want trash removed from under the bridge.

The railroad property from Hilton and McTeague Streets to Hilton and Baltimore Streets need weeds cut behind residential property and the railroad bank cut. The trash and garbage are rat infested.

The group complains that Boehmer's property behind the 200 blk of S. Hilton Street needs to be cleared of weeds, junk and other materials.

The area behind the 3200 blk of Leeds Street is being uses as a dump and needs to be baited for rats. The group also wants something done about a vacant filling station at Baltimore and Hilton and something done about the back of Food Fair where the back area needs to be cleaned and the sidewalk paved.

They also request that absentee landlords upgrade their properties; sidewalks repaired and areas around water meters be repaired.

Photo by Vanessa Johnson
Corner store at 21½ St. and Barclay Ave. side of building piled with trash and old-empty soda machines.

Back yard of vacant house at Exter Hall, South Baltimore is dirty with cut (Photo by Vanessa Johnson) down tree limbs, trash and empty boxes.

CCB free concerts

The Community College of Baltimore's Concert Choir invites the public to attend a free concert, Fri., May 2 at 12:45 p.m. at the Waxter Center, 861 Park Ave.

Musical selections by the CCB Concert Choir will also be presented on Sun., May 4 at 3 p.m. in the Forum of the Bard Building at the College's Harbor Campus, Lombard Street at Market Place.

The third floor informal student lounge area of the college's Harbor Campus Bard Building will be the scene of the Concert Choir's appearance on Wed., May 7 at Noon.

Dr. William Milner, is musical director of the Concert Choir and Chairperson of CCB's music department.

Coppin State College is sponsoring its first annual Career Education Day Program Friday, May 2. Events planned for the day include a noon assembly in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium with a keynote address by noted career educator Dr. Samuel Proctor, an associate professor at Rutgers University and former director of the Peace Corps.

At 2 p.m. several concurrent workshops have been planned to afford students the first-hand opportunity to talk with resource people who are working in their prospective fields.

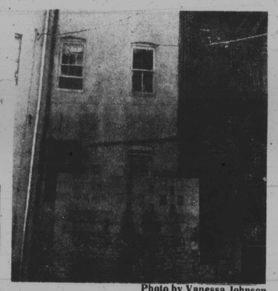
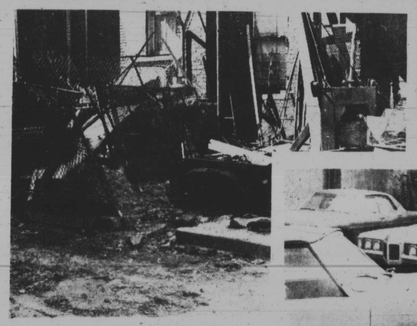


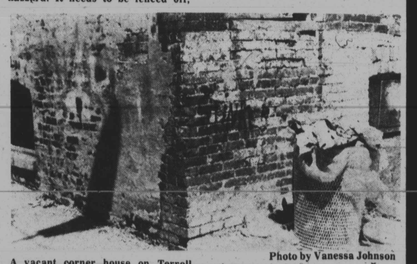
Photo by Vanessa Johnson
Vacant houses 1500-1600 Blk. Abbottson Rd., N.E. Baltimore windows broken out, house needs to be broarded.

101 S. Hilton Rd., South Baltimore a torn down empty gas station is a fire hazzard. It needs to be fenced off, Photo by Vanessa Johnson children are making this a playground area.



Trash, more trash found all over Baltimore. Starve the rat and fight the rat. Clean up today. Join the AFRO Clean Block.

Residents of S. Hilton Rd. have tried to co-operate with the owner of Paul's Photo by Vanessa Johnson Automotive. They would like old broken cars removed.



A vacant corner house on Terrell Place, East Baltimore overflowing trash cans, broken window glass Photo by Vanessa Johnson where trash is being thrown into basement.

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Captains — Bring a list of your workers. Be sure to list your Co-Captain and Advisors to AFRO Clean Block Office — 628 N. Eutaw St.

Murphy Homes parade Saturday

The Annual Beautification Kick-Off Parade and Spring Bazaar of George B. Murphy Homes will be held Sat., May 3 at 10 a.m.

The Parade will start 9:45 a.m. and at 11 a.m. ceremonies attended by Mayor William Donald Schaefer and M. Jay Brodie, Commissioner and Van Storey Branch, director and other community leaders.

Following the ceremony, residents will hold their Spring Bazaar. Block and floor leaders are registering for the AFRO Clean Block in order to win more prizes and flags in 1980.

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Auto parts, drums, and other debris from Paul's Automotives is another complaint from residents of S. Hilton Rd. Photo by Vanessa Johnson

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Teddy, Jimmy slug it out in Baltimore

Kennedy campaigning hard in Md.-Carter forces confident president will take state

The crowd milled about expectantly, casting gazes up the long hill toward the east.

"He's late," said one bystander, his camera at the ready. Suddenly the wail of police sirens filled the air. A black motorcycle patrolman pulled up smartly, and behind him a caravan of cars and motorcycles appeared over the crest of the hill.

"It's him," several voices yelled, as the long motorcade of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., began its slow descent down the slope. of Liberty Heights.

And sure enough, it was. The drama and excitement of all Kennedy Campaigns was being re-enacted Tuesday, May 6, as Kennedy appeared in the city for a last-minute whirlwind tour aimed at snatching the state away from President Jimmy Carter in the May 13 primary.

Meanwhile, in a variety of homes across the state, a quieter drama was being acted out. Scores of influential Democrats were being surprised by calls from no other than the President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. The Carter camp had earlier sent out a host of surrogates, including vice-president Walter Mondale and his wife Joan, but this was the real thing, albeit by phone.

The Maryland primary looms as a major watering hole on the dusty campaign trail for both the senator and the president. Kennedy obviously needs this state to reverse his plummeting fortunes

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KENNEDY CAMPAIGNS HERE — Sen. Edward Kennedy, left, who is challenging Jimmy Carter for the presidency, shares a laugh with local politicians and ministers on a visit to Heritage United Church of Christ in West Baltimore on Wednesday where he conferred with local religious leaders. At center is City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, at right, the Rev. Marion Bascom. The Rev. Wendell Phillips was host pastor.

President's record termed better 'than supposed...'

Although the Carter administration has come under consistent attack for its alleged insensitivity to the needs of poor and black Americans, according to C. Vernon Gray, head of the political science department at Morgan State College, his record actually deserves commendation and is better than supposed.

In a fact sheet on Carter issued by Gray, he notes that the Carter administration has taken unprecedented steps in elevating blacks to highranking positions within the federal government.

For example, in the armed forces a large number of blacks appointed to leadership roles owe their jobs to the president.

There have been 28 black generals in the combined armed forces throughout American history, and according to Gray Carter was responsible for the elevation of 12.

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Kennedy says jobs, inflation are key issues facing voters

Jobs, inflation and the state of the economy are key issues in this year's presidential campaign, says Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. In a meeting with the AFRO the senior senator from Massachussetts, youngest of the legendary Kennedy brothers, says of Carter; "I am not impressed by the nature of his committment to blacks."

He said that, in his travels to urban areas of the country, he repeatedly saw the "harvest of Carter's economic policy."

"Ask the elderly what Carter has done for them," he said. "Ask the youth who have no jobs . . . ask the elderly. . ."

Kennedy said that, while high interest rates and high unemployment place a cruel burden on black people, under Carter's administration the oil companies are being "let off free."

"This is an unfair, inequitable policy," he stated firmly. "I propose a freeze on the profits" of large, multinational corporations, especially oil companies.

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AFRO mom of year awards May 10!

Saturday, May 10, is the big day. The "AFRO-AMERICAN Mother of the Year — 1980" will be picked. So will two runners-up.

The Awards Ceremony for this event is being hosted at the Ritz, 28 Light St., on Saturday, May 10

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Crosse charges Pressman invaded his privacy

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

In the latest fallout from the November general elections, the Rev. St. George Crosse has sued city comptroller Hyman Pressman for invasion of privacy.

The suit entered by William H. Murphy and Nelson Stewart, Crosse's Attorneys, charges that

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SUING PRESSMAN — The Rev. St. George Crosse, center, who challenged Hyman Pressman for the City Comptroller seat in the last election confers with his attorneys, Newson Stewart, right, and William H. Murphy Jr. right, prior to filing suit against Pressman for $2 million.

Fired liquor inspector blasts Sen. Welcome

By James M. Abraham
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State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, D-40, has denied that she withdrew her support of fired Liquor Board inspector Bertram Dorsey for his refussal to condone illegal practices by members of the board. Dorsey, who has filed suit against the board and the city, charges that his firing was "politically motivated".

According to Dorsey, Sen. Welcome withdrew her sponsorship of him after he made a series of complaints against fellow members of the board.

Members are appointed by the board, but, as Joseph Van Collom, Executive Secretary of the board, said, it has been established protocol for state senators to sponsor all who are appointed to the the Liquor Board.

There are currently 18 full-time and 13 part-time inspectors on the board, who are supervised by a chief inspector and his assistant.

Once appointed, the members retain their positions unless their sponsor loses his state Senate seat or decides to discontinue sponsorship of a member.

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Rent control fighters oppose Judge Figinski

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

Delegate John Douglass, D-43th, is suing the state Court of Appeals for failure to obey state law.

Douglass filed a class action suit in Circuit Court, on behalf of the residents of Baltimore City, to compel the state's highest court to render a decision on rent control.

The fight to clamp a lid on rent increases in Baltimore has been mired in controversey since the summer of 1979 when grass roots groups began gathering signatures on petitions to place the question on the November 1979 ballot.

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The Ja-Wan McGee shooting

The Coalition for Justice for Ja-Wan McGee has sent a letter to the the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus requesting to meet with the group and get their position on the March 20 shooting of McGee and their general commitment and concern with the Police Department and Commissioner Pomerleau.

A spokesman for the group stated the coalition has decided to meet with the Black Caucus after reading a statement in the April 12 issue of the AFRO where State Senator Robert Douglass said, "I would say to the caucus not to get involved (McGee case)." I don't see where we can do any good. That's the problem. People think the caucus should be all things to all people but we can't do that, not without a staff. It doesn't take a delegate or a senator to deal with the police commissioner: The City Council can do that."

The Coalition was organized by a group of concerned citizens following the shooting of 17-year-old McGee, who was shot in the back by city police Detective Stephen McGown.

The group is also planning to meet with the Vanguards, a group of black police officers and ask the officers to take a position on the shooting of McGee.

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Cop who shot him faces 4 charges

Detective Stephen McGown, who, claims he shot Ja-Wan McGee, 17, when he thought the youth was about to pull a gun from his pocket on March 20, while standing in a pizza parlor on Erdman Avenue could be reprimanded or fired if convicted of city Police Department charges.

McGown, who has been cleared of criminal charges by State's Attorney William Swisher is charged with five violations of police regulations. His trial date is June 16, 9 a.m. at Police Headquarters, Fayette and Faliswy.

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