NAACP meets to discuss cop brutality

Dr. Emmett Burns, regional director of the NAACP, charged Tuesday that police brutality in Baltimore City is running rampant and called for a sensible citizens review board with subpoena authority.

Burns stated that NAACP offices have been "flooded" with complaints from black Baltimoreans charging police brutality, in addition to entering their homes without warrants.

In attendance at a press conference called by Burns were Enolia McMillian, president of the Baltimore City branch of the NAACP, Herbert Singleton, attorney for the NAACP, and Boston Hector, who has charged that he is a recent victim of police mistreatment.

Hector, 57, a Trinidadian, told reporters of the April 22, beating h allegedly received from a white city policeman at Lexington Market. Hector had been eating nuts outside the market prior to going to work when an officer ordered him to move along. According to Hector he did but apparently not as quickly as the officer felt he should.

He said he was suddenly knocked to the ground, kicked several times and handcuffed. During this he continued to ask the officer why or what he had done. He received no answer.

On two occasions said, Hector two black officers passed and questioned their colleague s actions. According to Hector the officer only replied with "you taking up for him?" to both occasions.

Hector lost two teeth and received countless cuts and brusies.

He was later charged with assaulting an police officer and blocking a freeway or entrance. His was one of seven names given by the NAACP who had physical confrontations with Baltimore City police officers. Also on that list was Ja-Wan McGee, 17, the Eastside youth shot down by an off - duty policeman.

Burns stated that it was the duty of the NAACP to do two things, to expose incidents of police brutality and racism to the larger community. He says when people are exposed for their acts of violence they may stop them.

The second, "to keep pushing and screaming as a race," so that the police will not feel they have a license to murder. Burns said "if we keep screaming somebody will hear us".

The NAACP long range goal of a sensible civil review board with subpoena authority, may be difficult and Burns says he realizes that it will require lobbying of the City Council and public approval.

Burns fears that ... may be civil disorders this summer if we have another incident similar to the Ja-Wan McGee, "if ... you're already mad it doesn't take but a little to tip you off".

"Baltimore is the basement of the northeast, the very bottom", remarked Burns.

The regional director urged all ... Baltimoreans to be very careful when stopped or dealing with police officers. Be very polite and courteous if not you run the risk of being cursed, beaten, shot or killed".

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MRS. ENOLIA MCMILLAN (L), receives check for $250 toward a life membership in the NAACP, presented by Ms. Nell Sheridan, president of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD) on behalf of that group at its annual Luncheon Fashion Show at the downtown Hilton Hotel on Sunday, April 27.

Fund-raiser set for policeman who shot McGee

A Baltimore tavern owner plans a benefit party this month to raise funds to help pay the legal expenses of a police detective who shot and paralyzed an unarmed youth in a carry-out March 20.

Joan P. Ecker, owner of The Irish Pub, is selling $8 tickets for the party, scheduled for May 22. She is donating the beer and the food and hopes to raise $1,600.

McCown has been cleared of criminal charges in the shooting of Ja-Wan McGee, 17, but faces a trial before a police department panel. He also is named in a $15 million civil suit by McGee's parents.

McCown maintains he shot McGee because he thought he saw the youth drawing a gun to rob the pizza shop. McGee, who is paralyzed from the chest down, actually was holding a silver cigarette lighter.

"I know he's going to need the money," said Ms. Ecker, a friend of McCown's for more than a year. "He's got a wife and kid. We all know policemen are underpaid. And lawyers don't come cheap.

"I want to help a friend. And I, as a citizen, want to help a policeman. (McCown) is a good policeman who could very well have been a dead hero." (UPI)

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About half of the instructors are midshipmen. Academy officials also said a big problem is finding minority professors qualified to teach the technician subjects the midshipmen must take. Eighty percent of the academy's graduates must major in engineering, while the ... [illegible] ... professors ... [illegible] ... academic Dean Bruce Davidson. (UPI)

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