Continental Can site eyed again for new prison

State planning officials have been asked to determine whether a $650,000 plan to build a prison at the old Continental Can Co. site in Baltimore could be revived despite local opposition that killed the proposal two years ago.

But Baltimore lawmakers said they doubted a prison would ever be built there even though they conceded more prisons are needed. They said other sites are more suitable for such facilities.

Sen. Victor Crawford, (D-Montgomery), the chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, asked state planning secretary Constance Liederthis week to review plans drawn up for the prison at Continental Can two years ago.

He also asked her to investigate trading some of the 20-acre site to Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. for a site across from the Marylan Penitentiary, considered a prime spot for a new prison.

Delegates Patrick McDonough and Sen. Joseph Bouvegna, said it was unlikely a new prison will be built at Continental Can.

"If we were to resurrect this idea., we would meet the same resistance as before," McDonough said. There are three good, stable communities in that area. I agree that Baltimore must provide some of the additional prison beds, but not at that site."

The state bought the site for $3.5 million in 1977 and spent approximately $1.5 million to demolish the abandoned factory. But new Corrections Secretary Gordon Kamka persuaded legislators in 1979 to kill the proposed prison plans, arguing that an 890-bed facility was too large.

The property was later declared surplus.

Baltimore is offering to buy the site for use as an industrial park and Ms. Leider estimated the state could sell the property for about $1 million.

The need for prison space was emphasized last week when a Kansas City consultant estimated that by 1990 the state will need at least 926 more prison beds than are currently planned.

The state is trying to buy 3.4 acres owned by BG&E across from the Maryland Pententiary in downtown Baltimore to build a 500-bed prison and Crawford asked Ms. Leider to see if the utility would be willing to trade any of its land for land at the Continental Can site.

3 named to AFRO-AMERICAN board

At the 74th annual stockholders meeting of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers Inc., held Feb. 9 at its Baltimore headquarters, John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board, announced three appointments to the company's board of directors.

The new AFRO directors are:

Mrs. Frances (Murphy Woods) (Toni) Draper, most recently an assistant director of public relations, Morgan State University, has a background in communications and finance, having pursued a career in investment counseling and journalism. She served as editor - manager for the New New Jerseyan, now AMERICAN in the early seventies.

Ronald L. Jackson, a New Jerseyan, no resident of Baltimore, who has served as vice president of circulation for the AFRO since joining the company in September, 1979. Jackson studied business administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University and Prairie State College in New Jersey, and worked in circulation for several newspapers, including seven years as metro area sales manager for the Chicago TRIBUNE.

Arthur M. Carter, of Washington, D.C., editor - publisher of the Washington AFRO - AMERICAN, is an award - winning journalist who has served as foreign correspondent, national editor, editor of DAWN magazine, since joining the company in 1937.

Other AFRO board members are:

Winfred O. Bryson, Mae E. Dyson, Walter T. Dyson, Frederick A. Howard, William V. Lockwood, Arnetta M. Lottier, George C. Lottier, Robert W. Matthews III, Elizabeth Murphy Moss, Arthur W. Murphy, Louise G. Murphy, John J. Oliver Sr., John J. Oliver Jr., Ronald Powell, Oakley Saunders and Kenneth O. Wilson.

NEW AFRO BOARD MEMBERS — From left to right, Arthur M. Carter, Mrs. Frances (Toni) Murphy Woods Draper and Ronald Jackson.

'Buy In, Buy Us' committee revs up for black business week

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of the Black Economic Thrust Committee of HUB, Inc. met Wednesday night at the downtown Soul Shack restaurant to continue planning for next months "Buy in Buy Us" campaign.

The effort, which is aimed at increasing the role of minority businesses in Baltimore, will consist of a parade, a gala event at the downtown Hilton, and a week-long emphasis on the patronage of black businesses.

At the meeting, plans were made for a break-fast featuring state black elected officials, which is scheduled for Feb. 16 at the restaurant.

Support for the drive is building rapidly, as evidenced by the apearance of two businessmen at the meeting who had just brought $350 worth of tickets to the gala event, which sell at $35 each.

The two were Fletcher Jones and Randy Phipps of P and J Contractors, Inc.

March 1 is the kick-off date for the "Buy in Buy us" week.

3rd trial for same crime

A 35-year-old man whose first two murder trials ended in hung juries is on trial for a third time in criminal court.

William A. Brown was accused of the Sept. 4, 1979 shooting deaths of 25-year old Patricia Farmer and her boyfriend, Emmanuel Green. The first two trials in that murder ended in hung juries, leading to his acquittal.

The reason for the deadlocked juries appears to lie in the testimony of one witness, who originally told police she hired Brown to kill Ms. Farmer, who was her lover. But the witness changed her story at both trials, saying she really hired another man to do the killings. That man has since died.

Browns attorneys had asked Judge Martin B. Greenfeld to dismiss the charges because a third trial would constitute double jeopardy. Greenfeld, however, denied the motion, and a jury of nine men and three women is now hearing the case.

Prosecutors said they believe only one other murder defendant has ever had to face three trials for the same crime in Baltimore.

State lawmakers at odds on cameras in courtrooms

By John W. Frece

UPI — The argument about cameras in the courtrooms is between the public's right to know and a defendant's right to a fair trial.

In the House of Delegates, at least, it appears the lawmakers are going to come down on the side of the defendant.

A bill to prohibit the press from using cameras in Maryland courtrooms moved a step closer to passage in the house this week after a move to modify it was easily defeated by a voice vote.

Del. Gerald Curran, D-Baltimome, attempted to amend the bill so it would bar only television cameras from courtrooms, while still permitting tape recorders and still cameras to be used by the press.

Currans idea was opposed by Del. Joseph Owens, D-Montgomery, chairman of the judiciary committee, who said he was concerned any kind of cameras or records would jeopardize the rights of defendants and would inhibit witnesses from coming forward.

The measure could come up for a final vote in the House by the end of this week and, if passed, would be sent to the senate where similar legislation is already pending.

Curran said it was the television cameras, not the still cameras, that could have a detrimental effect on a defendants right to a fair trial.

"There is no attempt on the part of the television medium to give information," he said. "Its an entertainment medium and they give entertaiment."

He said the decision by the court of appeals, Maryland's highest court to permit cameras and records in state courtrooms during an 18 month experiment was needed to restore public confidence in the judicial system.

"Its a serious problem we are all faced with, that is, the eroding confidence of the people we all serve," said Curran, who is a lawyer himself.

"With the adoption of these amendments, we are at least permitting the courts to open up the process to public exposure and hopefully public education," said Curran.

But Owens said the bill introduced by Del. Steven Sklar, D-Baltimore, to prohibit all cameras and records would end the court experiment by June 1 only five months after it was started.

Owens also said there was nothing in Currans proposed amendments to prohibit television stations from using still photographs shot in a courtroom on a news broadcast, thereby circumventing the purpose of the amendments.

NAACP to hold rally

The Maryland State Conference of the NAACP will hold a massive "Rally-Action Forum" Saturday Feb. 14, at Coppin State University from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the rally, according to NAACP member Sherman Roberson, is to generate statewide support in favor of increased jobs, the maintenance of state human services, and the state affirmative action policy of Theodore Thornton state head of personnel.

"The Rally-Action Forum signals the start of a state-wide citizens action effort to convince the Governor and the General Assembly of the dire necessity to reorder spending priorities in the proposed fiscal year 1982 state budget," said Robinson.

Roberson said that the rally also will address state personell secretary Theodore Thorntons proposed state hiring plan, which would allocate two out of every three upper-echelon jobs to blacks and .

For further information contact Roberson at either 853-3637 or 992-3759. The rally will be held at the James weldon Johnson auditorium of the college. BET members meet

Koger sells 'Good News' to Sloan, Conaway

By James M. Abraham

AFRO Staff Writer

"Good News", the community tabloid published by Earl Koger , has been sold to Del. Frank Conaway, D-40 and David Sloan, local lawyer.

"Well be moving ahead to try and improve on what the paper has been, if that is Possible," said Conaway. He added thatSloane will be ressPonsible for editorial production, and that he will serve as business manager of the venture.

"I think that Koger has done a yeomans job in creating a business out of a business," said Sloan. "I consider it a real opportunity to be identified with the same organ he created out of the dust."

Sloan said that Koger will be retained as business manager of the paper.

He added that Kogers perennial attacks on the Korean business community will be toned down, but that the outspoken venerable publisher and editor will still publish his weekly column.

The first edition of the paper, with Koger as publisher emeritus, aPparently reflects the new trend of the paper as proponent of black economic ventures. The edition featured an in-depth editorial on the Reagan administration, as well as a feature on the efforts of HUB, Inc., group of local businesses, to Promote a "buy-black" campaign.

When asked if the revamped paper will be competing with the AFRO and other city publicationsSloan replied "the AFRO is a stalwart Gibralter in the sea of black journalism—we find ourselves in a little rowboat looking toward shore."

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Ann Arundel plans fair

The Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commissions first county-wide Multi-Ethnic Fair is only five months away. The fair, set for July 11 and 12, will take place at the Anne Arundel County Community College and all county organizations representing ethnic groups are invited to participate.

The Multi-Ethnic Fair is being sponsored as a means of promoting brotherhood and to increase cultural awareness in what has been termed a "Celebration of Difference."

At the fair the participating groups may sell their native handcraft, clothing, food and beverages. Lively performances of music and dance will also be part of the festivities.

So far 12 groups have confirmed their participation in the fair, but more are needed. Any interested ethnic organization is invited to contact the countys Human Relations Officer, Robert Nealy, at 224-7105 before Febuary 18.

All interested groups will be asked to meet with the Multi-Ethnic Fair Planning Committee on Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in the faculty dining room of the Student Activities Building, Anne Arundel Community College. Final arrangements for the fair will be made at that time.

Sparkey takes over at News American

B. Maurice Sparkey, newly named general manager of the News American, says the newspaper "will continue to be an integral part of the Baltimore area community and actively participate in its growth and development."

Hearst Corp. officials Wednesday announced the selection of Sparby, who joined the paper in 1979. He succeeds Robert J. Eckert, who recently resigned for "personal reasons." "personal interests."

"Mr. Sparby is a thoroughly experienced newspaper professional who will bring important leadership to the News American and the Baltimore Community," said Robert J. Danzig, vice-president and general manager of newspapers for Hearst.

"We acknowledge the important contributions of Bob Eckert during his term as publisher and wish him well."

Sparby has held executive and editorial positions with the Scripps-Howard and Ridder Newspaper chainsand the Washington Post Compnay, with which he served as publisher of the Trenton Times.

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If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Frasers to S.C.

Two of Baltimore's kindest, most considerate residents will be deserting our town at the end of the month.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Fraser (Marie) are moving to the new home they have built in his native South Carolina (Orangeburg).

While it may be what he calls 'traumatic' to pull up stakes "after 30 years and 5 months" here, both Dr. and Mrs. Fraser say they are looking forward to the new experience.

Certainly their friends and former students will wish them well.

Cuff notes: The Frasers have contributed much to their adopted Baltimore. They came here from Delaware State College, where he was dean. He joined the faculty of what was then Morgan State College, beginning as professor of biology. He later became chairman of the college's science education department.

Honors for six

Orchids to Daphne D. Harrison. She chaired the Black History Committee which arranged the awards program at the University of Maryland's Baltimore County Campus on Saturday evening. It was sponsored by the African-American Studies Department.

In attendance were a large number of area residents and university personnel from other colleg- campuses.

Special citations for "outstanding contributions to higher education" went to Morgan's Dr. G. James Fleming; to Bowie State College's Dr. Ulysses Young; to Dr. Flossie Dedmond, retired Coppin dean, unable to att end because of her husband's death earlier in the day.

Also, to Dr. Delores Hunt, the Anne Arundel educator and former UM prot; A. Paul Moss, the UM regent; and UM Eastern Shore chancellor, Dr. William Hytche:

Buffet (delicious crab cakes included) and dancing followed after guests viewed the unique James Van Der Zee photos and the display of African-American decorative art.

Nice gesture: Dr. Samuel Massie, Bowie president, and his wife, Gloria, were on hand to see Dr. Young honored.

Dr. Hytche was enroute home from an educational mission in India. His plaque was accepted by Dr. Ernest Richardson.

Cuff notes: Dr. Carl Franklin, the Morgan prof exhibited a hidden talent. He tickled the ivories during a lull in the program.

Faces seen in the crowd: Del. Walter Dean, Jake and Christine Hall, (she's on the UM faculty), the Wilbur Valentines (he's a UM regent).

Also, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reaves, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Del. Howard Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carter, Mrs. Hazel Gleming, Chancellor John Dorsey, President and Mrs. John Toll and the University's new Baltimore city chancellor, Dr. Albert Farmer and Mrs. Farmer.

Also spotted, Leon Bridges and son; Stan E. Brownm Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Lubin, Howard U., Mrs. Gordon Boyd, Mrs. Sallie Griffin, Senator Clarence Long, Dr. and Mrs. Chester Gregory, Dr. Ernest Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy 3rd;

And Elizabeth and Joyce Scott, Norman Ross, Edward Love, Mrs. Gilda Garrett, Dr. Thelma Cox, Dr. Lemoyne Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dates, Edward Hurley, Dr. Geraldine Waters, Dr. and Mrs. John Attaway and Dr. and Mrs. Freeman Hrabowski. Dr. Hrabowski is black, the new dean at Coppin.

The music mentioned above was by Rick Henderson combo out of D.C. Soloist was Mary Jefferson.

Mrs. Coasey

This writer first met Mrs. Mattie Coasey when a student in elementary school. She and her physician husband, Dr. John R. Coasey, lived on George St. in west Baltimore, not far from Myrtle Ave. where we grew up.

She was one of the first customers I secured when we set out to build an AFRO route. To this day, I remember when time came to collect on Saturday, she was prompt to pay.

Through the years, Mrs. Coasey became active in numerous civic and community groups. She was never shy about speaking out when things were wrong or right.

She was active in the AME church, being the daughter of one of the bishops, the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. M.W. Beckett-Emma.

Her sister was the wife of another AME stalwart, the Rt. Rev. Monroe H. Davis.

So, my early memories of growing up in the AME church were of the Coaseys and the Davises.

Mrs. Coasey was a devout member of St. John Church, where funeral services for her were held Monday morning. She was 90. A very kind and lovely lady was she.

Dr. Dedmond

My early memories of Dr. Frederick Dedmond do not go back that far, but they are just as heartwarming.

We had a club group of young marrieds who met regularly at Ivy and Sherlock Grinage's apartment on Madison Ave during World War II.

One day when we arrived for a meeting, we met Dr. Dedmond, the distinguished looking new Morgan State professor and his wife, Flossie, later to become Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Coppin State College dean.

The first meeting was memorable because we all put on our airs and vowed we'd not let the penny ante game disturb the cultured young couple who recently moved into the first floor apartment.

Later we grew to know and admire both Drs. Dedmond — as persons who contributed greatly to the civic and cultural life of their adopted town of Baltimore these past 36 years.

Dr. Dedmond died Saturday at the age of 74.

At Dr. Dedmond's funeral on Wednesday evening at Morgan Christian Center, it was recalled that for 32 years (1944-76), he was professor of modern languages and chairman of the department at Morgan.

Former students remember Dr. Dedmond as "an outstanding professor and a very good friend who gave unstintingly of his time to encourage scholarship, excellence and personal character development."

The four-page funeral tribute added these words: "He believed in teaching how to think, rather than what to think.

"His spirit was benevolent and kind. His work was dedicated and untiring. He loved people and did much, through his personal efforts to strengthen those who sought his assistance.

"How true.

Cuff note: Dr. Dedmond was personally responsible for over 100 Morgan alumni getting scholarships to graduate schools throughout the U. S.

The 1978 Morgan Alumni Award cited him for this generosity.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was also dear to Dr. Dedmond's heart. He spent many hours counseling young brothers and urging support of the frat's educational and service programs.

He was a considerate, kind and thoughtful gentleman and a good, good neighbor who will be sorely missed.

More sympathy

And do remember these families of these neighbors who were eulogized this past week:

George E. Johnson, the retired postal worker and longtime salesman at Sam Glass clothiers, was given last rites on Friday evening at Morton Funeral Home. He was 66.

In our growing up days, intimates called Johnson "Eggy". He was a friendly guy, with a remarkable sense of humor and friendly manner which attracted many friends.

He studies at Morgan and Wilberforce and was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In many conversations with him which lasted over 5 minutes, you could depend on him to express for his two colleges and his frat.

Survivors: Wife, Hilda; sons, George F. Boykin, Stockton, Calif. and Gregory, Craig, Jeffrey and Neal Johnson, all of Baltimore; and daughter, Jill, a student at Florida State University.

Also sister, Mrs. Juanita Norwood Lucas, D.C.; grandchildren, Tamara Johnson and Carris Boykin and great neces, Olga Fonnville, D.C. and Shirley Ammons, Baltimore.

February 11 rites were held at First United Church, Apostolic for Bishop William L. Wharton. He was 61.

When Bishop Walter M. Warner dies last year, Mr. Wharton was elevated to bishopric

15,000 tell BG&E they can't pay bills

More than 15,000 Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. customers have asked the utility during the past three months to postpone service cutoffs because they cannot afford to pay their bills, a BG&E spokesman said this week.

Michael Griffin, customer accounts manager, said that the number reflects an increase of 7,000 customers over the same time in 1980.

The increase is due partly to a higher poverty level from $8,375 per year for a family of four in 1979 to $12,770 in 1980, he said.

Between 12,000 and 14,000 customers will have their bills paid by charities or government programs, such the Energy Assistance Program, or will pay accounts in installments, Griffin said.

In 1980, the average overdue bill was between $300 and $400. It has increased to $450, he said.

BG&E has terminated service to about 150 customers so far this winter.

Earl Jackson, a spokesman for the Energy Assistance Program, said 22,000 Maryland residents have applied for financial aid since December.

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