—Mini-police

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The Board of Estimates, which has the power to create the corporation and not the City Council, will be asked to approve $150,000 of seed money to start it and to supply equipment, uniforms and salaries.

Once formed, the corporation would be awarded city contracts to guard the city's buildings and property without having to bid for them, as private security firms now do.

This plan would cost the city about 25 percent more than it now pays a year, $1 million, for its security services.

The force also would be exempt from city rules governing hiring and firing and could pay its employees fewer benefits than city employees now receive.

But the outcry of this quasi-public corporation plan has stirred enough unfavorable response to force Schaefer to reconsider. At a Wednesday breakfast with 10 City Council members, he told them he would not go ahead with plans to create the force.

However, he said he does not intend to drop the plans completely.

Mfume told the AFRO he was not invited to the breakfast, but one of his concerns about the mini-force was its possible effects on black security firms, who have been dependent in the past on some of the city's contracts and would lose business if replaced by the force.

"Black protective agencies have operated very successfully in this city for the last 20 years," he said. "It's going to adversely affect the black economy in Baltimore City."

At AFRO press time, representatives of several black security agencies could not be reached for comment.

Mfume went on to say Schaefer recently attended a meeting with President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C. After his return, Schaefer said city agencies would have to cut back their operations by 12 percent, but "in the same breath, in the same day, we see this proposal" that would cost the city 25 percent more for security services, he said.

An announcement of nine weeks ago that high ranking city officials would receive $1 million in pay raises also angered Mfume who wondered "he's (Schaefer) going to tell people to cut back."

"He's the most vicious, racist unequitable mayor I've ever seen...and he knows what is best for black people? I don't buy that," Mfume said.

He said if the forces now guarding city buildings are doing a poor job, why not replace them.

"Why, when you already have a police force, why not hire more police. Why don't you have them supplement present security forces," he asked.

The plan's announcement apparently has fueled Conaway's appeal to "citizens and the police department to come together in a renewed auxiliary police program" to fight crime.

"The fact that the City Fathers have been able to make a deal with former Commissioner Pomerleau to increase security for public property tells me that it is within the realm of possiblity for those same city fathers to do whatever it is necessary to encourage citizens to step forth to man extra police services to protect lives and property in the neighborhoods," he said.

—Nursing home

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After police and the county medical examiner arrived, an autopsy was ordered and the body taken to the State Medical Examiner's office in Baltimore. A spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office told the AFRO Spurlock suffered from heart disease and died of natural causes.

Rayhart said nursing home personnel told police Spurlock twice had wandered from the home before. He once was found in the Freetown Community and at a convenience store near the nursing home, he said.

Spurlock, originally from New Orleans, left the nursing home on Oct. 14, after he was left unattended for a few minutes, Rayhart said. Nursing home officials reported him missing two days later.

A nursing home spokeswoman told the AFRO she had no comment. Spurlock had been a resident there for about a year.

—Rate hikes

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David Brune, a BG&E attorney, said the utility company is aware of the potential hardships.

"We want to deal with these problems with the best of our ability," he said. "We don't want to leave people out in the cold."

Only one person Wednesday strayed from expressions of opposition.

A man dressed as "Reddy Kilowatt," the skinny figure with the light bulb head used as a symbol on BG&E literature, received a chilly reception from the crowd.

"I am testifying in favor of the rate increase," he said. "The price of everything has gone up. Do you know how much we have to pay for our gas and electricity?"

The crowd cheered when a group of people dashed to the front of the auditorium, bound him up with extension cords and dragged him away.

—Wilson Park

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"We want to prove that a development like this only intensifies the problems of the black community," said McDaniels, who also pointed out that "not one proponent to this project actually lives within the boundaries of Wilson Park."

Thomas Adams, project coordinator, Neighborhood Housing Services, said the City Council's Monday night approval, has already caused 10 more families to sign the list of prospective tenants.

There are 80 families who have expressed interest in the project and 30 families are involved in workshops and classes to operate the mutual housing system.

Adams said that bids for the first phase of the project, 78 units at a cost of $3 million, will go out the first part of 1982 and construction should start in the spring. The project, Alameda Place, should be finished by the end of the year.

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Northwest businessman awarded franchise

Rufus Stephens, a McDonald's Corporation franchisee who opened his first restaurant, May 1, 1981, at 6006 Liberty Road, has been awarded a new franchise for McDonald's, at 4401 Reistertown, in the Park Heights community.

Stephens is a member of the Help Unite Baltimore (HUB) and the Liberty Communities Development Corporation. He has represented the co-op of Baltimore McDonald's Owner-Operators in a formal presentation to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and in a televised presentation to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Before becoming a McDonald's owner, he served in the United States Army for 16 years, eight of them on active duty. Stephens has earned the distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Viet Nam, and attained the rank of major. His last tour of duty was spent as an assistant officer in the Pentagon.

Stephens also has taught for six years at a public high school in Washington, D.C.; a year and a half of that time was spent as an assistant principal.

Born in Bartow, Fl., Stephens, 40, is a graduate of Florida A & M College. He also has received a master of arts degree from Federal City College in Washington.

Stephens and his wife, Evelyn, have a son and two daughters, Kenneth, Shannon and Dolonecia. The Stephens family live in Baltimore.

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Contracting firms responding to this notice must have the capability of performing this delicate and sophisticated work as well as driving piles, constructing reinforced concrete structures, installing mechanical and electrical utility systems and installing required landscaping in accordance with City specifications and the requirements of the project.

Any contracting firms interested in participating in this project should contact Mr. George G. Perdikakis, Head, Bureau of Highways, on 396 - 3333 prior to the close of businesson November 24, 1981 in order to arange for an interview.

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Provident fundraiser

The Provident Hospital Board of Trustees in cooperation with the hospital's medical staff and auxiliary will host its fourth Annual Occasion Extraordinaire on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's affair will spotlight three persons who have made significant contributions to the health care community.

Dr. Vivien Thomas is being honored for his outstanding research on animals which paved the way for many modern surgical techniques, most notably the "blue baby" operation developed by Dr. Alfred Blalock of the Johns Hopkins University.

Mrs. Kitty Broady, Director of the Mayor's Station and Upton Multi-purpose Center, will be recognized for her tireless campaigns to promote adequate mental health programs for all people.

Nathaniel DeVoe has dedicated many, many hours to Provident Hospital as a volunteer and is also being honored.

Tickets are $25 each and can be obtained by calling 225 - 2293. All proceeds will be donated to the hospital's Development Fund.

—Criminals

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"A man can mug you and before you are out of the hospital he is out of jail. We have this crime rate in Baltimore because people feel they can commit crime and get away with it. Our attitudes about crime have to change."

Several other political figures were in attendance and they exchanged spirited comment with Crosse on the effectiveness of community leadership on the issue of crime.

Rev. Crosse had earlier accused local Democrats as being "soft on crime" and Del. Frank Conaway, chairman of the Black Legislative Caucus and Del. Troy Bralley were on hand to rebut Crosse's views.

But the real drama of the meeting were the remarks of plain citizens. They filled Christ Temple Church in the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Ave. and made their concerns known.

Arthur Gross, who says he is "frustrated" about crime and had been working with another group who is also trying to fight crime stated, "Our children are not following any role models because our role models are dope dealers, dope pushers, robbers and killers."

Mrs. Lottie Connors, who believes in the Citizens Coalition Against Crime goals told of her son's murder in Edmondson Village in 1975.

"Crime affects us in many ways," said a young man attending the meeting, who told the audience that after a cab driver was robbed and killed on St. Mary's St., in September, other cab drivers are afraid to go in the area.

A woman who lives in the Sandtown-Winchester area of the city believes narcotics is the cause of the increase in crime.

"We need to stop the number one business of drugs in our city. We have no import and export licenses for drugs. My community has been a victim of crime. A lot of young people have been on drugs.

"We need employment in our area," she said nearly 70 percent of the young people in her community are unemployed. "It is apathy in our neighborhood," she told the AFRO.

Some of those attending the meeting were concerned about the safety of senior citizens who live in their area and who are afraid to walk the streets alone.

"Let's protect our elderly from crime," was the main concern of Bob Shiver. Shiver, who has been a victim of crime says he sees senior citizens walking in fear.

He is now attempting to place bumper stickers on cars and in inner city grocery stores to have citizens become more alert and concerned about the serious problems of crime.

Politicians were under fire during the meeting when Rev. Crosse said, "Only three of the suckers showed up and crime is not a political issue."

"There are two black legislators seated right here in the audience, both of whom have been victims of crime," Conaway said. "How dare you accuse legislators like us of being soft on crime. You can't stand there and insult your elected officials."

No formal programs have been worked out and a date has not been set for the next meeting.

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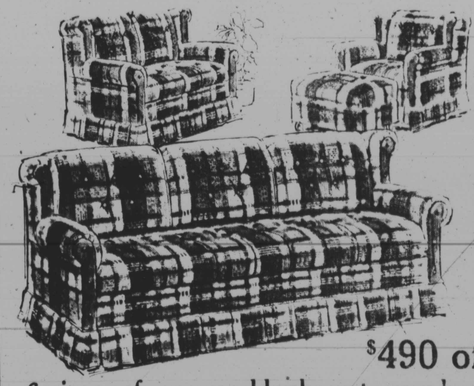

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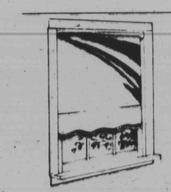

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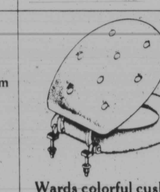

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