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BRILLIANT ARRAY OF BANQUET GUESTS including (C) Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Leroy (Suzy) Dyette are (L to R) Leroy Dyett Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James E. (Darcena) E. Cooper owners of Alaes Dry Cleaners; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison (Gladys) Foster, of XYZ Day Nursery; Mr. and Mrs. Dyette, owners of Dyett Funeral Home; Mrs. Mary Eason and Mr. and Mrs. John S. (Francis) Ward.

Two Maryland General Assemblymen head black legislators

Sen. Mitchell, Del. Young elected at national meet in Baltimore

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

Two members of the Maryland General Assembly, have been elected for a two year term to head the prestigous 337 - member National Balck Caucus of State Legislators.

The group which met here in Baltimore at the Hyatt Regency last week came from a total of 44 states and unanomously named Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III to serve a second time as president.

Sen. Mitchell organized the Caucus and became its first president. Del. Larry Young was elected assistant president and ascends from the post of executive director.

Others voted into office are Rep. Wilheminia Delco, TX, vice president; Rep. Calvin Smyre, GA, secretary and Sen. David Holmes, MI, treasurer.

Highlighting the five day conference is the decision of the body to enter a joint agreement with the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus to support each others agenda.

The next annual conference is scheduled to assemble in Los Angeles or perhaps Houston, according to Gerri Houston, executive director.

AWARDS

The Awards Banquet last Saturday was the concluding event and cited three persons for unusal service; International Musician Stevie Wonder, the Humanitarian Award; Allen Quille, Baltimore, the Presidential Award and California's Sen. Brown's absence. Appearing in the absence of "someone from the White House" were guest speakers Dr. Harold A. Carter and Dr. Leroy Watkins.

On the banquet program were Samuel T. Daniels, Prince Hall Grand Master, master of ceremonies; Sen. Mitchell, Del. Young, Miss Damita Jo, soloist and Carlos Johnson with Bill Harris, vocolist.

The banquet began with a general reception and took place in the spacious Constellation Ballroom. Over 1,000 persons attended.

The awards presentations concluded the conferences and workshops designed to inform legislators and the general public about the Caucus' goals, purposes and agenda "in these perilous days," according to Sen. Mitchell.

RESOLUTIONS

Among achieved objectives were the following Resolutions:

Voting Rights Act Extension

Support operation PUSH's: Economic Patronage Councils

Support ERA

Oppose further cuts in the domestic side of the federal budget.

Endorses the encouragement of job development, business expansion and stabilization in distressed communities.

Increase funding for the energy and emergency assistance block grant.

Oppose reduction in benefits for Food Stamps.

Fight against the establishment of a 2 class Health Care system.

Strengthen and increase funding for the older Americans Act.

Monitor all Administrations Block Grants proposals.

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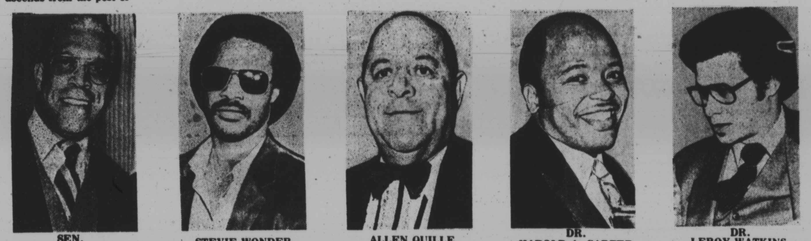

SEN. BILL GREENE, CA received award for Sen. Willie Brown | STEVIE WONDER Humanitarian Award | ALLEN QUILLE Presidential Award | DR. HAROLD A. CARTER Speaker | DR. LEROY WATKINS Speaker

Six honorees feted by Howard Alumni

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

According to tradition, the Baltimore Chapter Howard University Alumni honored five outstanding Howardites and one non - Howardite recently.

ENOLIA P. MCMILLAN | JUDGE ROBERT BELL | DR. ROLAND M. McCONNELL

CITY COUNCILMAN NORMAN REEVES | REV. O. ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN | WILLIAM C. CURTIS

The event during the recital of the Howard U Chorale came at Lake Clifton High School auditorium and cited Mrs. Enolia P. McMillian, local NAACP president; City Councilman Norman V. A. Reeves and Dr. Roland C. McConnell, noted historian.

Also, William C. Curtis, the chapter treasurer two decades and Rev. Oliver St. Clair Franklin, longtime Methodist minister.

The honoree who is not a Howard graduate is Supreme Bench Judge Robert M. Bell, the youngest ever appointed in Maryland.

The 35 - member Howard U Chorale directed by Dr. J. Weldon Norris, rendered a program which included Spirituals arranged by Hall Johnson and William Dawson; motets and early American folk hymns.

The occasion departed from the Charter Day awards usually in March each year and made the awards at the recital intermission. Mrs. Gwendolyn Buckson served as chairperson.

Alumni officers are Mrs. Mamie Woodford, president; Mrs. Irene Johnson and Gary Rodwell, vice presidents; William C. Curtis, treasurer; John Evans, Mrs. Gwendolyn Biddie and Mrs. Thelma Ashe, secretaries.

Gee....thanks

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CONGRATULATIONS from Mayor Schaefer and the citizens of Baltimore on the AFRO's 90th Year of Publication are spelled out in this banner on the walkway near the Morris Mechanic Theatre on Baltimore Street. The banner will remain there for a period of time and then be hung near the AFRO home office building at the foot of Druid Avenue. The AFRO thanks the Mayor and the people of Baltimore for this great big word of appreciation.

—Jacob succeeds

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Jordan is stepping down at the end of December after leading the League since 1971. He is joining the Washington, D.C. office of a Dallas-based law firm.

Dr. Carl Franklin, a former executive board member of the Baltimore Urban League and past president of the Council of Urban League presidents, had high praise for Jacob's abilities.

"I envision a creative and vigorous thrust forward (of the National Urban League) during his time," Franklin said.

Jacob is "quick witted" and "can find humor in the most serious situations," he said.

"I remember one time somebody called John and said, 'hey shorty.' He's short from the shoulders down, but tall from the head up," Franklin said.

Harold Kennedy and Maggie Lane, both local League officials also praised Jacob. Kennedy told the AFRO he has known Jacob for about 12 years, he is a "fine, energetic person."

"The National Urban League couldn't have made a wiser choice," Kennedy said.

Ms. Lane said she has known Jacob about five years. They became acquainted in 1976, when Jacob was the executive director of the D.C. Urban League.

In 1980, when Jacob assumed leadership of the organization and headed its national conference in New York City in place of Jordan, who was recovering from gunshot wounds suffered in a Fort Wayne, IN. shooting incident, Jacob "did an excellent job," she said.

At Tuesday's press conference, Jacob said the main challenge facing the organization will be severe budget cuts proposed by the Reagan Administration. The League, which funds several social service and job training programs, will have to concentrate more on obtaining funds and services for blacks than on formulating new policies.

"Black people are hurting and its our mandate to do all we can to remedy that condition," Jacob said.

Jordan, also at the press conference, had words of praise for his successor.

"During the months I was away from my desk (after the shooting) he kept the National Urban League on track, always doing what was in its best interests. He sought no self-aggrandizement and performed with honor and fidelity."

Jordan predicted the League would have "difficult times" coping with Reagan's economic policy, but said the organization should be able to survive.

In Baltimore, Kennedy told the AFRO funding for the local organization has been cut. Cutbacks in federal programs, grants and proposals have cost the Baltimore office about 15 full-time staff positions and several clerical slots, he said.

Tuesday, Jacob said he will eliminate about 1,000 of 3,000 staff positions to continue helping the poor as the organization's federal aid shrinks from $26 million to $11 million or less.

—New school

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Dr. Samuel Banks, coordinator of the system's Office of Social Studies, called the budget a "gross disservice to children and youths."

He said, "The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1982-83 which purports to ensure maximum educational excellence for approximately 115,000 students enrolled in this school district is unprecedented in the 132 year history of the schools in terms of its colossal inadequacy."

Less than 100 parents and community representatives turned out for the hearing at Coldstream Park Elementary, which is the last public hearing before the board votes on the budget at its Dec. 17 meeting.

Irene Dandridge, president of the Baltimore Teacher's Union, stated, "This board has an obligation to propose a budget that meets the needs of the system. But this budget does not even take inflation into consideration and has plummeted teacher morale to an all-time low."

Ms. Dandridge questioned whether the public hearing was an "exercise in futility" and asked if the hearing was "just a public relations gimmick."

But, David Daneker, president of the school board, told the AFRO that the board will consider making adjustments to the plan, possibly in the area of materials and supplies.

"We don't hold these hearings just for fun," he said. "They're really not fun. I don't think some of the parents really didn't understand what the budget means."

Daneker also said he does not foresee the board of estimates further reducing the plan after it's submitted to the city Dec. 20.

William Beasley-El, a concerned parent, spoke before the board with his son, William II at his side.

"I question the priorities of a city that takes money to build the Inner Harbor and downtown area when we have to cut a school budget," he said.

—Dangerous toys

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silencer made by Edison Toys and ABC's Wide World Of Sports Deluxe Dart Set made by Crown Recreation.

The group said it did not like the cap guns because they are too realistic-looking and would be difficult to supervise. It said the darts contained no warning label of any kind on the package and should be sold in sporting goods stores, not toy stores.

Other toys the group placed in the dangerous category were the Safari, tracer gun and Zebra automatic pistol, all projectile guns; a cap bomb set; the Six-Shot Cork Ball Western Repeater; the Hopi Hunter Archery Set, and the Batman Space Rocket with re-entry chute, a slingshot type device.

One toy, the Alien Blaster giant target set has a snub-nose pistol and a human-like figure for target practice, which Mrs. Brown said could lead the country "to raise a nation of little assassins."

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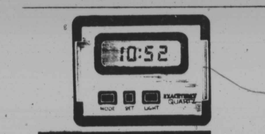

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