ON THE SCENE at the Mondale fund-raiser were (L TO R) Mrs. Regina Goff Henry, State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke, Attorney George L. Russell Jr., Mrs. Flozella Clark, U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Democratic U.S. Presidential Candidate Walter F. Mondale, Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mrs. Mondale, Gov. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graves.

Mondale fund-raiser brings crowd from across state

By Elizabeth Oliver
City Editor

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale struck out on his Maryland campaign for U.S. president March 22 with an afternoon in Annapolis where a special affair brought out many backers and the endorsement of Gov. Harry Hughes.

The Democratic contender who is said to have nearly $20 million already in his war chest to get Ronald Reagan out of the White House "along with all his gang," needs more contributions.

Maryland did well in a few hours.

The Tuesday evening affair at Martins West saw an estimate of 1,500 persons as $100 - a - ticket guests arrived at 6 p.m. and never seemed to stop until near 11 p.m.

A large number of "$500 a ticket and over" contributors also dined on an endless bouffet of chicken scampi, rare and well done roast beef, corned beef, breaded shrimp, cheese and dips and all else that goes with a swell affair plus drinks from numerous free bars.

The throng came from the General Assembly in Annapolis, the 23 counties as far away as Prince Georges, Frederick near Pennsylvania and cold, snowy Garrett County.

Noteworthy was the presence of Mrs. Mondale and both Gov. and Mrs. Hughes, U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes who was named Maryland State chairman; Sen. Rosalie S. Abrams, the state Democratic Party chairman and Mrs. Mildred Howard, sister of the late Vice - President Hubert Humphrey.

Among other leaders were Mrs. Flozella Clark who joined Mrs. Howard in earlier campaign efforts; William (Little Willie) Adams and Alan Quille who are among the more generous givers helping to swell the campaign chest to over $150,000.

Mondale also welcomed as supporters, Mayor Schaefer, Hyman Pressman, U.S. Rep. Barbara A. Jikulski, Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs, Lt Gov. J. Joseph Curran Jr., and Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, all present and accounted for.

Deputy Commissioner Bishop Robinson and Major Edward Woods were among Police Department bigwigs.

The Maryland Senate was in session leaving an absence of state senators but the House of Delegates was well represented and members stood on the platform along with other state and city elected officials.

Loud was the applause as Mondale blasted the White House and Republican administration contending, "They have divided America, have given the rich tax breaks and the poor cheese." He agreed all the nation "wants that gang out."

He vowed to enforce the Civil Rights laws again.

ON THE SCENE

Among those present were neighborhood and community organizations in Baltimore and the counties across the state.

Labor unions gave strong support.

Seen about were Chessie Brailey, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Reynolds, Kathy Carpenter, Tony Fulton, Catherine Moore, Richard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graves, Mrs. Charles Fleming, William Waters, Arthur R. Creigler, Register of Wills Mary Conaway, Del. Larry Young, City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Ruby Bass, Gilda Garrett, Flo Clark, Donna Janey, Nora Cheek, Janice Carney;

Prince George's Del. Jerry Perry, Leon Perry, City Councilman Nathaniel McFadden, Councilwoman Iris Reeves, U.S. Congressman Long Del. Ralph Hughes, Del. Elijah Cummings, Del. Kurt Anderson, CCB President Charles Tildon, City Council President Du Burns,

Labor Leader Raymond Clark along with other AFSCM and Transit Union officials; Dr. Charles Simmons of Sojourner-Douglass College; Sampson Green, Lenora Odeka of Cong. Barnes' staff; Harbor Bank president and Mrs. Wes Queen, Dr. John Maulpin, National Dental Asso.; Doris Johnson of Cold Spring - Montebello; Carolyn Colvin and Norman Brailey of Sen. Sarbanes' staff;

Also, Shirley Pulliam, Louise Johnson of the Hilton Hotel; Agnes Welch, Nadine Alston, Diane Hutchins, Stuart Simms, the States Attorney's deputy director; Donna Jacobs, attorney; Cheryl Townson assistant to Del. Ruth Kirk; Georgine Egerton, Ella and Bruce Edemy, Lucille Gorman, Del. Vernon Gray, Morgan's former Dean Thelma Bandeau,

Charles Fleming, Marshall Sourlock, Elizabeth Stemley, Carroll Bell, Dr. Douglass and Linda Walker, USO's Ronald Cuffy, Cherry Hill's Louise Johnson, Del. Mary Adams, Dr. Uthman Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Runyan.

MORE GUESTS (L TO R) Medford Reynolds, Ms. Bernadett Wilson, Tony Fulton, Mrs. Catherine Moore, Mrs. Georgine Edgerton, Mrs. Troy Brailey, Ms. Kathy Carpenter.

Coppin State College holds first annual scholarship fund banquet

Distinguished public service award goes to longtime AFRO executive

The Coppin State College Tawes Center banquet room was filled to capacity March 18 to witness the first annual scholarship fund dinner.

Mal Goode, internationally known ABC correspondent and former United Nations news reporter the guest speaker, accented the urgent need for black support for all traditionally black colleges. He urged black students and alumni stay with us and give "lest we become lost on our priorities."

He also urged support of the black press "to forward our cause and print our own side of the story which the white press never will."

Sponsors of the event, the directors of the Coppin Development Foundation with Dr. Carl Adair, chairman and Dr. Flossie Dedmond, vice chair, presented AFRO President John H. Murphy III with the first annual award.

FIRST AWARD

The distinguished public service plaque conferred by Dr. Dedmond, cited Murphy for longtime leadership in the community through the AFRO.

In response, Mr. Murphy revealed his acceptance of the award is for the AFRO, its many employees and "all those who have walked through the doors at the 628 N. Eutaw St. home office."

He noted the demise of the white media, newspapers and magazines, such as Times Herald, The Star, the Daily News "and others which have lost more circulation than all the black press."

"With the worst record of employment of any business, the white media remains racist," he stated and added "We are the historians of black people. If we wait for the white press, our news will not be recorded."

Mr. Murphy also received citations from Mayor Schaefer through Dr. Hilbert Stanley; U.S. Senator Sarbanes and the AFRO's 90th Year award from City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver. Mr. Goode was given a Baltimore citizenship certificate.

Others on the program were Dr. Adair who urged support for the Coppin development fund; Dr. Calvin Burnett, Coppin president; Dr. Charles B. Wright, vice president for development; and executive director of the Foundation; Joseph Bracy who presided and introduced Mr. Goode and Rev. Olin P. Moyd, pastor, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

Music was by Miss Antoinette Johnson, soprano; Rebecca Sydnor - Henderson, concert artist; William Sydnor and Henry N. Freeman, accompanists.

The Coppin Development Foundation promotes growth, progress and general welfare of the college, receives gifts and donations, provides scholarships, loans and financial assistance to deserving students in pursuing education.

James McDonald is secretary and Joseph A. Bush, treasurer.

The message from the Foundation board reads as follows:

"Today, more than ever, when the private sector has withdrawn the quality of support that would enable youth to determine their own destiny, and when the federal government has drastically reduced financial programs to aid students, thereby demoralizing them and discouraging them from seeking entrance to college, there is increasing need for college development foundations.

"Without them, students already in college will find it almost impossible to remain there and complete the work for their degrees.

"In the case of liberation, Youth must be educated. Our Youth represent our country's investment in the future. To educate Youth is to save our nation. Thank you for your support in this crucial endeavor."

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AFRO PRESIDENT JOHN H. MURPHY III (R) is joined by his wife, Mrs. Camay Murphy in receiving the engraved distinguished service award from (L TO R) Dr. Carl Adair, Foundation chairman and Dr. Flossie Dedmond, vice chair and chair of the awards.

DR. CALVIN BURNETT
Coppin president

MRS. MURPHY'S SISTER, Mrs. Glenna James of Fredericksburg, VA; Mrs. Jeanette Christmas; Mr. Murphy's pastor, Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson of St. James Episcopal Church.

DR. HILBERT STANLEY, AFRO board member and assistant to Mayor Schaefer; AFRO board chairman John J. Oliver Jr.; Harlow Fullwood, Coppin board member; Art Carter, Washington AFRO publisher and AFRO president emeritus, John J. Oliver Sr.

(All Photos By Glasco Ryles)

ENJOYING THE BANQUET are William Martin, Hurlock, MD; Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe, Baltimore; Mrs. William Martin, Hurlock; Mrs. Clementine Murphy Knox, sister of the honoree; Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Diggs, Baltimore.

AFRO 90TH YEAR Citation for his nearly half a century service goes to Mr. Murphy from City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver.

The LIVING CHURCH

What is the role of a deacon?

By Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn
Pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist

In training men for ordination to the diaconate, the basic premise should be to train men for service. This means not only giving them the necessary skills for effective service, but more importantly, it means helping them develop a basic attitude that is service-oriented.

Deacons are not called to be served or to assume some privileged position in the church or in society. Rathey, they are called to serve others.

The church is never more true to its mission than when it is working diligently for a better, more humane world it is never less the church than when it turns in on itself and begins to serve its own interests. Upon ordination, deacons become public ministers of the church. The mission of the church must be their mission a better world in which man might have the freedom and peace of mind to recognize his own dignity and his relationship to God and to his fellow man.

In the training program, therefore, the emphasis should be on the deacon's role of service. This does not deny his sacramental role. However, if his sacramental role is not placee placed within the wider context of service, it is very possible that his ministry may be limited by the walls of the temple.

The church always has recognized its need to relate to the needs of the world in the role of servant. The Lord himself signified this when he washed the feet of the disciples. It was an obvious lesson for them and for the whole church.

The order of deacon (servant, minister) is essential to the church, for this is what the church is all about: ministering in the name and spirit of Christ to the needs of the world, serving the people.

Vatican 11 teaches,"...deacons serve the people of God in the ministry of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity." Deacons, therefore, will participate in the celebration of the liturgy and the preaching of the word of God.

Serving the human needs of man, however, it is especially pertinent to the diaconal role. The deacon will administer the sacraments; but in these times this role should certainly not be the one which is emphasized. Diaconal ministry should emphasize his involvement with his brothers in need.

It is also important to point out that the diaconate is a vocation in itself and is in no way a remedy for the lack of priests. Men are not being ordained deacons because there are not enough priests to administer the sacraments. The restoration of the permanent diaconate to the church should remind us of the servant church whose services, the world sorely needs. The deacon, representing the church for the sake of Christ's kingdom, will address himself to the world's needs.

Therefore, the deacon must be a man of deep faith— faith in himself, in the church and in the world. He must be a free, competent, responsible man. He must be capable of inspiring confidence and trust in others.

In addition to being very human, he must be a person who is seeking a deeper level of faith through prayer, study, liturgy and Christian life in this world. He must be a man who loves the world and its potential rather than an unloving, unsuffering critic who pretends to have simple answers. He must be a man who is not conformed to the world, but so identified with the world that he can ask it the right questions and seek both a transformation and a development of its values.

The ideal diaconate candidate should be a man noted for his constancy. This means that he should be a man dedicated to the human community of God's people of which he is a part. Ordination to the diaconate will not automatically make him a dedicated man. Rather, his dedication to the community is a sign that he is a possible diaconal candidate.

This dedication can be found both in the charismatic visionary of tomorrow and the solid servant of today. The man who addresses himself to the everyday needs of the distressed is no less a diaconal candidate than the man who points to a new future through social change. The world needs both and so the church, conscious of its primary responsibility to serve, must have both.

Since the diaconate is a qualitative note of the church, it is important that every local church have its own deacons men from that local church men from community. This same situation existed in the early church.

Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles tell us that the church, Hebrew in origin, soon spread to other lands, and when it did, these other people wanted to share completely in the life of the church. In the Grecian community, seven deacons are named. They are named under the guise of function, but their functions do not carry the weight of the following narrative. They are much more than just men who carry out functions:

Philip, named to the care of the Greek widows, preaches and baptizes and is a sign of conviction and faith to his fellow gentiles. Stephen, called to distribute food and clothing to poor Grecian Jews, becomes so profound a sign of the Lord's presence that he pours out his life's blood as testimony to his faith.

The church is present in many types of communities (white, black, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)through priests and sisters who are often technically quite well prepared for their work and perform a real service in those communities.

However, in order to exist in a community and be of that particular community, it is not enough that someone be sent there by the church in order to serve.

At some point in its growth, the local church must assume the responsibility of service to its own immediate world. In other words, it is important that each local church produce its own ministers. There is one church, but that church must exist in the uniqueness of the white, the black and the Latin communities. Yet this will never come about unless there is more than participation by local people in a church that is still basically a reality from the outside.

The diaconal program, searching out candidates from the local communities, will contribute towards building up a more authentic church.

Finally, and most importantly, the diaconate must be a sign of the Lord's service to the world. This point is extremely important since it would be quite easy to fall in into the trap of a functionally oriented diaconate. In fact, the diaconate has nothing whatsoever to do with particular functions, ecclesial or otherwise; but it has everything to do with the presence of a clear and consistent sign of the Lord's service to the world rooted in the gospel and, so, alive to God's spirit.

Outside of some specific sacramental functions, it is impossible for anyone to legislate a definite diaconal role with all functions delineated for each and every local church because each and every local church is quite different.

This question of function is the most difficult question facing deacons. What does a deacon do? What will be his role in the church? Yet if we really believe that the church is the people, then can we not readily see that people are different?

People and communities differ economically, educationally, ethnically, and racially. The deacon's role in the church will be determined by the needs of the community of which he is a part.

All deacons will not be the same. The deacon will be a true sign of the Lord's service in the world, so he must constantly search in a changing world for a role appropriate to his talents and the needs of his community. He will stand in the midst of his community as a man of faith. The fact that his life has meaning will inspire others with confidence. He not only will be in touch with the Lord of life, but he will be in touch with life itself. He will be able to weep with those in sorrow and celebrate with those in joy.

He will never use his religious position to dominate others or to explain life away. Rather, he will share completely the lives of others and help them to interpret its meaning and enjoy its pleasures. He will continually call his brothers to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. In other words, he will very simply be a Christian whom the church has called to public ministry.

Religious play to be held at Dunbar

J. D. Fowler will present his second annual Palm Sunday play, "Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down," on March 27, 7:30 p.m. at Dunbar Performing Arts Center, 1400 Orleans St.

Fowler's gospel drama company represents about 10 Baltimore area churches. and the cast consists of 25 members. Fowler is the son of Bishop and Mrs. Sylvester Fowler.

He is an accomplished musician and has performed with several local and national groups including the Green Sisters, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Dixie Hummingbirds and Evangelist Shirley Caesar.

Fowler says, "I was inspired by the Lord to create "Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down," a play that has become a great success in Baltimore. Fowler says the play is a religious musical drama depicting the life, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a serious play with a definite message.

The play begins with Jesus entering Jerusalem on the day which is known as Palm Sunday. The play moves through the Last Supper, Judgement Hall and Mt. Calvary where the crucifixion is dramatized in a very moving and soul searching scene. Several members of Fowlers family participate in the play. His brother Greg Fowler, plays the part of Jesus. Fowler said free palms will be given to the first 500 guests on Sunday.

J. D. Fowler

Adams Chapel AME members celebrate their first Anniversary

Over 325 members of the year-old Adams Chapel A.M.E. Church gathered Saturday night for a gala banquet celebrating their first year as a congregation. Named for A.M.E. 2nd Episcopal District bishop, John Hurst Adams, the church at 3809 Egerton Rd., was established the first Sunday in April, 1982.

The principal speaker for the event was Rep. Parren J. Mitchell.

Before the speaking part of the dinner, the church's pastor, Rev. Michael O. Thomas, paused for a short interview with the AFRO.

He said that there are more than 30 clubs and auxiliaries associated with Adams Chapel: Examples are a Meals on Wheel and an outreach program that delivers weekly foodstuffs to about 50 families.

Some 100 members from Bethel A.M.E. Church comprised the basic membership of the new congregation, with neighborhood people and others who heard of the opening coming from all across the city to join. The theme of the new church is "Charismatic, Caring, and Concerned."

"As a young minister of a young congregation, I am constantly aware of the need for my witness for Christ to be a very positive one, if I am to truly nurture my congregation. For the tone that is set now, while the foundation is being laid, will determine the direction in which we at Adams Chapel will move during the next five to ten years; thus, what we do now will shape the direction of the church for future generations," Rev. Thomas said.

How he came to serve as the congregation's spiritual leader is inspirational.

Rev. Thomas asked Bishop Adams to appoint him to a church that "didn't even exist." The young preacher didn't want a church already functional.

His is what is called a "community-centered" church, he said.

During the dinner which was a full course buffet, the congregation was in good spirits as members mentioned how pleased they were with Rev. Thomas's extraordinary progress during his first year as a minister and the church's first year. Rev. Thomas, an engineer for 16 years, was ordained by the bishop at the 166th Baltimore Annual Conference, Eastern District, of the A.M.E. Church, which took place last year.

To honor the congregation and the new minister, a prestige-laden head table was present to bring greetings.

In addition to the Rt. Rev. Adams, there were present:

The Rev. Vashti S. McKenzie; Kurt Schmoke; Mr. Mitchell as mentioned; Rev. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, presiding elder, Eastern Conference, A.M.E. Church; Rev. and Mrs. John R. Bryant Bethel A.M.E. Church; and the Rev. Debyii Sababu Thomas, wife of Rev. Thomas.

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday

Holy Week is the period when Christians remember the final events in the life of Jesus Christ. It is the most solemn week of the life of Jesus Christ. It is the most solemn week of the Christian year and a time of prayer and special services.

Holy Week comes as the last week of lent, just before Easter. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, honors Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the people spread palms before him.

Roman Catholics call this day the second Sunday of the passion. They observe it with a solemn procession of palms on the Wednesday of Holy Week, called spy Wednesday. Christians recall Judas betrayal of Jesus. They honor the last supper on Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday or they observe Good Friday in a somber manner in [illegible] of the crucifixion.

Most Christian churches hold Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. to recall the hours of Christ's agony. The liturgy gives special attention to the words Jesus spoke from the cross. Holy Week ends on Easter Sunday with [illegible] the resurrection of Jesus.

Metro Church briefs

The Inspirational Choir of New Christian Memorial Church will be sponsoring holy week services March 30, 31 and April 1, at 7 p.m. at 3525 Caton Ave. The Rev. Walter Bronson Jr. is pastor.

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The Matrons Auxiliary of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive will present the Woodlawn Gospel Choir in concert on March 25, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. C. M. Franklin is pastor.

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The Sanctuary Choir of Wayland Baptist Church will present its annual Palm Sunday recital on Sunday, March 27, 4 p.m. at 3200 Garrison Blvd. The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., is pastor.

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The women of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church will present a concert featuring Ruth Hardee and the Senior Choir of Nazarene Baptist Church on March 25, 7:30 p.m. 430 East Belvedere Ave. The Rev. Howard R. Queen is pastor.

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Joy and Devotion under the direction of John Lewis will present an Easter musical The Joy Awaiting on March 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. The Rev. Marcus Wood is pastor.

Members of Olivet Baptist Church School will sponsor a play, "Christ Has Risen," on Easter Sunday, April 3, 9 a.m. Deacon Morris Allen is superintendent and the Rev. W. S. Watson is pastor.

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The Dramatic Guild of Fountain Baptist Church, 1215 Monument St., will present a play "The Lowly King on March 31, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Helen Evans is director, Calvin Alston, assistant director and the Rev. Herman A. Ford is pastor.

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The little women of Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 Monument St., will sponsor revival services on April 8, 7 p.m. Michael James of Calvary Temple and Ames United Methodist Church Youth Choir will be special guest. The Rev. Mamie Williams is pastor.

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The Original Silver Leaf Gospel Singers will celebrate their 27th anniversary on Sunday, March 27 at New Metropolitan Baptist Church, Mosher and McCulloh Streets at 7:30 p.m. Linda Robinson is secretary; Carter Robinson is president, Laura Pye is treasurer and the Rev. Lawyer L. Swinson is pastor.

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The Concert Choir of Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut will perform at Memorial Episcopal Church, 1407 Bolton St., on March 23, 8 p.m.

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An Easter Cantata will be presented by the Israel Baptist Church Ensemble on Sunday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. at Israel Baptist Church, Preston and Chester Streets. Joyce McNair-Hanner is director, Bernice M. Walker is accompanist and Vivian Wilkins is president. The Rev. Harlie W. Wilson is pastor.

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The Senior Choir of Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave., will present George Frederick Handel's Messiah on March 27, 5 p.m. The Rev. Vernon Dobson is pastor.

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Bethel AME Church mortgage committee will present the Morris Brown College Choir in concert on Sunday, March 27, 4 p.m. 1300 Druid Hill Ave. Mary Robinson is chairperson and the Rev. John R. Bryant is pastor.

THE ROBERTA MARTIN SINGERS of Chicago, Illinois will be singing at the grand gospel reunion show on April 3, 4 p.m. at the Civic Center. Julia Mae Price Williams and Katie Jackson, two local gospel singers will also be singing with the Gospearl Choir. Other guest gospel singers will be Doris Miller, The Original Caravans, Rev. Claude Jeter, The Original Soul Stirrers. Tickets may be purchased by calling 566-1362.