—Legislative

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Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Safety. This year, Caucus Chairman Clarence Blount was appointed Senate Majority Leader.

One of the more revealing aspects of the Report is the number of issues which either involved the Operating Budget, HB210, or the Capital Budget, HB211. While a program may be authorized to exist by an act of the General Assembly, it cannot operate unless it is funded. In its Report, the caucus identified the following areas where it helped secure increased funding in the Operating Budget for programs which are vital to the interests of Black Marylanders:

EDUCATION:
- Morgan State University
- Coppin State College
- Extended Elementary Education (for four year olds)
- Child Nutrition
- Adult Education
- School Construction
- Libraries
- School Community Centers
- School Bus Transportation
- Apprenticeship
- Special Education

HEALTH
- Alcoholism Control Administration
- Aged and Chronically Ill Administration
- Drug Abuse Administration
- Mental Hygiene Administration
- Preventive Medicine Administration
- Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

HUMAN RESOURCES:
- Public Assistance to Adults
- Emergency Assistance to Families with Dependent Children
- Foster Care Board Payments
- Child Support Enforcement
- Maryland Energy Assistance Program

The Caucus also supported legislation designed to fund major construction or finance of capital projects. Caucus members fought for the inclusion of $8.8 million for a science complex for Morgan State University and $100,000 to plan a Coppin State science facility.

Other capital and construction legislation ranged from building and rehabilitation money for education and health facilities to small business development capital and funds to restore historic black landmarks.

The Report shows where negative action was beneficial to the community. It blocked an attempt to cut $290,000 for Morgan State University part-time faculty. The group was able to restore $200,000 of the funds. The Caucus was also instrumental in cutting $100,000 from the budget of the Maryland Public Broadcasting system because it does business with South Africa.

In non-budget action, the caucus supported creation of a new State Department of Employment and Training and a new State Housing Commission. The caucus also claims success in assisting in the conversion of 147 contractual positions to permanent state jobs. Most of the contractual employees were minorities.

Members of the caucus used their increased political clout to negotiate with the Governor the appointment of a black majority on the three main Baltimore City Liquor Board. And this year, the caucus was able to maintain a presence on city Board of Election Supervisors.

But then there were the admitted caucus short comings:

1. Lack of caucus solidarity in handling the Bank De-regulation Bill.
2. Not having a "legislative coordinator" for each House of the General Assembly.
3. Difficulty in scheduling crunch.
4. Inadequate networking system among all members of the caucus.
5. Failure to pair Veteran Legislators with Freshmen Legislators in a "buddy system".

Looking forward, the caucus intends to correct its deficiencies. And it plans to do a lot of work during the interim between the 1983 and 84 sessions. It hopes to place caucus members on each of the interim commissions and took forces; especially those dealing with aid to education, transportation and police. It will establish and maintain an historic exhibit of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

It will continue the fight to establish an engineering school at Morgan State University. It will also work to achieve a closer liaison with the Maryland congressional delegation as well as with community base organizations and service groups.

—Black developer

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praise of the support given him by Cong. Parren Mitchell, and the Penn-North Association. According to McDonald, they were instrumental in going to bat for him wherever it was needed.

So, at long last, the eyesore at Pa. and North is slated for demolition. This is the beginning of a new era for the area, and North Plaza is on its way.

—3rd district

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backing from pockets of liberal white voters.

Coalition chairman Joseph M Frederick Broccolino, emerged as the ticket's top vote getter, and his selection came only weeks before the primary, when his name recognition potential could be ignored.

nesday night meeting, said the absence of a unified effort in the past had made blacks the victim of a divide-and-conquer fate, allowing the area's white politicians to ignore them at the poll selection time.

"In the past that has been the option (Frank) Gallagher and (Mike) Curran had because of our own weakness. The whole point of this meeting is to pick a candidate that they can't ignore," James said, referring to the two third district incumbents.

Gallagher has stated he will consider running on a ticket with a black candidate. But so far he has had no formal contact with the black community regarding a coalition.

Some Participants at the Wednesday meeting saw encouragement in last fall's election of Curtis Anderson (D. 44th) to the Maryland House of Delegates. Currently, Anderson is the only black official elected from the city's largely white, middle class Northeast.

Anderson's inclusion a ticket was not the result of political generosity. The 44th district delegate, who ran with Julian Lapides, Frank Robey and

Anderson drew from several strengths to win his seat.

A former television reporter, the delegate had extensive contacts and high recognizability among both whites and blacks. Articulate and personable, Anderson seemed to generate confidence in both communities.

The freshman delegate brought to the Wednesday meeting a plan calling for the assemblage of a thousand or more citizens from the third district community to select a single candidate.

The plan's backers hope the victor would command a community mandate, and draw support from the also-rans.

Lillian Jones, one of the Coalition's organizers, said she thinks some form of convention could unite black voters in the Northeast.

"I think is is the only process that will bring the community together. There are things that have to be worked out though. I must have gotten 25 phone calls...from people who said they like the idea, but they just have problems with it," Ms. Jones said during Wednesday's meeting.

With several candidates already beating the bush for money and support, it remains to be seen whether the Coalition can either convince unendorsed candidates to drop out of the race, or generate enough voter discipline to avoid a split.

Although the group accepted the idea of a convention, in principle, participants differed over the level and timing of white support.

And some even suggested scrapping the one-candidate idea, and fielding two or even three.

On the surface it would appear that if blacks were to have a chance they would have to work as one to overcome a large numerical disadvantage in the third district. Only about 43,000 of roughly 131,000 third district resident are black.

"Bodily we are 31 percent, but as registered voters we are only 26 or 27 percent," pointed out former State Senator Louise Murphy.

Whatever the outcome in the third, it is obvious the possibility of placing a black in the City Council has energized many of the community's concerned citizens.

"This is the most exciting that has happened in the Northeast since I got here in 1962," Ms. Jones said, as the evening meeting broke up.

'Side by Side' offers hope to those in need

The Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Baltimore is accepting applications for a program called Side By Side. This program is for volunteers to work on a one to one basis with a person who has been hospitalized for emotional problems.

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Jawan McGee is indicted

A man who was shot and paralyzed by a policeman's bullet three years ago was indicted April 21 on rape and sexual assault charges.

The city State's Attorney's office said Jawan McGee and James Robinson, both 20, were indicted on one count of first degree rape and 12 other sexual offenses.

The two were accused in the April 8 rape of a 20-year-old woman who was an acquaintance of Robinson.

Police said one suspect helped the other man, who was confined to a wheelchair, during the rape.

The woman told police that two men took her to a secluded area near railroad tracks, where she was struck in the face and raped, investigators said.

In March, 1980, off duty detective Stephen McGown shot McGee when he saw the youth remove what the officer later described as a "shiny object" from his jacket pocket in a pizza carry-out. The object turned out to be a cigarette lighter.

McGown, who eventually lost his job, said he thought Mr. McGee and Robinson, who also was in the carry-out, were planning to rob the business.

The state's criminal injury compensation board last year ruled against McGee's claim that he was a victim of a crime at the time of the shooting and therefore should be compensated.

Officials at the hospital where McGee was treated said the bullet would left McGee paralyzed from the chest down and said he had no feeling or control below his navel. Arraignment for McGee and Robinson was scheduled for May 19.

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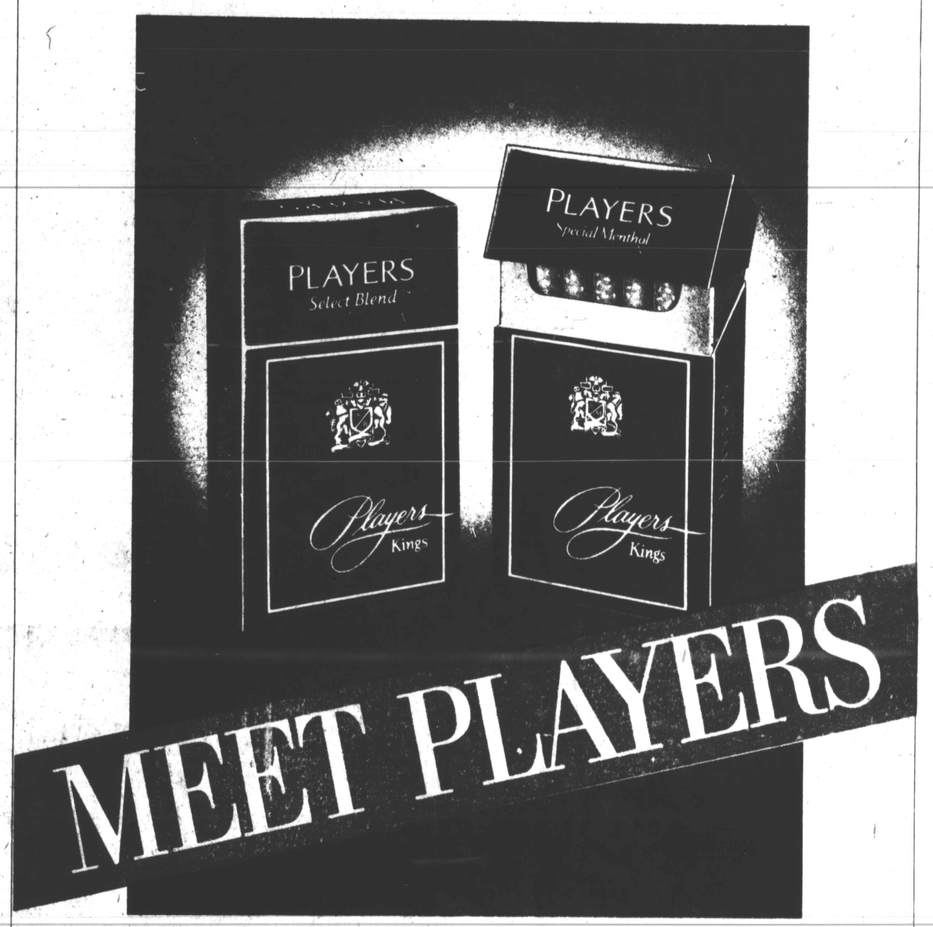
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