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NAACP charges Murphy victim of blatant racism and harassment

Mayoral Candidate William H. Murphy, Jr. is the "victim of blatant racism and Chicago-style political harassment," the Maryland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People charged this week.

"As citizens of Maryland and elected officials of the oldest and largest civil rights organization in America, we cannot and will not keep silent while the residents of Baltimore are in danger of being deprived of the opportunity to seriously consider a highly qualified person who happens to be black for mayor.

"Judge Murphy, as a candidate for mayor, should be given consideration by the voters based on his qualifications and his positions on the problems and issues facing the people of Baltimore," Nathaniel K. Smith, state branch president, said.

In a subsequent statement, the state NAACP also levelled charges of maintaining a "pattern and practice of discrimination against black and female citizens, especially black males" against the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

Charges were filed with William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general for civil rights, in the U.S. Justice Department.

In addition, a group of concerned ministers meeting at St. John's AME Church Tuesday afternoon echoed the NAACP's accusations with the charge that Murphy's recent well-publicized financial and tax problems represented a "conspiracy of the establishment."

All three contentions come one week after a nationwide March on Washington for Jobs, Peace and Freedom reinvigorated a languishing national civil rights movement.

All three contentions come just days before one of the most racially sensitive elections in the city's history.

Nathaniel K. Smith, president of the state NAACP, said, "This is a formal complaint against the Maryland State Government. Although black Marylanders represent 18 percent to 20 percent of the state's population, few state agencies approach this percentage of black employees. When there is a substantial number of blacks in an agency most are clustered at the lowest levels of responsibility and pay.

"Black females," he said, "for the most part, are clerical employees.

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Accuses state of bias against black men/women

John Douglass banking on key white support

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

If the race for the city comptroller's seat were decided by a vote among the city's business community alone, Baltimore might well have its first black chief financial officer. Support from the white community would play a key part in making history.

Some of the area's biggest business executives have rallied around the candidacy of Robert Douglass, a 13-year state representative from Baltimore's Eastside.

They are confident that Douglass, a fiscal expert in Annapolis, can do a better job of managing the city's money than can the incumbent, Hyman Pressman.

So sure are Douglass' backers that they have formed a "blue ribbon" finance committee to raise $100,000 as bankroll the

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John W. Douglass

Liver transplant for J. T. comes closer to happening

By Eddie King

Sixty thousand through one hundred fifty thousand dollars needed for two - year - old John Turpin, III's liver transplant operation may well be on its way as volunteers end an almost year long venture to raise the needed funds.

Last week, Mrs. Turpin received a call from White House aide, Michael Batton, who reported that financial coverage of the operation might be at hand.

The term "experimental" on J.T.'s operation created reluctance in the family's insurance company to offer its normal financial coverage, and a recent application for Medicare assistance was denied.

Batton's call acknowledged the removal of the term "experimental" from all operations such as J.T.'s which encouraged the insurance company to offer more financial assistance.

"Technically, there are no bills yet. So, we don't know how much the amount will be. Whatever the insurance does not cover will be applied to Medicaid," said Batton.

Although no real assurance could be made by Batton that Medicaid would cover a larger portion than the insurance company, he said there is hope for a 50-50 split between the two.

The response from Batton was prompted by a letter received from Eunice Hupfer, a co-worker of Mrs. Turpin, who expressed an equal need of money and attention for J.T. as had been applied to other children suffering from J.T.'s disorder, biliary atresia, where elimination processes have been interrupted.

Mrs. Turpin said, "I'm glad one part of this ordeal is almost over. We still need a donor though. I just hope one comes through in time."

A hardy thanks fell from the lips of Mrs. Turpin as she reminisced about all of the clubs, organizations and others who volunteered their time to help her.

Organizations such as the Independent Bethlehem Grand Masonic Lodge, Fraternal Order of Correctional Officers, Social Security Employees, Blue Cross Blue Shield Employees, Churches of Baltimore, Summer Corps Workers and private citizens all pitched in to help.

HAPPY MOTHER — Marian Turpin kisses her son, John Turpin, III, lovingly relieved of financial coverage needed for his liver transplant operation.

Murphy calls Schaefer development claim 'hogwash'

Claims by the Schaefer Administration that it has spent $7 in neighborhoods throughout the city for every $1 spent in downtown development and rejuvenation were labelled "hogwash" Thursday by Democratic hopeful, William H. Murphy, Jr., the mayor's chief opponent. "I challenge him to publish his data," Mr. Murphy declared.

Then, Murphy campaign officials backed up their doubts with what they said was their own research as follows:

In the Capital Improvements section of the current budget, the Housing and Community Development department lists $300 million worth of current and immediate future plans. For every dollar projected to be spent downtown, close to another dollar is allocated to general business development and less than two other dollars are projected for the "neighborhoods." Even if all the general business money is spent away from downtown, the ratio of downtown to neighborhoods is less than three to one.

Over the nine years of Community Development Block Grants, only 15 percent has been spent on downtown. However, the Coldspring Newtown project alone is responsible for another

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2nd District—CCEB gives nod to Mrs. Giles

Zatella Giles, candidate for City Council from the 2nd district, has received the endorsement of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore. Mrs. Giles is the chairperson of the Social Action Committee of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church. She is also a trustee of the church. One of her biggest aims is the reintroduction of rent control legislation, one of her prime considerations as an active member of the movement. A Baltimore native, Mrs. Giles is a former worker at Continental Can and is the mother of three sons.

Murphy rally on 'Avenue' tonight (Fri.)

Rally! Rally! That's what's happening tonight from 5 until 7 p.m. for mayoral candidate Billy Murphy at 2131 Pennsylvania Ave. The purpose is the announcement of the Baltimore Civic Interest Group's endorsement of Billy Murphy for mayor and Irvin Conway for City Council, 4th district. All are invited.

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City council president hopefuls face each other

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

A tale of two cities, with each one named Baltimore, unfolded at a council president's candidates' forum Tuesday at the Walters Art Gallery.

"I think this city has done a great job, a fair job, which is why this city is the greatest in the country," the incumbent, Clarence Du Burns was doing the talking.

"Right now we are not doing it. You would have a hard time convincing our industrial workers who are unemployed that we are in a renaissance." Debra Freeman, a challenger, was doing the talking.

The five contestants for the City Council president's seat squared off before about 50 listeners, at a forum sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association and the Maryland Press Club.

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Balto. County creates public housing agency

By Tyrone Vines
Staff Writer
Balto. County

The Baltimore County Council has approved a request to create the county's first Public Housing Agency. Officials said that the agency would administer federal rent-subsidy programs and would deal directly with the federal government.

Maxine Saunders, coordinator of the Baltimore County Housing office, said that, "This will permit Baltimore County to make application when HUD issues invitations for various projects. The new move will allow the State of Maryland to rescind its power and allow Baltimore County to go into contract directly with HUD for the administration of Section 8 housing."

It is estimated that the county would earn an additional $230,000 per year by the change. The additional money gained will allow the county to put more money into other housing related programs, such as: home sharing programs, low interest mor-

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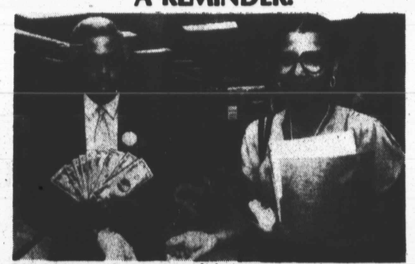

DON'T FORGET TO EXCHANGE THE MONEY — Shown from left, Charlie Stewart and Darlene Stewart exchange their regular currency for Susan B. Anthony coins and $2 bills in preparation for national Black Dollar Awareness Weekend, September 1-5.

Mrs. Pinderhughes views her first-year strategies

Dr. Anne O. Emery

Alice G. Pinderhughes

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

In her first full term as superintendent of Baltimore City public schools, Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes is excited about the upcoming year and plans to provide appropriate educational programs and instruction which will improve the achievement levels of all students.

When school opens Sept. 6, for 117,000 students, Mrs. Pinderhughes and other administrators will be visiting schools. Mrs. Pinderhughes told the AFRO, "We will drop in on some schools unannounced."

The new goals for the 1983-84 school year are to improve the

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