# —NAACP charges

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The NAACP for the past several years has worked with decision-making officials of the Maryland State Government to obtain systematic changes in these agencies to no avail. We, therefore, seek a judicial remedy which will change the present condition, and establish true opportunity for black and female citizens in Maryland State Government."

In response, Lou Panos, press secretary to Gov. Harry Hughes, said Thursday afternoon, "The governor can't have a detailed comment on the complaint until he has seen a copy of the report. The governor has made every effort to improve the hiring practices of blacks, women and other minorities, which he had demonstrated by many actions throughout the course of his administration."

As far as complaints against the city are concerned, the mayor's press secretary, Pat Bernstein, said, "He has not seen the copy to reflect on it. We won't comment on any pending litigation. For us to react we need to take a look at it . . .

"This is similar to charges that had been made by Judge Murphy, suggesting that we had not had sufficient minority employment. We responded with a press conference. If it (the allegations of disproportionate minority employment in high level positions in the city) were accurate it would reflect that some departments have all blacks at the head. The main example is the Education Department, with Alice Pinderhughes," Mrs. Bernstein said.

Despite repeated denials by both city and state officials for some time as to a pattern of discrimination in employment, the state NAACP insists its charges are true.

In a telegram to Reynolds Monday, Smith said, "This is an amendment to our complaint which was filed on the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, August 27, 1963.

" We are including in our complaint against the State of Maryland also the City of Baltimore because the city's own official reports dated December 31, 1982, show a poor equal employment opportunity record.

" In a city with a majority black population some of its departments have no blacks in a managerial positions and others have only a token number. Total black employment in the city decreased between 1976 and 1981 although the black population increased.

" Officials of the Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP and the Maryland NAACP are available to assist you in your investigations and in the preparation of plans for systematic changes in Baltimore City Government employment."

Smith also said that, "Statistics from the Fiscal Year 1982 Annual Report on Equal Employment Opportunity published by the Maryland State Department of Personnel indicate that the greatest changes need to be made in the following agencies: Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Human Resources, Department of Licensing and Regulation, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Personnel, Department of State Planning, Department of Transportation, Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Education, Criminal Court of Baltimore, Department of Legislative Services, Department of Legislative Reference, Maryland State Lottery Agency, Property Tax Appeals Board, Public Defender of Maryland, State Comptroller, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer."

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In the matter of Judge Murphy, Sherman L. Roberson, NAACP state vice president for legislative and political affairs, said, "The citizens of Baltimore are rapidly being subjected to the same all time low of 'sewer politics' that was witnessed earlier this year in the mayoral election to Chicago. In that case, the black community quickly expressed its outrage at the vicious racist attacks on Harold Washington, and we have seen a similar reaction from the black community in Baltimore to the current smear campaign.

"The basic difference is that the candidates and those segments of the majority population in Chicago which vehemently opposed the candidacy of a qualified black citizen for mayor were much more honest in their expressions and acts of racism and political harassment than is the case in Baltimore.

"Some of the major examples cited by Roberson to substantiate the charge that Mr. Murphy is a victim of racism and political harassment were:

"1. The timing of the lien field by IRS against Judge Murphy.

"2. The timing of the lien filed by the State of Maryland against Judge Murphy.

"3. The timing of tax claims by the State of Maryland regarding the recent Murphy campaign fundraiser.

"4. The suspect circumstances surrounding the cut-off of telephone service by C and P Telephone Company at the Murphy campaign headquarters.

"5. The implied threats to cut off service by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company representatives during a visit to Murphy campaign headquarters."

"In addition to the above situations, we are also outraged that it appears that the citizens of Baltimore will be robbed of a televised debate between the two major candidates for mayor prior to the September primary," Mr. Roberson said.

"The Maryland State Conference does not officially endorse candidates for public office. Therefore, we strongly support the following actions:

"The incumbent Mayor should agree to a one-on-one televised debate with Candidate William H. Murphy.

"All newspapers, television and radio stations should conduct a continuous public service campaign now thru September 13, urging all citizens to vote in the Primary.

"The Internal Revenue Service should cease and desist and suspend any further action against Candidate William H. Murphy until after the 1983 Primary and General Elections.

"C and P Telephone Company should issue a public apology to Candidate William H. Murphy and cease its political harassment of him.

"Baltimore Gas & Electric Company should issue a public apology to Candidate William H. Murphy and stop issuing veiled threats to the Murphy campaign.

"The Maryland NAACP feels that if these recommendations are implemented without delay, the remaining days of the campaign can be appropriately focused on the record of the incumbent, the qualification of all the candidates, the major problems and issues that concern the citizens of Baltimore.

"In our view, these actions would greatly enhance any legitimate efforts to prevent the 1983 Baltimore Mayoral campaign from sinking further into the quicksand of racism and inhibiting any further racial polarization in Baltimore. Smith echoed the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the March on Washington in 1963 that, No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.' "

# —Balto. County

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tgages, and housing rehabilitation.

This change will designate the Baltimore County Housing Office as a Public Housing Agency. Presently, the state has sole public housing authority in HUD contracts.

Baltimore County has been the only large local government in Maryland that did not control its own housing subsidy program. A survey was done by the Baltimore County Housing Office of the people in the Section 8 program. That survey showed that 27 percent of those on the waiting list were black; with one percent being classified as "others" and the balance of 71 percent were white. Over 80 percent were female head of household, and 43 percent were handicapped or disabled, that had signed the waiting list.

Presently there are some 3500 families on the Baltimore County Section 8 housing list. The policy of Balto. County Housing Office is to open the list to the public only when there is a clear indication that those already on the list will be able to find housing. The last time that the list was opened was on November 1, 1982 through November 16, 1982. At this time there is no indication that the list will be opened again in the near future.

# —Mrs. Pinderhughes

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achievement levels of students, to improve the educational climate of schools. Also to improve the management of human and material resources and to develop a performance monitoring system for staff. Other goals are to improve communication, to promote effective school parent community relations. To continue revision and implementation of the five year plan. Also, to improve the attendance of staff and students. To continue implementation of desegregation plan, to improve the communication ability of the school system both internally and externally. Another goal of the school system is to continue the review of the organizaiton of the school system with the purpose of improved efficiency. According to Mrs. Pinderhughes, the schools supply needs have been filled and she is asking regional superintendents to inform her of any supplies their schools might be needing. Mrs. Pinderhughes said she hopes to get more computers in the schools. Mrs. Pinderhughes, who succeeds Dr. John L. Crew as superintendent stated parents should start reading to our children as infants and they should put limitation on television and mike reading a value in their home. In order to achieve the goals for the school year, Dr. Anne O. Emery, assistant superintendent , office of public information and communication stated the school system also needs the support of the home, church and community. According to Dr. Emery, students entering the ninth grade will be required to take four years of mathematics and four years of foreign language.

Under the standard curriculum and trade and industry program, students who have passed the mathematics proficiency test should be required to follow the sequence algebra one, geometry, and algebra two.

However, courses such as applied mathematics three, technical math, etc., should be made available for students who cannot meet the more stringent requirements of the courses All students should have at least one semester of computer mathematics at the high school level.

Students must carry six credits each year and at least three of the elective courses taken must be in a cluster and more than one cluster may be pursued. The cluster program was initated by Dr. Emery.

The cluster program consisting of fine arts cluster ( music), communications, industrial arts, home economics, fine arts (visual arts) health and physical education clusters are offered at all schools with the exception of Western, City, Poly, Dunbar, Mervo and Carver.

Louise White, Director of Public Relations for UM professional schools, said blacks comprise 10.2 percent of the incoming medical school class at the Baltimore campus, compared to 4.5 percent last year.

Thirteen percent of the incoming dental students are black, compared to 9.8 percent last year. Over at the law school, 21 percent of the newcomers are black, compared to 16 percent for the student body at large. Minority enrollment figures for last year's incoming law class were not immediately available.

"The university's professional schools have been the pits as far as black American enrollment goes for years and years," Ms. White said. "We've been trying to do something about it for a while and now we're finally beginning to see the results."

Ms. White attributed the increase to improved recruiting efforts, a new honors program for undergraduates at the University of Maryland's predominately-black Eastern Shore campus and a $40,000 grant from the state's Department of Higher Education.

The spokeswoman added that the university has been encouraging gifted black college and high school students to work in laboratories on its Baltimore campus during the summer.

"Another thing that we will be watching now is our retention programs. Getting blacks through the door is the first step, but not the only step," Ms. White said. "We have to retain them and help them perform properly during the professional program."

The spokeswoman said the $40,000 grant from the state is also being used to encourage all types of professional students to take up practice in such "underserved" areas such as inner city Baltimore, the Lower Eastern Shore and Western Maryland.

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# Medical enrollment increases at University of Md.

The University of Maryland Tuesday reported an upsurge in black enrollment at its medical, dental and law schools for the 1983-84 school year.

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# C & P strike generates customer rebates

The recent strike by telephone workers may have resulted in unexpected profits for the C&P Telephone company that should be returned to customers in the form of rebates, the city's comptroller said Tuesday.

In a letter sent Monday to the Maryland Public Service Commission, Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman requested a hearing to determine the amount of savings to the phone company in the cost of labor during the strike.

"The extent and quality of services during the strike was reduced for many subscribers," Pressman said in the letter. "This can be compensated for by requiring the telephone company to share the extra profit with the subscribers."

Pressman said the rate of return for the phone company during the strike would have exceeded the amount previously approved by the commission, which regulates how much profit utilities may earn.

C&P spokesman Frank Just said the comp'ny's profits are measured on a yearly basis, and while there may have been "a bubble of profit" for the month of August because of the strike, it probably would not place the yearly return above the permitted level.

"We haven't made our authorized rate of return in four years," Just said. "I can assure you we're going to go right back into the barrel after this month."

Just said the comapny may not have made any profits during the strike because of the expense of keeping services in operation with management personnel.

He also said the company did not gain any revenues during the strike because its business offices were closed.

Just said an accounting of the company's finances during August would be available at the end of September.

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# Ohio man charged in assault

An Ohio man accused of trying to take a Maryland State trooper's gun is in jail today on assault with intent to murder charges, police said.

Trooper First Class David Price responded to a suspicious person report at 12:15 a.m. today on Route 304 near Centreville. Police said Price was questioning a suspect when the man tried to grab his service revolver.

Police said a bystander helped Price subdue the suspect and the trooper retrieved his gun.

Price was treated for minor injuries at Easton Hospital and released.

Police said the suspect, Larry Hendricks, 25, of Cleveland, was charged with assault with intent to murder a police officer and assault and battery.

Hendricks was in custody in Queen Anne's county jail on $30,000 bond.

# Hotline assistance for the unemployed

By Rebecca Kolberg

United Way of Central Maryland Wednesday unveiled a new telephone hotline to inform the area's thousands of jobless people about help available to them during the crisis of unemployment.

Starting immediately, "Hotline for the out of work" will refer unemployed residents of Baltimore and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Harford and Carroll Counties to organizations that can help them with their problems.

"Not only will we provide information about opportunities for re-employment and about emergency food, shelter and health care, but we will link them with 'life enhancement' resources such as recreational activities and counseling," said Rosemary Chappelle, coordinator for HOW.

Ms. Chappelle said the hotline has the capacity to serve about 8,000 unemployed people between now and next June, when its $80,000 allocation from United Way is scheduled to run out.

The Hotline will be jointly staffed by the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland and the AFL-CIO's Metropolitan Baltimore Council.

"There is a need for it. At the Health and Welfare Council we were receiving an increasing number of calls from the unemployed and we realized that we needed to be reaching out to many more who were not asking for help," said Ms. Chappelle.

She continued, "Even though figures show that unemployment is going down, we really don't see it in Central Maryland. In fact, we are seeing an increasing number of people who have exhausted their resources."

The Hotline is not only designed to help "dislocated" or laid-off workers, but to assist young people who are unable to find work after they leave school, Ms. Chappelle said.

Ms. Chappelle said she plans to contact local groups in other parts of Maryland, such as United Way of Washington County, to determine if they would like assistance in setting up hotlines for unemployed in their area.

The Central Maryland Hotline will operate weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Baltimore Area Residents can call 685-2845. Outside the Baltimore calling area, people can phone 1-800-492-0618 toll free.

In addition to the new telephone service, the HOW project plans to prepare resource guides, send representatives to talk to workers at companies planning layoffs and help agencies train staff to deal with problems of the unemployed.

# Western Maryland receives HCD grant

Almost $1 million in federal grants has been awarded to this Western Maryland Community for improvements to housing and a main water source, officials said Wednesday.

A $500,000 housing and urban development grant will be used to establish a grant program and a revolving fund for low income home owners, said Mayor William Davis.

A $250,000 economic development administration grant will be used to repair the big Piney reservoir.

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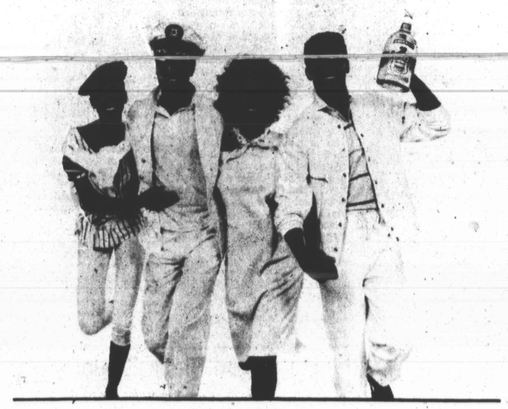
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