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Run a more accessible, representative administration.
- Employ more Blacks and women, especially in senior policy positions
- Rectify the contracting procedures that result in less than 10% of city contracts going to minority business enterprises
- Include black, female and labor representation on the Trustees to avoid favoritism to a few individuals
- Give communities more responsibilities and a higher proportion of city development.

Provide more jobs for city residents.
- 7 5% of all employees of contractors who receive city funding must be local residents
- On open bidding proposals, the city will have the option to award contracts to Baltimore firms within 10% of the lowest out-of-town bidder
- Establish a one-stop small business agency
- Avoid job losses due to firms planning to relocate to other areas

Improve primary, secondary and adult education
- Limit maximum classroom size
- Increase teacher salaries
- Attract an engineering school to Baltimore
- Alter the curriculum to emphasize basic humanistic values and career planning
- Ensure that teacher's only teach within their specialties
- Conduct a massive adult literacy campaign

Increase the supply of safe, affordable housing.
- Implement a moderate rent control law
- Make use of lead paint a Housing Code violation
- Have community organizations do regular audits of abandoned housing
- Use low-cost rehab techniques to increase the number of recoverable units
- Weatherize city houses to reduce fuel bills

Address the special problems of the homeless and unemployed.
- Provide foreclosure relief for recently unemployed workers
- Increase funding for shelters for transient families, battered spouses, runaway teens and single men
- Maintain municipal ownership of City Hospitals

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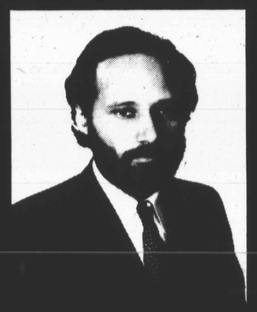

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NEWLY REGISTERED VOTERS MOSTLY BLACK

What it all means

By William Lunsford

In Tuesday's election, a great deal of attention will be focused on the behavior of black voters. An analysis of Democratic voter registration statistics clearly reveals the reasons for all of the attention.

Recent Board of Elections statistics show that Baltimore has 368,020 registered Democrats, a record number for any election. The registration rolls have been swollen by the addition of 47,418 new Democrats, 96.3 percent of the 49,233 new registrants recorded since September, 1982.

A precinct-by-precinct analysis of the Democratic registration statistics indicates that an estimated 61 percent (28,764) of the newly registered voters are black. The significant increase in the number of black voters can be attributed to the interest in the mayoral contest, and the voter registration efforts of organizations such as NAACP; Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (BUILD); and the efforts of Murphy's campaign staff.

An estimated 199,727 black voters constitute 54.3 percent of the city's total number of registered Democrats. The current registration statistics show that the percentage of eligible black voters closely coincides with the overall percentage of blacks in the city's population, which is 54.8 percent.

Estimates of the number of black registered voters were derived by comparing registration totals for each of the city's 444 election precincts with population statistics for each of the same precincts.

1980 census data showed that there was a total of 206 precincts with a black population percentage greater than 50%. 173 of these precincts have a black population in excess of 80 percent.

Registered voters in the 206 black majority precincts were considered to be black, regardless of the percentage of white residents in the precinct. The number of white voters residing in black precincts is offset by the number of black voters who reside in majority white precincts.

Black population totals and percentages for each of the six councilmanic districts, along with the 1982 and 1983 Democratic registration districts are shown below:

1st Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	35,649
Black Population Percentage	27.6
1983 Registration	59,969
1982 Registration	53,243
Numerical Change	+ 6,726
Percentage Change	12.6
2nd Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	92,118
Black Population Percentage	69.1
1983 Registration	62,118
1982 Registration	53,561
Numerical Change	+ 8,557
Percentage Change	16.0
3rd Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	40,293
Black Population Percentage	30.7
1983 Registration	62,357
1982 Registration	56,283
Numerical Change	6,274
Percentage Change	11.1
4th Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	125,763
Black Population Percentage	95.9
1983 Registration	62,892
1982 Registration	53,889
Numerical Change	9,003
Percentage Change	16.7
5th Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	82,283
Black Population Percentage	63.1
1983 Registration	64,319
1982 Registration	57,114
Numerical Change	7,205
Percentage Change	12.6
6th Councilmanic District	
Black Population Total	55,011
Black population Percentage	41.9
1983 Registration	56,165
1982 Registration	46,511
Numerical Change	9,654
Percentage Change	20.8

With blacks constituting a majority of the city's Democrats, the black vote is pivotal to both the Schaefer and Murphy campaigns.

Mayor Schaefer is actively seeking black support as a confirmation of his belief that he has well served the interests of all segments of the city's population during his 12 years in office. To win the election Schaefer would probably require a minimum of 20 percent of the black vote, to go along with what is expected to be his overwhelming support in the city's white precincts.

However, the incumbent's efforts are not geared towards the mere attainment of a minimal level of black support. Instead, the mayor's campaign is giving as much attention to black voters as it is giving elsewhere, in the effort to receive a mandate to continue doing those things his administration has been doing over the last 12 years.

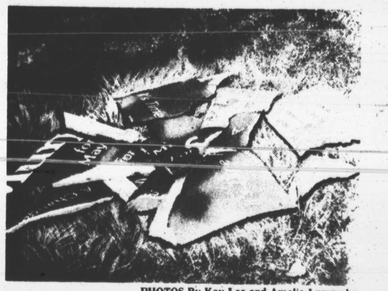
If the black vote is important to Schaefer, then it is the life blood which will determine whether Judge Murphy is successful. The Murphy campaign strategy is patterned after the successful formula which has seen a black mayor elected this year in Chicago, and the nomination of a black frontrunner for the mayor's office in Philadelphia.

The formula, to be successful, requires a massive black voter turnout; the black candidate's receipt of at least 90 percent of the black vote and a minimum of 20 percent of the white vote. To work in Baltimore, the formula requires a minimal black voter turnout of 80 percent.

All during the day, and long after the polls close, a great deal of attention will be paid to the number of voters showing up at the polls in Baltimore's 206 majority black precincts.

SEAMY SIDE OF POLITICS:

More dirty tricks, death threats hurled at Candidate 'Billy' Murphy



PHOTOS By Kay Lee and Amelia Lumumba

Some last-minute examples of damage suffered by Murphy campaign literature.

"I am going to kill Judge Murphy."

These were the words of a white male between 35 and 45 years old who called the Murphy campaign telephone bank center Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., city homicide squad officers said late Thursday night. The center is in the 4900 block York Rd.

The call was made to a Murphy volunteer manning the telephone, police said. "Once the call was made, the person hung up. Precautions are being taken," homicide said.

The death threats are being taken so seriously by both the police and Murphy supporters that the 40-year-old former Circuit Court judge will be wearing a bullet-proof vest during the last four days of his campaign, the AFRO learned.

Although both Murphy staffers and police are close-mouthed about the threats, the AFRO was able to learn that though the candidate has been closely guarded by both female and male officers, police are beefing up their detail and are taking no chances.

By Arthur Johnson

"We knew our opponent had a lot of money and power, but we didn't know they would stoop this low. We are not putting up with it. All the dirt they've done will show at the polls," warned Mayoral candidate Billy Murphy's press Secretary Lee Hoshall at a press conference Thursday morning at the Murphy For Mayor Headquarters.

Nine citizens, eight white and one black, recounted for the press the various forms of harrassment to which they have been subjected in the final weeks of the mayoral campaign. Murphy signs and billboards have been torn up, burned and removed from private property, and homeowners and apartment dwellers have been warned to remove signs by rental agencies and neighborhood organizations.

Attorney Dwight Pettit, who was not present at the press conference, reported that on Wednesday night two Murphy For Mayor yard signs were set afire at his fifth district home.

According to Hoshall, "This is

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Pickets denounce Schaefer endorsement

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

A group calling itself the Coalition for Better Government picketed the campaign offices of councilman Michael Mitchell (D-4th) Tuesday and Wednesday, and said the endorsement of Mayor William Schaefer by members of the Mitchell family is unjustifiable.

The group, which claims it is affiliated with no political campaign, also denounced Mitchell's record as a councilman.

Kaleb Tshamba, a spokesperson for the group, said that state Senator Clarence Mitchell III, the councilman's brother, has refused to make public the results of negotiations relating to economic development in the black community which purportedly took place between Sen. Mitchell and the mayor in August.

Last month Sen. Mitchell said his group was reconsidering its intention to endorse the mayor because, Mitchell said, the mayor had not given him "a public commitment" to specific actions for increasing black economic growth in the city.

Among the commitments Sen. Mitchell said he sought was the placement of a black among the city's trustees.

The trustees, who control a $150 million city development bank, play a major role in Baltimore's physical and economic development.

Sen. Mitchell said last month he would either make no endorsement or would back mayoral challenger William H. Murphy Jr. if Schaefer did not agree to "substantial" concessions.

But two weeks ago the Mitchell brothers came out with a formal endorsement of the mayor. Since then, however, Sen. Mitchell has refused to disclose the results of his talks with Schaefer.

The Mitchells' endorsement of Schaefer is far from universally popular in heavily-black fourth district. Sen. Mitchell's lack of candor, concerning details has fueled speculation that the talks, if serious at all, were fruitless, and were designed to deflect community opposition to a Schaefer endorsement.

"There is a commitment to work with us as well as the other black leadership for assistance in bringing black involvement (in the city's plans for black economic development) to City Hall," Mitchell said, referring to the talks with Schaefer.

How specific are Schaefer's concessions?

"Specific enough to convince us to endorse him," Sen. Mitchell said.

But hadn't the senator said only three weeks ago he wanted a public commitment before the Sept. 13 primary?

"Yes, but it didn't have to be in the press," the senator said.

Although Sen. Mitchell refused to be more specific about the results of the Schaefer talks, he

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A MURPHY WIN

'It must be done,' ministers declare

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

An influential gathering of black ministers met for breakfast on Pennsylvania Ave. Thursday to break bread with mayoral hopeful William H. Murphy Jr. and give a final blessing to his quest for City Hall.

"The pages of history tell us that the cause is just and the time is ripe," Rev. Marion Bascom, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, told a gathering of about 80 ministers and candidates which met at the Pennsylvania A.M.E. Zion church.

"We are trying here today to show that it can be done, Rev. Bascom said, his voice trembling, in an emphatic call for Murphy's election.

The ministers also urged the election of Ashburton activist John Clark for president of the City Council, Del. John Douglass (D-40) for comptroller, and 16 others for district council seats.

The ministers' plea for faith in the Murphy campaign came in the face of potentially disheartening news, however.

A joint News-American-WBAL-TV poll indicates incumbent mayor William Schaefer has a staggering lead, 78 percent to 8 percent with 14 percent undecided. The poll reportedly was taken from a random sampling of 571 registered Baltimore Democrats between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5.

Schaefer received 93 percent of the white vote and 57 percent of the black vote among those surveyed.

The bad news threatened to give the breakfast gathering as many somber Last Supper connotations as optimistic ones.

But it didn't.

Most of the breakfasters, including Rev. Bascom, dismissed the poll's results. Their faith in Murphy's success, apparently, rests with a higher power.

The Rev. Bascom, his voice charged, urged Baltimoreans to share the ministers' conviction and cast their ballots regardless of the poll's results.

I'm not going to pay any attention to the polls until the polls close on Tuesday," the Rev. Bascom said. "The people of the Belgian Congo were told it would take 30 years to get their freedom. It happened in 30 days," Rev. Bascom said, referring to the fall of colonialist rule in central Africa.

Churchgoers may well

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Women claim Gov. plan a cop-out

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

An alliance of two local community groups has decided to test the legality of a seven-point lottery bail-out plan, unveiled by the governor last month.

Nine to five Baltimore Working Women and the NAACP are declaring war on the resolution aimed at cooling allegations of racial and sexual discrimination at the state agency.

During their most recent press conference, held outside the office of Attorney General Steven Sachs, a small, but vocal gathering displayed banners denouncing Hughes.

They are concerned about the legal questions raised by the plan, namely that it will encourage a

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THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN WON'T WORK — Members of 9 to 5 Baltimore Working Women proclaim their dissatisfaction with Governor Hughes's bail-out plan for the Lottery Commission.

Frederick Barrett remembered

As you climb the stairs leading into the informal office of United Sounds of America, standing at the threshold of one of the most impressive young electronics firm in the country, a quote by Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States seizes your attention.

"The man who builds a factory, builds a temple. The man who works there, worships there." Frederick E. Barrett, owner of the company, who was found dead Sept. 2, epitomized that ambitious man with a dream.

Barrett, a 49-year-old native of Jamaica came to this country in 1952 and pursued a career in electronics. Police report he was shot five times and died in Druid Hill Park at the intersection of Gwynns Falls Pkwy. and Auchentoroly Ter.

Educated at Northeastern University, in Boston a major opportunity as an engineer at Comspace Corporation launched his business future.

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