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OPINION

Get Out There And Vote

Tide and tide wait for no man and so it is with political affairs. With the din of the political campaigns in Miami Beach and Chicago still ringing in our ears from the torrid days of summer when the Republicans and Democrats were deciding their choices of standard bearers, we note that the November winds are in the air and election day is just a few hours away.

One of the annoying asininities of this historic event that makes it slightly different from previous elections is the rising howl of extremists urging colored citizens to stay away from the polls as a form of protest over the racial inequalities which have plagued us, lo, these many years.

To anybody blessed with the ability to see or think beyond their noses it is patently apparent that the so-called cure is worse than the disease.

It is a known fact that what progress the race has made down through the years has been made within the framework of Constitutional machinery which responds to political activity both pro and con. It is a known fact that democracy is not synonymous with Utopia but is the closest thing human beings have been able to evolve to bring about desired changes short of bloodshed and carnage.

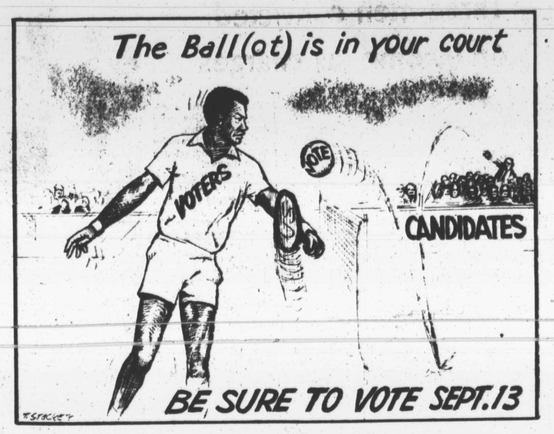
Democracy operates on the principle of using the ballot box where each and every citizen has a right to express his desires on the basis of one man, one vote. There are dozens of countries who would give their eye teeth to enjoy this privilege and it is this basic idea that has divided the world into two armed camps.

What Americans enjoy and some of us are foolishly tossing away, men in other parts of the world are fighting and dying to obtain.

We have the vote, we enjoy the right to shape our own destinies. We forfeit that right through stupidity. Get out and vote so that we will not have that privilege revoked.

(This is an editorial reprinted from the AFRO of November, 1968. We print it here to illustrate the fact that the thrust to get out and vote has been a part of the AFRO tradition since the establishment of the paper over 90 years ago. The message is clear:)

GET OUT AND VOTE—Primary Election Day, September 13, 1983.



NAACP REPORT: Voters urged to lobby for Fair Housing Amendment

By Magdalene B. Fennell

Despite the existence of a Fair Housing Act, unlawful discrimination in the sale and rental of property is still rampant. Last week Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. filed suit in the United States District Court against the operators of six apartment complexes in the Dundalk and Rosedale sections of the county.

The suit accuses the defendants of violating federal laws against discrimination by offering whites apartments in Baltimore County while steering blacks into city complexes.

Two pieces of legislation to be considered by the 98th Congress before adjournment in 1984 are designed to improve the enforcement of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The Fair Housing Act Amendments, H.R. 3482 and S 1220, would: "provide for hearings of individual housing discrimination complaints by Administrative Law Judges; provide for civil penalties of up to $10,000 and full compensatory damages to the victim; cover discrimination against handicapped persons and families with children."

Althea T. L. Simmons, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, has sent an alert to all branches asking them "to take the lead in starting grassroots projects to get people in your state" to lobby for passage of this vital legislation. Concerned citizens are asked to call, write, and meet with Congresspersons and Senators, urging their support of H.R. 3482 and S 1220.

The Simmons memorandum contains the warning that passage of the two bills will be most difficult. Already amendments that would weaken enforcement have been proposed by the Reagan Administration. Advocates for the bills must exert the kind of public pressure that will force the Administration to withdraw its crippling amendments.

Supporters of the amending acts attribute the ineffectiveness of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 to inadequate enforcement powers. Although a mechanism exists for victims of discrimination to report violations to HUD, the Department of Housing and Urban Development can do little or nothing to stop such violations.

After receiving a complaint, HUD can investigate and try to arrange the voluntary resolution of differences. But if the two parties are uncooperative and refuse to bargain in good faith, the agency cannot institute suit on behalf of the victims.

Even when parties come to the table and reach an agreement, no legal restraints compel them to honor that agreement. Landlords and sellers do not take the process of conciliation seriously. Victims of discrimination, aware of the ineffectiveness of the process, bring few complaints to HUD.

Minority renters and buyers should be aware of the subtle ways in which housing discrimination is practiced. They "face higher sales or rental prices, larger required down payments, longer waiting periods, less courteous or helpful service."

Other techniques used to circumvent the housing law include telling applicants that a unit is already sold or rented when it is not; showing blacks and other minorities homes only in black or integrated neighborhoods; refusing to finance or insure property in certain areas; undervaluing properties for the purpose of a loan when those properties are located in black or integrated neighborhoods.

Now while Congress is in recess and many senators and representatives are at home, the NAACP urges all voters to contact them and impel them to support H.R. 3482 and S. 1220.

Letters

Former Sen. Welcome supports

Dear AFRO:

It was a great pleasure on my return from vacationing with my daughter, Mary Sue Welcome, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad that I read with relish the unbiased reporting of the political news by the media, especially the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Every candidate has been given a chance to display his qualifications for the particular office he is seeking, also, what he has to offer the constituency. This contribution by the AFRO-AMERICAN has made it easier for the masses to make a choice in selecting the most qualified persons who will serve the next four years.

Personally, I wish to thank the AFRO for this generous and unbiased contribution to the public.

As has been said many times, every person has a right to his own reason for voting for a candidate. This is why I make the following statement: There is no excuse, in my opinion, for not choosing Delegate John Douglass for our next Comptroller.

We thank Hyman Pressman for his unbiased services during the past twenty years. Now, we have a candidate who is also most highly qualified for the job.

This important fact has been pointed out vividly by the News media, especially the AFRO-AMERICAN. Community leaders, black and white have recognized his qualifications, and have pledged their support.

Personally, having worked with him in Annapolis for many years, I can honestly say: I was glad he was in the legislature to give his support and advice on many issues when the vote was critical. Now, the vote is again critical. He needs our support. We need him in city hall.

The Fourth District Democratic Organization of Baltimore City, Inc. Board unanimously supports John W. Douglass for Comptroller.

VERDA F. WELCOME
Former State Senator

Time to take a look

Dear AFRO:

It's becoming increasingly difficult for me to decipher the devious mouthings of some so-called local black "leaders." How can they purport to be pro-black and at the same time support the racist administration of William D. Schaefer.

The Schaefer administration is responsible for the present outrageously high property tax rate. Frankly, as a property taxpayer, I am sick and tired of indulging the opulence tastes of this political buffoon.

There isn't any excuse for the poor education of our children and the sorry delivery of basic city services when black and white citizens are paying a ridiculously high property tax rate.

The Schaefer administration has given the local black community a jive line from the start. Schaefer the crafty fox has the art of dividing the conquer "dumb" so called local "leaders" down pat.

Why! After twelve years in office and three elections why shouldn't he? It remains to be seen whether this sly fox, will be able to slide back into his hole at City Hall.

I hope and pray that the electorate will ignore these lethargic local leaders. They could really "Vote for Baltimore" and themselves, by voting against this vicious administration.

It is important at this juncture that community oriented be elected to City Hall positions. This is the only way that the quality of life can be improved for poor black and white Baltimoreans who have been oppressed by this administration.

This administration has lied, stolen from poor to give to the rich, and has discriminated in hiring and awarding of city contracts. Make your vote count throw the bums out.

CHRISTOPHER J. THOMSON

Accolades at the gala

Dear AFRO:

I attended the "Gala" for candidate William H. Murphy, Jr., at the Convention Center on 8-19-83. The audience was a mixture of all of the citizens of Baltimore, joined in harmony to shout accolades for "Mayor Murphy."

The vast array of highly respected speakers, stars, and guest who participated in this affair, reflects overwhelming support for an outstanding individual who stands ready and able to lead our city forward to greater heights.

DR. KEVIN BRADIKE

If not now: When?

Dear AFRO:

Following the unprecedented election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of America's greatest presidents, to four consecutive four-year terms, there was a sense of revulsion in America.

As a result, the United State's Constitution was amended to prevent any president from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms.

The Maryland State Constitution limits a governor to two consecutive four-year terms in office. City Charters restrict the mayors of Atlanta, Georgia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to two consecutive four-year terms in office; yet, a recent national survey rated both cities above Baltimore in livability.

Those individuals who embrace the concept that the President of the United States is wisely held to eight consecutive years in office and those who believe that eight consecutive years in office are sound for Maryland's governor may be persuaded to work for a change in Baltimore's City Charter to restrict tenure to two four-year consecutive terms for a mayor.

Until such a change can be made, we can start now by voting to elect a new mayor. The time is now!

JOHN W. WHITE

About those endorsements

Dear AFRO:

I am writing in response to city council endorsements made by the Sun paper and the News American for the Fourth District. I have problems with two of the candidates endorsed in those articles.

First, because the Sun endorsement came first, I like two of the candidates it endorsed, Arlene Fisher and Agnes Welch. They are responsible people who have worked hard in the community and have expressed a strong interest in constituency service.

I do not however, like Michael Mitchell. And I cannot understand how the Sun could endorse him after saying things like "at times during his present council term, has been faulted for non-attendance and for legislative nonaccomplishment" and "Mr. Mitchell has been less attentive to duty in his two terms contributing less to the work of the council than his abilities promised."

The Sun paper put him on notice and then endorsed him. I think this is ridiculous. He has had two chances to prove himself and has not done so. He doesn't need three strikes, two are enough.

Next the News American endorsed Kweisi Mfume, Michael Mitchell, and Bobby Cheeks. I like Kweisi Mfume, and you know how I feel about Michael Mitchell.

I object to an endorsement of Bobby Cheeks because that is like saying the entire 4th District is a bunch of welfare mongers who aspire to nothing else.

I have heard Cheeks speak on several occasions, and he spoke only of getting things for welfare recipients. We have a lot of working people in the Fourth District. We also have welfare recipients who aspire to better things for themselves and their family.

I am writing this letter because the endorsement of the AFRO-AMERICAN carries more weight in this district than that of the others. I am hoping that you will make more informed and responsible decisions about who to endorse.

Billy Murphy is right, it is time for a change, FOR THE BETTER! Arlene Fisher, Agnes Welch and Kweisi Mfume are excellent candidates who together, I feel, can effect some changes on behalf of all the people of the Fourth District.

J. CARR

Conaway and Unemployment

Dear AFRO:

I am sure you are aware of news circulating about my personal business.

An answer to this news can not be fully addressed without mentioning the full scope, intent, and purpose of its timing, and putting into proper perspective a similar event a year ago.

As you recall, just before I ran for re-election to the "House of Delegates" from the 40th district in 1982, news about my business troubles surfaced.

As fast as the speed of light, every TV station, radio station and newspaper spent an unusual amount of time making sure you the voter got the message-you did.

You whispered in bars over cocktails, gossiped in barber shops and beauty parlors, then you struck the final blow.

You the voters were misled. They made you narrowly defeat me. I am exceedingly grateful however, that 4/5 of you were not fooled, because I received over 3,000 votes in 1982.

Since that time, I have been cleared, exonerated and absolved.

The TV stations, radio stations and newspaper did not devote equal time and space to inform you that I was cleared, exonerated, and absolved. Now my bid for a seat in the "City Council" from the 4th district is picking up momentum. This undoubtedly worries those who seek my defeat, therefore they are again spreading news to get you to help them to defeat me. This time voters don't be fooled. This time don't be misled, vote for me! Pull lever 5C.

FRANK M. CONAWAY

Stop Selling Out

Dear AFRO:

When will blacks wake up and stop selling out their race? How in all honesty could Alice Pinderhughes accept the position of school superintendent knowing full well she is not qualified for the job.

We have a vast number of educators who possess both masters and doctorate degrees and should have received this appointment.

In addition, Ms. Pinderhughes will retire in the near future, was she so concerned with self interest and the few dollars that she will get in her retirement check that she had to sell out the school children.

We can not build and develop the minds of our children when we have an unqualified person at the top level within the school system. If Ms. Pinderhughes had a conscience she would step down and give back her political appointment.

I am sick and tired of answering questions from my children regarding her qualifications. How can I instill in their minds the importance of achieving when she was able to slide in the back door and get a job that she does not deserve?

CHARLOTTE W. ARTHUR

Samuel L. BANKS

The primary election changing the old order

The Primary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 13, has fateful, historic and far-reaching consequences for all Baltimoreans; especially Baltimore's majority black population. Baltimore's majority black population, a distinct majority of the 400,000 registered voters, has an opportunity for the first time in the history of Monumental City, to elect, on the basis of demonstrable merit and ability, a clear majority of its own to citywide and councilmanic offices. IN BRIEF, MINORITY WHITE CONTROL OF BALTIMORE'S BLACK MAJORITY CAN COME TO A BELATED END.

I firmly believe that the proper and necessary political elements are in place for this to occur. As I indicated in this column over a month ago, I believe that Judge William H. Murphy, Jr. will be elected Baltimore's first black mayor. Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke will be elected City Council President; Delegate John Douglass will be elected City Comptroller. Able and talented black councilmanic candidates, too, should gain, for the first time in the city's history, a majority (i.e., 10) of the City Council seats.

The overriding and central issue in this election, as most rational and objective people understand, is not emnity or antipathy toward white people, but an equitable, just and long overdue sharing of political power by the majority black electorate. It is this inelectable and impelling reality which will propel Judge Murphy, Delegate Douglass and other black political aspirants into political ascendancy and power.

The concept of majoritarian politics is ancient and endemic to the American social order. Its geneses can be traced to the colonists aboard the Mayflower in 1620 in agreeing in the Mayflower Compact to submit to the decisions of the majority. Elections in our nation, since 1789, have followed, almost exclusively, majoritarian principles in political decision-making and the election of public officials. Disparate ethnic groups (viz., English, Germans, Irish, Italians, etc.) who migrated to the United States have used majoritarian policies to advance and sustain their vested interest and social standing. Black Americans, overwhelmingly sequestered in our nations's urban centers because of national racism and exclusion, are now in a position to benefit themselves and their posterity. It is neither HERETICAL nor UNAMERICAN to utilize majoritarian political principles for self-help and inclusion within the American body politic.

The mayoral election because of the power, majesty and force of the office is extremely important to broad-based black educational, political and socio-economic uplift and amelioration. It is equally important in terms of the collective black psyche of Baltimore. A panoply of power holders in Baltimore, including feckless group of black genuflectors, sycophants and rank opportunists, has worked assidously and unrelentingly to convince Baltimore's majority black electorate of the political invincibility of Mayor William Donald Schaefer. The emphasis represents unmitigated nonsense. The all-out, sustained and frenetic efforts of the present powerholders signal that they sense a mighty and inexorable political change is in the making.

The elements for change, after twelve (12) years of incumbency for Mayor Schaefer are clear and present for the majority black community: a sluggish and inadequately supported school system; wretched housing and health care for the poor and elderly; an unemployment level of 20 percent for black adults; an unemployment level, record breaking, of over 50 percent for black youths. The continued overrepresentation and domination of municipal boards and commissions by whites. As a case in point, a black has never, in the 154 year history of the Board of School Commissioners, served as president of the nine (9) member board. The white minority population of Baltimore has disproportionate political power. Then, too, blacks owned less than two (2) percent of the corporate wealth of the city. In virtually every category of the socio-economic and political life of the city, the majority black population is in a position of institutional subordination.

As must be clear to all readers of this column, political change cannot be left to chance, luck or fortuitous circumstances. Each registered voter, if he-she is committed to change and a genuine sharing of power must be about the process of making sure that he-she votes on Tuesday Sept. 13. YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED AND CAN MAKE A VITAL DIFFERENCE.

YOU POSSESS THE POWER TO STRIKE A TELLING AND DECISIVE BLOW FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR CHILDREN, LOVED ONES AND YOUR POSTERITY. YOU CAN NOT BLAME OTHERS FOR THAT WHICH YOU CAN DO FOR YOURSELF.

The rhetorical flourishes, dissembling, tumult and vociferousness will come to a blessed end on Tuesday. Then, in the quiet of the voting booth, you will be able to work your will either for change or the status quo. Your perception and first-hand understanding of the quality of life available to most residents of this city should be the paramount determinant in your historic decision.

THE "AWESOME ROAR OF THE STRUGGLE" BESPEAKS TO ALL WHO DESIRE A BETTER MORE HUMANE AND EQUITABLE SOCIAL ORDER IN BALTIMORE. LET US BE UP AND DOING.

AFRO Survey

Have you decided for whom you are voting?

Karen Scipio — Avery Moore — Samuel Forde — Brenda Hall

This week the question to the man and woman in the street was, "Have you decided for whom you're voting in the mayoral race?"

Karen Scipio, 24, secretary, "Billy Murphy. His endorsements have helped me come to that conclusion. I feel that if Jesse Jackson thinks he's good enough, I think he's good enough. Jesse endorsed him early in the campaign showing his faith in this man, Billy Murphy."

Avery Moore, 22, student, "Schaefer. I think he's more qualified. His past record speaks for him. He's building a better and more impressive Baltimore."

Samuel Forde, 28, welder. "Murphy. It's time for a change. Schaefer has been in for awhile and new ideas need to come from others."

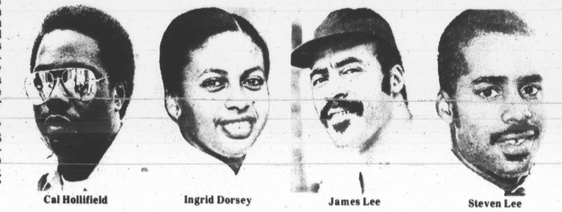
Brenda Hall, 35, secretary, "I feel Murphy will do more for the city of Baltimore. I'm sure he'd push for better housing and schools. Schaefer has given us Harborplace, but we do need other things."

Cal Hollifield, 38, computer programmer, "Murphy. The overall condition of the city is very noticeable to a newcomer like me. I find the harbor area to be a fine place, but what's being done about the rest of the city?"

Ingrid Dorsey, 24, reservationist, "I think Schaefer will win. Because the Harborplace came into existence under his administration, I would say he was partially responsible for me being employed today at the National Aquarium I think he's good."

James Lee, 35, youth supervisor, "Murphy. His family has a long- standing record for being sincere, and they work towards doing what is right for all. I think Billy's a good guy. Besides, it's time for a change."

Steven Lee, 25, advisor, "Murphy. He's a beiter candidate and has a lot more to offer than his opponents."



Cal Hollifield — Ingrid Dorsey — James Lee — Steven Lee

Dear AFRO:

I publicly announced my retirement from public elective office after 16 years in Annapolis where I chose as my full-time work the killing of bad legislation, the saving of good bills. This demanded extensive research, full attendance at committee, and vigorous, often unpopular, floor fights. I never ducked the tough ones; I never took a walk." I voted!

I left an influenza bed for Morgan University. I came in a wheel chair for a hard fought union teacher representation bill. I took on "the whole City Delegation of Ash tankers" to save the Aquarium. The call goes on and on.

I did my work. I owe no one. No one owes me, including the mayor.

As I come out of retirement to enter this current campaign, I am free. I do not prostitute the election process. I can endorse the mayor because the present economic crisis requires acquired skill in the governmental process. The programs in Baltimore have attained a momentum which demands continuity in office. To the mayor's challenger goes the everlasting credit of having shaken Baltimore out of its stupor, its complacency. We must, however, flex our muscles with sane and sober judgment, relating to today's values and crises.

I shall vote for Mr. Councilman Clarence DuBurns for President of the City Council. No, he has no college degree. When I look at all the blacks and whites whom we have been sending to office, I find it to be a double standard which requires Mr. DuBurns to have a degree. Some inane, inept, often ridiculous people hold office. Mr. DuBurns has led a group which has changed the face of East Baltimore, and which has also brought changes to the West Side. No elective office holder on the West can show such works. Mr. DuBurns is an effective producing politician. It is a political game and Mr. DuBurns is successful in serving the people of Baltimore. I prefer to be fair to Mr. DuBurns, a tried and proven professional.

The irony of it is that I gave tenure to the teachers union, yet they endorse the candidate who voted to cut the school budget in a recent teacher laying off period, I am informed. But Mr. DuBurns successfully voted against the cut. How can class size be reduced on a cut budget? The teachers should learn who their friends are and start thinking and counting.

The State Senator from the 40th District supports the incumbent Mr. Pressman for reasons that have nothing to do with present day problems and modern trends. Nor do his reasons lead us forward. Mr. Pressman made a motion in the bar association meeting 30 years ago! Big deal! That is lawyers' business. Mr. Pressman was lawyer for two of our politicians 25 years ago. Lawyers charge fees. The whole black race cannot forever pay homage to Mr. Pressman. This is a new day and our younger generation must not be bound to any debts we made.

The Senator makes Mr. Pressman hero of civil rights movements. Well now, Mr. Pressman lost that halo after the 1968 riots. I do not recall any conciliation.

The Senator's reasons do not show the depth of thought which we require of our Senators. His utterances I would class as mere jibberish. They are a disservice to those who elected him when we consider that they serve as a put-down to an outstanding man such as candidate Douglass, who is in a league of excellence all by himself. How the Senator can have worked in Annapolis with Mr. Douglass for 13 years and take this stand defies my understanding.

We owe no debts which make us reactionary, which bind us to the past. To love Lincoln is not to require a vote for Reagan.

Vote for John Douglass for comptroller, and be glad.

Whatever the outcome of this election, the cost will be staggering. Any victory will be a Pyrrhic victory. The trauma which we have suffered is traceable to its causes.

The houses of cards have tumbled. The role models have singed themselves. We cannot afford leadership which exacts payment from all entire already betroubled and overburdened people for debts which bring profit only to such leaders. Every person whom we have adored and exalted stands in full view. For any people to hold us to their personal prejudicies and preferences and to payment over and over again of debts satisfied a generation ago is not unlike the gingham dog and the calico cat. We eat each other up.

Why anyone would at a crisis moment crumble and before the world view tell the people who have followed his drum beats like the pied piper's hosts that they support the token friendship of a Pressman whose time is spent embarrass this nation's white political leaders into recommitting this nation to the unfinished job and challenge of wiping out racism and human degradation in this country, and (2) help to end the madding rush by this nation's white political leaders to total world destruction!

Isaac Alber' Anderson II

Retired Delegate announces

G. JAMES FLEMING

Coming election difficult for many voters in the city

Seldom does a community of voters face so difficult and heart-tearing an Election Day as next week's Democratic primary in Baltimore City — when choosing a mayor is the big stake.

Any election day is easy when most voters are aroused and ready to "Throw the rascals out of City Hall" or to overthrow a racist-sounding Frank Rizzo in Philadelphia, or a Jane Byrne in Chicago, the latter having forgotten that she was put in office by an avalanche of black votes.

Not so easy is an election, such as in Baltimore in 1983, when the challenger take on an incumbent who is no Rizzo and no Jane Byrne.

Said another way, for those with a sense of history, next week's election is not a case of voting for Franklin D. Roosevelt against Herbert Hoover or for John F. Kennedy against Richard F. Nixon.

What makes it more difficult for voters is that both candidates for mayor are well equipped to be chief executive of the city — one by past experience in several political offices, including the City Council and the mayoralty; the other by years of civic activism, by formal training as an engineer and by three years as a Circuit Court judge. Both are lawyers. mayor are well equipped to be chief executives of the city — one by past experience in several political offices, including the City Council and the mayoralty; the other by years of civic activism, by formal training as an engineer and by three years as a Circuit Court judge. Both are lawyers.

As to the members of Council, the candidates are many (some 100 at one count), but those that can be elected are few, only 18 to be exact.

Here again, there is a very high calibre of candidates, judged by formal training and/or experience, and voters will have a choice of incumbents, of former members of the General Assembly, of civic activists and neighborhood workers, and of lawyers and non-lawyers.

One candidate—the incumbent, William Donald Schaefer—must swim or sink on his 12 year record as mayor and the rest of his years as office-holder and citizen. The other candidate—the major challenger, William H. Murphy, Jr., must swim or sink on his years as fellow-citizen and judge, and on his ability to "sell" his dreams and his plans for the city.

Even the most thoughtful and honest of voters, and even the most politically wise, may vote one way or the other—for Murphy or for Schaefer—and leave the polling place not over-sure whether he (or she) has made the best and wisest choice, or whether a mistake.

With all this column knows at present, we can only say, "May the candidate considered best by the voters win."

If choosing a mayor in 1983 is difficult, no less so is choosing the president of City Council and the members of the Council in most districts.

Cosell was really out of line

No matter what anyone says the remarks made by ABC Sports commentator Howard Cosell calling Redskin wide receiver Alvin Garrett " a little monkey" was really out of line.

Cosell's comments were made in reference to a long gain Garrett made during the Monday night opener between the Redskins and the Dallas Cowboys. While Garrett and the Redskin management took no offense to the remark and Cosell has said it was not meant to be racist, the complaints that came into many of the stations didn't see it like that.

Terms like "monkey" have always sparked anger in the black people especially when it's spoken by people of other races. We, as a race, endured such slurs for well over 300 years and our skins have not yet toughened enough where we can just shrug off such statements no matter how innocent they are.

The statements made by Rev. Joseph Lowery head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in reference to the issue of racial pluralism clearly reemphasizes the whole matter of the inequity that exists in the sports entertainment business.

Had there been a balance not only in the production booth but within the NFL itself one would doubt that the remark would have been made at all.

Cosell has apologized to Lowery for making the statement but it doesn't negate the fact that it was made. He may not be viewed by his peers — both black and white — as a racist but the people out in the community view an off hand comment like that as something more deep rooted.

He would do well to watch what he said in the future.

Rev. Jackson as a candidate

I for one blackman am overjoyed that a Black American of the statue, intellect, and commitment to the struggle for human rights as Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, has decided to have a committee formed to test his presidential prospects in the way of machinery, masses, and money.

President Reagan's speech before the media and the joint session of Congress on April 10 had all the frightening immediancy and air of a, yes, "paper tiger" being manipulated by events into a foreign policy (Central American and African; political and economic) that is certain to more popularize the revolutionary determination in religious, civic and social welfare organizations which they have served.

One could also classify them on such issues as their promise for the continued face-lifting of the city, providing funds for the educational improvement of the school system; reducing crime in the city, and on getting the best deals possible from the state and federal governments.

Unless something really unforeseen (and unforeseeable) occurs, Baltimore City presents to its voters on Tuesday (Sept. 13) a most representative roster of candidates—with all the risks of the semi-lottery game that voting is but, also, with all the hopes and high expectations of the best possible for the city and its people.

And, again, may the voters vote the best they know.