—Marchers reach

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Church, and an overnight stay at Coppin State College.

Marvin Cheathan, chairman for Voter Registration for Baltimore NAACP said that the Baltimore branch has targeted a 70 percent turn-out for the November elections.

The next big event they are planning is a voter education work - shop on September 12. where local politicians such as Nathaniel McFadden, Sammy Stewart and Larry Young are expected to speak.

"We encourage people to call the board of election supervisors or to call our offices," he said. "People can also register in their local libraries."

The Overground March will leave Baltimore Friday morning; their next destination Delaware.

Madison said he expects to register thousands of people as the marchers make their way on foot to New York, which they expect to reach by Labor Day.

He refused to name a goal for the registration drive, saying, "If we set a goal of 15,000, and we only make 14,999, you'll tell us we didn't make our goal. Our goal is to do what we can."

—Shake and Bake

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Students from the nearby St. Peter Claver, St. Francis Xavier and the Charles A. Hall Cluster schools have attended the center almost from its opening in October, 1982.

Questioned again later in the day on Wednesday, Rose confirmed that Doughty and Bishop Ricard had discussed the possibility of him joining the business advisory panel.

Said Rose, "We have asked him and he wants to take time to review and consider our request," he acknowledged.

Rose also admitted that Doughty is considering the Bishop as committee chairperson, but he said that Bishop Ricard was not formally approached during the meeting.

Shake and Bake and the city have been grappling with ways for the center to pay back a $4 million trustee loan. The center owes the city $862,000 in delinquent mortgage payments.

—Cherry Hill group

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In a nine page audit report, prepared by the state's management and fiscal services division, it states that the program was reimbursed more than $9,000 over its expenditures.

Detailed in the report which was compiled in January 1980 were a list of disallowed expenses including improper use of gasoline credit cards, purchase of tires for a car and costs for a fundraiser held by the Council.

Burge reportedly received undocumented petty cash payments of $1000 during 1978 and 1979. He said the expenses were for such items as repairs, taxi cab fares, car washes for the buses.

Mrs. Bundy said that the minibus program is minus some $19,000 due to mishandling of funds.

Vice-president of the Council, Clarence Mallette, said that the organization is now being sued by the state for $4,051.73, a sum borrowed under the Burge administration that was never paid back.

"We're being urged to sue Mr. Burge for the money, but we just aren't sure what to do right now."

According to Mallette who was active in the organization when the money was borrowed from the state, it was to be used for a medical assistance program. The money was never used. No one knew what happened to it.

The disagreement between the two leaders has become confusing to area residents who are not sure what is going on, but feel it is more a personal thing between the two.

"But it's a personal thing that is affecting all of us in the Cherry Hill Community," said one resident who wanted to remain anonymous. "I'll refrain from making a judgement on either's character, but I will say we can't have two of our most noted citizens who reflect us publicly everyday carrying on this way. We already have enough misconceptions about the community."

Already, heated disputes have been reported as rivals confront each other.

Most of the dispute is expected to be ended by next week.

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—State audit

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to place the appropriate policies and procedures to correct the problems."

According to the post-audit-report areas that still need to be corrected are the student collegiate Athletic Department, which projects a deficit of $93,000 for fiscal year 1984, the equipment accounting system for inventory, and the student loan collection program.

—Black caucus

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ed me was on Tuesday, Aug. 21, to let me know that he had already appointed O'Brien."

"If he was sensitive enough to call me after the appointment was made, he should have been sensitive enough to contact me before it was made," Cummings said.

This lack of 'sensitivity' was made more pronounced after the Black Caucus did not receive a response to a letter they sent to the Governor concerning the appointment. In the letter, the Caucus requested a meeting between the governor and the legislative black leaders before appointing a new secretary of personnel.

"We forwarded a letter to the governor requesting that he allow us to meet with him as soon as possible so as we might discuss the caucus position with regard to filling the vacancy," Cummings said.

"In that letter, we specifically told the governor that the black citizens of the state of Maryland did not want to lose any ground as far as state secretary positions were concerned. The next day after the letter; Hughes reportedly offered the job to O'Brien," the black caucus chairman said.

Norm Silverstein, a Hughes' spokesman, said the governor received Cummings' letter after he had offered O'Brien the job. According to Silverstein, Hughes tried unsuccessfully to reach Cummings Tuesday morning.

"The governor felt that he had to find the best person for the job, regardless of color, and O'Brien had worked closely with the black caucus over the past several years and was qualified," Silverstein said.

In a statement Hughes, said, "John O'Brien is eminently qualified for this important post and I am confident that he will vigorously and effectively advance this administration's policy of maintaining a fairly treated efficient stae work force with essential regard for the rights of minority and women employees."

Delegate Larry Young, chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee, blamed "bad communications" rather than insensitivity for the ill-feelings. "I think Gov. Hughes should have been advised by his people of Del. Cumming's request," Young said, "Had he been advised, I think he would have at least met with the Black Caucus."

O'Brien, 48, was elected to the House of Delegates from Baltimore's 5th District in 1966 and served until 1975, when he resigned to become the assistant secretary of personnel in the Department of Personnel.

As a member of the General Assembly, O'Brien was vice-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and served on a special task force named to study the state's personnel management system.

— Rainbow Coalition

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That dispute and a subsequent disagreement over how BCARI's internal workings would be structured, prompted the parting of ways, the local activist said. Ms. Stewart was unavailable for comment despite several calls to her home.

BCARI members have been concerned over the failure of the national rainbow movement to attract whites and other minority supporters.

Said Brown, "We recognized at the end of the primary race that the National Rainbow Coalition failed its objective. The coalition nationwide was 80-85 percent black supported."

"We attributed that to racism. White people did not support Rev. Jackson despite his demonstration of leadership, his articulateness, his initiative in Syria and his ability to think quickly on his feet," he indicated.

The group, which consists largely of disillusioned grass roots community organizers, said that many voters disregarded Jackson's qualifications and based their decision solely on the issue of color.

Brown said that for that reason BCARI has decided to make the combating of racism its number one priority in the coming months.

Its counterpart, the Baltimore Rainbow Coalition, will continue to follow Rev. Jackson's leadership and pattern itself after the state group headed by Thayer.

He said that the rainbow chapters will not be just black organizations, but seek to attract progressive whites, Hipanics and Asian-Americans.

Ms. Stewart and former City Council president candidate John Clark have been elected local co-chairpersons for the city Rainbow group.

Thayer went on to say that his membership will focus on local level politics while awaiting Jackson's "signal" to devote all of the manpower and resources to the current presidential race.

"We intend to raise the consciousness among our constituents and establish how voting rights enforcement and the removal of impediments to fuel political participation and representation benefit all segments of our society," he said.

The National Rainbow Coalition has filed papers of incorporation as a non-profit, non-partisan political organization. The group will be based in Washington, D.C. with Rev. Jackson serving as chairman and his Deputy Campaign Director Preston Love as president.

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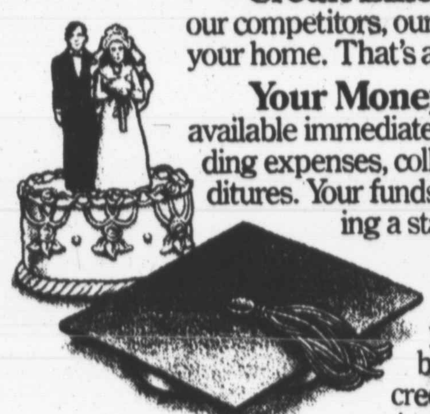

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Overtaxing the poor

By Marian Wright Edelman

Mr. Johnson made $12,000 last year and just received a four percent cost of living raise. He supports his wife and two children. Mr. Williams is an unmarried millionaire who made $100,000 last year. His income just went up $20,000 because of capital gains on his stocks. Who pays the greater percentage of federal taxes on this new income? Mr. Johnson.

The federal tax burden on families living at the poverty level has gotten heavier in the past few years. In 1981, the Reagan Administration started its term by passing a tax act which gave huge tax breaks to the rich, but virtually none to the poor.

Many poor working families pay nine to 11 percent of their income each year in combined Social Security and income taxes. While the taxes of the rich have decreased, the taxes of the working poor have increased dramatically in the last few years.

The American tax system needs to be reformed so that it is more fair and equitable. One way to begin to do this is by adjusting the "income tax threshold" — the level below which citizens pay no income taxes.

To understand how the poor are taxed so heavily, examine the relationship between the poverty level and the income tax threshold.

If a family of four has earnings below about $10,200 a year, the government and the family agree they are living in poverty. Yet, the income tax threshold for a family of four is $8,783 this year (it was $3,022 in 1960). Every family living above that amount pays some taxes. Millions of families living in poverty pay taxes, which place them deeper into poverty.

Between 1975 and 1980 the income tax threshold was above the poverty level for these families, so those living in poverty paid no income taxes. But in 1981 the tax threshold dropped below the poverty line and has fallen further behind each year since, so they have paid growing income taxes. At the same time, working poor families' Social Security taxes have also risen considerably.

The income tax threshold needs to be substantially raised. But this is just the first step. We must also worry about the Social Security payroll tax bite, which all working people must pay regardless of their age or income. without some additional assistance, poor working families pay no income taxes and receive substantial relief from Social Security taxes. Although senators from both parties have offered proposals to do this the administration and the Congress have yet to act on these suggestions for reform.

In all the talk of general tax reform, we cannot let the poor get lost in the shuffle. We must not only close the loopholes of the rich, but we must also lighten the tax burden of our working poor. I, for one, think it is disgraceful that the Johnsons should be paying a greater percentage of their meager cost of living raise in taxes than Mr. Williams pays on the income from the sale of his stocks.

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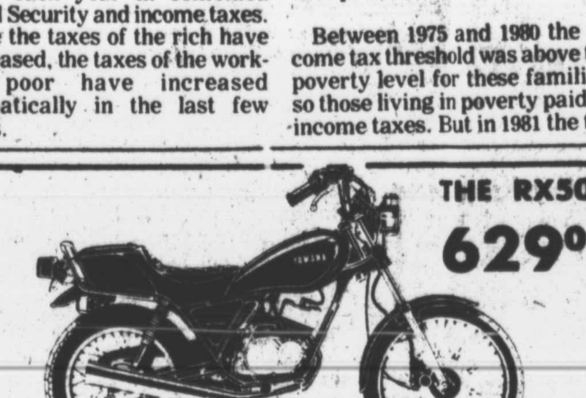

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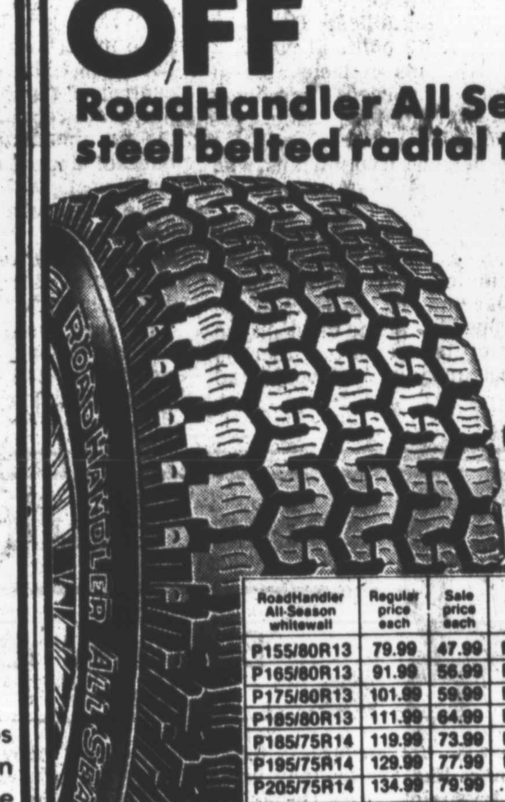

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