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- High concentrates of toxic organic compounds have been shown in the bottom sediments of the main bay.
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Md. protest week at S. Africa embassy

By Tea Montier
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It was a different kind of atmosphere when the protesters began to gather on the lot of the Patapsco Ave. Union Hall. Instead of the radical slogan - chanting tactics often used to excite people before a major demonstration, only causual conversation could be observed among those readying to make their anti - apartheid presence known in Washington, D.C.

Some carried lunches, others carried canned sodas but most carried a sincere dislike that they wanted to express publicly — "apartheid in South Africa is repulsive and America should not support that system."

Each day this week, several bus caravans could be seen leaving from Reisterstown Road Plaza or from union halls or churches with one destination in mind — the South African Embassy.

The protests were part of the planned demonstrations of the Maryland Federation of Organizations, a local coalition of community - based groups.

When the three bus loads of labor - related employees left Baltimore headed for Washington Tuesday it was a quiet ride over, hot and sunny.

By the time the protesters reached their embassy destination, a transformation had occurred. Everybody's conversation became focused the slogans began to ring out.

"One person, one vote . . . apartheid must go . . . Boycott apartheid dissinvest now . . . Free South African political prisoners . . .Ban the krugger-and."

"We're finally coming to grips with what's happening in South Africa," declared Frank Hurt, president of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of Blacks in Government, "when we condone overt racism there we condone covert racism here. None of us are free until all of us are free."

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Dave Richeson free on $500,000 bail

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

David Richeson, prominent Baltimore businessman, was free May 22 on $500,000 bail relative to involvement in the violation of Federal narcotics law. He was arrested May 17 and lodged in City Jail pending decision by U.S. Magistrate Paul J. Rosenberg.

Richeson who resides in the 3300 block Croydon Rd., Baltimore County, posted two appearance bonds May 21, one of which is $400,000 secured by property pledged by relatives and posted May 21 by Perry London of Allegheny Mutual Castualty Co. the other is for the sum of $100,000.

Richeson has been placed in the custody of Federal Pretrial Services to report once each day to the pretrial officer.

Magistrate Rosenberg limited the defendant's travel to the state of Maryland and to the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and New Jersey for business purposes only.

Richeson's passports have been confiscated and Magistrate Rosenberg required that he obtain no additional passports.

The May 17 arrest came about through a complicated process.

The Criminal Complaint on file in Federal court states that an associate of Richeson in his Quazar Import/Export firm named Dewar Sheikh (pronounced shake) returned from Pakistan without four kilos of heroin he said he was supposed to deliver.

Saying he was unable to obtain the narcotics, he told Federal agents he was afraid to go to the Quazar offices in the World Trade Center.

Shaikh, a Pakistanian, was arrested on May 10 and according to an affidavit signed by Special Agent Ronald Solesha of U.S. Customs. Shaikh agreed thereafter to plead guilty to narcotics violations and to cooperate with the government. He is now in protective custody.

The affidavit also stated that on May 16, Special Agent Joseph Dombroski prepared four kilos of look-alike (sham) heroin and a small amount of genuine heroin, gave it to Shaikh for him to give to Richeson. The exchange was at Shaikh's apartment. This is on video and tape.

Richeson was followed by Federal surveillance units and at 3:40 p.m. Richeson met Charles Butler who received the package and put it in his 4-door Mercedes. Richeson was placed under arrest but Butler escaped capture.

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(Photo by Pat Ward Williams)

During the Wednesday night gala dinner to benefit Project Survival, which honored Osborne Payne and Bishop L. Robinson, Sgt. Wendell 'Pete' France, center, of the Vanguard Justice Society, makes an award presentation to Mr. Osborne (left) and Commissioner Robinson.

No layoffs announced at University Hospital—yet!

By Racine S. Winborne
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An entire section of nurses will not be terminated from their jobs, according to the director of public affairs at the University of Maryland Medical System, known as University Hospital.

The director did concede yesterday (Thursday) that layoffs at the Greene Street medical facility were expected to be made public within the next week or two.

Rumors that 165 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's would begin receiving layoff notices for certain have been circulated in recent days prompting some nurses at the 785-bed facility to seek help from local union officials.

No official notifications have been sent out to the University employees, according to union officials.

Despite that fact a group of LPN's did meet with officials at the Maryland State Employees Council 92 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) on Tuesday to discuss ways to block the mass layoffs.

The nurses' group is hoping that public support and assistance from state and local political representatives will help draw attention to their cause.

But according to Hospital Spokesperson Joan Shnipper, any layoff approved by University Board of Directors next week will affect employees at all staffing levels.

"The layoffs are gonna come from a lot of different departments and they will range from clerical to management," she said.

She also denied union allegations that the proposed layoffs are a thinly veiled attempt to do away with the state employees working at the privately operated medical institution.

"I would like to make it clear that the reason for the impending work force reduction has nothing to do with whether the hospital is public or private," Shnipper said.

A bill approved by the Maryland General Assembly in 1984 turned control of the 123 - year old institution to the Medical Systems Corporation, a private non-profit organization.

As part of its conditions for approving the takeover the state legislature asked that certain guarantees protecting the jobs of state employees already at the former state owned facility be put in place.

Now, according to AFSCME officials representing a third of the LPN's at University, they are trying to renege on that agreement.

"The majority of the employees I represent are black. They're talking about laying off these LPN's but they're constantly hiring (new) administrators.

"There were certain protections in the bill allowing them to go private to ensure that these people would not be laid off, and the hospital would not be allowed to hire new workers at lower wages," said Larry Thomas of

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Bumper sticker kicks off anti-crime drive

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Concerned with the spiraling incidence of youth violence, happening in the city, especially West Baltimore, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell along with the newly formed Maryland Federation of Organizations has embarked upon an ambitious two-phase program aimed at reversing that trend.

Phase one of the program leans heavily on what members of the Federation term a "positive propaganda education campaign" that stresses the value of life, the insanity of killings and the tragedy of imprisonment.

Although the campaign will be directly targeted at the attentions and activities of inner city youth the congressman warns no one should expect to see immediate results.

"The ultimate solving of this problem deserves long term solutions," declared Congressman Parren J. Mitchell. "You don't change attitudes overnight . . . don't expect miracles with this program."

Phase one of the positive propaganda campaign will deal primarily with the saturation and distribution of bumper stickers that carry a very serious message aimed at youth violence.

The bumper stickers, done with a white background and bold red lettering carries the message, "US Killing US GENOCIDE." It is the goal of the Federation to distribute at least 250,000 of the slogans during phase one of the campaign.

Distribution of the bumper stickers will be done by neighborhood youths under the supervision of schools, churches and community associations. It is the goal of the federation, which is comprised of member organizations, to get their groups and other groups to pay for the

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No. 2 man in school system resigns

Irving P. McPhail

By Valerie Smith-Madden
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Yes, it's true Dr. Irving P. McPhail, chief operating officer of the Baltimore City Public Schools is resigning as of June 30, 1985.

No, it's not due to rumored differences between him and school superintendent, Alice G. Pinderhughes. Supposed differences reported on the daily press are greatly exaggerated, according to McPhail.

Sure, the job has it's moments, but then, all jobs do.

"I'm leaving to accept an absolutely fantastic opportunity at Delaware State College as vice president and Dean of Academic Affairs," he said.

The move will result in McPhail once again being the number two man; he'll be the second ranking executive officer under the president.

The move takes McPhail one step closer to his ultimate goal of becoming the president of a college or university.

He counts his experience with the school board as among his most rewarding, and even admits that it has "whet his appetite" the possibility of as becoming a school superintendent in a large urban city, is not an unwelcome prospect . . . provided it's on the East Coast.

McPhail figures his tenure with the school system has been quite productive.

During the last audit, Baltimore City schools got high marks on their use of Chapter 1 money. McPhail was in charge of designing the kind of policies and procedures to insure that the money was properly utilized.

McPhail also attempted to develop the operational cabinet (all assistant superintendents and associate superintendents) as a support system to local schools.

"The local school is the focus of the school system. Our children are educated, not by Three East Fifth Street, but by the school they attend," he said.

"The action is where the children are. It's where the teachers are, where the principals are.

"It's been a good experience. I've come to like the city. And it was a tough decision to make. I've enjoyed working with the operational cabinet."

McPhail described his job as a

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Victims of MOVE fire receive $1.2 million in contributions

PHILADELPHIA — Contributions poured in to help victims of the massive fire from a police battle with a radical cult while officials continued the gruesome task of trying to identify the charred corpses of MOVE members.

Mayor Wilson Goode said Tuesday the city had received more than $1.2 million in donations to rebuild the neighborhood ravaged by fire May 13 after a police helicopter dropped a bomb onto the roof of MOVE's fortified rowhouse.

Some 250 people were left homeless as the blaze destroyed 53 houses and damaged eight others.

In addition to the $1.2 million in cash contributions, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has pledged $1 million to the relief fund.

Goode will ask the City Council to approve use of $500,000 from the city's general funds as part of an emergency relief plan, and he also planned to seek $5 million from the state.

He estimated last week the cost to rebuild homes and pay for property lost in the fire could cost up to $8 million.

Seven adults and four children living in the MOVE house died in the blaze. Five of the adults have been identified.

The Philadelphia Daily News reported that Birdie Ward Africa, 13, and Ramona Africa, the only MOVE survivors of the fire, had identified the four children whose remains were found inside the house as two boys, about 10 and 12 years old, and two girls, about 13 and 15.

But an investigator for the city medical examiner's office would not confirm the identities. "This is a painstaking process and we are working diligently," he said.

The city Monday gave 79 families $200 in cash and a check for $2,300 to help them start to set their lives back to normal.

Goode also said 160 of the displaced people have been interviewed to determine their needs and desires for housing. Sixty-one temporarily housing units supplied by the city and federal government, will be available in other parts of the city for some families later this week, he said.

Many of the homeless have been placed in the dormitories of local universities or in area hotels.

"Most Philadelphia - based institutions have expressed a willingness to consider moratoriums on mortgage payments," Goode said.

Nine commercial banks also agreed to have their 300 branches serve as collection points for donations.

As the homeless families attempted to put their lives back together, the use of the bomb continued to cause controversy.

Police Commissioner Gregore Sambor, who said he decided to use the explosive device to destroy a rooftop bunker, resigned from the National Association of Chiefs of Police after its executive director criticized use of the bomb.

Meanwhile the official who directed the city's operation against MOVE announced Wednesday he plans to resign but said the decision has nothing to do with the controversy over the confrontation with the radical cult.

City Managing Director Leo Brooks, 52, said he told Mayor Wilson Goode two weeks before the May 13 MOVE siege that he wanted to step down in order to spend more time with his family.

"The nature of the managing director's job is an 18 hour - a - day job, not five days a week but six and a half," he told a news conference.

He said "this job has become such a consumer of me that I owe more than what I am giving to my family."

Brooks, who directed the city's operation against MOVE, said he would probably step down "sometime this summer."

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