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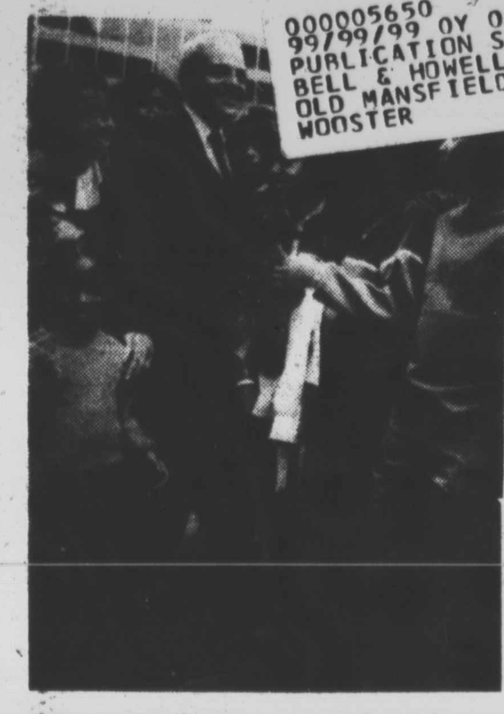
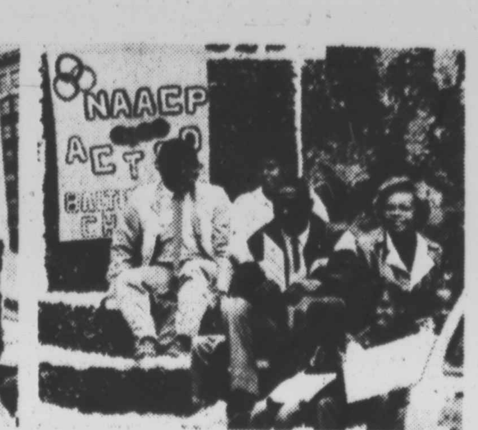


Scenes from the red carpet welcome the national NAACP receives in town this week as it officially becomes part of the Baltimore community. Executive Director Benjamin Hooks is shown with youngsters. The Morgan choir performs. Members of ACTSO program ride in parade and parade-watchers applaud from the sidelines.



NAACP parades into town

The NAACP was officially welcomed to Baltimore this week with a parade featuring choirs, bands, and several state and local dignitaries.

Spectators who passed through Charles Plaza caught a glimpse of the ceremony, as others enjoyed the music and speakers who were present.

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'Run, Parren, Run'—Signs on lawns in northwest Baltimore.

Parren vows he will talk to ministers first

By Paul Evans

Despite published comments by a Congressional colleague, he will not reveal any decision about possible re-election plans until he has conferred with a group of black ministers that has asked him to reconsider his decision not to run, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D., 7th) said Wednesday.

The congressman is expecting to meet with about 25 ministers on Monday at an undisclosed location.

"Congressman Roy Dyson's comments may have been inaccurately taken out of context," Mitchell said. "I wouldn't decide unless I talked with the ministers."

Several daily papers and wire services reported on Tuesday and Wednesday that Mitchell is said to have told Rep. Roy Dyson (D., 1st) during a meeting on Capitol Hill last week that he has no intention of running for a ninth term.

United Press International did report in one of its stories that another of Mitchell's Congressional colleagues, Rep. Steny Hoyer, (D., 5th), said he did not think Mitchell had made up his mind one way or the other.

Rep. Dyson said he asked Mitchell if he were going to run and reportedly the answer was "no."

NEW FIRE HOUSE PROPOSED FOR LIBERTY HTS. AND GARRISON:

Northwest coalition wants it...but Dorchester Rd. group says no!

By R. B. Jones

When Greater Northwest Community Coalition President Joseph Wilkins and Dorchester Community Association President Mrs. Helen E. Graham signed a covenant with Howard and Ira Friedland, the owners of the long-vacant warehouse at 3906 Liberty Heights Ave. in October 1985, the community leaders thought they had found a solution to the boarded-up eyesore in their community.

They thought the building would finally be put to some use that the community could agree with that, would not damage the neighborhood. What has actually happened is another protracted battle over property.

The city's planning commission and the fire department have determined that the site of the warehouse, which has not been converted to the furniture store planned by the Friedlands because of a zoning problem, is the best site in the area for a consolidated firehouse.

It would replace obsolete fire houses, protecting the neighborhoods adjacent to the Liberty Heights Avenue corridor.

The disputed site is zoned for residential use and the only way that it can be used for the furniture store planned by the Friedlands is for the zoning to be changed from R-5 to B-22. A hearing was held in the Judiciary Committee of the City Council Monday when both sides were heard.

The bill allowing the zoning change was sponsored by Councilwoman Rikki Spector and has the support of the entire 5th Councilmanic District delegation according to Joseph Wilkins who has been lobbying against the bill.

"The entire delegation from the district is in favor of the zoning change and when a district delegation is unanimous the people from other districts vote for the bill automatically in what they call councilmanic courtesy," said Wilkins.

He added, "We went to a hearing with the planning commission last month where both sides were heard. The Fire Department, Planning Commission, and the Neighborhood Progress Administration are all opposed to the zoning change.

They determined that 3906 is the best place for the firehouse consolidation. It's vacant and no businesses or residents will be displaced by putting the firehouse there."

Joe Henley, vice president of the Forest Park Community Association testified against the zoning change at the Monday hearing. "The firehouse relocation has been in the works for 10 years. Seven sites in the area have been surveyed and 3906 is the best one.

"Our community members don't want residential housing units taken to build the new fire station. We need as much affordable housing stock in the area as possible and we don't want to see any commercial expansion in the area."

Henley also stated that the alternate site, proposed by advocates of the bill, which is across the street from 3906 would involve the loss of three residential properties. "To use that site when 3906 is available is ludicrous. This situation is the worst thing to happen to this neighborhood since we have been organized.

"We were opposed to the original covenant because it allowed 44 commercial uses for

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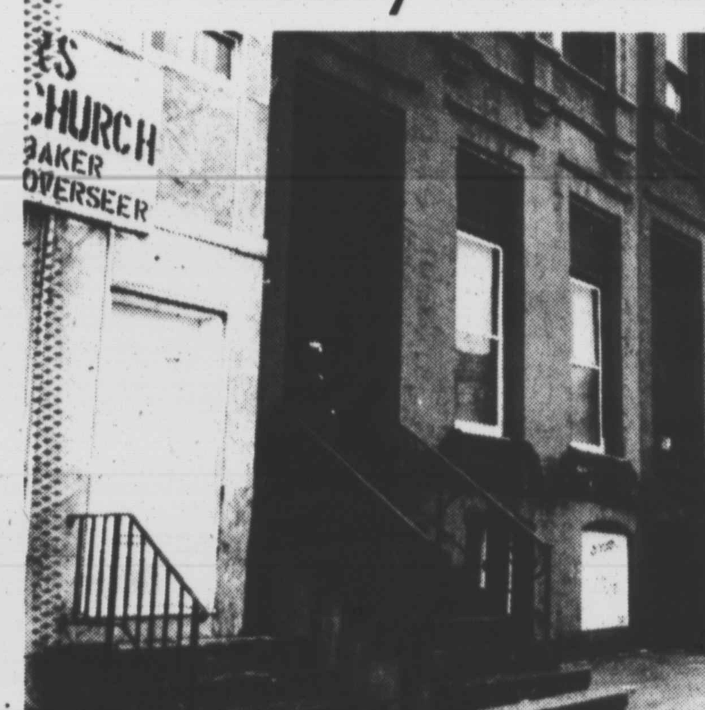
North Ave. project in upheaval over 'heavy-handedness' of the NPA



327 E. North, the house that Rachel Tutt owns.

By Racine S. Winborne

Rachel Tutt is not alone in her dispute with local housing officials who have barred her from her property enacting the city's eminent domain statutes and condemning the property known as 327 E. North Ave. for redevelopment purposes.

Representatives of a community organization which has in the past worked with officials at the Neighborhood Progress Administration (NPA) on various other urban renewal programs in the area have objected to the heavy-handed way in which the agency has approached the residents and homeowners in this predominantly black East Baltimore community.

Joining them is a man who has worked extensively in the area of urban development, both as a developer and a contractor, and who accuses the city of "rolling over anyone who is a property owner" in the 300 block of East North Avenue.

John R. Maguire says he is extremely sympathetic to Tutt's situation having suffered similar harassment over five properties which he formerly owned at 309-317 E. North Ave. He purchased the properties in 1979.

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Voter registration: time to check status

By Racine S. Winborne

Let's face facts. Nineteen eighty-six is an important election year for Marylanders who will go the polls on Sept. 9 and again on Nov. 4 to elect for starters a new governor, attorney general, two U.S. Senators and eight Congressional representatives.

However, in order to exercise every citizen's right to vote, he or she must be duly and lawfully registered voter.

Failure to comply with state and local election procedures can disqualify a person from actively participating in both the primary and general elections.

In fact, according to a spokesperson with the Baltimore City Board of Election Supervisors some 27,000 city residents alone have been purged from the voting rolls since mid-January because they failed to follow any number of simple registration guidelines.

Listed below are a few facts on voter registration:

- To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen who lives in Maryland and you must be 18 years old by the next General Election. Persons with a criminal record or under guardianship suffering with a mental disability cannot qualify to vote.
- A person may register to vote at anytime during the year

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POLITICS '86

The Sitting Judges—Hilary Caplan, Kathleen Friedman, Clifton Gordy, Mable Hubbard, David Mitchell, David Ross, and Marvin Steinberg

By Racine Winborne
AFRO Political Writer

STUMPING WITH THE SEVEN SITTING JUDGES--Judges Hilary D. Caplan, Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman, Clifton Gordy, Mabel Houze Hubbard, David B. Mitchell, David Ross and Marvin B. Steinberg, all appointees to this state's highest trial court--Circuit Court--stopped by here on Tuesday hoping to drum up support and an early endorsement.

They are a delightful group of legal minds who find themselves in the awkward position of having to learn how to be good effective politicians.

Since 1970, Circuit Court justices have been required to run for election in the next general election following their appointment to the bench. Once elected they each serve for a 15-year term.

Calling themselves a "United Nations Ticket", because of the mixture of races and sexes in the group, they have become practically inseparable since forming their campaign team two years ago.

"We feel we're all for one and one for all," Justice Friedman says. Echoing her fellow justice's sentiments Judge Mabel Hubbard added, "We are family to the extent that we don't have to walk on eggs when we talk. We can tell each other what we feel."

ST. GEORGE CROSSE AND ISAIAH FLETCHER SQUARE OFF — Defacto Republican candidates for the GOP nomination for the 7th District Congressional seat St. George Crosse and Isaiah Fletcher travelled to the silk stocking district of Roland Park to attend a candidates' forum Wednesday evening.

The Independent Republican Club sponsored the discussion at St. David's Episcopal Church which included candidates for

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