—Tragedy

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The 42nd district's population is roughly 40 percent Jewish, 30 percent black and 30 percent non - Jewish white.

The House of Delegates race was crowded because of the vacancy left by Speaker of the House, Del. Ben Cardin. He ran and won the Democratic primary race for the 3rd Congressional District seat.

Incumbents James Campbell and Samuel "Sandy" Rosenberg were not long-time seatholders. They were not as "entrenched" as Cardin and there existed the possibility of an upset.

The only black who survived the primary was a Republican, Larry Gray, also a House of Delegates candidate. Those who are politically knowledgeable rate his chances of winning as almost non - existent in a district which primarily votes democratic.

Shirley Pulliam, 47, a nursing quality coordinator at the Liberty Medical Center, Inc. ran fourth in a field where only three could win.

She described the 42nd's ideal scenario for blacks and then admitted it unrealistic.

The scenario had the district's black leadership meeting, deciding upon and supporting one candidate to help insure the district having black representation.

Such a meeting did not occur, Mrs. Pulliam said adding she had been planning to run for four years.

"Everyone got caught up in ego. No one was willing to back out of the process," she said.

The announcement that Helena Hicks and Charles Mackey also were running did not worry her but the entrance of Delores Kelley into the race was another matter, Mrs. Pulliam said.

"Mrs. Kelley being in the race made it more difficult because she is such a vocal and articulate candidate," she said with admiration.

What resulted was Pulliam and Kelley cancelling each other out and Hicks and Mackey pulling votes away from the race's two acknowledged black front runners.

Proud of the fact she and Kelley were endorsed by the Baltimore Sun, Mrs. Pulliam expressed dismay she did not win the AFRO's endorsement also. Insted it went to Mrs. Hicks.

"Helena Hicks was not strong and visible in the district. She split the district," Mrs. Pulliam said. "She got 2,000 votes. If either I or Delores had gotten those votes, one of us could have won."

The race's top three vote getters were Rosenberg — 10,725; Campbell - 7,362; and Shapiro - 7,482.

Of the black candidates; Pulliam - 5,616; Kelley - 5,385, Hicks - 2,014; and Mackey - 983.

Mrs. Hicks, a program specialist with the State of Maryland, belongs to a family she says has been politically active in Baltimore since 1872 when her great uncle Walter Sorrell urged blacks to switch to the Democratic party.

She aired her thoughts about the race in a recently published AFRO article. In part, she said:

". . . we still refuse to believe that running on tickets with whites who will not pump out votes for blacks in their areas guarantees us a loss because our votes for blacks get diluted.

"The game plan was so obvious, why did we fall for it? . . . This time black candidates were their own enemies and whites took advantage of it.

"The black voters in the 42nd district need to take a hard look at how they voted. Many voted the straight ticket forgetting that each time they voted for the whites, they cancelled out the black vote because the white community did not vote for blacks."

Earlier this week, Mrs. Hicks shook her head over the race's result. It will be even harder to elect a black come next legislative election, she said.

"By then the incumbents are all seasoned . . . . have name recognition. No matter how much you have as a concerned citizen it is not the same as being a legislator who has name recognition," she said.

Mrs. Hicks said she polled others before announcing to run and said she announced first. She also mentioned the ideal scenario for blacks in the district.

"We tried it this time and they all went and did their own thing," Mrs. Hicks said. "So far, we do not have people who are committed to the concept of pooling all to get a black voted in."

As it stands now, the district's black community does not have any of its state legislators living near its predominantly black central and southern areas.

"We thought we would gain this time," she said. "But we are back to square one."

The city's fifth councilmanic district falls within the boundaries of the 42nd legislative district. City Councilman Thomas Waxter, Jr. explained another factor which may have worked against getting black representation in the 42nd.

The district's Jewish community, which usually votes heavy, was strongly interested in the race between the two strong well organized candidates who both were Jewish women; incumbent State Senator Barbara Hoffman and City Councilwoman Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Waxter said.

He said he also heard that some of that election's synagogues had written letters within the Jewish community.

"The Jewish district voted and they picked a Jewish candidate," Waxter said.

The resulting heavy Jewish turnout may also have helped other Jewish candidates, such as Shapiro whom Waxter called "very orthodox."

Sandy Rosenberg, 36, a Baltimore native, active in politics since he worked on former U.S. Senator Joseph Tydings, 1964 campaign, said voter turnout in heavily Jewish precincts was 64 percent compared to a 48.8 percent turnout in the heavily black precincts.

"If there had only been one viable black candidate it would have greatly enhanced (that candidate's) prospects," Rosenberg said.

Mrs. Hicks' earlier comments were critical of blacks running on white tickets, saying such tickets work primarily in the white candidate's favor.

Mrs. Pulliam was a member of a ticket comprised of Rosenberg and Campbell. Mrs. Kelley ran on Sen. Hoffman's ticket.

In response to questions about his ticket not delivering for Mrs. Pulliam, Rosenberg said the reason why she was chosen was that she was "more open to the team concept, how the team worked and its responsibilities."

Rosenberg said there was no evidence that neither he nor Campbell did anything that did not include Mrs. Pulliam or that was not consistent with their understanding.

Mrs. Pulliam herself said she felt the experience of running on the ticket was positive.

Looking to the future, Mrs. Pulliam, Mrs. Hicks and Gray said what many other city political observers say about the black community there needs to be greater voter education and awareness of issues and candidates.

Each has pledged to work toward that goal.

For Gray, the campaign continues. An official with the Maryland State Lottery since its inception in 1973, Gray, 42, faces an uphill battle in a district which historically refuses to vote for any local Republican candidate irregardless of race.

Among the areas he said he will concentrate on is enhancement of small businesses, especially small black businesses in his district.

"Business is the key . . . business leads to employment which means jobs and education. We can solve a lot of problems with employment," Gray said.

—Locked out

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their income dwindle by a smuch as $12,000 annually.

Howell, who appeared optimistic about the possibility of the workers and management coming to an acceptable agreement, acknowledged that there was to be a meeting to discuss the terms yesterday in Virginia, but no information on the results were revealed by AFRO presstime.

It would appear that management would see a great need to settle the dispute, because the strike will definitely precipitate a halt in the shipping of important commodities like cars, steel, lumber and containerized cargo throughout the East Coast.

This could led to the state losing millions of dollars a day.

But the negotiations are complicated by the fact that many local waterfront businesses have complained for years that because of ILA wage demands, many businesses are leaving Baltimore.

For this reason, these businesses are strongly endorsing a pay decrease for the longshoremen.

So far, there have been no reports of violence or bodily harm to anyone locally, other than reports Wednesday that a black striker was hit by a car driven by a woman trying to get to the port.

However, there were reports Thursday that strikers in Port Newark - Elizabeth, NJ clashed with policemen and truck drivers, leaving four policemen hospitalized along with one truck driver.

—Frank Reddish

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are those that die in the Lord . . . I am the Resurrection and I am Life."

As the capacity-filled church finished singing, "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," Rev. Warren approached the altar and asked the congregation to pray that His servant Frank, be raised with Him . . .

Words from Rudyard Kipling were offered to the family as a comfort with this wish, "I hope Frank is in heaven a half hour before the devil gets the news," said Joseph Simms, a prominent community leader from Annapolis.

"When you've done all there is to do, then why be sad," he said.

Rev. Warren directed his comments to Mrs. Evelyn Reddish, the widow and to the rest of the family because there was nothing he could say to add to Frank's life, he said, and instructed the family to be strong — "Put on the armor of God."

Communion ws offered to the family, while many close friends and prominent businessmen such as Frazier Brice and William Adams, longtime friends of Reddish looked on.

Meanwhile, a soloist sang plaintively, "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross . . ." as the widow dabbed at her eyes with a tissue.

Flower girls carried the huge bouquets of flowers outside and formed two lines down the front steps of the church. As the pallbearers carried the body of Frank Reddish through the flower lines and down the steps to the Dyett hearse waiting curbside, a sad funeral bell tolled its farewell.

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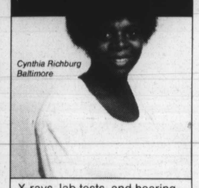

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—Mom and grandmom

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students and administration and Tench Tilghman are doing all they can to get parents more involved with education.

Some parents, she said, are not able to read the notes their children take home and there are cases where parents will telephone the school for a verbal relay of messages.

Parents' inability to read and write is revealed in other ways, Principal Elizabeth Turner conveyed. Once when asked to bring in a book from home, a child brought in a Playboy Magazine," Mrs. Turner said. The student told her that the magazine was the only book in his house.

Parents are still very reluctant to sign up for the Basic Skills Program. "People aren't willing to admit to each other that they can't read."

The program was generated by a community survey following the suspicion that parents were not able to help their children with homework.

The survey showed only 30 percent of adults in the McElderry Park section completed high school. Sixty four percent of households were headed by single parents, predominantly women. The average age of parents was 28.6, and the average income among community residence was $8,000.

Most of the parents, in their early twenties, conceded they had gotten pregnant at an early age, a major problem in the McElderry community, and were unable to return to school.

"Teenage pregnancy is so astounding in the community that Tench Tilghman has a special 'Say No to Sex' program for their fifth and sixth graders. There have been two recent accounts of teen pregnancy occurring within a year's leave of the elementary school.

Mrs. Thelma Bond, a parent liaison worker, who travels door to door recruiting parents to become involved with the school, has been cited as an asset to the overall program. "Sometimes parents are intimidated by us (teachers, and administrators)," Mrs. Turner said.

Mrs. Bond said she relates to these parents because she was once in their situation, but she forced herself to get out and become involved. "They are not intimidated by me," she said.

Mrs. Vanessa Harrington, who is excited about the opportunity to return to school, said, "I want to further myself. I can't seem to help my son with his homework and he looks to me for help. Mrs. Harrington's son is a third grader at Tench Tilghman.

Mrs. Goldie Darden, 62, has three great-grandchildren at Tench Tilghman. She is a retired factory worker with a second grade education. "I want to try to read more and count more," she said. "I would like to read my Bible. That is why I came back to school.

—Kids squabble

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this young man's mother was extremely argumentative," said Arlene Jenkins, police spokesperson, "these officers felt that based on her behavior, the decision was made that she not ride, for their own safety," she said.

The accused youngster underwent juvenile custody procedures where he was fingerprinted and photographed, and then charged with common assault as a juvenile. According to investigators on the case, the nine-year-old was later charged with common assault also.

—Noted doctor's

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How he ended up at the hospital morgue still remains a mystery. And hospital officials aren't talking to anyone -- including the medical examiner's office.

When asked if there was any information on Rhetta, Roger Dix, supervisor in the medical examiner's office asked, "Are you sure he's dead?"

Dix said he was unable to find any information on the deceased.

Hospital spokesperson Daisy Fitts, did confirm Rhetta's death but when asked if the body was still in the hospital morgue, she replied, "I have not said anything about the body one way or the other."

Fitts added that she was not at liberty to discuss the matter "at this time."

The Washington AFRO-AMERICAN did learn, however, that the body was still the property of the morgue, and that at least two relatives of the deceased had been notified. However, hospital officials would not confirm this and have refused to answer inquiries.

Rhetta, a Howard University graduate gained some notoriety during the late 60's when he was accused by two women in their early 20's of performing illegal abortions on them.

As reported by a May 24, 1969 AFRO article, Rhetta left the country before he could be tried for the alleged fall 1966 abortions. He also received a lot of press coverage because of his pro-abortion stand.

A May 6, 1967 AFRO article reported that the Baltimore physician had filed motions in court that Maryland's abortion laws were outdated.

Abortions have since been legalized.

Senate overrides sanctions bill veto

By Paul Evans

A bipartisan Senate dramatically voted Thursday afternoon to override the President's veto of the South African sanctions bill effectively handing Mr. Reagan a sound thrashing in the area of foreign policy.

Both Maryland senators, Charles McC. Mathias and Paul S. Sarbanes, voted in the majority—to override the veto. Earlier in the week, the Democratic-controlled House snubbed the President by overwhelming voting to override Mr. Reagan's veto of the bill last Friday night. The bill imposes heavy sanctions on South Africa.

During the floor debate over the veto override, Sen. Sarbanes said, "Sanctions offer the last non-violent option to bring change in South Africa. It does not guarantee that change will occur as the Eminent Persons Group from the Commonwealth pointed out, the absence of the use of sanctions has clearly not brought about change. That has been the existing situation and change has not happened. It is already the case that the absence of sanctions and Pretoria's belief that they need not be feared defers change. This is an opportunity to move away finally from the discredited policy and to move toward freedom and justice in South Africa. I urge override of the veto."

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By Joe Black

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Towson names assistant

Hoke L. Smith, president of Towson State University, recently announced the appointment of Dr. Helen Giles-Gee as assistant to the president of the university.

Dr. Giles-Gee, a Columbia resident was previously assistant vice president of Minority Affairs.

Dr. Giles-Gee joined the administrative staff at Towson State in 1986 after serving for 11 years as both faculty member and chairperson in the biology department at Cheyney University in Pennsylvania. She has also taught at Rutgers University, Stevens Institute of Technology and Franklin Institute.

Dr. Giles-Gee

Mt. Washington trustee

Gossie H. Hudson, Ph.D. has been elected to the Board of Trustees at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital.

Professor of history and director of the Graduate Program in History at Morgan State University, Hudson is a recognized authority of Paul Laurence Dunbar and a widely published author of literary works.

Professor Hudson received his undergraduate and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Dr. Hudson

Pat Burns

District Governor

Patricia A. Burns of Baltimore, Maryland, has been elected Governor of Toastmasters International's District 18, which covers Maryland, Delaware, and Northeastern Virginia, and currently serves 66 Toastmasters clubs.

Mrs. Burns is an Editorial Assistant at the Department of Employment and Training. In addition to the many Toastmasters awards she has won, Pat is also a member of the United Way's Speakers Bureau.

Marvin Jones

Highest Westinghouse honor

Marvin E. Jones, director of Human Resources for the Westinghouse Defense Business Unit and vice president of Human Resources for the Westinghouse Defense and Electronics Center located in Linthicum, MD, was recently awarded the highest honor given by the company to an employee, the Westinghouse Order of Merit.

A 1954 graduate of Morgan State University, Jones began his career at Westinghouse in 1961 and has held various professional and management Personnel Relations positions at the Defense and Electronics Center and at other Westinghouse locations, including the corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh.

NAACP's 'Home at Last' features Alex Haley, speaker

With Alex Haley, the author of "Roots" as the speaker, the NAACP will pay tribute to a number of heroes and heroines of the civil rights struggle when it holds its "Home At Last" reception and dinner at the Palladium, Friday night, October 17.

Those to be honored include Mrs. Rosa Parks, whose refusal to move to the rear of a bus sparked the Montgomery bus boycott of the 1950's;

Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, a close associate of the late Dr. Martin Luther King and his successor as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference;

Mrs. Daisy Bates, the courageous former President of the Arkansas Conference of NAACP Branches who played a key role in the "Little Rock Nine" desegregation issue;

Mrs. Myrlie Evers, the widow of Medger Evers, an NAACP martyr; and Dick Gregory, a longtime and dedicated supporter of the civil rights movement.

Information on obtaining dinner tickes may be secured by calling (301) 486-9165 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

The public dedication of the NAACP's new home at 4805 Mt. Hope Drive will take place at noon on Saturday, October 18th.

Leading up to the dedication will be a series of other events that will begin on Thursday, October 16th at 9 a.m. with a symposium on education that will feature presentations by Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, Calloway Professor of Urban Education, Georgia State University;

Dr. Faustine Jones-Wilson, Professor of Education at Howard University, and Editor of the Journal of Negro Education;

And Dr. Robert L. Green, former President of the University of the District of Columbia, and now president of his own firm, Robert L. Green and Associates.

At noon on Thursday, Thomas R. Donahue, Secretary, Treasurer, AFL - CIO will be the speaker at the Labor Luncheon at the Pikesville Hilton Hotel.

That afternoon at 3 p.m., another symposium will be presented on the subject of "Economics/Job Training."

Taking part will be Congressman Parren Mitchell (D. MD.), and Dr. Bernard E. Anderson, Senior Economists, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

A Community Organization Celebration/Rally will be held at 7 p.m. that evening at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St.

Friday, October 17 at 9 a.m., a symposium will be presented on "Government/Politics."

Panel members will be Eddie N. Williams, President, Joint Center for Political Studies; Dr. Mack Jones, Professor of Political Science, Howard University; and Mayor Johnny L. Ford, President, World Conference of Mayors.

John H. Johnson, Publisher of Johnson Publications, will be the speaker at noon on Friday at the Business and Industry Luncheon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The final symposium at 3:30 p.m. on October 17th, will examine "Civil Rights Strategies—Year 2000 And Beyond."

Carl T. Rowan will serve as moderator and he will joined by fellow journalists Dorothy Gilliam, Columnist, Washington Post, and Clarence Hunter, Editor, Washington AFRO-American.

Panel members will include Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director, NAACP; M. Carl Holman, President, National Urban Coalition; and Dr. Dorothy I. Height, President, National Council of Negro Women.

"Youth Night" will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Fine Arts Auditorium at Morgan State University. Appearing will be Martin Luther King, III, Carl Lewis, the Olympic Gold Star Medalist; Clarence Mitchell, IV, Rena Evers-Everett and the noted entertainers, Sister Sledge.

The final event of the observance will be an Interfaith Religious Celebration at the New Shiloh Baptist Church, 823 Lanvale St. on Sunday, October 19 at 7 p.m.

Apply now for help in fuel fund assistance

Agencies which administer the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) began accepting applications for fuel assistance as of Monday, Sept. 29, according to the Department of Human Resources.

Approximately 95,200 households in Maryland are expected to receive an average MEAP benefit of $278 during this coming winter to offset their home heating costs.

In addition, MEAP eligible families will also be able to sign up for the Public Service Commission's Winter Heating Protection Plan (WHPP) when they apply for MEAP.

Signing up for WHPP will enable household's to pay a minimum amount each month to keep their gas and electric service turned on.

Eligibility for MEAP, WAP and WHPP is established at 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Persons who rent their homes as well as homeowners, roomers and boarders may apply for assitance regardless of whether or not their home heating costs are included in their rent.

This year, a new eligibility requirement has been established, requiring households to account for any liquid resources that are available to the family.

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