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Koreans, blacks seek to ease barriers

CONFERENCE—Kim Chang Ho, Del. Kenneth Montague and State Sen. Clarence Blount talk shop.

SNACK TIME—Dr. Gwendolyn Cook and Peter S. Lee pause for a bite.

Charles Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

It was a busy week for Black and Korean relations in Baltimore with two forums on the subject being held and the announcement of a third being scheduled.

Concerned representatives of the city's black and Korean communities gathered for a dinner meeting at City Hall Monday evening.

The occasion which was seen as an opportunity for the leading voices of the two communities to share a meal and a quiet moment was coordinated by Dr. Jai Poong Ryu, Chairman of the Sociology Department of Loyola College and a Special Assistant to Mayor Schmoke and John B. Ferron, Director of Baltimore Community Relations Commission.

The meeting was designed as a social event rather than a forum, and those invited were encouraged to meet a stranger and possibly make a friend.

"To my knowledge there has never been a forum like this and it is especially nice that it is seen as a social occasion," said City Council President Mary Pat Clarke.

"The main topic of conversation has been the food. I think that it is really great," said Clarke.

On Thursday morning merchants and other concerned citizens were gathered in the Cherry Hill Community Center to discuss a series of grievances that residents have brought before the board.

James H. Lee, President of the Korean Businessmans League and Jin Wook Kang, Vice President were among the crowd that heard the call for a greater involvement on the part of the Korean merchants in the betterment of the community.

Melvin Stukes, President of the Cherry Hill Improvement Association, says that he seeks help from the merchants in sponsoring activities and athletic teams and other neighborhood projects.

"Three out of the four Korean merchants don't have any black employees," said Stukes. "We realize that most family businesses because of limited overhead may not be able to hire anyone but we want to see them give something back to the community."

Stukes also passed out a survey to the businessmen who attended, which asked for responses to questions regarding their feelings on safety community involvement, plans to remain in the community and thoughts on where the community would be in five years.

"Thursday was for putting our concerns on the table," say Stukes. We will not be able to determine resolutions until the questionnaires are returned."

Highlighting the larger picture the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Baltimore City Police Department has announced it will hold a forum on Police and Korean relations as it pertains to Koreans in minority neighborhoods.

The purpose of the forum will be to examine programs instituted on the national and local level designed to improve relations and prevent possible problems.

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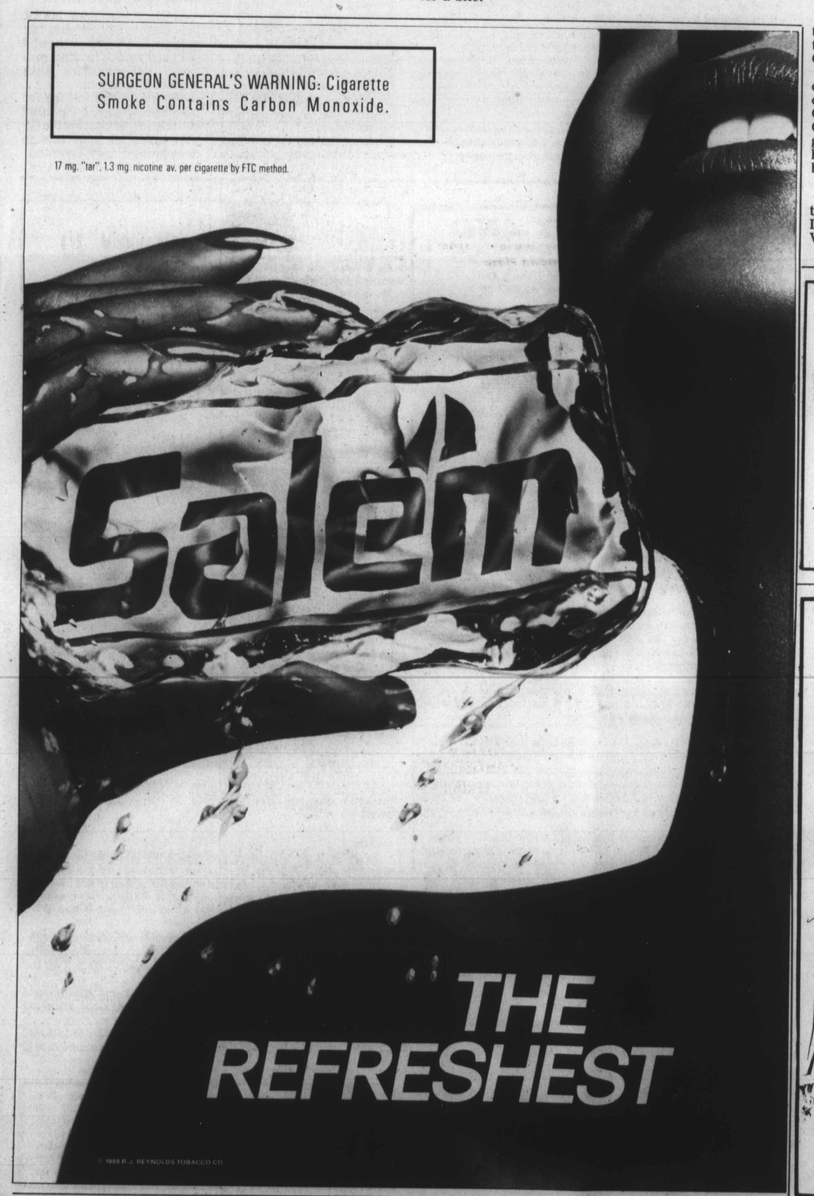

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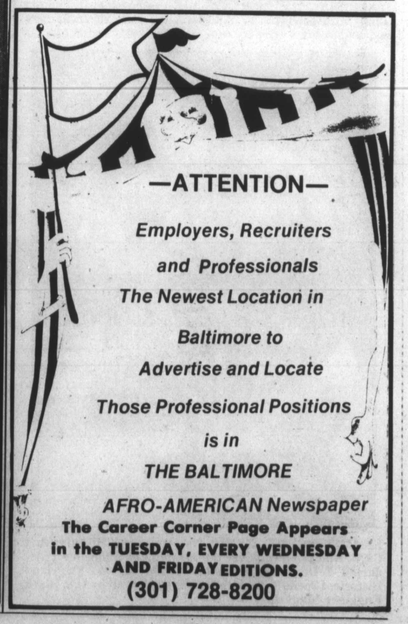

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Flake facing legal woes

By Darryl Elwood Owens
Afro Staff Intern

"No one who knows Floyd Flake believes the charges,", said Edwin Reid, chief of staff for Rep. Floyd Flake.

Floyd Flake (D-NY), a freshman congressman who for the past 12 years has been the pastor of Allen AME Church in St. Albans, New York, has been accused of sexual misconduct.

Thelma Singleton-Scott alleges that she and Flake engaged in an affair during 1983 and 1984.

According to Singleton-Scott, Flake tried to pressure her into continuing their sexual relationship once she attempted to end the affair.

Despite charges of sexual harassment from his former administrative aide, Flake was recently reappointed pastor of Allen AME Church.

Flake, who is married with four children, has vehemently denied the allegations.

After the decision was reached by the presiding bishop at the annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Buffalo, N.Y., Singleton-Scott said that she would take her accusations to higher church officials and file a lawsuit against Flake seeking compensation for loss of income.

Singleton-Scott maintains that Flake's subsequent treatment of her after the affair was ended caused her to quit her job in 1985.

Following Flake's reappointment, she said that she hoped that Flake would be transferred to another church.

On that point, Reid emphasized that "There is absolutely no talk about moving him to another church," adding that the congregation expressed "overwhelming support of the pastor and congressman."

For Flake, the controversy could not have come at a more inopportune time. He is gearing up to run for his second congressional term as congressman of the sixth Congressional District. Flake has also received feelers for the mayor's seat in 1989.

Reid believes however, "That false allegations tend to strengthen people."

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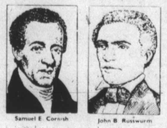
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Drug dealers sentenced

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

Former city jail guard Marvin Harrison and his codefendant Antonio Jones pleaded guilty in a Baltimore City Circuit Court to a Jan. 3, drug seizure, and have been given suspended sentences.

Harrison pleaded guilty to one court of his indictment, charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Judge Kenneth L. Johnson gave him 10 years suspended jail term, but he got 5 years probation and a $1,000 fine.

Jones also pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and handgun violation. He received an 11-year jail term, all but one year suspended, 5 years probation, and a $1,000 fine.

Jill Myers prosecuted the cases for the State. The facts of the cases indicated that Harrison, while operating his vehicle, in the 1000 block of East Madison St. struck a police paddy wagon which was parked at the intersection for a traffic light.

Police observed and recovered from Jones a loaded and operable semi-automatic pistol. Also plainly visible, and recovered from the front floor board of the vehicle, between where Harrison and Jones had been seated was a large plastic bag containing 500 small balls of cocaine, and 50 large balls of cocaine.

In another drug-related case, Kimberly Brown, 20, of the 900 block of North Stricker St. and Delores Curry, 22, of the 800 block of North Fulton Ave. pleaded guilty Friday to charges of possession with intent to distribute heroin and drug smuggling.

Judge Edgar Silver of the Baltimore City Circuit Court immediately sentenced both Brown and Curry, neither of whom had a prior record, to three years incarceration. The State's recommendation was 5 years.

Brown and Curry were arrested and charged, April 9, after arriving in Baltimore from New York City by bus, at Baltimore's Travel Plaza. Assistant State's Attorney Robert J. Raymond, who prosecuted the case for the State, said the police, acting on a tip, approached the two women to interview them.

Due to their nervous behavior and inconsistent answers, the detectives suspected they may be drug smugglers. Both women readily agreed to allow detectives to search their bags for narcotics.

When asked if they had narcotics on their person, first Brown and then Curry turned over a total of 899 baggies of heroin. Brown had 399 baggies hidden in her pants pocket and underwears. Curry had 500 baggies in her pants pocket.

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