PROMISE OF FREEDOM KEPT:

'Troops Staked Lives for Us', Lincoln Says

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Abraham Lincoln had to defend his "radical" Emancipation Proclamation, not only from the Southern Confederate States but from the North, it was recalled this week as the Nation took time out to observe his birthday.

Writing a letter to the Illinois convention addressed to James C. Conkling, under the date of Aug. 26, 1863, President Lincoln said:

"To be plain, you are dissatisfied with me about the colored man. Quite likely there is a difference of opinion between you and myself upon the subject. I certainly wish that all men could be free, you wish, I suppose, do not.

"You dislike the Emancipation Proclamation, and perhaps would like it retracted. You say it is unconstitutional. I think differently. I think the Constitution invested the Commander-in-Chief with the law of war in time of war.

"I know as fully as one can know the opinion of others that some of the commanders of our armies in the field, who have given us our most important victories, believe the emancipation policy and the use of colored troops constitute the heaviest blows yet dealt to the rebellion.

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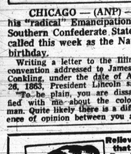
"Colored persons, like other people, act upon motives. Why should they do anything for us if we will do nothing for them?

If they stake their lives for us they must be prompted by the strongest motives, even the promise of freedom. And the promise, being made, must be kept."



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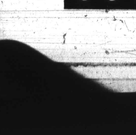
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Maryland 21st in Aid to Needy

Out of 43 States, Maryland ranked 21st in general assistance payments for the month of October, under the State welfare department.

In the various categories for that month, Maryland ranked 35th out of 46 States in payments for old age, 22nd in aid to dependent children and 21st in aid to the blind.

Based on figures per 1000 population, the State's average payments for the fiscal year 1946-47 were $2.02 for old age assistance, compared to a national average of $6.57; $1.15 for aid to dependent children, compared to a U.S. average of $1.82; and $.09 for aid to the blind, compared to the national $.34.

In general assistance, however, Maryland's average was $1.52, which is above the national average, $1.04.

X-rays Scheduled for Cherry Hill

Having serviced over 1400 persons in the East Baltimore and Holabird Homes areas, the mass chest X-ray survey will be available to the Cherry Hill community from Feb. 9 through Feb. 19.

The survey will be sponsored by the tenant organizations of Cherry Hill and the Health Department, in co-operation with the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

To Be Offered Projects

Other X-ray services will soon be offered to residents living in the neighborhoods of the McCulloh, Gilmor and Poe projects.

Meanwhile, the Cherry Hill groups, which include the Girls' Club, Ladies Guild, Parent-Teachers Association, Cherrettes, Veterans Club and the Junior Council met recently to plan their program to obtain 100% participation from their residents.

Cancer Lay Body Seeking Support

The Lay Service Division of the American Cancer Society, Maryland Division, which has begun a surgical dressing program for medically indigent cancer patients, is seeking aid in carrying out this work.

These dressings include such items as fluffs, pads and are available on the recommendation of a nurse, physicians, Instructor Visiting Nurses Associations or a health department representative.

Applications for them may be made through the Society's State Headquarters, 306 N. Charles St., telephone LExington 4002.

There is an urgent need for used white laundered bed or table linen for the processing of these dressings. Women's organizations in churches, as well as individuals, are urged to donate materials and aid in making the dressings.

Bowling Alley Nuisance Jailed

Ten days in jail was the penalty meted out to Louis Speaks, 18, of 835 N. Linden Ave., Monday for being a "trouble maker" in a Pennsylvania Ave. bowling alley.

Robert Burkett, the manager, testified that on several occasions, he had ordered Speaks from the premises because he repeatedly created a general disturbance there.

The defense of the youth was that he bothered only those persons who bothered him.

CLEAN BLOCK DIRECTOR TALKS TO COPPIN GROUP

Miss Frances Murphy addressed the adult education class Monday at Coppin Demonstration School on the subject of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign which she originated and directed.

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Denial of Liquor License Upheld

Upholding the Liquor Board's efforts to protect the Cherry Hill area, Judge Joseph Sherbow dismissed, last week, an appeal from a ruling which denied a beer and wine application for 608 Cherry Hill Road.

Holdy protested by civic and religious groups in that area, the application was sought for his restaurant by Alexander Cammon, who turned down by the Liquor Board.

Judge Sherbow, in dismissing Cammon's appeal to City Court, concurred in the Board's reasoning that Cherry Hill's residential air should be protected.

Among protestants to the application were the Ladies Guild, Parent-Teacher Association, the Cherry Hill Federation of Organizations, and the Rev. Caspar Glenn, all of that communit.

Living Costs Increase 2.1% in 3 Months

Living costs in Baltimore moved to a new high with an increase of 2.1% between Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 of last year, according to Robert H. Bahlow, regional direction of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As a result of this, the Consumers Price Index for this city is now 10.0% higher than a year ago and 71.3% above the normal period of 1935-39.

Higher prices for foods and clothing contributed the largest share of the rise in living costs. Housefurnishings rose 1.8%, rents were up 1.0% and miscellaneous goods and services increased 1.6%, the index figures revealed.

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HE ALMOST LEAPED—Restrained by firemen a split second before he leaped from this third-floor window at 1362 Fremont Ave., Baltimore, on Friday, Cornelius Kegs was able to make his way out of the burning house on the ladder shown in the photo. Another tenant, Allen Wise, had leaped from the second-floor window (arrow) a few minutes before. He disappeared in the crowd and the extent of his injuries could not be determined.

Liberian Student Likes U.S., but Misses Africa

WASHINGTON

To many foreigners America is the nearest thing to heaven on earth, but not to petite, attractive Mrs. Eugenia Holmes Ashburn.

Although she has learned to like America very well she still thinks longingly of her native Africa.

Mrs. Ashburn was born in Liberia 22 yrs. ago, the daughter of a Liberian minister and an American missionary to Liberia.

Wins Scholarship Honors

After completing the 7th grade with highest honors in her native land, she was brought to the United States by her mother.

After taking an examination in New York, she was admitted to the second year high school finishing Wadleigh High with "highest honors."

Upon her graduation she entered the University of New York, majoring in public health and social science.

When she returned from Africa with her small daughter she looked up the Rev. Mr. Somerville who took them in charge. That was six years ago.

"I shall never forget my first landing in New York," said Mrs. Ashburn when interviewed, adding:

"Mother had described American buildings to me, and had said that penitentiaries were great, stone buildings where law breakers were kept.

"When I saw New York's giant buildings, I immediately inquired, 'When shall we reach New York and why are so many penitentiaries needed?'

Contrasts Keenly Noted

"I was even more disappointed when I learned that they were dwellings," she continued. "At home the houses are quite small and very colorful.

"People paint their houses according to their individual tastes. Red, green, yellow, purple, blue, orange and even black."

When asked about dress, she replied, "Dress is not any different from American attire; most people buy their cloths from New York and Paris."

This fact was borne out in the chic, smartly-tailored suit she wore.

Whale Life a "Hobby"

"My hobbies? My whole life is a hobby," she says.

The Rev. Mr. Ashburn is a modern preacher who likes popular music. His favorite musician is Duke Ellington.

His wife married him, she says, because he is not a stuffed shirt. She "can't stand stuffed shirts," and her husband, she confided, really likes "be-bop."

The young couple left Saturday for New York. They are still honeymooning. Next month they will leave for Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa, where they will teach in the Lott Carey High School.

Both to Teach in Africa

When they return to the United States after five years, Mrs. Ashburn plans to resume her studies, working on her Ph. D., and the Rev. Mr. Ashburn will write a book.

When asked if they ever plan to make Africa their permanent home the husband says, "No indeed"; and the "missus" says I wish I had known that before I married you."

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Recreation Center Aim of Residents in County

Leaders in Turners Station-Sparrows Point Area Seek $10,000 for Site by March 27

Aroused by the lack of recreation facilities in their community, residents of Turners Station and Sparrows Point held a joint meeting Sunday afternoon and outlined a $10,000 fund-raising campaign.

The money will be used to purchase the building formerly occupied by Ernest Lyon's Nursery School.

Now considered war-surplus, the building will go on sale on the open market unless residents can raise the funds within 60 days.

Agency Sponsors Move

The idea of buying the property was initiated by the Turners Station Progressive Association. It will can be purchased with funds obtained from the community, a health center and recreation program can be started, and a nursery school reopened.

The Ernest Lyon's Nursery School closed several weeks ago because of a lack of funds.

Campaign Leaders

Dr. Arthur L. Johnson president of the association, is chairman of the drive and Yancy L. Whittaker and Alexander J. Allen, co-chairmen.

"At Sunday's meeting, Mr. Whittaker pointed out that no community recreation building is available to the 15,000 residents of the area.

It was also revealed that the building is valued at $25,000 but can be obtained by the residents at a greatly reduced price.

Volunteer Workers Sought

The campaign will begin Saturday, March 6, with a kick-off mass meeting and end on March 27.

A community-wide sponsoring committee appointed at the meeting will meet at Ernest Lyon's recreation center at 4 p.m., Feb. 15, to report on what progress has been made on the matter.

Members of the sponsoring committee are now recruiting workers and laying the groundwork for the actual campaign.

Working Against Time

The suburban residents will be working against time in their efforts to purchase the building, as they must raise the money before April 14.

Religious, civic and social organizations of the community have pledged support to the drive, and others are expected to add their weight as the campaign gets under way.

Latest News Given on GI's in Japan

T/5 Marion McClarty, son of Mrs. Lucille McClarty of 720 N. Gay St., recently was assigned to the 24th Infantry, stationed in Japan.

Corporal McClarty entered the Army in October, 1943, from his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and was shipped overseas in November, 1947.

Another member of the outfit, T/5 Vernon Bailey, of 1210 Atlantic Ave., Mt. Winans, recently returned to his unit from a period at Camp Patterson, a place usure resort in Japan.

The former Douglass High School student entered the Army in March, 1945, and was sent overseas in April, 1946.

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