OPINION

Industry, perseverance and frugality make fortune yield. —FRANKLIN.

Redevelopment Loan Needed

The AFRO believes that citizens should vote favorably on the Redevelopment Loan at the November 2 election.

This loan would permit Baltimore to float a $5,000,000 bond issue. The money will mean that a start can be made on eliminating some of Baltimore's worst slums.

It is necessary to point out the importance of slum elimination to be necessary to eliminate the evils of race prejudice and biased employment practices followed by racial proprietors in the poorest sections, we know better than any other group what wretched living conditions do to us as individuals and families.

But in giving our support to the Redevelopment Loan, we must remember that the loan, if passed, brings up several points of importance.

Fundamental give serious consideration.

Housing Authority, Commission on City Plan, Recreation Commission, Board of School Commissioners, Jail Board and other colored member to the Redevelopment Commission, in its contracts with private builders.

Private builders, naturally desirous of a return on their investment, might be inclined to charge rents above the means of the people who would occupy the new housing, today poses an extremely difficult problem. In fact, unscrupulous builders would cause displacement and the resultant creation of another slum.

Too, the relocation problem is a big one. The Mount Royal Improvement Association calls attention to the Mount Royal area such as the one around the Mount Royal Station and the Armory, a section in which the Commission already is interested.

Above all, it must be made clear to everyone that urban redevelopment cannot take the place of a public low-cost housing program. Too many people tend to be confused on this score.

We hope that passage of the loan will not blind the general public to the need for additional public housing. Baltimore can be used by politicians who undertake to remove existing slums, unless we continue to hit State and Federal housing legislation in the future.

Public housing for years to come will be necessary to provide adequate living accommodations for the large mass of people whose incomes are below the rent levels of the private market.

Let's pass the Redevelopment Loan. But let us also follow it up with actions to safeguard our interests.

No Excuse for Racial Epithets

Printed in our Boston Say column is the following item from L. Waters Milbourne, manager of Radio Station WCOP, "The Voice of Boston":

"Seven weeks ago, we received a similar apology from the Sherwood Oil Co., sponsors of the program in reference to a recent program on which the offensive song, 'Seven Weeks ago I Was Born,' was used.

It has occurred to us since this incident that if a radio station, songster, or any other artist whose programs are for public consumption, or any other business or industry in an important segment of the population, deem it necessary to use a derogatory term, such as 'Sambo,' 'Mose,' 'Rastus,' 'Coon,' 'Nigger,' or some other such derogatory epithet, it is really asking somebody would do well to find out.

Colored people, generally, are offended, insulted, hurt by such terms. We, as members of a minority group, do not like such derisive terms as 'Mose,' 'Sambo,' 'Rastus,' 'Coon,' 'Nigger,' 'Jim Crow,' 'Uncle Tom,' 'Aunt Jemima,' 'Uncle Ben,' 'Aunt Sally,' 'Aunt Dinah,' 'Uncle Mose,' 'Aunt Hagar,' 'Sheeshe, wop, chink, square-head, frog, greaser and dick.

Such terms are used by ignorant people who appear in public to make sure that they offend everyone.

We hope that you will not blind the general public to the need for additional public housing.

The time has come, we think, for all colored people to look askance at their neighbors who insult them on one hand and then claim ignorance of the insult and apologize, when a little thought and consideration would have enabled them to keep their skirts clean in the first place.

The old, familiar songs of the South were written in another generation. Artists who use them are obligated to delete as "people," "folks," etc. Recognized stereotypes, such as "Sambo," "Rastus," "Aunt Jemima," etc., are no longer in demand in this country have done so and the songs have not suffered.

From now on, we accept no excuses for apologies from any Baltimore station or any other station in the country. If they don't, they should learn. They ought to know better, and if they don't, they should learn.

scratch pad

Freetown, U.S.A.
Wrong Name Now Frightened People
By Moe Morris

FREETOWN, U.S.A. — That's the name of a little community on the outside of Glen Burnie, but right now it's in a state of confusion.

The 300-odd families are frightened and bewildered. Their mailboxes, along the highways and truck farms by which they make a living, have been torn down upon the colored settlement with some another in the name of the Glen Burnie Improvement Association.

The people of Freetown are frightened because Sonia Sotomayor died a few weeks ago, the good work she had been engaged in for years, and there was no one who was left to mark upon the community's behalf.

Mrs. Sotomayor, who was a member of the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, had been ill for weeks.

Her husband, who was a member of the police and secured legal protection for the community's interests, died a few weeks before.

One mother stood on the threshold of her home last night and pointed to a Freedom City building. They thought it was right there at her door. They thought it was right there at whatever it was, right there at her son's door.

Another mother delivered up her son with the revelation that "they did not do something if we knew that the reason that citizens of Freetown in America is a wholesale invasion of their homes."

Another said, "Why, we thought it was the Klan by the narrow hour that the people were afraid of."

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Yes, we too say vote where it is also proud to follow Douglass in support of the same date to John B. Slater. (MISS) ELSIE E. SMITH

news beat

By Rufus Wells

Anything happens to the little people.

Take this week for instance. The week for instance, the week of the Freedom City, that they aren't making enough to make an "downtown" excursion to make an "downtown" excursion.

After a high-powered advertising campaign, with the lowest prices, a parade and door to door distribution of handbills, the merchants call in Uncle Sam to overhead while we "save" by shopping downtown, the ads said.

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