EDITORIAL COMMENT

Color Changes the Entire Picture

The difference between the white citizens of Baltimore and those in progressive cities like New York, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago is extremely great.

You wouldn't think that the prejudiced people of Baltimore live in the same country with the fair-thinking people of these other cities. The gap is so wide and so vast that a man, under ordinary circumstances, could not conceive it to be so.

Some white men in Baltimore just cannot tell the truth to themselves in matters concerning colored people. It seems impossible for them to think in straight lines about issues affecting the minority group.

In matters of honor and morals or religion which concern themselves their minds flow in a straight line, but as soon as the question of race enters, truth, decency, and honor usually go out of the window.

Here is a specific case:

The Baltimore Sun, in a recent editorial, declared that the recommendations of the Maryland Commission on Higher Education of Colored People are in line with the plain requirements of the Supreme Court's series of decisions on the subject.

And what did the commission recommend?

That in the matter of undergraduate education, where courses are provided at the University of Maryland, but no similar courses are provided at Morgan State College, then students at Morgan shall be sent outside the State.

And what have the Federal Courts stated, not once, but more than once on this same subject?

They have said that if educational facilities are provided for any student in a State, then they must be provided for all students within that State and without delay.

The Sun misinterpreted the Federal Court's rulings, not through ignorance, we believe, but through the kind of inadvertence that characterizes the thinking of many people within the Southern States on the question of the rights of colored people.

Moreover, the singling out of undergraduate students is not acceptable. There is no difference involved in whether a student be a graduate or an undergraduate. The commission ought to know that, and the State does know it.

The only reason we have not gone into the Federal courts and compelled the University of Maryland to open the doors of its undergraduate departments to all citizens is that we have limited ourselves to taking one step at a time.

But this allegation that the commission's report is in keeping with the decisions of the Federal courts is not only an insult to our intelligence, but also to the intelligence of the straight-thinking white citizens of Maryland.

It is time the sincere white people in Maryland be pressed into service to help us resolve this whole situation of race relations. The policy of delay, confusion, misstatement and misrepresentation has gone on too long.

The Sun and Stereotypes

From time to time, the Baltimore Sun has given us reason to believe that it had reformed, but when it published in a prominent position on its back page, Wednesday morning, a picture of a colored youngster eating a huge slice of watermelon, we realized that it is still unreconstructed and unreformed.

Publishing pictures such as this was quite the fashion with Southern daily newspapers years ago, but more enlightened publications have long since abandoned this practice because they know that a photograph of a colored youngster eating watermelon actually is no more significant than the picture of a white youngster perfoming the same act.

This is in keeping with another of the traditional "superiority" myths, namely that all colored people like watermelon. This we know to be untrue.

Ask any waiter in the downtown hotels what the most called for summer desert is, particularly during this season, and he will tell you that watermelon is the No. 1 choice.

There are plenty of colored people who have no more affinity for watermelon than have many whites.

As long as the Sun attempts to make the eating of watermelon a racial trait, there is little hope that its thinking on racial matters, despite its protestations of liberalism, has changed one iota.

End of School Segregation Seen as Next Foward Step

"Abolition of segregation in the Baltimore school system should be the next progressive step in local education, the Baltimore Teachers' Union believes.

This view was expressed by Mrs Una Corbett, former president of the union and now president of the Maryland-District of Columbia Federation of Teachers, in a recent address before the local chapter of the Frontiers of America.

Mrs. Corbett, who, despite her youthful appearance, has 27 years of teaching experience behind her, used as the text of her talk, "Particular Interest and Friendly Co-operation."

Accuracy in Text

"Whenever I am asked to speak to a group, I know that I am expected either to give the low-down on the school system of Baltimore, or talk about the Teachers' Union. I prefer to begin with the latter because I can apply my text with more accuracy, then if I discuss the school system as a whole.

"The BTU is a bona fide union, and like firemen and policemen, we are engaged in social service, therefore, we do not strike. Our strength comes from the support of labor unions.

"Our union differs from other teacher groups in that it is affiliated with labor, because it was working people who more than 100 years ago, insisted on a free, tax-supported school system, so that their children could become literate and take an active part in democracy.

"It took courage at that time for laboring people to make such a demand.

"When the AF of L organized in 1888, it adopted an educational program that was advanced, and has continuously worked for improvement in public schools."

Classroom Teachers Only

"Secondly," Mrs. Corbett continued, "our union is entirely composed of classroom teachers. No person who 'hires and fires' may belong.

"A principal, who is sympathetic, may join by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership. We feel that the key person in education is the classroom teacher, who deals directly with the child in the classroom, where the most important work is done.

"During the past generation, the average or G-grade white student usually has gone into the teaching profession. But because of fewer opportunities to enter the better-paying professions, the colored student entering the teaching field has been of a higher calibre.

Union Works for Improvement

"The union is working to make teaching more attractive to the higher type persons of both groups, by increasing salaries and improving working conditions."

Some of the things the union has accomplished since it began in 1934, include:

A maximum salary of $4,600; all teachers with the same training get equal salaries; five sick days a year which are cumulative; sabbatical leave after every seventh year of teaching for a year of study or travel, sharing salary with a substitute.

Incidentally, Mrs. Corbett will be one of the first teachers to be granted sabbatical leave for 1950-1951, by the school board. She will sail Aug. 4, for a year of travel in Europe.

Use War to Improve Status

Mrs. Corbett concluded by saying, "Teachers, like minority groups, use a war to improve their conditions. With World II, and fortunately a change in administration, the Union was ready to give support to the more liberal forces.

"This became the rallying point of those teachers who were determined to make their profession truly professional.

"The Union believes the next big step in Baltimore, is the abolition of segregation. And, with particular interest and friendly co-operation, we can move forward together for the social betterment of our city."

CRITICAL TEST

Mahoney's Political Blunder

Democrats in the rival camp of George P. Mahoney, candidate for Governor, made capital, this week, of a political blunder reportedly made by Mr. Mahoney.

A newspaperman, accompanying him on a hand-shaking campaign tour in Prince Frederick, Md., reported one of their encounters thusly:

"Two women, one white and one colored, stood outside the store. He (Mahoney) spoke to both and shook hands with the white woman."

If the incident occurred as it is reported, Mr. Mahoney needs a political awakening.

It is not good politics to shake the hands of white voters and slight the hands of the colored ones. For at the polls, he will need the hands of both races to pull a sufficient number of levers to assure his election.

26-Million Dollars Asked by School Board for 1951

Representing a $2,628,293 increase over funds allotted for 1950, budget requests of the School Board for next year total $26,373,465.

In submitting the proposed educational budget to the Board of Estimates, school officials pointed out that planning was based upon the prediction that school enrollment will rise by 2,700 pupils in 1951.

Moreover, the School Board revealed, next year, seven new schools and three additions to existing buildings will be ready for occupancy.

New Schools Listed

Those expected to be ready for occupancy in February include the new West Baltimore Elementary School at Schroeder and Fayette Sts.; new Southwest Baltimore Elementary School at Warner, Barre and Lee Sts.

Cherry Hill Elementary School, Mt. Winans Elementary School, and a two-room addition to Junior High School No. 168 in South Baltimore.

During this year, the board went on a seven-room addition will be made to School No. 139 at Central Ave. and Lexington St., and prefabricated classrooms will be opened in September at the following schools:

No. 112 at Calhoun and Laurens Sts.; No. 113-A at Eden and Hoffman Sts.; No. 122, Preston St., near Pennsylvania Ave.; No. 138, Harlem Ave. and Monroe St.; No. 152, at Fairfield, and No. 159, at Cherry Hill.

181 Staff Additions

To staff the units to be opened next year, and to provide for increased enrollment in existing buildings, the board asked for 169 additional teachers, six principals and six vice-principals.

These positions would be distributed among the new colored and white units in proportion to the need.

Educational and business salaries for 1950 would consume $21,856,078 of the overall budget requests. This represents a $1,235,257 increase over salaries for 1950.

Other Costs Itemized

The board made additional requests for:

Educational supplies, $1,203,115; secondary athletics, $85,000; general administration, $45,500; business administration, $19,500.

Maintenance of plant, $1,215,000; maintenance of equipment, $595,000; plant operation, $780,500; auxiliary services, $91,500; and fixed charges, $4,347.

Capital outlay for major improvements would total $149,625 for equipment and $450,000 for buildings and grounds.

To Increase Services

Under its program for special services, the School Board asked for additional positions of two supervisors of child guidance, 10 visiting teachers, two part-time psychiatrists, two psychologists and four clerks.

Four additional teachers of speech correction and one examiner are needed for the division which provides educational services for mentally and physically handicapped children, it was cited.

A total of $41,900 was requested to replace old equipment in elementary schools; $62,450 to replace worn-out equipment in secondary schools; and $144,650 for replacing equipment in the vocational schools.

Health Needs Noted

Under the health and physical education program, the board asked for $11,000 for replacement of gymnasium and playground equipment and for the maintenance of health suites with the necessary facilities.

Purchase of new equipment for elementary schools would total $16,725; for secondary schools, $23,400; and in the vocational departments, $43,400.

Air Force Computer Speedy

The Air Force is now using to solve its complex budget and procurement problems a giant electronic computer that can add or subtract eleven-digit numbers at the rate of 1100 per second.

Although the machine does no real thinking, technicians pointed out that "limited decisions" based upon comparison of numbers is possible.

When in high gear this mechanical wizard can also devour multiplication and division problems and feed out the answers at a speed of 320 times per second.

Machine's Cost $250,000

The machine is known as "SEAC," which is an abbreviation for "National Bureau of Standards Eastern Automatic Computer." The Bureau of Standards constructed the machine for Air Force use.

It is expected that the $250,000 machine will be able to determine in brief time estimated budget requirements for aircraft at any of 200 possible budget program levels.

This electronic computer never once gets confused by its own speed, for it has an impressive capacity for storing numbers in its memory unit and can check its operations for errors.

Speak Your Piece

Sun's Insult Resented

Dear AFRO:

What's the Morning Sun's trouble?

Is it mad about the record of bravery that colored troops are making in Korea? Is it angry because the University of Maryland must admit a colored applicant to its nursing school?

Or is it disgusted because a number of colored candidates have filed for office, and it looks as if one or more will make it in.

I can think of no other reasons why the Sun would run a large picture of a colored boy posing with an even larger water melon.

Evidently, the Sun wants the public to hold on to those stereotyped notions just as long as possible. Bet it paid the little kid to pose, too, and ignored a bunch of white youngsters who would have been more than willing.

—(Mrs.) FRANCES JENNEFER

Little Children Pawns?

Dear AFRO: As I was getting into my car in the 800 block Wolfe St. on July 24, a white man was gathering three little colored boys around him asking them to sign their names to something they knew little or nothing about.

I got out of the car to find out what they were signing. At the top of the list was "I want a United Nations school holiday."

He offered it to me to sign, but refused, because I'd heard nothing about this on the radio or through the papers.

Should See Parents First

This man disappeared quickly when I questioned him. Something should be done about these people coming into our neighborhoods and playing us cheap by using our children to make their point.

If there are programs they want to put over in their own neighborhoods, they go to the parents and not to the children.

—(Mrs.) F. SLAUGHTER

Guardsmen Satisfied

Dear AFRO: I am taking this opportunity to express to your organization our appreciation for its co-operation and consideration during our 1950 summer encampment at Camp Pickett, Va.

We were particularly happy to have representatives of your paper with us for the Governor's Day celebration. I'm sure that their personal contact with the men furnished a wealth of material for the folks back at home.

The officers and enlisted men of this battalion join in my wish for the continued co-operation and coverage of our activities in the future.

VERNON F. GREENE,
Headquarters
231st Transportation Truck Bn.
Maryland National Guard

The Big Spiel

Club House Tickets—'For White Only'
A Vote-Getting Campaign Slogan
Politician's 'Love Ends at Polls?

By Biddy Wood

A man speaking on politics and politicians once said, "The sincerity of most politicians ends when you leave the polls."

Now whether this statement is true or not is a matter for personal opinion. Many think that political sincerely is based on certain specific gains derived from aligning with various candidates who are successfully elected.

Friday night, Fourth District Democrats backing the Lane ticket, held an organizational meeting in the Blue Room of the York Hotel.

Had occasion then to meet for the first time, the much talked about—James H. (Jack) Pollack, recognized in most circles as a Democratic Party leader.

Attacks Adversary

Mr. Pollack spoke for about four minutes on the need for organization and voting and for about two minutes on the political faults of his one-time adversary — William Curran.

According to Mr. Pollack, "Willie" is a self-centered man who plays a political game of divide and conquer.

After carrying Curran over the political coals, Mr. Pollack sat down, a satisfied look on his face.

A newcomer to political jargon and tactics, had a little trouble deciding how much water Pollack's speech would hold in the "sincere", politicians' bucket.

When all the speakers had had their says, the Dem's in true fashion ended the meeting on a successful note—dinner was served, with all the trimmings—beer, bourbon, etc.

Half way between a mouthful of potato salad and a slice of ham, Mr. Pollack turned to a group of men gathered around and said, "Say, do you fellows ever go to the trotting races?"

After getting a dozen affirmative answers, the bespectacled party leader, reached into his pocket and offered a handful of tickets to the recently opened race track.

Club House Society for Whites

Marked in big black letters on the tickets were the words, "Club House."

Never in the history of racing in Maryland have colored persons set foot in club houses at any of the tracks—unless they were employees or "passing."

Mr. Pollack then apologetically admitted that he had not been to the races in "about 10 years." Maybe he thought the system had changed.

Of course, it is not logical that a political leader would purposely pull a faux pax of that nature. So it is safe to assume that he offered the tickets in good faith.

'Funniest People'

Langston Hughes, once wrote, "White folks are the funniest people."

Although Mr. Pollack does not frequent the trotting races, if he had read this column, two weeks ago, he would have realized that not only are colored persons excluded from the club house at all Maryland race tracks, but also have separate toilet facilities at the particular track for which he has race track.

Matter of fact, if Mr. Pollack or any politician ever wants a vote-getting slogan, then try this one, "End Segregation on Maryland Tracks."

Scratch Pad

Living Up to the Limit
You Take Care of Jim Crow
Long Time Between Week Ends

By Mae Morris Medders

Go ahead—step on, my corns, call me names, thumb your nose if you like.

Nothing can upset me today. Not even the fresh guy who yelled "Hey girlie."

The editor could send me on an assignment to the City Morgue, and I wouldn't complain a bit.

Surprise (that's what puppy again) could chew on one of my best slippers, and I'd pat her on the head.

Best Reason in World

It could rain on my new hat and I'd grin; the phone could ring with a dozen "wrong numbers"—no matter.

Nope! Nothing can upset me today, 'cause I'm going on vacation.

For two whole weeks, I'm going to forget about downtown Baltimore and its lily-white preference; the Park Board and its stupid jim crow policy;

Politics and its disgusting methods; courts and their never-ending parade of defendants; State's attorneys and their "first name" calling; lunch counters and their "take-out" signs.

Queen for While

For 2 weeks out of 52, I'm going to be the most important gal in the world. And woe unto the person who dares to think otherwise.

It's a long time between three week ends, pal so make it count, I always say.

Meanwhile, I'll be seeing you—all (darn that Baltimore influence).

County 'Boss' Defends Bolton's Bad Record

By JULIA B. ENGLISH

Not so long ago I had the occasion to talk with Christian Kahl, chief commissioner of Baltimore County and figurative boss of the Democratic machine out there. It was a revelation.

The word machine has always had an ugly connotation for me; partly because I have always associated it with such men as Boss Crump of Memphis, "Mayor" Hague of New Jersey and the legendary Huey Long of Louisiana.

So as I sat down in Mr. Kahl's comfortable office in the County Courthouse of Towson, my first question, designed to set me straight from the start, was "Are you considered the 'boss' of the county?"

Doesn't Like Designation

Suave, polished, self confident, Mr. Kahl assured me that he did not like the designation but had to admit that in his official position as chief county commissioner he had inherited the mantle of the previous "boss."

My mind cleared on that problem. I then got down to the business at hand: The machine's—and Mr. Kahl's—endorsement of William P. Bolton for re-election to the Second Congressional District seat in the House of Representatives.

Some citizens are not too pleased with Mr. Bolton's voting record during the 81st Congress. It seems that he was never able to make up his mind. He had voted for rent control and against rent control. He had voted for an anti-poll tax bill and had voted against a good FEPC bill.

Even Mr. Kahl had to agree that Mr. Bolton had not been either strongly Democratic or Republican in his thinking, although he is endorsed by the Democrats. In that respect, however, Mr. Bolton had been very much Southern Democratic, teaming up with the Grand Old Party to kill progressive legislation.

And although the Democratic Party, nationally and locally, has definite platforms, and although Mr. Bolton has not conformed to either, Mr. Kahl said that his "machine" considers him a good man, worthy of re-election to the post he now holds.

As expected, the county "mayor" was unable to say HOW Mr. Bolton thinks about his constituents—all of them—but he did say a couple of things that led me to believe that Mr. Bolton DOESN'T.

Conducting 'Social' Campaign

For one thing, when asked how Mr. Bolton is conducting his campaign, Mr. Kahl revealed that the Second District Congressman is playing it socially; that is, according to Mr. Kahl, he takes small parties of 30 or 40 persons out on his launch and conveys to them his ambitions for the office and what he plans to do for all the people. Of course, those parties (social) have been lily-white.

But Mr. Kahl is aware of the fact that his machine must represent all of the people. And so, in that connection, he pointed to the progress made throughout the county in recent years. He pointed to the development of schools, the establishment of a health center and a branch library and recreational facilities throughout the county, some for colored people and some for whites.

Low Voting Record Cited

The commissioner also noted that an effort is being made to get more colored persons registered to vote, pointing out that there are only 617 registered in Catonsville and only 1435 in the 12th Election District, which includes Turner Station.

I hope that the effort is successful, for I don't feel that what is being done to the constituents should be continued, and only by voting can they change the pattern.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

NOTES ON MY CUFF: War dispatches from the Korean front are a must read. If you haven't taken time to read about the hell our boys are facing, do so immediately.

Then you'll understand why certain of us have no patience with public officials who talk about separate but equal schools and playgrounds for the children of the guys who are giving their lives for so-called freedom.

There's no jim crow on the battlefield. Bullets know no color line. There ought to be no jim crow at home.

School Injustices Cited

Are there certain schools in Northwest Baltimore set aside for white pupils only where all the facilities are not being used? Is it a fact that Western High School had empty classrooms last term, while Douglass High School operated on two shifts with crowded classrooms?

Isn't it time for Baltimore and other cities to eliminate this silly "separate" school arrangement and permit children of all races to attend public schools nearest their homes?

MUST SEE: Don't miss "Broken Arrow," the movie based on early Midwest settlement and Americans' fight against the Apache Indians, now showing at the Regent Theatre.

Message for All Americans

You'll be impressed by the lesson this film teaches: namely, that if people allow themselves to understand customs of other people, they can live together in peace and harmony. There's a message here for all Americans.

THEY CAN'T WIN: Adults who seek to foster ill-will between the races and reserve certain playground areas for whites only, ought to give up. They can't win.

Easterwood Park in my neighborhood, is according to the Park Board, to provide play equipment for white children only. I watched a public worker give a ball and a bat to a white tot, deny one to a colored child.

Guess what? The white kid ignored her admonition, took his colored friend by the hand and they both enjoyed a good game of ball on the playground all of us help maintain. They can't win!

POLITICS
From the GOP Viewpoint

By MARSE S. CALLAWAY

Every gain we have made in latter years has come from the courts.

We have received aid and comfort at times from individuals, boards and commissions, but in the final analysis the courts have been the bulwark of our civil rights.

It is therefore to our interest that the authority of our courts be strengthened, especially when their opinions are questioned by persons with political axes to grind.

There is another principle involved. The Governor's executive department and the judiciary are separate, independent branches of our government. Each is equal to the other and each is entitled to the respect of the other.

Lane Would Reverse Own Courts

But Governor Lane does not believe in this. The Courts of Appeals stood behind our right to be educated in the University of Maryland.

Governor Lane has authorized an appeal from our own Court of Appeals, thereby taking the position that our court is wrong in this question involving colored citizens. Whether it is right or wrong, it is our court of last resort and no Governor should question its decision or authority. Others may, but not he.

And he is doing the same thing with respect to the action of the Public Service Commission, which the Court of Appeals overruled recently.

Governor Lane wishes to appeal from our highest State court's decision. He is not content with the rulings of our final court. This is wrong and the people will show Mr. Lane that he is wrong.

I am alarmed at the action of our Governor in attempting to go over the head of our Court of Appeals.

I have full confidence in our Court of Appeals and not so much faith in the Governor or any boards appointed by him.

Hodge - Podge

By BOB MATTHEW

Did you know that there are only 99 more shopping days until Christmas?

No! I am not crazy. I am merely indulging in a bit of mental therapy. It's often said that when you're bothered by the heat, think of something cold.

And thinking of cold weather reminds me of Christmas—speaking of Christmas reminds me of egg nog—which reminds me of a true happening of last Christmas.

Twas the day before Christmas, and one of Baltimore's better known matrons was pondering the problem of what sort of "cheer" to serve her Christmas guests.

Reading through some magazine advertisements, she came upon a recipe for egg nog.

"The very thing," she thought, and began immediately to assemble the ingredients. The refrigerator yielded everything necessary except that one ingredient that distinguishes Christmas egg nog from medicinal "nog—whiskey.

This posed a problem for the matron. She had never been inside a liquor store in her entire life, else to end so with grave misgivings and great embarrassment, she started to the liquor store.

She arrived without encountering any friends who might inquire as to her mission and paused to collect her nerve before taking the plunge.

Finally, she walked over to the counter—summoned her dignity around her and imperiously demanded:

"A quart of Three Roses, please."

It used to seem funny to me until that day when I walked into a grocery store and absently asked for a "fifth of milk."

Mutato nomine (Latin: Translation—They must have changed the name.)

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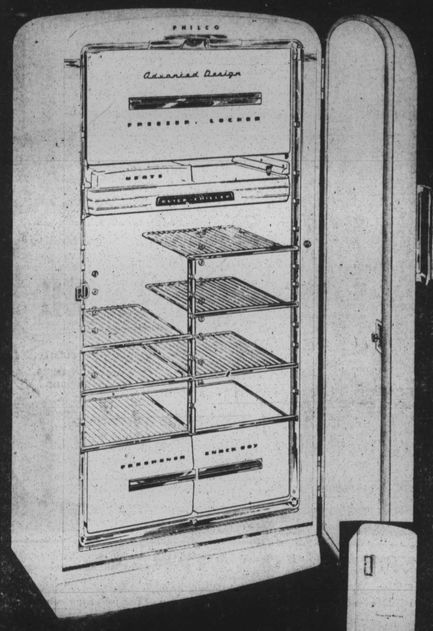

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