"We are Americans and, as Americans, we would speak to America" —Frederick Douglass

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Why William Worthy went to Red China

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patches from these two areas are well known to AFRO readers.

The final trip, a tour of Communist China, was delayed because the Chinese Government had not seen fit to grant Mr. Worthy a visa.

This visa was finally granted on Dec. 16. Mr. Worthy was notified of the Chinese action by a cable from Chu Lieh, secretary of the Information Department, Chinese Foreign Ministry, Peiping.

At the time, he was studying at Harvard University under a Neiman Fellowship. The six weeks' recess granted Neiman Fellows during the Christmas holidays permitted Mr. Worthy to make the trip.

At the time the coverage project was first planned, the question of State Department policy was never raised.

Actually, the AFRO has no desire to test or defy State Department policy.

Our sole aim then, as it is now, was to provide our readers with first-hand knowledge of matters of interest to them.

Mr. Worthy was asked to secure interviews with American turncoats who refused to return home after the Korean war.

He was also asked to talk with Americans captured during the Korean war still being held by the Chinese.

Mr. Worthy travelled on a passport which allowed him to travel in Asia and the Orient.

In compliance with the law, Mr. Worthy, before his departure, swore out a disclaimer absolving the State Department of all responsibility for the safety of his person or property while in China.

The document in affidavit form, stated in part:

"I earn my livelihood through my profession as a newspaper, radio and television correspondent, reporting primarily from and about foreign countries and the people therein.

"In the course of this employment I have variously reported for the Columbia Broadcasting System, the AFRO-AMERICAN and other publications and publishers.

"This work has required me to enter many areas that are not ordinarily visited by American citizens, including parts of Africa, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

"For a long time I have been seeking admission to the Chinese Mainland, and I have just been informed that a visa will be granted me by the Chinese Government for the month of January, 1957.

"It is my hope that I will be able to take advantage of this opportunity as I believe that a visit there and a first-hand report on it to the American people, through whatever channels become available to me in the course of my professional activities, will be beneficial."

The filing of the disclaimer of responsibility was Mr. Worthy's own decision after consultation with the legal counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Our hats are off

When one looks back upon the struggle for civil rights which has been waged during 1956, he cannot but be struck by the fact that women have not been left out of the picture in nearly every instance.

Miss Autherine Lucy (now Mrs. Foster) was the principal in the fight to be the first colored person enrolled as a student at the University of Alabama.

Mrs. Rosa Parks of Montgomery, Ala., whose mistreatment on a segregated bus in Montgomery sparked the famous bus boycott there, is still fighting through the courts for $25,000 damages after her case in the Federal courts broke down the jim-crow concept of intrastate segregation.

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MISSES CARRIE PATTERSON of Lakeland, Fla., and Wilhelmina Jackson of West Palm Beach were the two Florida A. and M. coeds, whose refusal to accept segregated seating conditions on a Tallahassee bus last May led to the effective bus boycott there, which is still continuing.

Mrs. Wynona McSwain, mother of 12 and grandmother of 6, was the leading spirit in the desegregation of the schools in Clinton, Tenn. Without organized help, she has fought since 1940 to gain the blessings of integrated schooling for her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. James Gordon of Clay, Ky., carried her two children, James, 10, and Theresa, 8, to the formerly all-white elementary school there through jeering mobs and with the certain knowledge that her action would cause her husband, who worked in the garage of the mayor of Sturgis, Ky., the loss of his job.

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DR. MARGARET JUST BUTCHER, English professor of Howard University and former member of the Washington, D.C., Board of Education, fought for the complete integration of schools in the nation's capital to such an extent that she underwent a breakdown caused by overwork.

Dr. Butcher was following in the footsteps of the late Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, who devoted her lifetime in efforts to effect the abolishing of discrimination and segregation in Washington, D.C.

Who said women were the "weaker sex"? Our hats are off to them!

Time for a change

A recent case involving the blonde mother of a child fathered by a colored man has provoked in the minds of many of an ancient and fantastic Maryland law.

This 292-year-old statute makes it a crime for a white woman to give birth to a child of a non-white father.

The clear implication adds up to the kind of racial discrimination and insult to human decency which would have put Hitler to shame.

It tampers with the freedom of choice in the most intimate of selections that adult men and women are privileged to make.

It stigmatizes an entire race and could make mockery of the most sacred institution on earth.

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THE WORLD is moving towards new concepts of the dignity of man.

Science has dismissed the phony theories of the master race.

There is no place in 1956 for any law which makes it a crime to bear a colored child, even if the mother happens to be white.

Former State's attorney Anselm Sodaro is quoted as saying that this particular law needs "judicial interpretation."

We go one step further; this law needs to be abolished — and quickly.

Jobs for refugees

We are all for the zealous efforts being made by the various agencies in Washington to obtain work for the Hungarian refugees.

This is a display of American good will which should make all of us extra proud of being a part of this great country. And it has special significance at this season of the year.

However, many of our readers have pointed out that it doesn't seem quite fair that citizens of another country can come to this country and get jobs denied to colored taxpayers who have lived here all of their lives.

That observation makes a lot of sense in our book. For while we concede charity to be the greatest virtue, we contend that the practice of it should begin at home.

But I write this letter to warn all mothers that very young girls should not be sent on errands late in the evening. That child could have been hurt.

"ANXIOUS MOTHER"

Praise for Liss

Dear AFRO:

I was glad to see the AFRO give due credit to Councilman Liss for his forthright stand on the Baltimore hotel situation.

We are quick to condemn those who are against our objectives, but often we fail to fully praise those who are fighting along with us.

The AFRO is usually on the ball—on both counts.

Keep up the good work.

HORTENSE DICKSON

Praise for Mrs. Payne

Dear AFRO:

Mrs. Minnie Mae Payne is putting up a brave fight to share the companionship of her husband in prison. Only a Christian woman would make the attempt.

Some criticize this wife for her action. But from what I have heard, such criticism comes from timid souls of the snob variety.

There is no question but what there would be fewer divorces and heartbreaks in the District if more men and women took the marriage vow with the latter or for worse" with as much seriousness as Mrs. Payne shows.

(Mrs.) GRACE WOODSON

Bread out of their mouths

Dear AFRO:

After reading the story in your paper about Joe Louis' tax troubles, I am of the opinion that Uncle Sam is making too much of a good thing out of the former heavyweight champion.

There should have been some way to settle this debt with Louis, who was very generous in fighting for public benefits. Everybody recalls how he donated his entire purse in one fight to Army-Navy relief.

It looks like a set of zealous bureaucrats in the tax office is bucking for promotion, using Joe as a stepping stone. The Eisenhower administration ought to put these zealots down, if not out the nearest window.

They shouldn't be allowed to take bread out of the mouths of Louis' children. Human decency would entitle them to something from the money their father made in the ring.

WALTER CARR

Re the unChristian YWCA

Dear AFRO:

How can the YMCA claim to be a Christian association on one hand and on the other permit the unChristian practice of discrimination?

I commend Dr. Edward C. Mazique for his attempt to end segregation in the local organization. It is too bad that the attempt was futile.

JOHN SAUNDERS

Poet's nook

JANUS

Each footstep on the stairway
At night time or in day
Echoes through the old home
Where we all used to play.

Heavy clanking boots
Of marching little feet
Echo through the haunted house
Where life one time was sweet.

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Satin shod young matrons
With heads held high in pride
Once trod the creaky stairway
With sweethearts by their side.

Grieving old retainers
Followed masters down the stair—
To the door wide open
With Janus' guarding there.

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On the massive locker
Two faced Janus stares
Patron of the first and last
A masque of mystery wears.

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Backward Janus looks
And in the future too.
Protector of the old place
A guardian stern and true.

LUCILLE AGNES CALMES

City Desk Memo

By CHESTER M. HAMPTON

Some weeks ago, this desk got a letter from a local resident who had received solicitations from a southern school for financial assistance.

Never having heard of the Piney Woods School in Piney Woods, Miss., she wrote to inquire if such a school existed. I assured her that such a school did exist when I contacted her on the telephone.

She then asked if this school were worthy of the help it solicited — to this, I answered that this was a question only she could answer for herself. She might, I added, consult with her pastor for help in reaching her decision.

All this took place before a radio news flash last week announced that the Piney Woods School was sending 1,000 (count 'em) Christmas trees to Camp Kilmer for the Yuletide merriment of Hungarian refugees there.

WHEN I HEARD of this I went back to my files and dug up the letter containing the printed appeal from Piney Woods. Reproduced on the appeal is a letter from a little Mississippi girl asking if she could come to the school. She was obviously in need of education.

On the same circular, in a reproduced letter over the signature of Laurette C. Jones, founder and principal, is this paragraph:

"The staples we cannot raise, are expensive. Spaghetti, $59; Laundry Soap, $33; Flour, $419; Sugar, $120; and Rice, $437. These are but a sample of things we must buy for the children."

The letter continues:

"Your generosity helps determine whether we can admit 350 or up to 500 boys and girls — many of whom are orphans, half orphans and youngsters from broken homes. Yes, only $1.00 or more for the enclosed name labels will help."

(A sample of an inexpensive name and address label was enclosed.)

NOW THE TWO paragraphs I quoted seem to indicate a low-budget operation. We hope, of course, that the school can save its own meats and green vegetables because there is no mention of them in the expense column.

Now, back to the 1,000 (count 'em) Christmas Trees. What did you pay for yours? I paid a buck-plus for mine.

Now just say that this Jones who styles himself "the Little Professor of Piney Woods," had gone his trees on the market at half a buck a throw — there's $500 right there.

This is enough to buy all his rice — or his flour or spaghetti and laundry soap for quite a while.

WHAT I'M GETTING at is: how is he so willing to peddle impressive name and address labels and so unwilling to peddle Christmas Trees? Why, the shipping charges alone for 1,000 Christmas trees from Mississippi to New Jersey must have been tremendous.

I hate to harp on the hard-raised Hungarians so much — and believe me, I don't blame them for taking all they can get — but I do think that some of us are using not only poor judgement but bad taste in our efforts toward them.

How does the question of taste enter in? Well if the Little Prof had distributed those trees among children of Mississippi sharecroppers — or done any other charity much closer to home—then he would not have been the subject of a nationally broadcast news item.

A GREAT MANY other people are climbing on this Hungarian bandwagon — and garnering publicity thereby — who could certainly place their charity a little closer to home.

We've had, of course, many letters from readers complaining that these aliens are getting a much better break than native-born American citizens.

As one of the City Deskers said: "If you were a refugee to Hungary, you'd soon be very." (Hungry, that is.)

'HEY, POP—'

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Should be concerned

Dear AFRO:

I read about a poll which showed that the colored minister was concerned about how he would fare in the completely integrated church.

The educators who conducted the poll said the ministers should realize competition is universal and not try to hide behind "the cloak of race" or something like that.

Well, the ministers have a right to be concerned, if they are not. In my more than 60 years, I have seen top jobs in the food industry, personal service, and other occupations slip from the fingers of colored men into the outstretched arms of white men.

I hope they can hang on to the pulpits.

PAUL RICHARDSON

Report on poets

Dear AFRO:

I read the AFRO poets to the letter.

But as reporters,

I like them BETTER!

SUSAN GREEN.

Thanks AFRO

Dear AFRO:

The Maryland Division of the American Cancer Society expresses its sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation rendered the Society in making November Cancer Education, so successful.

The many inquiries we received regarding cancer led to the detection of several early cancers with the result that prompt treatment will effect complete cures for these individuals.

JOHN M. NASH
Director, Public Relations
American Cancer Society

'Warm hearts'.

Dear AFRO:

Your story about Carl Smith was certainly effective. Still those cards and presents from your readers show two things: people read the AFRO and AFRO readers have big hearts.

Merry Christmas ... Happy New Year!

ROBERT TILLMAN

Likes picture

Dear AFRO:

That picture showing the lady lighting the candle for Carl, the cancer victim, was very touching. You may be interested to know that my own son, nine years of age, has been including Carl in his prayers since we first heard of the sad news.

(Mrs.) FONTILLA HUGHES

Helped needy

Dear AFRO:

The members of the Robert H. Brooks Post and Unit 165, distributed four Christmas baskets to the needy families.

This is one of the many services performed by our group.

(Mrs.) VERA DAVIS,
President

(Mrs.) HORTENSE PRESS
Secretary

JAMES HUBBARD,
Commander

'After 300 years'

Dear AFRO:

I am a Christian man and try to help my fellowman as much as I can, but I just don't go along with this business of giving the Hungarian refugees more than the native born colored people of this city can get.

What a joke it is, but a sad one, to learn that after 300 odd years in this country, we don't have the rights given to people who are not even citizens.

J. R. HANIS

We puzzle him

Dear AFRO:

I read your paper dated Dec. 18, 1956 and for the life of me cannot understand your policy.

First, a Washington couple adopted seven children from overseas. Then I know for a fact that there are hundreds of colored children right here in need of adoption.

Second, a prominent colored citizen spent money for Hungarian refugees and his own people are begging for gifts.

BERT CAPLUTS

Writes warning

Dear AFRO:

I saw a brave little girl go through an exciting attempted hold-up without losing her nerve.

Doris P. Haywood, former Baltimorean, now living in New York used a green card with a white angel and yellow letters which carried a verse of greeting.

Ralph and Catherine Boyd, Baltimoreans now residing in Syracuse, sent their greetings in brown and red and a note that their heir has not yet arrived but is due any day.

Chuck and Clarice Richardson's bright blue card with the words "Silent Night" in two-inch high white letters. Very attractive.

Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne up Frederick way also used the blue and white Silent Night card on a smaller scale.

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Former Baltimore residents, Jimmy and Dorothy Unthank, down in Winston-Salem used a red background for their thoughtful greeting which read, "Never a Christmas morning, never the old year ends, but someone thinks of someone, old days, old times, old friends."

Morgan President and Mrs. Martin Jenkins sent a white card with a red border; and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark (Dr. Mamie) used a unique white card with a map of the world and greetings in many languages.

Former Baltimorean Edna Hopkins, now Mrs. Francis Brabham of New York, selected a purple blue background for their shiny red Christmas tree.

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Among The distinctive cards, one from the Alvin Waterses in green and white and an old fashioned snow scene and a greeting in verse.

Mrs. Victorine Adams selected the three youthful wise men as her greeting card;

Nat Allen, the Ford salesman, had a shiny black Ford on the front of his with the lines "A new model, but carrying the same old-fashioned pair, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year."

Logan and Adah Jenkins' card showed a picture of a Chinese Virgin and child and a Chinese proverb which read: "All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Pretty Christmas cards...

Weren't the Christmas cards pretty this year? I guess we all say that each year but somehow those this season appeared to be lovelier than ever.

Particularly attractive were the shiny black cards such as the one with the huge red candle which was sent by the John Halls (Philathea).

And the one with the yellow tree sent by the Allen Brodnaxes of Richmond; and, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Burn it's which had a pretty pink house and a green house on its cover with the words "Greetings from our house to your house."

Dr. and Mrs. George Woodland decorated their jet cards with a yellow greeting sign and a yellow lampost;

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Magistrate and Mrs. Everett Lane's had the outline of two persons bending over a candle; and a pretty verse inside saying: "It wouldn't seem like Christmas, if we couldn't get in touch and extend the season's greetings to those we like so much."

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Allegonis card had two pretty red candles on the front.

Patrolman Avon Cooper used a black card and accentuated it with a white candle and a red greetings background. Very classy.

Equally as pretty was the Roy Gordons' black card which was decorated with two bright red poinsettias.

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Of Course, Christmas would not be Christmas without the pictures of kids which show you what the children have grown.

The Earl Andersons' daughter, Lynn, is pictured carrying a lighted candle upstairs.

Dr. and Mrs. Renold Lightsey's four youngsters are seated together on a bench and my how they have grown!

Dilto, the John Murphys' Daniel and Kathleen have grown this year singing carols outside their Catonsville home.

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Knox, former Baltimoreans now residing in Washington picture their Billy and Karen reading a Christmas story.

Yes, the Christmas cards were certainly pretty this year!

People, places and things...

Visitor in our midst this week: Mrs. Elizbeth Wilson of Boston, Mass. Remember when she taught here at Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School No. 103???

She will be among the guests who will gather on Sunday at the Druid Hill Ave. home of Mrs. Mary C. Bennett for Mrs. Bennett's annual holiday dinner.

Others invited include the Rev. and Mrs. Julius Carroll, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward G. Carroll and family; Mrs. Avon Davis, Mrs. Mason Hawkins, Mrs. Daisy Scott Miller, Mrs. Fannie Glascoe, Mrs. Lillian Watty and her mother, Mrs. Short;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brion, Mrs. Dolly Brown, A. J. Holsey, Mrs. Geneva P. Musenden, Mrs. Eleanor Mitchell, Wardell Richardson, Mrs. Anna Coleman, Mrs. Neelie Westbrook, Mrs. Grace Cole Anderson, Haywood Strothers, M. C. Myrtle Wake, Charles Bennett, George T. A. Gibson Sr.;

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And Garfield Hinton, Mrs. Inez Smith, George E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shipley, Miss Margaret C. Bailey, Mrs. Bertha Coleman, and Richard Ryan, Mr. Ryan, by the way, is now principal of Leonardtown High School.

Mrs. Bennett's daughters, Mrs. Susie Bennett Jackson and Miss Anna Bennett, are preparing the meal — turkey and all the trimmings.

With all these grand people present at one time, everyone should have a grand time.

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Also visiting here — Mrs. Tank Conrad and her hubby from Fort Smith Arkansas. Mrs. Carrie Robinson at 1311 N. Carey St. They're also visiting his sister, Mrs. Roselle N.J. Remember when he was 'the' Morgan team?

They're now at Winston-Salem Teachers' College.

Localites out of town — Dr. and Mrs. Harris Harris Jr. (Stevie) and their daughter, Marilyn, are in Chicago for a week visiting her mother, Mrs. Helen Stephens and her uncle, Leon Motts.

It's Marilyn's first train trip.

Local freshmen home from Howard University for the holidays are Sarah Rose Parker, son Lee and Marjorie Flannegan.

More people and things...

This year's Christmas decorations are pretty as a picture.

Drive around at night and see the clever way your neighbors have prettied the outside of their homes.

Jolly and stout Benny Vaughan, who died suddenly at his W. Hoffman St. home (533) on Sunday, was for many years a collector for the AFRO circulation department.

Funeral was in his hometown of Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Mary Tate called to say she had a ticket from the Methodist church to attend a Christmas party for children.

Last year, when she got to the theatre door, she was turned away and told it was for white only.

This year, she was reluctant to go. It was suggested that she go — maybe the Christmas spirit would prevail.

This is to report that the Christmas spirit did indeed prevail. Mrs. Tate was made welcome and given goodies for her children who were bedded down with a cold and unable to accompany her.

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Santa Claus was kind to Dot Wood, the school marm whose hubby — John — (Junky to his friends) gifted her with a mink stole.

And Schoolmarm Elaine Howard got a pretty white leather coat from her husband, Dick.

Seems as though coats were all the rage for Christmas gifts this year.

Sam Phillips gave his Gloria a pretty tweed coat.

Forgot to mention a week or so back that the T. T. Smiths, he's the well-known moving-man, marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

And Dr. and Mrs. Kelly Jackson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 26th. She's a city principal and he is superintendent of the Washington District of the Methodist Church.

Wedding anniversary greetings to David and Bea Wright, Dr. Eugene and Mabel Byrd, Bob and Vashti Martin, Mr. and Frances and James Wood, all wed on December 26.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Drake (Bee) and their children are hereabouts for the Omega festivities.

Pretty Bobbie Hardy of Chicago was the guest of N.Y.'s Grant Reynolds at the Delta dance Thursday, it's too.

Thought of the week...

If you hurt some heart this year, now is the time to mend it.

If you stepped on somebody's toes this year, now is the time to make amends.

If you meant to visit a shut-in or send a card of cheer to an invalid or do something kind for a friend or neighbor or just an acquaintance, now is the time to do so.

1956 is on her lasts legs. If you don't do it NOW, it will be too late to count it among your good deeds for the year. Do it today.

Dr. Samuel Johnson said: "Life is not long, and too much of it must not pass in idle deliberation on how it shall be spent."

Happy New Year!

The Reporters Report To The People

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By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Almost everybody makes New Year's resolutions but hardly anyone keeps them.

This year, however, dear friends and gentle readers, I've made up a batch of resolutions that ought to be a cinch to keep.

I resolve that in the coming year I shall not lose my temper, unless somebody makes me angry.

In the coming year whenever I see a dirty old dollar bill just lying in the street, I won't pick it up but will leave it there for some deserving soul.

Of course if the dollar bill isn't too too dirty I just might pick it up. After all there's no use in overdoing the thing.

I FROM HERE on out whenever I ride a streetcar I shall give a standing lady my seat. Unless of course she is younger than I and there is no place else to sit.

This summer I shall cut my grass once a week, unless it happens to be too hot and there's danger of sun stroke.

There's no need messing around with fate and when it gets along about July and August and September, it's too darn hot to be out cutting any grass.

REALIZING THAT there is nothing like exercise to keep you fit, I shall take up some hobby that will get me out in the sunshine.

This year I will not have an unkind word to say about anybody except perhaps my enemies, rock and roll shouters and groaners, the Russians, and the guy who sold me some material for a suit and didn't tell me that he was giving me the business.

I had enough material for a suit okay, but I would have to be three feet tall to wear it.

Happy New Year.

Along the way

STEVE DUNCAN

Five years ago on December 25, a Florida freedom fighter, 46-year-old Harry T. Moore met a martyr's death when a bomb planted by prosegregationists under his bedroom exploded killing him outright and mortally wounding his wife.

Just last Tuesday, also on Christmas Day, the assassins were at it again, but this time in Alabama.

The target for Christmas 1956 was to have been the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, of Birmingham. The Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth, as did the Mims, Fla., NAACP official, believes that Americans should not be stigmatized solely because of color.

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FOR HAVING the audacity to long for freedom and the forth-rightness to do something to hasten the day a bomb was planted under the minister's home. Inside the freedom fighter's house were his two children and a friend.

Luckily, this incident was not a repeat of 1951 and no one suffered fatal injuries.

I wonder if these murderers and potential killers think for a single second that a stick of blasphemous dynamite exploded on a holy day is enough to halt the colored man's march toward first-class citizenship?

I don't think so.

Mr. Moore, who paid the supreme sacrifice, would not have been as militant had he felt that way. Surely, the Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth knew what he was doing when he took a stand.

Some of these days the dynamite is going to blow up the business.

In the faces of the bigots. And I hope it does not happen on a Christmas Day.

Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

America is a land of plenty. The fertility of ancient Egypt's Nile valley, the plush luxury of ancient Greece and Rome were as nothing compared to the wealth of plenty now in the United States.

We have loaned and lend-leased millions of dollars to various countries throughout the world. Yet, at no time does the reality of stark, naked need that exists in our country and in many cases under our very noses come to the fore as it does during the Christmas season.

A recent U.S. census report discloses that out of a total population of 165 millions, there are 65,300,000 people employed and 2,463,000 people, willing to work, but unemployed.

There are, of course, many reasons why people are unemployed: seasonal lay-offs, crowded fields, loss of contracts, racial and religious discrimination, and many others.

Sometimes a man may have a job, but supporting a wife and six kids on $45 a week—just won't work.

A glance at some of the hundreds of letters that came to the AFRO's Play Santa make it crystal clear that in spite of living in a land of plenty, there is still plenty of need all about us.

Thomas R. Hawkins dean of men at Hampton Institute, had an old saying he used to pass on to the students that I would like to pass on to you: "I complained because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

For A Spiritual Blessing
Come To The Church Of Your Choice
HYMN OF THE MONTH:
SAVIOR, LEAD ME, LEST I STRAY"

WORDS To Live By

Holy Bible

by REV. R. T. NEWBOLD
Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church

The close of each year often brings regrets out into the open. Those who take only a little time to think retrospectively can go back to their failures.

A serious review of 1956 will lead many to realize that they have not recognized the value of the ballot—one of the greatest political weapons of the American citizen. By it, he eloquently indicates protest or assent.

Also his failure to use it is often interpreted as assent. Since this is true, then it behooves everyone to become a registered voter and exercise his right on election day.

Moreover, the Christian fails to give Christian witness at the polls when he fails to vote. This, to be sure, is very regrettable.

MANY HAVE not learned the value of friendship. To them it is a relationship to be treated casually. It is one which they selfishly exploit.

They desire friends for what they can get from them. They do not love, but only use them. They seek the rewards of friendship without recognizing the obligations thereof. They fail to be friendly.

Treachery, envy, and jealousy mark their relationship. The "Golden Rule" is for others but not for them. Because of these reasons many have lost instead of gained friends.

This too is to be regretted.

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OBVIOUSLY, MANY have not learned the value of religion. They have, either because of honest intellectual difficulties or plain indifference, failed to adopt and adhere to the teachings of Jesus.

Wherein is their tragedy? It is in their failure to recognize that religion does three things for the individual which he greatly needs.

It gives (1)- something whole- some to live eternally for, (2) something to live by, and (3) something to die with.

Pity the man who believes he does not need these!

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ARE THESE your three points of regret for 1956? If they are, then determine to do something about them. Vote? Try to be friendly and true to your friends!

Study and adopt the teachings of Jesus! Then this time next year you will not have to think about reasons for regret, but reasons for rejoicing.

In Our Churches

The Rev. Wayman Norris will preach Sunday at the 10 AM UNION BETHEL AME Church, Randalltown. Watch Meeting services will be conducted Monday night by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Edwards.

The Sunday school of MT. PLEASANT AME Church, Owings Mills, will give its Christmas program Sunday at 3:30.

The Rev. W. I. Snowden, evangelist of the Washington AME conference, will speak Sunday morning at MORNING STAR Baptist Church in Catonsville.

At 3:30 p.m., the Rev. Mr. Snowden will speak in Tlexandria, Va. He will speak at 8 p.m. at the CHARITY Baptist Church in Baltimore. On New Year's Eve, he will speak at Payne Memorial AME Church.

The Rev. W. L. Evans will preach Sunday morning at OLIVET Baptist Church. At 3:30, the Rev. Mrs. M. Matthews, CONCORD Baptist Church, will preach.

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The Rev. Vernon Johns, director of the Maryland Baptist Center and named one of the 10 great preachers in America, will speak at Watch Night Services, at Sharp Street Methodist Church Monday at 10:30 p.m.

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The third quarterly meeting of the Maryland General Baptist Association will be held at the NEW FOUNTAIN Baptist Church Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. James McFarlin, president.

The Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor of KNOX Presbyterian Church, will speak on "My Written Record" Sunday. On New Year's Eve, his topic will be "Playing Back the Record."

Holy Communion will be observed at GRACE Presbyterian Church Sunday, according to the Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr., pastor.

Alliance sponsors emancipation service

WASHINGTON

An Emancipation Proclamation Service, sponsored by the Washington District AME Ministerial Alliance, will be given at John Wesley AME2 Church, 14th and Corcoran Sts., NW, at 11 a.m., Jan. 1.

Dr. Leonza B. Dudley, professor of English, Speech and Drama at Coppin State Teachers College will be speaker.

The public is invited.

From here to an eternal life many citizens died in 1956

"The old order changeth, yielding place to the new, and God fulfills Himself in many ways."

Numerous Maryland homes and families felt with grief, the changing of the old order, as death came to friends and relatives last year.

1956 was marked with the passing of many of the state's prominent citizens. They are as follows:

Allan W. Collick, 63, 2504 McCulloh St., died Aug. 27. He was the newly appointed Douglass High School history department head.

Mrs. Jennie Carrington, wife of the Rev. N. B. Carrington, and for 40 years a member of Metropolitan Methodist Church, died Aug. 27.

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MRS. EMMA SAVAGE, 90, life-long resident of South Baltimore, and member of two old Baltimore families, died July 31. She was the widow of Hezekiah Savage.

The Rev. John M. Gibson, former pastor of Mt. Moriah AME Church, Annapolis, who was appointed prstor of Campbell AME Church in Washington two days before his death, died July 4, of a heart attack.

Mrs. Minnie Thornton, mother of Mrs. Melvina Jackson, AFRO traveling editor, and member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1927 died May 29.

Dr. M. O. Jenkins, 64, Turner Station pharmacist, died of a heart attack, May 15. A veteran of World War I, he practiced pharmacy in the Village Drug Store at Turner Station from 1943 until his death.

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THE REV. Mrs. Geneva Jackson, 60, founder of the Holy Cross Chapel, was found dead May 1. She died three weeks before of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. R. H. Harris, 69, former resident of Baltimore who returned here from 30 years practice in Keokuk, Iowa just two years before his death, passed away May 2.

Dr. R. M. Rhetta, Sr., prominent Baltimore physician for almost 50 years, died Oct. 22 and was buried beside his daughter, Mrs. Erovella Rhetta Brinkley, who died just two weeks before.

The Rev. E. A. Haynes, 73, veteran Methodist minister, for 47 years served churches in the Washington Conference, died April 29.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH Wilkins Adams, 90, Howard County, Maryland, beloved "Aunt Lizzie" to her many friends, died April 20, just six days before her 86th birthday. She enjoyed a full life of flowers and friendship. Her home was shingled home and gained happiness for herself and others.

Mrs. Rachael Banner Carroll, 38, Dunbar High School teacher, wife of Richard Carroll and daughter of William Penn, died Feb. 24 of a heart attack.

J. Logan Jenkins 3rd, 28, and wife, Geraldine, 26, of Hamilton Terrace, New York City, died in a suicide pact, just a few weeks after their Sept. honeymoon in Mexico.

Mrs. Eleanor Linberry, widow of Preston Linberry, once associated with Holland funeral establishment, died Oct. 31, leaving an estate of $10,000 with Earl Gilmore as chief beneficiary.

Clarence D. Urquhart, 53, died Oct. 25, of a fatal heart attack on the bus as he returned home from work. He was a waiter at the Baltimore Country Club and for 30 years a member of Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Isaiah L. Brown, Jr., 52, well-known South Baltimore undertaker, died Nov. 7. He was the son of the late Isaiah L. Brown Sr., who founded the business.

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MISS CLARA DORSEY, 63, widely known as "Do Do," and beloved nurse of many old Baltimore families died Oct. 4.

Mrs. Christine Carter, 70, mother of AFRO managing editor, Arthur Carter, who was a resident of Washington, D. C., for over 50 years, died Dec. 4.

T. Henry Waters, veteran caterer, died Monday, Dec. 3, on the stage of the Lyric Theater during the Bachelor Cotillion which he had served for 40 years.

Mrs. Edna Copeland Hatwood, 70, daughter of William Copeland, well-known voice and music teacher, and grandniece of John H. Murphy, Sr., AFRO founder, died Dec. 1.

Mrs. Ellen Mack Tingle, 85, Snowhill, Maryland, died in late October. She was well-known in Baltimore and was for many years a popular seamstress.

Ernest Perkins, 46, attorney, and member of the law firm, Murray, Douglas and Perkins, died Nov. 2.

Mrs. Alberta Riggs Jones, AFRO donor Roll, 1945, and wife of the late Rev. Dr. J. R. Diggs, died Feb. 13.

Mrs. Louisa Scott, 83, of a famed Bare Hill family, died in New York while visiting. Her 113-year-old Baltimore County home which housed her family for two generations turned to the ground just two weeks before.

Mrs. Ethel Bell Bailey, 49, physician, and senior visiting physician at Provident Hospital, died Ja . 9.

Mrs. Gertrude Freeman Monroe, 55, fraternal, church and civic worker, who was ill of a rare blood disease for over a year, died April 29.

Mrs. Nettie Lee Jones, 79, wife of Ira Jones and aunt of Mrs. Lillian Parrott, died as the result of a year-old accident, Dec. 1.

The Rev. E. W. White, former pastor of Provident Baptist Church for 10 years, died September 25.

DR. MARION E. WILSON, principal of the city's most respected and beloved ministers, and for 25 years pastor of Orchard St. Methodist Church, died in a Hagerstown, Md. automobile accident.

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BAPTIST BAPTIST

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION
Jan. 1, 1957 – 1:00 P.M.
NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Fremont Ave. & Lanvale Street
Sponsored by
The United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland
DR. VERNON JOHNS,
Dean of the Baptist Center, Guest Speaker
Singing by Choirs of Various Churches
"A people that forgets the great days in its past may have no great days in its future."
The Public Is Cordially Invited
Committee:
REV. A. J. PAYNE — REV. MARCUS WOOD
" W. L. CLAYTON — " A. E. MATTHEWS
" J. H. MATTHEWS — DENNIS BARROW
" N. H. WICKS — J. L. TILLEY
" H. E. SMITH — C. H. CHURN
" W. D. YERBY — WALTER E. PAIGE
" J. L. MOORE — S. B. REDD
" J. M. RAYNOR — W. H. THOMPSON
" E. W. WILLIAMS — J. A. MOORE
" L. G. REYNOLDS — V. T. WILLIAMS
" T. A. DAVIS — A. A. BROWN
" R. C. WILLIAMS — G. A. CRAWLEY, JR.
" C. ED. BROWNE — BURNETTE BROOKS
MRS. EVELYN CLAYTON
MABEL STOKES GEE
REV. J. TIMOTHY BODDIE, President

TUES., JAN. 1, 1957
AT 8:30 P.M.
Good Singing by the Choir.
All Are Welcome
REV. G. M. HARRIS, Pastor — DR. LOGAN KEARSE

OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL at
SIMMONS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
601 CUMBERLAND ST.
BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1956
AND ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1957
On Watch Night the services will begin at 9 P.M.
The pastor will deliver the opening sermon of the Revival as we watch the old year out and the New Year in.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 8:00 P.M.
Our revival will be conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Hammond of Washington, D. C.
The singing groups of the church will furnish the music
COME BRING A FRIEND. ALL ARE WELCOME.
REV. BURNETTE BROOKS, Pastor
MRS. EDITH BOOKER, Church Clerk

NEW ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
1106 W. FRANKLIN STREET
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
8:00 P.M.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE WITH FRATERNITIES.
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE STARTS AT 10 P.M.
Every Fri., 8 P.M.—Weekly Prayer Service.
Every 4th Sun., 3:30 P.M. Holy Communion.
The Public is Invited to Attend These Services
Mrs. E. Johnson Harvey, Church Clerk
Rev. Andrew C. Brown, Pastor — REV. BROWN

Perkins Square Baptist Church
GEORGE AND OGSTON STREETS
MISSIONARY DAY
9:00 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL. CHRISTMAS
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. WILLIAM H. FERBY, Member of the Sunday School
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
7:30 P.M.—PREACHING WORSHIP.
Mon., Dec. 31 through Sun., Jan. 6th—REVIVAL WEEK.
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE BEGINS 10 P.M.
REV. WARD D. YERBY, Pastor — WE WELCOME YOU

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—MESSAGE BY BRO. WILLIAM SHORTER.