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

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Keep the pressure on

Clergymen and laymen of both races came from different communities in Maryland, the District of Columbia and parts of Virginia and West Virginia to attend the leadership conference at Walbrook Methodist Church this week.

The delegates spent most of their time in 16 discussion groups led by educators, sociologists and clergymen.

They were trying to learn new techniques and sharpen old ones, for the purpose of making the Christian concept of brotherhood work.

The conference did not play to capacity houses during any of the sessions and there was an absence of fanfare and dramatic showmanship at all of the proceedings.

But the Baltimore and Washington annual conferences of the Methodist Church have made a significant contribution by sponsoring the two-day meeting.

And we feel that more people should know it.

THIS DENOMINATION has endorsed a national program which hands down to Methodists everywhere, a twenty-four hour program to live by.

Members are urged to work in their churches, their communities, on their jobs and in their homes to eliminate discrimination.

Bishops, district superintendents, pastors and lay leaders are encouraged to seek ways for a more realistic fraternal relationship with all of the children of God.

As Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam so aptly put it in his closing address to the conference:

"The spirit that breeds segregation must be driven from the heart. The church must undergo the cleansing of conversion. In the spirit of Jesus, keep the pressure on."

And we think the Bishop is exactly right.

Elder statesmen

Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes can be relied upon always to put his finger on controvertible facts when public debate runs off at a tangent. He did it again at a meeting of the State Board of Education.

The school authorities and the attorneys for Anne Arundel County debated the question of their right to exclude a colored child from a public school two miles away and compel it to travel six miles to a jim-crow school.

School authorities declared that the child lived closest to the bus that would carry her the longest distance.

Dr. Holmes then asked the question: Why all the discussion about distances from the bus line? Isn't the question really, he said, whether this child is being discriminated against on account of her race and if she were white wouldn't she be assigned to the nearest school?

JUDGE MORRIS SOPER is another who is quick to see through subterfuge and prejudice.

In a hearing in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals last week he asked what Virginia authorities had done to integrate schools as required by the U.S. Supreme Court.

When the answer was that they had appointed a committee to discuss the matter, Judge Soper quickly cut in, "Then you haven't done anything have you?"

It is important in this community to have persons like Dr. Holmes and Judge Soper who, in good temper, persistently decline to be persuaded by the loose and irrelevant arguments of those who refuse to obey the law.

Mission of mercy

The postal employees of the Baltimore Post Office will kick off a drive sponsored by the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation on Sunday, December 9.

Volunteer members of the National Association of Letter

City Desk Memo

By CHESTER M. HAMPTON

Two letters to the editor this week mirror a question that comes every now and then to many colored American citizens — how can Uncle Sam be so open-minded and open-armed to Europeans (even former enemies, in some cases) and show no compassion for the dark-hued human being either at home or abroad.

The letters I refer to deal specifically with the Hungarians who escaped Communist terrorism to find a happy home and a full stomach in the United States.

All right, so I've got a full stomach too (with a 30-inch waistline, that isn't difficult), but there are many persons much closer to the heart — yet farther from the hearts — of America than a bunch of Hungarians.

This isn't race - baiting or "reold-watering" — persons of Hungarian descent have done a great deal in making this country great. But so have persons of African descent.

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YET, WHOEVER heard of a program to "save" South African natives from the superrace theories and brutalities of Johannes Stridom and his fellow Boer boors?

How many South Koreans have been air - lifted over here to escape the Red - fed North Koreans?

For that matter, who ever heard of a Mission to Mississippi to rescue colored persons from the terrorism of the Tobacco Road set?

It seems that this great big heart that America is so proud of can cross oceans but not color lines.

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"THESE THINGS take time," says America to colored people demanding equal protection of the laws, equal justice under law and a voice in the government.

Yet, scarcely had the unpleasantness developed in Hungary than the victims were sitting down at Camp Kilmer eating turkey. (And what did sharecroppers' kids in Mississippi eat? — the same old pellagra diet.

But despite this inattention to the needs of colored persons in southern America, things are getting better all the time. They are getting better because of the inspired leadership of organizations like the NAACP and the Montgomery Improvement Association.

(Do you notice also that the more success these two organizations have, the more white people jump on the civil rights band-wagon?)

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SO, FELLOW AMERICANS, I beg to be excused. Until a kid from Chicago can visit Mississippi in peace, until a man can vote in the bittermost region of Alabama, until a colored man's rights extend the length and breath of this country—rather than to the near-

We're Off on the Annual Santa Claus Derby'

T. Dockett

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.

Thanks to AFRO

Dear AFRO:

The trustees of the Sidney Hollander Foundation wish to express their thanks to the AFRO-AMERICAN for the excellent publicity attending its Ninth Annual Award presentation to the Housing Authority of Baltimore.

The publication of stories pointing out the successful results of desegregation programs, such as that adopted and implemented by the Housing Authority, will inspire, encourage and strengthen others to continue their efforts in this direction.

SIDNEY HOLLANDER JR.

Why Hungarians?

Dear AFRO:

Last week, the Department of Employment Service (AFRO Dec. 1, page 9), through its local director, Walter Goss, said that although the department is advertising for 1,000 However, I'm equally concerned with the situation at home.

With no ill feelings to those concerned, my question is: How can we import persons and supply work for them and yet, at home, we are paying unemployment compensation?

FLOYD A. GROSS

Help Hungarians

Dear AFRO:

As Governor of Maryland, I am delighted to join with President Dwight David Eisenhower, and former President Herbert Hoover in urging the citizens of Maryland to support the activities of the International Rescue Committee on Hungarian Relief.

All the free world has watched the brave resistance of the Hungarian rebels as seen their patriotic blood spilled in the cause of freedom. America, itself a product of rebellion against tyranny and

much more crowded our already over-crowded hospitals in Baltimore would be if there were no Sinai Hospital, or Levindale, or Mount Pleasant.

Associated Jewish Charities is a community agency deserving community support. We hope you'll give us that support.

ABRAHAM KRIEGER

Calling AFRO's Lacy

Dear AFRO,

It was given that Floyd Patterson would strike down Archie Moore, because Sam Lacy picked Archie and that amounted to the kiss of death.

Professional gamblers would not have been caught betting on the wrong man had they read Lacy and governed themselves accordingly, as I did.

I believed all the while that Floyd had what it took to put Archie down for the count. After I read Lacy, I knew just

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People and new homes...

Prettiest house in the Forest Park area is located at 3247 Poinsett Ave., near Hilton.

For the past month, it has belonged to Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Higgins, who hope to move in before Christmas.

It's a real dream—even has an underground sprinkling system. It was listed last year at $47,500! Selling price, I hear, was $40,000. Roger Johnson was the real estate agent.

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SPEAKING OF new homes, the Harold Jennifers' Carlisle Ave. place is quite cozy.

Particularly attractive; their open fireplace and that winding staircase.

The James Denkinses have added a paneled office to their Bentalou St. clubroom. He's head of Denkins Realty.

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THE CRAWFORD COLVINS are owners of that pretty new home going up on Overland Ave. in Morgan Park—address is 2400—next lot to the Carl Murphys.

Mr. Colvin heads Colvin Realty Co., and Mrs. Colvin, a visiting teacher, is the former Eleanor Browne, daughter of the Rev. James D. Browne.

They'll move in after the first of the year.

And, Johnny and Helen Mercer Colbern moved into their Chelsa Terrace home this week, week.

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THE ROOF is on the Fannin Newsomes' home on Montebello Terrace in Morgan Park. It is located between the homes of the Douglas Johnsons and the Carl Whites.

And, the Howard Murphy's, also on Montebello Terrace, have added a large living room to their cottage, so their teenage daughter, Catherine, will have ample room to entertain.

The addition gives them a large bedroom too—so there will be space when their other daughter, Patricia, and the grandchildren come from Los Angeles to visit.

And next door to them Bishop and Mrs. Edgar A. Love have added a wing to their home. It gives them a large living room and a carport.

The Loves have also put a pretty picture window on front of their home.

More residents in new homes: The Walter Jacksons, formerly of Baker St., are in their Ashburton home at 3801 Edgewood Rd. He's with the Apex Beauty Co.

And, Miss Anna L. Howard, the beautician and Carver High teacher, and her mother, Mrs. Annie E. Howard, are now at their home at 3312 Carlisle Ave.

If you read elsewhere a while back that the Algernon Prestwidges were owners of a pink Caddie and had moved out in the Ashburton section, your eyes misled you.

Mrs. Prestwidge — Gladys — says they're still in their Pulaski St. home and enjoying it very much, and they don't expect to move anytime soon.

"And, I'm still driving our old blue Chevvy and am very grateful for what we have," she adds.

They're the parents of Barbara (Name That Tune) Prestwidge.

People, places and things...

The W. Winston Hunts have not yet deserted Baltimore. They're still residing in their Lyttleton Rd. home, and she is still with the Department of Public Welfare.

She was promoted to case supervisor a month or so ago.

He is electronics staff engineer with Farnsworth Electronics Co in Ft. Wayne, Ind., so they divide their time between the two places until they can make up their minds where they want to live permanently.

Winston spent the Thanksgiving holiday here. She goes there for the Christmas holidays.

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THE OMEGAS are really lining things up for their Yule-week convention.

Some 2,000-odd visitors and delegates are expected so this

Ida Nicholas held a Sunday back after their new infant, Dallas Fontaine, was baptized at St. Katherine's.

Doris Freeland and William Lewis and Milton Nicholas were the godparents.

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Drop a card to AFRO Editor Art Carter who has had three deaths in his immediate family within the past two months.

His mother, Mrs. Christine G. Carter, died Tuesday midnight at Hopkins. She had been ailing for sometime.

Funeral services are Saturday at 11 at Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Sts., NW Washington.

On October 17, his **wife,** Edna, buried her mother, Mrs. Frances V. Fowler. And, his brother, Virgil, buried his mother-in-law, Mrs. Floretta Gale, in Cumberland, Md., on Thursday.

Hamilton-Belair Rd. game heads Optimist Midget card

The Championship of the Second Round of the Optimist Midget Football League will be at stake Saturday afternoon when Hamilton meets Belair Road at Mt. Pleasant Park.

Both teams have won four games in a row in the final half of the Optimist chase. These two elevens also are tied in the first round.

In the other two Optimist contests Saturday, Parkville-S. Ursula meets Northwood at Double Rock and Govans battles Middle River at Dewees Field. All three games will begin at 1 o'clock.

A TRIBUTE:

To Thomas Henry Waters, 33°

By WILLARD W. ALLEN

Grand Master The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. A. & A. M., Inc., State of Maryland and Jurisdiction.

It was my distinct pleasure to have known the late Thomas Henry Waters for forty years, thirty-odd years of which he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. His interest, enthusiasm, efforts and loyalty in the Masonic Order were manifested by the various positions of trust which he held. A member of Zion Lodge No. 4 F. and A. M. (Prince Hall Affiliation), he served faithfully and well in the following capacities:

1. District Deputy Grand Master for Baltimore City, having under his supervision all of the Baltimore City subordinate lodges.
2. Junior Grand Warden for one term.
3. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge for twenty years, still serving at the time of his death.

He was a member of Hiram Consistory No. 2 and an Honorary Thirty-third degree Mason.

His dignity, decorum and character merited him the highest respect among his fellowmen and especially among the members of the Masonic Organization. Whenever the occasion called for me to be away from local Masonic affairs, I felt entirely satisfied in knowing that the work would be looked after properly under the guidance of Brother Waters. He devoted his services unstintingly to the Order's development. By virtue of the qualities he possessed, I always regarded him to be an ideal Mason.

The Sun Newspapers on one occasion in referring very complimentary to a distinguished person used the term: "A MARYLAND GENTLEMAN." That same term I borrow and use in applying to Thomas Henry Waters by virtue of his learning, manhood and deference. His was a life worthy of emulation as a citizen,

THOMAS HENRY WATERS

Mason and churchman. May the members of his family take comfort in this fact.

Men who have lived in times in which we live demand men of the calibre of Thomas Henry Waters.

In the words of the poet, J. G. Holland, I, too, proclaim:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor—men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous flatterie without winking!
Tall men sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps!"

Advt.

Democratic Viewpoint

BY ROBERT B. WATTS

Soon President Eisenhower will make his inaugural speech and soon thereafter, he will make his State of the Union Message.

It is hoped that after his tremendous capture of many votes of colored people he will recommend strong civil rights legislation.

If you will recall he did not do so when he was elected the first time.

In his State of the Union Message of February 2, 1953 (his first State of the Union Message) he proposed no civil rights legislation.

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THE WEEK of December 1953, he called a legislative conference to discuss "must" legislation, and civil rights legislation was not even on the agenda.

He again delivered a State of the Union Message on January 7, 1954, and January 6, 1955 and proposed no civil rights program.

In his State of the Union Message of January 6, 1956, he proposed no civil rights program other than calling for a study commission to investigate allegations of pressures to deny colored people the right to vote.

On April 9, 1956 the Eisenhower Administration called for watered down version of civil rights program, but this was done in a letter by Attorney General Brownell instead of a special Presidential message to Congress proposing his five-point civil rights program.

As a matter of fact, a month later, on May 24, 1956 The White House list of "must" legislation omitted three of the five proposals. When asked about this he stated that the other three were not recommendations for legislation, but for study to see if they should be put in legislative form.

THIS WHOLE scheme indicates a weak and feeble program with respect to civil rights, and the Eisenhower administration certainly can ill afford to do this again.

In other words, during his last administration, he never proposed any civil rights bills until April of an ELECTION YEAR.

This is to me insincerety of the worst order, for all during his administration there was racial strife in the South.

FOR THOSE who disagree with my statement that his program was weak, I'd like to refer you to President Truman's administration along the same

Heart attack fatal to Carl Keene, father of 7

"We were at church at Communion on Sunday. He thought he had indigestion. He said he had a lump in his chest. He walked home from church. He thought he felt better.

"We took him over to the hospital, St. Joseph's. It was a heart attack. He didn't suffer. Within a matter of a half an hour, he was dead . . ."

Mrs. Rosie Keene, 1407 E. Preston St., was speaking of the sudden death of her husband, William Carl Keen, 35, on Sunday.

The father of seven children, Mr. Keen was a horticulturist with the U.S. Coast Guard, and a part-time cab driver. He had been a Coast Guard employee for 14 years.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held on Thursday at Memorial Baptist Church, with the Rev. C. Edward Browne, officiating. The body lay in state at the church prior to the funeral. The Robert Williams Funeral Home was in charge.

Mr. Keen was a native of

lines.

On February 2, 1948, President Truman sent a 10-point civil rights program to the Congress including a permanent Fair Employment Commission, Federal protection against lynching, the end of discrimination in interstate travel, and a permanent Commission on Civil Rights and a Civil Rights Division in the Justice Department.

Note that this latter recommendation was part of Ike's program over 5 years later.

On July 14, 1948, July 27, 1948 he again called for the enactment of his program. In the Mr. Truman's January 5, 1949 State of the Union Message he said: "The civil rights proposals I made to the 80th Congress I now repeat' to the 81st."

He further stated that he stood firm behind those proposals.

In his State of the Union Message of January 4, 1950 and January 8, 1951 State of the Union Messages, he called for the continuation of our efforts to bring full enjoyment to rights to all our citizens.

Finally, in his final State of the Union Message of January 9, 1952, President Truman said "further measures require action by the Congress, and I hope that means will be provided to give them a chance to vote on them." (Meaning the civil rights proposals made by him.)

President Eisenhower can hardly afford to compete for greatest of all Presidential champions on civil rights, Harry S. Truman.

Rosie Stewart, Mr. Keane was a World War II veteran. Besides his mother and his wife, who is the former Miss

leaves seven children. They are: Deborah, 12; William, 10; Ronald 9; Russell, and Amanda, 5., all pupils at Elementary School No. 146; and Carleen, 3; and Calvin, 14 months. He is also survived by a stepbrother, Jesse Wilson.

Baltimore, the son of the late Calvin Keene and Mrs. Louise Keene, who survives. He was a graduate of Dunbar High School.

He was a lifetime member of Memorial Baptist and sang tenor on the Senior Choir. Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery. He

'Lost thousands'

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free in $400 bail following a hearing Sunday before Magistrate George Levin at the 22nd St. and Hunting Park Ave. station. The ex-boxer is represented by Cecil Moore.

Montgomery's arrest followed a "loss in the thousands" on a bet that Archie Moore would whip Floyd Patterson in Friday night's heavyweight championship bout. He was taken in custody by Patrolman Francis King after passing a red light at Broad St. and Susquehanna Ave.

Taken to the 26th and York Sts. station, Montgomery was pronounced intoxicated by a police surgeon, Dr. J. A. Nahall and slated for the hearing.

Following an arrest on lottery charges in 1949, Montgomery was fined $200 by Judge Louis E. Levinthal in Quarter Sessions Court. He has been arrested twice since on gambling charges.

Montgomery was beaten in a comeback attempt when he fought Aldo Minelli in 1950. He won the lightweight championship from Beau Jack in 1943 and lost it to Ike Williams in 1947.

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