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

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The Baltimore AFRO's Platform

1. *Fair employment practice (FEP) laws and enforcement power. Begin with city, county, state and federal governments.*
2. *100,000 registered voters in Baltimore City.*
3. *A judge on the Supreme Bench and in the Federal District Court.*
4. *Integration in the state's reform schools and penal institutions.*
5. *Public hotels and restaurants open to all well-behaved citizens.*

We'd like the honor to go to Gov. McKeldin

The Governor of Maryland granted commutation of sentences to 52 prisoners this week.

By this action, 52 families had a happier Christmas than they expected.

Christmas gifts of this character issued by the Governor in the form of pardon for prisoners are humane but, of necessity, local in nature.

So, knowing that New Year's follows Christmas, we think of a gift in Governor McKeldin's office, which is for all the people.

It is an executive order directing all departments of the state to abolish racial tags.

In the Health Department a baby's birth would be recorded—not, a WHITE or COLORED baby.

In the courts, a man or woman would be arrested or tried—not a COLORED or WHITE man or woman.

In the Motor Vehicles Department, a driver would no longer have his license carry his race. It does not now carry his religion.

The Governor has already suggested the elimination of racial tags by the Department of Parole and Probation and the list of parolees this month for the first time carries no such designations.

AT THE REQUEST of Jewish organizations, the U. S. Census Department will no longer ask citizens "what church do you attend?"

The only reason for identifying the race or religion of citizens in public documents is to make discrimination easy.

That WAS the reason. But such reason is no longer valid.

This is the next to the last New Year Governor McKeldin will spend in the chief executive's mansion.

He can make it historic and memorable with a flourish of his pen.

We can think of nothing that is more in keeping with his character and that would be more helpful to racial relations of the state.

Some governor is going to do it.

We'd like the honor to go to Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin.

Poison through the mails

Those who are alarmed at the bombings of churches and the slaying and assault upon militant leaders in Mississippi and Alabama are committing a tragic error when they assume this vicious conduct is confined to the Deep South. It can happen here.

In nearby Arlington, within the shadow of the Nation's Capitol, white citizens are being prodded by a fascist-type organization operating to attack the person and home of a white clergyman who preached a pro-integration sermon.

Object of the attack is the Rev. Ross Allen Weston, pastor of Arlington Unitarian Church. Letters have been circulated throughout the county containing the following incitements to violence:

"It is now open season on squirrels. There is no bag limit on two-legged variety this season. . . ." Hunting with fire arms or bow and arrow is prohibited in Arlington County, but the use of the horsewhip is still legal and effective.

"The 4400 block of Arlington Boulevard is not a state-protected game preserve."

Mr. Weston's church and parsonage are at 4444 Arlington Boulevard.

It was tactics of this kind which lead to the attack on the Rev. Shuttleworth in Birmingham and the bombing of the home of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

It seems tragic that at a time when the U.S. mails are overloaded at Christmas with millions of people trying to exchange greetings of cheer, friendship and goodwill, the mails should be circulated with hate and poison of this type. We are sure the mail service is not maintained for purposes such as this.

Uncle Sam should do something about it.

Dear Santa salutes you

There is a certain wonderful magic about the spirit of Christmas which — in keeping with the Christian tradition — causes us to make that extra effort to extend a helping hand to the needy.

A heartening example of this good samaritan spirit was the response by AFRO readers to our Dear Santa column.

Well over 500 letters were received from and on behalf of families faced with the prospects of a bleak Christmas for themselves and their children. Many of these cases were cited in our Dear Santa column.

Offers of help for these needy families began to pour into this office almost immediately. The beauty of it was the fact that many of those extending aid were persons of modest means.

A West Virginia reader, herself a semi-invalid, was so moved by the plight of an elderly family that she enclosed two one dollar bills in a letter to be used toward easing the burden of the family.

Another reader sent along this letter:

"Please pass this $10 check along to one of two needy families, as you see fit to do; we trust your judgment."

There were many, many more such responses.

Through your generosity many people had a much happier Christmas. Our only regret is that there were some equally in need whose stories did not reach you in time for Christmas.

We are assured that in Baltimore this spirit of neighborliness, of Christianity, prevails throughout the year.

Again, we wish to salute you for your generosity.

The Braxton case

A year ago, a jury deliberated 25 minutes before it found 17-year-old Alvin Braxton guilty of first degree murder in the unfortunate death of a rookie patrolman.

The jury made no recommendation for mercy and Braxton is under sentence to die in the gas chamber next month unless Governor McKeldin grants a reprieve.

In any discussion of clemency in this case, there are several factors which require study.

1. Young Braxton was beaten and in fear of his life while he was being transported in an ambulance by police. As a youngster he had suffered a severe beating and his tormentors were subsequently imprisoned.

2. Police officers who placed Braxton under arrest did not exercise the due care they should have. No handcuffs or leg irons were used on him yet this cautious approach could possibly have saved a life. Policemen can not afford such negligence in arresting a dangerous prisoner.

3. Braxton was sentenced for first degree murder but the testimony in this case clearly shows this was not a premeditated action. He had been shot and beaten before he was taken into custody. He was struggling with a policeman for possession of the revolver when it accidentally discharged.

The same week in which the jury sentenced Braxton to die the Trombero youth who did admit premeditation in the killing of his girlfriend's father received just 15 years from a jury. Last week Robert Jett Van Horn who admitted killing his wife received only 10 years.

On its face, it would seem there is no justice.

It would seem to us that the courts should see to it that as far as possible like punishment is meted out for like crimes.

It may be difficult to do but justice should be even-handed.

There is plainly an element of doubt in the Braxton case. It is hoped that the Governor will look closely at this death term and commute the sentence.

A tragedy of errors

Many oldtimers may recall the sequence in the motion picture, "Imitation of Life," in which an old servant who had come into money late in life only wanted a "fine funeral" as a testament to her success in life.

This was enacted in real life last week in the case of a mix-up of bodies of two women when the body of Mrs. Hattie Thomas was buried in place of Martha Whitley in Arlington Cemetery.

It seems that Mrs. Thomas had longed for a "fine funeral" but she died penniless and her unclaimed body languished in the morgue for more than a week while officials made a frantic search for her kin.

But fate stepped in, in the shape of an error of identification, and her body was released by mistake to the family of Mrs. Whitley. She was buried with fitting ceremony beside the body of the latter's husband, a war hero.

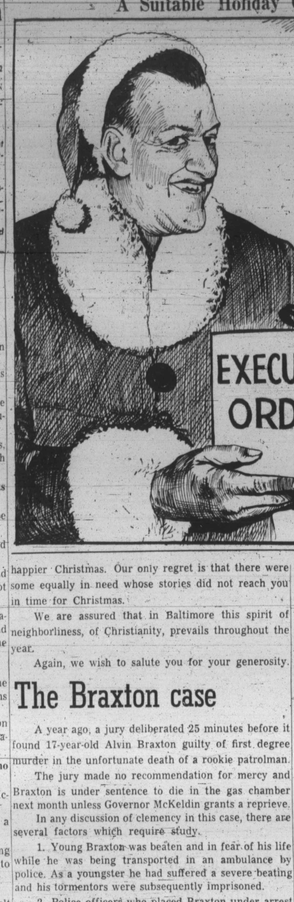
When the mistake was discovered, hasty efforts were made to put things right. The body buried in error was disinterred and later reburied in Potter's Field.

But it will always be recalled that Mrs. Thomas who died friendless, forgotten and alone in the world at least had her moment of glory when she was permitted to lie, if only for a spell, in the hallowed ground reserved for the nation's great.

Maybe this was the way the fates had of correcting their own error or permitting a human being to come to the end of her days, a derelict on the sea of life.

Although this human drama finally worked itself out, this does not relieve the City Morgue of inaugurating proper procedures to prevent a recurrence of such an error. A morgue is not just a warehouse for cadavers, but a place where we should feel that our loved ones receive the same protection in death that they do in life.

A Suitable Holiday Gift



Speak Your Piece

Mrs. Alleyne fund

Dear AFRO:

The committee for the Vivian Garth Alleyne Memorial Fund wishes to thank you, as one of her many friends, for the contribution you made towards this fund, in evidence of your approval of perpetuating the memory of one who contributed so much to so many.

On behalf of the committee, we assure you that each contribution will be held in its entirety to provide useful services to the nurses in training at Provident Hospital, an institution which was close to the heart of Vivian Garth Alleyne.

VIVIAN GARTH ALLEYNE MEMORIAL FUND

An invitation

Dear AFRO:

My sincere thanks to you for your invitation of Dec. 17.

If I am free on Tuesday evening I certainly will listen to the AFRO's "Christmas Hour of Song."

I wish to tell you that I read with great interest your message of "How did it happen that Wise Men came out of the East."

There is food for thought in what you say.

Of course you know that St. Alphonsus (Church) — perhaps the most beautiful church in Baltimore — is open to all.

A welcome is extended everyone who comes. How about dropping over? Ask for me, I will be happy to be your guide.

MONSIGNOR L. J. MENDELIS

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Postmaster Laukaitis and his employees did an excellent job of distributing the Christmas mail but in so doing they failed to endear themselves to some of our citizens.

These were the persons who had looked forward to picking up a wad of the folding green stuff by taking holiday jobs at the Post Office.

However, thanks to the energy of Mr. Laukaitis et al the temporary employees weren't needed as long as usual and hence many of them will be disappointed when they receive their abbreviated checks. But that's the way the ball bounces, bounces, bounces.

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WISE MEN have said through the ages that Christmas is a time for loving your fellow man and while I agree with that praiseworthy sentiment there were several times during the holiday when my cup of love was not overflowing.

On the way home Christmas Eve, somebody banged into the right side of my car. On Christmas night I had the car parked outside the house and somebody banged into the left side.

That left me with just the front and the back in good shape and figuring that the way my luck was running they were next on the list, I decided that walking was about the best thing I could do.

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IT'S EASY to tell when Christmas is over . . . That's when the stores start selling the merchandise you laid out your cash for at about one half of what you paid for it three days ago.

In moments like this a shopper may be forgiven for wanting to bang his head against a brick wall. But as an before the fact is the way the ball bounces, bounces, bounces.

AN GENTLEMAN in Seoul, Korea, walked into the police station the other day, gathered up all his hats and was on his way out when collared. He explained he "was just checking to see whether the detectives were on their toes." He got an A for effort and some time to boot.

The young ladies who were fortunate to get the popular "sack" dresses for Christmas will probably hate me, but I have to pass on this information. A couple of days ago beneath this sands of the Sahara the fashion world was believed to date from 3000 B.C.

On it were two girls wearing "sack" dresses that bore a striking resemblance to those being worn today. That's what you call making progress the hard way — backwards.

An interesting report has come from the Diaper Service Institute. They say that babies in Chicago use an average of 83 diapers a week while babies in Tuscaloosa, Ala., use only 71.

No explanation was included with the news but we hope the Institute continues its survey. What a fascinating subject and so very important.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

Send some cheer to Robert L. (Mike) Snowden, the well-known Rocjville, Md. undertaker. He is confined to Montgomery County Hospital undergoing treatment for injuries received in an auto crash a Saturday ago.

He sustained four broken ribs and a fractured chest bone when the car in front of him stopped suddenly.

His uncle, Thomas R. (Tom) Snowden, was released from the hospital on Christmas Eve. He suffered a head injury and had to have 24 stitches taken in his head and four in his tongue. Very painful.

Both men are well-known horseboats. They were returning from a turkey shoot at the time of the crash.

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It is a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edward McFarlane of New York. Mother is the former DuBois Williams.

Baby arrived Christmas Day at Manhattan General Hospital. So that's a first grandchild for Mrs. Yolande DuBois Williams of Baltimore and Arnett Williams of Washington.

And a first great-grandson for Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois.

Wedding of the week, of course, was that of State Senator Harry A. Cole and Doris Irene Veslate.

He's 36 and she's 27 . . . and one of our lovelier hometown girls. She is a kindergarten teacher.

It was a second marriage for both. His first wife was the former Vera Lewis. He met her when Vera was a dance instructor at the Madison Ave. YW's.

She is now Mrs. Mel Embree and lives out West.

Doris was formerly married to Robert Johns, the housing manager.

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Intimates say Doris and Harry first met several years ago when she consulted him to institute divorce proceedings, but they didn't start dating for sometime after that.

AFRO President Carl Murphy who was best man confided it was the first time he had served in that capacity in all his 60-odd years.

And, the wedding ring, not the engagement ring, was the one Harry designed for his bride.

It had nine round diamonds and 12 baguettes set in white gold.

More romance: 50th wedding anniversary hellos to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis, 2236 Druid Hill Ave., who celebrated on the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wright (Baa) 2001 Bryant Ave., celebrate today (December 27.)

December 26th wedding anniversary greetings also to Mr. and Mrs. John Rice (Ethel) of 1737 Druid Hill Ave., and to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd, (Mable) of 103 Carver Rd.

And send birthday cheer for December 31 to Mrs. Fannie Holmes, 2539 Harlem Ave.

New president of the Frontiers is Dr. Robert J. Hill who succeeds A. Jack Thomas.

Their annual Christmas party for wives was held Thursday at the Morgan Christian Center.

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John C. Baker, the 77-year-old New Britain, Conn., resident who died there last week, was a native of Centreville, Md., but had resided in Connecticut since 1900.

For 56 years, Mr. Baker operated a blacksmith shop in the rear of his Arch St. home (242 Arch). He retired four years ago.

Relatives hereabouts include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Genevive Meekins of Baltimore; and a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Wilson of Centreville.

More people and things...

The Christmas Eve funeral I attended on Tuesday was the first one I can recall in 20-odd years on the 1200 block of Mt. Street.

But Christmas Eve or not, members of Morning Star Baptist Church "turned out" to honor Mrs. Callie Lawson Phillips, active member there for over 40 years.

It was strange that 'Aunt Callie' as many of us her relatives and inlaws and friends called her) should die so suddenly as she did.

She was sitting in the Cherry Hill home of her daughter talking when she collapsed. Just the day before, she had attended a church about working too hard.

She was just a lovely person. Neighborly and concerned about others' welfare — kindly and faithful to her church and its Sunday School and youth department where she taught for many years.

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Among the hundreds at the beautiful Christmas Eve church services at St. James P.E., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young of Chicago. (Rebecca Murphy). If Was Mrs. Young's first Christmas Eve at home in 30 years.

And the singing of the choir—especially the solo parts—by two stories high.

Also added: a new Hammond organ ($4600) and a new grand piano ($1500).

Dedication of the new section of Lincoln Memorial Park, January 5, when AME Zion Bishop Raymond Jones of Salisbury, N.C., will be the speaker. The Rev. G. M. Edwards is pastor.

Send special birthday hellos on January 1 to: Mrs. Julia Nail, 18 Melrose Ave., Catonsville, Md. She will be 80 years old!

About this and that...

Members of Cub Scout Pack No. 634 of Pimlico School No. 223 were the youngsters who decorated and presented that pretty Christmas tree which decorates the children's ward at Provident Hospital. Sylvia Rutkin is the cub master.

And, by the way this same group included families of both races on its list to receive those baskets of food.

Each basket had $50 worth of groceries and a ham.

In fact, throughout this holiday season, it has been heartwarming to note the generosity of people.

Our city desk phone here has been busy as a bee for the past week. We've been answering calls from readers who wanted not one name of a family to give food, clothing and toys but several names.

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And, many of the people who responded to the plea for toys from our Dear Santa column, were working people who wanted to share what they had with others.

Like kindly Mrs. Janet Wilson, a relief postal worker of 1047 N. Caroline St., who took two families and saw that they had toys . . . 'so they could have some Christmas joy too.'

. . . I'm able to work and I was glad I could go it. . . .

What I'm trying to say is that we hear so often about people when they are mean or they do wrong, but we take for granted and don't praise enough when they do nice things.

Orchids and more orchids to readers like Mrs. Wilson and you and you and you and you who help us play Santa Claus to some of our other readers who were less fortunate than you.

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And, while we're in this mood — this is to report that the Department of Public Welfare's adoption service is pleased as punch that you and you and you have indicated an interest in adopting some of the babies they have in their care.

So far, 43 couples have expressed an interest. Eight of them have completed their applications and when the interviews are completed after the holidays a baby will bless their homes.

Mrs. Louise H. Gilliam, case worker and Miss Alice Shugars, district supervisor, want you to know they are grateful and bless YOU!

Real treat in store for you: This Sunday at 6:30 p.m. when the Rev. Samuel Cornish, assistant pastor of Sharp St. and a group of musicians of both races present 'The Messiah.'

Thoughts of the week...

Who shares his life's pure pleasures
And walks the honest road
Who trades with keeping measures
And lifts his brother's load.

Who turns the wrong down bluntly
And lends the right a hand,
He dwells in God's own country
He is the Holy Land.

LOUIS F. BENSON

Reporters Bear Noteworthy Along the way

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Now that Christmas is out of the way everyone is busy making resolutions for the new year.

I for one will never make them.

Can see no sense in providing my friends with an opportunity to call me a liberal on January 2nd.

However, I do wish that certain agencies and individuals would resolve to do certain things and then live up to them.

For example, I wish the city fathers would resolve to place street signs like those along Owens Falls Pkwy. all over town.

They could also do something about the problem of parking in the downtown area, and could settle once and for all that civic center problem.

While in the mood they could promise to put a few more snow plows on the streets by the time the next blizzard blows around.

LOCAL TAXICAB drivers could do a great service if they would resolve to go easy on their horns in 1958.

Three minutes in a traffic jam with them and the average motorist is ready for a straight jacket.

For Catonsville I hereby request that my neighbors resolve not to hold any more lifesaving sessions that run well into the following morning.

There are many things that will stand out in my memory about 1957 for a long time to come.

Among the first five is the situation involving that fellow from Turner Station who was shot last week while raiding a neighbors ice box.

I would have to save the number one spot for the Washington mail man who drove the New York mail not to the Pennsylvania Station loading dock, but to the big town itself.

Don't know where I would place the Barclay St. gent who looked at a Northeastern District officer's badge last Sunday and declared:

"Those are for chicken inspectors. I've seen a lot of them."

Happy New Year.

By STEVE DUNCAN

Once upon a time three distinguished gentlemen, one of them a Brother, went duck hunting and had a very surprised duck.

Returning from the wilds full of enthusiasm, the learned gentlemen decided to put their experience on paper. Two of their stories were impressive discourses on the different species of this fowl, his mating habits, etc.

The Brother's paper dealt with ducks and the color problem.

I WAS reminded of this little anecdote the other day when I overheard a barber shop conversation concerning Baltimore's Colts and Orioles.

All barber shop patrons are sports minded (or they'd better be), and most of them seem to agree that next year would be "it" for the Colts. They were also hopeful that the Birds could work up a notch or two.

However, there was one gentleman, a radical no doubt, who was very vocal in his disagreement with the sentiment of the rest of the patrons.

"I don't want either of Baltimore's professional teams to win any championships until Baltimoreans start treating the colored folks right."

This radical patron then noted such cities as Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia where public accommodations for persons of color are far less acute than they are in the Monumental City."

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HIS CONTENTION was that only cities with these first-class attributes deserve the honor of championship teams.

And, whether we agree or not, the radical got his point. With all due respect to the Birds and Colts, I concur.

Maybe we should start a campaign about the going slogan, "Wait Till Next Year." I'm not only hopeful for our baseball and football teams but for ole Baltimore, too.

Here's to a happy, hopeful New Year!

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in their government and relies on its staff—
Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;
Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;
Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;
Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice of compromise.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1920

News In Brief

They Said It: 'Quote And Unquote'

(Continued from Page 1)

satellites must give way to superiority in solving the problems of human relations . . . If we could progress far enough toward understanding and brotherhood in human relations we could really hope for a world of peace, prosperity and progress." — GOV. ORVILLE L. FREEMAN of Minnesota at the national commission dinner of the B'nai B'rith Anti-defamation League.

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LOS ANGELES — "We cannot afford to alienate those of other racial extractions who have continuously fought the race's uphill battle. . . . We cannot exclude anyone because the first class citizenship and equality of opportunity that we are seeking cannot be obtained by ourselves." — RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER, Philadelphia City Councilman and possibly the fourth member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — "There is little facing up to the fact that perhaps as large a proportion as 90 percent of the colored people in the United States already have at least some part of white blood. . . . This mixing, of course, has been through clandestine contacts of white men with colored women. The danger signs go up when the southern white man thinks of the possibility of his daughter or his granddaughter being looked upon as a possible mate by a man of color." — BUFORD BOONE, Publisher of the Tuscaloosa, Ala., News.

Sound And Fury Of Racial Madness

ST. LOUIS — A squabble over the ownership of a sweater last week touched off a protest demonstration in which 50-odd Central High pupils, most of them white, staged a several-hour walkout. The two colored freshmen and a white sophomore girls who started the fracas were suspended until the matter is cleared up.

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Relatives hereabouts include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Genevive Meekins of Baltimore; and a sister, Mrs. Henrietta Wilson of Centreville.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —Minnie Jean Brown, one of the Little Rock Nine, was suspended from Central High School for accidentally spilling a bowl of chili on two white youths. She is expected to be back in class after the Christmas holidays. Shrill voices from the White Citizens Council and the Mothers' League are asking that her suspension be made permanent.

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK — Mrs. Birdie Williams, president of the North Little Rock NAACP, surrendered to city police Thursday, shortly after an arrest warrant had been issued. She was released under $100 bond on charges of failing to comply with a city ordinance requiring submission of confidential NAACP information.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A white motorist whose car struck and severely injured a 66-year-old woman was severely beaten about the head and kicked in the ribs by a group of six or seven men, the police said. Mrs. Ola Galloway received a compound fracture of the left arm, a fractured right hand and abrasions of the right knee when she was struck as she pushed her car for the singing brush or a loose part.

LOUISBURG, N.C. — H. C. Taylor Jr., chairman of the Louisburg School Board, and Edward L. Best, former head of the Mills School PTA, were sharply critical last week of unsigned handbills which were distributed in the city in an effort to cause people to think that there was a race issue involved in a $250,000 bond issue on Saturday for improvement of the 50-year-old white W. R. Mills School.

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LITTLE ROCK — The Pro-Segregationist League of Central High School Mothers announced Saturday that it had sent a letter of protest to Principal Jess W. Matthews charging that school officials had discriminated against white pupils in permitting Mrs. Daisy Bates to participate in the questioning of white pupils about mistreatment of a colored pupil.

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WINDER, Ga. — Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia last week denied sending an emissary to Levittown, Pa.'s segregationists in their efforts to force the William Myers family to move. "I advised (James) Newell to seek other congressional help, since I did not have facilities to investigate the Levittown situation as he had asked," Russell declared.

Some Names That Appear In The News

NEW YORK— Theophili Adepoju Aderonmu, the Nigerian expert on the Bible who had been winning steadily on the $64,000 Question, withdrew from the program last week because of "embarrassing" circumstances involving his employer and working full time while in the U.S. on a student visa.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Franklin Williams returned this week to his post as NAACP West Coast secretary-counsel following a successful nine-month assignment at the National NAACP office as director of the association's Freedom Fund.

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NEW YORK — Mrs. Hazel Sharper, whose arrest on Sept. 25 for making an illegal left turn led to her conviction on disorderly conduct charge and caused a departmental probe of the case after the charge (temporarily) following appearance of Deputy Police Commissioner Robert Sharpe, was fined $5 last week on another illegal turn charge. The one in September cost her $50.

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COLUMBUS, N.M. — Lennon Kelly, 34, of Helena, Ark. died in a plunge from a speeding streamliner after telling his wife: "They'll get after me with a gun." Mrs. Kelly said he had been "acting strangely," after recent financial and business troubles.

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TOLEDO — Mrs. Winnie Ferguson, 72-year-old recluse, was burned to death in a flash fire, believed to have been caused by an exploding oil stove, which gutted her home. She is survived by a brother, Dr. Clarence E. Thompson, Chicago.

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WASHINGTON — Bishop C. M. "Daddy" Grace had his day in court Thursday and what a day! His chauffeur was given a ticket for parking Daddy's Caddy in a illegal zone, but when members of his sect tried to report it to the court for his entrance to the U.S. Court Building that was too much. Guards forced them to enter through metal detector inch fingernails and all, had to enter like the rest of the lesser mortals.

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TUSCON, Ariz. — Pianist-singer Hadda Brooks who moved last week to be on the verge of a divorce from her third husband, Newman-publicist Lee Brown. They have been married a year.

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NEW YORK — Omar Charmichael, Louisville, Ky., superintendent of schools, was presented with the second annual award for outstanding recognition of "his extraordinary leadership in the battle for public school integration."

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NEW YORK — Former Federal Judge J. Waties Waring received the Stephen Wise Award of the American Jewish Congress — a bronze plaque and a $1,000 check — for his contributions in the field of civil rights.

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BLYTHEVILLE, Miss. — A Mississippi Circuit Court jury found James Fowler, a former Blytheville policeman, not guilty in the fatal shooting of James Goodloe, a merchant who had pulled a gun on him and another policeman shortly before he was fired from his job.

Covering The International Scene

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa —The Rand Daily Mail announced that it would substitute the word "African" for "native" when referring to the Bantu people of South Africa. It will be the first South African daily to do so.

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PRETORIA, S. Africa —Foreign Minister Eric Louw rejected criticism of South Africa's racial policies by the American Committee on Africa, Inc., which sponsored an appeal last month signed by 123 world leaders from 38 nations, calling upon peoples of the free world to join in a protest against South Africa's racial policies.

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CAIRO, Egypt — The Permanent Family Committee of Egypt's Ministry of Social Affairs recommended last week that the legal age of marriage in Egypt be raised to 20 years for men and 18 years for women.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica — Sir Kenneth Blackbourne, sworn in Thursday as the new governor of the Island territory of Jamaica, applauded its drive for self — government. "No other colonial territory," he said, "is as qualified to run her own affairs."

TOKYO — If you have the habit of looking into the bottom of a glass too often, Japan may be the place for you. There, residents see nothing amiss about a man's consuming so much that he has tugged home. What's more, the law goes easily on the man who has an accident or commits a crime while in the state of "honorable inebriety."

POPULAR YULE GIFTS

NEW YORK — Miss Lucille Black, NAACP membership secretary, announced last week that several persons are giving NAACP memberships as Christmas gifts. She noted that one New York woman has given eight.

GOD'S SPEED TO JUSTICE

NEW YORK — In a cable to the 45th annual conference of the African National Congress in Johannesburg, South Africa, NAACP sent "warm greetings" and asked that "God speed your day of justice."

Deletion of religion as census query hailed

NEW YORK — The announcement Dec. 12 by the U.S. Bureau of the Census that it had dropped its proposed question Americans about their religion in the 1960 census was hailed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, as "a far-reaching victory for traditional American freedoms."

JACKIE ROBINSON, center talks with governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, at a 12-state governors conference of civil rights held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC recently. The governors formed a continuing committee to advance civil rights.

The Continuing Struggle For Equality

NEW YORK — Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan has been named head of a new continuing Governors' Conference on Civil Rights, composed of governors of 12 northern and western states. The purpose of the conference is to "expand inter-state co-operation to protect and improve the rights of the individual."

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Racial and Religious housing barriers exist in almost every state of the union, Judge David A. Rose told the 46th annual meeting of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week. "Gentlemen's agreements" and a host of other devices are used to circumvent Supreme Court rulings on the issue, he added.

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WASHINGTON — Chairman Paul Butler of the Democratic National Committee, at least, seems to have gained a measure of job security as a result of the Little Rock crisis. Popularity gained by Butler with colored voters as a result of his stand for law enforcement has made him "too hot to dump."

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —The Cherokee Club, one of three organizations in North Little Rock which has failed to meet the requirements of the "Bennett ordinance" in supplying information about its members and contributors, missed a second deadline last week, but no effort has been made to arrest any of its officers.

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NEW YORK — New York State is losing highly skilled technical and engineering personnel of considerable value to its industrial well-being and to the nation's defense effort," as a result of housing discrimination, the Commission on Discrimination reported last week. It plans issuance of a pamphlet and an educational film as counter-measures.

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ATLANTA — Governors Hodges of North Carolina and Collins of Florida said in separate interviews last week that the Little Rock affair had resulted in serious damage to lines of communications between Negroes and white leaders, hardening of feeling in both races and the "silencing" of the "moderates."

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NEW YORK — Vice President Nixon told 2,000 persons present in a dinner here, received the Irving M. Ives Award for his work in civil rights that the Republican Party would continue to fight for civil rights although it had failed to make gains among colored voters.

News of Interest You Should Know

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco has the highest ratio of policemen in the nation, but also has more crime and fewer crimes solved, according to a 145-page report of a law enforcement expert who made an eight-month study of the department.

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RICHMOND — Virginia spent $165,000 during 1956 to help colored students pursue courses to study in universities outside of the state which are not offered at Virginia State College, Dr. Robert P. Daniel, Virginia State president and administrator of the Graduate Aid Fund, reported.

53 Americans get Elk funds

PHILADELPHIA

The Elks Scholarship roll today carries the names of 53 young Americans, of both white and colored races, who are attending institutions in America, Canada and Mexico.

The next step is to Africa. A Campaign for Heroes will be launched at the National Education for Citizenship Banquet in Philadelphia, Jan. 31, with Maryland's Gov. Theodore McKeldin as the principal speaker.

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SHARING THE program with him will be Dr. Benjamin Fine, educational editor of the New York Times, Mrs. Daisy Bates, Little Rock's civic leader; Alex Wilson, editor of the Tri-State Defender; Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson, grand daughter ruler, and the grand exalted ruler, who will present the Governor.

Other fund-raising events will follow with mammoth benefits staged in New York, Cleveland, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis; Los Angeles; Atlanta, Ga.; and other cities to be nominated.

AJC asks action on civil rights

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress (Tuesday) proposed an eight-point program of action on Federal, state and local levels calling for an acceleration of the fight for full equality.

In urging an immediate "comprehensive and unified attack against discrimination and social injustice," the AJC challenged the view of Attorney General William P. Rogers that civil rights legislation should not be pushed in the 1958 session.

"We do not need a 'breather' in the struggle for civil rights," the AJC contended. "We need, rather, to increase our pace."

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AJCONGRESS' action proposed for 1958 was offered by its president, Dr. Israel Goldstein, at a dinner held at the Stephen Wise Congress House to honor former Federal Judge J. Waties Waring.

Judge Waring, a native of Charleston, S.C., received AJCongress Stephen Wise Award for "outstanding contributions to the advancement of civil rights." The Award is a bronze plaque and check for $1,000.

Convention Calendar

DEC. 27-30 — Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 44th annual grand conclave, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.

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DEC. 27-30 — Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Dallas, Texas

DEC. 27-30 — Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, West Chester, Pa.

DEC. 27-30—Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, San Antonio, Tex.

JAN 30 - FEB. 1—One Hundred Per Cent Wrong Club of Stalins Daily World, Walunage Apartments, Atlanta, Ga.

MARCH (date pending) — National Association of Personnel Workers, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

APRIL 3-5 — College Language Association, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas.

APRIL 23-26—Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, Greenville, S.C.

APRIL 24-26—Florida State Teachers Association, Miami, Fla.

Your AFRO cited

WILMINTON, N.C. — The AFRO-AMERICAN News papers was among two newspapers and two groups cited for "outstanding voluntary service" last week by the Phyllis Wheatley.

The groups were the local Y's advisory division — Mesdames Lucille S. Williams, Helena O. McDonald and Gertrude Evans — and the Bible class — Miss Minnie Creech. The other newspaper was the Wilmington Journal.

REPORTER'S ROW

by Samuel Hoskins

Re: Democrats, Republicans and Santa Claus

WASHINGTON

It's the season for it.

So Paul Butler, embattled chairman of the Democratic National Committee, ended his speech on a Christmas note.

Said speech was delivered Thursday night, before the Capital Press Club.

Said club is composed, in the main, of working members of that section of the press which (the Democratic chairman said) hasn't always supported the Democrats.

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PRIOR TO delivery, the speaker had a word of explanation about the speech.

A person in his capacity, he said, often has to talk from speeches written by others.

"But this speech was written by me."

He alone was responsible for it. The thoughts, principles and conclusion were his.

He submitted it to the public.

He also had a word about the answers to the questions that would be asked.

All answers will be honest. Nothing would be "off the record."

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NOW LET us state at the outset that it was a good speech.

Like Gaul, it was divided into three parts — missles and mess, Republicans and mess; Democrats, FDR and Harry S.

The first, part was built around a prediction for 1958.

To wit: The people who bungled us into the missile mess are going to use Sputnik as an excuse for a full scale effort to turn back the clock.

No strengthening of social security.

No slum clearance.

No building of schools.

No health and medical progress.

No progress in civil rights.

Yes, sir, that was a good speech.

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NOW AS for the Democrats, the Democratic chairman said, the party believes programs of human welfare should be continued.

Also, "we (Democrats) believe we must continue the fight for . . . the elimination of discrimination and denials of human rights to some of our citizens."

This being the Christmas season, the otherwise hardbitten reporters took him to mean such Democratic stalwarts as Senators Byrd, Russell and Talmadge and the other Manifesto gentlemen also are among "we Democrats."

THIS CONCLUSION probably was based on what the national chairman defined as "leadership by example and deed."

The tools of progress, he said, are education, leadership, and executive and administrative action.

He recalled that Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman had what it takes.

As for our present President, he has demonstrated little will or disposition to use the tools at his disposals.

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WHILE THE speaker didn't say so, the news guys and gals probably took this to mean the troops of the 101st Airborne Division were not tools at the President's disposal.

Anyway, the Democratic national chairman went on to say that if President Eisenhower had used the tools of leadership the shame of Little Rock could have been avoided.

The newspaper people waited but there was no mention of a Democrat called Faubus.

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HE ADDED, however, that "in all fairness" he had to admit neither party has a perfect record in human rights.

So, in all fairness, we reiterate, it was a good speech.

It had to be. For the speaker pointed out how for many years the Republicans in Congress (not the filibusters) blocked passage of civil rights bills.

He said that almost always these bills were supported by a large majority of the Democratic Party.

The reason the public was misled into believing the Democrats talked the measure to death was because the pro-Republican press failed to tell the truth.

(Those lying newspapers).

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AS PROOF of his contention, the speaker pointed out that the first civil rights legislation in 82 years was passed by a Congress under Democratic leadership.

You, sir, neither Senator Knowland nor Vice President Nixon had anything to do with it, the boys and gals of the press concluded.

As for Strom (filibuster) Thurmond, well, what do you expect of a Dixiecrat?

WHAT ABOUT the record of the Democratic Party as contrasted to that of the GOP?

The answer is to be found in those 20 golden years between March 1933, and Jan. 20, 1953.

These were the years FDR and HST created a climate favorable for enactment of the civil rights bill of 1957.

What has the Eisenhower - Nixon Administration done in this area?

Exactly nothing!

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IN THE future, it still will be nothing — no action, no leadership, more pious talk.

What do we need?

We need to know our friends.

We need to know the facts not to be the victims of a highly organized propaganda job for either a political party or a politician seeking office.

We need to be reminded that in the eyes of God and the Constitution all men are created free and equal.

And, particularly, in this Christmas season we need the spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Yes sir, 'twas a mighty good speech!

Cut Ala. members in House—NAACP

NEW YORK — Alabama's vote on Dec. 17 to liquidate Macon County because of its large colored population warrants action by the Congress "to reduce the number of representat