"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of hate and bitterness." — MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Baltimore Afro-American

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

The Flag Salute

The AFRO believes it stands for fair play and civil liberties for all people.

For this reason, we became anxious when we were apprised of the fact that an effort was to be made to make mandatory salute of the flag and pledge of allegiance to it by students and teachers a condition of the classroom in the Free State.

Heretofore in these columns we have said that patriotism is a matter of private concern like religion, and we believe it unwise and un-American to attempt to codify rituals of patriotism.

Now, despite our warnings and those of others of like mind, Governor Mandel has signed into law a bill which requires two badges of patriotism to be shown every morning in the classroom by student and teacher alike.

Unless the courts rule that the Flag Salute bill is unconstitutional, at some early date, whether a person feels patriotic or not he will have to recite the pledge and salute the flag if in a public school in Maryland in the morning.

What purpose will be served by this we cannot tell, since certainly, if one is of a mind to overthrow the government of Maryland and of the United States, he will hardly be deterred by the memory of having shown his badges of patriotism.

The governor and those associated with him would be better advised to spend more time devising methods to provide jobs for the unemployed, food for the hungry, houses for the unhoused than silly little time consumers like mandatory salutes and pledges.

The security of the state and the nation would be better served if these substantive things were done.

Our Readers Say:

County Program Hit

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

The State of Maryland Commission on Human Relations is deeply distressed to learn via newspaper reports and personal contacts that local Baltimore County officials are attempting to utilize the power of their offices to interfere with the legal activities of the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission.

These reports suggest that action is contemplated to remove the current Chairman of the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission, Thomas Dawes, based upon allegations that he has "stirred up trouble" in certain areas of the county.

[illegible] for a Human Relations Commission to be effective, it must [illegible] of political involvements as [illegible], and when government officials find it necessary to threaten and attempt to intimidate such commissions and/or members of such commissions for doing that which they [illegible] worrying about how they [illegible] told what to wear, how long to let their hair grow and naive things are commissioned to do, then indeed, our society must suffer.

Start Caring

Dear AFRO:

It is said, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Those words should mean a lot to you. You say I help others. I feed your mouth and I feed the mouths of those who need feeding. I'm just speaking figuratively when I say the word feed because it doesn't pertain to food for eating but for the heart. The prisoners in all penal institutions (whom society has placed) want to feel they still belong to society. Only we the people outside can give them this feeling.

This is the age of revelation, protesting against things that you feel are of relevancy. But one of the main things I feel you should be protesting about is the way black society is neglecting their black brothers in penal institutions. They're human beings just as you are, they want to feel their share to better this world. After all it is their world also, isn't it?

So why not give them a chance? They're in there for crimes they are paying a great price for. We, the society, lock them up like animals or savages and then toss away the key, of this fort.

Community involvement is what they need mostly in there. But the only community I've seen get involved is predominantly white. What's wrong, Black America? Don't you care! You say you are your brother's keeper, but yet you don't want to help him when he asks for help.

I've attended a couple of Lionsmith steps meetings they have in there, and the white outsiders that come in volunteer the blacks by 10-1. If you saw this immediately you would go the idea that blackie is an "uncle tom" but what else can they do?

They can't turn his help down because they need it, and you aren't helping him. But yet you say "I do insure your safety." Help destroy them? You're supposed to be fighting to be free, what about their freedom? Sure you probably say, "I don't want to get involved" but don't you realize you're already involved, as long as you're in this world of revolution you're involved. Sooner or later you're going to have to make a choice "live or die" there won't be no in-between, no uncle toms, or any other way out. So the best thing you can do is to get involved in things.

Start really caring about your black brothers and stop being hypocritical by saying "I'm black and proud!" Proud of what? You haven't done anything to be proud of. Remember it was your ancestors who did all of the work, not you. They stayed together and got things done for their brothers and sisters. Unity is what gets the job done, but the black society is lacking that.

RENEE MITCHELL
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Baltimore 13, Maryland

The Executive Director of the State Commission on Human Relations was present at a meeting involving residents of Turner Station and Baltimore County Human Relations Commission, held subsequent to the recent hearing in Turner Station, and it was quite apparent that there are serious problems to be resolved.

Experience has taught some of us that problems do not usually vanish when ignored, but on the contrary, continue to grow and possibly erupt in violent fashion. Thomas Dawes and the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission are to be commended for recognizing the problem, and attempting to alleviate the tensions, despite being well aware of the political ramifications involved, and despite the fact that they are not equipped with the professional staff to adequately handle such a situation.

We strongly urge the Baltimore County Government to provide funds for some full-time professional staff.

TREADWELL O. PHILLIPS,
Executive Director

For Lottery

Dear AFRO:

Orin Wilcox, chairman of the New York State Lottery Commission, has said, "Since June 1967, we have put $69.8 million in the education fund of New York State. At the present time, the net is approximately $2.5 million a month . . . To measure it another way, that is enough money to pay the salaries of 8,000 school teachers."

Any plan to reduce the tax load so as to make the hard less onerous has to be considered in its practical and realistic prespective. The heating bill of every public school building in the State could be paid or the textbooks could be improved by such a lottery in Maryland.

As for gambling as a source for funds, both Federal and State levels tax gambling. Wagering may be a legal crime but it is not a cultural crime in America (and Maryland) since Bingo, Horse-racing bookies, poker and bridge games abound. Remember the Police Department exhausts itself trying to control the "book" crime while the population gambles legally and illegally under racing commissions, on Colt, Orioles games; takes "chances" on TV sets and you-name-it have-already wonmagazine games, Ride a "Bingo" bus.

Let's be realistic! Our society does not consider it criminal to gamble and our courts and police are in a "quick bag" of trying to enforce laws that the population is not sold on itself.

No wonder many line officers fail to see the "immoral" aspects of illegal lotteries.

The State Lottery for Education should be established and the hypocrisy of this aspect of our society be avoided. Our youth will be served, while the direct tax will be eased by whatever the amount. They will be involved, in a lottery when they reach 19.

R. V. HAYSBERT, Sr.

AFRO Honor Roll And BUF

Because the AFRO-AMERICAN, in the past, has supported much of the work of the Black United Front, and in the future, where feasible, will continue that support, the AFRO will not engage in a bitter public dispute with BUF. That would serve no purpose other than to weaken the community both strive to serve.

On the opposite page, Edward Chance, BUF chairman, sets forth the reasons why his group chose to picket the luncheon program Saturday during which the AFRO presented awards to 1969 Honor Roll winners including Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and School Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon.

Against Commissioner Pomerleau, BUF cites the June 1969 dog-bite case, arrests and high bail against persons protesting this unfortunate incident and the recent arrests of members of the Black Panthers on charges relating to the brutal murder of a black man, as showing the commissioner has turned to racist, repressive measures.

Against Dr. Sheldon, BUF says there is racism in the schools, black children are being mis-educated and abused, that these things led to the troubles at Eastern High School, that black students are being unfairly suspended and failed; and, that Dr. Sheldon and Commissioner Pomerleau joined hands in the Eastern situation to harass, beat and indiscriminately arrest black children.

Then BUF declares, "We could further state our cases against Pomerleau and Sheldon but let the above suffice for the moment . . ."

The AFRO thinks BUF would have served the best interest of the community had it attempted to further state its case.

No one questions but that there is racism in the Baltimore Police Department and in the Public Schools of Baltimore.

In the relatively short time that Commissioner Pomerleau and Dr. Sheldon have held their jobs, the records show that they have acted through orders against discrimination, through hirings and promotions and through personnel changes, penalties and dismissals, to curb existing racism.

Neither has been totally successful. Neither has escaped AFRO criticism when it was felt deserved and neither will be immune from AFRO criticism in the future.

We agree with the most militant freedom fighter who says doing right by all citizens is nothing more than what Commissioner Pomerleau and Superintendent Sheldon are supposed to do.

But we also know the challenge faced by men in these positions who make enemies of establishment people in high places and enemies among the policemen and school personnel they supervise, when they demand equal treatment.

Baltimore's history is full of men who knew how deep and dangerous racism was in their police and school departments, but didn't have the guts to try to force changes.

We think the record shows Commissioner Pomerleau and Dr. Sheldon are trying, and making progress.

On receiving their AFRO Honor Roll awards on Saturday, both pledged themselves to try even harder.

While the AFRO is willing to put its record against any other group in Baltimore on the question of fighting, and winning equal opportunity battles for the black community, it didn't rethink-skinned it can't accept criticism, nor go pig-headed as to insist it is always right.

But until there is more evidence to the contrary, BUF's protest notwithstanding, the AFRO feels Commissioner Pomerleau and Superintendent Sheldon, along with our other Honor Roll awardees, are deserving.

And we pledge ourselves to work with them in their stated goals to improve the schools and the police department.

Come Back Monday

Above and behind almost every cloud, there it is a shining sun.

And conversely, beneath every cloud, there is almost certain to be stormy weather.

Memorial Day, with all its sentiment and memory of ones loved and gone, can be a shining day — full of flowers and the ready, perfume of spring.

But, as with almost every happy time in our society, there lurks the murderous statistics of the Monday following — when the cost of pleasure is added up, when, those killed while enjoying themselves are counted.

The facts being what they are, it seems useless to caution safe driving and carefree behavior over the holiday.

But we cannot help but believe that somewhere, someone takes seriously the word of caution that counsels care over the holiday.

Will you be that one? Will you do all you can to avoid being a sad statistic Monday morning after the holiday. Do all you can in your power to make sure you are around after Memorial Day.

Right On, Thurgood!

The revolutionaries have an expression for it — for the way most of us felt when we heard that Justice Thurgood Marshall was confined to Bethesda Naval Hospital and is much improved.

The expression is "Right On" and it means keep right on doing what you are doing because you are beautiful as you do it.

Mr. Justice Marshall is the pride and joy of millions of black Americans, and, to boot, a great legal scholar and philosopher gracing the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition Justice Marshall is a Baltimore boy, began his legal career as an NAACP lawyer in our town.

With a man such as President Nixon around to appoint those who fill vacancies, hopefully, just hopefully, we won't give him Thurgood's seat to fill.

So Right n, Thurgood! We look for you back on the Bench right soon.

Welcome, Mr. Brown

If there is any truth to the old adage that "the more (of good things) the merrier" we in Baltimore are in for a merry time.

We make this highly optimistic prediction because one of the most colorful men in American life has joined the ranks of Baltimore businessmen, and indeed is speculating with the very excellent idea of making this town his base of operations.

Of course, we are talking about singer, businessman James Brown, who recently purchased Radio Station WEBB and even more recently acquired the Downtowner Motor Inn.

It is needless to point out the many advantages that there in having a new business [illegible] in our town — the numbers of previously non-existent jobs, the addition to tax roll of the city, the economical selling and spending that occurs from economic activity.

However, in Mr. Brown's case, there is a bonus to his presence. He is a national personality of stature and will surely add lustre to the image of this great city.

We hope business will be good, and that Mr. Brown gains as much from Baltimore as he brings to it.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, its God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself —

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 injustices and prejudice, or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1920

Political Notebook

Nixon Has Chance To Up His Image

By MAX JOHNSON

For the first time in Maryland history, a representative of the black community, George L. Russell Jr., head of Baltimore City's Law Department has been recommended for a federal court judgeship.

There are two such vacancies now pending — and they are to be filled by Richard Milhous Nixon.

City Solicitor Russell is among nominees on both lists submitted by the Maryland State Bar Association and the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

He is a vice president of the city Bar Association — and the first of his race to be elevated to that post.

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Mr. Russell is also the first of his race to be appointed to a top city judgeship on Baltimore's Supreme Bench.

His appointment came by former Gov. J. Millard Tawes — a Democrat of his own party affiliation.

He is of course the first black community representative in this city's history to be appointed to head Baltimore's Law Department.

His legal knowledge is highly respected—and his background reads like something out of Who's Who in America.

The new judgeship posts carry a $42,500 annual salary.

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Mr Russell, however, must refrain from actively seeking the post — however much he may want it.

So — the matter is quite squarely up to President Nixon and his key advisors.

It is also an integral matter for Maryland's black community.

To be sure — politics supposedly by the public book, plays little part in a President's nomination of a judge.

Everybody remembers Nixon's Haynsworth and Carswell — but these two federal judgeships are the President's decision alone to fill.

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Up then is this key point.

Mr. Nixon is again faced with an excellent opportunity to raise his low-level status in the nation's black community — a level just challenged a few days ago by a group of the country's black college professors.

He has an opportunity too to make some prime hay for his Republican Party candidates — especially in Maryland — facing elections this November.

The GOP image what with Nixon's Cambodia, Spiro T. Agnew, and heightening unrest across the nation, needs all the sunlight possible.

Mr. Russell stands as a potential bright ray not only for the black community in this state but for the white as well — for his qualities have long commanded respect and comradeship of both.

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It is not, however, just Mr. Russell himself — despite his undisputed qualifications.

Mr. Nixon is here faced with an opportunity to give truth to a portion of what he said in his inaugural address Jan. 20 of last year.

Remember this fine bit of rhetoric he said at the time?

"To go forward at all is to go forward together.

"This means black and white together, as one nation, not two. The laws have caught up with our conscience.

"What remains is to give life to what is in the law. To insure at last that as all are born equal in dignity before God, all are born equal in dignity before man."

Mr. Nixon now has the excellent opportunity to give validity to his reasoning at that time — by naming Mr. Russell along with a white companion to those two federal judgeships in this area.

Like the weather on some summer days, it's not the heat that is surrounding him — it's the humidity.

Perspective

Going Up?

By DAVID E. SLOAN

As I entered an elevator the other day two other black men also entered.

One I knew to be a university administrator, and the other I recognized as a person who had a record of arrest and drug abuse, but could bring about by his forays as a revolutionary in riots and other demonstrations.

It was a self-service elevator, and as I pressed the button, I asked the other men which way they were going.

Both said, "Going up!"

I thought about this as I continued through that day. I would guess that that joint elevator ride shared by those men was one of the rare occasions when they would agree that they were headed in the same direction.

The young revolutionary and his cohorts would have one believe that they are going something different from where the black establishment, represented by such people as Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young, are going.

And some of the members of the establishment are so intent on the noise and rhetoric of the revolutionaries that the only place they see is in imagine that any of them are going is straight to hell.

But the fact is that they are all headed in the same direction whether they want to be or not.

And where they are headed is a condition of self-respect, self-confidence and self-adequacy that will make it more and more desirable for them to have intercourse on all levels with the white man and all other people in the world.

These thoughts were confirmed later this week by an obscure announcement that came out of Augusta, Ga., the same place where eight black people were slain recently during demonstrations against some racist practices.

The announcement was that Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun has resigned as president of Paine College, a school with 600 odd students and 40 odd teachers.

The important thing about this bit of intelligence is that Dr. Calhoun is white, and he is the last of the white presidents of black colleges.

Being less than 60 years old, I consider that I am a young man, and I can remember the time when most of the presidents of black colleges were white, including Morgan State College, located in the same city where this dynamic publication, the AFRO-AMERICAN is printed.

Obviously, a revolution has been going on in the most respectable of establishment circles, the inner sanctum of the board rooms on college campuses.

But does this mean that because black educators now head these institutions they are more black, less able and less willing to have intercourse in the general stream of education?

I think the answer is a resounding no.

If anything, there is a greater readiness on the part of those who have attained pride as educated black people from black institutions to share their expertise with others.

Sometime ago, when I wrote that the desired end of black solidarity would inevitably be a pragmatic, mutually beneficial and respectable integration of American races, I received several indignant letters from revolutionaries saying, in effect, that it was too bad that I writer is black as I could be so brainwashed by white thinking.

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Their purpose, they say, is to achieve a totally black society within a black nation, if necessary, carve out of the United States.

But all life experience shows that security and knowledge of self is only the beginning of exploration of others.

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Catch That Litterbug

Dear AFRO:

Of all the insects that work overtime to harass man and his environment, none is more prolific and difficult to control than the litterbug.

Your readers might be interested to know that in the continuing effort of this agency to enlighten Baltimoreans about the evils of street litter, the Bureau of Consumer Services has launched a city-wide competition which we call the "Catch-the-litterbug" contest.

This is how it works. Four attractive Department of Public Works' secretaries stroll through the downtown area, casually dropping pieces of paper.

Anyone who picks up the piece of litter and asks one of these young women, "Are you the official litterbug?" is a winner. The prize is a pocket-size transistor radio.

The real fun begins when someone who is not the "official litterbug" is approached and presented with the trash he has just discarded.

The contest is one phase of the Department of Public Works all-out war against the pollution effects of street litter. During a heavy rainfall tons of this trash are washed down storm sewers to end up making an unsightly mess of the Baltimore Harbor and adding to the pollution of the Chesapeake Bay.

By stimulating a mass search for the "official litterbugs," we are hoping to make everyone fully conscious of the fact everyone has a share in helping to clean up the city.

CLIFFORD W. MACKAY
Head, Bureau of Consumer Services

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

It's daughter No. 4 for Mr. and Mrs. Moses Newson (Lucille). He's executive editor of the AFRO.

Baby weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 ounces, one Wednesday (May 27), at Lutheran Hospital.

Her older sisters are Claudette, 21, Morgan State student; Kathleen, 16, Western High student; and Patricia 5, kindergarten at School No. 144.

The Newsons named the new baby Shawn Anita.

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Happy note: Vying for top honors as happiest mother of the week is Mrs. Gloria Farrar, city teacher.

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Reason: Her son, Hayward Farrar 21, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, nation's highest honor fraternity.

At the Tuesday evening ceremonies at the U. of Md. where he led the Black Student Union, she shed tears of joy.

She had every reason to be proud. She has reared her two sons alone, ever since Mr. Farrar Sr., died 15 years ago. Congrats to her and her family.

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Correcting record: — the lovely model for Franklin Simon in last Friday's AFRO was really Michelle Maddox of Forest Park High School.

She's the daughter of John and Martha Maddox, of Ruxton Ave. and a former neighbor.

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Best wishes to Graph Greene, the barber (Green's barber shop at 912 McMechen St.) He's confined to Lutheran Hospital.

Cuff note: Roderick Charles Pullen is a student in the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School on Light St. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Pullen of Wentworth Rd.

Army note: 2nd. Lt. Seth C. Carter has graduated from the U. S. Army Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and has been commissioned second lieutenant in the military police.

He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Carter of Woodington Rd. He goes to Ft. Gordon, Ga., and then to Germany.

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Another army note from Fort Belvoir: 2nd Lt. Vondra R. Rawley has been commissioned and assigned to Ft. Holabird for intelligence training. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rawley Jr. of Pikesville.

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Cited: LTC Cornel Johnson, Professor of Military Science, at Loyola College, is presented the US Army's Meritorious Service Medal for his "outstanding contributions to the ROTC program."

The presentation was made by MG William M. Pendren, Chief of Staff, First US Army, at Loyola College's Annual President's Review.

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In new post at First National Bank is Miss Theresa Stith. Reported named new assistant manager. More on this when we can hold her still long enough to talk about her new post.

More People, Places and Things

Father Donald O. Wilson, St. James Episcopal Church minister who suffered a heart attack while attending a church convention last Friday, is still confined to Hagerstown hospital.

He's much improved, out of intensive card. Thank goodness.

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People doing nice things for others: The Baltimore Chapter of NAFD (National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers), held a fashion designer's show, its 11th annual at the Hilton last Sunday.

Proceeds go for its scholarship fund. Mrs. Nell Sheridan heads Baltimore group.

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Former Baltimore minister visiting here last week was the Rev. Harvey E. Walden, longtime pastor at Ebenezer, Payne and Waters AME Churches.

Now 83, he lives in Chicago, has fond memories of Baltimore. Send him hellos to 1339 W. 111th Place in Chicago.

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Consecrated at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church last night (Thursday) was the Rev. Rovan Worndoerfer, who has been serving as assistant there for the past year to Father Robert Powell. He will continue as assistant priest.

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Like good singing? You would have loved Sunday services at Douglas Memorial Community Church this past week. It was Woman's Day.

Music is directed by the Rev. James S. Hammond. Oh how beautiful the voices are.

Speaker here was vivacious Rev. Mrs. James D. Ryker, Chicago, famed ordained woman minister and world traveler She was so human and down to earth.

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Liked her when she reminded us We should simply breathe complaints, not swallow them.

Women's Day co-chairmen (they raised about $4,000), were Mrs. Catherine C. Neal and Mrs. Mary Hurt.

Associate minister here, the Rev. John Minor Day had knee surgery on Wednesday.

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Which reminds me to say please send get well cards to Mt. Wilson Hospital for Police Major Clarence Roy. He is much improved, thank goodness.

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The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, minister of Douglas Memorial Church mentioned above, was in Miami on Monday to receive honorary degree from his alma mater, Florida Memorial

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Cheer to: Mrs. Lucille Brown (many know her as a member of the Big Sisters); is some happy this holiday weekend.

This week, she was allowed to leave Children's Hospital, where she had been confined too many days after her knee surgery.

She's much better. Hellos to her at her Morgan Park home.

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Mrs. Ethel Rich, the businesswoman (Womanpower et al), who was injured in that Friday night accident, remains in good spirits at Harrisburg Hospital, where she will be for a spell until that injured leg heals properly.

She's in Room 609.

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Glad-you're-better cards to Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Rt. 5, Box 204, Buffin Rd., Richmond Va. 23231. She is much improved too.

Many know her as the beloved mother of Baltimore's Mrs. Kye Lewis (Ruth), of Bentalou St.

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Holiday visitor here from Haiti where her husband is U.S. Ambassador is Mrs. Clinton E. Knox (Clementine).

She and daughter Karen, guested here with her brother and sister-in-law, the John H. Murphys 3rd

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Elegant living in Baltimore is exemplified in the Ellamont Rd. home of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Madison. (Vivian).

They have a way with colors and furniture arrangement, not to mention the fountains and flowers. They were hosts to Baltimore Chapter Jack and Jill parents at a Sunday evening.

By the way, Mrs. Madison (who spends her hours at Welcome Aboard), is the classy model who looks so good that that travel agency contest turned her down.

There's court suit pending.

Cuff note: Science Club of Lemmel Junior High holds Talent Show Sunday at 4.

On tap are: classical, popular and soul numbers.

Innovating Grads

Several years ago Dustin Hoffman, the movie star, won an Academy award for his portrayal of a college graduate whose main character trait was that he was so naive and indecisive that he almost missed out on the career and romance that life had to offer.

In the intervening years, the image of the graduate has had a complete metamorphosis. Instead of their being the "blushing violets" of society, they have become our most-committed activists.

Instead of their placidly seeking to know what elders think so that they may faithfully imitate, they have become the nation's most unapologetic innovators.

Innovation is the key word in college graduations this summer.

At Morgan State College, for the first time in recent history, the commencement will not be on the first Monday in June after a baccalaureate sermon on the Sunday preceding.

This is partially because last year the graduation was held in June and baccalaureate sermons are irrelevant and superfluous, without one. They were [illegible] discontinuance of the same.

This year, because of the recent tragedy at Jackson, Miss., the graduates, always with an eye and ear trained in the direction of what really is happening have decided to wear, as part of commencement regalia, purple armbands in mourning for two black colleagues killed in Mississippi.

At Johns Hopkins, the graduates made a decision to hear their own choice of speaker, even if it meant having two separate exercises.

They carried off this innovation with the united color of some showing up in sports clothes (having donated the cost of graduation gowns to peace movements), with flowers over the regular gown, and one lad was even barefoot.

To those of us whose college days were spent in a more reverent atmosphere, the 1970 crop of graduates must seem a somewhat scarey bunch. But they are the inheritors of the future.

And as long as they have the kind of commitment and willingness to work for what they believe, they will have brought into the institutions they give the spring season to, a type of [illegible]

MR. DOSWELL

TOGETHER

The Real Senator Tydings

By RONALD J. DOSWELL

Senator Joseph Tydings (D., Md.), as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, is the chief backer of two measures that, if passed by the Congress, will prove to be quite detrimental for black and white people.

The first of these measures, the "Pre-trial Detention Bill," would allow a judge to detain a person up to sixty days if:

(1) "the judge thinks that the accused will commit another crime if released on bail,"

(2) "the judge feels that there is a high probability that the person will be convicted of the present charge against him," and

(3) "the accused has committed either a dangerous crime or a crime of violence."

My lawyer friends tell me that this measure is in blatant violation of our American philosophy of justice, simply because, under this provision a judge must assume the accused to be guilty in deciding whether the accused will be convicted of the charge against him.

According to American jurisprudence, a person is innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Also, under this measure, a judge can deny a person bail if he feels this person will commit another crime if released.

My lawyer friends say that this is in violation of the 8th Amendment—which states in part: "excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

Thus, implicitly, the 8th amendment grants the right to bail.

The second measure being backed by Mr. Tydings is the "no knock" bill, which says that "a judge may authorize a police officer to enter a person's house without knocking if:

(1) the identity of the policeman is already known to the occupants within and/or,"

(2) "the evidence subject to seizure is in the process of being destroyed, concealed or deposed of."

Most legal minds in the country feel that this measure is in violation of the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution which guarantees "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures."

How, the lawyers say, can a person feel secure in their homes, etc. with the knowledge that a policeman can break down his door at any moment and walk in?

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As you might recall this column dealt with these two measures some weeks ago.

But, because Senator Tydings is coming up for re-election soon, I think we should place him in the proper light.

Mr. Tydings has sought to portray himself as the "good hearted" liberal.

This I can assure you he is not. And the proof of this statement is his sponsorship of the two evil measures that I've outlined to you.

Thus, I make a plea to all concerned black and white people to come forward and engage themselves in activities that will stop this man at the polls in November.

Mr. Tydings has fooled us long enough; he must not be permitted to continue doing this.

MRS. WHITE

It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE

There is an accelerating militancy and an increasing unrest among women about their rights and responsibilities. There still exists massive resistance to providing equal opportunity for women.

For despite notable contributions by women in most professional fields, the work world remains essentially a "man's world," and women's primary function there, as in the home, is assumed to be to serve the male.

Thus, most women in the U.S. labor force perform mainly the long-accepted "serving" jobs: clerks, secretaries, nurses, staff assistants, and occasionally a "deputy chief" of something.

Even in other professions, women are usually found at the lowest levels with little chance for development of their skills and abilities.

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Dr. Alice Rossi a noted sciologist at Goucher College, found that women account for only 30 per cent of the doctoral candidates, 19 per cent of full-time instructors, 14 per cent of assistant professors, and less than 1 per cent of departmental chairmen.

Of women with doctorates, 40 per cent are working, she reported, but many end up teaching on the faculty of junior colleges and community colleges where they comprise about 40 per cent of the faculty, and where the pay, status, and research opportunities are substantially less than in major universities.

Stanley J. MacFarland, of the National Education Association, indicated at the Equal Rights Amendment Hearings that while women make up 67.6 per cent of public elementary and secondary school teachers of the country, they comprise only a small fraction of the administrative staffs of the public schools.

He also noted that 78 per cent of all elementary school principals and 98 per cent of high school principals are male. He further stated that some school districts still maintain separate pay scales for men and women —the men get more.

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Industry also bears its part of the burden of sex discrimination. A recent report from the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division stated that "an estimated $17-million in back pay is owed women workers who have been discriminated against by industry under the Equal Pay Act of 1963."

About $2-million has already been paid in back pay to women, and to a few men, whose employers were violating the Equal Pay Act.

In February of this year, the Labor Department achieved a landmark decision in a case involving payment of more than $250,000 in back wages to women by a Glass Company in New Jersey. The Department initiated the case with claims that the company was violating the law by paying women 1 and a half cents an hour less than men.

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The company contended the men had to perform extra tasks, such as lifting bulky cartons of glass containers and stacking them. On May 18, the Supreme Court turned down an appeal by the company challenging the decision by the U.S. Circuit Court in Philadelphia. The ruling required the company to pay 250 women selectors the same hourly rate the 275 men selectors receive.

Women are taking to the courts and many changes will be taking place as more and more suits are filed. There are many women lawyers who are volunteering their time and assistance in solving the legal problems involving court suits.

Full use of the courts is one step in striking down outdated laws that deny more than half of the population the right of first-class citizenship.

Meaning Of Memorial Day

May 30 is Memorial Day. The past is dead, let's get on with the future. This seems to be the attitude of the current generation which has little time to pay tribute to the generation that has gone before, no matter what they did to enhance the present.

"I have no way of judging the future but by the past. I have no light by which my feet are guided, except the light of experience.

All these expressions made famous by Patrick Henry in his speech of reconciliation paid tribute to the wisdom that comes with experience of age which somehow seems to feature the claim of the younger generation that only they are endowed with the wisdom of the ages and reserve the right unto themselves to make the great decisions that affect all of their lives.

Nearly one year later, speaking along the same line, Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg address said, "Men will soon forget what we say here, but they shall never forget what they did here."

He was alluding, of course, to the thousands who had given up their lives in the great struggle to free slaves from the lace of American and so that those who had been deprived of the blessings of freedom might live and enjoy the abundant life.

This is far from a realized dream and we, as a nation, are still working toward that end, or should be.

But, in the rush of events, let us not allow the memories of those who have made a lasting contribution toward our joint ends. That is why we take time out to honor their memories. That is why we try to keep a continuous chain of memory flowing from those doing their bit in the struggle today to those who have made their contributions and passed to their reward.

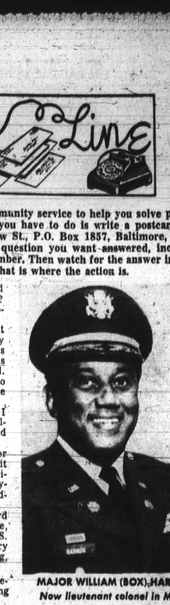
That is why, we think, it is so necessary to remember. But all this has been said in terms of heroics, forgetting, of the moment, that everybody is not a hero or entertains no desire to be.

Some have lived the hero part simply by having lived and spread what light they could helping to make life a little easier for others. These too are worthy of remembering. They, too, deserve a little tribute.

Memorial Day was designed so that those affected will be given a chance to devote a moment to bring back if possible, a thought for those who have gone before. We like the words of a great friend Andy Razaf who wrote eloquently of them:

"Waking skies at sunrise, every sunset too, everything seems to bring memories of you. Here and there everywhere things that we once knew. And they all just recall memories of you."

That embodies the spirit of Memorial Day.



MAJOR WILLIAM (BOX) HARRIS
Now lieutenant colonel in Md. National Guard

Afro Line

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a postcard to AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address, and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the action is.

QUESTION: What is this I read about Major Harris being promoted? Does he have greater rank in the Police Department?

ANSWER: Major Harris's latest elevation is not connected directly with his work as a police officer. It is more involved with the military. His rank is Lieutenant Colonel in the Md. National Guard, and his duty is to operate as liaison officer between the police and the Guard.

QUESTION: Over two months ago I filed a Federal income tax return calling for a refund. I have not received it. — N. P.

ANSWER: You should have either a check or a letter explaining why it is held up, Irving Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia, advises.

A taxpayer who has not heard about his refund should, therefore, wait ten weeks before writing IRS. Most taxpayers will find their inquiry unnecessary if they wait this long, Mr. Machiz says.

QUESTION: Is it true you can deduct the expenses of a house-hunting trip under the new tax law?

ANSWER: If the move is for job reasons and you meet the mileage and employment tests, you may be able to deduct your transportation, meals and lodging costs on a house-hunting trip. This provision was added in the 1969 Tax Reform Act and is effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 1969.

Other expenses that may now be deductible under the new law are meal and lodging costs for up to 30 days at the new job location. Expenses related to the sale of a house on the settlement of a lease at the old job location and the purchase of a house or acquisition of a lease at the new location also may be deducted for the first time.

The total amount that may be deducted under these new provisions is $2,500. Not more than $1,000 of this may be for house-hunting trips or living costs.

Black United Front Tells Why It Picketed

Dear AFRO:

On Saturday, May 23, the Black United Front demonstrated by picketing at the AFRO Awards dinner.

This action was decided upon after much deliberation by leaders of the Front, and the polling of the membership, and other community people.

The reason for the demonstration was that the AFRO-AMERICAN was presenting honor awards to Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and School Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon, two persons whom the Front has been campaigning against for a year because of their racist and oppressive policies against the black community.

It became evident in June 1969, in the K-dog bite incident that Pomerleau had plans to use the police to repress all meaningful protest in the black community.

You will recall that a white policeman set his dog upon an innocent black woman, and in tearing her wounds that required seventy-five stitches, and causing him to require fifty-two stitches.

In addition, the dog was loosed to run through a house terrifying others including a blind child.

Pomerleau did not see this incident as being serious enough to take any meaningful action beyond transferring the policeman to another beat, despite the shock and outrage felt by black people.

When twelve black men, members of the Soul School, protested in front of Western Police Station, in accordance with their constitutional rights, demanding that the white policeman be fired and appropriate charges brought against him, Pomerleau had the twelve black men arrested and bailed placed as high as $25,000 on some.

It was clear that Pomerleau was beginning his plan to repress protest in the black community by first dealing heavy-handedly, with militants that he thought he could isolate from the rest of the black community and therefore set precedent for all kinds of police harassment —arrest, high bail and jailings that would eventually be visited upon anyone who protested in any meaningful way.

A more update example of Pomerleau's police state tactics are the recent lightning raids in the Black Community to round up the Black Panthers.

The Black United Front saw this sinister scheme and is working vigorously to defeat it.

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Racism in the school system, headed by Dr. Sheldon is well known.

Black children are being miseducated and abused in the public schools.

This situation led to the eruptions in the high schools last winter, beginning with Eastern High School.

Here racism in the schools becomes interwind with police repression and Sheldon and Pomerleau become one.

Our black students were harassed, beatened, and arrested indiscriminately.

All of this happened in the open, but the more subtle forms of racism continue below the surface. Black students are unfairly suspended, failed, and abused in many ways.

We could further state our cases against Pomerleau and Sheldon but let the above suffice for the moment as reason for the Black United Front's public opposition to the two men and the problems they visited upon the black community.

In the midst of this, the AFRO decided to honor them with awards. This inevitably and unfortunately puts the AFRO and the Front on a collision course.

While we were trying to educate the black community to the nature of racism and repression perpetrated by the school system and the police, the AFRO was saying that the men who personalized this racism and repression deserved the highest honor of the black community.

That is the crux of the matter, and that is why the Front demonstrated.

Let us be clear: — our decision to have an open confrontation with the largest, most respected, and most vital, black institution, was not an easy one to make.

Yet it is because the AF