Can't Move When He Ought

"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 Sitting Judges

When the sitting judges held their big banquet at the Civic Center Monday night, they dramatized what in our judgment is a very decadent institution, that of "arranging" for the re-election of judges already sitting on the bench.

The theory, at best highly dubious, is that the experience a man has had serving as a judge equips him better to continue in that capacity than a new man who may simply have convinced the electorate that he was better prepared.

In addition, the practice is supposed to "Keep the judges out of politics" and therefore to make them more judiciously fair and independent.

We submit that neither of the ends is served by the sitting judge principle.

We submit that the principle and practice as currently carried out in the Maryland courts are nothing more than a very sophisticated way of keeping control of who serves as a judge in the hands of a few powerful people, mainly leaders of the bar.

This is the opposite of the democratic idea of having people participate in the choice of those who govern them.

We think it is highly significant that the one judge on the Supreme Bench who almost faithfully reflects identification with the people he judges, the Honorable Joseph Howard, refused to attend the sitting judge banquet.

Judge Howard confirmed our distrust of the sitting judge principle when he said this week, "I don't see how any black person can support the sitting judge principle. It simply operates to abrogate their strength to choose their own officials."

Aside from the fact that the sitting judge principle does not keep judges out of politics and does not result in better men being chosen, it will operate in the coming election to restrict rigidly the number of black judges on the bench committed to the uplift of black citizens who comprise at least 47 per cent of the total Baltimore population.

Where we now have four black judges on the bench, were it not for the sitting judge principle, we might be able to elect eight.

The institution is one of those archaic ones with which Baltimoreans must sooner, rather than later, come to grips.

We need to get rid of the sitting judge principle in electing our judges.

Salute To Midshipmen

A measure of the growth of American democracy may be seen in the plentiful presence of black graduates in this year's graduation class at the Naval Academy.

We can recall when much of our editorial efforts were aimed at getting political leaders to name black applicants for military training on the highest level.

Now, we are directing much effort toward having qualified students come forward for the places that are already available on the academy roster.

Of particular pride to black Americans, as well as others, is this year's top graduate at the Naval Academy, Midshipman Anthony John Watson, who has shown leadership qualities of the highest order.

The son of humble parents, he has demonstrated the capability that many more people have when they are given an opportunity.

Although it is fanciful prediction, there is reason to hope that this young man may, as some have said, be the first black superintendent of the Naval Academy.

This is said in salute to his special qualities rather than in derogation of capabilities of others who may be eligible before him.

The AFRO can take reasonable pride in saluting all the midshipmen, including the six black graduates who have completed the Naval Academy's rigorous course this year.

Morgan's New Center

"There is consensus among Morgan State administrators, faculty, student body, alumni and supporters that it must play an even greater role in rescuing the Baltimore metropolitan area from the stultifying effects of a proliferating set of urban problems."

The new Morgan State College Center for Urban Affairs under the direction of Dr. Homer Favor with the expert advice and involvement of all of Morgan's departments is this Institution's practical answer to the demands of urban youths as we move into the 70's.

We are certain the educators know what they want to accomplish, but since the means of doing their job have never been tried before we would expect that in this regard they have some uncertainty.

Theirs will be a pioneering venture, and they deserve the full support and cooperation of the community in carrying out their mission.

The New Awareness

As the city and its surrounding neighborhoods enter the time of college and high school commencements there are continuing signs of uneasiness, concern and anxiety on the campuses as well as in the nation generally. The usual joyful celebrations of educational achievement, which graduation brings, is engulfed by this mood of the moment which faces the nations new young generation of future leaders.

Few of today's college graduates, and high school ones, too, can understand how "194 years of American democracy" have produced the governmental incompetence and anti-democratic philosophy controlling the country. And with only six years to go before the nation marks its bicentennial of freedom, wild rhetoric and indecisive leadership cloud effective exercise of the civil liberties students have been taught they are endowed.

The Old "spirit of '75" is lost in the race for power. None of this has escaped the students, many of whom regard the whole scheme of things as pure hypocrisy and put little faith in the nation's leaders. For black students the loss of faith is doubled for most of them are experiencing an era of repression and racial polarization after what appeared to be a golden decade of progress in civil rights.

One good thing has emerged however. Everywhere there is a new awareness on the part of black students which makes it clear that things will never return to the old status quo. This is an awareness that black graduates must work together and with their less fortunate brothers and sisters if they are to contribute any meaningful progress to the black people's struggle for freedom.

For children in the Washington area it is ironic to bear with increasing frequency a plea to graduates to return to their own homes to build better black communities. It is ironic because it is the same old cry Howard University's president-emeritus Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson made year after year in his baccalaureate sermons during the Depression Years and the immediate post World War II period. Dr. Johnson's pleas failed to impress many of his graduates and many settled down in the heavily populated urban areas and have done little to help alleviate the social problems involved in these inner city spots.

Now the plea for a return to the black community to work and build has become a universal plea to graduates and wisely it is being accepted in many instances. It is part of the new awareness by black students and this year's graduates. It should produce a new generation of real leaders — men and women prepared to meet the challenges of society where they occur and not men and women competing with each other in the same, small urban arena which in the final analysis slow the effectiveness of each other and achieve little.

At the same time we hope this graduating group of new leaders takes with them wherever they go the knowledge that the priceless freedom all of us have been fighting for allows a man to voice his dissent loud and clear but to voice it rationally and peacefully.

Peaceful dissent is a precious right and must be affirmed everywhere but the precious right to oppose carries with it the responsibility to allow others to be heard in the free flow of ideas. Only in such an exchange can the best ideas emerge in the fight to solve the multiplicity of problems facing us.

If the class of 1970 remembers this and utilizes its new awareness to promote constructive change it is conceivable that the next class will trod a less troubled road and view the world with clearer vision.

Rev. Stith's Opportunity

The main thing that could be said about the Rev. Forrest Stith, when he came to our city as pastor of Sharp Street United Methodist Church in 1968, was that he was a young man of the cloth with a glittering education.

Since he has been among us, he has shown that he knows how to apply his learning in practical ways for the benefit of the community as well as his congregation.

Sharp Street United Church is an attractive assignment for senior ministers in the Methodist Church. To occupy its pulpit as a youthful minister is a signal honor.

The Rev. Mr. Stith has shown that his youthful shoulders are directed by a wise and well-grounded head and heart.

We expect that with his new opportunities with the Board of Missions, his abilities will find new ways to make Christianity relevant in the lives of believers.

Our Readers Say:

Young People Taught Adults Many Lessons

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.

Dear AFRO:

Each one of us who attended and participated in the two-day weekend experience at Clifton Park Community School can point to different things he found out as important experiences.

As a member of the Community Schools Division, I was most impressed with the fact that the Community School Division, with the help of the American Red Cross, the Department of Health, the Bureau of Recreation, the Division of Community Relations of the Police Department, and special interest centers throughout the city, was able to provide this kind of experience for sixty-eight young people and about thirty-five adults.

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These young people taught us a number of things during this weekend that should have an effect on the way we would work with them and others like them in planning other experiences.

They have taught us that they have real concerns for improving themselves.

They taught us that they need adults to give them a vote of confidence, to encourage them, and to give them examples that they can follow in such basic characteristics as honesty, integrity, and forthrightness.

Besides teaching us these things, it was this quality of cooperation and sharing that should make this experience the type of pilot project of which we can be proud.

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We can never praise too highly Mr. Biller, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brittain, and the corps of people that they involved in having Clifton Park Community School offer the best to us during this entire weekend.

We are also indebted to the American Red Cross for making arrangements for delicious meals that arrived on time. We are also indebted to Abe Zaner, who came and had everybody including "yours truly" square dancing on Saturday.

The young lady, Chris, who came in to help direct the fellowship service Sunday morning, and I could go on and on naming community persons who volunteered their time on Saturday and Sunday to help chaperone the affair, who spent the night on Saturday with us and provided the kind of counseling that young people need so badly.

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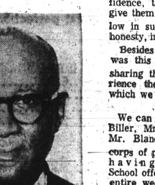
Last, but far from least, none of this would have been possible without the sixty-eight young people who represented their respective community schools, who attended this workshop with diversified purposes and who shared in this experience and are returning to their centers, just a little bit different because they had this opportunity with us.

We are interested in meeting in the very near future to talk about things we have done. We want to plan together the future kinds of experiences highlighting the advantages and offering questions for improvement for this pilot program.

Would you be interested in joining with us on this occasion? Could we tentatively consider the date of June 17th at 3:30 p.m. for the time we could have this evaluation session?

(Mrs.) PEARL C. BRACKETT
Assistant Superintendent
Community School Division

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Interested persons can contact Mrs. Brackett through 467-4000.)



ALFRED E. CHEEK

Gratitude

Dear AFRO:

I have been a steward in the U. S. Government service for 42 years and recently retired.

Upon retirement, I was entitled to a Good service award. I feel that but because of the ill-will of a supervisor, I received only a 40-year silver pin.

I have been a deacon in Sharon Baptist Church for years and have received many compliments by visitors for my cooking.

Would appreciate it if the AFRO will say how I feel about this.

ALFRED E. CHEEK

Appreciated

Dear AFRO:

Please accept our deep appreciation for plugging the Community Schools Summer Workshop which will be held at Garrison Junior High Community School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, June 22 to 26, 1970, inclusive. The response has been gratifying indeed. Achievement of such a measure of success would have been impossible without your invaluable assistance. Thank you for any additional plugs you may be able to give near the time the workshop convenes.

LLOYD McDONALD

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 ensured;

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

Correction

Dear AFRO:

It was called to our attention that the May issue of your paper, page 14, carried a story entitled "Youth dies in Hoffman St. stabbing." The report stated that the argument took place in front of Jimmy Wu's Restaurant in the 2600 block Hoffman St.

We would like to inform you that the restaurant is not Jimmy Wu's Restaurant, although it might be a Chinese restaurant.

We would greatly appreciate if you can make a correction in your paper so the public can be promptly informed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

JIMMY WU

Political Notebook

Nixon Vs Wallace Inevitable Confrontation

By MAX JOHNSON

Richard Milhous Nixon is perhaps the one person in this country — along with millions of others concerned — who stands more disturbed over the governorship victory of Alabama's fouthy George C. Wallace.

Black and white citizens, of course, who have been looking forward hopefully to a general improvement of racial tensions are highly disturbed also.

For it isn't difficult to visualize racial conflicts arising in that none too enlightened state triggered by the Wallace pronouncements and actions.

Moreover, the type of conflicts that could easily trigger similar eruptions in other states as reprisals.

This pattern is becoming increasingly commonplace here of late.

But more along this line in a moment.

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The President, however, most assuredly faces a head-knocking series of vital confrontations with Wallace.

Alabama's gift to the ranks of white extremists has lost no time in giving open indications of his intended belligerence toward the White House.

News reports Tuesday night, even before the final votes were counted confirming his victory, were that Wallace was loudly demanding that Mr. Nixon "give us back our schools."

The Wallace stand against school desegregation is, of course, a well known defiance blot on Alabama and American history.

Well — we have the same Wallace back, and in the same official status.

The President then is in for some nasty Wallace headaches.

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He is already under fire for his relaxing of a school desegregation and the Voting Rights Act in rebellious areas of the South.

The Wallace demands for further concessions are certain to force the Nixon stand to a point of decisiveness that could be embarrassing to the President — in view of his noticeable coddling of the South.

He can't afford to bow to Wallace —in the eyes of the rest of the nation.

The whole thing poses a paradoxical situation for Mr. Nixon — one the demand far more from him than his usual rhetoric.

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Moreover — there is the threat of a very likely third party bid by George Wallace for the Presidency in 1972.

Although he carried 45 electoral votes in southern states in his national 1968 bid — the Wallace momentum is likely to gain strength.

Here in Maryland he garnered 178,000-plus votes in that general election as Hubert H. Humphrey carried this state with 538,000-plus votes — and Mr. Nixon chalked up close to 520,000.

There are no indications the Wallace strength has waned in this state — but rather the opposite is more noticeable.

Credit this here as in a number of other states to the unrest of the times. — and the inflammatory Spiro T. Agnew.

Mr. Nixon has a real problem on his hands — as does much of the eastern area of America.

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Now back briefly to those possible racial conflicts.

These, too, are eruptions neither the President nor the nation can afford.

Wallace has a history of inciting breaches between the races.

There are no indications he has had a change of heart — what with the unrest that has spread to many areas of the country.

He is just the fellow, for example, to stir up new boldness on the part of his admirers in Maryland — and opposing retaliatory resentment by those who have no regard for him.

Results this close to the White House and Capitol Hill could be some disastrous civil eruptions — again with this state as example.

Wallace has long been a dangerous man.

He will bear close watching by the more sensible heads in this country — and by President Nixon most of all.

Perspective

A Word From A Lady

By DAVID E. SLOAN

Maryland's first and only black woman senator was the guest speaker at the commencement exercises of the Maryland State College at Princess Anne on the Eastern Shore of Maryland Sunday.

And State Senator Verda F. Welcome, who represents the fourth legislative district in Baltimore City, had some things to say to students which I think are worth repeating.

Incidentally, Princess Anne officially becomes the University of Maryland at the Eastern Shore on July 1, 1970 — an historic occurrence which should reduce some of the well-founded protests students have been making concerning the state's support of that institution.

Now that the school will bear the name of the University, it will indeed be surprising if the state will allocate expenditures for it in any different fashion from that of the mother institution at College Park.

Students have been saying that the state has been fiscally irresponsible against the institution and that the president, Dr. J. T. Williams, has not been aggressive in having the state change its attitude.

But back to Senator Welcome.

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After paying tribute to Dr. Williams, whom the lady said, "has never ceased to work untiringly for (the school's) development," she praised students "who had the guts to stand up for the principles in which they believed."

"If I read correctly what youth are saying," Senator Welcome said, "it is something like this:

"1. We are tired of moral hypocrisy that has for so long prevailed in our society. We would like a little honesty for a change.

"2. If the wealth of this country is to be used for the vicious exploitation of human and natural resources at home and abroad, then the possession of wealth is no longer a virtue, but a vice of the basest sort.

"3. Black students are saying all of this and something more: They are saying:

"a. We are tired of unfulfilled promises, of tokenism;

"b. We are tired of defending a country, which after we fight for democracy and self determination abroad, denies us the most elementary rights of citizenship at home;

"c. We are tired of the cry for law and order, a cry that applies only when crimes are committed against them. They are saying law without justice is immoral and cannot be tolerated."

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In offering her solutions for the problems besetting schools of higher learning today, Senator Welcome said:

"In these days, it is not enough for our colleges and universities merely to reiterate what have come to be regarded as demands and ultimatums. They must rethink their own priorities in changing world and restructure themselves in order to function more effectively in such a world.

"They cannot and must not wait for crisis after crisis to overcome them before they decide to do something about, say, the governance and the curriculum."

Senator Welcome is the first black woman to receive an honorary degree that has for so long prevailed in our

Exit, Dr. Williams

When automobiles first sported automatic gear shifts, many drivers were baffled by the innovation, and some even ceased to drive — unless they could keep their standard shift autos.

This generation of college students is as new to educational institutions as the self-shifting transmission was to automobile engineering.

Some educators even though they were entirely at home in traditional educational institution found themselves at sea when called upon to operate with new educational, social and intellectual tools.

Dr. John T. Williams, Maryland State College, and Dr. Parlett Moore, leaving Coppin State this summer are two excellent educators of yesterday's school.

Their failings have been in the inability to move and adjust to changing educational and social times.

We think Sen. Verda F. Welcome was correct when she said Dr. Williams has worked "untiringly" for Maryland State College.

We think she was also wise when she paid tribute to Maryland State students for standing their ground in a new era with new demands.

We think productive places can be found for dedicated and brilliant men like Drs. Williams and Moore who are leaving two of our higher education institutions almost at the same time.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

If you attended Morgan State College graduation and caught sight of President Martin D. Jenkins hurrying cross campus just minutes before a procession formed, you can learn here what happened:

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, he was at Lincoln University (Pa.) to receive an honorary doctor of letters degree. After accepting the honors, he drove right back to Baltimore in time for festivities at his own college.

With the Lincoln degree and the honorary degree Morgan awarded him later on during its exercises, Dr. Jenkins now has seven such degree.

Others are from University of Liberia, Delaware State, Howard University, Indiana State and Johns Hopkins.

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Cuff note: For graduation Sunday he wore the new Hopkins robe and also the purple mourning armband which all 667 Morgan grads and other commencement participants had on their left arm, a token of sympathy for slain Jackson State (Miss.) College, Kent State (Ohio) and Augusta (Ga.) students.

Commencement speaker, Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., also wore the mourning band.

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More on Morgan graduation: Never in my life have I ever attended a public gathering of this sort.

Only the love call of the locust could be heard as 10,000 persons sat in the stands or on the ground or just Stood silently as Mrs. King read her brilliant commencement address, entitle, 'Summons To Greatness.'

And it ended just as silently as President Jenkins, with tears in his eyes, bid farewell to his college community for which he had worked for years.

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Silence and tears would have been enough but there was more — the glorious singing of Margaret Lindsay, '70, and the College choir which sent shivers down your spine because it was so beautiful. There were many wet eyes as she led singing of 'We Shall Overcome.'

Orchids to the college choir directed by Nathan Carter. They lent terrific support.

There was more: The spontaneous applause of mothers, fathers, grandparents and relatives as their special one crossed the stage as each individual name was called.

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And later, the proud family gatherings all over Hughes Memorial Stadium after graduation which let you know that this was no time for any other kind of demonstration for one that showed each graduate they had achieved something important.

It might be that the reason our more affluent countrymen are using so much cain at their ceremonies could be because they didn't have to work the hard to raise the money for fees and just plain living.

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High school classmate seen at commencement: Mrs. Lydia Carpenter Wagner (Mrs. Robert), wife of the grocer, who tells me she is a grandma.

They were children of her son, the Baltimore County school employee. His wife, Vashti, the nurse, and their two children Phaedra, and Darren were there.

All turned out to see Mrs. Wagner's daughter, Glen Elvia, get her degree. She was on dean's list.

Other Wagner children are Mrs. Deborah Solomon, nurse at Hopkins Hospital (Osler 6), and Robin, who finished Forest Park last year, is a bookkeeper at Michaelson Motors.

Also spied in the crowd: The George Whites (Bernice). Their daughter, Myra, was among the grads.

Another daughter, Marlene, finishes Community College of Baltimore this Sunday.

Robert Murphy Matthews, grandson of Dr. Carl Murphy, longtime Morgan State trustee board chairman, was among the grads. So was his brother-in-law, Hugh P. Dopson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Waters were there to see their niece, Martha Ann Brown, get her degree. She's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown (Geraldine), who were also there.

So were Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Lansey (Priscilla), whose daughter, Priscilla, was among grads.

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Cuff note: Travelling companion of Mrs. King was Mrs. Burnetta Bennett of Atlanta. She asked to be remembered to Baltimore's Mrs. Joan Hayes Scott; says they were classmate at Palmer Memorial during their high chool days.

More grads:— Two sons of noted Baltimore attorneys will receive law degrees today (Friday) when the University of Maryland Law School gives out diplomas.

They are Michael Bowen Mitchell, son of lawyer, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington NAACP Bureau, and Rodney Watts, son of Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. and Mrs. Watts.

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And, Lorenzo Gunn has a new degree — an honorary doctorate from Grambling College. He earned his master's from Loyola.

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More cuff notes: AFRO Editorial Writer Spencer Rowe and his wife, Louise, welcomed their first born, a girl, who arrived May 21 (right on cusp between Taurus and Gemeni). She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, has been named Elisha Danielle.

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St. James Episcopal Church rector, Father Donald O. Wilson, remains confined to Hagerstown, Md. hospital.

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Continue prayers (please for Mrs. Frederick Howard (Odessa), the Carver High secretary and wife of AFRO director. She remains ill in City Hospitals.

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Belated congrats to Corliss Ramona Chambers. She's the teenager who wrote that original play, 'Sixteen,' which was presented by Ann Chaldren's Theatre Association a week back.

Corliss is proof you can be pretty and talented too. She is an eighth grader at Pimlico Junior High.

Mighty proud of her, of course, is her mom, Mrs. Grace Chambers, city teacher.

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How-it-turned-out: 'Twas not a bit of mention at Eastern High School graduation Wednesday evening about the February riots which sent the school into a turmoil.

Everything was peaches and cream — the girls looked beautiful and everybody said so.

In the audience were a couple of the suspended girls who will get their diplomas later. On the stage were a couple who came back after suspension and finished with their class.

Unique: After singing the Star Spangled Banner, the graduates sang: "Let Every Voice And Sing."

One girl in the audience raised her hand in the black power salute while the National Negro Anthem was being sung. There was no other demonstration.

More about people, things

If you want to have a swinging party on short notice, call Joel Newton, the housing exec.

That's what Frances Hutchins, the Englewood, N.J., businessman, did last week. On five days' notice, Joel arranged that Memorial Day bash at Blue Crest Fordleigh.

And that's, when some 150 other persons learned a lot of people had nothing special to do on the holiday.

Ed Tutman's Merryman were there to provide music for dancing and of course there were all sorts of delicacies served throughout the evening.

The way things looked, you'd have thought the affair had been planned months ago. But that's the way Joel does things.

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Now back to the host — Francis Hutchins. He's in real estate and owns a number of businesses in Englewood way, but most important he has many friends (Guardsmen and friends of the G's), in the Baltimore area so he wanted to meet them, and say thanks for inviting him on previous occasions.

And, of course, he wanted to let them in on his latest venture — that million dollar land development venture you'll be hearing more about.

Guests about included: Messrs. and Mesdames Clarence Coleman, Randolph Tucker, Bernard Bell, Leon Ball, Wilbur Valentine, Isaiah White, E. Robert Umphrey, Thornton Umphrey, Wilfred Seaborne, William Pinderhughes.

James "Biddy" Wood, Osborne Dixon, Melvin Johnson, Lawrence Tapp, Benjamin Brown, Joseph Gay, Harry Cole, Charles Thomas, Harold Bass, Robert Dumpson, Herbert Brown, James Gilliam.

Drs. and Mesdames Sidney Burnett, Eugene, D. Byrd, Garland Chissell, Samuel Carter and Tyson Tildon and Allen Forte and Judge and Mrs. William Thompson, and Dr. and Mrs. William A. Carter, D.D.S.

Also, Messrs. and Mesdames Sam Daniels, Donald Patterson, Franklin William, Richard Perkins, Clarence Parker, Malcolm Chamberlain, John Stokes.

And, Messrs. and Mesdames Walter Dyson, Clements Nixon, Charles E. Jones, Paul Chester, Edward Williams, Paul Chester, Robert Diggs, William "Boxo" Harris, Stephen P. Moore, Joel Newton, Warren Weaver, Edward Williams, John Wood, Charles Tildon, Maurice Owens.

Also, Dr. Raymond Gray, Maxwell Blackburn, Dr. Guy Bragg, Harold Jennifer, David T. Mason, Dr. Marcus Moore, and Mesdames Audrey Ball, Amy Weaver, Helen Glover and Rosemary Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Jones, and Mrs. Myrtle Bowman, Englewood, N.J.

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Death Note: Elder Arenzo Howard of W. 24th St., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elick Howard died recently. A number of nieces and nephews survive.

Friends remember him as one always willing to help others who were in need.

He was reared in Ebenezer Baptist, attended Sunday school there and sang in the choir. Later, he was ordained as a deacon, preached in many churches and was a member of Gillis Memorial Community.

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Small children should be left at home if they are noisy like many of those who attended Coppin State College commencement last night (Thursday).

Too many adults in the audience were noisy too. Their chatter drowned out the impressive goodbye speech of retiring president, Dr. Parlett L. Moore.

Ho hum!

Maybe late afternoon and evening commencements are too tiring for people who have to work. Perhaps Coppin and others will take another look.

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Macco's Lounge, out Monroe St. way, advertises in the AFRO that it serves sizzling steaks.

This is to report the ad is true. Thursday evening fleak dinner here was most delicious. And you dine in air-conditioned comfort, while table cloths at ei...

PAGE OPPOSITE

A New Reporter Learns How Some Cabs Operate

By PAUL EVANS

Although it is human nature not to get "up tight" about something until it affects one directly, a recent experience with the taxi system in Baltimore prompts me to share this with AFRO readers.

On Friday evening, I was enroute to attend the baccalaureate ceremony of the College of Notre Dame at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen which is a good distance up Charles St.

I stood on the corner of Charles and Biddle Sts. and hailed five empty cabs bound north on Charles St. None had the "on duty" signal on, nor were they in a hurry as they approached Biddle St. from Chase.

The driver in each cab was white, and could see me plainly as he hurried by when I called out to him. I was the only person on the corner.

Finally, I was able to get a cab, because I walked out in the middle of the street, so he would either have to stop or hit me. He stopped.

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I got in the cab, disgusted and frustrated. I told the driver, who was white, that it was ridiculous for a person had to put up with all of that just to get a taxi; that if cab drivers were to serve the public, they should pick up anyone who wanted a cab.

The driver immediately gave me a long lecture on crime being a major problem in the city; that cab drivers certainly were not going to pick just anyone up no matter what the law said.

He noted further there are too many crimes being committed against drivers every day; that drivers had a right not to pick up anyone whom they felt would rob or even murder them; that they had families and wives to think of; and that if the police did not give them adequate protection they would continue doing what is best for them.

I do realize that the crime problem in the city has caused a great deal of anxiety for the public and the taxi drivers alike.

I recognize that cab drivers feel anyone who looks like a "hoodlum" may be a potential murderer or robber; they are hesitant to pick anyone up whom they think is this type of person. Self-preservation is the first law of nature.

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I listened carefully to the driver; I understood what he was saying. I then told him of my experiences with the other five taxis; how I had to stand in the middle of the street before he would stop.

I mentioned that I did not look like a hoodlum, and being the only person on the corner, what could I think but that it was a racial issue — particularly after five cabs passed without stopping. (In fact two speeded up when they saw me).

I told the driver that I had a right to ride in taxis just as well as anyone, especially if these taxis are to serve the total community — either they would serve me or no one.

The driver told me that he understood my frustration. Of course I said to myself, "No, he doesn't really."

But the driver also said that my situation was "tough" and "too bad" and replied that the situation was not a racial one.

He went on to give examples of "colored drivers who do the same thing" as the other cabs had done to me.

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I really didn't know what he meant by that. Black cab drivers certainly can't afford to turn-down respectable-looking members of their own race, for fear of being asked to drive to "high crime" areas in certain sections of the city.

Crime is so bad in the cities these days that the entire area of Baltimore could be a "high-crime" area.

Drivers should refuse to drive in the entire city, go on strike, and demand police protection, if they want to avoid any "high crime" areas. It is unfortunate that many cab drivers feel that the term "high crime" areas and the black community are synonymous.

By the time I had gotten to the Cathedral I had convinced the driver that blacks had a right to ride taxis just as any other citizen without having to expend great energy in hailing a cab.

He could see the injustice on the fact that I was late for my engagement because I could not get a cab, because I was black.

By this time he was urging that something be done to protect all citizens, black and white, from the crimes of a few hoodlums and thugs in both races. The "brother" had "arrived."

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Incidentally, the College of Notre Dame on upper Charles Street (the oldest Roman Catholic woman's college in the country), has among its graduates this year, three black young women.

They are, Alice Case of Baltimore, who attended Western High School; Lyn Windgate of New York, who attended the Bronx High School of Science, and Constance B. Carroll of Baltimore, who attended Forest Park High School.

Miss Carroll received a scholarship to attend several area prestige" colleges; she "chose" Notre Dame. It is certainly wonderful when black people have a choice.

So in spite of my earlier unpleasantries, I had something to be pleased about.

However, I do call on those officials in public office to continue their efforts to combat crime so that equal treatment will be afforded all citizens to ride in taxis and other public transportation under the aegis of Baltimore City's laws and ordinances.

I call upon the driver of Sun Cab No. 1013 (I was able to recognize one of the cabs which passed me) to discontinue his apparent discriminatory practices or get off the streets.

In the Spotlight

Woodrow W. Walston joined the Provident Hospital Staff as Assistant Director during 1969 at a time when problems arising from increased medical costs were beginning to become disturbingly apparent in the Provident Complex.

His expertise as number-one financial trouble-shooter has earned him a prominent and welcome place on the familiar executive team of Henry J. Wayte and Charles G. Tildon.

Born in Pinetops, N.C., Mr. Walston received his B.S. degree in commerce from N.C. College, Durham in 1946.

He came to Provident after 11 years of administrative service in the Richmond Community Hospital.

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At various times during the previous 12 years he had held administrative positions in the Community Hospital, Martinsville, VA and in the Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem.

In addition to Provident's financial maintenance, and purchasing accountability, Mr. Walston is also responsible for the operation of the Medical Records, Pharmacy, Housekeeping Departments.

Also he works with the Administrative team in a number of Provident's new and innovative programs.

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Mr. Walston's interest in helping to make possible the provision of good health care to the community which Provident serves is matched only by his boundless energy and efforts to be of service.

He is a member of the American Hospital Association, Virginia Hospital Association, American College of Hospital Administrators, National League for Nursing, Hospital Financial Management Association.

Also the Hospital Credit Managers Association of Virginia, NAACP, Boy Scouts, National Association of Health Service Executives and Shriners.

He is an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is an active sports enthusiast.

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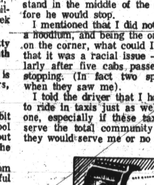
Mr. Walston enjoys golf and bowling and is a coaching assistant for the Little League Baseball team of which his son is a member.

Mr. Walston and his wife, the former Hazel Howell of Mocksville, N.C., reside on Dickey Hill Road with their 11-year-old son Reginald.

The family attends the Forrest Park Presbyterian Church at Garrison Boulevard and Fairview Ave.



WOODROW W. WALSTON

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.

INTERSECTION of one of the fatest-moving highways Monroe St. at Riggs Ave. has no red light nor crossing guard for some 2,000 children from four schools to cross dangerous thoroughfare. Youngsters pick their way, take chances as worried parents "hope and pray" no one will be run down.

QUESTION: Will you please investigate why the rest rooms in Lexington Market have been barred off to the public by a chain? I do not see why the public should be eliminated from using the rest rooms after spending thousands of dollars daily in the market. Personnel in the market ask you to go across the the street after you find the same, — the chain on the door. What can you do?

ANSWER: AFRO Line contacted Thomas McDermott, manager of Lexington Market Authority, who said the rest rooms have been closed because the market is trying to rent office spaces adjacent to them on the balcony and potential tenants would not like the idea of the public using their toilets. He said the market furnishes facilities across Paca St. in the Lexington Market Garage. Any person not satisfied with this arrangement's should make their objections known to the Lexington Market Authority, 400 W. Lexington St., Baltimore.

QUESTION: At Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. today (Tuesday), I went to pay a bill. All of the people in line in the seven or eight lines waiting to pay bills were black except two. All of the employees, six to eight of them, were white. How come the Gas and Electric Co. takes our money and does not enjoy us to work as clerks to take in the money?—W. PARKER

ANSWER: AFRO Line contacted Henry Leber, public relations officer of the Gas and Electric Co. who said that he was not prepared to give an answer "at this time."

In accordance with a request made by Mr. Leber, the AFRO is forwarding a written request to another executive for specific information regarding the employment of blacks as cashiers at the Liberty St. office.

QUESTION: The Rev. Augustus Crumbley, pastor of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, 1034 N. Fulton Ave. and the Riggs-Monroe Neighborhood Club, Harold Canty, president, neighbors and parents of over 2,000 children from three schools have been fighting for many months for a red light and a crossing guard at the intersection of Monroe St. and Riggs Ave.

Please tell us of the results of recent action taken before the City Council. Efforts at the School Board and the City Transit and Traffic have not worked. The Monroe St. thru-way that goes to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is a speedway, dangerous to the lives of all those little children. — SIGNED — 15 Interested Citizens: Mrs. Rosie Faircloth, Johnnie Faircloth, Mrs. Jeanie Freeman, William Freeman, Mrs. Rosia Kess, Thomas Kess, Mrs. Ruth Palmer, Freddie Small, Mrs. Rosia Stokes, Howard Stokes, Mrs. Rosa Townes, John Widgeon, Mrs. Esther Wright, Mr. Canty, the Rev. Crumbley.

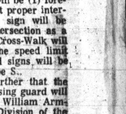
ANSWER: The AFRO talked with the Rev. Mr. Crumbley who says he is still hoping to receive favorable answers from the May 21 meeting at the City Council where 24 citizens were present to hear the case. City Councilman Robert Marshall, Dr. Emerson Julian, Mrs. Victorine Adams got the issue before the group.

According to Assistant Transit and Traffic Commissioner Robert Bangley, the efforts of the faithful Riggs-Monroe citizens and the Rev. Mr. Crumbley are going to be rewarded.

Come September when the children return to school there will be (1) flashing warning lights placed at proper intervals for motorists (2) sign will be placed showing the intersection as a School Crossing (3) a Cross-Walk will be scribed on the street (4) the speed limit will be overhauled and signs will be placed all along Monroe St.

Mr. Bangs states further that the matter of a school crossing guard will be taken up with Col. William Armstrong of the Traffic Division of the Police Department and he states, "I feel pretty sure there will be favorable results."

TOGETHER Where Are The Black Women?



MR. DOSWELL

By RONALD DOSWELL

Long haired hippies are protesting the war; flower toting yippies are protesting the war.

Middle-class white kids are protesting the war, and middle aged ladies are protesting the war.

All these groups, through demonstrations, riots, marches, are calling for a halt to this seemingly never-ending holocaust.

Maybe they are motivated to cry out because they feel that the war is adversely affecting them.

It could be that the young college kids fear that they will be drafted and sent thousands of miles away to perish in a smoldering jungle.

It could be that the middle-aged ladies are scared that a beloved son or nephew might die a needless death in Mr. Nixon's war.

Regardless of their method or reasons of calling for peace, they are at least doing something.

But, there is one group of people who for the most part are not protesting the war, but who should be.

Where are all the black women?

Why have they reacted so meekly?

Why have not they come out in force to viciously and vigorously denounce their Vietnam Holocaust?

Don't they know that good black men are in short supply?

Don't they know that Mr. Nixon has removed the best black gentlemen from the streets in order to put them in a green uniform, slap a rifle in their hands, train them for about six months and send them off to fight a man who has been fighting for the last 10 years.

Don't black women know that this thing is robbing them of husbands and boyfriends?

Don't they know that their precious men are being slaughtered like a bunch of pigs?

Black sisters, where are you?

Let your voices be heard; Let them ring out to the roof tops, screaming with your words of protest burst Mr. Nixon's eardrums.

Sisters, you must not continue to sleep this issue, if you do, then you will find yourselves alone.

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A "Women's Place" was offered.

Cornell University is involved in the planning and teaching of courses for credit on "Sexism and the Religion of Women." Michigan, Princeton and other California Universities have or are planning to offer such classes.

The law school at New York University has inaugurated a course devoted entirely to the legal problems of women.

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One of the books that is required reading for this courses was written by Levi Kanowitz. Its title is "Women and the Law: The Unfinished Revolution."

Lets help finish it by pressing for courses such courses in women in all instit