Packs Quite A Wallop

"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

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Our Readers Say:

It's A Happening

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signatures 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:

A realization for child care services has finally happened in our community: a day care center administered by the Baltimore Department of Social Services. The center is located in the Church of The Holy Trinity, 2320 West Lafayette Avenue.

The interior of the day care center is the perfect setting for the little world of three to five-year-olds. The supervision and planning is under the direction of Mrs. Dolores B. Taylor, whose staff seems to be tireless at

Wants 'Champ' Moved

Dear AFRO:

It is our understanding that Operation Champ has been given permission to install fixed recreational equipment in Lafayette Square. It is our further understanding that Champ plans recreational activities in this area from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

It has been further revealed to us that Champ plans to bus children from other areas of the city to participate in this program.

Originally, Champ was to be a Mobile Summer Recreation Program. It's purpose was to supplement the activities of the Bureau of Recreation by going into areas that lacked the necessary recreation centers, playgrounds or recreation activities.

Lafayette Square is located at Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St. The Harlem Park Recreation Center is located at Harlem Ave. and Calhoun St.

There are twenty eight (28) inner parks (playgrounds) in the Harlem Park area. The Lafayette Square Community Center is located at 1002 W. Lanvale St. This center also provides supplemental recreation programs for Harlem Park.

The St. James Terrace Apartments are located at 827 N. Arlington Ave. This is an apartment for the elderly. It faces Lafayette Square as does the N.M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

It is our understanding that the management of these apartments has complained to Champ in the past, relative to their activities around the building. We understand that all but one of the exits in the building have had to be closed on occasions because of Champ's activities.

When the streets around the building are closed to traffic, it creates a serious transportation problem for the residents of the St. James Terrace Apartments.

The information we have received regarding Champ's program in Harlem Park this summer was gotten from the newspapers. Champ at no time consulted the organized block clubs in Harlem Park or the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, Inc.

We also understand that the management of the St. James Terrace Apts. has yet to receive any documented agenda for Champ's summer program.

According to the newspaper article, Champ's reason for picking this area is because of the high crime rate among the youth of Harlem Park. If this is true, why bus children from other areas of the city?

We feel that Champ's office site should be relocated. We have five (5) reasons for our feelings:

1. Harlem Park is not located within the Model Cities boundary.
2. The proximity of the St. James Terrace Apts.
3. The lack of need (except on occasion) for additional recreational activities in the Harlem Park Area.
4. The total lack of communication between the administration of Champ and the community it purports to serve.
5. Proximity to N.M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

The original base for Operation Champ was the Harlem Park Recreation Center. Under the leadership of the then center director and a member of our council, this program was initiated.

We feel it is a good program, but its administrators must be acclimated to the methodology of dealing with communities it serves.

JEAN O. GRAY,
President
Harlem Park
Neighborhood
Council, Inc.

School 104 Pleased

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for sending Mr. Paul Evans, reporter and Frank W. Phillips 3rd, photographer, to our school No. 104. They made our Africa Day very educational and entertaining.

MRS. M. E. GASSAWAY

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in 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

'Together, Right Now'

A part of the stereotype propaganda assigned to black people in the past is that we operate like crabs in a basket — that as fast as one or some of us climbs up and out of the ranks, others still below reach up and pull him back.

This myth is being continually smashed to smithereens in our time.

Latest concrete example of the debunking of the stereotype may be found in the togetherness shown in the understanding reached between Misters Art Murphy and Milton Allen over which one of them would make the most effective candidate for the office of State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

To his credit, Mr. Murphy participated in the submission of the matter to a group of his and Mr. Allen's peers, and upon their recommendation withdrew from the race.

We are convinced, as Mr. Murphy now is, that he can continue to do a more effective job on behalf of the whole community — and particularly the black segment — in his job as advisor to the Governor.

The whole episode debunks the "crab" image, and at the same time shows that we are capable of acting like human beings.

Monkey Business

Nature has endowed the earth with attractive, little pretties seemed designed to help man escape the agonies and struggles that constantly beset him.

Our simian friends, the little monkeys at the zoo, seem to fall in that category.

And since the AFRO has been running the "Name the Monkeys" contest, we are sure that these small beasts are some of the most loved of earth's offerings.

Our zoo reporter has been swamped with suggestions by children, and even by oldsters, as to what the monkeys ought to be named.

We are happy to see such enthusiasm, and are even more pleased that the AFRO could be the vehicle to conjure so much joy for so many people over our friends, the monkeys.

Keep the names coming, and keep on enjoying the little beasties.

Lesson From Virginia

In our sister state to the south, across the Potomac River, an interesting and strange phenomenon is occurring, one that we ought to take lessons from and copy in Maryland.

There, the recently installed Republican Governor Linwood G. Holton is appointing black citizens to every board and commission in sight.

The most recent appointment was of Dr. Francis M. Foster, a Richmond dentist, to the board of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

In the Free State, we continue to have a running battle with Governor Marvin Mandel to recognize that black citizens are members of the community and deserve a presence over the policy making bodies across the spectrum of government.

Considering the respective histories of our two states, we would expect that Maryland would be far ahead of Virginia in this area of according equal treatment to the minority citizen.

Alas, we are miserably behind. And the further shame of it is that a chief executive of what many consider the party of privilege and conservatism has helped focus on our deficiency.

Governor Mandel has a chance to remedy the situation immediately.

He could commence by appointing a black citizen to the Maryland Home Improvement Commission where two vacancies are currently open and where no minority person has ever served.

Davis' Quitting No Surprise

It was no real surprise to learn that Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis has resigned his post as safety director for Cleveland.

The general's military background, 37 years of service and most of it in a command type position as he started out as a second lieutenant upon graduation from West Point, was out of place in the hotbed of political activity in Cleveland.

Besides his own service in the military, General Davis is the son of a life-long military man and as such was accustomed to having things done the way he ordered them done.

In Cleveland there are many dissident political units battling for city control, and the police department which General Davis was primarily concerned with is by no means the least of them. At the same time, the police have strong influence in the vote-getting system.

Although the police skirts were unclean in the specific incident which caused the lid to blow off in the internal boiling pot in which the general and Mayor Carl Stokes were trapped, the mayor was basically concerned with keeping peace with the potential voters whereas the general was striving for law and order.

This sort of conflict is not new in city administrations as Washington witnessed a similar situation several years ago, and the strict military-type rule also lost out. The two just do not mix.

Counsel To Indigent

Dear AFRO:

Prior to a recent decision by the Supreme Court of the United States, an indigent defendant in a criminal case in Maryland did not have a constitutional right to have a lawyer appointed for him at a preliminary hearing.

This was because the preliminary hearing was not considered to be a critical stage of the prosecution. However, even before this decision, the preliminary hearing was a critical stage from the defendant's point of view.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing is to determine if there is sufficient evidence against the defendant to hold him for the action of the grand jury.

An attorney representing a defendant at a preliminary hearing has an opportunity to see and hear the evidence against the defendant and has an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses.

As a result of the participation by the attorney, the case against the defendant may be dismissed. But even if the case is not dismissed and is held for the action of the grand jury, the attorney is in a better position to seek reasonable bail and to prepare the case for trial.

Since a preliminary hearing is not a required step in the prosecution of criminal cases, there are those persons who say that the State or the Court should be allowed to refuse to have a preliminary hearing in some instances where an indigent defendant requests that a lawyer be appointed for him.

The reasoning behind this idea is that the furnishing of counsel causes delay and places an added burden upon an already crowded court docket. A defendant should be able to get a speedy trial without having to sacrifice a preliminary hearing and his right to counsel.

The indigent defendant sees his case as all-important to himself and he is unable to appreciate the elimination of a critical stage in his prosecution without having an opportunity to participate in that decision. In fact, whether or not there is to be a preliminary hearing should be at the sole election of the defendant.

SOLOMON REDDICK

Child At 94

Dear AFRO:

I've seen your contest to name the young monkeys and would like to suggest Mayo for the girl and Kent for the boy.

I am 94 years old and read the AFRO every week. Reading about the monkeys makes me remember my childhood days.

After taking the AFRO for so many years and seeing all the contests, I decided to write about this one to name the monkeys.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Williams
1215 Madison Ave.

Editor's Note:

Although we are happy to know of Mrs. Williams' interest in the Name the Monkey contest, her age prevents her eligibility as a participant.

Readers must be 16 or younger to enter the contest and be eligible for the prizes.

Political Notebook

Dixon vs. Mitchell Is Sad Situation

By MAX JOHNSON

What with black mayors of cities continuing to emerge historically — Baltimore area chances of sending Maryland's first black representative to Congress have dimmed considerably in the past few weeks preceding the September 15 primary.

They have been dimmed by the stubbornness of an aged Johnny-come-lately black candidate who has had his day in political office — who is bent on fouling up the race.

He is putting everything, including obligations to his virtually white political machine, above advancement of his race.

It's a regretable situation.

The black man in politics just can't afford the luxury of such shenanigans — despite personal ambitions, or political obligations.

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Let's look briefly at this cloudy picture again.

When Parren J. Mitchell, youthful Morgan State College professor, early entered the campaign for the Democratic 7th District Congress seat held by the veteran Samuel N. Friedel — his chances of winning looked bright.

Mr. Friedel, now in his seventies, has held the seat since its creation in 1953.

Mr. Mitchell made an initial bid against him in the Democratic primary two years ago — and lost by a respectable 5,000 votes.

Somewhat politically naive at that time, he entered the campaign late working mostly with a hastily gath- group of volunteers.

Now the picture has changed.

Mr. Mitchell, having learned a lot in that former race, entered this campaign early — and better prepared financially.

Up until a few weeks ago — he was the lone black candidate with three others in the primary contest.

Besides Mr. Friedel — there were Carl L. Friedler, state senator, and Louis H. Fried, attorney.

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The 7th District includes major portions of West and Northwest Baltimore, with over 45 per cent black voters, adjoining Catonsville with another high percentage of black voters — and Pikesville and Arbutus all in adjoining Baltimore County.

With the three white candidates running against each other — things looked good for Mr. Mitchell.

They looked good — even though Messrs. Friedel and Friedler have some black friends and were sure to get some black votes.

Mr. Mitchell has some white friends, too — and can be sure of some white votes.

But — then it happened.

Walter T. Dixon, longtime head of Cortez Peters Business school, entered the race.

Mr. Dixon, now up in his seventies, had served three consecutive four-year terms in the City Council as 4th Councilmanic District black representative — losing a fourth term bid three years ago.

I covered the City Council during the Dixon membership — and was able to report little by way of notable distinction.

About the only thing I can remember is that when urban renewal threatened to condemn his McCulloh St. home along with some others — he got through an ordinance to save his castle and a couple of supporting adjoining structures.

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With this vague record of achievements — it's inconceivable Mr. Dixon by any wild stretch of the imagination could expect to be elected to Congress.

Admittedly, he has "some friends" and "little financial support."

No one but the politically naive would dare run for the high post of Congress with the backing of friends — and little money.

Certainly not a serious candidate.

I doubt that Mr. Dixon is a serious candidate — in the true sense of the meaning.

I have known and liked Walt Dixon for a long time — though I have consistently disagreed with his political philosophies.

There have been times when he has strongly termed himself a black citizen — and there have been times when he has chosen to forget that he is black.

Somehow — his political thinking hasn't kept pace with times in the black man's fast-growing political awareness and action.

There are a lot of Dixons about who also find it convenient during campaigns to forget that they are black first — before personal desires.

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There must be a mouthful of food for thought for somebody in this sad Dixon vs. Mitchell thing.

Black candidates can't afford the luxury of taking up muddy-up-the waters positions.

It's regrettable that in his waning years Mr. Dixon would choose to take this stand.

A few thousand votes he may take from Mr. Mitchell could spell defeat for him.

If Parren Mitchell is defeated in the primary — Mr. Dixon must shoulder much of the blame.

He faces a soul-searching situation.

Perspective

'Throw-away' People

By DAVID E. SLOAN

Do you get the feeling sometimes that things happen so fast in our time that it is impossible to get accustomed to one set of circumstances before another set developed which makes just as great demands upon you?

For instance, we as black people, were just about getting accustomed to the feeling that we have a President in the White House who is either too scared or too indifferent to espouse the civil rights cause with the vigor that he should.

Then as soon as we began settling down to a four-year tour like the Eisenhower years, Mr. Nixon suddenly begins to make noises as though he wants the black people in the country to love him too.

Even the Vice President has not recently made a vituperative speech which could be interpreted as anti-black.

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On an individual basis, what I am talking about is demonstrated by what happened between retired Lieut. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. in Cleveland and that city's black mayor, Carl Stokes.

One can well imagine that Stokes thought he had finally licked the problem of what to do with the police department after raising their lasting ire by pulling them out of the black community in favor of self-policing by blacks following the latest uprisings in his city.

Gen. Davis quickly became the darling of the white cops, and since he was a brother, Stokes had every reason to believe he (Stokes) had struck a couple of aces.

Then almost in the twinking of an eye, Davis turns on Stokes and resigns. And the scuttlebutt has it that the career Air Force man is being groomed to oppose Stokes for the mayoralty in the next election.

This phenomenon of the quickie formation of relationships and the abrupt dissolution of the same once is examined in a new book, "Future Shock", by Alvin Toffler.

He blames the American "throw-away" technology for the attitude that lets us pick up people and drop them when they are no longer of any use.

Just as we have become accustomed to using "throw-away" napkins, utensils, cups, even outer garments, says Mr. Toffler, we tend to want to pick up humans — such as a wife, a teacher, a husband, a President, a million or so voters — use them for awhile, and when we are through with them, simply discard them.

One major problem of this century, says Mr. Toffler, is to discover how we can live in such a technological age and at the same time restore to our attitudes the idea that human relationships are too profound, too sacred, too dignified to be discarded upon whim.

He suggests that the answers might be in the formation of small cells of citizenry, living and acting as though they had never heard of some of our modern inventions.

But since Mr. Toffler has brought the whole matter up, it is interesting to think about it.

Perhaps it is a measure of our current immorality or anti-religion that we are engaging in a form of conduct which is the direct opposite of the agonizing, burdensome philosophy that Jesus taught when he advised, "take up my cross, and follow me," "do good to those who misuse you," "if eating meat offends your brother, don't eat meat."

WE Stand For:

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before the courts of the city an state.

Adequate black representation on all public boards and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities.

Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Black judges on all benches of the city, county and state court system.

Open and free elections of judges, except those constitutionally authorized.

A black owned and operated bank.

B. J. SMALL

Dismayed

Dear AFRO:

An intoxicated beer or liquor drinker may be unaware of littering when disposing a container from car onto road, street or any lawn. I can't excuse this from a user of soft drinks, ice cream, sandwich, cigarettes, etc.

Enforcing antilitter laws would make a clean city, while increasing revenues. But more serious crimes put litter low on priority lists — one can't expect an over-burdened police department to tackle this.

In my travels I jot down license numbers of offenders I can't talk with and write to them. It is discouraging to get this from someone you've asked why trash was thrown from car: "I didn't do anything wrong. I pay taxes!"

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

Tear Jerkers of the week: Weddings and wedding anniversaries can bring tears for different reasons.

Like Saturday as we watched a friend's teenage daughter marry her high school sweetheart.

When we looked around at the end of the ceremony, ours weren't the only damp eyes.

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What triggered the sentiment — the newlyweds' small son was carried to the high altar to kiss his mother and shake his dad's hand.

Then all three were blessed by the priest and they walked down the aisle together. Honest!

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More tears of joy at Emerald Gardens on Sunday evening when Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson (Evelena) invited friends to dine with them. Earlier they had renewed their wedding vows at Enon Baptist.

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Friends loaded them with 25th wedding anniversary silver mainly because Bill and Ev are nice folks and they have many well wishers.

Liked the way Bill stood and invited guests to "drop in any time" and "see our gifts" — (share our happiness). 'Twas beautiful.

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In new post — Former Army Col. Merle J. Smith of Baltimore has left his post as assistant to the president of Howard University.

Since July 1, he has been in a top executive spot with the Rouse Co. at Columbia City.

Also moving to a new post — Daniel H. Murphy, formerly at McCormick goes to General Foods in New York.

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Cuff note: The handsome invitations for the Murphy family gathering Saturday which marks the 90th birthday of John H. Murphy Jr., were done by a nephew, Lawrence Young Jr., of Chicago.

Mr. Murphy is namesake and oldest living son of AFRO founder and also only living incorporator of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co.

Event is Saturday at the Morgan Park home of another nephew, Howard H. Murphy.

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Lawrence A. Cordery, the retired postal worker, would have been 77 this week.

His death, while on a trip to Nebraska with the Nomads, made two deaths in his family in six months. His wife, Susie, died in January. Remember, they were longtime residents of the 2400 block McCulloh St...

Funeral services for Mr. Cordery were held Saturday at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church.

Relatives include sister, Mrs. Ida Hall, White all, Md.; brother, Roy Cordery, Philadelphia; and nieces Mrs. Dorothy Clinton and Mrs. Elsie Matthews, Baltimore.

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Former AFRO newsgal, Edwina Harleston Whitlock called from Los Angeles Tuesday to advise that her aunt, Mrs. Elise Carleston Wheeler, 79, was dead.

Older Baltimoreans may remember she was the widow of John J. Wheeler, longtime science teacher at Douglass High School here. He was 73 when he died in 1944, also in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Wheeler is also survived by a foster daughter, Darris Forrest Hinton, also of Los Angeles; and a niece, Mrs. Fred Adams (May) of Baltimore.

Which reminds me to mention that Dr. and Mrs. Adams (Fred and May) are among Europe-bound vacationers.

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More people moving about: Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hillen (Gwen) are vacationing in Puerto Rico. So are their friends Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson (Margaret) of Philadelphia.

Dr. James S. Davidson is seeing Africa.

At Friendship Airport Sunday we missed seeing Dr. and Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins off. They changed their minds and took the train to N.Y., then flew from there for a European holiday.

You'll be hearing more about their trip in the series Dr. Jenkins will write for this newspaper.

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In Friendship bound for Europe and the Passion Play in Germany, Mrs. Evelyn Hightower, Garrison Junior High assistant principal.

Relatives there to see her off-her husband, Nat, he's the postal worker and her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Cannon of D.C.

By the way, on her trip abroad, Mrs. Jenkins, mentioned above was chic in a coin-dotted black and beige outfit. She did not wear the usual hat but tied a beige scarf around her tresses.

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More travel: AFRO teen columnist, Angie Thornton, postcarded from Switzerland, reports she has found Lausanne and London "very exciting," and "beautiful."

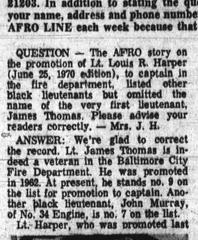
Afro Line

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 — The AFRO story on the promotion of Lt. Louis R. Harper (June 25, 1970 edition), to captain in the fire department, listed other black lieutenants but omitted the name of the very first lieutenant, James Thomas. Please advise your readers correctly. — Mrs. J. H.

ANSWER: We're glad to correct the record. Lt. James Thomas is indeed a veteran in the Baltimore City Fire Department. He was promoted in 1962. At present, he stands no. 9 on the list for promotion to captain. Another black lieutenant, John Murray, of No. 34 Engine, is no. 7 on the list.

Lt. Harper, who was promoted last week stood no. 1 on the list.



LT. JAMES THOMAS — Veteran member of Baltimore Fire Department stands ranks no. 9 on list for promotion to captain.

Lt. Thomas is attached to No. 32 Engine Co. at Liberty Heights and Woodbrook Ave., and has been with the Fire Department since March 1956. He is a graduate of Carver High and an Army veteran who served with an artillery unit in Germany.

Other black lieutenants in the fire department in addition to Thomas and Murray are:

Cleveland Gillis, 32, 14 S. Gay; Curtis Chapman, 27, engine, 306 W. Lombard; Clyde Smith, No. 15 Truck Company, 1223 N. Montford; Willie White, 44 Engine, 2 Upland Rd.; Calvin Johnson, Engine 52, 3525 Woodbrook Ave.; Alphonsus Thorton No. 33 Engine, 1749 Gorsuch; Arthur Hicks, No. 20 Engine, 3130 W. North; Thomas DeShields No. 10 Engine, 1302 E. Chesapeake; Herman Williams, stationed at the Fire School in the 6700 block Pulaski Hwy.

QUESTION: What happened to the citizens request for a stop light at Monroe and Riggs Ave.?

ANSWER: The AFRO received a copy of the following letter to the Rev. A. C. Crumbley, leader of the protesting group:

Dear Reverend Crumbley:

The AFRO-AMERICAN has passed on to me your thoughts concerning the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Monroe Street and Riggs Avenue.

I am again referring this matter to Mr. Nitsch, Assistant Commissioner Signal Engineering) to study this intersection further and to let me know the results of the study. I will write you as soon as this report is received.

I do know that the Police Department has agreed to provide a school crossing guard for Riggs Avenue and Monroe Street. It is my understanding that this protection will start at the beginning of the school year.

HUGO O. LIEM, Jr.
Commissioner

In the Spotlight

By BRENDA WRIGHT

After living in darkness for seven years, 23-year-old Wallace Simms, 600 block N. Carrollton Ave., has gained a second sight.

Andy, his gold retriever guide dog, will be his new eyes.

Mr. Simms, employed at the Maryland Workshop for the Blind, said barely Andy is "just beginning to walking with a sighted person, or better."

Mr. Simms, blinded at 16 by an accident while playing in Salsbury, Md., put away his cane, June 7, and began a four-week training period with his dog at the Second Sight Guide Dog Foundation in New York.

On the first two days of the training period, Mr. Simms and the other nine class members went through a matching process to see which animals would best suit them.

When Mr. Simms was asked which type dog he preferred, he immediately answered "a golden retriever."

After Andy had been placed with his master, they went through an acqualintance period and Mr. Simms began to feed and care for his new "eyes."

Every day except Sunday, after the initial acquaintance meeting, the dog and master went for walks and began to spend more and more time together.

On his birthday, July 3, Mr. Simms returned to Baltimore with Andy, a leather harness, leash, chain, food pan, Andy's papers, license and tag, and three days' supply of dog food.

"A guide dog is the best friend in the world for a blind person," he said.

"Now I can get around much faster and I don't run into things, like when I used a cane."

Mr. Simms added: "This dog is so cautious; he'll even stop at slopes in the sidewalks. There were only two dogs at the Foundation that would do that."

All guide dogs are trained to stop at curbs until their master's measure the height.

Although many people think guide dogs watch traffic lights, they actually watch the flow of the traffic. Dogs are color-blind.

"Nobody should touch a dog while he's in harness and still working. It may attract his attention which should be focused on his master," Mr. Simms explained.

Andy has proved to be very obedient and friendly, his master commented. "If I drop something, he'll pick it up for me."

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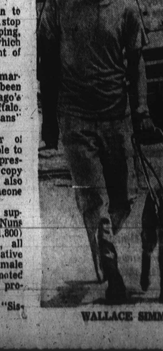
Mr. Simms attended the Maryland School for the Blind for three years. He lived at the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind one year.

It was because of his acquaintance with Mrs. Hunter that he learned of the Guide Dog Foundation.

It isn't enough just for him to have a guide dog; he wants others to find the happiness he has found with Andy.

"I wish that other blind people would take into consideration the advantages in having a guide dog.

"If there's anything I can do to help others get the same chance, I would like to."



WALLACE SIMMS

It's NOT A Man's World

MRS. WHITE

By BERNICE S. WHITE

ADVERTISING PROTESTS

Women across the nation are coming out in increasing numbers to protest how women are portrayed in television advertising.

Well-known ad woman, Franchellie Caldwell, said that she was sick and tired of seeing "moronic women" in television commercials cooing with doves, blowing a bubble bubble while at ballet, and pondering the advice of Arthur Godfrey.

Speaking at a recent luncheon, Miss Caldwell stated that advertising "makes women look as if they have the mentality of a six-year-old or else they're suffering from brain damage...It looks as if life begins and ends for the American woman with clean hands, clean wash, clean teeth.

"Women are supposed to have all the hangups about sex, so they're washing, washing, washing all the time to purge themselves."

Miss Caldwell and her agency conducted an "unaided" poll to determine which ten commercials on TV women hated the most. Among them is a soap commercial which has a woman arguing with a bird.

National women's groups are organizing consumer boycotts against companies considered most exploitive of women.

The boycotts will be maintained until the companies agree to change their advertising practices and using demeaning and offensive ads.

AUGUST 26 STRIKE

The National Organization for Women had its former president, Betty Friedan, are calling for a national strike of women on August 26.

This date marks the 50th anniversary of the day the 19th Amendment was ratified. This is the Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

NOW lists three nationwide strike demands: free 24-hour child care centers; free abortion on demand; and complete equality for women in education and employment.

Mrs Friedan is urging women to march, demonstrate, sit-in, pray, stop buying, stop vacuuming, stop typing, or engage in any activity which would call attention to the plight of women.

Many activities will include marches — a number of which have been planned for Manhattan, at Chicago's City Center, Milwaukee, and Buffalo. There will be "Freedom Trash Cans" set up in Syracuse, N.Y.

An eastern regional director of NOW said that women will be able to "dump some object of their oppression — an apron, hair curlers, a copy of Dr. Spock" in these cans. She also reported "If fully urged that someone will deposit her husband."

The August 26 activity has the support of the National Coalition of Nuns and of elected membership of 1,800 the League of Women Voters, all women's lib groups, Representative Shirley Chisholm and other female representatives in Congress, noted authors, and many business and professional women's groups.

One of the strike's themes is "Sisterhood is Powerful."

TOGETHER

Fight Drug Addiction, It Causes Crimes

PARREN MITCHELL

By PARREN J. MITCHELL

Baltimore, like all cities, is haunted by the fear of crime. Despite the attempts of some demagogues to exploit this fear to stir racial divisions, crime affects all citizens. Blacks are victimized far more often than whites.

From my experience as probation officer and from the studies which I have seen on the problem, I would estimate that somewhere between 50 per cent and 60 per cent of the common committed crime in this city has one cause: drug addiction.

Addiction is expensive, and an addict will do absolutely anything to get a supply of his drug.

Anyone who has seen an addict in the agonies of withdrawal will understand why.

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To fight crime, then, we must fight drug addiction.

First, we must make methadone treatment available for those addicts who want a chance to lead normal lives.

Methadone is cheap; it frees men from the terrible grip of heroin, and eliminates their need to steal.

And methadone has another advantage. Men on methadone do not buy heroin.

Having reduced the demand for heroin, we can go after the supply: the pushers.

Not the small-time pushers, who are usually addicts themselves, and who are easily replaced, but the suppliers: the hard-eyed merchants of death who pull down the big money from the business of poisoning the black community.

Of course it's easier for the police to arrest some small-timer; some kid with a little marijuana is easier still.

They don't pay "protection" and they don't have friends in high places.

And of course the FBI has been too busy tapping the phones of people like Martin Luther King to crack down on the big-time racketeers.

All the talk about ending crime won't come to anything until we break the drug syndicates.

But that isn't the only reason why the menace must be fought.

In their greed, the pushers have extended their market to children: even tweve-year-olds are held in slavery to the drug.

A heroin addict exists in only two conditions: singleness of purpose when he seeks his daily "fix" and almost total lack of purpose once the drug is in his blood-stream.

What words are hard enough for the men who would condemn children to a lifetime of such subhumanity?

But words are not what is needed now. We need action: fearless, dedicated, sustained action to destroy the drug trade and free its victims.

And for this action we need new leadership: in the city governments, in the state, in the Executive branch in Washington and in the Congress.

I believe that I can provide that kind of new leadership, and I pledge to fight for vigorous new programs to defeat the menace of drug addiction.

NOW And THEN

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Three cheers — and more — to Arthur M. Murphy, Sr. and Milton B. Allen — both well known lawyers and both aspirants for the office of states attorney for Baltimore City. They are not only both lawyers and political animals, but they are also black.

If they had both remained in the race for the highly contested state's attorney spot, they would have undercut each other. They would have divided their black supporters and those other supporters willing and ready to support an outstanding black candidate.

This kind of thing has happened countless times all over the country. Having two blacks oppose each other is an old trick.

But Murphy and Allen were too smart.

They asked an impartial committee of citizens, under the leadership of the AFRO-AMERICAN, to hear their respective cases and make a decision: Decide which one should be the candidate.

The story has a happy ending. Allen is now the candidate; Murphy has withdrawn and will throw all his support to Allen.

This Murphy-Allen solution was not easy. This is a free country, and who is so high and mighty that he can tell one citizen not to be a candidate, in favor of another?

Of course, that is exactly what the oldtime political boss used to do, and had the power to do.

In the days of supporting his own candidate that no challenger could match.

And, more important than campaign money, the bigtime political boss knew (and still knows) how to knock heads together, how to threaten, how to make a challenger tired from his job, if he did not take other hints to quit a race.

If black politicians are to break through into political spots which they have not filled before, they will have to do what Murpy and Allen have to do what Murphy and Allen were big enough to do. Or, as Richard Hatcher, mayor of Gary, and his friends did. They will have to find ways to frighten off "spoilers."

But color is not the only barrier to high political office or black Americans.

Black women get it from both sides. They get it from white elements and they often do get it from black men who, less than white men, just believe that women should stay in their places.

"This column is reminded of this because of the experience of Mrs. Juanita H. Williams, candidate for comptroller general of Georgia. She is catching it Mrs. Williams recently complainte:

"The four reasons they are giving as to why I can't win are ridiculous. I'm a woman, I'm black, I am a woman; "Because I am black, "Because I am the wife of a civil rights leader and because I am honest and won't make deals with the big insurance companies and loan company sharks. That's why the voters of Georgia will reject me, they say. I say they are wrong and these are some of the main reasons Georgia voters will choose me over my opponents."

Mrs. Williams added:

"Women have given men their chance to straighten things out year after year, but things are getting worse and worse.

Do you agree with Mrs. Williams, you ladies?

Firemen Praised

Dear AFRO:

Congratulations and many thanks to the crews of fire fighters and policemen who were called on duty in the 3800 block of Liberty Heights Avenue on Monday.

The fire fighters performed with extreme diligence and skill at containing the dreadful fire that was detected around 2 a.m. and threatened to destroy more than an entire square block before daybreak.

The policemen performed with sincere compassion as they created and maintained an atmosphere of confidence of the many persons who were evacuated from their homes.

Even though there was full view of both