"Cut The Man Loose!"

"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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Water Aplenty

The nationwide observance of "Better Water for Americans Week" will be held August 9-15. It's an excellent occasion to focus attention on the great contribution water makes to human comfort, convenience, and good living.

Thanks to the dedicated water personnel of Baltimore's Department of Public Works, this community is blessed with the best-tasting, highest quality and safest water of any served-along the Atlantic seaboard.

Don't feel guilty or inhibited about using water lavishly.

We have an abundant supply. Use all the water you want. Here are 10 ways in which you can gain new benefits from water:

1. Take it outdoors. Additional taps can enable you to get by with less hose and less hose-lugging.

2. Get an extra sink. A patio sink, with hot and cold running water, makes outdoor dining easier, more fun.

3. Cool it. You'll enjoy water more, and drink more of it, when it's refreshingly cool.

4. Enjoy it. Gain the pleasure of the sight and sound of water with a decorative garden pool, fountain or waterfall.

5. Swim in it. Even a full-size in-the-ground family pool now costs less than a car.

6. Skate on it. When the temperature drops, flood a flat area, contained within earthen curbs. Or you can iceskate on swimming pools.

7. Relax with it. Small steam generators are available for converting your tub or shower stall into a steam room.

8. Put it in the air. Humidity control makes a more comfortable living environment, keeps furniture joints from becoming unstrung, musical instruments in tune, throats from becoming scratchy.

9. Grow things with it. An underground lawn sprinkler working on a clock timer, will end your lawn watering chores, take care of your lawn while you are away.

10. Clean with it. Most well-equipped homes have a clothes washer, dishwasher, twin lavatories, and a basement or outdoor shower.

Water is the most important product we buy. It is the "stuff of life." It isn't free, but it is inexpensive — often too inexpensive.

The best in water and in water services is still an incredible bargain, and we cannot afford to have anything less than the best.

CLIFFORD W. MACKAY, Head
Bureau of Consumer Services
Department of Public Works

Fire Victims' Thanks

Dear AFRO:

I am writing this letter on my behalf and family, as I want to thank all who felt my sorrow and offered their help and sympathy.

I also want to give my deepest thanks to the Red Cross who took care of our every need and whom I shall remember always.

My heart also grieves for the ones who have to share in the blame for this disaster, who are innocent until thorough investigation is made and have to share enough heartache without being punished by severe misunderstanding.

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, flowers and for those who have also known heartache.

Signed, Mrs. E. A. Lemon,
(grandmother of four children who died in Litchfield Ave. fire.)

Anyone who wants to help a young couple get on their feet and ease their sorrow, send anything, however small to Mrs. Lardies Lemon and Nathaniel Lemon at 2656 Park Heights Terrace or phone 367-1889.)

Defends Pitts

Dear AFRO:

In your July 25 editorial "Bunch For Lunch" I read with dismay your strong attack against Dr. T. Andre Pitts. As an objective lesson about Baltimore, past and present, it was an acceptable piece of writing.

However, it is quite demeaning to one of the largest and oldest black newspapers in the country, AFRO-AMERICAN, when it launches such personal attacks against black Baltimoreans who show sincere concern about the well-being of their city. Also it serves the cause of disunity, rather than unity among black folk.

I would urge that you practice restraint in your future editorial attacks against such citizens.

R. L. SEVERNS

(Editor — The AFRO's comments were directed at a person who should have known better than to point out all the accomplishments of whit Baltimore in welcoming the Frontiers, a black-oriented organization, to the nation's sixth largest city. We stand by our comment).

Looks At County

Dear AFRO:

Having been born in Carroll County and spending part of my growing years both there in Pennsylvania I had a chance to live both segregated and integrated.

At the time that I lived in Pennsylvania things were for the most part integrated. By this I mean that I was not required to eat in small back rooms of restaurants and attend one room schools with six grades in that one room. This came later however.

Looking back now after years away from both places, I can see that little little has changed in either place: Waynesboro, or Westminister. The little change came in Westminister.

Forced integration worked slow in Westminister, and the eating places didn't begin to serve blacks with a smile until the Baltimore Colt Football team, which has its training camp at Western Maryland College, hinted that unless changes were made they might have to look for another training site.

This put the brakes on the restaurant problem.

My reason for writing about Westminster and Carroll County is that it is an interesting place to observe how county governments go about doing nothing or little for their black population.

I don't know how many of us are aware of it, but another interesting thing is that they even from time to time have Klan meetings in Carroll County.

So I think that more focus should be shown on this and other outlying areas.

FRED SIMS Jr.

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;

Kept 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 has no other goal except to expose corruption and condemn injustices and prejudice, or compromise.

Whether it stays out of politics except to support the Democratic Party.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.—1920

Need For Maturity

A large part of the business of maturing involves coming to a certain knowledge about what is and what is not important.

It is doubtless true that for a long time, black voters as well as the politicians who lead them have evinced signs of immaturity.

But all good things must come to an end, and in the year 1970, after the advent of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Robert F. Kennedy, it is time for black people to put off childish behavior and to have grown politically mature.

That is why it is so disturbing to the AFRO to see that small-minded factionalism and personal relations are looming as major ingredients in the campaign to elect the first black congressman from the 7th District of Baltimore.

We believe, and we have said so on prior occasions, that it is of the utmost priority to have a black representative from this area in the House.

We believe further that Parren J. Mitchell, seeking the office for the second time, and with an organization and political thrust powerful enough, we think, to win, is a person who should be given the unqualified support of the black community.

And this support should come without strings attached.

Mr. Mitchell should not be burdened down with exactions of factional support, demands for disavowal of alliances with others, interference and exploitation by those who may have the same name, or any other trivia.

He should be left free to concentrate on gaining the Congressional seat.

To the extent that those who wish Mr. Mitchell well are able to subordinate their personal concerns in the interest of attaining the primary goal — a new seat in the Congress occupied by a black man — the black political community of this city will show political maturity.

Matters tangential to Mr. Mitchell's victory loom small and inconsequential and should be treated as such.

Judicial Attitude

The practice recently begun by Municipal Court judges of bypassing the preliminary hearing and sending cases to the grand jury because no counsel could be available for defendants at the hearing seems to us to compound what is already exposed as a breakdown in the state's judicial system.

For while the Municipal Court of Baltimore City is a peculiar creature of this metropolitan area. It is nonetheless a state court, and what it does reflects state action of the highest order.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that a defendant in a criminal case is entitled to counsel at the preliminary hearing, the place where most poor people first come into contact with the criminal law.

It is also the place where, if adequate counsel is provided, the accused could possibly be done with what might otherwise turn into a major offense, taking time and substance from his or her life.

The attitude thus far evinced by the Municipal Court may be compared to that of a father, who when told that he must provide his son with an opportunity to prove himself not guilty of misconduct before inflicting punishment, says there is no law that says he must listen to the son at all and forthwith turns him out to take his chances in the more dangerous world.

The proper path for the court to follow, we think, is not to use the technicality of what it does not have to do to avoid affording poor people (and rich as well) the opportunity for a fair hearing at the earliest possible moment.

The court ought to be anxious to improve its processes so that what the highest court of the land regards as the minimal fair proceedings can be complied with.

The court ought to take the lead in helping state administrators and executive officials find ways to make counsel available for those who cannot afford one at the preliminary hearing.

Much To Do About Nothing

We note with interest the public display of criticism against poor adult citizens of Baltimore who are accused of depriving deprived children of free lunches made available by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The AFRO is not as much disturbed by the fact that some of the lunches have gone astray as it is that in this lush economy there are still people who have grown to adulthood and who have no more of the good things of life than those who have to contrive to get free lunches.

Contrary to the thinking of some of our fellow citizens, including Comptroller Hyman Pressman, we do not view the taking of a free lunch as a criticism of the taker as much as an indictment of the society which produces such poor adults.

Where has the society been while thousands of poor Baltimoreans now in the adult years were becoming at age in dire poverty?

Whose fault has it been that many persons now in need of a free lunch have not only no money to buy their own but also are unable to furnish adequate food for their children?

We are also concerned about the loose administration apparent in the office of the Community Action Agency which simply gathers a number of lunches and deposits them with no further supervision.

It is also a sad commentary that apparently little attention is paid to the nutritional content and palatability of a lunch package which day after day includes potato salad, cold milk, pressed ham sandwich and an apple.

If the Federal Government is willing to grant Baltimore $600,000 for free lunches for deprived children, it would seem that the city government could supply sufficient administrative personnel to see to it that the lunches reach the destination intended.

In sum, what we are saying is that the public fuss over a few box lunches intended for deprived children going astray is, in our view, much to do about nothing.

Salmonella Shame

Salmonella is defined by Webster's dictionary as a species of bacteria which moves through the gastrointestinal system causing inflammation and disease in the genital tract.

Doctors say the bacteria forms because of poisonous food elements, because of the unsanitary handling of food.

It is a sad commentary on the processes of government in the City of Baltimore that there is no regulatory agency charged specifically with the protection of those people who find themselves during advanced years in what are commonly called nursing homes.

The outbreak of the disease which brought death to 19 old people and which may tell more victims is indefensible in this day of advanced scientific knowledge and giant money power.

Dr. Neil Solomon, secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, reveals the slip-shod manner in which such matters are handled as he reveals to newsmen the method by which the recent outbreak of Salmonella at a local nursing home was reported.

After reviewing a series of events which literally required the Health Department to stumble into the presence of an epidemic, Dr. Solomon called for the enaction of new legislation which "clearly defines the duties of the nursing homes in disease outbreaks."

We think the legislation should go even further. We think it ought to create a board or commission of visitors, operating under the Health Department, which would be specifically charged with preventing conditions which permit the occurrence of such outbreaks.

If we are able to keep people living long enough so that they need nursing home care, it stands to reason that we ought to be able to make the further sacrifice of doing what is necessary to keep them living safely.

'Hoola' Champ

Somebody once said "Champions are made, not born."

We agree with this philosophy, which says in a larger sense that anyone can excell provided he or she is willing to work hard enough.

The truth contained in the view is illustrated graphically by the victory of 12-year-old Vickie Williams, hoola-hoop champion, one of seven children in a family where the father is absent through death.

Certainly Vickie could not have been born to be a hoola-hoop champion, since the hoop is of such recent vintage that we are certain nature does not know of its existence.

But through persevering, through using her body in such intricate ways by the exertion of supreme effort, this little girl has already learned about what it takes to be first in an activity.

Hopefully, after the glamour of the moment from winning the hoola-hoop championship has worn off, Vickie will remember well the lessons she has learned and will go on to excel on more significant levels.

Hopefully, also, her peers, knowing her story, will learn from it and perceive that through work they too may become champions.

Political Notebook

Allen Must Run Scared To Win

By MAX JOHNSON

Surface-wise and at casual attention, it would appear certain that Maryland will get its first black state's attorney in elections this year — with Baltimore's Milton B. Allen, long a prominent attorney.

This rosy picture, however, is not quite as beautiful as it may seem.

Mr. Allen is going to have to run scared to win — with a large volume of city-wide voters backing him who are just as scared he will lose.

It's a golden opportunity not to be muffed by Baltimoreans, especially its black voters — for it will be four years before another such rolls around.

A fetching situation of this making might not be repeated even then.

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The picture for the politically naive is a rather simple one.

Mr. Allen is the lone black Democratic candidate in the Sept. 15 primary with four white candidates.

On paper in this highly black populous city with four other candidates splitting the votes among them — it would almost appear that Mr. Allen is in.

With the exception of one of the other candidates, a former man who was a top practicing criminal and civil lawyer in this city before the others even entered law school.

But — there is much more to the whole thing than that.

Let's look briefly at the other candidates.

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1. Howard L. Cardin is acting state's attorney, having been selected by judges of the Supreme Bench — when Charles E. Moylan Jr., state's attorney, was elevated to the Court of Special Appeals.

An assistant then in the office, Mr. Cardin is a member of a long influential family politically and financially. His father is a Supreme Bench judge.

2. George J. Helinski was deputy state's attorney until he was bypassed by the judges in the Cardin appointment. Mr. Helinski quit in a huff — and has been leveling all sorts of charges against the "establishment" since.

3. Philip H. Goodman is a former short term mayor of this city, and earlier president of the City Council and a state senator.

He and Gov. Marvin Mandel have recently kissed politically and made up — after not seeing eye to eye for quite a spell.

4. Joseph R. Raymond is a former assistant state's attorney, and more recently assistant attorney general for Maryland.

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Here, then, is the formidable array Mr. Allen is facing, strong political ties, big money — and bucking the idea that a city post is a "white" one. Yet, he holds a marked edge on all four — a decisive-type edge that merits sober reflections.

For years there has been an increasing hue and cry from citizens — especially white ones — about the growing crime rate, crime in the streets, etc.

They have blamed a vast majority of this crime to elements of the black community.

Mr. Allen is a distinguished member of the black community — and as a veteran, top flight criminal lawyer knows it better than most people. Including many, many police officers.

Certainly — he knows the criminal element better than any of his four white opponents.

He knows what corrective measures should be instituted — and how best the state's attorney should deal with the problems.

He is not unfamiliar with the white community — having serviced clients in that area as well.

But — Milt Allen must run scared to win the state's attorney nomination Sept. 15.

Voters must rally behind him to the extent that they are scared he will lose.

There is, of course, the high point of whether Baltimore will keep once, with other major cities in placing more undisputably qualified black community representatives in city government.

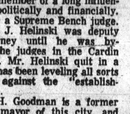
There is, too, another point of note.

If Baltimore has a black crime problem as so many white citizens are want to say — then Mr. Allen, a member of the black community, should be the logical choice to tackle it in the role of this city's state's attorney.

It's as simple as that — the way I see it.

Perspective

'Uptight' Re-examined



By DAVID E. SLOAN

By now it is probably universally known that "uptight" refers to the condition of being on edge about something or someone.

Inner city black people are said to be uptight because the conditions of their lives are not conducive to comfort and the leisurely enjoyment of the American scene.

Some whites are said to be uptight because they fear the aggressive barbs, thrusts and challenges to their privileged positions demonstrated in the action and words of the black and the young.

These things were running through my mind Sunday as I viewed a daily recent foreign film, produced and directed by Ingmar Bergman, titled "The Passion of Anna."

It was the first time I really realized that the condition of being uptight is one older than the expression that describes it.

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Nor is the condition one that relates only to the political and social interplay between blacks and whites in 20th century America.

Anna was a Swedish woman who had lost her husband and son in a terrible accident while she was driving. Her own life was barely saved.

The subject matter of the picture was Anna's relationship with a new friend and her lover upon whom she came one day when, stranded, she asked to use the telephone.

Andreas Vinclemann, the friend and lover, was a retired sort of man who lived in a modest house near the ocean with his books and all the healthy environment of the great outdoors.

And at first he and Anna enjoyed each other immensely.

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The audience knew, but did not know, that at the time of the accident the fact was that Anna's husband was about to leave her and had written her a note telling her why.

The suspense for the audience was in discovering, through the relationship with Andreas, what it was that caused the break-up—between Anna and her first spouse.

And alas, Anna's passion was revealed as the thing that caused her undoing. Alas, she could not be in love without being uptight, without being on edge about her relationship with Andreas and without, finally, becoming a nag and bore, leading to "physical and psychical violence."

In the final scene, Anna drives off frantically alone in her auto and leaves Andreas standing in the middle of the road to melt into the landscape.

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The closing lines are: "This time the name of the victim of Anna's passion was Andreas Winkleman."

Bergman is known for the unusual intimacy of his use of the camera — so much so that at this picture I felt as though I was witnessing a stage play.

But the broad truth that Bergman taught was that a person can possess so much of a positive quantity like passion that it can make him uptight with himself and consequently a destroyer of others through

Reform Needed

There are many ways in which the processes of democratic government can be improved.

Not the least of these is the means by which citizens are given the opportunity to register their party affiliation and to become eligible to vote.

In many states, there are statutes which permit the deputizing of interested citizens who go into the community and see that unregistered and qualified persons are registered and log them in on the spot.

George Minor, campaign manager for Parren Mitchell, has submitted to Maryland authorities a proposal which would bring this state up to date in this regard.

But to date there has been no development which indicates that serious thought is being made with regard to liberalizing our voter registration procedures.

Citizens are encouraged to have on-the-spot chest X-rays; to contribute to civic-oriented funds on the spot; to become eligible for medical and union benefits on the spot; even to pay their taxes on the instant moment that wages are paid to them.

Why, then, may they not become eligible to vote at the moment and at the place where there is a deputized registrar to take their names and carry out the formality?

WE Stand For

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

Adequate block 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 slate of judges, except those constitution- / authorized.

A black owned and operated bank.

Concerned

Dear AFRO:

I propose a solution to the question, "Can anything be done to stop these kids from riding on the back of the transit buses?" from your issue of July 25.

With a little money spent, we could equip buses with some type of an electrical device to throw off a shock reaction to anyone attempting to climb aboard.

This device should be safe and not damage the person.

C. E. P.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

It was at least 90 degrees on Saturday afternoon as we sat on the Morgan Park lawn of Howard H. Murphy, and listened to the tributes to Joe H. Murphy Jr., celebrating his 90th birthday.

The family was there and a special guest who flew from Portsmouth, Va., and his wife, Bishop and Mrs. Howard Zebulan Plummer (Mildred).

He is prelate of the Church of God in Christ and a family intimate because he and his parents were reared by Grandpa Murphy and Grandpa Howard.

There was silence from the large family gathering as Bishop Plummer talked about the long family association and read a moving salute from "one who has held an indestructible bond of love and friendship for the Murphy family," to "one who has given the best of you to the service of God, your family and fellowman. . "

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Not until the next day did we learn that Bishop Plummer's mere presence at the family gathering was indication of real strength and courage.

Reason — Shortly after arriving in Baltimore on Saturday morning, he, the Bishop, received a cablegram year-old son, Howard Jr., had been he went to his office.

A lesser man would not have carried out the plan to honor a friend, but Bishop Plummer is beautiful people. Not only did he give his prepared speech and offer prayer, he kept word of the tragedy from his wife until they drove back to Portsmouth and she was safely in their home where loving relatives and doctor could comfort her. Honest!

The son who was killed in Europe is a graduate of the University of Denver. His parents had given him a three month tour of Europe as a graduation and birthday present.

His mother was planning to fly over and meet him later this month and they were going on to Spain together.

The youngster had rented an auto and was en route to Tangiers to return a rented car. As he tried to pass a truck, the car tipped over three times He died instantly. A woman companion escaped with minor cuts.

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Special prayers to Bishop and Mrs. Plummer. Or write them at P.O. Box 157, Portsmouth, Va. They are now awaiting word from Morocco as to when their son's body will be returned.

Local law over there prohibits shipment of bodies during the summer.

Last word they have is that the only embalmer in Tangiers is on vacation — may not be back for a month!

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More sadness: Here in Baltimore on Monday morning, the untimely death of William M. Gardner, shocked so many.

He was a kind and helpful good neighbor; many knew him for his work in numerous community organizations and for the sympathetic hand he rendered on his job as supervisor with the Baltimore City Housing and Community Development.

"Gardner," as many intimates called him, had recently moved from his Druid Hill Health Center office to new offices at 110 E. Madison St.

He was on vacation Monday morning but had a report to turn in so went to his office.

It was there he slumped over his work to his office.

Cuff note: Mr. Gardner and his wife, Mattie Tignor Gardner were to have flown today (Friday) to Miami and then to Nassau with the medical group. Funeral was today at Walbrook Trinity Presbyterian Church where he was an elder.

Cuff note: Bill and Mattie were an ideal couple, always full of life. Last time we saw the Gardners they were dressed alike in Hawaiian costumes for the Templars' party a Sunday night ago at the Martin's West for Judges Robert Watts and Harry Cole.

And, they looked so happy, and he looked so well.

Beautiful night: At the Thursday evening wake held at Walbrook Trinity, friends showed their love for Gardner. At least 100 floral pieces decorated the church.

Among out-of-towners there: Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Griggs (Bernice) of Detroit; and Mrs. Catherine Taylor of Silver Springs, Md. They are the former Miss Taylor of Baltimore.

Another Naylor sister, Beulah (Mrs. Clinton) is at the Hopkins Hospital bedside of her husband who is much improved.

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Mrs. Emerson C. Walden (Celonia), wife of the physician and a well-known clubwoman in her own right, is in Washington to bury her mother.

Mrs. Celonia Banks will be given last rites Saturday 9:30 a.m. at Rhines Funeral Home in D.C.

Family residence in D.C. is 556 25th Place, NE.

More people and things

Orchids to: Mrs. Emma J. Spriggs. She received a superior accomplishment award from Joseph L. Meyers, superintendent of Towson Finance Branch of the Baltimore Post Office last week.

The award, a $150 check, a lapel pin and a superior accomplishment certificate were for her "sustained performance of regularly assigned duties and her devotion to duty."

Mrs. Spriggs was the first woman assigned to the Towson Finance Branch in July of 1967, and she's done a good job says Baltimore's Postmaster, Warren M. Bloomberg.

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New CPA in town is Charles McDaniel. He was on the list released Tuesday.

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Get well cards, please, to Mrs. Helen Smith Davis at 3709 Woodridge Rd. Many know her as the longtime barmaid at Phil's.

Sunshine, also to Loch Raven Veterans' Hospital for Richard R. Heath, who has been in for three weeks.

Many know Mr. Heath as the longtime (35 years), employee of the Yale and Arrow Laundry and the war veteran.

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More people moving about: The Ed Williamses are off to Ocean City, already there are the Clifton Murrays.

Dr. and Mrs. Simon Carter are in Europe . . . Mrs. Margaret Robinson and Mrs. Katrine Hall are among those who flew to Spain this week with the group headed by Douglas Sampson of Sampson Restaurant fame (W. Fayette St. near Gilmor). Where they have the best "Soul" food in town.

More vacationers: Dr. and Mrs. William Watts (Pauline) to the Charles Fletchers, Lydia Mussenden and daughters, Audrey and Lester Norris, Pearl Brackett and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Berry are on that cruise trip up the St. Lawrence. They'll go on to the Bahamas before they return home.

Also travelling: AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips and Mrs. Phillips and two of their youngsters, Martin and Sheila flew to San Francisco Monday. They will visit of course with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd Jr., and have their first opportunity to see the first grandchild, Eugene 3d.

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White House visitor on Tuesday morning was Marshall W. Jones. He's the GOP leader who is candidate for state senate from the 2nd district.

He's bubbling over when he talks about how President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon greeted him in the Blue Room and wished him luck in his campaign.

Mr. Jones was at the White House for the President's reception for Joseph Mobutu, president of the Congo

Other Baltimore GOP leaders there included former mayor and governor, Theodore R. McKeldin, Melvin A. Cellaman, David Shay, Archie M. Jones, Dr. Carl Adair, Elmer O. Harris. Also there, the Urban League secretary, Travis Vaula and Carnie P. Bragg Sr., president of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Convention currently in convention here in our city.

By the-way, those morticians and funeral directors really know how to throw a party.

Their dinner dance at Blue Crest North on Wednesday evening was saving something.

Out-of-town delegates raved about the music of the Jimmy Smith band.

Old friend seen at the convention: Mrs. Norris Davis (Helen), the Boston funeral director.

Friendly lady met: Mrs. Odessa Pitts Johnson of Birmingham, Ala.

Her husband, Howard, runs funeral home in Bessemer, Ala.

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More friendly delegates met: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dale (Vivian), Toledo, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick (LaRue), of Pittsburgh.

Cuff note: The Fredericks are good friends of mutual friends, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mason (Dorothea), former St. Paul, Minn. residents now living in Pittsburgh where he (Mr. Mason) is city councilman. Small world

More cuff notes: Delegates we talked with were impressed that their convention spent a good many hours taking care of business.

They pointed to the meaningful workshops and exhibits which they found of great help.

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More sadness: Call from a friend to report the death in Denver, Colo. of our longtime friend, Vivian Avery Allen, wife if Reubin Allen, the American Woodmen exec.

This reporter first met her when she befriended me while I was on assignment at Fisk University in Nashville years ago. She was the niece of the late Mrs. Nettie Hyman, secretary-treasurer of the AME Church Sunday School Union.

In later years, the Allens moved to Dayton, Ohio, Chicago and finally Denver. We last saw them five years ago at their Fox Lake cottage outside of Chicago.

We had talked of visiting them again this year, and had even tried to call her last week.

Funeral services were last week, Thursday in Denver. Burial was Monday in Chicago. She was a grand friend.

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Small world: Our high school classmate, Irvin Bryant, a Baltimore city teacher for 33 years, is in a new spot in Community College of Baltimore.

He is director of the new COPE program-COPE means Careers Opportunity in Education and he says portunity in Education and he says it's "very exciting."

By the way, Mr. Bryant's niece is Linda Bryant, the beauty queen who is daughter of his brother, the Rev. Clarence Bryant, assistant pastor of Gethsemane Baptist, and Mrs. Berdice Bryant.

More news in the same family: Sgt. Thomas B. Owings, who died last month in Vietnam, is son of Mr. Bryant's sister, Mrs. Edna Owings and the late George Owings. Small world!

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Won 18 Trophies

Dear AFRO:

A great big round of applause for the boys and girls who represented Baltimore in the Jesse Owens Track Meet.

They won 18 trophies and one big team trophy. They placed second in the meet. Baltimore, I know you are proud.

PAUL HYKES

PAGE OPPOSITE

PARREN MITCHELL

TOGETHER To Help Those Who Help Themselves

By PARREN J. MITCHELL

Average American family income for 1969 was more than $10,000. In other words, Americans are, on the average, the richest people the world has ever known.

But there is still hunger in America, still illiteracy, still a housing shortage, still millions of people living in hopeless deprivation.

The simple and obvious injustice of such inequality of income leads to demands, by those who have plenty and by those who have nothing, to distribute the rewards of affluence more equally.

One major remedy is for the government to provide certain necessities to everyone alike.

Medical care is provided this way in Britain: everybody gets what care he needs, and it's paid for out of taxes. We could alleviate one of the cruellest consequences of poverty by instituting such a system in this country.

Equality of educational opportunity, the goal of free public education, could be extended by providing more Federal aid to schools in poor areas and more scholarship funds to college and university students.

But the social-service route to economic equality is not a cure-all, as the inadequate surplus-food program and the disastrous public-housing program demonstrate.

Another approach to ending poverty stresses finding productive roles for the poor in the private job market.

Fair employment legislation and improved transportation, by breaking down the barriers which separate some workers from available jobs, can thus be vital anti-poverty tools.

So can federally-subsidized training in industry, under the J.O.B.S. program for example.

But the firing of Clifford Alexander showed how vulnerable fair-employment enforcement was, and the present recession has cut the heart out of the J.O.B.S. program.

In any case, millions of American families headed by men who are employed full-time are still counted among the poor.

Broader minimum-wage coverage and higher minimum wages would help, but they soon run up against the inherent limitations imposed by the market system.

Guaranteed jobs in the public sector would be a major advance in this area, and I believe that such a program might pass the next Congress.

But the practical problems involved are immense, and public-sector jobs will create difficulties in the private-sector labor market.

In addition, many of the very poorest families are headed by women with pre-school or school-age children.

These women have work enough rearing their children and holding their families together; there is no need for them to hold down jobs in addition.

What we need, then, is a program which will assure every family at least a subsistence, even if it has no employment income.

At the same time, it must supplement the incomes of wage-earners, thus smoothing the path to self-sufficiency; in welfare jargon, we need work incentives.

Such a program is simple in design and inexpensive in administration.

Families with no outside income receive some base amount in the form of periodic federal checks, like Social Security checks.

I propose $4,000 per year as the base for a family of four. The actual sum would vary with family size.

But $4,000 for a family of four is the decent minimum: the Administration's figure of $1,600 for a family of four is grossly inadequate.

The payments would be reduced 50 cents for every dollar of earnings, rather than dollar-for-dollar as under present welfare systems.

Thus, a family of four whose wage-earner brought in $3,000 would receive an additional $2,500 from the government, for a total income of $5,500.

This would completely eliminate poverty, as it is presently defined, and greatly ease the lot of the "near-poor."

Along with building a lasting peace and healing our terrible racial divisions, the abolition of poverty ranks among our most pressing national needs.

Unlike the other two, which at the moment are more dreams than programs, the end of poverty can be accomplished speedily by means now at hand.

If we do not conquer this ancient enemy now, we will have only ourselves to blame.

DR. FLEMING

NOW And THEN Man, Although Smart, Also Stupid

with G. JAMES FLEMING

Man has shown that he has enough brains and gumption to discover new worlds, to reach the moon, to conquer wild lands, and to make all kinds of complicated machinery.

Man is not so smart, however, when he is called upon to deal with simple things, such as improving his neighborhood, keeping his children in school, or using politics to improve his personal lot and the lot of his group

As to politics, if men and women, as a group, were smart, we would right now be experiencing the most exciting voter registration campaign, looking forward to the September 15 primary and the November election.

It would be more than just a voter registration drive.

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It would be a revival-type extravaganza to help the people of Baltimore, with special reference to black citizens, to recognize why they should be active voters — registered and committed to vote; committed to wise representation for their group in all the places where they have long been shut out or under-represented: Congress, the state attorney's office, the state Senate, the House of Delegates, and the Sheriff's office.

Every man and woman, young and old, would, and should, consider himself a crusader to open, and keep open, doors for blacks to enter.

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We would also be smart enough (to repeat an idea from last week's column) to find ways to prevent some black candidates (especially mere "spoilers") from preventing a more preferred or fit candidate from winning office.

We know, from copybook days, that "in unity there is strength," and that those who do not hang together will hang separately.

But man rarely always be depended upon to do what's best for himself and his people.

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But we can try this year in Baltimore: In the Seventh Congressional District, the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Legislative Districts. Citywide, we can try to elect the sheriff.

When it crimes to war and peace, man shows himself really stupid. He knows that war usually leads to more war, not to peace.

He knows that there are no problems settled by war that could not have been settled better without war. Nevertheless, he persists in waging war and preparing for war.

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In this stupidity all nations and all peoples are guilty. White peoples against each other; black peoples against other black peoples; Asians against Jews; Jews against Arabs and vice versa; white peoples against colored peoples and vice versa.

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If the record were not so continuously bad, we could be really hopeful that the "cease-fire" between Israel and the Arab countries and the planned peace conference might lead to peace — real peace. But man is stupid (at least, not (smart) when it comes to war and peace.

Already, some Arab countries have denounced the plans, and the Arab guerrillas, who are outside government, have declared they will not be bound by any agreements growing out of the peace talks.

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On the other hand, conservative Israelis have threatened to topple the present Israeli government if peace comes with "give" and "take" — with Israel not being able to take what the conservatives believe it should take.

If man, acting in groups or as government, were wiser, it would have become plain long ago that both Israel and the Arabs need each other: that little Israel needs the goodwill and resources of her neighbors, and that the Arabs need the benefit of the training, the know-how, the medical research and medical services of the Israelis.

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No one who has stood on the border between Israel and any of the Arab countries can help feeling what a power for good these two peoples could be — working together for the welfare of all children, the healing of all the sick, the development of the fields, and the education of the thousands — perhaps millions — who go unschooled.

But, who are we Americans to throw stones, to criticize? We still resort to war to settle our own and our friends' disputes, and some Americans, also, have not yet learned that they need all other Americans — all to work together for peace and the development of people and land.

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What has happened in the USA between white and black, Indians and the predominantly white society, between Mexican-Americans and non-Mexican-Americans — all remind us that we, too, are stupid when it comes to settling the problems of man.

The moon? That's easy. Talking with other men and women around a table, that's difficult.

Finding money for the latest dream-weapons? Again, that's easy.

Finding money for the starving and the ill-housed that's almost impossible.

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(2) Exercise their political power to elect candidates, regardless of sex, who are positively oriented toward women's interests, and support their aims and goals in the drive toward equal partnership with men.

(3) Use their power to keep insistently before the President, the Congress and other national leaders the realities of their determination to achieve equal rights for all people regardless of race, sex, religion or national origin.

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MRS. SMITH

It's NOT A Man's World

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The preliminary report of the Women's Bureau 50th Anniversary Conference which was held in June was released last week.

More than 1,000 women and men from diverse backgrounds, economic levels, racial and ethnic groups, came together to hear and be heard at this historic conference.

There were many issues discussed, personal expressions offered and individual and group commitments made.

The following recommendations are presented from the report to show the stand of the participants on some of the grit issues of the day.

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The conferees were unanimous in recommending that Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, Director of the Women's Bureau, be appointed or elevated to Assistant Secretary of the Labor for Women's Resources on Human Resources.

It was also agreed that the Women's Bureau should be supported with adequate funding and personnel to effectively promote the conservation and development of human resources, and to set up a clearinghouse of information for women on their rights and opportunities.

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Regarding political issues, participants recommended that women:

(1) Be urged to run for political office at the local, state and national levels and that the talent and knowhow women presently used to elect men to office be directed toward the election of women.

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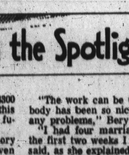

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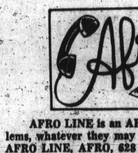

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QUESTION: Is there any American college which gives students on-the-spot training in international relations?

ANSWER: Chapman College's unique shipboard program in international studies, World Campus Afloat, will begin its sixth academic year Oct. 10 in the port of New York.

On that day college students from all the 50 states and representing 200 colleges and universities in the United States, will embark for a study semester aboard ship and on shore in the Mediterranean and Latin America during the fall 1970 semester.

Classes meet