EDITORIALS

Time For Action

Americans, we are told, are the world's most corrective people. Whereas in other countries people tend to permit bad conditions — such as body odor, bad breath, dingy linen etc., — to exist, we here try to fix everything.

We manufacture and purchase more deodorant, more room freshener and more detergent than any other people in the world.

Yet, in the matter of human relations, Americans seem unable to find workable antedotes for the condition of racism and group prejudice which pervades our society.

But this week, in the typically American style, the United States Civil Rights Commission made a bid to begin fixing what is wrong with us in the field of human relations.

As the chairman of the Commission said in his closing remarks at the Social Security Building at Woodlawn, "In looking at Baltimore City and Baltimore County we have in effect been looking at all areas of the country with similar problems."

And those problems involve ways and means of seeing to it that minority group members share equitably in the housing being constructed and the jobs being developed in suburban America.

In recent years, many blacks, faced over and over again with the intransigency and duplicity of whites in the area of equal treatment, have altered their goals from achieving equitable integration in suburbs and elsewhere to one of securing substantial public and private support for an opportunity to "determine their own destinies."

Likewise, spurred by the upsurge of reactionary opinion, many whites now say publicly that they believe goals of a truly integrated society are impossible of attainment.

Emphatically, the AFRO is not in total agreement with either one of these extreme positions. We agree with Chairman Theodore Hesburgh of the Commission that there are solutions, and that those solutions are to be found within ourselves.

The chairman put it graphically: "We have, in effect, held a mirror up to the Baltimore area, and in it you have seen things of which perhaps you were unaware. The hearings have often encouraged local communities to attack their own problems.

"It is never pleasant to confront unpleasant and disturbing facts, but this is the necessary first step on the road to solutions."

The commission has helped our area take the first step by hanging our dirty linen of housing and job discrimination out so that all of us can view it as though in a mirror.

Hopefully, all of us — blacks who are disillusioned and loveless toward whites, and whites who are guilt-ridden and angry toward blacks because of myths within a prejudiced culture — can, in the commission's words, "move ahead from this point to take those actions that will change the picture presented at the hearing."

Nameless No More

Much of man's fulfillment comes from his being able to create, build and distinguish other creatures around him.

Thus man exercises his God-like capacities by renewing his presence on earth through producing children.

He reaches for and secures his great aspirations with the building of magnificent structures.

He even bestows names and distinctions on lesser creatures, making himself, to a degree, the guardian of all existence.

Last week, young readers of the AFRO received a foretaste of what it means to be a dominant man when Rolander Jenkins, 13 and Richard Thomas, 10, bestowed winning names from among hundreds on two of our simian friends who inhabit the zoo.

Relegated no longer to the ranks of the nameless, these two fortunate monkeys will henceforth be called BamBam and Bonnie.

But, alas, they know naught of their good fortune, because BamBam, when visited with the good news by the AFRO zoo reporter, was hospitalized and could not be disturbed.

His co-recipient, Bonnie, was not told of her distinction out of courtesy to BamBam.

But are many days take flight, both shall be apprised of their elevation — and all because of man's need to create, build and distinguish.

Take A Lesson, Governor

As we have noted before in these columns, our sister state, to the south, Virginia, has, in the performance of its governor to date in the appointment of black members on state boards and commissions, shown the way from which our own governor could take example.

This thought was bestirred anew when last week we learned from the Maryland State Human Relations Commission that there are 30 Maryland state agencies which still have white employees only.

The attitudes which lead to such a condition are the same ones highlighted by the Civil Rights Commission here this week.

White racism in high places is what leads to all-white suburbs as well as all-white state agencies of employment.

Governor Marvin Mandel, currently seeking election to a full term as the state's Chief Executive, needs to show leadership the private sections of housing, money and job control in the state by stepping up programs to bring blacks and other minorities into important positions on all the boards and commissions of the state.

If he needs an example of a governor who seems properly oriented to the needs of actively including the black citizen, he might suggest that he looked south to the record made thus far by Virginia's governor.

...Where Your Mouth Is

If we could refer to this season of 1970 as something other than summer, it would be that this is the political season in our state and city.

And just as at Christmas when most thoughts and efforts are given to producing an acceptable Santa Claus, so in this season most of the activity of Marylanders is directed toward some political goal.

Just as at Christmas we are prone to lose sight of essentials — such as the religious nature of the holiday — so in this season many are tempted to ignore fundamental concerns.

AFRO readers were reminded in last week's edition of the nitty-gritty in the political ball game in which so many of us are engaged.

In his column, "Now And Then," Dr. G. James Fleming, professor of political science at Morgan State College delineated the realities in an article which discussed the true dimensions of the requirement of money in a successful political effort.

Said he, "It takes many things to win freedom, to win status in politics, and to be first-class citizens. Money is one of the ingredients needed."

In another place he declared, "Politics is people, politics is oratory, politics may be some ball raising — but politics is also m-o-n-e-y!"

The Baltimore community should be grateful for Dr. Fleming's wise advice, and should hasten to pull out its collective checkbook and support the candidate of its specific choice.

Hollering and waving banners come relatively easy. The true test of one's loyalty and support for a candidate comes in his willingness to sacrifice finance for him.

Dr. Fleming would never say it so brusquely, but we can. So, our suggestion to those who have not already done so is to PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS.

On President Mobutu

The AFRO noted with interest the relatively quiet ceremonies which attended Congo President Joseph Mobutu when he visited our city recently enroute to the District of Columbia for audiences with President Nixon.

The quietude once again reflects the tendency of news media to become excited about the sensational more so than even the successful.

In the days when the Congo was in the throes of turmoil and there were atrocities reported almost daily, President Mobutu's presence here, as did the visit of the late and controversial Patrice Lumumba, would have caused far more furor and attention.

But it is a testimonial to the quiet and effective job that he has done in pulling the Congo back together that he passed almost unnoticed this time.

We send the black Chief Executive from across the seas our good wishes and congratulate him on a job well done for his country and the world.

WE Stand For

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before the courts of the city and 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 systems.

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

A black owned and operated taxicab company.

A black owned and operated bank.

"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

Strong Detergent Needed

LETTERS

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.

On School Board

Dear AFRO:

As a concerned parent of two children in the Baltimore City Public Schools I am deeply distressed over the failure of the total School Board to speak to the needs of the black school population.

As a homeowner and taxpayer, I have constantly supported school bonds to improve the quality of education in this city for all children.

As a long time resident of this city I have not seen the commitment shown by the total School Board for black children as was shown prior to 1954 for white children.

Misleading Info

Dear AFRO:

We want to call your attention to what seems to be misleading information in the column "Do You Know?", in your issue of August 8, 1970.

The item states that foster children can be claimed as an income tax exemption on the same basis as the foster parent's own child, even though the foster child did not spend the entire year in the home. Already a number of our foster parents have called this item to our attention, and because of your large circulation, we would hope that you would clarify the information.

The reference in relation to Income Tax Exemption can be only for the adopted child who may be claimed even though he was not in the home the entire year and a child for whom a family might be providing a free home.

In instances where families are providing foster care for agencies and receiving payment for the child's care, the child can rarely be considered as an Income Tax Exemption because of the amount of payments received. We have always been advised by the Internal Revenue Service that if foster parents believe that they have expended an amount for a foster child which would justify an exemption, this should be discussed with the Internal Revenue Service and the child never claimed routinely.

Moreover, it is important to know that foster children actually have their own parents who by law are charged for their support; therefore the child is probably claimed by his own parent.

If this is not clear, we will be glad to discuss it further, or further interpretation can be obtained from the Tax Information Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

(Mrs.) T'JON HILL
Assistant Director
Staff Services

How Lucky We Are!

Dear AFRO:

A bout with a hornets' nest set me to thinking. How lucky we are that animals and insects are dumb (by human standards). Imagine the suffering they could inflict if they declared war — without guns, planes, ships, etc. — just using their claws, stingers, strength, teeth.

The world's human total only three or four billions — nothing compared with the billions upon billions of animals and insects. We would be no match for our adversaries — ants, bats, crabs, deer, elephants, flies, gnats, hawks, locusts, mosquitoes, nettles, polecats, rats, skunks, tigers, vermin, wasps.

No one denies there is human suffering but we must not be oblivious to the plight of animals, so much of it caused by cruel humans.

B. J. SMALL

Thanks

Dear AFRO:

We want to thank you for participating in our Newspaper-in the Classroom Workshop on July 31, by sending your editor, Mr. David Sloan, to speak on the topic "Letters to the Editor." His presentation was most effective and was very well received by the teachers, as evidenced by their comments.

We thank you for your interest in the Workshop and we look forward to seeing you again.

MARLENE C. STONE, Director
Newspaper Workshop

Orchids

Dear AFRO:

Just a note of thanks for arranging the Candidates Night at Meadowvale last Saturday. I was disappointed that my opposition could not make it, but was glad to feel the warmth of support I have in the community.

Events like this can only reinforce the distinguished record which the AFRO-AMERICAN has built as a constructive force for social change.

With many thanks for all you have done,

PARREN J. MITCHELL

COLUMNS

Political Notebook

GOP's Blair Ignores State's Black Voters

By MAX JOHNSON

C. Stanley Blair, the Nixon Administration's handpicked, favorite bet to maneuver Maryland's governorship to Republican columns this election year, is displaying a magnificent brand of aloof campaigning — in eyes of the state's black citizens.

With the primary election just 25 days hence on Sept. 15, Mr. Blair hasn't said anything to the black community — and the black community hasn't said anything to him.

It's though each one just vaguely recognizes that the other exists.

Yet, black citizens form a big nucleus of the GOP in Maryland — especially in its populous Baltimore City.

It would appear that since Mr. Blair is running for the Republican governorship, and not the black voters — he would need them more than they need him.

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Despite brotherly kisses from his former boss, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, a Blair victory in the primary is not necessarily a foregone conclusion.

He has just pulled one big little stunt that could backfire no end in loss of primary votes.

Mr. Blair and his Washington advisors have seen fit to look over the heads on the many competent, nationally-known advertising firms in Maryland — and hire a Chicago firm to handle his campaign.

He is thus denying thousands of dollars in campaign funds to the very state he wants to govern.

It's a guffawing thing for opposition Democratic brass here — but a sober reflection for Maryland advertising agencies.

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Mr. Blair faces more formidable opposition in the Republican primary than might be readily discernible at the moment.

Peter James, a youthful lawyer, inventor and a millionaire, filed his GOP candidacy for governor in April of last year — and has been working steadily at it since.

He stepped up his campaign in early winter, and has been traveling throughout the state — including black communities in Baltimore and elsewhere — on a deliberate, personal voter basis.

He is far more an earthy campaigner than the lackluster personality portrayed by Mr. Blair.

He does not, however, face an open primary in the true sense of the phrase — due to the nixing word from the Agnew offices.

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Mr. James began complaining in early July to Alexander Lankler, Maryland GOP chairman, about state central committee chairmen violating party principles in this state with primary endorsement of Mr. Blair.

Mr. Agnew has stubbornly ignored this open primary principle.

He has already let it be known that he and Mrs. Agnew are hosting a ball in Washington for the Blairs — with proceeds to go to the Blair For Governor Committee.

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Yet — Mr. Blair is vulnerable.

He isn't known in the black community — and he can't win without the black community.

This is especially true in the subsequent general election in November — if he should survive the primary and be pitted against the Democrats' pipe-smoking Gov. Marvin Mandel.

He's been schooled too closely in the Spiro Agnew image — and lives up to it religiously.

He has little time left to get out and shake some black hands — smile and chat with some black women voters.

I wouldn't dare suggest Mr. Blair kiss some black babies.

It would be a waste of time.

Perspective

S-H-H-H-H!!!

By DAVID E. SLOAN

Recently, I ran across the following material which represents the major portion of an article released by the Edgewood Arsenal Information Service on a problem that is being talked about more and more nowdays.

Imagine.

Large physical barriers parallel to the major highways.

Silent emergency vehicles which electronically change street lights when in visual sight.

Airport surrounded with either super highways or industrial parks.

Buildings that vary in design and height with different geometric patterns for housing developments and ambling roads.

Such are the predictions of a member of the "now generation" with a doctorate degree in city planning.

All are concerned with noise abatement in future city planning.

Captain Clifford R. Bradon is now on active duty with the Medical Service Corps at the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, a tenant activity at Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

He is working in the bio-acoustics division of the agency, an arm of the Army Surgeon General concerned with environmental hygiene control in all its aspects.

"One man's noise is another man's music," grinned Captain Bragdon whose doctoral dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania was "The Unquiet Cities: Community Noise in the Public Interest."

A noted authority on noise and city planning with impressive academic and professional qualifications, he envisions the future city as a quiet one with numerous noise abatement factors incorporated in the planning.

"There is no doubt that noise is becoming more of a nuisance and hazard," he said, "and the principal polluter is transportation."

Bragdon, who received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and his master's in Urban Planning from Michigan State University, cites the past tragic death of six persons during the funeral train of Robert F. Kennedy as one example of noise as a hazard.

"Investigation showed that a helicopter hovering over the train made enough noise to nullify the warning system of the train. Six persons were killed."

"Another example," he said, "is the automobile driver who has his radio, air conditioner, and other items, such as tape player, to interfere with his hearing an emergency vehicle.

"This has caused a lot of accidents and deaths. New York City now has an ordinance that all emergency vehicles will slow down at each intersection and blow their horns. No sirens are allowed.

Since enactment of that ordinance, accidental deaths have decreased without a lessening of the effectiveness of the ambulance service, he said.

And, according to Bragdon, an ultrasonic noise will trigger stop lights upon visual contact to insure they are green for emergency vehicles. That's in the future.

Cities of the future will have several new features, according to Captain Bragdon.

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"Since transportation is the main polluter now," he said, "future traffic patterns will not allow heavy traffic in residential areas. And large physical barriers will be placed along the highways to absorb and reflect the highway noise."

"Heavy" in this sense refers to the amount of noise generated by the vehicle. It could well be a motorcycle.

"The big problem," he said, "is the legal definition of noise. What is noise and what is not. We have lots of ordinances against noise but they fail to define when noise is a crime.

Exactly how dangerous is the noise pollution at present?

"We have found that noise pollution is increasing every year," Bragdon said, "And while the danger level has now been determined for some industry, our noise level everywhere in the city is gradually approaching that.

And noise does hurt.

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

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

The family of the late Nathaniel Sutton won't be gathering this Saturday in the back yard of the Wendell Sutton Belvieu Ave. because of Mrs. Essie Utley Sutton (will be in Tallahassee, Florida) burying her brother, on Saturday at 1 p.m., Otil Utley. Mr. Utley, a telephone lineman for the past five years was accidentally killed on his job Tuesday morning.

The Utley's are the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Utley of Raleigh, N.C. Other children are a sister, Mrs. Leatha Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y. and two brothers, Reuben Utley, of Brooklyn and Marvin Utley of Raleigh, N.C.

The family resident is at 910 Woodward in Tallahassee.

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Belated but happy birthday greetings to Mr. Gabriel A. Bennett of Woodstock, Md.

He was 98 years old on August 4. He is a retired chef of Woodstock College having given more than 60 years service in that capacity.

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Cuff Note: Many know him as the father of Sister M. Theophane O.S.P. Mrs. Lewis Johnson Sr., of Baltimore and Leon Bennett of Philadelphia.

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Cuff note: Richard N. Dixon is the new account executive with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc. Yes, he's one of us.

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Travel note: — A former Baltimore miss, Roberta Quarles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Quarles, (Dr. Ruth Brett), of Morgan State College, left Baltimore last week for a year's stay in Denmark, together with her husband, Conrad Knowles, the leading ceramacist in the Virgin Islands, where the Knowleses make their home.

The Knowleses spent some time in Baltimore before setting out for Copenhagen, Denmark's capital. Mr. Knowles, who conducts a ceramics studio in St. Croix, is the holder of a General George Marshall scholarship to study ceramics and chinamaking — areas in which Denmark has a worldwide reputation.

This is the scholarship given by the government of Denmark in honor of the famed U.S. general.

Mrs. Knowles was formerly assistant director of the Upward Bound program in the Virgin Islands. She plans studying the Danish language while abroad and hopes, also, to teach English.

With one daughter in Europe, the Quarleses this Sunday welcomed home their teenager Pam, who returned from six weeks in Orleans and Paris, studying French language and civilization.

After France, Pam spent a week in Rome with the other 99 U.S. teenagers who were also enrolled in the same project.

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Young Miss Phyllis Pinkett writes from Miami that she and her sister, Pamela, and their mother, Mrs. Estelle Pinkett, all AFRO readers here in Baltimore, are vacationing in Miami with her grandmother.

Phyllis sends hellos to all her friends at Lemmel Junior High where she is in the eighth grade.

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Mr. and Mrs. Travis Vauls (Virginia), and their youngster, Bryan, are in Kansas City, Mo., for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority convention.

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More Vacation notes: Mrs. Mary Ellis postcards from Rome, Ga. Paris hellos from Mrs. Dorothy Bell Vines, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, now of Los Angeles.

Dr. and Mrs. Simon Carter (Kay) send greetings from Rome.

From Miami, sorors of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority Inc.! They're attending the 25th Boule including Sorors Mary Jenkins, Lois Rosedom, J. Mills, Eunice Stephens, Christine Webster, Frances and Mary Summerville.

Harold McDaniel postcards from Columbia, South America, is seeing Port of Spain and Barbados and Jamaica before he returns here to his Turner Station home.

More about people, things

Good news about a new program: This summer four Model Cities schools — Nos. 16, 20, 61 and 107 — participated in a new approach to education. It was entitled, "The Performing Arts Curriculum."

Just as the name implies, youngsters were given an opportunity to participate in such activities as drama, dance, both modern and ballet, creative writing, trumpet and clarinet instruction, general music and percussion.

There were marvelous results. The children responded well to the new program — participating while learning.

Youngsters, properly motivated you know, can do some marvelous things. Here is a poem entitled, "Peace," the work of 10-year-old Janet Allen at School No. 16: —

Peace is being quiet.
Peace is not stealing.
Peace is happiness.
Peace is in the church.
Peace is God.
Peace is people sharing.
Peace isn't war.
Peace is love.
Peace is children sharing and playing.
Peace is brotherhood.

Cuff note: New president of the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Council is a grandson of a former mayor.

Edward C. Jackson's grandfather was Howard W. Jackson, who also founded the Riall Jackson Company, a general insurance agency that has now merged with Alexander and Alexander, Inc., where Edward Jackson is an account executive.

Mr. Jackson is a son of Carle A. Jackson, former owner of the Riall Jackson Company and now an executive with Alexander and Alexander.

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Cuff note: Muriel Brinkley and Helena S. Hicks are co-owners of the new specialty shop called Lollipop Shop Inc., at 4722 Liberty Heights Ave.

It features wearing apparel for boys and girls ages 3 through 14.

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More Vacationers: Mrs. Irving Lockerman (Lou), sends hellos from Virgin Islands. Mr. Lockerman is in California visiting his sister, Alice.

Mr and Mrs. Joseph Felton (Lena) tell of the beauty in Oak Bluffs, Mass.

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Sometimes, we newsmen get a kind word in public places. It happened at a recent meeting of Prince Hall Masons.

The speaker was the grandmaster of Maryland Masons, Samuel T. Daniels.

Hear him:

"It is possible, and indeed mandatory, that we not stand alone as a power within the community; that we align ourselves with other powers to maximize the effectiveness of our existence.

An example which I can illustrate was the alignment of Willard Allen (late grand master) and Carl Murphy (late AFRO publisher), of this city which provided a very powerful, formidable coalition.

"The power of the black press cannot be underestimated. The development of such a relationship in other sectors of this country is possible.

"Somewhere a delicate midight be an informal, unstructured alignment with the political powers of the community."

Dialogue and more people

A nationally known college student leader said in a nationwide television broadcast this week that things are going to get hotter on campuses this fall.

He was Paul Williams, a University of Maryland student and president of the University of Maryland student government.

Here are excerpts of remarks by Michael Jacobs, editor of the U. of Md.'s Baltimore Campus Literary Magazine at the August 5 meeting of a special committee to study the fee matter:

"First I want to say that I resent being here. I resent the fact that your autocratically selected leaders will decide how to spend my money — the student fee that I pay — without being held responsible to your student and faculty constituency.

"It's a ludicrous situation which is paralleled nationally, and it's a dangerous attitude for others and for yourselves if you mean to really relate to other people. I am impressed by the irony of this encounter.

"I am here before you, in this paternalistic and almost completely patriarchal setup, to justify how I want you to spend my money, when you are the ones who need to justify:

"1. Your arbitrary and self-interested quashing of previous publications.

"2. Your unnatural, illegitimate authority, which usurps student power.

"3. Sexist, racist, militaristic and politically repressive policies.

"I pronounce you guilty. Judge Evve supposing the legitimacy of your power, I resent your intention to cop out to avoid having to defend the rights of students and student publications, and to renege on your responsibility as university officials to put yourselves on the line politically when issues arise that could eliminate the purpose of a university.

"That kind of copping out means that the so-called University of Maryland is not a university, because you are not willing to put at front and defend the values of a university — free speech, subsidized inquiry, criticism of authority and society, going beyond experiential norms, helping people.

"Instead, the University of Maryland embodies the very faults of the community it pretends to be free of — tokenism, sexism, racism, personal cowardice when faced with the opportunity to positively challenge and explore, and political cowardice that confronted by an ignorant, self-speaking legislature.

"In actual practice you legislate out of your jurisdiction whatever might cause a student put you and your vested interests in a bad light. I'm telling you that you are legislating out of existence a university that might have been — and what is left is what Vice Chancellor Schamp of UMBC has described as a place which "fits people into slots in the military industrial complex."

"I know that the Board of Regents is too timid to assert humane university values.

"So I'm here to tell you that, as you probably know by now, some people are not timid, and we are going to create out of the bureaucratic dungheap a university responsive to and consisting of only its true, participating constituents, the students and faculty, with no parasitic landlords of education and which does assert and put humane ideals into practice — and lacking student power, control over our own lives, and in the absence of initiatives from the top, we are going to do it by whatever means are necessary. If you want to help us put you out of business, fine.

"Power to the people!"

OPINION

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: When I first bought a television set some years ago, I had a service man whose name I think, was Reed. I cannot find him in the phone book. Can you help me? Is he still in business — JAMES LOWER

Answer; Reader Lower, no doubt has reference to J.C. Reaves, who ran a television repair shop on Garrison Boulevard for a number of years. Mr. Reaves is now a teacher in the Baltimore city schools. The accompanying AFRO file photo shows Mr. Reaves at graduation exercises at Forest Park High. Graduates pictured with him are Myrtle Bryan and Maureen Peck.

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QUESTION — I'm a Vietnam veteran with two years of service who would like to go to college, but I lack a high school diploma. How can VA help me?

ANSWER — You can receive from VA, G.I. Bill monthly payments for high school training without charge against your basic educational entitlement. After completing high school, you are still entitled to 36 months of further training.

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QUESTION — I am retired from service and have a service-connected disability. Will I lose my retirement benfit if I accept VA compensation?

ANSWER — Your retirement pay will be reduced by the amount of your disability compensation but you will not lose any of the other benefits such as commissary, medical treatment, etc. You also retain the right to go back to your retired pay if you so choose.

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QUESTION — My father is permanently and totally disabled as a result of injury in Korea. If I marry, will I still be eligible for VA educational assistance?

ANSWER — Yes. If you are otherwise eligible, your marriage will not affect your eligibility for assistance.

NOW And THEN

DR. FLEMING

Only Few Women In "Top" Politics

with G. JAMES FLEMING

There are still just a negligible number of women in the contest for political office. The political organizations, "the bosses," and women, themselves, seem to be in agreement that politics is largely a man's business. Where women are backed as candidates, usually we find just one woman here and there.

It is therefore a laudable surprise to see, as an AFRO ad reveals, that the Fourth District Democratic Organization is backing three women for the House of Delegates together with its four male candidates.

This same slate, of course, is also again led by Senator Verda Welcome, racing for her third term for the Senate.

The Fourth District Organization also has two women among its five candidates for State Central Committee.

If women were smarter than men, this recognition of women as candidates would bring out a larger number of women voters than usual on Primary Day!

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Talk about minority groups and discrimination? You have to include women as among those discriminated against.

There has never been a woman on the U.S. Supreme Court; there are only a few on state higher courts;

For years there has not been a woman in the Cabinet. This year was the first time that women (two) were given the rank of general in the U.S. Army (before, no woman could rise higher than a colonel). And, go down the lists of bank presidents, corporation executives, editors, and political party leaders!

In politics and in the church, and even in organizations like the NAACP, women are good enough to raise the money, serve on the committees, get out the votes but, otherwise, they are brushed off with minor or token jobs.

Even in social work as an organization becomes big in scope, the boss-cat goes its woman head (eventually) and a man comes in, at a salary that his female predecessor never earned.

When a woman has ruled a nation, it has usually been by accident or default.

Women have ruled as queen when, somehow, there is no son around to become king.

Even today, despite many fights for democracy and independence, those who have kicked out kings or colonial powers have not, themselves, shared too much of the political goodies with their women — although women have often been very important cogs in the revolutionary movements. The new nations of Africa are a case in point.

(We cannot overlook Mrs. Angie Brooks, president of the U.N. General Assembly, as a happy exception for both her country, Liberia, and for the U.N.; nor are we unaware of a woman prime minister in Ceylon and a woman mayor of San Juan.

Most of all, we cannot overlook the past or present leadership positions allowed to Mrs. Golda Meier, prime minister of Israel, and Mrs. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India.

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Nevertheless, women in high, significant roles and places are rare, especially if there is much power or "gravy" to the office.

Attend any Men's Day program at a church. Who are in the congregation? Usually, more women than men.

Go to a mid-week prayer meeting. Who are present? Again, only women most of the time.

But, who manages (or struts out to the dais or altar? A man, sparkling in colorful robes or academic regalia, accompanied, or trailed, by other (you know whom?) men.

Attend a mixed-membership organization. Look at its list of officers. It will read some something like this:

President, Male
1st Vice-President, Male
2nd Vice-President, Male
Treasurer, Male
Corresponding Secretary, Female
Recording Secretary, Female
Sergeant-at-Arms, Male or Female
Chairman of Dance (ticket-selling), Female

Of one thing we are sure, women are learning the value of organization (note Women's Liberation Movement) and they will not stand much longer being only baby-producers, home-managers or housecleaners, or supporting cast.

They, too, want "equality" — for better or worse, with or without a constitutional amendment, and despite Dr. Edgar Berman.

No better place, to begin, it seems, than in politics, where women play as a key role, not only as voters, but as volunteers, licking envelopes, ringing doorbells, distributing literature, attending meetings, serving refreshments, serving on telephone brigades.

Wherever you vote, check the list of candidates; you may find some women candidates worthy of your support.

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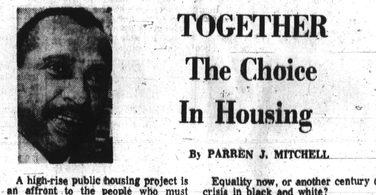

The Choice In Housing

By PARREN J. MITCHELL

A high-rise public housing project is not conducive to the people who must live there.

The huge, impersonal, fenced-in monsters which have been built over the last fifteen or twenty years have been models of how not to build housing.

If we learn from our mistakes, from now on public housing will be:

1. Garden-apartment, not high-rise. Building low to the ground may be inefficient in land use terms, but it allows a degree of spaciousness and, more important, an individuality unattainable from fifteen stories up.

The beautiful care which tenants of the older garden-apartment projects have given what they feel is their property is eloquent testimony to this advantage.

2. Available for purchase by the tenant. Nothing is more important for self-respect or community feeling than the pride of home ownership.

A man who owns his own home has a visible, tangible stake in his neighborhood.

This will require that loan guarantees be available to public-housing tenants from FHA or some similar agency.

3. A mixture of all economic levels, not a government-financed ghetto for the poor. The city of Columbia has shown that residential patterns need not be based on income levels. There is no reason why public low and moderate income housing and privately built middle and upper income housing should not be built together in planned communities.

4. Built outside the inner city. Packing people even tighter into areas where public services are already strained to the limit, and where there is already a deficit of available jobs, simply assures worse decay and more unemployment.

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Now the last two points, and in particular Point Four, are sure to meet with vigorous resistance.

The referendum fight over H.B. 1060 Chapter 527 is evidence of that.

But the pattern of racial and economic segregation must be broken before "two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal" becomes the epitaph for the American dream of unity and equality.

Over the next decades, we will be forced by the sheer dimensions of the housing crisis — the Baltimore Metropolitan Area is short 30,000 units right now, and the situation is deteriorating — to build enormous amounts of new housing.

The choices, then, must be made soon: one nation, or two?

Equality now, or another century of crisis in black and white?

The battle lines are drawn.

It's NOT A Man's World About Health

By BERNICE S. WHITE

Many men, realizing that they are not caught up in misogyny, are joining the drive for equality for women. Daily, more and more men are facing up to the various put-downs and ridicule that they heap upon women.

One of the most frank discussions about how women are kicked around appeared in a national publication. It was written by Nicholas von Hoffman who said that many menesopuse agreement with sexual equality and yet, in everyday conversations degrade women.

He gave the example of how men habitually refer to women in derogatory and insulting terms — calling them "broads, tools, honey, chicks, and broads" — utterly demeaning words.

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Mr. Hoffman further advocated that equal treatment doesn't mean the same treatment.

"To accord a woman her due as a person doesn't require making her into one of the boys," he stated.

"If the women's movement catches on and proves to be more than a mass media sensation that's destroyed by its own fashionable nutriti, the definition of what is truly feminine will change over the years.

The affectations of flighty helplessness will probably drop away, but they need not be replaced by a rough, chomping, back-slapping, raucous, vulgarian female, a diminished parody of the least pleasing of the traits we now define as masculine."

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Another important point in the article was that each sex knows how to hurt the other.

A woman can make a man feel sexually inept, and can make him an an inadequate breadwinner, but a man knows and has the power to inflict a more generalized feeling of inadequacy on a woman, a conviction of total all-around failure that's more defeating because it is so broadly nebulous.

In short, the writer told the men that they are going to have to exert themselves to break out of their way of thinking.

He concluded that "everywhere a man turns, he gets reassurance that he's right. So accepted is a man's mistreatment of women that the Silva Thins cigarette people can sell their product on television by depicting a sadistic, pimp-type male in sun glasses, abusing a series of women — shoving them out of cars, abandoning them, insulting them in public as a voice-over announcer says a good cigarette is like a desirable woman — rich and thin.

If the victim in these commercials was a black man, the FCC wouldn't let it on the air."

Ending a bit of humor, he stated that the best hope is that men will refuse to buy the cigarettes and that the "cruel pimp will die of lung cancer."

In the Spotlight

By EDITH HOUSE

Soul City, a new development headed by the Floyd B. McKissick Enterprises, Inc. will be greeting a new member to its staff in September.

He is talented David Lewis, a 23-year-old Baltimorean who is a 1970 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Engineering.

He is a 1964 graduate of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and at the present, a sergeant in the Air National Guard.

Mr. Lewis will serve as a coordinator of water resources and sanitary facilities and utilities as well as a coordinator of engineering with the architectural and physical aspects of the new city.

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Although his job will be dealing in these areas, his contributions to McKissick Enterprises will range beyond three areas.

He is looking forward to moving to North Carolina and being a part of the McKissick team. He "relishes" the challenge and the opportunity to contribute "something of value to the black community."

A strong and dedicated believer in the cause, Mr. Lewis shared with this AFRO reporter what Soul City is all about.

First of all, it "will be a community in which racism and economic exploitation are unknown. It will serve as a showcase to the world of Black achievement.

"Its financing is being raised through public and private sources including many leading banks and insurance companies, and its development is bringing together a gifted and dedicated task force—black and white — of social planners, economists, educators, businessmen, government leaders, and social scientists."

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Mr. Lewis explained that Soul City "will provide the black person with true equality in a city for the first time. He will have a say in what happens.

He can have a say in the make-up of his government; he can open up businesses or do anything he wants to do."

Dave added that it will be similar to Maryland's Columbia City but with a few modifications.

One of the big objectives is to get interaction between the inhabitants and the center as it grows. The organization wants the city to be responsive to the needs of the people.

"Instead of one big shopping area or place of business, the planners are trying to bring the homes in close proximity to day care centers, schools and shopping areas," said David.

Also, city planners are trying to conserve as much of the natural beauty of this area of Warren County as possible. Picnic areas are being planned along with other recreational facilities.

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"Soul City is a housing development for low and moderate income families," said Dave.

"Hopefully we are trying to get everyone to buy their homes. We are trying to give people something they can call their own."

Although still in the thinking process, planners want to build a lake in the middle of the city shaped in the form of Africa.

Streets and communities within the area will be dedicated to outstanding black persons — Martin Luther King, Malcolm X.

"When the city is completed, more than likely I will move on, but I can look back and proudly say that I helped to create the first Soul City in America," said Mr. Lewis.

And, even though the area for Soul City is still barren land, planners are envisioning Soul Cities across the country.

DAVID LEWIS