AFRO Employees See Christmas In Many Ways

How Christmas Died

BY PAUL EVANS

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The following story is surrealistic in that it requires an understanding that it could occur in the near future lest man redirect the course of many of his scientific and humanistic trends in his sojourn on earth. Who is to say that it may not happen?

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Midwinter may be the season; chilly is the night — all is similar to the narrative suggested by St. Luke of the First Coming, now ages long gone.

The world is the same: troubled, fearful, uncaring; with gross inequities of food, shelter and clothing; the bare necessities of life still denied to too many.

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High, high above the earth, above the universe, in that firmament Gensis calls Heaven, a Divine Father and a Blessed Mother prepare a Son for His travels, while legions of angelic hosts and saints gather themselves to herald His Coming throughout the skies.

Surely much is similar to the first night so deeply imbedded in that Blessed Mother's heart, and in the spirits of the same angels who made that first proclamation to those troubled, fearful souls on that cold hill — thousands of years in earthly counts, but only a day for the Divine.

He, who is about to travel; He, who is about to return to the world has been busy since His Ascension. Long, long centuries of earthy years He spent preparing as He had said, "the many mansions in my Father's house."

Now in the Divine Wisdom of the Father, Son and Spirit of which this Traveler is but one of three parts, He makes ready to return for a Second Coming to regain his own — the lost sheep of the nations: The Good Shepherd preparing to gather His flock.

The Heavens have not been so astir for ages.

The time is near; the great Reception of the world and its peoples to the Father is about to be fulfilled through the long awaited and prepared for, Second Coming of His Son.

No Earthling being: no Pope, nor King, nor President, nor prince had dared guess throughout the history of the world that it was to be the Divine plan that Christ would come again on that same day when the world would be celebrating His first birthday, a day of humble entrance for a poor babe whose head had no resting place.

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The Second Entrance would be one of strength, power and majesty.

A Divine Father and a Blessed Mother bid a Son farewell: A plan is about to be fulfilled; a final and everlasting coming of the Son of Man, proclaimed by trumpeting angels, followed by the Lord riding on a cloud, nears the inner atmosphere of the planet, a great light, trembling, and smokes, greats torrents of gases greet the Heavenly Visitors.

The Procession stops: St. Michael the Archangel is dispatched by the Lord to behold the earthy confusion.

Swiftly he goes.

Moments later, the Chief Angel returns to the Lord's side, great tears stream down his face.

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The Earth is no more, he reports, the Son of Man arrived too late to save the world.

Man through war, racism, hate, arrogance, greed, narrow-mindedness, lack of goodwill and charity had destroyed the Earth with bombs before it could be redeemed a second time.

The Lord and His Second Christmas Coming should have been sooner.

RON REYNOLDS, 24, of Cincinnati, ponders a question as he sits in his small booth at a local department store listening to the Christmas gift requests of the children who visit him. Last year picketing at the store drew a protest; but this year a black Santa would be hired along with the usual complement of white Santas. White and black Santas are on "duty" at the same time and an effort is made to give all equal opportunity to listen to the pleas of the youngsters.

1970 election black loss: Bond

ATLANTA — "The 1970 elections may spell a long-term loss for black voters nationally, despite impressive gains, primarily in the South."

That is the conclusion reached by Political Associates, an Atlanta-based research group headed by State Rep. Julian Bond.

Bond noted that the Nov. 3 elections, generally considered a victory for the Democratic Party, and the results of the 1970 Census "indicate population shifts and political trends and changes that may not favor black voters."

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"While black voters have been almost slavishly devoted to the Democratic Party since the Roosevelt era, and while the Democrats will in most instances control state legislative and congressional redistricting due in 1971, the nine states where losses will occur far outweigh the five states where gains will result in terms of black ability to influence the mood of politics and elections" Bond said.

North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin will lose one House seat each, but black voters are a negligible factor in these states.

In New York and Pennsylvania (two fewer seats each, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama (one lost seat each), black voters stand to lose influence.

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Pennsylvania's two-seat reduction, for example, is expected to come from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where blacks have played an important role in Democratic Party politics, despite the fact that Quaker State Democrats control both houses of the legislature and the state house.

In New York, a GOP controlled legislature with Republican Governor Nelson Rockefeller back in the state house for a third term is expected to slice New York State's 41-man House delegation by two by eliminating Democratic controlled districts in Manhattan, a center of black political power, and the Bronx.

Only California's five-seat gain is clearly expected to reward black expectations, with the clear possibility of additional state legislative seats for black representatives and perhaps one more black congressional seat.

Texas, Colorado and Arizona also gain one House seat each, with Houston, Texas probably being the location of a new black House seat, and Florida will gain three.

But Bond cautioned that "growth in these states — unlike California's increase in both black and white population, represents a migration of 'Middle Americans' away from the crowded cities and so-called 'black problem' of the East Coast.

"These new citizens of Florida, Colorado, and Texas, like the new white citizens of California are running away from the kinds of problems that affect black people most."

"They are not likely to be sympathetic, nor are the new representatives they elect, Democratic or Republican, likely to hold any real sympathy for black aspirations," Bond warned.

The Power Of The Glory

By BOB QUEEN

No other single event has made such a cataclysmic impact upon civilization, and no other has defied centuries of attempts by scholars or charlatans to minimize its role in history.

The contributions of powerful conquerors and rulers of kingdoms, of men of learning through countless ages who have shaped the destinies of man and nations have faded and the memories of their existence vanished in the ruins of forgotten empires — but the power of the glory remains with its still awesome influence that girdles the globe.

The humble birth of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem 1,970 years ago, castigated by the pagan element of a proud Roman dynasty and hailed by the oppressed as The King of Kings, marks the only birthday celebration ringing the earth that has not been decreed by man-made proclamation — a worldwide recognition matched only by His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

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While a million, likely billions of years had passed before, it was the day that time stood still for a fleeting moment and the calendar of the world changed to the 'Year 1, Anno Domini'.

There are those groups among humanity who have marked other dates and times as the beginning, other faiths that circumvent Christianity, but none can live or die outside of the frame of "Anno Domini."

Probers who would alter history and seek to destroy that which has defied time, have entered such conflicting dates of His birth as November 17, January 6, February 2 and even as late as August 17. But the date, December 25, has withstood unlimited attacks upon its authenticity.

It was the date celebrated in the near 500 years before Christianity emerged in its full-blown strength, celebrated underground as this faith finally submerged paganism and the wickedness of a vanishing Roman Empire.

No other event illuminates the earth with billions of twinkling lights and fills it with inspired music.

So moved was George Frederick Handel that he closeted himself in his room for nearly seven days without food or drink to come forth with the "Hallelujah Chorus" of his great "Messiah." Said the composer to an aide: "I have talked with God."

A GIFT FOR YOU AND YOU AND YOU — Receiving Baby Christmas gifts from Shaia at the annual Christmas party for children with cystic fibrosis are three Philadelphia youngsters (from left): Winifred Jones, 8, Freddi Britton, 11, and Bruce Harvey, 8. More than 100 people attended the affair sponsored by the Single Society Branch of the Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey Cystic Fibrosis Chapter recently.

MRS MOSS

If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE MOSS

New Citizens Department

Bethlehem — Happiest couple in town this week are Mary and Joseph.

Their first-born arrived in a stable. Joseph was unable to get Mary to a cleaner place in time because the innkeeper took one look at Joseph's black skin and refused to let them enter.

The innkeeper did not know that the woman with the full stomach and the tall black man who comforted her were destined to become parents of the Messiah.

So, Joseph literally carted Mary to the stable and helped her deliver their baby boy.

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He was a heavy infant, seemed about nine pounds. He yelled lustily when Joseph servered his ties with his mother.

Joseph held his son up in the air and shrieked, "Oh, Mary, this is the prettiest baby I've ever seen. You are a darling wife, and I am proud of you."

As he leaned over to kiss Mary, Joseph heard music in the air.

He peeped out the stable door and saw the bright star overhead.

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In an instant, he heard angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest . . . unto us is born the Saviour who is Christ the Lord. . . ."

Mary was drowsy but the music revived her. She took the baby from Joseph and went to the stable door to stand with him.

"Honey," she cooed, "they are singing about our baby. He is the new Messiah."

Both Mary and Joseph said in unison, "Glory to God in the highest."

Cuff note: Mary had no clothing for the new baby. She tore a piece of her skirt to make his first diaper. This column is soliciting donations for new clothes for the family.

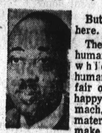
A Merry Christmas

(From the Dec. 26, 1936 column, "Day By Day," edited by William N. Jones (1893-1940), city editor, managing editor, editor and foreign correspondent of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.)

We come again to the end of a year, and as all years have been very eventful.

This column rejoices that it can join with those readers who, looking backward, remember a turbulent and trying year, but who, looking forward, see events marching toward a hopeful future.

This is not to say that we must not pause in sympathy for the thousands of humans to whom the past year has been one of sorrow and disappointment; the world, as a whole, like time, is moving on always toward a better state.



William Jones

Christmas comes, therefore, to remind us that we are passing just one more milestone in the onward sweep of the universe. This onward sweep takes little account of the individual. It is the whole with which the future is mostly concerned and there is no question but that even out of the clashes of individuals, groups, nations and countries, emerges a better form of human relations each year.

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Christmas, therefore, is a time of rejoicing — a stimulus to hope. It is because we live in a yet imperfect world — that we still are struggling, like children, with the forces and factors in the problem of making this great globe the Creator has given to us a decent and happy place in which all people can live, that we have a Christmas.

Toward that objective, we have made only a good start but the goal is beckoning to more and more people at each milestone. This Christmas there will be many more people in the world who will enjoy happy homes, full stomachs, and enough of the material things of life to make them cheerful. There will be many more than at any previous time since creation that can look hopefully to a better future.

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But we must not stop here.

The ultimate goal of the human race is a world in which each and every human being will have a fair opportunity to enjoy a happy home, a full stomach, and enough of the material things of life to make him or her cheerful.

During the past year this column has tried to devote itself mainly to problems looking toward this ultimate goal. If, at times, it has been critical of those whose business it has been to oversee and direct the problems of everyday life, it has done so in the general spirit of brotherly interest and without personal bias or hatred.

During the coming year it hopes to continue this effort. In doing this it hopes to avoid gloom and pessimism and it aims to be entertaining, if possible.

But I have always felt that I could not afford to use this valuable space without a specific objective. I have regarded it a sacred and compelling opportunity. To me it has been a weekly link between those who read it and myself. Often when I have written, I have wondered whether I have lived up to this sacred obligation and this opportunity of personal touch with those who read it.

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Just what this column will obtain during the coming year, I do not know. These are moving times. Of one thing I am sure, and that is that it shall keep true to the course it has always charted on the matter of human relations.

It shall not compromise on the issue question. It shall not mind being tagged radical or anything that follows the expression of an honest opinion.

It shall hope for many friends, but shall ask this friendship only on the basis of "do unto me as you would have me do unto you."

Nothing shall be written just for the sake of writing. This space will be utilized for what I believe to be in the best interests of all people, without regard to race, color, creed or beliefs.

In this it shall ask the cooperation of the readers.

It shall ask them to help write it by giving me their opinions on matters which interest them. I shall be more eager for readers to tell me when I am wrong than praise me when they think I am right.

Especially will I want expressions from my young friends, in whom I have the deepest interest. I request that they do not hesitate to write to me about any personal or public problem they think I should discuss.

Again wishing all a Merry Christmas.

BITING THE HAND that blessed him, Bonnie Bogar of John Carroll Catholic High School, Baltimore, presents a Christmas party for Sandy Brooks, 5, a little lady who had been a patient at Kernan Hospital, who had been at Kernan's children's ward in Philadelphia with the dignity of institutionally clothing the children under the aegis of a Cardinal and as sips the children under the aegis of a blessed Christmas party for Sandy Brooks, 5, a little lady who had been a patient at Kernan's children's ward in Philadelphia with the dignity of institutionally clothing the children last week.

—Rhodes Scholarship

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rounded education.

He felt that history provided him with an option to enter. Law as a professional field eventually, with a broad background in Liberal Arts subjects.

At Oxford University — where he expects to attend after receiving his A.B. in History — he will major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He will work for the A.B. Degree. From Oxford, Kurt wants to return to the School of Law at Yale, and then back home to Baltimore to practice.

"I have never wanted to practice anywhere but in Baltimore," he said as the AFRO talked with him in his McCulloh St. home on Tuesday.

During the examination period for the scholarship, one of the questions Kurt was asked was, "How would you organize a college?" In response he said to the AFRO, "There are differences between the organization of a college and the organization of a university.

"The administration and faculty of a college or university should have their own governing bodies, and a series of Ad Hoc committees should be created to deal with emergency issues.

"The result of that would be a committee of highly interested people to determine the result of a particular problem. This would work at a relatively large college. But I doubt whether it would work at a smaller college as Morgan (5,100) where many people would feel that they would be denied the opportunity to participate in the decisions of the school. But in general I think that Student Government Associations are obsolete," he said.

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The 3 steps in forming a college would be the organization of Ad Hoc Committees for students, faculty and administration to deal with each group's peculiar problems.

Kurt noted that when he left Baltimore for New Haven (where Yale is located) he was unsure of himself.

"I was unsure whether my background had prepared me for Yale. A lot of the students in the freshman class had read many of the classics in the prep schools. A lot of the schools here in Baltimore don't prepare you for that. But I found that I was not too far behind my classmates, and it wasn't too difficult to catch up.

"I had visited Yale before I went there and I found it pretty congenial. When I went there in 1967, about 80 blacks were in the undergraduate class. Now there are about 200 out of a population of 4,500 which includes the women undergraduates who were admitted only recently.

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Kurt noted that one of the greatest influences on his life was his participation in the Lancers Boys' Club, founded by Juvenise Court Judge Robert I. Hammerman. The club met at Cross Country School weekly to provide "sort of an athletic, cultural and social meeting place."

"My parents have helped me a lot. They are arranging so that I can go to California for the holidays with several of the people at school. I will stay out West from December 26th and then go directly back to school to be there by January 4th."

Kurt felt that living in an urban situation helped him at school because he was able to deal with the emotional side of the urban problem from the point of country as well as the intellectual side of the problems.

Uniquely his senior topic paper at school will deal with the "History of Autobiographies on Afro-American Experiences Since 1930." the theme of which is: how black people have reacted to the black experience since the late Twenties.

"Yale gave me a wide latitude in choosing courses. They didn't restrict me, thus giving me a chance for wider educational development. The requirements for graduation are that I pass 36 term courses and that I satisfy the requirements of my department for graduation (which is 12 courses of history)."

Kurt said that right now he wasn't "particularly fashion-minded" and that he hadn't bought any clothes in some time. He doesn't, however, depend on his parents to provide him with "tie from time to time."

A native Baltimoreans, Calvin Hill, now playing as a halfback for the Dallas Cowboys and Yale alumnus has had the day care center organized by Kurt and "Yallies" named in his honor.

The center was named the Calvin Hill Day Care Center because when Hill was at Yale he was very well liked by the community people, and thought of as a hero by the local children.

Kurt noted that now he must strive, along with others, to raise about $30,000 for the center's operation for the next year.

Ending the interview on a personal note, Kurt said that he isn't concerned about getting married in the near future. He would like to finish all of his education, including Law School. Then he says he will "look around."

65-year-olds get Blue Cross break

Maryland Blue Cross today announced that, effective January 1, it will offer expanded benefits under its Blue Cross 65 program. This low cost program, designed for over-65 subscribers, supplements Medicare hospital benefits without duplicating its coverage.

A spokesman for Blue Cross explained that the benefit expansion is in response to recently announced increases in deductible and coinsurance payments required of Part A Medicare beneficiaries. These increases also go into effect January.

On that date:—the initial deductible for each hospital inpatient admission will increase from $52 to $60; the additional charge for the 61st through the 90th day of each inpatient hospital stay will increase from $13 to $15 per day;—the additional charge for each of the 60 "lifetime reserve" hospital days will increase from $26 to $30 per day, and the additional charge for the 21st through the 100th day of each extended care facility stay will increase from 6.850 to $7.50 per day.

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The spokesman pointed out that this is the fourth time since 1966 that benefits under the Blue Cross 65 program have been expanded to fully cover gaps created by new Medicare requirements. He said, "It is not financially possible to increase benefits this time without adjusting the rates of those who desire the expanded protection."

The added rate will amount to 30 cents per month. The current monthly rate is $2.10. Notices explaining the new benefits and describing the options open to subscribers are being mailed with their regular quarterly bills. There will be no change in Blue Shield 65 rates or benefits, the spokesman added.

An open enrollment period for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield 65 program will run through March 31. The enrollment period applies only to those senior citizens who are not now members of either Blue Cross or Blue Shield. Current members automatically will be converted from their present coverage to the special program when they reach age 65.

Anyone eligible for Medicare may enroll in the 65 Program by contacting the nearest Maryland Blue Cross and Blue Shield office.

—Mandel

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termed the minimum.

The family of four examples was put forward as proportionate guidelines for others of less and more persons.

The group had asked the governor to hold a public hearing, but he had said this was not necessary. Hence the meeting Monday.

Other grievances were aired at the time, including fallacies in the food stamp and food program, including their administration.

Northwest Council

The Police-Community Relations Council will meet at the Northwest Station 8 p.m. Special refreshments because of the Holidays will be served.

—Yule hopes

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Marshall, city councilman, 4th dist. — "I would like to see 1971 be the year that the Upton Plan becomes a reality. The federal government has given Baltimore City 26.9 million to renovate the whole Pennsylvania Avenue area and the City Council has passed the ordinance approving the plan. This is my dream for '71 and I've committed myself to this project."

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Frederick O'Neal, general manager, Mondawmin Photo Center — "I hope that black and white will work together in harmony in 1971. With so much trouble in the world we should all work together for a peaceful objective.

"It is my prayer that black and white can come together, that blacks find equality, and that there be peace in Viet Nam in 1971."

Mrs. Bernice Anderson, 3800 blk. Wabash Avenue— "I wish there was peace."

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Mrs. Lonnie Pierce, housewife, 200 blk. 22nd St. — "Christmas means the birth of Christ . . . the spirit of giving. My wish for the coming year is that each man would become more Christ conscious and help his brother."

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Father Phillip H. Linden, associate priest, Francis Xavier Catholic Church — "There is presently a need for us as Americans and as black people to dig into the internal relationship we have to oufr brothers and sisters and divest ourselves of the obstacles that prevent our development as people.

"There reason for the breakdown, confusion, pains, struggles of today is that man is trying to replace true Peace with a strong move toward material success.

"My hope for the year is that people continue to resist oppression and deal more honestly with the fears in their lives which prevent them from making the decisions that bring about the changes we seek."

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Mrs. Raymond R. Baker, 1900 blk Edgewood Rd. — "I think Christmas is a time of giving, of 'doing those things you mean to do all year long."

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William A. Stanley, retired, 2200 blk. Druid Hill Ave. — "Christmas makes me feel a lot better. It's not the same as it was, however, because we don't have the weather and there's so much vandalism and robbery going on.

"My wish is that all this would cease and peace return to Christmas"

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Mrs. Edna P. Ross, retired, 2500 blk. Huron St. — "Christmas means a lot to me because of my father. He was a great believer in Christmas.

"For this Christmas, I wish for peace all over the world."

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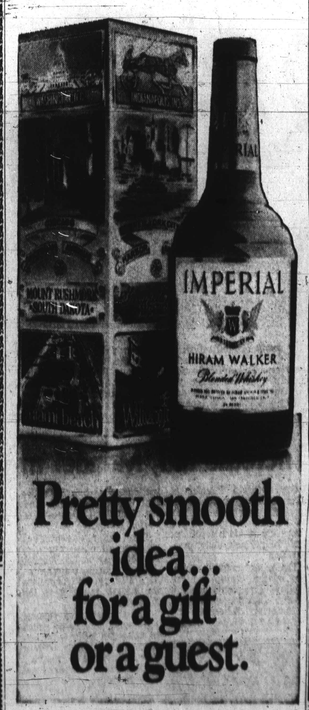

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Legal Notices

Ordinance No. 960. of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved December 14, 1970, provides that Sections 32, 33, 34 and 35 of Article 19 of the Baltimore City Code (1966 Edition), title "Police Ordinances," subtitle "Junk Collectors and Hawkers," be and the same is hereby repealed and reordained, with amendments, to read as follows:

32. Permits.

(a) Required. It is unlawful for any person who is defined herein as a scavenger or as an itinerant independent junk collector to remove from any premises in the City, or to sell or offer for sale, or transport or carry through any street, lane or alley within the City any waste, garbage, rubbish or refuse of any kind without having first obtained a permit from the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to do so. A single permit covers any or all of the activities enumerated in this section.

(b) It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity, except a licensed demolition contractor, licensed pursuant to Ordinance No. 592, approved October 17, 1968, to remove from any premises in the City, or transport or carry through any street, lane or alley within the City, or to sell or offer for sale any second-hand heating, plumbing fixtures or supplies, electrical fixtures or wiring, gas fixtures or appliances, water faucets, pipes, locks, bathtubs or any other second-hand or used building material of any kind.

(c) It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity to buy or receive second-hand or used building material of any kind from any source other than a licensed demolition contractor. Every purchaser of receiver of second hand or used building material shall keep a written record which shall include the date of the transaction, the location of the property from which the material has been removed, and the license number of the seller.

(d) Fee. The fee for the permit required by subsection (a) of this section is the sum of five dollars ($5.00), and there is no additional fee for any vehicle to be used for such removal, transporting, carrying, selling or offering for sale.

(e) Issue. The Police Commissioner shall prepare the application forms, permits and tags necessary for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle, as said provisions relate to scavengers and itinerant junk collectors. Upon compliance with said provisions, he shall issue a permit to each applicant and in addition thereto, a tag to be affixed to each vehicle used in said work. Such permits and tags shall be issued for periods of one year each beginning as of January 1 and ending as of December 31 for each year. The issuance of licenses for demolitions of structures shall be as provided in said Ordinance No. 592, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(f) Holding permit and tags. Permits and tags, which are issued by the Police Commissioner to scavengers and itinerant junk collectors, are non-transferable and there shall be no reduction in the period for portions of a year. Each permit shall be numbered by the Police Commissioner and shall contain a picture of the applicant, together with his name, address, finger prints and general physical description. The permit shall be kept in the possession of the permit holder at all times that he is engaged in said work, and shall be exhibited to any citizen or police officer demanding such exhibition. The tag for a vehicle shall be displayed thereon in such manner and place as may be prescribed by the Police Commissioner from time to time.

(g) Refusal; revocation. The Police Commissioner shall grant every permit and tag applied for, as the same shall relate to scavengers and itinerant junk collectors, when in his discretion and judgment the public health, safety or security will suffer by the issuance of the permit and tag, if the permittee is or has been found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle. The Police Commissioner may also refuse to issue a permit or tag, or may revoke a permit or tag already issued to any person who, within the preceding five years, has been convicted of stealing, larceny, burglary, or receiving stolen goods, or the Police Commissioner shall revoke a permit or tag already issued to any person who is convicted of the offense of removing, transporting, carrying, selling or offering for sale second-hand or used building material of any kind.

32. Application of ordinance.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this subtitle, a "scavenger" is defined as one whose actions within the scope of this subtitle are not controlled by any regularly licensed scrap yard, waste material dealer, junk yard or either of them; and an "itinerant independent junk collector" is a collector of junk who does not have an established place of business within the limits of Baltimore City.

(b) Collections within city. This subtitle is effective only as to collections made within the limits of Baltimore City.

(c) Vehicle. The term "vehicle" for the purposes of this subtitle includes carts, drays, and other non-motor vehicles as well as motor vehicles.

(d) Exceptions. The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to or affect any sale by a public utility corporation, governmental agency, regularly licensed junk dealer, industrial plant, licensed electrical or plumbing contractor, charitable organization, church or religious organization, or boy scout troop or unit.

(e) Same. The provisions of this subtitle shall not apply to:

(1) Any City department or its employees;

(2) Any person, or his employee, under contract with the City to perform such work;

(3) any owner or occupant of property engaged in a removing or transporting such materials from premises owned or occupied by him where such materials were formerly a component part of the structure or a part of the utility system of said premises.

34. Use of Permit.

The permit required by this subtitle for scavengers and itinerant junk dealers is usable only during the hours from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m. during the period from May 1 to September 30, inclusive, any year, and during the period from October 1 to April 30, inclusive, in any year, the permit is usable only during the hours from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 4:00 o'clock p.m.

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a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. However, as to transporters, by solicitors having an established place of business within Baltimore City or an adjacent county, and upon a finding that the restrictions of the hours which are specified in this section would be a public hazard, public health menace, or unjust hardship, the Police Commissioner is authorized to issue special permission to a permittee for exercising the powers covered by the permit during a period or periods other than those specified. The provisions of this section apply also to persons engaged in the activities described in this subtitle but who are not required to have a permit thereunder.

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Any scavenger, itinerant independent junk collector, person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or legal entity who violates any of the provisions of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon a first conviction thereof, he is subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars ($200.00) for each violation and each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense. Upon a subsequent conviction thereof, he is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty days for each violation, or in both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, and each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

SEC. 2. And be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III
Mayor of Baltimore City
John A. Luetkemeyer, Jr.
Treasurer

Ordinance No. 955. of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved December 14, 1970, provides that Sections 196 and 197 of Article 11 of the Baltimore City Code (1966 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Nuisances and the Prevention of Disease", subheading "Vacant Lots", be and the same are hereby repealed and reordained, with amendments, under the new subheading, "Weed Control", to read as follows:

196. Weed Control.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or lands within the City of Baltimore to allow or maintain on any such lot or lands any growth of weeds or other rank vegetation to a height over one foot; and every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or lands within the City of Baltimore shall cause said lot or lands to be kept free from rags, weeds, wild mustard, wild lettuce, wild parsley, common thistle, milkweed, poison ivy, and all other noxious weeds by destroying such noxious weeds by spraying with a chemical compound, by cutting and removal or by digging under, or by such other method approved by the Commissioner of Health.

Any owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or lands within the City of Baltimore who shall fail to comply with the provisions of Sections 196-199 shall upon conviction thereof be fined by any court not exceeding $50.00.

197. Notice to destroy weeds.

Notwithstanding the penalty contained in Section 198, and in addition thereto, when the Commissioner of Health ascertains that the owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or lands within the City of Baltimore has allowed or maintained on any such lot or lands any growth of weeds or other rank vegetation to a height over one foot, the Commissioner of Health shall cause said noxious weeds as set forth in Section 196 to be cut on any lands within the City of Baltimore, he shall cause written notice to be served upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of any lot or lands within the City of Baltimore, that weeds or other rank vegetation have been allowed to grow to exceed the height of one foot, and that such weeds or other vegetation must be cut to a height not exceeding three inches, or that noxious weeds are growing, and such lands and that they must be destroyed by any of the methods set forth in Section 196, and that the cutting of such weeds or other rank vegetation or the destruction of noxious weeds must be commenced within ten days after the service of such notice. If any such order of the Commissioner of Health, issued under the authority of the provisions of this section, is not complied with within ten days after the service thereof, then the Commissioner of Health shall notify the Director of Public Works, who shall cause said growth of weeds or other rank vegetation to be cut to a height not to exceed three inches or shall cause said noxious weeds to be destroyed and the expense incurred incident to said order shall be paid by the owner of said lot or lands, and until so paid shall be a lien upon the realty and recoverable as other liens on realty in Baltimore City.

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