Gadabouting In Baltimore

Girl Friend, AKA parties set pace

by Lula Jones Garrett

There's nothing like a lush social calendar to fill this town with a fine flock of visitors . . . and there was no more lush a calendar than townsfolk flashed the past weekend.

There was such doings as the AKA's Freedom Ball in the Alcazar Ballroom Friday evening, around which flit a flossy pack of parties.

There was the Baltimore chapter of Girl Friends' elegant dinner dance in the Galaxy Room of International Airport on Saturday night, which drew the Eastern Seaboard bunch.

And there was also Woman Power's luncheon in the Belvedere Hotel on Sunday afternoon which drew the political-minded from near-by cities.

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IT'S NOT surprising that the Girl Friends drew the largest contingent of non - residents.

Among them were Girl Friends and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tabourne and Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Blandin of Philadelphia, the Fred Morrows, Charles Baltimeres and Henry Sagesse of Washington, and Carolyn Mitchell of New York.

Other of their out-of-town guests included the Cab Calloways and Carl McRay of New York; Dr. and Mrs. Norris Atkins, Dr. Miller, Joseph Walker and Mr. and Mrs. John Murchison of Washington.

The Calloways (she chic as chic in black sheath) were house guests of the J. Nelson Fortunes.

The Girl Friends began their partying early, . . with cocktails at seven. Were seated at dinner at eight (serenading by the Chambers Trio enlivened that hour) and dancing followed.

But that wasn't the end, . . guests went on to breakfasts in town afterwards.

The hostesses included Mae Williams, Elizabeth Stewart, Catherine Law, Anita Wheatley, Olga Parker, Bernice Chatman, Doris Wheeler, Elsie Dotson, Eliza Robinson;

Irma Roy, Laura Jones, Agnes Patterson, Gwendolyn Lewis, Gaynelle Spaulding, Vera Williams, Frances Vessells and Georgeanna Chester.

Their husbands and escorts included Leon Williams, Julian Bennett, Dr. Edward Adams of Virginia; Robert Dunmere, Franklin Williams;

C. Howard Paige, Paul Chester, Elmer Patterson, Walter Roper, George Spaulding, Rap Wheatley, Bob Williams;

Raynor Parker, Frank Vessells, Maxwell Chatman and Rudy Wheeler.

Local guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Newman Reavis, William Rawlings, William Russell, Charles Henson, John Perlune, Clifton Wallace, John Sessoms, James Cley, William Turks, Milburn Woodlen, Ben Whitten, James Short, James Edwards, Warren Parker;

Messrs. and Mesdames Richard Cummings, William Spencer, Bernard Bell, William Terry, James Carter, Robert Curtis, Howard Hucles, Bernard Blake, Warren Weaver, Reuben Jones, Edgar Lee, Talmadge Hill, Nathaniel Hightower;

Messrs. and Mesdames Nathaniel Proctor, Roland Wheatley, Donald Parker, Leroy Taylor, James Williams, Robert Diggs, Cyrus Marshall, Randolph Tucker, Royal Weaver, Abdella Campbell, James Bullock, William Stanford, Ed Shipley, Franklin Fulton, Roger Johnson;

Messrs. and Mesdames Sherlock Grinnage, Joel Newton, Charles Lynch, Ben Foreman, William Pinderhughes, Joseph Campbell, James Murphy, Medford Reynolds, Charles Law, Charles Hicks, Edgar Ewing, Saul Perdue;

Mesdames Marion Croxton, Lula Patterson, Mildred Seaborne, Lillian Moseley, Maude Woodland, Gertrude Urquhart, Olga Chambers, Elizabeth Crudup, Louise Harden, Theresa Walters, Lillian Parrott, Lilla Barnum, Margaret Armstrong, Mabel Hawkins;

John Robinson, Conrad Thomas, Ernest Lewis, Robert Brooks, James Wheatley, John Dancas, Matthew Chamberlain, John Hagan, Frederic Jackson;

Doctors and Mesdames Ted Phifer, I. Bradshaw Higgins, James Carr and Hugh Price Hughes.

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FOLLOWING THE dinner-dance, Eliza Robinson, who is chapter president, this year, and Irma Roy invited their guests to breakfast at the latter's home.

Using both the living room and the club room, the girls seated their guests at seven beautifully set tables. From a portable bar in the den they dispensed sippables . . . and from the tables, Smithfield ham, eggs, kidney stew and hot biscuits prepared by Irma's mother "Miss" Blanche . . who had also made Irma's pretty bouffant bell - skirted frock. (Eliza had chosen green brocade for the night).

Enjoying the good food and friendship were Gun and Bill Spencer, Thelma and Bernard Bell, Leila and Bill Terry, Mildred and Robert Curtis, Irene and James Carter, Louise and Jim Edwards;

Also Anne and Warren Parker, Jean and Rick Cummings, Louise Harden, Theresa Walters, James Dorkins, Joseph Walker, Franklyn Williams and Harold Dunmore.

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DR. AND MRS. Walter Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. E. Lloyd Davis were among hosts who got the AKA show on the road, Friday evening.

Dinner at eight was their offering, and the Me - Do - So Club the setting. Sorority wise, their ranking guest were Dr. Majoria Parker of Washington, supreme basileus; and Dr. Gladyce Jones, basileus of the local chapter.

And the gay group, who gathered in the upper parlor for cocktails, hors doeuvers drifted down to dinner in the formal dining room, were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Payne, Wesley Shelton, Joel Newton, Arthur Murphy, Wayman Holley, Clarence Gross, Lula Patterson, Rebekah Mitchell; Misses France Gunther, Louise Crawford, Jean Lewis.

Dr. Clifton Jones, John Hagan, Richard Butler, Omar Doaji, Richard Spencer and Dr. James Davidson.

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DR. AND MRS. Clifton Jones were hosts at breakfast following the Ball, when they entertained.

Dr. Marjorie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brinkley of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bright, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lloyd Davis;

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Davidson, Dr. James Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Abdella Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Philbin Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross.

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MR. AND MRS. BRIGHT were hosts at dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley, who were their house guests over the weekend, . with Dr. and Mrs. Jones as other guests.

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ON SATURDAY afternoon, Mrs. William Garner entertained at a Coffee Hour for the joint - chapter committee (Undergraduate Alpha Delta of Morgan State College, and Epsilon Omega) and the undergraduate sorors.

Sorors Bright and Brinkley talked to the "little sisters," and other graduate sorors there included Florence Bailey, Vernieve Reynolds, Jean Turpin, Ruth Davis, who is graduate advisor to Alpha Delta; Edmonia Yates and Carolyn Gee.

Incidentally, if you've been wondering why the students who were presented at the Ball were so late arriving, it was because they had been picketing a restaurant.

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MRS. GERTRUDE URQUHART was also a hostess after the Ball, when she gathered to her hearthside for breakfast a group of localites to become better acquainted with her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan and Miss Mildred Green of Trenton, N.J.

Baltimoreans about were Messrs. and Mesdames William Stanford, Clifton Sherrard and Bernard Bailey; Booker T. Smith and Luther Jackson.

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THE THING that struck me most about Woman Power's luncheon on Sunday was that the large number of women who attended were more intent on the political issues of the nonce than on wearing the most startling hat on the horizon.

Now don't get me wrong, Sabina. There were enough fine bonnets on the scene to open an exclusive millinery shop. . including the tall black satin turban that Yvette Murphy posed above her black satin ensemble. . and the not-so-tall one that Victorine Adams had garnered in monotone flowered fabric.

This year the gals were down to business and their session not a fashion show (except, of course, the formal fashion show by Charm Centre).

The "Women" did a cute thing having the wives introduce their husband as speakers.

Now I know why the Vice President takes the Lady on his campaign tours. The wives

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MARYLAND LEGISLATOR BACKS KENNEDY—Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, Baltimore Civic Leader and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, says, "As a former teacher, I am voting for Senator John F. Kennedy for President because he can give America the vital liberal leadership we need for the '60s. Senator Kennedy calls education America's most valuable resource, and he pledges to fight for equal access for everyone, not only to the schoolroom, but to the voting booth, to jobs, to housing, and to all public facilities."

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WORKERS FOR FREEDOM — These Western High School students have joined the campaign for Freedom. They are soliciting NAACP memberships because "we want to do our part." So far, they have turned in 27 new memberships for a total of $60, as a result of their door-to-door canvass. Left to right, Jean Wilson, Brenda Boyd and Joan Wilson. Jean and Joan are twins. The NAACP drive for 15,000 members ends Nov. 15. Minimum memberships are $2.

Psi Gamma Mu sorors meet with Chapter in Baltimore

Members of Alpha Chapter, Psi Gamma Mu Sorority of Washington traveled to Baltimore on Saturday for the first official meeting of Beta Chapter, established earlier this year.

The meeting was held at the Windsor Mill Rd. home of Soror Virginia Price, tammichous of Beta Chapter.

Plans were made for the year's activities which include a tea to be held on Nov. 20, 5 p.m., in the lounge of the Evening Star Building, 225 Va. Ave., SE, Washington.

Officers and members of the Beta chapter present were:

Sorors Mildred Murphy, basileus; Julia B. Richardson, anti-basileus; and Rosa M. Wallace, grammateus. Also Sorors Jeannette F. Wilson, Elizabeth M. Phillips and Rosetta S. Williams.

Washington members representing Alpha chapter were: Sorors Helen L. Day, Henrietta B. Gould, Nettye F. Primmer, Addie G. Pleasants and Celeste M. Bowden of Silver Springs, Md.

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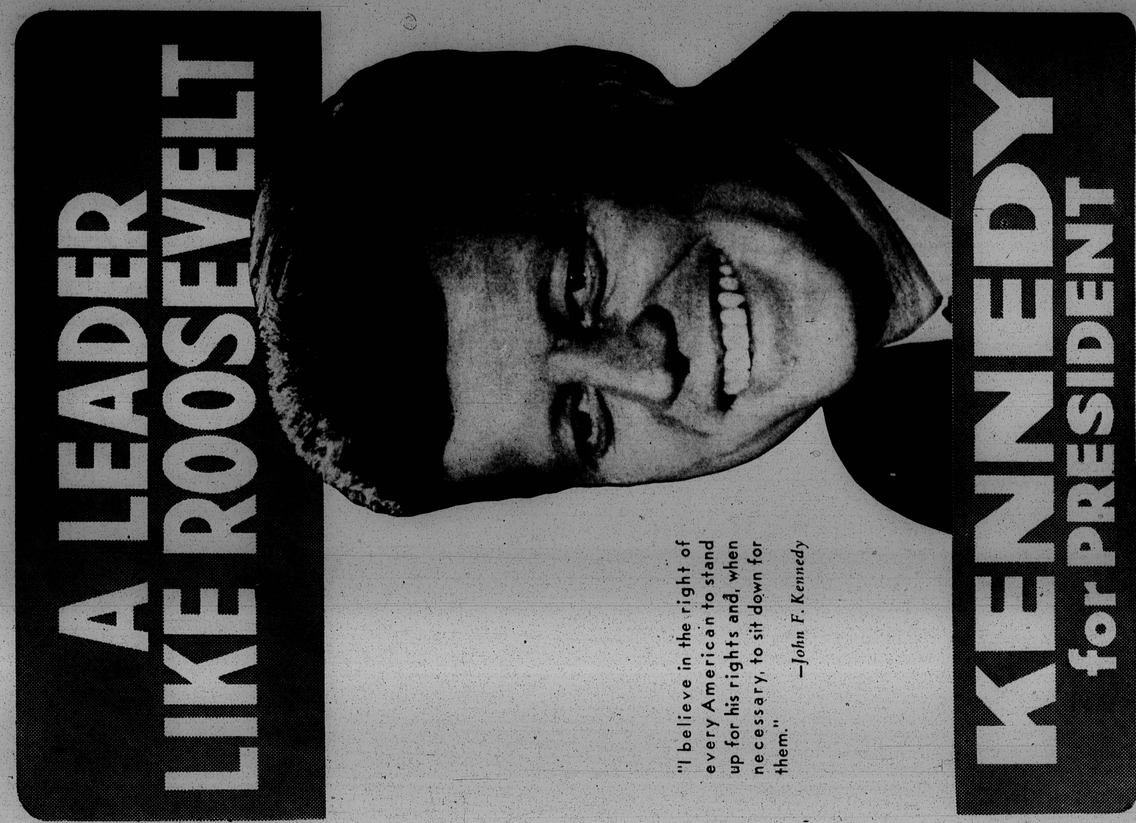

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The Democratic Party Pledges THE RIGHTS OF MAN

The 1960 Democratic Platform is called "The Rights of Man." It contains a separate section on civil rights which squarely faces up to America's requirements in this important field. This platform pledges:

- Executive Leadership "to make equal opportunity a living reality for all Americans."
- Elimination of literacy tests and payment of poll taxes as voting requirements.
- Protection of all civil rights by the Department of Justice of the United States.
- Nationwide compliance with the School Desegregation Decision by 1963.
- Creation of a Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC).
- Recognition of discrimination as a nationwide problem and a challenge to all Americans.

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"You will find before the end of the next Democratic Administration that we will make more progress in the field of civil rights in 4 years than we have made in the last 104."

The leaders in the civil rights field, 450 from 42 states, gathered in New York City on October 11 and 12 at the call of Senator John F. Kennedy for a National Conference on Constitutional Rights and American Freedom, to make recommendations for the implementation of the civil rights planks of the Democratic Platform. Senator Kennedy said in his call: "We must take up the challenge and clarify the positive steps needed to insure full constitutional rights for all Americans. I am inviting leaders of thought and of action to meet together to throw light on these problems. The test for all of us must be the Constitution. My hope is that this conference will be a rallying point for the forces in which I believe, and that it will be carried on everywhere in our land. The time is now, time for the rededication of the Democratic Party and the American people to the aims and principles of the Constitution. That is what our people and the world expect and are waiting for."

Among those who attended this Conference is Senator Kennedy surrounded by national leaders of the Democratic Party. On Kennedy's right is Senator Hubert Humphrey who was chairman of the Conference. Others shown are Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, Senator Philip Hart, Governor G. Mennen Williams, Lieutenant-Governor Philip Noel, Governor Wayne Morse, Oscar Ewing, Congressman Kenneth Roberts, Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia, Roy Reuther, Walter Reuther, Frank D. Reeves, Mrs. Marjorie McKenzie Lawson, Assistant Attorney General Frank Williams, Harry Golden and William Oliver. Not shown are Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Congressman Adam C. Powell, Senator Herbert Lehman and Mayor Robert Wagner.

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