—Baltimoreans open hearts

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boost by providing a truck, driver and helpers to pick up and deliver the gifts.

Of course, this is nothing new for the 22th, because the outfit has been giving this help to Mrs. Santa since the very first year of the campaign.

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WHILE THERE were over 1,000 letters, some of them stand out in Mrs. Santa's mind.

The very first letter received this year, falls in this category.

It was from the mother of a cerebral palsy victim, Andrew Davis.

Helpless since birth, and now 14 years old, his mother has to carry him everywhere, to bed, from room to room, to church, when he can go, and outside for fresh air.

The mother asked for a wheelchair for her son and her moving letter touched the hearts of the members of the Martinques Club.

They bought a brand new wheel chair and presented it to the youngster.

Then there was the case of a little girl who wrote a touching letter saying that she wanted nothing for herself, but her mother worked so hard to take care of her and her five sisters, "could Mrs. Santa please pay mommie a visit."

Once again the plea was heard and answered. Mommie not only has her girl but the little girl has one as well.

Time and time again, as he heard of the pathetic cases, Mrs. Santa said a prayer of thankfulness that the pleas would not go unanswered.

THE TASK OF trying to take care of all the requests has been a tremendous one and Mrs. Santa knows that it would have been impossible without the help of the public — for the public is really Mrs. Santa.

Listed below are the last of the letters that Mrs. Santa will be able to publish this year. She hopes from the bottom of her heart, that they will be answered.

She will be at her phone tonight (Friday) until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday until 1:30 p.m.

The number to call is Mulberry 5-6015.

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IF YOU, or your club or organization would like to help any of these families, please call and Mrs. Santa will be glad to give you the name and address.

In closing out this year's campaign, Mrs. Santa has this to say:

"I only wish that we could have helped each and every case, but this was impossible. The people of Baltimore, bless their hearts, have been simply wonderful. They have given to total strangers in the true Christmas spirit.

"To all of them I want to say thanks and to wish them a very Merry Christmas for they have certainly made Christmas happy for a large number of people."

Now, here are the rest of the letters.

CASE NO. 676 - Please help me to make my Christmas a happy one this year by sending a basket.

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CASE NO. 677 - I have 11 children and I am behind in the rent and I need food and money.

We have never seen a happy Christmas and don't know what ham and turkey taste like.

I am expecting to have an operation on Dec. 30 and I would like to know if I could have a happy Christmas before then.

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CASE NO. 678 - I have two children, 4 years and 5 months old. My husband doesn't make much and after we pay bills, we don't have much left.

Please give us a little help.

Feet are on ground

CASE NO. 679 - Please play Santa for my seven children who are in dire need of food, clothing and toys.

My little boy doesn't have but one pair of pants and no shoes to wear. His feet are on the ground. My husband and I are separated. He doesn't give me any money.

I also need baby clothes. Please help me.

The children are girls, 16, 15, 6, 4, and boys, 8, 3 months, 2 years old.

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CASE NO. 680 - We are greatly in need this Christmas for some toys and some food and clothes.

We sure appreciate anything that you give us, a basket or anything. I have nine children, 15, 14, 12, 9, 6, 7, 4, 2.

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Husband hospitalized

CASE NO. 681 - My husband is in the hospital in critical condition from an accident and he is not able to talk. All his ribs are broken.

The children will not be able to get any Christmas. The baby wants a baby doll and carriage. She is 4. The baby boy wants guns and cars and trucks.

He is 2 years old. I would like some cloth pants for the boy, size 4. The little girl wears size 4.

My husband is at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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CASE NO. 682 - Please help this family. The mother has five small children and they need clothes and clothes for her. The girl is 1 year old and the boys, 2, 3, 5, 6 years old.

I wish you could see this family.

Please see what you can do for this poor mother and these children.

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CASE NO. 683 - Please help me if you can. I am a mother of two sons.

My husband is out of work over a year. No one in the house is working. I am sick with heart trouble and high blood and our Christmas is going to be bad. We will not have any food.

Thank you for anything I can get.

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CASE NO. 684 - Will you give me a basket please. I have two brothers, 11 and 12 and a little sister, 7, and I am 8 years old. My father is not working.

We would be glad if you could give us some toys.

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CASE NO. 685 - I am a boy 13 years old. I have a brother and a sister, and my mother and father are not together. We would be thankful for a basket of food.

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CASE NO. 686 - I am writing because my mother is not working and my father is not working either. Last Christmas we did not have a happy Christmas.

I hope you can help us this year.

My brothers and I need clothes and shoes. There are three of us, 13, 11, 8.

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CASE NO. 687 - I am the mother of six children and my baby is only two weeks old. My husband has been out of work since April 13 and has not been able to find another job.

We would appreciate anything we can get from you, Mrs. Santa.

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CASE NO. 688 - I have one child, 14, at home but I am the mother of 10 children and I would be very happy if you could get me some help of any kind.

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CASE NO. 689 - I am writing for a friend who is really in need of a helping hand. She is the mother of six children from 10 years to 18 months old, 3 girls and 3 boys.

Her husband deserted her. She doesn't have any food for the children except what neighbors give her.

She has applied for public assistance but that takes some time.

We would like to see her and the children have a nice Christmas.

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CASE NO. 690 - Will you please help us? My husband has been laid off. I have 7 children, 2 girls and 5 boys.

Anything you give will be well appreciated.

God bless the giver.

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CASE NO. 691 - I am a girl nine years old. I have a brother.

I want a coat and a Tiny Tears doll baby and a pair of skates.

My brother wants a pair of skates and a holster set of guns. My other brother wants a bicycle and a suit. He is 12 and the other one is 5 years old.

Please bring us these things.

Neighbor writes for five

CASE NO. 692 - The family I write about has 5 children and work is slow. She does days work.

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CASE NO. 692-A - Also a woman who has 3 sons who is a widow.

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CASE NO. 692-B - Also, a mother of 2 whose husband has no job.

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CASE NO. 692-C - Also, a mother who has 4 children and her husband has been laid off.

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CASE NO. 692-D - A mother who has 7 children and hasn't had any help from the father in 5 years.

I hope you are able to help these families.

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CASE NO. 693 - Please help me make this Christmas a happy one for my boys, ages 9, 11, 12.

I am not able to work and my husband's salary is not very much. My boys need clothes and shoes.

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CASE NO. 694 - My husband and I are really in a terrible fix. We never had it so hard in our 10½ years of marriage. This is the roughest we have had to face. He lost his job in March.

We have 4 children, 9, 7, 6, 3, and we don't have anyone to turn to. Please help us.

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CASE NO. 695 - I am mother of five and expecting another in April. My husband got hit by a car and he has not been able to work.

We were not able to have Thanksgiving but I hope someone will help us have a nice Christmas. We all need clothes and shoes. The children are from 9 to 15 months.

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CASE NO. 696 - My sister and I and my cousin are staying with my aunt and we know she is not able to get us something for Christmas.

So, we thought maybe you could send us something. Our ages are 12, 12, 14.

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CASE NO. 697 - Please help me and my six children. I just came out the hospital and if you don't help we won't have any help at all.

Their ages are 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2½. I need a washing machine very badly. I have a rheumatic heart.

Please help me. My little girls want a doll and a doll carriage and the boys want a fire truck and guns.

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CASE NO. 698 - I am sick with a blood condition. I have been sick about 2½ years. I have to have blood every two weeks.

Please give me a Christmas basket.

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CASE NO. 699 — I am not able to work with a young baby. My husband is sick and has to have bed rest.

I have 4 little boys and a large boy I keep. Their ages are 16, 3½, 2, 1 and 3 weeks old.

We are not able to get food and clothes we need. Please help us.

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CASE NO. 700 - All I want is toys for the children. I have 4 boys, 2, 3, 5, 12 and 4 girls, 6, 7, 9, 13.

All want skates except the little boys. They want guns. My husband is sickly and can not work.

Please help us.

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CASE NO. 701 - I am in jail for a traffic violation and am unable to provide for my family. Throw up the mercy to my aunt who is keeping them for me until I am released. They have a place to stay but she is unable to provide Christmas for them.

I asked for legal help but I have received no reply.

The children are two boys, 10 and 9, and two girls, 8 and 4.

A basket will be helpful. Thank you for anything.

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CASE NO. 702 - I am a grandmother of 3. My daughter and her husband are separated and she does not know where is.

My grandson need shoes. He has a cold from walking around barefooted.

Santa did not come last year but the children want him to come this year. Please help them. The girls are 5 and 2 years. The boy is 3 years old.

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CASE NO. 703 - I have three little boys and if they can get some shoes that is all I ask. Their father is out of work and I am afraid that they will not have Christmas.

Please help.

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CASE NO. 704 - I am the mother of 4 children. My husband is not with me. I can't have any Christmas for my children.

I need food most of all. The children are 4, 16 and 1½ years old.

Thank you for anything.

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CASE NO. 705 - I am a friend of the case I write about. She is my sister's baby. Will you see that she gets a basket?

If she could only get food she will have a Christmas dinner. Thank you in advance.

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CASE NO. 706 - My husband was laid off and we are back in rent and bills and we could stand some food.

We have eleven children ages, 5, 4, 3, 2, years old and things have been rough. We need clothes very badly.

We are in debt and people are worrying us to death. Could you please help us just a little.

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CASE NO. 707 - I have five children, ages 3 to 9 years. I am unable to work. I have heart trouble. The people that know me try to help.

I would be thankful for what you send me.

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CASE NO. 708 - Others are asking for toys and things for their children but I am asking for a job so we may live all the time.

You see, if I can find a job, I will be able to supply my children.

I have 3, 2 boys, 6 and 4 years and a little girl, 2.

CASE NO. 709 - I have 3

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—3 La. officials

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C. Aycock, House Speaker Thomas Jewell and State Superintendent Shelby Jackson in contempt.

The motions said that the trio are refusing to "draw, sign and issue salary checks to employees at William Frantz and McDonogh 19 Elementary Schools and to certain other employees . . . for the purpose and effect of interfering with (operation of) the schools of Orleans Parish (county) by tire Orleans Parish School Board pursuant to the prior orders of this court."

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PROSPECTS FOR payment of the teachers, whose salaries fall due Friday (today) were brightened considerably on Tuesday with the offer by Miss Ellen Steinberg, a St. Louis heiress, of an offer of $500,000 as an outright gift if the school board were unable to accept it as a loan.

The legislature stripped the New Orleans School Board of power to borrow funds and of operating funds in its efforts to block school integration.

At the same New York press conference at which Miss Steinberg said that her $500,000 would be placed on deposit in a New York bank, Eugene Sands, president of Magnetic Research of White Plains, N. Y., offered a $5,000 gift from his firm to supplement the earlier offer.

Mr. Sands said his offer had been prompted by that of Miss Steinberg, and while he realized that $5,000 was a small sum toward operation of a school system, he hoped that other firms would be stimulated to give financial aid to the beleaguered school system.

THE SALARIES of the McDonogh 19 and Frantz School teachers for October were paid through a $16,000 gift from an anonymous New Orleans donor.

Commenting on her offer, Miss Steinberg said:

"Lots of people just talk about the world's ills instead of doing something about them."

New Orleans School Board President Louis G. Riecke Sr., disclosed that an unidentified California corporation had offered to donate money to keep the New Orleans schools open.

The board, he said, is considering all of the offers.

The board stated that by the end of the month it will owe about $3 million in bills and about two-thirds of it the December salaries for teachers.

The Legislature paid the teachers' salaries (except at the two desegregated schools) last month, but many administrative and other employees have not been paid since October.

A legislative leader said that the Legislature is negotiating for a loan to meet the December school payroll, but gave no indication of plans to pay teachers at Frantz and McDonogh Schools.

District Judge J. Skelly Wright made no immediate reply to the Justice Department petitions for contempt citations against the state officials.

—Complaints

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mendations, Captain Penny said he requested a transfer from his present station, McConnell AFB Witchia, Kan., and out the Strategic Air Command.

He said he requested duty in Spain as first preference. If this request is denied, Captain Penny said he would accept an assignment at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The youthful officer said he felt the northern city would be "more liberal" and he would not encounter certain prejudices now being felt at McConnell AFB.

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CAPTAIN PENNY, presently commanding the 4347th Food Services Sqdn., said he will return to his post today (Saturday). He said his five-day leave ended and he was given an additional five-day extension which ends midnight Sunday. "It's a tough time to be leaving your family but that's the way the ball bounces," he stated.

The captain admitted speaking out against certain Air Force policies while still in the service. He said unless he's able to muster enough public opinion in favor of his crusade his efforts will be "futile and lost in the shuffle."

According to the 11-year service career man, his girl friend was ordered to be told by his base commander, Col. Arthur D. McGibney, that he was listed as colored on his service record.

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HE SAID Colonel McGibney further ordered that his friend be told she could lose her job on the base if "anything developed" from her association with the colored captain.

Captain Penny termed the base commander's action as a part of an overall "harassment plan" to keep him from moving up in rank. He has been in his present grade for almost three years.

He said since going to McConnell AFB, he has had many more assignments than an officer should at one time.

Captain Penny said his crusade is designed to let the world know what's happening in the service, especially Air Force, where all segregation policies are supposedly banished.

—Ambassador

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father's right.

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MR. ADRA, a slender, soft-spoken man, testified that after his wife had "abducted" the daughter, he made repeated efforts to contact her, but all failed.

Dressed in a conservative brown suit and tan vest, he testified that at one point during his seeking, he learned his wife had gone to Paris.

"I contacted many friends in Paris to ask my wife to send Najwa back to me. At the same time I opened a suit in Beruit to get my daughter back.

"Unfortunately the negotiations in Paris failed and I heard several years later that she was in North Africa."

The Ambassador told Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen that at one time he made arrangements to have his daughter enrolled in an American boarding school in Lebanon, but lost all track of his wife and daughter after the 1958 Revolution in Lebanon.

He said that he learned in 1959 that his divorced wife had remarried and gone to the U.S.

Ambassador Adra was still on the witness stand at AFRO presstime.

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FOR THE hearing, Mrs. Clift was attractively dressed in a black and yellow print suit with black accessories.

Young Miss Adra wore a beige school-girl suit with a beige hat and black flat shoes.

Dr. Clift wore a conserva-

—Jail board

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of at the next meeting," he Mayor stated.

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BACK IN March 1957, the Jail Board eliminated segregated signs and visiting hours, and resolved to eliminate segregation inside the institution "with all deliberate speed."

Failure to carry out this announced policy in over three years, said the Mayor, was "something internal in the jail itself that we just weren't aware of, as it was a matter of policy."

Mr. Kaufman president of the Jail Board, thanked the AFRO for calling the matter to his attention, and confirmed the Mayor's statement. He explained that he had talked again with Warden Price and advised that "it isn't a question of wish. All inmates are to be put together." He said the warden has promised to follow these instructions.

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THE AFRO story also pointed out no colored employees were seen in positions of authority.

Mr. Kaufman said that employees at the jail include a senior clerk typist, 28 of the 83 guards are colored.

He emphasized that promotions are made on the basis of civil service, and noted that a pending examinations for lieutenants has colored applicants.

He said it is an established policy to promote the top men on the list. There is no rule of three (where any one of three top persons may get promoted).

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DAVID T. MASON, a member of the seven-mal Jail Board told the AFRO that the progress of desegregation at the institution had not been discussed at a meeting "for more than a year."

He said he had talked with Warden Charles B. Price, who had given assurance that only two wings, those for alcoholics and indigents, remained segregated, and this would be "worked out" when new wings were ready.

Reference was to the 638 new cells in two additions which were dedicated early this month. They are due to be occupied next month.

Finan named new attorney general

Thomas B. Finan, 46, secretary of State and chairman, Maryland's Democratic Party, has been named the State's new attorney general.

Mr. Finan was appointed Monday by Gov. J. Millard Tawes to succeed C. Ferdinand Sybert.

Earlier, Gov. Tawes named Mr. Sybert to one of the two new judgeships on Maryland's Court of Appeals.

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