WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

—Emotions

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vote for Kennedy.

Kennedy's statement on Wednesday was far more forthright and indicated an inclination on his part to take some action in New Orleans desegregation case. This has brought new hope to all persons of color in Prince Edward and inspired us to forward a letter to him asking him to use his influence to correct the undemocratic step taken against colored people in Prince Edward County."

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ... in Prince Edward County have been closed since 1959 when the county supervisors withdrew financial support to avert court - ordered integration.

White pupils are attending make-shift private schools but no provision has been made for educating the country's 1,500 colored children.

Va. speaks:

W. LESTER BANKS, executive secretary, Virginia NAACP Conference of Branches, commented:

"I am gratified that President Kennedy is concerned with the plight of the public schools in New Orleans. That he has made a public commitment, that at the proper time, he will use the prestige and influence of the President's office not only to insure the rights of children in New Orleans to receive a public education, but also that he intends to make his executive authority felt elsewhere, is cause for hope."

"I respectfully suggest to the President that the "proper time" is now."

Mitchell:

Clarence Mitchell, executive secretary of the Washington NAACP Chapter, said:

"It is incredible that so long after the humiliation of children, the intimidation of their parents and the moral anarchy fostered by New Orleans hoodlums, the President of the United States cannot say that something has been done about it.

"He cannot even say what the administration plans to do about it. This reveals a serious weakness of the new administration on civil rights matters.

"It is infiltrated by those who insist that colored citizens are willing to exchange civil rights for bread. There are pronouncements and rumors of pronouncements about civil rights that will come from the White House.

"So far the most that can be said is that on school desegregation the new administration is just as inert as President Eisenhower's before the Little Rock crisis."

—Dr. Weaver OK

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understand the question.

Weaver met each of the questions about his past affiliations head - on and answered them frankly and fully.

When Blakley finished his questioning, the impression was left that the late Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, who was the Senate's champion of smear by association, would have been embarrassed by the performance of the Texan.

BLAKLEY BEGAN by apologizing for the type of questions he was about to ask. He said he was very reluctant to ask them but he thought the information should be brought out.

Before asking his first question, he admitted he had been impressed by Weaver's biography, attitude and personality. He said he thought anyone would recognize Weaver's "great ability" and forthrightness.

His first question was a long, rambling one, which was framed apparently to get an admission from Weaver that his past experiences and associations had influenced his development.

Weaver replied that he did not fully understand the question and after Blakley reframed it, he said he assumed that all of a man's experiences "make a man the man he is."

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BLAKLEY THEN asked Weaver whether he had been the discussion leader of a panel on "The Federal Housing Program and the Negro" at the second National Negro Congress held in Philadelphia during the 30's, and at another meeting of the Congress in Baltimore.

Weaver replied that he accepted the invitation to speak at the Philadelphia meeting because he was a Government official at the time. He said he cleared it with the agency for which he worked.

"I felt I was in fairly good company because President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had sent greetings, the Republican Mayor of Philadelphia and the Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania addressed the conference, and president of Tuskegee Institute addressed the Congress, and the head of a Catholic Labor organization sent greetings."

Weaver said it was not necessary for him to look to see whether the sponsorship of the meeting was subversive with persons of that character sending greetings and participating.

Weaver said, the Congress was not actively involved in Communist - front accusations.

Weaver said he was in the audience at the meeting, at which A. Philip Randolph, a vice - president of the AFL-CIO, raised the issue of Communist domination and resigned from the Congress.

Weaver admitted that he joined the Washington Book Shop "because I buy books frequently and they offered books at 20 per cent reduction."

He attended only one meeting, he said. That was in 1941 when a dispute arose about the management of the book store.

At that meeting in May, 1941, Miss Corrine Robinson, who was Dr. Weaver's secretary, read a statement in which she and eight other persons, including Dr. Weaver, announced their resignation from the book store.

WEAVER SAID he had endorsed a program on African affairs because he was approached by Max Yergan (he did not name Dr. Yergan, whom he had known for years as a staff member of the national board of the YMCA.

If there was any Communist infiltration at the time, Weaver said, he did not know it. "In this area, I can plead ignorance during this period," he said.

Blakley asked Weaver whether he knew that his book, The Negro Ghetto, had been listed by the Workers Book Shop in New York City as a book of "lasting value."

He replied that he did not know it but he would be displeased with anybody who would so list a book of his.

Blakley even asked Weaver if he knew that a review of The Negro Ghetto had appeared in the Masses and Mainstream, successor to New Masses, a Communist magazine.

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ASKED WHETHER he had observed any Communist influence in the NAACP, Weaver replied that he thought "the NAACP has a very brilliant history of opposing Communism."

He detailed the steps the NAACP has taken to fight Communist infiltration and read an excerpt from a book, "Masters of Deceit," by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listing such steps.

Asked by Blakley whether he would use the viewpoint of the NAACP for making decisions as Administrator of the HHFA, Weaver replied:

"I do not know what you mean by their viewpoint. I think their viewpoint is one of equal opportunity and, if that be it, it would be a guiding principle with me in what ever I do."

Weaver told Blakley that he did not think "equal opportunity" is controversial. "The method of achieving it might be controversial, but not the objective."

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BLAKLEY ASKED Weaver whether as Administrator of HHFA whether he make his judgments on his ideals and his own interpretation of what he believes to be the law of the land.

"I said earlier — and believe it very strongly — my actions will be determined by the law of the land, the Acts of Congress, and such action as the President may take to express Administration purpose."

Asked by Blakley whether he would deny Federal aid dollars for any of the housing programs because property was covered by a racial restrictive covenant, Weaver replied that if he did he would be following policy which now exists.

He said that since the Supreme Court decision in 1951 that such covenants cannot be enforced in court, the Federal Housing Administration took the position that it would not insure any housing which had a restrictive covenant on it.

Such a provision is now in FHA regulations, he said.

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IN A SURPRISE move, Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minn., Assistant Majority Leader, Thursday obtained unanimous consent the senate to debate and vote on the nomination of Robert C. Weaver to be administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Later, in opening the debate, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, of Va., chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, said he told the press Wednesday that there would be no action on the nomination before Feb. 20.

But he was later informed, he said, that the leadership wanted the nomination brought up Thursday. He said he was told that if unanimous consent could not be obtained to do so, there would be a meeting of the Senate Friday when the nomination could be taken up by majority votes.

Robertson said he finally agreed not to object to its being brought up Thursday.

THE VIRGINIAN said he told the Senate that he opposed the nomination because Weaver had demonstrated poor judgement and extreme views. He called Weaver a crusader and an advocate of extreme views, many of which relate to the housing field.

Weaver's appointment, he added, "will injure the Housing directly and thereby injure the whole economy."

When Sen. James O. Eastland of Miss., asked Robertson about Weaver's membership in the defunct Washington Book Shop, the Virginian told Eastland that he was not opposing Weaver because of his past associations but on other grounds.

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SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS of Ill. cited articles which appeared in the Washington Post and the Washington Daily News of May 21, 1941, stating that Miss Corrienne Robinson, who was Dr. Weaver's secretary when he was race relations adviser in the United States Housing Authority, had submitted at a public meeting of the Book Shop the resignations of nine persons, including Dr. Weaver's.

Robertson called the post to which the President named Weaver the highest administrative position ever held by a colored person and said that many persons are advocating that it be given Cabinet status.

Both senators Douglas and Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, praised Robertson for his fairness in the conduct of the hearing on the nomination. They later spoke in support of the nominee.

Also speaking against the nomination were Senators

Reward posted for lost dog

Roy Walten Jr., 4, 3905 Belle Ave., is heartbroken.

His best friend, Flame, has been missing since Tuesday. Roy and Flame, a gray and silver German shepherd, have been pals since they both were six months old.

Mrs. Walston, Roy's mother, is offering a reward to anyone finding Flame. He has no tag or other identification, she said.

Whoever finds the dog can cheer up a little boy and collect the reward by calling LI. 2-2438.

Tydings, former senator, dies

Former Maryland Sen. Millard E. Tydings died Thursday night at his home near Harve de Grace.

The 70-year-old Democratic veteran of 24 years in the United States Senate had been ill for several years, but the cause of death was listed as pneumonia.

In 1950 he was defeated for his Senate seat by the present senator, John Marshall Butler.

Wallace F. Bennett, Utah Republican; William A. Blakeley, Texas Democract; and Strom Thurmond, S.C. Democrat.

Bennett said it seemed to him that if Weaver's goal of "integrated housing in both public and private units" was not brought about by the "market forces," Weaver "intended to 'manage' our housing market to bring it about."

Blakley contended that Dr. Weaver was not qualified for the job because of "his extremism and lack of good judgment in his affiliations" and because "most of his concern in the past has been with greater rights for colored people."

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—Family needs help

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pare the body.

"The law requires she be shipped in a sealed casket.

"I have to have a cemetery lot and money for the undertaker here."

All these items amount to more than $500. Mr. Rose has no money at all.

Bowed down with cares he can not shoulder, Mr. Rose wept audibly as he talked with the AFRO.

"I just don't know what to do. I have no way at all."

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THE GRIEFSTRICKE father explained. "When I had money before I was laid off, I gave to every cause.

"I helped everyone I could. Now I need help, there seems to be nothing, nobody."

Mr. Rose's hardships are increased because being a worker who travels, he has nowhere to call home.

Baltimore Welfare agents term his condition "unusual," and say they have no immediate funds.

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PAUL S. HENDERSON, veteran photographer who is former treasurer and board member of the National Polio Foundation, was moved by Mr. Rose's story, and has started soliciting funds.

Mr. Henderson told the AFRO he will be glad to accept contributions from AFRO readers.

Send them to his home, 1025 Druid Hill Ave.

Or, contributions may be sent to the AFRO. Addressing your letters to:

The Rose Family
In care of THE AFRO City Desk
628 N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore 1, Md.

John Manlick, executive director of the Polio Foundation told the AFRO Thursday: "We're working on every possible source to see just what can be done. The situation is no less than tragic.

"We hope we will be able to come up with some money because that is what is needed. Money to keep the family alive, money for clothing, rent, necessities, and, of course, the undertaker."

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MRS. ROSE was stricken with th dread disease on Sept. 28, 1960, and placed in a respirator at City Hospitals here in Baltimore.

On Feb. 2 she was taken aboard a Military Air Transport plane along with two other polio victims, to the Cleveland, Ohio General Hospital for further treatment not available here.

The Polio Foundation's March of Dimes program paid for the respirator at $10 a day. Transportation costs were assumed by the Air Force.

It was hoped that Mrs. Rose would survive the treatment and become able to breathe without the respirator.

The Rose children are Bobby, age 7; Kenneth Leon, 8; Margo Preston, a girl, 10; Shirley Anne, 11; John Marshall, 15; Aubrey Jr., 17; Georgene Blanche, 18; Mrs. Doris Rose Jones, 21; and Mrs. Howard, age 26.

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IN DIVORCE COURT

The William DuBoyces, ten other couples end marriages

Testifying that her husband's girl friend moved in during her absence and then advised her not to return or there would be two of them in the home, Mrs. Grace DuBoyce stepped, legally, out of the picture, this week.

Mrs. DuBoyce, who gave her address as 2700 Elsinor Ave., divorced William DuBoyce, address not given.

She said they were married on Nov. 15, 1945, and that the marriage ended on Sept. 15, 1953.

She was represented by Robert B. Watts, attorney.

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CORNELIUS EDMONDS, of Baltimore County, won custody of two daughters when he divorced Mrs. Lillian Edmonds of this city, Monday.

He told the court that he and his wife could not agree so voluntarily separated. They were married on June 28, 1947; and separated in March, 1948. The children, he said, are being cared for by his mother.

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ALSO TESTIFYING that their marriage was ended by common consent was Mrs. Doris Cannon of South Ozone Park, N.Y., who divorced Thomas J. Cannon of 812 E. Preston St., this city.

She was represented by William M. Toadvine, attorney. The couple was married on January 15, 1949 and separated on June 13, 1955.

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THREE WIVES testified that they had been deserted.

Mrs. Carrie Murphy, 2429 E. Biddle St., said that Walter Murphy, Buffalo, N.Y., walked out after 14 months of marriage, telling her that she was tired of married life. She won custody of their son.

Mrs. Lucille White of 406 N. Carey St. was given custody of a son and daughter, along with a divorce, from Thomas L. White.

Said she:

"He didn't say anything. He just left. I saw him four months later, but he has never been back to live with me."

Their marriage ended in 1956, three years after the ceremony.

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The wife, an employee of the Department of the Army at Fort Meade, said that she walked out when her husband told her that he was the father of the child expected by a woman in the 200 block Allendale St.

Mrs. Merritt produced a birth certificate which indicated that a son had been born to the woman and which gave the father's name as one similar to her husband's.

The Merritts were married on April 18, 1954 and separated on Dec. 16, 1959. They are parents of a five and a half year - old daughter whose custody went to the mother.

THE SAME grounds were given by Mrs. Claretha Day of 412 N. Edgewood St., who divorced James L. Day of 403 Pitman Pl.

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"When the analyst asked him if he had any other children than my baby daughter, he said he was going to be the father of a child expected by one 'Bertha,'" she said. "So I left him," she added.

She was given custody of her child. Their marriage lasted from Oct. 16, 1957 to August 19, 1959.

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She testified that he deserted her on Nov. 1, 1956. They were married in 1948.

MRS. BERTHA PALMER of 1500 McCulloh St., also proved that she was deserted by James Palmer.

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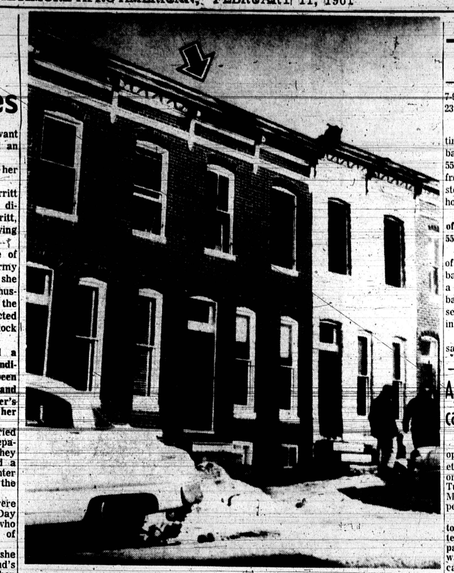

BAKER ST. FIRE — This was the scene in the 500 blk. Baker St., Thursday following a three-alarm fire. Arrow points to roof of 548 Baker St., home of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson where the blaze originated. Firemen attributed the cause to a defective electrical system.

—Baker St. fire

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7-9905, or visit their offices at 23rd and St. Paul Sts.

JAMES W. COATES, retired — Pennsylvania Station baggage porter, residing at 554 Baker St., two doors from the corner, said the fire stopped just as it reached his house.

Other homes including that of his next-door neighbor at 552, were burned out he said.

"We had to get out because of smoke which was pretty bad, but I stood outside about a half hour and then went back in with the firemen to see if the flames were coming through.

"Lucky they weren't," he said.

Mr. Coates and his wife have owned their two story home five years. They have no children. He has been retired since June, 1960.

Red Cross headquarters were set up at the Baltimore Urban League Office building at 2404 Pennsylvania Ave.

Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Urban League told the AFRO that Comfort Kits and orders for food were given to the fire victims who came into the office.

There were very few who asked for aid, Mr. Templeton said, and the Red Cross closed the temporary station about 2:30 p.m.

Arunah Ave. laundry case to City Court

The appeal protesting the operation of a public laundrette at 2401 Arunah Ave. was ordered back to City Court Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

The appeal had been sent to the Board for additional testimony, specifying certain particulars. However, none was taken because the applicant did not appear.

Residents of the area are protesting the laundrette through Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., attorneys.

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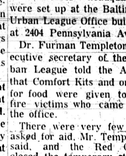
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Tragedy still shows on parents' faces

Tragedy leaves its mark on the faces of those who have been touched by it, and it has so marked Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green.

The Greens are the parents of the seven children who died in an Anne Arundel County fire on Jan. 22.

The fire not only took the lives of all but two of their children, it also destroyed their home and all their possessions.

Because of the seriousness of their plight, the AFRO started a fund to help them, as it did a similar campaign for the family of Mrs. Mabel Snowden, who died in the same fire.

Contributions were received from as far away as Cleveland, Ohio.

This one came from Mrs. Mabel E. Snowden, who appended a note: "add this to the fund, wish it was larger".

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AMONG OTHER contributors have been:

George Tartar, the Penny Pinchers, Mrs. Eleanor Randall, Mrs. Agnes Day, John Murphy Jr., Neighbors of the 1500 block Ruxton Ave., Mrs. Mary Ruffin, Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. Priscilla Rice, Mrs. Helen Hall, Robert Thomas, the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Towson.

A number of contributions from anonymous sources were received.

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On The Capitol Beat

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate Finance Committee has under consideration House Bill 75 and 76 which would prohibit discrimination in hiring policies by state agencies and holders of state contracts.

The bills passed the House of Delegates last week by a sizable majority.

Sponsors of these bills are Mrs. Irma G. Dixon (4th Dist. Baltimore) and Alan M. Resnick and Alexander Stark both of Baltimore's Fifth District.

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ANNAPOLIS — This bill is aimed to better the pay and working conditions of persons employed in retail and service establishments, such as laundries, service stations, bakeries, and department stores.

Maury Abramson (4th Dist. Baltimore) gave this explanation of his bill which would establish a $1.25 an hour minimum wage.

The bill is currently before the House of Delegate's labor committee.

When the bill was introduced last week it aroused considerable comment due to an extensive listing of exemptions.

Mr. Abramson said the listing of exemptions was aimed at obtaining a small amount of coverage at first with an eye toward covering other workers in a future bill.

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ANNAPOLIS — A bill to provide equal pay for women performing the same jobs as men was placed before the House of Delegates here on Wednesday.

The bill asked that violators be fined from $50 to $300.

The proposal also would require that employers maintain records open to inspection by the Commission on Labor and Industry and would apply to establishments with five or more employees.

Sponsors of the bill are Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Maury Abramson and Richard Rombro of the Fourth District, Baltimore.

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