Baltimore Afro-American

"We are Americans and as Americans we would speak to America."
Frederick Douglass

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Quick Cure For This Ill

Research, studies and reports are a key part of the work of doctors in the various fields.

But sometimes there seems to be a great deal of research, studying and reporting on ills that could be cured without such scientific efforts.

An example is the policy of segregation in the four major hospitals for mental patients of the state.

Recently we had the unhappy situation of the Veterans Administration sending a patient to the Spring Grove State Hospital in nearby Catonsville, who got as far as being assigned a cottage before officials hurriedly shunted him off to Crownsville State Hospital.

The reason for the change was that Spring Grove discovered the mental patient was colored.

There were apologies to the wife and explanations about the state law which restricts three state mental institutions to white patients and the other to colored.

To top it off, Dr. Thurmon Mott, assistant commissioner of mental hygiene, reminds us that an advisory council has been hard at work since Dec. 15 seeking to determine the "when and how" of desegregating the hospitals.

"It's going to be a complicated thing to completely redo our admission procedures — it's going to take a great deal of planning," says Dr. Mott.

Because we are just laymen the doctor's words must be accepted but we also accept the mental department's position that treatment of patients would be greatly enhanced by more visits from family members, which means getting patients into hospitals closest to their homes whenever possible.

We also accept the position of various federal and state rulings which declare discrimination in tax-supported institutions illegal.

So with the welfare of patients in mind and the provisions of the laws so plainly established, there is an easy way for an interested citizen to help the Department of Mental Hygiene realize that NOW is the time to integrate the hospitals.

A court suit would settle the matter and we feel certain the NAACP would welcome the opportunity to be of service.

Frankly, we think the Department of Mental Hygiene might welcome such a suit. It would save them the effort of pushing the state legislature to change the hospital charters.

Henry Barnes And Mrs. Adelyn Breeskin

In the eight years Henry Barnes has been Traffic Commissioner in Baltimore, he has afflicted us with one way streets, stop lights, stop signs and no parking signs.

And he made us like what he did because after our first pique at his innovations, we have had to admit he speeded traffic.

Now that Mr. Barnes has accepted the post of traffic commissioner in New York, he will receive a salary of $27,500. This is $5,000 more than the pay received by the former traffic commissioner. • • •

THE SAME THING happened at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Mrs. Adelyn Breeskin, outgoing director for 20 years was paid $2,500 less than her successor.

We withhold judgment on this new director of the museum, who will have to be several kinds of wizard to do as well as Mrs. Breeskin.

It might have been an innovation to have a museum as large as Baltimore under direction of a woman.

Those of us who knew what the museum was before she became director can well evaluate what Mrs. Breeskin has done in a perfectly charming way to raise standards of the museum, to increase its art treasures, to improve the appreciation of art among children and adults.

Moreover, from the day Mrs. Breeskin's name went up on the director's door at the museum, it has been a public facility for all the people.

Both Mrs. Breeskin and Mr. Barnes have been public servants of high competence and character.

We hate to see them go.

Needed - A Conference

Figures from the Department of Health indicate that the colored population of Baltimore has increased 9,000 in the past year, and now stands at 338,000.

Conversely, the white population dropped from 610,000 in 1960 to 599,000 — a loss of 11,000.

If the present trend continues, and there is no reason to believe it will, Baltimore, in the near future will reach a point where every citizen is colored.

This change, within the corporate limits of the city, brings with it certain problems in the fields of health, education, housing and employment — the same problems that beset the city by the Italian and other groups before they migrated to the urbanized areas of this nation.

These problems exist because enough stupid and blind prejudice, many of this city's colored citizens have been disadvantaged — shut off from the main stream of life.

Through no fault of their own, they have been denied the same social and cultural experiences available to members of the majority group.

As serious as the problems of a disadvantaged people are, they are not insoluble.

But, and it is an important but — they will not be solved by ignoring them.

It is in this area of seeking solutions, that our governmental and private agencies, and concerned individuals, all have important roles to play.

We suggest a series of conferences, each one devoted to a single specific subject involved in this change in population.

The individual conferences would be limited in scope so that all energies would be chanelled in one direction, and not dissipated down a dozen dark streets.

Taking part in the conferences would be representatives from the various agencies concerned with the particular problem at hand, and individuals who had something concrete to offer.

Through the resulting exchange of ideas, and the creation of new ones, fresh solutions would be proposed to solve these problems.

And at the end of the conferences — what would emerge would be a blueprint for tomorrow's Baltimore — a guide book to make this a better city in which to live.

It's Over Now

Christmas is over—New Year's is over—and it is back to the daily grind again.

For the next few days, the alleys and streets of our city will be dotted with bedragled Christmas trees, that having served their purpose, are thrown out into the cold—alone and friendless.

And just as sure as the holiday season is over, some crestfallen housewife is going to look again at her Christmas cards, and discover that there are at least six persons who sent her cards, and to whom she sent none.

The toys that gleamed so attractively on Christmas morning have been subjected to the usual handling by the youngsters, and if half of them are still in working order, a parent can rightfully count this as a miracle, if only a minor one.

Most of the gifts that had to be returned, such as the negligee that was too small, or the sweater that was too large, are safely back in the store.

And now it's all behind us—the tinsel, the excitement, the Christmas carols—the Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Man feeling.

To make the end of the Christmas holiday official, the Internal Revenue Service has already begun advising tax-payers to file their income tax returns early.

Now we know it's over.

Kearse and Shaw

Repeated arrests of Rev. J. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and Warren Shaw, real estate dealer, when they picketed downtown restaurants, should cause no eyebrow lifting.

First, let's get one thing straight. These gentlemen are substantial citizens dedicated to the public good.

Just about 100 more adults like them and this protest against the unjust trespass law now being used to prevent sit-downs, would be effective.

Secondly, we have lived in this community long enough to know that till forces of segregation do not yield until the "abuse is glaring and the more for reform acute."

The Freedom Riders have demonstrated in what glaring fashion restaurants abuse our constitutional rights. That they do it under cover of a segregationist's state law is unimportant.

When such restaurants are compelled to serve all citizens or close, the public interest is served.

After all, older people have a responsibility in the Freedom Riders movement.

The Rev. Mr. Kearse and Mr. Shaw dramatize that responsibility.

'There's No Room For YOU Here'

What Our Readers Say

Thanks, Mrs. Santa

Dear AFRO:

I wish to thank you and all the wonderful people that helped make our Christmas a happy one. May God bless you and all the wonderful people. May heaven smile upon you all the time.

MRS. A. S.

Dear AFRO:

I am writing you to thank you for sending me a basket and sending two of my children to the movies. I enjoyed the basket and my children and I had a nice Christmas, thanks to you.

MRS. F. J.

Dear AFRO:

I'm writing this letter to you, thanking you for the nice basket you sent me. My Christmas would have been so sad, but after I received the basket, Christmas for me and the children was very much happier.

MRS. L. C.

Dear AFRO:

I am indeed glad, because as a result of your Mrs. Santa, I received a most wonderful basket from the Rock Of Ages Chorus, 520 Aisquith St. I am thanking you, and I am very grateful to them.

I also want to thank you very much for the passes to the Regent, but the children could not take advantage of that, because they could not go by themselves, and I couldn't go with them because the baby was sick.

Your kindness shall never be forgotten. I am yours in Christ.

MRS. E. C.

Dear AFRO:

We are saying thank you for you were the instigator of us adopting a needy family this year.

It has long been our desire to help a family less fortunate than ours, and our desire finally materialized.

I needn't tell you the happiness we derived and the feelings within our hearts, as a result of sharing our Christmas with the G family.

We tried to provide them with what they were in need of.

This included a basket of food with an 18 - pound turkey, winter clothes and toys for all the children. It was a thrill to help.

WILFRED AND BETTYE SHELTON

Dear AFRO:

We received your help at Christmas time and everything was very good.

We had a nice Christmas with your help. Without it, we would not have had a nice Christmas.

MRS. L. E. CURRY

Dear AFRO:

You and your helpers helped make our Christmas a merry one. My mother, sisters and brothers, along with me, say thanks a lot. We had a wonderful dinner. Everyone enjoyed the show.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and may God stand by us all.

J. A. H.

Dear AFRO:

I want to thank you and your many helpers for our lovely basket. Because of the basket, my children and I had a lovely Christmas. Thanks again.

MRS. M. L.

Dear AFRO:

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to you and the persons involved in presenting me with such a wonderful basket and tickets to the Christmas show.

You made it possible for my children to have a very Merry Christmas.

In my humble way, here's hoping you and yours a Merry Christmas, and a most joyous New Year.

MRS. D. D.

Dear AFRO:

I truly thank you for the blessings. The Esquire Club was so lovely to the family and we appreciate the tickets for the kids.

I was so very happy for the kindness of every one and the AFRO paper.

Though being sick, it made me feel better to know that someone thinks of you at Christmas. So may God bless one and all and may heaven smile upon you and may you succeed in all of your undertakings.

MRS. V. STOCKLEY

Dear AFRO:

I want to thank you for your gift to us. My family and I are deeply grateful. I hope in the coming year, we may be able to help you help some needy family.

And may God bless each one who made it possible for us to have such a fine dinner. I hope God returns it to them twice as much, as I know He will. Thanks again.

THE A. FAMILY

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for the gift certificates for purchasing food. May God bless you and the others and may you prosper as you continue to help others.

MRS. A. D.

Dear AFRO:

I would like to thank the members of the Pi Kappa Phi for the basket of food, the dolls for the girls and the footballs for the boys that were given to us for Christmas.

I would like to bring your attention to the fine work this group is doing, bringing gifts to needy families such as mine.

It came as a surprise and we really enjoyed every bit of it and we do appreciate it.

MRS. L. W.

On Redistricting

Dear AFRO:

I am writing to let you know that at no time did I consult any one other than Dr. Carl Everstine, before I introduced the resolution on the matter of "Redistricting," which to you is a "Dirty Word".

I consulted Dr. Everstine for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the matter could be presented directly to the Council without a referendum.

Your veiled reference which suggested that I had consulted or consorted with leaders in the Fourth District is erroneous, unkind and a gross distortion of the truth.

At no time did I ever talk the matter over with any one, not even my own colleagues who sit next to me in the Council Chamber.

None of the political leaders in any of the districts was consulted prior to, or since the introduction of the resolution.

As a matter of fact, it has always irked me that the Third and Fifth Districts had more men in the Council than any other district, and the only way I could possibly bring the matter to the attention of the people was to use the method which I did use for that purpose.

It is still my opinion that the City should take another long look at the entire situation and do something about the inequality in representation in the City Council.

I feel certain that if the matter is brought before the people at the November election, that it will be overwhelmingly approved.

Tentative plans call for a study of the Third and Fifth Districts with the other districts remaining as now constituted.

WALTER T. DIXON
Councilman-4th Dist.

A Cabbie Answers

Dear AFRO:

I read your paper regularly and enjoy it very much. I look upon it as the Voice of Sepia Baltimore and the World.

Though in writing this letter, I must admit, this is my reply to an article that appeared in last Friday's issue.

It's title was "Some Of My Best Friends Are Cabbies," by James D. Williams.

I, being one of those despicable characters aptly described by Mr. Williams, wish to speak for the rest of the cab drivers who are innocent of being ogres.

In the first place, the cab takes no passenger who doesn't want a cab. He doesn't carry a gun to make people ride (though sometimes, I wished they did when business is very bad.)

You have to take what hails you. That in itself is a risk. You never know if he (or she) is going to rob you.

I could see his beef if the cab drivers would search or ask each passenger "are you out to rob me."

He stays, we are always angry at something or the other.

Sure, we as humans have the right. The cab drivers are angry with the Taxicab bureau we call them Gestapo.

If Mr. Williams knew the pressure that is brought to bear upon a cab driver, he be a single man or a man who has to make a living for people, he would know the facts.

The Police and Taxicab Bureau, firmly forbid us to stop in the middle of the street to pick up passengers.

But, with people thinking the way he does, they hail a cab anywhere and expect the driver to stop.

As far as tips are concerned a cab driver is like a waiter or barmaid or a bartender (among others) who depends on tips for the decent weekly pay.

I have had fares who paid their fare with a 10 or 20 dollar bill, and said, "I am sorry I can't give you anymore, but if you want a drink . ."

Don't they realize we have time to drink, if we wanted to, after working hours?

If we talk the passengers to death, we ourselves are victims, for we hear everything that any poor soul wants to get off his or her chest.

We hear of desertions, abortions, adultry, etc.

We are even hired to trail errant wives and husbands.

Mr. Williams writes a good article and he should be syndicated. But his opinions are, in this case, out of taste.

I hope everyone enjoys a nice and healthy New Year.

JOHN EARLY BABER

Enjoy booklets

Dear AFRO:

The Baltimore Fisk Club and I wish to thank you for the booklets you sent us. They added much to our successful conference.

BEATRICE B. RESSBY.

(Editor's note: The writer refers to copies of the AFRO pamphlet "Good News for You!" which tells the AFRO story and is available to the public free of charge.)

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because it mainstream believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and vacillation in policies, race prejudice or congressmen.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1922

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Sightseeing

So Who Minds Being Put Out?

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

So there I was, Tuesday afternoon, seated in a meeting of a local club, when I was asked, very politely, to remove myself from the premises.

Not that I objected to being asked to leave, because the club was preparing to conduct its annual election, and it had every right in the world to stage the election under its own set of ground-rules.

And that brings us very neatly to the subject of the day—the places put out of which I have been.

The first time I was told to pick up my marbles and go home, came in Philadelphia, when I was still in school, and working for a newspaper.

The occasion was a seance conducted by a silver plated grade a phony spiritualist, who had convinced a number of innocent dupes that he could communicate with the dead—and as an encore, he could correctly predict somebody elses future.

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WANTING TO get a big story that would make me famous, I went to the spiritualist's auditorium, determined to expose him as a fraud.

Hardly had I entered and taken a seat, when the ink-black curtain parted, and an apparition dressed in a red robe, stepped forward.

In his hand he held a candle, which he lifted toward the ceiling as he mumbled a few words of gibberish—which I was given to understand, by a nice old lady sitting next to me, was his way of invoking the spirits.

Before the spirits appeared, there was a bit of business to take care of, so he called an intermission.

"The spirits tell me," he moaned in a voice reminiscent of Bela Lugosi, "that they want you to cross my palms with gold."

I thought to myself, that since gold coins were illegal, it was going to take some doing for the spiritualist to get any — but this boy was thinking.

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"DO NOT defile the spirits by placing any coins-in the platter," he intoned in his tomb-like voice.

"Coins are dirty and the spirits don't want me to catch anything, so put nothing but paper money."

What a sucker, I thought to myself, as the flunkies went through the audience collecting fives and tens that the audience dropped in the plates.

When the plate reached me, all I dropped were my eyes — which in retrospect was not a very good idea.

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THE HELPER took the plate up to his lord and master and whispered something in his ear.

I got a pretty good idea of what he had told the spiritualist, when the manipulator of spirits raised his hand toward the ceiling, as if about to call down the wrath of the skies, and announced.

"The spirits tell me that we have an unfriendly soul with us tonight."

That made everyone start looking around to see who it was . . . and naturally, looked too.

"The spirits will not appear until the unfriendly source is removed," he spiritualist said.

"I don't blame the spirits," I told the nice little old lady next to me, "if I were them, I wouldn't show up either."

"Here's the imposter," shouted the nice little old lady, "let's lynch him."

As I was being escorted out the door, I told her:

"You aren't a nice little old lady . . . you're a witch."

Unfortunately, I never got the story . . . but then, you can't win them all.

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MY NEXT TIME for being put out took place in the south, where I was assigned to cover a lodge meeting which had been called to find out which brother had been sticking his fingers in the treasury.

One brother was on the door checking names, to make certain that no one got in who didn't belong.

I hang around until I heard somebody call his name, and then I made my move.

"Evening Brother John," I said, as I walked quickly by, with my browed hat covering one side of my face.

"Good evening brother," he said, with surprise. By the time he got himself together, I was inside.

If the meeting had started on time, I would have made it—but it didn't, and soon I was conscious that all the brothers were looking at me.

Finally, one came over.

"Do I know you brother?," he asked.

"Sure brother," I said, "but I've been bad-off sick."

And with that I started coughing, as if I couldn't stop, and he backed off.

When I did stop, another brother came up to me and asked for my membership card.

"You mean MY membership card?" I asked indignantly, knowing that the jig was up.

"Yes," he said, "your membership card."

"Well," said I, "if you don't recognize a fellow brother, I won't stand here and be insulted. I'm not used to being questioned like this."

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AND SO I turned to go, but before I left, I got off these parting remarks:

"Brothers, I've got one thing to say to all of you."

All eyes turned toward me.

"Resign."

And with that I left-never to return, and I bet that to this day, those brothers aren't quite sure whether they put out a real member or an imposter.

Maybe one of these days, I'll get to stay all through a meeting.

Hodge-Podge

The Twist Is For Only Adults Now

By ROBERT W. MATTHEWS

If you want to be classed as "old hat," "square," "obtuse," or "oblong"—just get around a group of teenagers and mention the so-called new dance craze, The Twist.

As far as the youngsters are concerned the Twist is strictly for old folks. They have moved on to greater dance heights, such as the "Popeye" and "Majestic."

The extent to which adults have taken to the Twist (called the Shimmy in Baltimore) is unbelievable.

Mind you, this is the same dance that parents watched with horror two years ago. It was barred from the campuses of Morgan and Coppin.

MOST INTERESTING comment on the dance was overheard New Year's Eve at one of the big cabaret parties. The band was swinging away and the couples were Twisting — Shimmying for all they were worth.

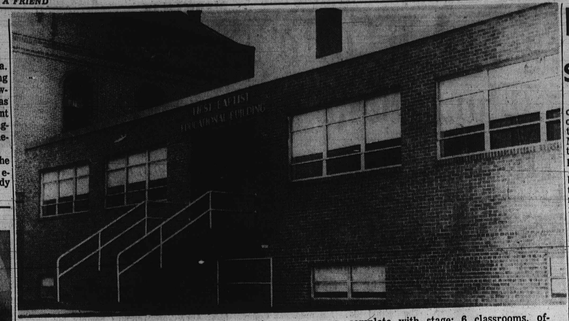
One fellow, standing on the sidelines watching the proceedings turned to his companion and muttered:

"Well, I guess it's all right, but in my day, we used to dance with girls."

JFK invites Saud to visit Washington

PALM BEACH, Fla. Saudi Arabia, recuperating in a Boston Hospital following recent eye surgery, has been invited by President Kennedy to visit Washington before he heads homeward.

The President sent the . . . a letter expressing wishes for a speedy recovery.



A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER costing more than $95,000 was dedicated by the congregation of First Baptist Church on Dec. 10. Located adjoining the church in the 500 block N. Caroline St., the building has an assembly room for 250 persons, complete with stage; 6 classrooms, offices and a board room. It is designed for adults and young people. The 126-year-old church has 600 progressive members. The pastor is the Rev. V. T. Williams.

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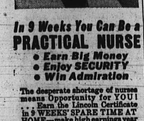

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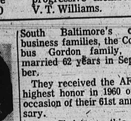

By B. M. Phillips

By Elizabeth M. Oliver for Mrs. B. M. Phillips who is on vacation.

Thoughts for a New Year

To make the world a bit happier and closer knit within the bounds of brotherhood, why not continue the Christmas spirit the year around?

As Christmas, 1961 becomes the memory of all the nice things we did for the unfortunate, the poor, the needy and the warmth our hearts received in doing these things, cools, will our spirit of sharing also become a memory?

If so, the lines this poet writes may well be a guide for our New Year's Resolutions:

Shall I be my brother's keeper
The whole year through?
Yes, my brother,
And, I will walk with you
Your whole life through.

Renewing longtime friendships is a delightful occasion. On Wednesday, we talked with Mrs. Clarence Gordon, 1013 Leadenhall St., as we do at least once a year.

She and her husband, who is a descendant of one of South Baltimore's oldest business families, the Columbus Gordon family, were married 62 years in September.

They received the AFRO's highest honor in 1960 on the occasion of their 61st anniversary.

For Christmas this year, the Gordon family gathered for dinner at the home of their parents.

Bubbling with humor and a personality that revels in laughter, Mrs. Gordon revealed that her Christmas gift from her husband was "lettuce haves" (greenbacks to you).

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A chat with Isaac Bannister, chairman of the Leadenhall Baptist Church trustee board for 16 years, disclosed that he searched for but never found any family relationship between his and the family of longtime AFRO employee, Isaac Bannister.

A born newspaper salesman, the AFRO's Mr. Bannister was employed here more than 50 years. He could sell last-week's AFROs merely by calling the reader's attention to an interesting story in an interesting way.

Recalling longtime friends again after many years were members of the 1900 block Druid Hill Avenue Neighborhood Club who for the fifth year gave a cash gift to the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

The group also made other contributions to shut-ins and the sick.

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Mrs. Juanita Mitchell and her mother, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, the stalwarts of the NAACP, who usually have very little time to eat, sleep or spend time with their families, took time off on New Year's Day to call on old friends.

When Mrs. Mitchell reached our door in Windsor Court Apartments, she was accompanied by her son Kelver who is a medical student at Lincoln University and plans to be a brain surgeon.

Always interested in her fellow man, Mrs. Mitchell was on the way to look after an unfortunate family.

Recently she has spent as much as 36 straight hours on court cases for Freedom Riders and last week journeyed to the end of the state in Crisfield, when students were called to court there.

Board delays statement on school integration progress

The State Board of Education has scheduled a second session this month to take up the progress of Maryland. No statement on the discussions will be made public until later.

Jerome Frampton Jr., board president, said after that a statement would be made before the end of the month.

He termed the four-hour session Wednesday at the Sheraton-Belvadere very satisfactory meeting.

Mr. Frampton said the steps already taken by Maryland school districts to carry out the 1954 desegregation decision "and ways and means of improving what we have already done."

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THE DISCUSION centered on what the state board should do in the various areas, he said.

"I feel as president of the board we have a moral and legal obligation to exert what influence we can in matters of the school," Mr. Frampton declared.

. . We want to prepare an accurate helpful statement that is strong but not too strong," he added.

Mr. Frampton said there was no disagreement on the principle of upholding the court decision. It is known however that at least three board members want a strong statement.

We are "definitely making progress (in the desegregation of schools) I feel we are moving ahead in every area of the state," he said.

"The climate in this state at this time is a very healthy one" Mr. Frampton feels.

African news editor list 'capital' as major need

PETERSBURG, Va. — "The Potentials for commercial activities in many African countries is great, but lack of capital is a grave problem," an African editor said in a talk at Virginia State College recently.

Julius B. Cole, editor of Shekpende, leading newspaper in Sierra Leone, West Africa, spoke to a selected group of nearly 100 students and faculty members in a program sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America.

The visiting journalist disclosed his feelings towards the economic situations and conditions which are "the determining factors in political news (in Africa)."

Africans desire to stand on their own feet, Mr. Cole asserted, but the necessary economy is not yet strong enough.

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WHEN ASKED if Sierra Leone leans toward socialism or capitalism, the Journalist indicated a desire for a capitalism, but a tired towards socialism because foreigners own all private enterprises, forcing small Afri can nations to seek government aid for the establishment of sound enterprises and capitalism.

Looking back in 1961

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Top story of the year 1961 was the dramatic and continuing struggle for equal rights as waged by young people.

The sitdown demonstrations and picket lines led by the college students all over this nation have had an impact on this country and resounded around the world.

Top honors of the year, 1961, in my book, go to the college students, the well-bred youngsters (and there have been many of them) who have disciplined themselves not to strike back when abused, to remain silent when chastised, to go to jail and remain if necessary, in order to make it known that colored people want to enjoy freedom here and now.

Their well - organized non-violent protests have won support of the NAACP, CORE and hundreds of civic-minded groups.

Because of the students of 1961, there is renewed faith and hope that public places MUST and WILL change outmoded policies, and open their doors to all elements of the public.

Here is how I rank the other top stories of the year:

1. Inauguration of President John F. Kennedy who has demonstrated that the man in the White House is vitally concerned about the welfare of little people, both here and abroad.

3. America's success in sending the first man into space — Navy Commander Alan B. Shepard Jr., in May, 1961.

4. Continuing fight for freedom by African nations, with the murder of Lumumba and other similar situations attracting world-wide attention. Certainly in this category, I would include the Nobel Peace Prize award to former South African Zulu Chief John Albert Luthuli as a significant achievement.

5. Appointment of Thurgood Marshall, NAACP legal council as U.S. Appeals Court judge.

6. Selection of Singer Leon Tyne Price to open the Metropolitan Opera Season, a first. She sang the leading role in 'Girl of the Golden West.'

7. Interstate Commerce Commission's order making it unlawful for railroad, bus and airplane terminals to force segregation on basis of race.

8. Selection of James M. Nabrit as president of Howard University.

9. Achievements of Ralph Boston, Tenn. State athlete, who jumped 27 feet.

10. Peaceful integration of Atlanta, Ga. public schools, a model for the South.

Health for 1962

This wish goes to Harold Holmes, director of the Red Shield Boys Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce member, who has been plagued by a dislocated shoulder for more than six months.

At present, he is confined to his home, 1808 Eutaw Pl., with the same painful condition.

Also, to Frank Phillips, AFRO art director, who has been ill since June.

And, to W. Meredith Birche Jr., 306 N. Hilton St., resource music teacher in the Baltimore Seondary Schools, who is recuperating at home after an operation for a neck infection. He has spent six weeks at home, hopes to return to duty in a week or two.

Mrs. Eula M. Birche entertained at dinner Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Joint G. Nutt of Chicago. Mr. Nutt is her brother who she had not seen in over 40 years. The Nutts are the parents of the Rev. Marion Bascom, pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Present for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Showes (Estellena) from Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Showes is on sabbatical leave for the year from her duties as physical education and modern dance instructor at Douglass High School.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Vernice) Matthews, a niece of the honoree, and vice principal of School 119, also entertained at her Hanlon Ave. home where the Nutts met other nieces and nephews.

Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Connors, Severn, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wade and Edward Smith, uncle.

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Also, good health wishes go to Mrs. Elsie T. Dodson, librarian, who is at her home at Union Memorial Hospital.

Welcome

The welcome mat is out to the many visitors from out-of-town who spent the holidays in Baltimore. Among them is Mrs. Etolka Carter Dumas, Chicago real estate broker, who is visiting her sister and brother - in - law, Ruth and Clifton Gross, 1809 Walbrook Ave.

Also, welcome to Clyde K. Adams Jr., the first child of the Clyde K. Adamses Sr., who arrived on Dec. 30 at Lutheran Hospital and is the fifth grandchild of the Harry (Loretta) Valentines.

Mrs. Adams (Zerita) is secretary for the Brown, Allen and Watts law firm. Mr. Adams is president of the Adams Coal Co.

Speedy recovery wishes also go to Louis C. Busterman, resident of New York, who is confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital following a heart attack on Dec. 28.

Mr. Busterman and his wife are in Baltimore as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Phifer and attended their wedding anniversary party on Christmas Day.

Dr. Phifer spied his guest at the hospital and his expert attention is credited for Mr. Busterman's rapid recovery.

Also hosting the Bustermans and his sisters, Mrs. Florence Williams and Miss Esther Busterman, during their stay here is Mrs. C. L. Lawrence, widow of the physician, Dr. C. L. Lawrence.

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Get well soon is the message to Herman Cheeks, a N. Bentalou St. resident, who is confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital following a Sunday heart attack. He is the Eastside bartender.

Get well soon to also the message to Theodore Shepard of Myersdale, Pa., who is confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Shepard is the brother of Miss Kate Shepard, retired school teacher.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hill (Juanita) are in from Philadelphia where they attended the 47th anniversary sessions of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Also present for the sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood and daughter, Lenore, who was at home for the holidays from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Strange World Department

The Rev. Marcus Garvey Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, received a Christmas greeting from a friend in Haiti.

The envelope bore the pastor's name, his street address but no designation of the city to which it was to go, nor any indication that the Rev. Mr. Wood resides in the United States.

At present, the minister is looking for someone in the local post office who can tell him how in the world he finally got the letter.

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Two baby girls born on New Years Day at separate hospitals arrived in the world at exactly the same moment, at 6:06 p.m. Jan. 1.

They are, baby girl Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Johnson, 1661 Vincent Ct., born at City Hospitals and baby girl McKnight, daughter of Mrs. Johnnie McKnight, 3057 W. North Ave., born at Lutheran Hospital.

The second oldest Baptist church in the city, Leadenhall Baptist Church, 122 years old, has the oldest member from the standpoint of membership.

She is Mrs. Lucy Wolfe, a Druid Hill Ave. resident, who is 97 years old and joined Leadenhall when she was 9 years old, 86 years ago, attends regularly even today.

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Unusual event, as far as young children are concerned, was the "tea party" the 6 to 8 group of Tots and Teens, Inc., on Christmas.

The girls served tea from the sets Santa brought them and the boys played with and shared the trucks, rifles and other toys they received from St. Nick — and with no fuss.

The party was held at the Belleville Ave. home of Lucille Gibson who was co-hostess along with Myrtle Koger.

Other club members about were Ida Quarles, Doris Smith, Gwendolyn Mickie, Elyse Fantt, Esther Watts.

Club youngsters present were Carol Koger, Timmy Gibson, Jill Johnson, Craig Johnson, Marquetta Quarles, Ronald Smith, Thomasina Mickie, Wayne Watts, Maurice Smith, Michele Fantt and guests Roni Williams, Pat Koger, Jacqueline Watts, Genelle Watts, Charles Cephas, Linda Hawkins, Marabel Quarles, Edgar Smith, III, Denise Ruffin, Donna Smith, Adrian Walden and Mrs. Lillian Walden.

Report night on Wednesday for the Citizens Committee for Baltimore, with Mrs. Maurice L. Adams chairman, showed that the $100 tickets for the Verda Welcome Appreciation Dinner are going strong.

The less expensive reservations are trailing behind, but, the committee reports, "things are looking good." ($100 subscribers are termed "angels").

The banquet is Jan. 28 at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore and Calvert Sts.

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