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

# Worst sin is indifference, civil rights leader says

PHILADELPHIA—"When I was in Harrisburg," Thomas D. McBride, outgoing Fellowship Commission president, declared, "a friend of mine had a card on his desk which read: 'There is a special place in hell reserved for those who, in time of moral crisis, maintain a neutral position.' The worse sin is indifference. The great need now is for each man to identify himself with the needs of every man."

McBride, who was cited by the Fellowship Commission for his six years of distinguished service as its president, was honored at the opening Commission Membership Enrollment luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford last week.

Mayor James H. J. Tate and other top city and state officials joined the Commission in praising McBride for his courageous championing of civil rights.

"It takes real courage to continually represent unpopular causes," said Mayor Tate, who expressed the community's regard for McBride.

"It takes real devotion and love for one's fellow man to fight against the overwhelming odds of unfavorable public opinion."

"It takes an inbred integrity to live one's life always remembering that one is dealing with human beings who have hopes and aspirations and feelings rather than having as one's prime consideration self-aggrandizement.

"Such a combination of courage, devotion, love and integrity is found in Tom McBride."

McBride, describing his six years with the Fellowship Commission, called it "a unique organization."

"It has no dogmas of any kind," he declared. "It attempts no control over areas of government, or even allegiance to any one political ideology.

"Its effort, indeed its only effort, is to help build a community which lives by the 'Golden Rule — love thy neighbor as thyself.'

It seeks nothing for itself, not even the credit of having done its work well.

"Its cry has been always that it wants to be used," McBride said.

"I believe that the multiple crises of last summer, which so suddenly came upon all of us, have created such tensions that our Commission is looked upon now as one of the few moderate groups left to whom all sides may look for some kind of understanding and appreciation of their difficulties and their needs," he added.

"The answers to the present tensions," McBride said, "will necessarily involve a high degree of cooperation.

"Nobody has the right to continue to tell minorities to cease their demonstrations while discrimination continues to exist.

"It was President Kennedy who pointed out that only when we are trying our level best to end unequal treatment can we with any justice call upon the victims of discrimination to exhibit patience."

McBride stated his belief that the ultimate recognition and enforcement of human rights by all state and local governments, as well as by individuals, is inevitable.

Jefferson B. Fordham, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the new Fellowship Commission president, presided at the luncheon honoring McBride.

Dean Fordham will be installed at the Commission's annual board meeting, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at the Hotel Philadelphia, Broad and Wood Sts.

The Commission's 1963 Philadelphia Award will be presented at that time.

"In broad terms, the role of the Fellowship Commission as I conceive it, is the promotion of human brotherhood in this great urban region," Dean Fordham said.

"Happily, we have a well-established and deeply committed private group in the Commission, a group whose potential for advancing the cause of human brotherhood is very great.

"In my judgment, we must achieve genuine equality of opportunity without any regard whatever to ethnic or other group characteristics if we are to have a morally and physically healthy social organism," Fordham stated. "It is not likely that we shall eliminate prejudice, but we simply must make no compromise with discrimination."

Paying tribute to McBride, Dean Fordham declared, "His is the quality of mind and character that deepens one's faith in the very destiny of man."

FUNERAL PROCESSION — Mourners carrying casket containing body of first Panamanian student killed in Thursday night roiting with U.S. troops in Canal Zone turn into cemetery in Panama City during funeral procession. Thousands followed the casket from church to grave.

# —The situation

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to stand pat, has already indicated that "basis American rights in the Canal Zone" would not be yielded.

While little or no progress is being made toward a negotiated solution to the crisis, hostility toward Americans and feelings that the Canal Zone belongs to Panama are being voiced by the man in the street.

"Yankee Assassins Go Home," was the slogan that decorated American dollars circulated among the populace.

HANGING OVER the area, too, is an ommimous

feeling — as far as Americans are concerned — that it is just a matter of time when the U.S. will be forced to relinquish its control of the canal to Panama.

**Officials are unable to confirm or deny that substantial support exists for a rumored coup by Panama National Guardsmen who are planning to overthrow President Chiari and halt the tide of hostility running against America.**

Lengthy discussions between Mr. Martin and Foreign Minister Galieo Solis failed to bring about a solution.

In the face of pending crisis the two countries are bickering over what appears to be a matter of terminology.

The Panamanian Government said the agreement reached by Martin and Solis "negotiations" for formal "discussions" of all issues.

Our State Department will concede only that the agreement provides for "discussions" of all issues.

**AMIDST THESE** linguistic gymnastics, President Chiari has declared there will be no resumption of diplomatic relations until the U.S. agreed to enter negotiations to revise the canal treaty.

**The president issued his declaration after a student anti - U.S. rally where five demands, all pointing to ultimate naturalization of the canal, were submitted.**

Although the current crisis was triggered by reportedly differences of opinion over the display of the American and Panamanian flags, some observers feel hat the eruption was inevitable due to dissatisfaction of natives to the white supremacists policies of Americans assigned to the area in official capacities and their dependents estimated to be around 10,000.

Black Panamanians, who make up 80 per cent of the country's populations, are far less than happy with racial policies instituted by Americans which essentially draw a rigid color line.

"Gold" and "silver" in Panama are synomous with "black" and "white" under the American concept or separate but equal.

Inferior housing, low wages, inadequate education and other badges of inferiority which have plagued American of color are well known to black Panamanians who have determined to wrought change — at the risk of bloodshed.

# Group maps plans for History Week

CHICAGO — A group named the Chicago Negro History Week Council was organized last week to map out plans to promote Negro History Week February 9 - 15.

Highlights of the plans include a memorial in honor of the late Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the securing of proclamations from Gov. Otto Kerner and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, and a big dance celebration.

Present for the formation were Matthew Bond, Alice Bond and Joe C. Brown, Negro History Round Table; Margaret and Charles Burroughs, the Ebony Museum, Negro History and Art; Don Sykes and Thomas Higginbotham, the National Afro-American Organization; Owen Lawson, the Amistad Society; Miss Barbara Lawrence, and Ishmael Flory, the African-American Heritage Association.

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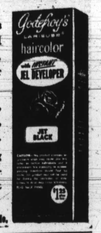


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# —The people

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Zone businesses over to their Chamber of Commerce.

The reason is that thousands of those working over there now for 80 cents an hour minimum, would end up getting a 40 cents an hour minimum, if Panama businessmen took over.

And if the masses here, with their strong, AFL-CIO supported unions, get their dander up, the poverty stricken all over Latin America will hear about it, and Castro supporters are sure to say the U. S. has sold them out to the ruling class.

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SO WHILE ONE straw hatted Panamanian could hunch his shoulders and hopefully say "President Johnson has more sense than to do something like that," another was showing his fear when he chimed in to ask:

"And why, Senor, was Mr. Ford one of the first people President Johnson's special assistant, Thomas Manning, talked to when he came here?"

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ALTHOUGH the Panamanians lucky enough to get jobs in the Canal Zone make twice as much as most of their countrymen doing the same type of job, they too have a gripe about the "Zonians."

**This one goes all the way back to when Panamanians were paid in silver and had silver windows at which to spend it, and silver water fountains to drink from, and so on in short exported, U.S. jim crow.**

Americans were on a gold standard.

Panamanians still complain they have most of the little jobs with little pay, white Americans have most of the good jobs with the big pay checks, plus 25 per cent for working here.

For the most part Panamanians live in their country or in areas of the Zone set aside for workers, and where they also have their own schools.

Only a handful of colored American civilians work in the Canal Zone.

Most of the Panamanians feel that the American students at Balboa High School who triggered the violence here, by running up an American flag against government orders, were doing what their parents wanted them to do.

In the Canal Zone the modern homes for Panamanian workers are built on the style of those in American suburbs while the homes for U.S. citizens are of the middle and wealthy mode of Spanish dwelling.

Americans live in sections such as Balboa and Panamanians in such areas as Parisa.

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PANAMA IS a poor country and the $82,000,000 the U.S. says comes into it (Panama) because of the Canal operation and associated expenditures, is more than the country's $77,000,000 budget.

**But while the U.S. haggles over whether it wants to "discuss" the 1903 treaty giving America perpetual rights to a ten-mile-wide strip, or negotiate it, as Panama demands, our limping Alliance for Progress and Good Neighbor Policy drips down the rathole.**

President Chiari's press secretary Fabian Belarde told the AFRO Thursday evening that the break in diplomatic relations would affect the Alliance for Progress and foreign aid programs here.

"But the president will not restore diplomatic relations until the U.S. agrees to negotiate the treaty," he vowed.

It's a two-way pressure game with the U.S. having all the better of it economically and militarily, but with Panama getting the sentiment of all Latin America, and much of the world, which means we lose even if we win.

Meanwhile, scores of Panamanians are pledged to kill any "Zonian" caught in Panama City.

One ventured it would be a generation before Panamanians forget the recent deaths here.

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# CAMERA RECORDS SCENES OF WINTER

LOOKIT, NO HAND!—This could me the thought of little Kevin Wilkins, 19-month-old cousin of Miss Neva Wilkins of 3901 Barrington Rd., who took him for his first walk in the snow this week.

## Poets On Snow

ALAS FOR lovers! Pair by pair.
The wind has blown them all away.
The young and yare( the fond fall;
Where are the snows of Yesterday?
JUSTIN H. MCCARTHY

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These be
Three silent things:
The falling snow . . the hour
Before the dawn. . the mouth of one
Just dead.
—ADELAIDE CRAPSEY

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As I in hoary winter high stood shivering in the snow,
Surprised was I with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near
A pretty Babe all burning bright did in the air appear.
—ROBERT SOUTHWELL

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January

I watch each day proceed springward,
Frosty, sleety, hail filled days,
That tussle with winter's bitter yoke,
Looking for February, yearning for March.
But looking out towards a nearby hill,
Where tots and teens, make merry in the snow,
I see them downwards go, on crimson sleds,
And make a pledge, to kindly speak of January
PAUL D. McALLISTER

THE HARD PART OF SLEDDING — Kevin Christian and Devereaux Savoy found Leakin Park an ideal place to enjoy the seven-inch snowfall which blanketed the city Monday. Here they are performing the working part of the sport.
(Photo by I. Henry Phillips)

# NEW LAW FIRM IN CITY

On the 13th floor of the American Building at Baltimore and South Sts. a new law firm has opened its offices.

**What makes it distinctive is that it is the city's second large colored law firm to be housed in a downtown location.**

The name on the door reads "Howard and Hargrove", and inside are offices for seven attorneys, each with a specialized skill in the complicated maze that is the law profession.

Heading the firm are Charles P. Howard Jr. and John Hargrove — the former with almost eight years of a successful practice behind him and the latter, a former judge of the People's Court and deputy U. S. attorney for Maryland.

**Other members of the firm include Mr. Howard's brother, Joseph, and James Bundy, Benjamin Brown, Solomon Reddick and David Mason.**

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BETWEEN THEM, the lawyers have handled a wide variety of cases in different areas of the law, so that the firm has a reservoir of experience on which it can draw. . and in the law, experience is extremely important.

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THE GENESIS of the firm dates back several months and its creator was Charles Howard, who then had his office at 12 E. Pleasant St.

It was no sudden blinding inspiration, but rather a carefully thought out idea that took into account the demands of the moment and the prospects for the future.

"We are in an age of specialization where there is a need for people skilled along specific lines, and this holds true for the law as well," Mr. Howard reasoned.

**He believed that if a law firm could be established with members who had differing backgrounds, that such a firm would be able to provide its clients with legal knowledge not available in a smaller office.**

"The idea had already been tried and proven successful by white lawyers, and Mr. Howard saw no reason why it should not work for talented colored attorneys as well.

When Mr. Hargrove left the People's Court bench early last year, the plans for the new firm began to move toward fruition.

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A NUMBER of committees were established to take care of the necessary details involved in getting the embryonic firm off the ground.

**Mr. Hargrove and Joseph Howard were named to the location committee, Mr. Brown and Mr. Reddick to the books and equipment committee, and so on down the list of members.**

Leaving nothing to chance, each step in getting the firm under way was carefully chartered much in the nature of charting a sea voyage.

The question of location was a major one, as the members of the firm wanted an office in the downtown area, not far from the city and federal courts, and other offices where a great deal of legal business is transacted.

After looking at almost every office building in the city, the American Building was selected and then began the task of remodeling the 2,000 square feet of office space into suitable working quarters.

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WHEN THE firm opened late last year, it joined Brown, Allen, Murphy and Russell in the Charles Center, as a downtown law firm.

**In order to expedite the handling of clients, and also to insure their comfort, Howard and Hargrove have set up a central waiting room, with the various offices leading off of this.**

This waiting room is in turn divided by a waist-high partition and on the other side are desks, chair and filing cabinets for the secretaries.

A feature of the office is its conference room, which also contains a well stocked library — and as any lawyer knows, a library is essential to the practicing of the profession.

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EACH OF the offices has its own individual color scheme, permitting each of the attorneys to display something of his own taste.

The quiet and subdued atmosphere of the office gives it a sense of dignity that helps instill confidence in the clients.

Reviewing the advantages of a firm such as this, Mr. Howard listed six.

**1. It makes for efficiency since it provides collective abilities to serve the clients.**

**2. It allows its members to specialize in various areas of the law.**

**3. A first class library can be collected.**

**4. There is a saving for firm members in such things as office rent and secretarial help.**

**5. Each member is able to call on the talents of all other members.**

**6. The establishment of a firm carries with it a certain prestige that enhances the reputations of its members.**

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TO FURTHER increase its effectiveness, meetings are held every week at which the members have an opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques.

All of the members are confident that the firm will be successful, and if their confidence is any indication, it will be just that.

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THE CREDENTIALS of the individual members are impressive in themselves.

**Charles Howard a native of Hampton, Va., finished high school in Des Moines, Iowa, and holds an undergraduate degree and a law degree from Howard University.**

He graduated from New York University in 1955 with a degree in international law.

A veteran, Mr. Howard began practice in Baltimore in July, 1956.

He is a member of the Monumental City Bar Association, Bar Association of Baltimore City, American Bar Association, Inter-American Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Society of International Law and the Maryland State Bar Association.

He is former president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Lambda Chapter in Baltimore. He is president of the Baltimore chapter of the Frontiers and a member of the board of managers of the Druid Hill branch of the YMCA.

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JOHN HARGROVE is a native of Atlantic City and received his education in Baltimore's St. Catherine's Academy and Douglass High School.

**He attended Morgan State College and received his degree in government and public administration in 1947 from Howard University. He received his law degree from the University of Maryland in 1950.**

Admitted to the bar in 1950, he remained in private practice until 1955 when he was appointed assistant U.S. attorney. In April 1957 he was designated deputy U. S. attorney.

He was appointed to People's Court in 1962 to replace retiring Judge E. Everett Lane and served until 1963.

Mr. Hargrove is a former member of the Jail Board and a member of the Maryland World's Fair Committee and the Knights of Columbus, Mary Our Queen Council.

He is also a member of the various bar associations and the board of managers at the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA.

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A FORMER assistant state's attorney for Baltimore, Benjamin Brown is a native of Baltimore and a graduate of Douglass High School.

He received his degree in political science from Lincoln University (Pa.) in 1951, and after service in the Army, graduated from the University of Maryland Law School in 1959.

**He is a member of the Fratmen, the NAACP legal staff, the Kappas, and is present co-chairman of the Legal Counseling Service sponsored by Trinity Baptist Church and the Ministerial Alliance.**

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Solomon Reddick has been a teacher, a clerk - typist and a real estate broker. He was educated in the Baltimore city schools and received his AB degree from Morgan.

He holds a master's degree in education from Loyola College and a law degree from the University of Maryland.

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JOSEPH C. HOWARD is a native of Des Moines, Iowa, where he attended public school. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a BS degree and then attended the University of Washington Law School for two years.

He graduated from the Drake University Law School in 1955 and received his master's degree in legal philosophy from Drake.

**An active worker in the Boy Scout movement, Mr. Howard is vice-chairman of the Arrowhead District and member at large of the Organization and Extension Committee.**

He is a member of the Northwest Community Council, a Mason, a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni Chapter and past president of the Baltimore Tennis Club.

James Bundy is a former assistant city solicitor and a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School.

He has been practicing since 1949 and has been active in the community.

He is a member of the United Christian Citizens, Inc., the Advisory Committee of the Family and Children's Society, the Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP, the appa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a steward in the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church.

SNOWMAN, JOLLY SNOWMAN — Debbie and Ricky Spearman, 2950 Edmondson Ave., admire their handiwork fashioned from drifting snow. Ricky, who was in a hurry to get back to their pet project, apparently grabbed his sister's coat. Ah the jobs of youth.

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OUTER OFFICE — At the desk is Mrs. Martha Lee, receptionist. Mrs. Constance Langford is the office manager. In addition to its other comforts, the office also has piped in music.

LEGAL LITES — Members of the Howard and Hargrove law firm, which recently moved into its new suite in the American Building at Baltimore and South Sts., check a new legal volume. From left: John R. Hargrove, James L. Bundy, Benjamin L. Brown, David T. Mason, Charles P. Howard Jr., and Joseph C. Howard.