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Prayer Of The Week

Dear Lord, save us from hopelessness. Let no adversity become too great for us. No matter what experiences meet us in life, may hope never leave us.—Amen.

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We have a good idea where Mr. Hergenroeder would stand if Mayor McKeldin's fair housing bill gets back before the Council, or any other such legislation.

Thus the AFRO cannot see that it would be in the best interests of this city and its citizens to have Mr. Hergenroeder back in the City Council.

If the Democrats agree with the Republicans that Mr. Hergenroeder's civil rights record does not merit consideration for this post, then the only damage done is that of a wee bit of embarrassment to the Demos for having had to be reminded.

We hope that in this matter there is agreement.

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We agree fully with them on that.

The community now can ease its apprehensions about the council's attitude toward the poverty program—for the time at least — and look to the future with renewed faith that we are about embark on a noble experiment that has every chance of succeeding.

It also is hoped that the councilmen, having shown the electorate some of the responsibility it expected of them when putting them in office, will now want to continue in that vein.

Baltimore is in too critical a period to afford a City Council that places the personal ambitions of its members and their outside bosses above the welfare of the city's citizens.

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Mr. Long may be from the backward state of Louisiana, but he has been exposed to civilization l o n g enough to know that men of intelligence and good will shun the use of racial epithets.

Such terms are offensive and uncouth. To hear them mouthed by the senate whip is disgusting. He has clearly indicated that while his body may be in Washington, his magnolia covered heart is still in Dixie.

The senator owes an apology to the millions of Americans he maligned in his speech, but we doubt that he will make such a gesture.

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Unlike similar measures tt defeated in 3d in the General this ene skine skirts clear r of l legitimlegitimate children and welfare clients—but we think that is its reason for being.

Those individuals and organizations protesting against the passage of such a bill are fully aware of its intent.

The General Assembly has studied the merits of such bills in the past and found them to be wanting. This new one deserves a like fate.

A Dangerous Combination

Our Readers Say:

Plea For Malcolm's Widow

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw Street.

Dear AFRO:

The leader of the New York Black Muslims recently suggested that Malcolm X may have planted bombs in his own house to get publicity for himself.

Perhaps the Muslim chief is now saying Malcolm X arranged his own assassination.

Other questions arise as we recall Muslim enemies of Malcolm X. They used to claim all people are brothers under the skin. We wonder if they forgot their claim and "rubbed out" Malcolm X!

Whether they did the deed or not, we say let them prove their brotherhood under-the-skin theory now by financial aid to Malcolm X's widow and children who are all in, down and out.

Here indeed is an excellent chance for the Muslims' Cassius Clay, the World Heavyweight Champion boxer, to put some big money where his big mouth is. Malcolm X was one of his best advisors and had much to do with the champ's joining the Muslims.

And, after what the American public did financially for the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald and the widow of the Dallas policeman killed the day President Kennedy was assassinated, we hope the same American public will remember that the widow of Malcolm X is a bereaved American woman too.

D. CHICKEN HOMES-X

Shocked By Building

Dear AFRO:

I took a walk the other day. I walked out Edmondson Ave. to Fulton Ave., thought I would take a look at my Alma Mater, ex-Morgan College (Class of '17).

"I was shocked. I knew that a beauty company had taken it over, but that they had moved.

Every window was broken. The basement windows were out up to the frame work, disclosing mounds of rubbish and filthy trash.

The side walk was littered with broken glass. Even the glass door was broken, leaving a hole big enough for an adult to get through.

How could a nice neighborhood like that permit such a disgrace to remain in its midst?

Who is responsible for such a condition?

I suppose irresponsible youngsters did the damage. But why were the exits not boarded up since no one was occupying the building?

L. M. LOGAN

Voting Power

Dear AFRO:

On Feb. 7, I read, "Inauguration Bares Sign of Change: all segments of country represented in multi-racial festivities in Washington."

The AFRO did a great service in publishing the article written by Dr. Augustus A. Adair and those who read it received a treat.

Politics is the business, art and science of running the government.

The segments represented at LBJ's inauguration were his move to satisfy as many as possible.

It was his business, art and science in running the government and setting the stage for many votes four years from now.

The colored persons were represented more and handled better. I attribute this to the fact that the new voting power of colored people required it.

REV. G. S. McGUIRE

A Hate Victim

Dear AFRO:

Malcolm X was a victim of the hate that flourishes in this country. Malcolm X's own mother was a product of a white rapist.

Ku Klux Klan night raiders burned his home to the ground.

Malcolm X's father was beaten to death and left to die on a street car track, a victim of the white man's hate.

This hate has made many persons realize the need for armed self-defense. The message Malcolm X preached is that all men of good will must take up arms in defense of freedom ,that we must defend our homes and our families.

Had Malcolm X been better prepared to defend himself, he would still be alive today.

Let Malcolm X's death be a lesson to us all that the terrolism against colored Americans must be stopped now.

K. C. KERN

The Henderson Letter

Dear AFRO:

The recent letter to the AFRO by E. B. Henderson of Falls Church, Va. has caused me much concern. I have long thought highly of the prolific letter writing of E. B. and of his persistent efforts in the area of civil rights, but I am somewhat concerned at his letter.

Henderson speaks of our attitude harbored by "many of our colored citizens"—that of a "hate or non-cooperative" manner toward "most white people." Now really E. B., what ever are you talking about?

Why not say there seems to be this attitude among some of us. You sound off, like "an outsider" looking in! Dear me! Is this the way to win friends and influence people?

Moreover, you call for "more white people in the NAACP and more colored persons to join with human relations councils."

Why this stress on black and white? Why not call for more "people" who are endowed with an abiding interest in improving life in our democracy for all?

It seems to me that all too often we colored citizens of America have a tendency to "overstate the case." Perhaps a little more introspection would reveal more than we dare dream! I wonder.

EDITH MENARD

Baker's Dozen

Commissioners Should Help Chester Gray

By BAKER E. MORTEN

There are more than 10,000 hotel workers in this city with at least one good reason for looking disdainfully upon Corporation Counsel Chester H. Gray.

He's the man who, last November 9, denied them something they had enjoyed since 1941 — working conditions governed by safety standards of the District's Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board.

In an opinion noted by the District Commissioners, the city's chief legal officer ruled that:

A hotel is not a place where industrial employment is carried on, and thus the safety standards and regulations of the Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board are not applicable.

This ruling has the effect of exempting hotel workers in Washington from coverage which insures that unsafe working conditions will not be tolerated in the hotel industry.

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GRAY'S action, whether by design or not, certainly cushions and protects hotel operators in the District and leaves hotel workers virtually in a strait jacket.

That segment of the city's labor force which earns its living in hotels include cooks, bartenders, waiters, waitresses, launderers, maids, bakers, custodians and the like. They are people who work hard for a living, and most of them are colored.

The discharge of their duties bring them in contact with machinery and equipment that could create unsafe and dangerous conditions if allowed to deteriorate.

Poor lighting, poor ventilation, hazards from under-ground electrical equipment, machinery with no interlocking devices, holes in the floor — any of these conditions in a hotel could exist at this very moment and the city is powerless to act against them.

And any of these conditions is of potential danger to the life and limb of a hotel worker.

Prior to Gray's ruling in the matter, hotel workers had been covered by an Industrial Safety Act passed in Congress 24 years ago. Until last November, hotel employees could report unsafe working conditions to the District's Industrial Safety Board and get action.

GRAY has changed all that, and it'll remain changed unless the District Commissioners can persuade the Corporation Counsel to reverse his opinion; unless the Industrial Safety Act is amended; or unless the issue is acted upon by the court.

The Hotel Joint Board which represents some 8,000 hotel workers has petitioned the Commissioners to "immediately rectify the injustice created by Gray's ruling." A petition was also sent to the House and Senate District Committees.

The Board's petition for corrective action is both necessary and practical, and the Commissioners — who have indicated that they will take action in the matter — ought to act forthrightly to reverse Gray's ruling.

The Corporation Counsel's interpretation of the Industrial Safety Act, that hotels are not places where industrial employment is carried on, is questionable.

It certainly appears to be one of the most unilateral interpretations of the safety act that has been offered, one that obviously protects hotel operators at the expense of hotel workers.

The Corporation Counsel, enforcer of the city's Fair Housing Regulation, has been criticized in the past for the way he handled matters pertaining to civil rights.

His proposed version of fair employment legislation for the District has been termed "weak," and his action in enforcing the fair housing law is viewed as "lukewarm."

Now, Gray has the hotel workers down on him.

Since it seems somewhat difficult for the Corporation Counsel to stay on the plus side of interpretations dealing with civil rights, the Commissioners ought to help him.

They can begin by rectifying his hotel ruling.

AFRO Credo

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

Whether it has kept the faith with the founders;

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

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 condemn injustice race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

Sightseeing

Jealousy In Some Attacks On UPO

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Last week, an attempt was made in this column to outline the nature of one of the major problems facing the United Planning Organization as it conducts the War Against Poverty here in the District.

Involved is the animosity exhibited toward UPO by some of the old-line social welfare agencies who see in the newer organization a threat to what they formerly considered their exclusive preserve — the poor of the D.C. metropolitan area.

As in any other field, an entrenched power-elite has been built up in the area of social welfare, and those who have been accepted into the inner circle, or who think they have been accepted, become disturbed whenever they sense a challenge to their primacy.

A possible diminution of their power and influence is to be resisted, for any lessening of what they construe as their preogatives reduces their sense of importance and decreases their stature and influence.

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BECAUSE social welfare deals with such noble aims as care of the needy does not mean that its practioners have abandoned the very human emotions of jealousy and concern for the preservation of the status quo, that has enabled them to achieve a certain degree of power.

Such an attitude is not novel and its existence in such a sensitive area as social welfare, while disturbing, is a fact of life that has been accepted, unless one prefers to ignore the obvious and dwell in a dream world.

The attitude has importance to the Poverty Program since it explains the undercurrent of jealousy building up against UPO that raises a serious question of whether the War on Poverty is to be a full scale battle, or whether it is to be reduced to an ineffectual series of forays against the massive enemy of poverty in the District.

If the Poverty Program can ward off its enemies, it has a chance for success. But should its enemies shake public confidence in the concepts it enunciates, then the road to is plainly marked disaster as the entire program will become bogged down in a war for survival, that will leave little time for fighting the real enemy —poverty.

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MUCH OF the opposition comes from the Health and Welfare Council, which before UPO was designated as the commander-in-chief of the poverty program, had complete domination of social welfare in Washington.

The HWC is primarily a white organization, so far removed from the level of people who need help, that it can hardly be expected to know anything of the real problems that face a poor black man.

It has nibbled at the edge of the problem, without coming to gripes with the root causes of poverty. Its executive director has spoken of the need for "love" in the poverty program, and yet, it past experience is any criteria, "love" has not helped people raise their heads and free themselves of the yoke of poverty.

"Love" implies sympathy, and if there is one thing that the poor do not need, it is to be smothered in sympathy. But this is the theory of the social agencies—love the poor and they will be good.

Why should they be good when they are still poor? Why should they be grateful, when all that the social agencies have offered is a dole, instead of a chance to be somebody?

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HAVING failed to address themselves to the major issue—that of enabling the poor to become not poor —the agencies have to yield at least a part of their leadership, if the poverty problem is ever to give way to a solution.

While forces in the HWC resist change, they are aided by some of the professional social workers, who look down their noses at the Poverty Program since it is utilizing the services of people who have not been trained in social work.

One phase of the Poverty Program involves using people in the community who have a first hand knowledge of the problem and an idea of what needs to be done.

Some narrow-minded social workers are appalled at the idea that poor people can ever offer any constructive suggestions as to what should be done to improve their own plight.

They prefer to believe that the courses they have attended, the books they have read, have equipped only them to solve such problems, and that instead of being involved, the poor people should be kept at arms length while the "experts" do the work.

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IT WOULD be pointless to leave a discussion of the problems facing UPO without dealing with perhaps the ugliest one of the entire lot.

The man who heads the organization, which has millions of dollars to spend in the program, is a colored man, James Banks.

Many of us would like to pretend that color is no longer a factor in American life, but the brutal fact is that it is.

There is no attempt to raise a racist banner here, but one would have to be deaf, dumb and blind, not to realize that not everyone is happy with the thought of a colored man holding down such a post.

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ANSWERS TO all these problems are available, but whether they will be forthcoming will depend upon the people of Washington.

What UPO and the Poverty Program need are an understanding of the goals involved here—which is nothing less than attacking the root causes of poverty—and vocal support that will negate the divisive voices from the entrenched forces.

Washington, and the colored community particularly, has to realize that the course of the future can be shaped by the Poverty Program.

It is either that or a continuation of hand-outs and a perpetuation of poverty.

A LOOK AT THE OTHER NAT KING COLE

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Nathaniel Adams Coles was a singer.

The world knew him best as Nat King Cole, the singer of songs that soothed the spirit and quickened the heartbeat.

"Velvet-voice" is one of the affectionate tags frequently pinned on him.

In the hearts and minds of that same world Nat King Cole was all that was to be expected of a big name entertainer who had carved a niche in the halls of stardom.

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THAT WAS the on-stage Nat King Cole.

What about the off-stage singer of melodic songs?

What was he like beyond the kleig and flood lights? Off the screen? Away from the microphone?

Millions knew the on-stage King Cole. Few — other than his family and close associates—knew the off-stage piano - vocalist.

Both were buried last week in California.

The above questions came out of the universal sadness which followed the passing of "a nice guy."

The search for details on the other Nat King Cole halted at 2216 W. North Ave., in the cozy home of a man who has known the famous singer intimately for the past 13 years.

Debonair Charles P. Harris had no startling revelations about the man who became a legend in his own time.

"Truth is, there was very little difference between the two Coles," said Mr. Harris, I ever worked for was the bassist with the Nat King Cole trio from 1951 until August of last year.

The bassist-turned-salesman paused as his thoughts raced back across the years then added:

"When you think of it, I suppose that's what made him so different. He was a nice guy on and off the stage. He had become an established star when I joined the group and I watched him get bigger and bigger. but he never changed."

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WHILE sitting in the tastefully furnished living room of the neat house that is home for Mrs. Helen Harris, and his 14-year-old daughter, Charlene, and himself, the bassist painted a picture of the other Nat King Cole that was a striking parallel to the singer who thrilled millions with a voice unlike that of any other singer.

As he was on stage, according to Mr. Harris behind the scene, King Cole was a warm proud, and considerate human being, who refused to let his personal disappointments, frustrations, and anxieties taint his relationship with his associates, Mr. Harris said.

Unlike most "named" stars the fiddler continued, the King had no ideas of grandeur. "He didn't have temper tantrums. Nor did he feel that because he was the star he should treat us like instruments of his personal convenience.

He was secure so he didn't have to feed an ego.

"One of the things which made him the best employer I ever worked for was the fact that he respected us. As far as he was concerned, we were an important part of the team."

Nat was a perfectionist. Mr. Harris said. As such he drove himself relentlessly to perfect his songs, shows, records, and personal appearances."

Behind each hit record, successful shows were hours and hours of rehearsing and plans, he said.

"Because he demanded the best of himself we knew that he would accept nothing less of us. The beauty of it was he never found it necessary to tell us this. He set the example himself. We were glad to follow."

Fingering through his complete collection of Cole tunes on which his rich bass is outstanding, the Coppin State College graduate who passed up a teaching career to earn fame and fortune with one of America's foremost entertainment aggregations, add ed reverently:

"He was a wonderful guy . . .he was an institution."

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IN HIS 13 years as anchor man on the "big violin," Mr. Harris learned that there are no barriers among nations when the language is music. Recalling the wild acclaim and thunderous applause the trio received in all countries of the world "except the Iron Curtain Block," the bassist said:

"Different tongues made no difference. It was the sound that counted. It was hard to believe that Nat could have been any more popular anywhere than in South America and the islands.

"But then it was the same in other countries too."

To undersore the star's concern for his colleagues, Mr. Harris cited a popular misconception surrounding the latter years of the trio.

"After Nat became famous as a vocalist most people thought the trio went out of business. It didn't. Fact of the matter is, we —John Collins, guitar, and Jack Costranza, bongos — were on every record, concert tour, television show, and night-club bill.

"As I said before he considered us as a team. We were."

A MAN AND HIS MEMORIES—Charles P. Harris, for 13 years bass fiddler with the Nat King Cole Trio, relived memories from those years this week in an exclusive interview with the AFRO. Here he selects a collector's item from his vast Cole's repertoire which includes all recordings of the velvet-voiced singer stretching over a quarter of a century. Daughter Charlene, a Cole fan, enjoys the sentimental flashback with her father. At right, Mr. Harris, who also played for Lionel Hampton before joining the trio, recaptures a pose that was a familiar sight on stages all over the world.

Mr. Harris said he gave up his post last August to be near his family. Tours, foreign and domestic, television, and movie engagements were not conducive to a father being near his growing-up daughter, said the product of Douglass High School and the Peabody Institute and seven-year veteran with the Lionel Hampton Band.

The sequence of events leading to Mr. Harris joining the famous singer's trio also reflects Nat's informal, personal, yet professional touch.

It was doing an engagement at the Royal Theater that the bassist got his "second big break," after dissolving a trio he had formed after leaving Hampton's band.

"I had formed my own group, called the "Three Strikes" and a Miss." It included Church —Anderson, Sylvia, his wife; and William Makel. We played for a year and disbanded."

While between bands, the

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Political Notebook

Selma faces LBJ

By MAX JOHNSON

The assassination of Malcolm X and subsequent related events having grabbed top news media attention in recent days—quite possibly another key item of major concern may have been overlooked.

Vice President Humphrey pledged White House aid in the voter registration of colored citizens—in troubled areas.

Reference was primarily to the disgusting situations in Selma, Ala. and Mississippi — but elsewhere as well where such difficulties exist was also covered.

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UNANSWERED, HOWEVER, remain the questions of when this aid will come—and whether there will be too little too late to halt more serious racial clashes.

"What we are trying to do," Mr. Humphrey said in a televised interview, "is to simplify the procedure of registration.

"To see to it that every person of voting age is permitted to vote, without these impediments and without all of these gimmicks that seem to deny the opportunity to register."

Mr. Humphrey said the aids would come in the form of additional legislation, to remove the roadblocks.

He stated he didn't know what such legislation would be—but did know it would have to be something that could stand the test of constitutionality in the courts.

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WHATEVER THERE is new about this lies not in the promise of registration aids for colored citizens—but that the Administration appears to be working on something at last.

President Johnson pledged the registration aids in his State-of-the-Union message on Jan. 4.

He said at the time:

"I propose we eliminate every remaining obstacle to the right and opportunity to vote."

A couple of paragraphs further, President Johnson had this to say also in that message:

"Our basic task is threefold:

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"1. TO KEEP our economy growing.

"2. To open for all Americans the opportunity now enjoyed by most Americans.

"3. To improve the quality of life for all."

Remembering only too well these pronouncements of President Johnson—there are many leaders of both races who are accusing the Administration of foot-dragging in the Selma, Ala., debacle.

All sorts of remedial action has been proposed—from the use of federal forces for colored registration protection to the use of federal registrars.

The situation remains untouched by LBJ's Administration—to any noticeable degree.

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WHILE ALL of this has been going on the U. S. Civil Rights Commission has been holding hearings in Jackson, Miss., on denials of registration and voting rights to colored citizens in that state.

The Commission said, after ten days of sessions and testimony from 100 or more witnesses of both races, it was satisfied this discriminatory situation exists.

Nobody seems to have regarded this as a profound conclusion—except, perhaps, the Commission members themselves.

"It is hoped," the Commission noted further, "that thoughtful and conscientious white leaders will take every necessary step to guarantee the free exercise throughout Mississippi of this fundamental right."

Now, that's a bright, cheerful thought to leave with a colored citizen who is being beaten, his family threatened because he wants to register to vote—if ever I heard one.

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IT'S ALMOST too ridiculous for comment.

For it has been the condonement of such white leaders as Mississippi's Gov. Johnson, Alabama's Gov. Wallace—which is responsible for these denials in the first place.

I don't see either having a sudden change of heart—just because some commission out of Washington asks them to do so.

Somebody else has got to do something down there and do it quick—before these last ditch acts of white supremacy bring on more serious, unfortunate human indignities than have occurred.

Selma and Mississippi are just no longer in the Deep South.

They are right there in Washington—looking across President Johnson's desk.

And they expect LBJ to do more—than just shake hands with them.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

It's Nice To Be Remembered

Who is interested in the My Favorite Teacher Contest? Why everybody!

And especially five-year-old Gregory Hussey, who is so fond of his teacher, Mrs. Vera Towns, that he sent in this letter:

"My class and I nominate our kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Vera Towns because she is a good teacher and we all love her very much.

"She works so hard to help us learn all the right things and she finds time to make our classroom pretty.

"I am only in the kindergarten, so my sister wrote this letter for me. I can write my own name and count. I am five years old." Cute, huh?

People, Places And Things

The Women's Day Committee of Trinity AME Church Recreation Hall will hold a fashion show, Sunday, Feb. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. Original millinery is by Pinnie Ross, fashions from Linda Lynn.

As an added feature, Miss Josephine E. Wallace will model some styles from her personal wardrobe. Miss Wallace has just returned from Singapore, Malaysia and the clothes she will model were made for her there.

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The PTA of Lemmel Junior High School invites you to register and attend their Parent Education Class. Registration will be Tuesday, March 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Lemmel auditorium.

This class will meet every Tuesday. Sessions are open to all parents, guardians and interested community members.

The goal is to know, enjoy and understand your children through Parent Education Class. It gives the parents a chance to share information with other parents and to learn "how to cope with our junior high school boys and girls."

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The Town Choir of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, will rehearse Monday for its 15th anniversary on Easter Sunday.

Invitations have been issued to former members.

The rehearsals will be held at the Nazarite Hall, 824 N. Carrollton Ave., under the direction of William H. Wright.

Capt. Donald C. Powell, Army advisor to a National Guard unit in Lancaster, has been appointed to the Service to Military Families Committee of the Lancaster Chapter, American Red Cross.

The committee follows through on National Red Cross policy regarding service to veterans and military personnel. Powell will serve as a liaison between the committee and the military.

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Happy, happy birthday—Cards to Mrs. Sallie H. Russell, 1008 N. Bentalou St. on Feb. 28. She is a member of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Also on Feb. 28, the birthday song to Mrs. Henrietta Fields, 1024 N. Gilmor St., Mrs. George Butler, (Mamie) 2329 Ivy Ave., and to Mrs. Edith Bryant, 3513 Dennlyn Rd., wife of Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, former pastor of Bethel AME Church.

Candles to these AFRO employees born on March 2. Mrs. Jean Williams, 5716 Rock Spring Rd. She is the Baltimore Advertising Manager.

Cliff W. Mackay, editor-in-chief, He lives at 4303 Kennison Ave., and to John H. Murphy III, of 3225 Vickers Rd. Mr. Murphy is president of the company.

Belated Feb. 23 birthday wishes to Miss Lillie Pulliam, 2699 Fairview Ave., and Feb. 25 wishes to Mrs. Gwendolyn Tarter, 1736 Ruxton Ave. Mrs. Tarter is a We Wives member.

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Anniversaries, too. Feb. 28 is the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Jude, (Vashti), 2207 Whittier Ave. Mr. Jude is National Advertising Representative for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

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Cuff note: Sympathy cards to the family of Frank A. Edwards, of Manhattan, N.Y., brother of Mrs. Dorothy Brown, of Baltimore, who died Monday.

Mrs. Brown, a Veterans Administration secretary, is wife of Charles Brown, principal of Harlem Park Junior High School.

Funeral services for Mr. Edwards were held today (Friday) in New York. Burial was also there.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ann Edwards; four sons, Anthony, Frank III, Joseph and Harvey, and three sisters, Misses Carla and Elizabeth Edwards, both of Jersey City, N.J., and Mrs. Brown.

Three brothers, Harvey of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Edwin, of Clifton, N.J. and Clarence Edwards, of Jersey City, N.J.; and two grandchildren also survive.

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Cards of cheer to Miss Jacqueline Bass, Room 209, Provident Hospital.

Miss Bass, a Virginia State College student, underwent surgery yesterday (Thursday).

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Home from Provident Hospital and feeling much improved is Mrs. Margaret Hawkins, wife of the late Mason Hawkins Sr., who was former principal of Douglass High School.

Mrs. Mason resides with her son, Mason Hawkins Jr., a teacher at school 19 and his wife, Gladys, at 2403 Albion Ave.

Words Of The Week

The following is from the February "Type Talk": — It's titled, From Ben To "Friend" . . .The rapier-sharp wit of Benjamin Franklin was used when necessary to put hecklers in their place.

When he was making a speech about the Constitution, a belligerent fellow leaped up and shouted: "Those words don't mean nothing at all. What is all this happiness you guarantee us?"

Franklin smiled and relpied quietly, "My friend, the Constitution simply guarantees you the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

You'd probably say, "And just how do you catch happiness?" F. T. Pocklington seems to think it comes by learning to laugh more:

Laughter — If everything goes well with you, there's somethin' you are apt to do; your spirits then are light as chaff, no trouble then for you to laugh.

But when your world is upside down, when things are bad you're apt to frown. You then could cut your gloom in half if you would only learn to laugh.

Yes, laughter soothes the harried soul, don't listen for the bells to toll; no odds how dismal is today, the clouds are sure to roll away.

Labor-Business

Labor is Trouble

By STERLING A. PAIGE

United Steelworkers president David McDonald raised a cry of "interference" this week in objecting to statements issued by AFL-CIO head, George Meany.

Meany had asked the steelworkers union to extend their present contract beyond the May 1 deadline to prevent a walkout in the steel industry.

Despite angry McDonald retorts, probability is that extension will be made before deadline. With union cutting negotiation time because of union election business, prodding from the Johnson Administration, the AFL-CIO president and steel industry, United Steelworkers will find it hard to resist and expose itself to charges of being responsible for an avoidable strike.

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BAN AGAINST the International Longshoremen's strike has been extended another week by Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen. Extensions, at request of ILA attorneys, give other ports time to settle up, which would eliminate ILA court battle to prevent more permanent injunction.

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LOCAL 68, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, AFL-CIO, was recently clobbered in election at Dice's Bakery. Plant workers voted 7 to 1 against union as bargaining agent.

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WITH ELECTION at W. Irvie plant thrown out by the National Labor Relations Board, Bakery Workers are now waiting for new election date to be set by NLRB.

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ASBURY HOWARD, International vice president of the Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, in Baltimore this week on union business. Howard works out of the international office in Denver, and goes to Butte, Montana from here.

He was accompanied by international rep Angelo de Stefan of the District Office in Perth Amboy, N.J., and Jamuel Tarrant, president of Local 625, Metal and Fabricating Workers of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

Asbury Howard is a native of Bessemer, Ala., who was jailed six years ago for launching a voter registration drive in that southern city. While serving six months on the Alabama chain gang, he was reelected to his position as international vice president.

Local 625 represents some 1000 workers in the American Smelting and Refining Co. plant here. Tarrant is the newly-elected (only last month) president.

International union last July won important severance pay clause in contract which gives all retiring workers an amount of around $90 for each year of service.

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THE CLAMOR over improper and shoddy public school construction has led to an investigation that has already cost Baltimore taxpayers more than the value of all corrections called for by the Niles Commission to date.

One omission, among seven which union officials called "dangerous", was a wall bracket (cost not over $1.50) to a water pipe. Contractor had installation made (labor cost not over $5) and the total cost of consultants' and inspectors' services for this one item (if broken down) has cost tax-payers over $100.

Non-union contractors, claiming they have been victimized along with the citizens, are considering organizing a group to inspect and investigate some of the 100 per cent union jobs.

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LAST THURSDAY'S meeting of the Niles Commission to hear Raughley L. Porter, City Building Construction Engineer, found union representatives grouped together in one part of the room and open shop contractor — members of the Associated Builders and Contractors lined up in another part.

Ralph Ensor, ABC president and official of John K. Ruff, Inc., called the investigation a union stage-show with the taxpayers financing it."

Outcome will be the hiring of additional City Inspectors (much needed) plus resultant higher bids (not needed) on contracts by both union and open shop contractors who will now fear close bids accompanied by minor omissions that have always been standard practice among builders.

Contracts call for a two-year guarantee by the contractors on school buildings. Future caution to be exercised by builders in school bids could well add from $75,000 to $150,000 to the cost of each new school construction.

ABOUT BUSINESS

New home of Morton and Dyett, funeral directors, is expected to be ready for business by late spring. New modern quarters are under construction at Laurens and Mount Streets. Leroy Dyett is president of the Small Businessmen's League, Inc.

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WILLIAM CLEMENT, vice president and agency director of North Carolina Mutual, in Baltimore this week to receive honors at the company's Sales Convention.

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THE U. S. Department of Commerce has announced a new service to further opportunities for minority groups to engage in business. The service has been established to provide information about available business franchises.

A roster will be maintained listing all firms which award franchises without regard to race, color or religion. Would-be franchise operators will be provided with information on opportunities in this field.

Service is result of work by the Task Force for Equal Opportity with F. D. Roosevelt Jr., as chairman.

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