"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
—Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth.

Prayer Of The Week

O God, save us from the murderous passions of hate and jealousy. Help us to demonstrate the spirit of kindness and helpfulness. Amen.

Jimmie Lee Jackson

All Jimmie Lee Jackson wanted from the "Great Society" was the right to cast his vote as any other American.

It seems, dispite the preachments of the nation and the guarantees of the Constitution and Civil Rights Bills, that in some parts of the country this just is not possible.

So now Jimmie Lee Jackson is dead, another in a long and growing list of colored martyrs who have had to pay with their lives because they wanted to enjoy full citizenship.

Those responsible for these deaths should realize by now that it is futile to try to stem the tide. Every man wants to be free and in the same way we all are willing to go to war and die if need be to protect the country, just so willing are colored Americans to die for equal rights.

As Dr. Martin Luther King said at Jackson's funeral it is a great contradiction before the entire world that the federal government "can spend millions in Viet Nam but nothing to protect people at home."

These are the days when many black men and women are tempted to agree that the late Malcolm X indeed was not all wrong when he advocated fighting back.

There is, to be sure, no final peace to be won in the arena of violence. But this is hard to explain to the frustrated victims of discrimination, terror and mis - guided power.

It is a painful fact that Jimmie Lee Jackson is dead today because he wanted to be able to cast a vote.

At 26, they couldn't say he didn't want to. The world knows how much he wanted to be a voter.

Jimmie Lee died without being allowed the privilege of being a full citizen.

But because of his death, thousands of people have become more determined than ever to cast their ballots.

He did not die in vain.

The Mess In Agriculture

To almost no one's surprise, the Department of Agriculture has been severly criticized in a report issued by the Civil Rights Commission because of the former's disgraceful and deplorable racial record.

Perhaps more than any other federal agency the Agriculture Department reeks with racism in its central offices and in the field. To the Agriculture Department, its colored workers, and the colored farmers it is supposed to serve, are little better than peons, to be kept in inferior positions.

There is no reasonable defense that can be made of the odious policies of the Department and Secretary Orville Freeman's plantive cry that changes are being made, come far too late in the game to ever place any confidence in him on racial matters.

During the four years he has held the post, Freeman could have taken positive steps to end the shameful situation, but he has satisfied himself with making only feeble and futile gestures.

From his office have poured out story after story about colored farmers who have been helped by the Department, to create the false impression that the agency was concerned about colored farmers. In truth, as the record shows, it couldn't have cared less.

Bending to local customs and prejudices the Department has constantly followed "local patterns of racial segregation and discrimination in providing assistance paid for by federal funds."

This has deprived colored farmers of the many federally financed benefits that would have accrued to them, except for the stupid official policy of the Department that called for a deliberate closing of the eyes to what was going on.

It is because of this official sanction of discrimination that the gap between the living conditions of the colored and white farmers has grown wider, while at the same time the white farm families have achieved substantial gains in income, housing and education.

The Department has acted as if it wanted to drive the colored farmers off the land, as if it wanted them to fail. At every point, they have been shortchanged. They have been denied access to information and new techniques, they have been excluded from the local committees which control distribution of benefits.

Within its own ranks, the agency has done no better. The number of professional employees has been kept at a low level, and the Department has made no attempt at recruitment.

Investigators found that where white offices of the Federal Extension Service were fully equipped, the segregated colored offices were without telephones, electricity, scretarial services, janitorial services and typewriters.

These startling facts and many more are included in the 136-page report of the Commission, which adds up to damning indictment of Orville Freeman and the agency he has handled so poorly.

Whether through design or incompetence, Mr. Freeman has failed to take corrective action in a situation that cried out for action. It is difficult to believe, that after living four years with the problem, and doing practically nothing, that Mr. Freeman is now going to change his mode of operation.

Mr. Freeman's hand has failed at the wheel. A new one is needed.

Tawes Cheers Rights Leaders

Leaders of the campaign to extend civil rights in Maryland got something to cheer about from Gov. J. Millard Tawes on Wednesday.

Gov. Tawes threw his weight behind the three key civil rights bills before the General Assembly this session.

This means the legislation has a better chance of passage than otherwise would have been possible. In fact, had Gov. Tawes failed to give his blessing, the outlook would have been too dim to bet on.

The major bills before the legislature include fair employment, fair housing and one to extend coverage of the public accommodations measure.

Passage of these laws would put Maryland among the more advanced states in the matter of providing equality of opportunity for all its citizens.

Every major organization of influence to appear in Annapolis came out in favor of the civil rights legislation.

This is a noteworthy change from a few years ago.

It indicates that progress made so far toward desegregation has not brought with it all the ills that opponents of advancement predicted would befall the state.

It becomes increasingly probable that Gov. J. Millard Tawes will have accomplished more in the area of civil rights than any other state executive by the time he ends his current term.

Grand Tribute To Teachers

Pupils and friends of Baltimore classroom teachers have paid them a grand tribute in the AFRO's Favorite Teacher contest.

In the nomination phase of the competition to win one of two free trips to Nassau or one of the 12 cash prizes, supporters entered the names of 503 teachers from 121 schools.

They gave them a thumping 1,401,200 votes, more than 14,000 coupons clipped from the AFRO and mailed or brought into the office.

Of course only one teacher from each of the 121 schools is eligible for the finals which start today and continue through this month, but we here at the AFRO think it must have been a heartwarming experience for every teacher to realize she was judged deserving of support.

We know from letters sent to this office that many schools decided on one or two teachers to support and thus many others who would have received votes did not [illegible] son.

We know too that there are many disappointed pupils and other supporters. Some of them thought their teacher so far ahead in the contest they could coast until the finals began, but then the backers of other teachers worked harder than ever in the last few days and came in with the highest number of votes.

As painful as it may be, it is another lesson for the young that no where along the line should anyone decide that he can afford to rest on his laurels.

The next challenge for each of the 121 schools is to close ranks behind the teacher who won and do what can be done to help her win one of the big prizes.

This too is another lesson in democracy. The winner in a fair race is the winner and deserves the support of every loyal person connected with her school.

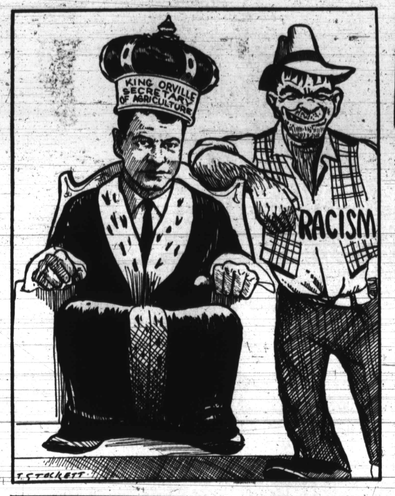
In all, there can be but 14 winners in the Favorite Teacher contest. This means there are 107 teachers in the finals who cannot win.

But we think that every pupil and other supporters who casts votes for his favorite teacher, will be overjrouded of her when it's all over — win or lose.

The second half of the contest promises to be more exciting than was the first and the closer the teachers get to Nassau or the cash prizes, the better it's going to sound.

Good luck to you all.

THE REAL POWER BEHIND THE THRONE



Pin-Point

School Aid Must Be Watched Now

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

There is growing concern hereabouts regarding the current clamor for Federal aid to parochial and private schools.

While many can discern little surface danger in a policy of using public monies to aid parochial or private institutions in areas of health and lunch programs, others view with alarm what are considered as deeper and dangerous threats.

In the opinion of the latter — and they have tradition and the Constitution on their side — the doctrine of separation of church should apply to money just as it does to curriculum.

They contend — and rightly so — that relatively little damage can result from the practice of using Federal funds to insure sound lunch and health programs for such schools.

On the other hand, they contend with equal emphasis that the subsidy should halt there.

In view of the numerous pieces of proposed legislation designed to improve Federal aid to education, many detect a plan to extend such aid to grants, loans, and construction of facilities not part of the religious programs of parochial institutions; e.g. libraries, books, etc.

What is causing more than a little concern is that should all restrictions on public monies to parochial and private educational institutions be removed, a reinstitution of school segregation is sure to follow.

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WHERE IN school segregation on the basis of race was given the tag of respectability under the umbrella of "Separate But Equal" doctrine, this newly threatening and subtle brand of school segregation will follow religious, cultural, and class distinction, it is feared.

Such moves are now afoot and can be expected to gain momentum in the near fiiture, according to advance warnings.

Chief reason for this prediction is the imminent relaxing of housing barriers, a prerequisite for obtaining Federal funds for construction, mortgages, and lending purposes.

This will naturally bring about a more liberal distribution of the metropolitan population, including surrounding suburbs.

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ADMITTEDLY THE brutal truth, stripped of its niceties, is not calculated to win friends or popularity.

An honesty compels us however to concede that while there are legions among us who can "talk school and housing integration" 24 hours per day, to practice it for a considerably shorter period of time is more painful than they are willing to bear.

It can be safely predicted therefore, that when the "Other Americans" begin spilling over into suburbia and heretofore untouched "stable" neighborhoods, the demand for transfers to parochial and private schools is sure to gain momentum.

Recent evidence, in fact, suggests that the trend is already more widespread than suspected.

If parochial and private schools which compared to public institutions — operate on restricted budgets, are suddenly permitted to dip into the public till, their facilities, plants, and faculty would become possibly attractive magnets for parents of children who derive some degree of "status" from enrolling their young in such institutions.

While we are the first to admit that there's absolutely nothing wrong with this technique of inflating the ego, it should be accomplished at the expense of the beneficiary, rather than the tax payer.

Otherwise ghetto schools, even in suburbia, would become the newest symbol of a sick society.

ARNOLD SYLVESTER, president, American Ethical Union, was obviously plagued by this disquieting prospect when he penned a warning to President Lyndon Johnson.

"We affirm our support of Federal aid to public education and congratulate you on the emphasis given to educational assistance in your message of Jan. 12.

"We must, however, convey to you and the Congress our conviction that Federal aid to education should not be used to compromise the principle of public support for public education only," he declared.

Several of the proposals which would aid parochial education through indirect aid and partnership arrangements undercut the principle of limiting public monies to publicly controlled institutions, Mr. Sylvester thinks.

"We hold that any comingling of public with private funds under the administration of private sectarian institutions, or under joint administration, is both unsound as public policy and questionable constitutionally," said he.

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THE BACKBONE of AEU's alarm hinges on four specific possibilities:

1. Use of public funds for sectarian libraries or books for sectarian educational purposes.

2. Sharing of administrative controls between sectarian and public bodies for supplementary educational centers.

3. Expenditures of public funds for program or property of sectarian institutions on the questionable ground that such facilities are not part of the religious program of such institutions.

4. Distribution of monies to parents or pupils for tuition grants for enrollment in segregated or sectarian schools.

This position is heartily applauded here for two reasons:

First, the tremendous popularity of "private schools" which swept the south in wake of the 1954 School Desegregation decision is still making a mockery of justice.

Secondly, we can ill afford to waste time, resources, energy, good will, and money legally fighting a form of school segregation that was created to evade a decree that righted a centuries - old wrong.

It is high time that we be done with now and forever any form of segregation which is subsidized by public money.

Our Readers Say:

Students Agreed On Teacher

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 St.

Dear AFRO,

The Student Council of Cherry Hill Junior High School has taken a great deal of interest in your "Favorite Teacher Contest." Our school population is so small that we felt, in order to have a winner from our school, all students should support one teacher.

We held a primary election and it was agreed that the teacher that received the majority of votes would be our school candidate. This teacher was Mrs. Bernice Brown.

Your calculations show that Mrs. Charlotte Shockley is in the lead at this school. Our primary election showed that Mrs. Shockley only received between 4 to 8 votes.

It has been brought to our attention that she has received an enormous amount of support from her Sunday School Class. Can it rightly be said that she represents Cherry Hill Junior High when her support came from outsiders?

The students of our school have worked hard to obtain enough votes to put Mrs. Brown in the lead from our school. But as it stands, we have not fully succeeded. The students feel deeply about this situation. We feel that Mrs. Brown deserves at least the honor of representing our school as the finalist.

It would be very much appreciated if your judges will take this matter into full consideration before selecting the finalist from Cherry Jill Junior High.

MARIA ROBINSON
vice president
Student Council

Ed Note: We appreciate the interest the students have taken in our Favorite Teacher Contest. Our judges must comply with the printed rules—See No. 4. The teacher in each school with the highest number of nominating votes will be the finalist from that school. Whoever is the finalist from your school, back him or her 100 per cent.

Forum Speakers

Dear AFRO:

Pope John in his most famous Papal pronouncement, Peace on Earth, placed part of the fault of national drifts toward war upon the falsification in manipulation of mass media. The Freedom Forum aims to bring to Baltimore individuals who have both a significant and probing perspective on the current issues of our epoch.

At the last meeting congressional representative of the Mississippi Freedom Democrat Party and a prominent colored New York attorney spoke. The next scheduled meeting will present two students who attended the interracial tour of Cuba last summer. The meeting is open to the public.

It will be conducted at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Liberty Heights and Wabash, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6. The participants are Shirley Stout and Al Spanfeiner.

While in this vicinity they will speak at numerous institutions of which are included the following: Thursday, 7 p.m., Howard University, Penthouse Auditorium, sponsored by Tappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Friday afternoon at classes at Goucher College and at 4 p.m. the Goucher Forum. On Friday night they will appear on the John Sterling radio show.

ROBERT KAUFMAN

Professional Women helping

Dear AFRO:

Your columns reflect the interest in the affairs and people of Baltimore. I thought you would like to know that our group, the National Business and Profession aWomen's Clubs, Inc., is also trying to meet a great need.

(Mrs.) MARY CARTER SMITH
Chairman, Program Committee

(Editor's Note: Elsewhere in this edition is an account of NBPWCI's project, "Big Sister" program for disadvantaged children. It merits the support of every segment of the community.)

Recruitment Aid

DEAR AFRO:

I would like to offer my appreciation to the AFRO - AMERICAN for the wonderful assistance given on behalf of Air Force Recruiting.

Many applicants were inspired by the releases published in the AFRO.

I trust that we can continue to work together and inform young men and women of the many opportunities and benefits offered in today's modern Air Force.

JOHNNIE M. VINES
Sgt., USAF
Recruiter - Salesman

Brotherhood Treatment

Dear AFRO:

Brotherhood Week dawned most pleasantly for me as I read your magnificent treatment of the observance in the AFRO of February 19.

Your editorial was just right and the informational article on page 11 gave a perfect description of NCCJ's readiness to serve in quiet unassuming ways the diversity challenges offered us by our culturally pluralistic society.

With thoughtful explanations such as yours you have contributed much to the intercultural dialogue in our community.

If we can all strengthen and increase that dialogue together we can reach the day when we need have no Brotherhood Week.

But alas I fear that is at the moment [illegible] means. Let's all pop our *secrets to do the* job ahead and strike to make Brotherhood — Democracy at Work a reality.

RUSS BRADLEY
Executive Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews

Baker's Dozen

Someone Muddled Freeway Mathematics

By BAKER E. MORTEN

WASHINGTON

Two different sets of figures cropped up this week about the number of people who are going to be displaced by the proposed North Central Freeway, indicating that somebody has muddled the mathematics.

The original figure, announced by a Baltimore - based consulting firm hired by District and Maryland road officials to count noses, was 720 families.

Now we hear from the Citizens Committee of the Freeway Crisis that the consulting firm, J. E. Greiner Co., is way off in its estimate, and some 4,000 persons are going to lose their homes to make way for the proposed $128 million, 10-lane freeway in northeast Washington.

This is twice the relocation load suggested by the consultants, the citizens committee tells us, and what's more the Greiner figures are said to be taken from 1960 census data.

Even the Greiner survey, made in December, 1964 and January, 1965, was done "on an informal basis," the citizens committee report goes on.

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THESE ARE serious underestimates, if true, and will no doubt further compound an already controversial issue.

The North Central Freeway, slated to cut nine miles through Maryland and northeast Washington is designed to be constructed parallel to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks all the way in to Silver Spring.

It will begin its course, under current plans, adjacent to the railroad track at about 8th and Rhode Island Ave. NE., and as it looks, it will mean destruction to homes and businesses within a half block area on both sides of the track.

Last November when the proposal to construct the freeway was first announced it was estimated that about 720 families in the District would be displaced, and some 590 families in Maryland.

About 650 of the families to be uprooted in the District will be colored; it was predicted last year.

The monstrous freeway is designed to have two center reversible lanes for express buses and reserved space for a rail rapid transit system, all of which would make it more comfortable for suburbanites to commute into the city to work.

AS PLANNED, the traffic artery would leave the B and O tracks near Noyes Drive, turn to parallel 16th St. extended and Columbia Blvd., to an interchange with the Capital Beltway.

It would diminish into a six-lane affair, enter Sligo Creek Park, and wind north 1½ miles, ending at a temporary interchange with University Blvd.

It would converge with Interstate 95 east of South Dakota Ave. between Galloway and Gallatin Sts., and from there on south be called I - 95.

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SINCE MOST housing in the suburbs is closed to colored Americans, and since the District suffers from an acute shortage of public housing, relocating low income families is bound to be difficult regardless of the number displaced.

If the Greiner report has seriously underestimated the relocation load, then the District's Department of highways and Traffic must share some of the blame for hiring the firm to count noses.

Thomas F. Airis, director of highways and traffic, admits that there are two sets of relocation estimates, and "one of them is wrong."

He said his agency is checking both estimates "and will take proper steps in the matter." Airis suggested that there "is probably errors in both counts."

Depending upon what errors show up, he said, recommendations to take fewer dwelling units out of the proposed traffic corridor would be made, and a "refinement of alignment" would be suggested.

Construction of the North Central Freeway is vigorously opposed by a number of citizens living in the District. Its major allies are probably those who would use it to commute to homes out of the District.

It would seem that District officials ought to consider that public which is exclusive in keeping its money in the city.

After all, it's probably this money which paid for the Greiner report.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in everyone God and 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 condemn injustices race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

OPINIONS AND COMMENTS

About this and that

Miss Josephine Wallace, the comely State Department secretary who has been in Singapore for the past two years, is home again.

She is visiting relatives at her Whittier Ave. home (2104), until April, when she goes on a new assignment in Bolivia.

If you plan to drop her a hello message, wait until after this weekend because she'll be in Cleveland and Fremont, Ohio, visiting relatives.

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Hurry get-well wishes to Hopkins Hospital for the Rev. William King, minister of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church.

Cheer to Provident Hospital for J. A. B. Callis, the retired teacher and long time YMCA lay worker. He may be home by the time you read this.

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Send Congratulations to the newlywed Sam Stewarts. He's the Dunbar teacher. Bride, the former Lois Carroll, the Pomonkey High vice principal.

Event was Feb. 22 at her Cedar Hill home. They're at home at his Rosedale St. home.

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Mrs. James Burke (Grace) is ill at home. She's the wife of the physician, and is personnel director at Morgan.

Mrs. Ted Phifer (Etta), who has been down with the flu since her holiday in the Islands, is feeling better now.

She is still singing the praises of the S. S. France, on which she and her physician husband and Dr. and Mrs. Albert Burwell, cruised to Nassau and the Virgin Islands.

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Mrs. George Carroll (Marguerite), is in Hopkins Hospital, entered on Wednesday for surgery.

Sunshine for Mrs. Beulah B. Fogle, 2200 Dorchester Rd. She's the School No. 1 kindergarten teacher who had emergency surgery.

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Need a program for your club meeting? Here are three: Goodwill Industries offer three fifteen - minute movies to interested organizations as program material, and will provide equipment and operator. They can also provide a speaker on rehabilitation. Call 327-1555, or write Goodwill Public Realtions, 201 South Broadway, Baltimore 21231.

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Baltimore United Federalists offer a roster of highly qualified speakers on world federal government. Call 467-9213, or write UWF, 2435 Maryland Ave. Baltimore 21218.

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Half - hour color film which begins with a baby calf and ends with MILK delivered to the doorstep, is available from a local dairy as program material for PTA meetings. If interested, call BE 5-4477. The dairy will serve your members free refreshments in appreciation of the opportunity to show the film.

Of all things News Item from Nottingham, England advises that funerals and cremations will be banned there on weekends because cemetery employees have been granted a five - day week.

Political Notebook

Tawes' In-fighting

By MAX JOHNSON

In an area where political battling is commonplace — a rather notable bit of such in -fighting is under way behind the scenes at this General Assembly session in Annapolis.

Root of the whole thing is some of Gov. Tawes' green bag appointments some for Baltimore, that is.

It will be recalled four of the city's six senators joined forces to dispute certain of these appointments — and threatened a holdout for their own selections.

These rebelling fellows are Senators Bertorelli (1st), Mach (2nd), Dorf (5th) and Hodges (6th).

THE SUM total of their respectful, but threatening, demands to Gov. Tawes is not generally known.

It is known, however, they are quite miffed over at least one appointment to the Liquor Board — and his failure to respond to Democratic nominees suggested for the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

The nominees, in this instance, were all political allies of the Pollack faction — an organization the mere mention of which brings a flush to Gov. Tawes' face, a tightening of his lips.

He hasn't forgotten, nor forgiven, those Pollack publicized tapes of a few years ago — alleging a "deal" between him and the Northwest Baltimore political leader.

So — the governor just ignored the Pollack controlled city Democratic Committee.

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As a result — a statement of sorts has developed.

The four senators seemed to be standing pat — with their majority to block city nominations not to their liking.

Gov. Tawes has been smarting more and more under the open rebuke.

The news media has been seeing in the whole thing something of a giggish nature —something to break the more often drab routine of this Assembly session.

This hasn't helped matters for Gov. Tawes or the four rebelling senators, either.

It's developed into a sticsy situation for both sides.

Gov. Tawes must either stick to his guns — or bow publicly to what boils down to the senators' demands.

The rebelling four senators can either stick to their demands — or admit publicly that the governor is still the boss, as far as they are concerned in such matters.

It's a situation that gets more and more interesting as the Assembly nears the March 30 adjournment.

Will the governor or the four rebelling city senators emerge victorious in this bit of political in - fighting?

THOSE ACQUAINTED with Gov. Tawes know him as a veteran politician — one who can be most stubbornly bent on getting his way when pushed in another direction.

The four senators in question could be taking the position they aren't getting anything anyway — and have nothing to lose with their in-fighting with the governor.

After all — a new governor and a new Assembly will be elected next year. Of course, [illegible] talk of an agreement of sorts —but the split seems to be widening rather than narrowing.

At the moment —nobody other than the governor, perhaps, seems to know what is going to happen with the disputed green bag appointments.

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SINCE THIS opens the door to pure speculation — I might as well do some here.

The law requires the governor to submit his green bag appointments within 30 days after the General Assembly opens.

He can, however, withdraw any or all of such appointments after such a period.

The law is not clear on whether he must re-submit the appointments within the same session.

And, herein, lies the course of action I see the governor taking in this situation.

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BEING THE politically stubborn person that he is — it is more than quite likely Gov. Tawes will withdraw the city Democratic green bag appointments.

(Since this was written, the governor has withdrawn the disputed three Liquor Board appointees and his Democratic nominee to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.)

Then — he'll just sit tight for adjournment of the Assembly without further action.

And after the Assembly adjourns without having the city portion of his green bag to work on. He'll send out what he wanted to in the first place —and them his appointments.

The governor is an old hand at political in - fighting — with a lot of tricks up his sleeve, or rather in his gloves.

That's my opinion. What's yours?

Labor-Business

Time Steels Away

By STERLING A. PAIGE

To date, contracts with the steel industry have not been extended beyond the May 1 deadline.

The fears and effects of automation on the employment situation are dramatized by announcement of the scheduled construction of a new copper refining and fabricating plant for the Arizona Chemcopper Co., subsidiary of a New York corporation. To be built at an estimated cost of $4 million, the Arizona plant will be highly automated.

When operating at full capacity, company expects to employ not more than 40 men.

Among the legislative goals of the AFL - CIO for this year, top priority goes to efforts for repeal of Section 14b of the Taft-Hartley Act. This section of the Act allows states to enact what are commonly called "right-to-work" laws.

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REPEAL OF 14b is expected to have the support of [illegible] chairman of the powerful House Education and Labor Committee — provided organized labor will guarantee more liberal use of democratic practices among minority groups in trade unions.

Negotiations with industry have been set aside during the union power strife and there is a strong possibility the government will step in and order a new election.

Thumbs down by Powell could mean defeat of the repeal move. Lack of his support plus the efforts of many industrial and business associations against repeal could pull the props from under the AFL-CIO's top "goal of the year."

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MEANWHILE, HERE in Baltimore, a meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. is hearing Reed Larson, executive vice president of the National Right to Work Committee. Some contractor-members of ABC have recently been targets of attacks from local construction unions charging inferior school construction.

Such union tactics serve only to stiffen opposition to the repeal. There is a strong possibility of picketing at the Belair Road meeting place in protest against the appearance of the "Right to Work" Committee official.

Another item in the 1965 "musts" for the AFL - CIO is coverage of all workers under the minimum wage law and increase of the minimum to $2 an hour; along with this is the move to cut the standard work week to 35 hours.

ABOUT BUSINESS

The General Services Administration has announced that bids are being solicited from small business firms for modernizing the U. S. Post Office at Cumberland, Md.

Project consists of extending mailing platform, building a new canopy, plus the installation of new electrical and plumbing systems. Previous bids on the project have been rejected.

Bid forms, together with plans and specs are available from the Design and Construction Division, Public Buildings Service, GSA, Washington ,D. C. Bids will be opened March 10.

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ACCORDING TO officials of local office of the Small Business Administration, SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) has become solidly organized and is ready for problems. For businesses with problems, there will be a SCORE representative in the SABA office, 521 Calvert Building, each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

He will be available for discussions and consultations on problems with which you may need help. This government sponsored service is free. Calvert Bldg. is located at St. Paul and Fayette Sts.

During the first two months of this year, Advance Federal Savings and Loan made first mortgage loans amounting [illegible] last year Advance paid dividends totalling $80,000.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: What this country needs is not a dollar that will stretch but one that will stick.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

By BETTY DOWDY, pinch-hitting for Mrs. Moss, who is on vacation.)

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Good News: Mrs. Robert Young, 409 Mt. Holly St., says her nephew, George Cole, 21 - year - old Morgan student and her niece, Miss Lisa Cole, 19 - year - old Western High senior, would like their friends to know they are improving.

George and Lisa were seriously injured in an auto accident on the way home from Washington Feb. 20.

Lisa is confined to South Baltimore General Hospital with a fractured back, but she may have visitors and certainly would enjoy cards.

George, who required brain surgery, is not permitted visitors at University Hospital, but you may send him get - well wishes there.

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Coming up: William Warfield, one of the greatest baritone artists of our generation, comes to the Lyric Theatre on April 13 - 14 with Peter Herman Adler, conducting the Baltimore Symphony not too early to make your reservations.

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Treat in store: Twenty - first annual Blue Ribbon Tea Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m. at Dunbar High.

Speaker will be famed Dr. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, New York social worker.

This is the event sponsored by the Women's City - Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention, and is the brainchild of William S. (Bill) Taylor, Mrs. Annie Ross Thompson is chairman.

School note: Baltimore's new superintendent, Dr. Lawrence G. Paquin, speaks April 1 at the Baltimore Principals' Association's annual dinner meeting at Sheraton - Belvedere.

More people and things

New look: If you're an NAACP member in good standing, you receive the Crisis magazine, so you have noticed its new look.

Gone is the black and white cover. Instead, the lively NAACP monthly, is an attractive blue.

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They were there: Baltimore Beauticians, Mrs. Rose Marie Davis and Mrs. Catherine Caldwell Kirk were among guest artists at the recent International Beauty Show at the New Hilton in Rockfeller Center, N.Y.

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March 7 cards for Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, 1661 Vincent Ct., and Mrs. Maudline Pratt, 2828 Oakford Ave.

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Affable Mrs. Teddy Johnson (Charlotte), 2417 N. Pulaski St. marks a birthday March 8.

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March 9 candles for Leon Brown, 950 Franklintown Rd., AFRO stereo foreman.

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In the mailbag: Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf, former Baltimore artist and NAACP worker, writes from Hatboro, Pa., to renew her AFRO subscription.

She says: 'The AFRO means a great deal to me, and I look forward to keeping up with the news about my Baltimore friends, as well as news around the world.'

At present, I am confined to bed with painful arthritis, but I have commitments for three portraits and am most anxious to begin painting again.'

Your hellos will reach Mrs. Beadenkopf if addressed to: 412 S. York Rd., Hatboro, Pa.

POET'S NOOK

AFRO'S MAN OF THE YEAR

He may live in your block—you should know,
And do some little deed, where he may go,
It could be you, I wouldn't be surprised,
For acts of good, are seldom realized.
He may appear to you as somewhat strange,
He could be listed on the stock exchange,
Doctor—lawyer—plant foeman,
Porter—teacher—longshoreman.
He may not have a hero's face,
Or come out first in every race,
But in our town he may impart,
A life that touches on our heart.
So always do the best you can,
You could be voted as our man,
For all the little things you do.
The city has a watchful eye on you.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

MALCOLM X

And so it was; fate intervened —
Climaxing a chapter in the pages of destiny's anthology,
His shadow will stand behind American consciences,
Waking them from their long slumber,
And reminding them, that by midnight,
They shall turn into soul - less pumpkins.
I extol brother love, so our paths never crossed,
But we did know Moses, or Mahatma Ghandhi,
Neither Patrice Lumumba, Medgar Evers, nor J. F. Kennedy,
These men met scorn, and violent opposition,
And like Malcolm X, they weren't perfect,
But they were always men.
History may record him kindly,
I'd never dare to offer my appraisal,
But moving slowly up Lenox Avenue,
There'll always be a Malcolm X,
Carrying all the burdens of the black man,
On a rugged cross, constructed out of hate and fear.

PAUL D. MC ALLISTER

WOWS OUTGROWN

What ghost is this I see as fright
A stranger there, that strangles the night,
In the dark she tangles with my fears
Like sounds of turmoil ringing in my ears,
Like a bath of dense smoke she disturbs my vision
Not yet can I see beyond its submission.
Disturbed is my knowledge of her central control
But soon shall I conquer her hidden role,
Jumping, reluctant is her victim
When approached by this moth digging into its position,
Pace, no hurry, don't show your suspicions
For she will earve so deep, you'll never
regain your previous condition.
Age will conquer your childish woes
You'll soon regain the faith God knows.

IRVIN H. PHILLIPS JR.

PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS

Mrs. Edna Rawlings the Methodist lay leader of 2330 W. Lanvale St. has a birthday on March 10. So does Linwood Koger, 2106 Bryant Ave., who will be 76.

He is the oldest living lawyer in Baltimore. He is also a retired Baltimore magistrate, a member of Union Baptist Church, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a member of the Monumental City Bar Association.

Remember he was one time president of the NAACP and helped it grow from 110 members to 1200 members.

Mr. Koger states his favorite hobbies include listening to fine music and best of all he enjoys the luxury of watching his remote control television. He says, "I enjoy this because I can lie in bed and turn it off and on."

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Smile of the Week is this one entitled, 'our working schedule,' which came in the mail this week: Starting Time — 8:00 a.m., Morning Coffee Break — 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Lunch Hour — 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Afternoon Coffee Break — 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Quitting Hour— 5:00 p.m.

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Cuff note: Congressman Clarence D. Long's weekly report from Washington advises that Job - finding Clinics in the Baltimore area open again on March 8. Call PL. 2-4166.

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Church Item: Founders Day of Mt. Olive Beneficial Association Grand Council is scheduled on Sunday, March 28 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Olive Hall, 1221 Myrtle Ave.

Verse of the week

This week's verse, "A Helping Hand," is by Mrs. Lillian Dasent:—

Some tiny crumbs of happiness we scatter every day may seem quite insignificant, but they go a long, long way.

A letter to a friend who's ill, a kindness to a tot, a helping hand on life's dark road, these things are soon forgot.

But someday when we need a friend, we look up and behold, the bread we cast upon life's stream returned a thousand fold.

Recipe for happiness

Here's an original recipe for happiness: Two cups of pleasant words, one tablespoon of smiles, one and a half cups of a helping hand, three teaspoons of love.

Stir every day; blend in a little humor and a few encouraging phrases.

Use everywhere you go. Should make a heap of friends and a lifetime of happiness.

Mainstream

The Assassination

BY RALPH MATTHEWS Jr.

Malcolm X's murder means we hate each other more than the enemy.

Brothers killed a brother.

Malcolm well understood his assassins. He may not have known exactly who they would be as individuals but he was well aware of their state of mind, or mindlessness.

He described them six years ago during a speech at a Muslim rally in Harlem.

I will never forget his words for they marked the first time I ever heard a colored man tell his brothers some badly needed basic truths.

Malcolm looked down from the outdoor speakers' platform at the crowd assembled on Lenox at 125th St. in Harlem.

His audience was made up of that homily; the working man, the just plain colored man the NAACP, CORE and the Urban League have never been able to reach or communicate with in such a way.

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"YOU KNOW what you are?" Malcolm began, "You are dead men, zombies, . . ."

He paused and I recall wondering that it took a lot of bravery (even with the Fruit of Islam on guard) to stand up in Harlem and call people names

But Malcolm did and curiously the crowd laughed, not happily, but nervously because the tall tan man had reached out and touched some truth about themselves they immediately recognized.

"You don't vote, you won't vote." Malcolm said, "And even if you did vote it wouldn't make any difference because no matter who you voted for, the devils would still be in control.

"You scuffle around for jobs or feel lucky to get a welfare handout and then you go drink wine on Saturday night or use drugs to keep you in your zombie - like state.

"And you end up cutting and shooting each other because you are too dumb to see that all this plays right into the slave - master's hands.

"You hate your true black identities so much that you go around imitating the very devils who robbed you of your heritage. You conk your hair and wear blonde wigs and ape the devil's ways and chase his women and don't respect your own beautiful black women."

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IN SHORT, said Malcolm to his Harlem listeners, "you are not real" men but slaves who do the salve - master's bidding without facing up to why you are in the condition you are in or what you must do to stop being slaves and become men."

As I was to often hear him say in later times, "You have to stand up and be men and throw that devil off your back."

Rather than feel insulted, the crowd cheered because Malcolm X who admitted he had been all these things he was attacking had put his finger on feelings and ideas "the common man" could not articulate for himself.

In the six years since that speech, I have often wondered who besides Malcolm X would dramatize the effects of slavery on colored Americans.

And in all of that time, covering the remarks of such as Roy Wilkins, Martin King, James Farmer, only one other man has specifically addressed himself to the vast contingent of slavery.

That other man would be the distinguished scholar Dr. Horace Mann Bond who said last year "We would all rather not think about slavery but we cannot minimize its continuing effects . . ."

Where Malcolm had dramatized the emotional damage of slavery, Dr. Bond buttressed emotion with fact.

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TO GIVE credit where credit is due, Malcolm's description of the colored American as a "zombie, unaware of his true self" owes much to the teachings of Elijah Poole Muhammad.

The very "zombies" Malcolm fought to wake up and help become living men, in the final analysis, were the things that killed him.

New York police identify two of the assassins as Black Muslims. I had hoped against hope that Malcolm's murder could not have been connected with his former organization in any way.

This is because Elijah Muhammad earned my respect half-a-decade ago when I first heard him and Malcolm insist that all black men should begin working together and respecting each other rather than continue the racial self - hatreds that the "devil" had conditioned us to.

That Black Muslims be in any way implicated in the death of Malcolm means that the salve - master has won again.

Brothers against brothers. It is the same old story and it only proves that we are still dead men with "no knowledge of ourselves" to borrow a phrase from Mr. Muhammad.

Malcolm's executioners might be able to rationalize his murder on *moral, political,* ideological grounds but when you run it down cold, it is just another case of blacks slaughtering blacks while The Devil looks on and laughs.

At this point, the question might well be just who really is The Devil?