"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

Dear God, we thank Thee for the blessing of work. Help us to fill our lives so full with worthwhile interests and activity that temptation shall shall nor triumph over us. Amen.

$22,500 Not Too Much

There has been considerable criticism that salaries paid administrators of the anti-poverty program are too high.

Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, last week issued a statement showing that minority groups had a better chance for appointment and promotion in his department than in other government agencies.

This week Mr. Shriver looks at salaries and finds that the average pay of a Community Action Agency director in 32 cities is $6,000 below the mayor or city manager, $10,000 below the superintendent of schools, $3,000 below the director of urban renewal, $1,000 below the director of public works.

In Baltimore, the Community Action director, Dr. Melvin Humphrey, earns $22,500; Mayor McKeldin, $25,000; Superintendent of Schools Laurence Paquin, $35,000; director of public works Bernard L. Werner, $22,500; director of public welfare, Miss Esther Lazarus, $19,000; director of Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, Richard Steiner, $22,500; director, Community Chest, $19,500.

In Washington the Community Action director will be paid $25,000.

It is plain the Federal Government considers its Community Action Agency director one of the city's top jobs and is paying him accordingly.

Who can have any quarrel with that, if he performs?

17,000 To Be Drafted

17,000 men will be drafted for the armed services next month.

What service will the average man choose?

Very likely the Air Force where there are 12 full colonels and 80 lieutenant colonels. Promotion is faster there.

Second choice will be the Army which has an active lieutenant general, 11 full colonels and 165 lieutenant colonels.

Last choice will be Navy where promotions are slow and there are only 3 colored commanders, a rank equivalent to the Army's full colonel.

This year there will be three graduates of Annapolis' Naval Academy and four each from Army's West Point and Air Force's Colorado Springs Academy.

Only oldsters who remember our jim-crow Army, Navy and Air Force of World Wars I and II can appreciate progress made under Presidents Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

We would like to include Dwight Eisenhower in this list, but as general of armies in World War II he was one of segregation's chief advocates.

How About Door-To-Door Registration?

Once a person registers, he is likely to vote. But many people are discouraged, if not barred outright, by complicated and inaccessible registration.

In Idaho and in California counties, where registrars are authorized to canvass house by house, and in North Dakota, which has no registration at all, voter turnout is very high.

A number of states and local jurisdictions have developed ways to facilitate registration.

Idaho, for example, pays deputy registrars, one in each precinct of the State, to keep registration rolls up to date. Door-to-door canvassing is authorized and encouraged.

Canada similarly uses teams of enumerators, two in each electoral district, to canvass each residence during the seventh week before every parliamentary election, for the purpose of compiling new and accurate registers of voters.

In this manner, each adult receives a personal reminder that he is eligible to vote, that an election is on the way and that it is in the public interest for him to get on the registration books and go to the polls.

Idaho, like Canada, turned out 81 per cent of its potential electorate in the most recent major election.

Another successful method for overcoming inconvenient and ineffective registration systems is precinct, neighborhood or mobile" registration.

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BALTIMORE HAS used this method successfully just before elections, but citizens who wish to register between election periods must make a lengthy trip to the city courthouse, perhaps during working hours.

Fresno County, Calif. has had great success in registering voters at fire stations. This practice might well be broadened in Baltimore to make firehouses, police stations and libraries year - round neighborhood voter registration centers.

By utilizing these existing city and county offices and their present staffs, an additional public service could be provided with minimum expenditures.

Every citizen can locate these government offices in his neighborhood, and all are open around the clock or beyond normal working hours.

If our registration procedures are to be rehabilitated and modernized, this is the time to get word to our councilmen and members of the legislature.

First Fifty Years

The 22 college women who organized themselves into a Greek letter society in 1913 could not possibly dream that they would grow into a national body with 22,000 members.

But one society or chapter grew into two, and soon the little group started at Howard University 52 years ago spread to 272 cities and colleges in 36 states, Liberia, W. Africa, Haiti and Alaska.

The story of Delta Sigma Theta's first 50 years was published Monday by Random House, N.Y., 212 pages, price $5.00.

Author is Mary Elizabeth Vroman, member of the Screen Writers Guild, author of two stories that have appeared in the Ladies Home Journal. One of them became a Metro Goldwyn Mayer movie, "Bright Road."

Delta's first 50 years will be notable as the first history but that doesn't make it into an adequate history.

It will be valuable for its appendices, names of founders, honorary members, names of chapters and dates of their establishment.

Not that an adequate history cannot be written by an honorary member of Delta. An honorary member wrote the Delta national hymn.

But a history is something different. For that you must have been an undergraduate with hopes and fears of an initiation. You must have taken the vow of deathless devotion and sealed friendships which will last a lifetime.

From this point of view, the adequate and inspiring history of Delta Sigma Theta is still to be written.

New School Books

If you had to name living heroes among minority groups whose character and courage school children should emulate, whom would you name?

One is Dr. Jim Spencer, a longshoreman's son who worked his way through NYU college and dental school to stand first in his class of 165, win four letters in athletics, teach a year at NYU before opening his own dental office in Brooklyn.

Jerry Garlinkle works 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the N.Y. News American as a typesetter, but he has won one award after another as a director of recreation and Broadway plays, helping peoples of different races work and play together.

Inge Hardison is a self - made sculptor.

Puerto Rican Jose Laez was 40 years old when he became a doctor. Now he's one of the best in New York.

Clarence and Starletta Brown grew up in South Carolina. Today they operate two successful cleaning establishments.

Nurse Grace Brown is a native of Montgomery County, Md.

Radio and opera singer Bob Brown came to New York from Tennessee.

Catholic Father Brown grew up in an Immigrant Irish family in Manhattan's West Side.

The stories of 12 people who fought special kinds of enemies — poverty, prejudice or language barriers and defeated them are told in Book 1 by Silver Burdette Company, Morristown, N.J.

Three similar books are to follow. All four will be developed by and used in the public schools of New York City.

This brings closer the day President Johnson predicts—the day when every person shall share in the blessings of the land.

Organizations

A Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, representing 90 organizations, is lobbying in Congress every day. Roy Wilkins is chairman.

If it succeeds in getting a Civil Rights bill which will abolish the poll tax as a restriction on voting in state and local elections, that will be a notable accomplishment.

If it also gets a bill which will grant federal protection to those who register and vote in the Ku Klux areas that will be still better.

Watch the action now going on in Congress for the results.

Organizations like the AME's, YMCA, National Baptist Convention, Masons and Greek Letter Societies are represented only indirectly in the 90 national organizations.

Isn't this their opportunity to seek direct representation, too?

One Leg Missing

Our Readers Say: Judge Watts Sends Thanks

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:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the outstanding coverage given the testimonial in my honor. It was a great inspiration to me and my family.

I was happy that the chairman of the board of your fine newspaper was able to serve as honorary chairman and that so many of the staff was on hand.

The AFRO has done a lot in encouraging its readers to seek the better things in life and to serve the community. Your coverage of the testimonial was in keeping with this fine tradition for it showed one is not forgotten when he raises his voice for and serves his fellowman.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for all your paper has done for me.

ROBERT B. WATTS

Compulsory ROTC

Dear AFRO:

I have diligently read your articles concerning compulsory ROTC at Morgan. I think that the students have a good argument, one that needs more careful analysis.

The entire situation brings to mind the timeworn question of how much the individual should sacrifice for the race.

Does our need for colored officers mean that we compel our youngsters to do two years of ROTC regardless of their personal feelings?

I am of the firm belief that it is the voluntary officer's program that provides the officers, and with the new ROTC program which offers scholarships and other incentives, we now have little cause to worry about the scarcity of colored officers.

No matter how we rationalize, the military has never been a "true" educational experience. It neither tolerates, nor encourages the creative thinking which is needed in our leaders.

Our colleges, which foster such creative thinking, have little space for the military and even less if it is compulsory.

CLAUDIA RAWLES

Impressed By Article

Dear AFRO:

I read and was very much impressed with the article on Mrs. Lillian Franklin.

She is really a fine person and I think she has really worked hard to make a success of her work.

Congratulations to your reporter, Mrs. Lillian Wiggins, who wrote the story.

I hope you continue to have more stories of that kind.

MATTIE DAVIS

Cancer Crusade

Dear AFRO:

Alerting the public as to the causes of cancer and having that public take the necessary action in its early detection not only to save lives, but to hasten our victory over this dreaded enemy, is an extremely important part of our total program.

The resources of our agency could not possibly pay for the valuable space your paper so generously contributed to our Crusade.

On behalf of the Maryland Division of the American Cancer Society, I ask that you please accept our heartfelt thanks.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Maryland Division for the past two years. Starting next week I will assume a new role as executive director for the Baltimore Area Council on Alcoholism. It is my hope that you will extend to my successor this same assistance.

F. EUGENE DONNELLY
Director, Dept. of Information

Douglass, Carver Too

Dear AFRO: CORE is concerned about poor facilities and curriculum at Dunbar. I wish they'd also look into the situation at Carver.

For example, the equipment used in the printing class there is old and inadequate for today's teaching. The children can not have the same experiences they would get at Mergenthaler.

And, look, also at equipment in Douglass High business courses. What I want to know is why the schools our children attend have to have old machines, typewriters and other equipment?

This is true at Douglass and Carver as well as at Dunbar. Why? I would like to see CORE get some answers.

Also, where are the parents of children who must study under these conditions? If they don't complain, they should. Sign my name, James X. I'm a teacher. You know what would happen to me.

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 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

Pin-Point

Little Leaguers Have Big Time

By GEORGE COLLINS

Dear Teacher:

This note is submitted in behalf of a group of fellows who find it extremely difficult these bright balmy spring days to give their undivided attention to the profound calling of mastering the three Rs.

If you are plagued by this code of behavior from a member of that select group, don't banish him to the legion of idiots.

Really, he's not one of those good-for-nothings who will never amount to anything more.

Chances are pretty good that while he's sitting at his desk day dreaming, he's reveling in the call of the great out-of-doors, and not thinking of far away places with strange-sounding names.

It is more than a safe bet that the thoughts of the little Johnnys, Ronnies, Gils, and Buds are wandering no further than the nearest ball field.

You see, for the most part they are too tender of age to understand and appreciate the more traditional, urgings that springtime quickens among the young at heart, mind, spirit and body.

Therefore each year this time, their innocent little worlds are transformed into a maze of hook slides, double steals, umpire baiting, singles, doubles, triples, and homeruns.

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AND, dear teacher, this is to report that a more fascinating, delightful, and enjoyable world is seldom—if ever—found anywhere.

By now, you must know that this petition is submitted in the interest of the Little Leagues.

Fred D. Crosby, commissioner of Amateur Sports of the Department of Recreation tells us that of a total of 12,000 boys enrolled in the baseball division of the program, more than 50 per cent are Little Leaguers.

Put another way, that means that in classrooms throughout the city there are possible future Willie Mayes, Mickey Mantles, Brooks Robinsons, Elston Howards, and Maury Wilkes between the ages of 10 and 12 just itching to escape the confinement of their literary prisons to harken to the melodic call of "play ball!"

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AND SINCE it is axomatic that what has not been done academically by the middle of May, there's not much chance of playing catch-up, be a little lenient if the Little Leaguer becomes a bit restless.

He is a vital cog in the wheel of a machine which absorbs pent-up energy and keeps daring and adventurous spirits constructively occupied.

Currently, according to Mr. Crosby's records, the operation of the Little Leagues requires the use of 120 fields, over 100 umpires, and 3,000 adults who volunteer as coaches, managers, and advisors.

Of the 750 amateur baseball teams supervised by the Department, more than 50 per cent are Little Leagues which make up 65 different leagues.

The Little League program, which has grown from five leagues in 1951 to the present total of 65 high gear this week as most of the flannel-draped demons of the diamond made their 1965 debuts.

And, teacher, if you don't think they are for real, just drop by one of the fields and see for yourself.

Tugging at the cage, spitting on the hands (although this might not square with your sense of sanitation, but the big ones do it too), clawing the dirt, the whole bit. They have it down pat.

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IF MORE evidence is needed to support the claim of their seriousness of purpose, just let the umpire make an unpopular call.

They make Brooklyn's one-time Ebbets Field look like an old ladies' tea party.

But sportsmanship, respect for elders, courtesy, and team spirit pervades any field where Little Leagues are locked in combat.

That, you must admit, Miss Harris (and other guardians of the young) is as important as classroom indoctrination.

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MR. CROSBY reports that the cost for umpires alone to operate the league runs in the neighborhood of $12 to $14 thousand.

Measured against the returns gained in terms of a reduction of delinquent behavior easily makes this the best investment the city has or ever will make.

That explains this petition.

Political Notebook

Next Governor?

By MAX JOHNSON

The period is fast approaching when there will be more and more speculation out loud about who most likely will be Maryland's next governor.

The Democrats' Gov. Tawes rounds out two terms in office next year—and is prohibited by law from seeking a third term.

He is also leaving office with his political machine squeaky, uncertain at the couplings—and prospects of a top-flight repair job quite dim, indeed.

So—this very definitely puts the governorship up for grabs in 1966.

Some of the Republican leaders are gleefully seeing the thing in this light—and so are some Democrats, but not with any noticeable glee.

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NOBODY KNOWS at this point, or can say with any degree or certainty, who the top candidates will be.

But—already there are speculations.

On the Democratic side of the picture — Tom Finan, attorney general, is expected to carry the banners of the Tawes' shaky machine.

Mr. Finan, himself, long has let it be known among key politicians he is ready to jump into the race—as soon as somebody opens the gate in front of him.

There are three other likely entries, however, who could make the going quite sticky for Mr. Finan in the Democratic primary.

They are Carlton Sickles, now congressman at large; Louis Goldstein, state comptroller—and George Mahoney, who rarely misses a race for U.S. Senate or the governorship.

MR. SICKLES is generally viewed as one of the Tydings' team of young Democrats Tydings . . . the team that upset the Tawes candidate for U.S. Senate last year.

A liberal, backed by labor, he is seen as a formidable candidate—but few folks have seen him looking toward the governor's seat with any noticeable degree of interest.

Should the new congressional redistricting bill stand—his Prince Georges County will be the entire 4th Cong. District.

One school of speculation has it this would entice him to remain in Congress — at least for while longer.

Mr. Goldstein's entry is quite different—for he still shows the sting of the Tawes' camp desertion of him as its candidate for U.S. Senate in his defeat by Joe Tydings.

Mr. Goldstein is almost certain to do what can be done to defeat a Tawes candidate—even if it means running himself.

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MR. MAHONEY, of course, would be in the thing for Mr. Mahoney—and he still has a surprising number of staunch followers throughout the state.

But—they have not been quite enough to get him elected in campaigns dating back to the early 1950's.

Out of this Democratic primary could emerge Mr. Finan or — Mr. Sickles, should he become an entry.

The Republican side of the picture is just as speculative at the moment.

For some time now—there has been talk of Congressman Charles MacMathias (6th D.), Spiro T. Agnew, Baltimore County executive, and even of Joseph Alton, Anne Arundel County executive seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination.

Most of this, of course, has been something of a fishing expedition.

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THE BIGGEST question of all is what will Baltimore's Mayor McKeldin do?

He has been first mayor, then governor, now mayor again. Will he seek to make history by becoming governor again?

The mayor says a lot of things on this subject—except a flat no.

The McKeldin political stock has risen sharply in past months—particularly among the colored voter.

Having initiated civil rights legislation in the city, added a race member to his staff and now pressing for open housing—he has much to campaign on.

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THERE ARE few colored citizens who wouldn't vote for him—should he run for governor.

Hook this up to the McKeldin followers and those who vote Republican regardless of the candidate — the mayor would appear to be odds-on bet against either Messrs. Sickles or Finan.

All of this, of course, is pure speculation — but it makes for healthy argument.

If I knew who the candidates are going to be—I would say so.

If I wish they would, too.

Labor and Business

By STERLING A. FAGE

Untapped Field

A labor representative, speaking about a southern state, recently admitted, "If somebody dropped a bomb on a klan rally in that state, half the labor movement would be wiped out."

Such an admission of problems within the ranks of organized labor, by labor officials, is a healthy sign—one that indicates a willingness to face up to the real issues.

Robert E. Powell, a vee-pee of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union, spoke recently before the Oklahoma State NAACP Convention in Oklahoma City. He agreed that members of some minority groups are refused membership in some local unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

AMERICA'S SICKNESS is labor's sickness and labor's shortcomings, Powell told the group. "Union members reside in Alabama. They live in Mississippi. They call Louisiana home. Georgia has unions."

The labor official's appearance before the Oklahoma convention is a part of labor's wooing of major civil rights orgs in an attempt to have the minority group advantages of unionism to colored workers.

"It's about time we realize that, if we are to be salvaged from the economic dump of America, we must link arms with the NAACP," the international vice president said. "I must remind you that only with decent wages can we ever hope to take advantage of the rights we fight so hard to achieve. Only with organization can we successfully buck the system."

A LARGE SEGMENT of unorganized workers lies in the field of service workers - a group excluded from protection of the minimum wage laws.

This is the direction in which the attention of labor unions is being focused for new membership - a virtually untapped source.

This field includes workers in laundry and dry cleaning plants, hotels, motels, restaurants and cleaning and maintenance services. They number millions.

ABOUT BUSINESS

Baltimore's Royal Theatre, under new management, has been returned to adult and family patronage. This answers a question posed by this column several months ago as to when adults could expect to attend the theatre without experiencing the rowdiness of uncontrollable youths.

The Royal has been cleaned up and is well patrolled and disciplined. Nat Hodgdon, supervisor of the Royal and Regent, has plans for new seats and other refurbishing. He is also exhibiting a different type of pix from those which appeal to the young crowd.

CLARENCE PARRAM, local real estate broker, played a large part in coordinating activities for the recent "Realkitz" convo.

POET'S NOOK

BECAUSE WE WOULD VOTE

What crime did we commit
To bring about such wrath,
As laymen stand with gas,
to block a voters path?
With sticks and clubs they come,
With vengeful hate to vend,
And still insist in war
This land we must defend.
Who are these wily folk
That come with rebel yell
And have me chance a guess
That there is worse in hell?
But knowing we are right,
We all shall stand as men
And pray, God shan't forsake
We men who're brown of skin.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Jones Falls surface expressway killed

The Board of Estimates paved the way Wednesday for final approval of the lower leg of the Jones Falls Expressway as okayed by the federal government, by rejecting an alternated surface route which had aroused considerable controversy.

Unanimously rejected was Councilman Thomas Ward's (2nd) plan which would have substituted the surface route for the federally approved elevated one, to be constructed from Biddle St. down to Baltimore.

This is seen as assurance for quick clearance of Falls route through Council and approval of the city's expressway projects by the June 10 deadline in order to guarantee receipt of federal funds.

The Ward proposal would have halted receipt of such funds for the Jones Falls Extension, and required a rebating of about $39,000,000 federal money spent on the upper leg.

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IN OTHER business, the board unanimously approved the city's financial participation in the Head Start program, which is designed to give children entering school for the first time this summer pre-school training.

The program will aid over 400 children in disadvantaged areas for a total estimated cost of $75,000 in round figures, of which the ultimate cost to the city for a six-week period this summer will be $71.

Also approved was a request from Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt that the over-time hourly rate for policemen be increased from $2.50 to $3.

Charles L. Benton, city financial director, stated in presenting the request that there is now an all-time high of 175 vacancies in the department.

A spokesman for the Fire Department told the board many police were resigning to join his agency, and he cautioned pay hikes should not be given the one department and not the other.

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A PROPOSAL from the Board of School Commissioners, quickly rejected by the Board of Estimates, raised the ire of Hyman A. Pressman, comptroller.

The School Board said in effect that if Mr. Pressman wanted to continue to push the Niles Commission investigation of city schools, the funds should come from the comptroller's office and not school loan funds.

Mr. Pressman termed this a "ridiculous suggestion," and said further:

"As far as I am concerned, I don't consider the Department of Education a sacred cow. I think the taxpayers are just as much interested in this department as any other."

The board, in other business gave an unfavorable report to pending City Council ordinance 805, which would grant property tax relief to persons over 65 years of age.

The vote was 3-2, with Mr. Pressman and Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, board president, joining to favor the ordinance.

Mayor names 2 to Airport Zoning Bd.

The reappointment of Charles P. Crane to the Airport Zoning Board and the naming of Charles F. Peace 3rd as a new member has been announced by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

The mayor said he was reappointing Mr. Crane, who is also the board chairman, "because of his distinguished service to the city of Baltimore in connection with Friendship International Airport."

Mr. Peace, an employee of the Maryland National Bank, replaces George W. Baker Jr., whose term expired last month.

The board membership is unpaid, and terms are for four years.

Mr. Peace is 51 and resides at 5001 Broadmoor Rd. with his wife and three children.

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