"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

Bless, O Lord, our fellowship in worship. May we be strengthened by the knowledge that we do not stand alone. May we all together help one another in Jesus' name. — Amen.

Something New Every Day

It is good to live in a modern world where something unusual is going on every day.

Lady Bird Johnson makes war on unsightly auto junkyards and ugly highway signs.

Rockefeller is giving $100,000 to restore beauty to the countryside.

Internal Revenue is recruiting and training girls for six months to examine our income taxes. For $5,000 they want girls with B.S. degrees in business education. More diplomatic than men, they know how to handle angry taxpayers.

Forget about table cloths. New disposable tables have tops which are peeled off after each meal.

Forget about Flit and other insecticides. Bugs will be killed electronically and sonic waves will gather up all dust in the house. Throw brooms away.

As good as a filter a doctor has found a pin hole in a cigaret dilutes the smoke with air. Three pinholes reduce harmful tar deposits 50 percent.

The President is sending Mrs. Patricia Harris, 41, associate professor of Constitutional Law at Howard U., as Ambassador to Luxembourg.

450,000 West Indians and the same number of Africans and East Indians have migrated to England in the last 10 years. They constitute 2 per cent of the population. This nonwhite population will double in the next five years.

President Crosby

Dennis Crosby was elected president of the Public School Teachers Union last week.

You may not have heard about it or passed it over lightly, but it has significance.

Mr. Crosby is a teacher at Dunbar High School which serves a 110,000 community in East Baltimore.

He was, or is, also active in the movement which through petition, picketing and sitdowns has urged the School Board to give East Baltimore a new Dunbar building.

School administrations and boards, while conceding teachers' freedom of speech or assembly, and the rights of an ordinary citizen after school hours, still have a problem.

How far can a school teacher go in public criticism of and opposition to school programs and still keep his job?

Could a teacher, for example, encourage children to sit on chairs, floors, desks of the superintendent of schools or board of education? Not that Mr. Crosby has done this.

Could such encouragement lead school children to remain there all night and absent themselves from school?

How far do free speech and free assembly and private rights of citizens extend?

While administrators ask themselves questions, the Teachers Union acts.

It puts its stamp of approval on Mr. Crosby, and perhaps on his participation in the Dunbar demonstrations.

The Union names him president. From now on he doesn't stand alone. He represents an organization.

Lawn Mower

If you have a minimum of 6 x 6 feet of grass at your house, you need a lawn mower.

If you stored it last winter in the cellar or in the garage it is probably rusty, stiff and dull.

Its knives need to be sharpened and reset, bearings and rollers need cleaning and oiling.

Nothing is more pitiful than to see a strong man butchering a lawn with a dull and rusty mower. He ought to be able to push it with two fingers.

Best advice we can give is to have the gadget sharpened at the nearest hardware store, then clean it after you use it and oil it before you cut your grass. P.S., the roller needs oiling too.

P.P.S., set the mower to cut your lawn 2 to 2½ inches high and in a year or so you will be rid of weeds. Don't cut your grass up and down, but counter clockwise.

The key to a good lawn is a sharp mower.

Fair Housing

Now before the City Council is Ordinance No. 1083.

It would prohibit discrimination based on race, religion or national origin in the financing, rental or sale of all housing in Baltimore.

Excepted would be only the owner-occupied one or two-family dwellings.

Estimate is that 40 per cent of all housing units in the city would be affected.

Those for the measure made a favorable appearance before the Council Judiciary Committee Tuesday. The Chamber was so crowded that a second hearing is scheduled. The opposition was heard Thursday.

Until the Council votes, you have a chance to tell them where you stand. Use the telephone, send a telegram, or write a letter.

Also, send a representative of your organization to join in public demonstrations.

White House Not Big Enough

It's getting to be pretty rough on President Lyndon Johnson. He is talking about spending more time in Texas.

No President finds the White House a bed of roses.

All day long visitors are pouring through the White House.

Imagine anybody having a house as big as that and unable to live in it.

Everybody wants to see him, shake hands, talk to him, be near him and just write him a letter to get his signature or a picture in return.

If he wants quiet, the girls have company or Lady Bird has 25 women in to tea in the next room.

Every time he pokes his nose outside, some pesky reporter wants to know what he thinks about Santo Domingo or Viet Nam. And the photographer who took his picture yesterday, the day before, last week, last month before that wants just one more.

They want to know what he looks like today.

He was up half the night to decide whether or not to send Marines to Santo Domingo.

LBJ would rather be out of Viet Nam, but he is in it up to his hips. The list of casualties and the cost of this war is increasing (escalating is the new word).

He can not tell the people all that he knows about the plans of the Chinese and Russians for world conquest.

He can not afford appeasement, so we are at war. He confers and stews and agonizes over what is best to do.

"Today," he says, "is a good day," and he will go out for a breath of air and spring sunshine.

"He can't," his aides tell him.

Why?

Well, there are 15,000 people in Washington today demonstrating, picketing and praying for peace and disarmament everywhere.

No wonder the President thinks longingly of Texas.

Broken Bottles

The AFRO's Clean Block Campaign does not start for several weeks yet.

In the meantime, we can do something about cans, broken bottles and trash that accumulate in gutters and alleys.

We can clean streets and gutters if "no parking" signs are posted during the city's cleaning hours.

Residents can call the Department of Sanitation and ask the city authorities to have regular hours to sweep and wash down streets.

The city itself can conduct a campaign against persons who smash bottles and throw debris in alleys and on vacant lots.

Householders can pick up and dispose properly of paper and bottles they find on their premises.

A clean neighborhood comes through cooperation and hard work.

Children can help, when properly directed.

Early Bird

By bouncing signals off the new Early Bird satellite now suspended over the Equator, we are getting instant TV pictures broadcast from London, Paris and Italian stations.

We see England's queen dedicate a memorial to the late President Kennedy while it is happening, just as we see the Orioles beat the Yanks on TV in Memorial Stadium.

It's a little frightening though.

When we want to see Bonanza, Gunsmoke or Dr. Kildare, what is to prevent the Reds from using Early Bird to jam our sets with parades in Red Square or Russian ballets and circuses?

This Summer

All Civil Rights groups intend to have demonstrations in northern as well as southern cities this summer.

High on the list are Detroit, Cleveland and Syracuse.

Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Boston are also on the list.

Baltimore is not, as of this moment. NAACP, CORE, SNCC and Martin Luther King's groups will direct the demonstrations.

Effort will be made to eliminate the bitterness and hate that characterized last year's eruptions.

A Very Timely Question

"I see where Lt. Dennis Mello ranks fourth on the list for captain."

"Yes, why doesn't commissioner Schmidt name him captain at Western Police?"

Pin-Point

Enough Talk, Action Needed

By GEORGE COLLINS

On more than one occasion here we have taken to task the Western District Police — Community Relations Committee for failing to do what it was created to do —bridge the gap between the man on the street and the patrolman on the beat.

There is still a glaring lack of progress in this direction, but there is reason to hope.

At its regular meeting last week Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, one of the seven directors, put it this way:

"There has been enough talk. It is now time for action."

It will begin, she said, when the committee presents its comprehensive "Plan For Action" to Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt, next month.

The plan and its implementation will be followed with considerable interest.

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MORE ENCOURAGING however, is the comprehensive plan of action already taken by the group's athletic committee, headed by Sgt. Rudolph Wilkins.

Unlike some higher ranking representatives of the department, Sgt. Wilkins, a veteran policeman, recognizes the source of tensions between the men on the beat and those — young and old — on the street.

He knows, too, that these tensions will not dry up and go away simply because a group of good - intentioned citizens and police brass agree to meet and discuss "the problem' in ivory towers.

The solution, like the problem, is in the street and Sgt. Wilkins knows it.

He is of the opinion that if a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation can be instilled in both the youth and the policeman in the early stages, there would be no need to worry about the mutual hostility between the officer and the adult which is now widespread in the Western District.

Therefore Sgt. Wilkins and a select, capable group of volunteer policemen and citizens have launched a pilot project designed to involve 300 boys.

The Western District Little League will officially open May 29. It will include eight teams — one in each ballwick —which will be supervised by policemen and Department of Recreation employees.

To enter a youngster merely has to go to the nearest drug store in his neighborhood, pick up an application blank, fill it out and give it to the patrolman on his beat.

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ALTHOUGH THE overall program will be supervised by adults, it will revolve around the boys themselves, who will run their club houses, set up discipline regulations and make needed recommendations for improvements.

Opening day ceremonies will be marked by a parade from Easterwood to Harlem Park.

The project Sgt. Wilkins points out, is based upon the concept of making the boys of the Western District and policemen partners.

He put it this way:

"We feel that if we can catch the youths in time before they attain habits which will develop into criminal activities, and show them that adult authority — teachers, parents and policemen — is here to guide them and not bully or push them around, we are performing a badly needed service."

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TO OUTFIT THE teams in modest uniforms and equipment project directors must come up with a minimum of $800. Sgt. Wilkins and his assistants are relying on the support of merchants and interested citizens in the District.

The mere fact that the program will keep 300 boys constructively occupied during the summer months rather than running loose and wreaking havoc in the street makes it a good buy at five times that price.

It deserves nothing less than 100 per cent support.

Our Readers Say:

Evans And Novak

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 newspaper columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak seem to be engaged in an intense effort to conduct a witch-hunt among the civil rights organizations. These champions of 'things as they are' are determined to find a Communist under every civil rights bed.

This is typical of the white "conservative" and "liberal" mentality which leads its bearers to believe that the colored man in America does not have sense enough to know that for the past 350 years he has been a victim of the most brutal racist practices in history.

Evans and Novak seem to think that only the Communists are intelligent enough to see this and that these "very intelligent" Communists are now engaged in a subversive attempt to get this over to the poor benighted, but otherwise happy, colored persons in the United States.

Well, I have news for these boys! If they have not heard, let me hasten to say that the colored American is no longer afraid of the witch-hunters. The day of imposing conformity by branding is over. The movement will not be turned by "responsible writings" of the Evanses and the Novaks.

Neither will the militants of the movement choose their associates at the pleasure of the McCarthyites.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Novak are probably two formally educated boys who represent the "best in America." They write as though they have been subjected to some formal discipline somewhere.

The views stated in their columns, however, give substance to the statement that access to sources does not necessarily make for truth or intelligence.

JULIUS W. HOBSON

Raps GOP Party

Dear AFRO:

The Republican Party still refuses to repudiate Barry Goldwater. Instead of having one concrete program, the party is a mish-mash of liberal a conservative, middle-of-the roaders and semi-crats.

The latter are found in the confederate belt. I repudiate the Republican Party for the shame, the ineptitude, for its two-faced double talk, for its promises to not uphold the Constitution and give everyone a choice.

Of course the statement, "A choice, not an echo" — may have been a misleading quote.

Tired old men and nervous young racists now swell the ranks of the party.

Very frantic alarmists, respectable bigots and women who are afraid of losing their colored servants, are putting all their efforts into the fantic proposition that some people shall dominate their brothers.

I repudiate the Republican Party for as a man I am free and I will never wear the mark of a slave and I shall never accept anything less than complete equality.

"Give me liberty or give me death." Can I say more — or does the Republican Party believe "We'll Overcome" is just a novelty song?

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Power Of The Press

Dear AFRO:

Thank you for the multiple exposure of my acceptance remarks when I received the Sojourner Truth Award from the Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

I have received calls to pick up men's clothing. It is heartening to feel that you are interested in the welfare of people who are usually forgotten. May God ever bless you.

(MRS.) MARY CARTER SMITH

Labor and Business

By STERLING A. PAIGE

3 Licenses

Recently this column pointed out that Baltimore City has a grand total of two colored licensed electricians out of 500 licensees.

Of these two, one has been licensed for at least 20 years, the other, 15. During the past 15 years only one other license (later revoked) has been issued to colored electricians.

Numerous trained and experienced electricians have gone before the State Board of Electrical Examiners to take the test required for issuance of a license. Time and again these men have been notified they failed to pass the test.

Many of these men have worked in the field for years, after having graduated from recognized trade schools. At least two are graduates of Hampton Institute, having gone through the five - year technical and academic course.

Carver Vocational turns out about 50 graduates per year in the electrical course. Apprenticeship training programs are calling for applicants to enroll. For the future of these would - be licensed electricians lies in a board that has qualified three colored applicants in the last 20 years.

LAST WEEK one electrician who recently again failed in the examination, Rudolph Russell, was summoned to appear before the board to answer charges of performing work without a license and city permit.

Mr. Russell, accompanied by the Rev. Marion Bascom, your AFRO columnist and other supporters, had his case aired before the board members.

After discussion of the charges and being told by the Rev. Mr. Bascom of wide - spread suspicion of discriminatory practices on part of the Board of Examiners, the 5 - member panel agreed to take no action against the electrician other than to issue a "cease and desist warning.

Meanwhile, the board also agreed to let Mr. Russell see the test papers that resulted in his failing to get a license.

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ABOUT BUSINESS —Central Metal Crafts Corp., manufacturers of Presto Pride cookware products, will soon make concentrated effort in the Baltimore area and will have openings for salesmen interested in 5-figure yearly incomes.

The Pyramids, Inc. present their Spring Spectacular Cabaret at the Famous Ballroom on May 29.

Ex - store fixture salesman Floyd Harris is fighting hard to catch up with Lady Luck. His tavern in the 1000 block Penna. Ave. burned out a few weeks ago. Floyd now operates a larger and better place across the street. Burglars broke in, smashed his machines and cleaned him out. A week later they came back for a repeat performance. Three nites later a third raid was thwarted by waiting police and Floyd.

Political Notebook

Council Jam

By MAX JOHNSON

The City Council, seemingly, is being faced these days with one high-level decision after another — and often before the former one is resolved.

For example, the lower leg Jones Falls Expressway hassle is barely hopefully set to clear that body Monday — when fair housing jumps up for consideration.

And now, too, in comes councilmanic redistricting.

Still to be moved are the East-West and Southwest Expressway routes.

WHILE THESE pressing matters are up for decision — the Council still can't agree, after almost ten months now, on filling that vacant 3rd District seat of the late George W. Arthur.

This, when viewed squarely, must pose a rather disconcerting picture for those pressing for quickly needed city legislation.

Those who have long had occasion to observe this Council in action know that nothing of any consequence has ever moved through it with dispatch.

How quickly will come action on the fair housing proposal remains to be seen.

It should be remembered, though, that one of the two such ordinances now up for consideration has been before the Council since May 27, 1963.

ON THE MATTER of councilmanic redistricting — Council President D'Alesandro has already stated this can be held over until after the summer recess.

He holds that it is only necessary to get the thing, or an amended version of it, passed in time to be placed on the ballots for voters to approve or reject in the November, 1966 general election.

There is, however, one well-demonstrated point against this type of thinking.

It has been just this sort of do-it-later operation that is now responsible for one of the biggest backlog of ordinances jammed in a City Council here in years.

Proposed legislation has been piled upon proposed legislation — coming in far, far, faster than council action is taken.

CONSEQUENTLY — there exists in this council a growing state of confusion.

Several of the councilmen have even taken the floor to question what is going on — and few of the others have been able to tell them.

There are some good minds in this council — but at too many sessions this could quite conceivably be sharply questioned by a new observer.

Too many sessions, such as the recent hassles on the Jones Falls extension for example, have degenerated into slapstick affairs.

They have been very unfunny, indeed — though some councilmen seemed to find them very tickling.

BACK OF THE whole thing to a great degree, of course, is the apathy of the general public.

Only a few regulars, other than those whose duties require them to be there, usually show up for regular council sessions.

If more citizens were really interested — much of that foolish waste of time and efforts in the Council would be stopped.

The attending constituents would demand it of their Council representatives — and moreover get ready compliance.

But, the only time even representatives of civic and political organizations show up is when they want, or don't want, something — like civil rights legislation, for example.

I have said here repeatedly — citizens get the kind of representation they deserve.

And when they are complacent about how their elected public representatives go about the job for which they were put in office — they deserve that, too.

It's quite silly to elect a person to office — and then pay no attention while he makes a fool of himself.

Then, when somebody wants something done by way of legislation—nobody knows why when it isn't put through.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper cannot be better than its equipment 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 good except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is willing to put rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody.

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices even prejudice or unpopularity.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1929

6 Not Enough

With six colored congressmen in Washington, we have only one less than at any one time during the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War. The 43rd Congress, 1872-75 and the 44th Congress, 1875-77, each had seven colored representatives.

Today, two are chairmen of powerful committees, William L. Dawson, D., Ill., heads the Government Operations Committee, and Adam C. Powell, D., N.Y., the committee on Education and Labor.

The other four congressmen have asked and been given membership on the following committees:

Representative Diggs, Foreign Affairs and District of Columbia Affairs; Representative Conyers, Judiciary; Representative Hawkins, Education and Labor and House Administration; Representative Nix, Foreign Affairs and Post Office and Civil Service.

None is on the Important Armed Services Committee which concerns itself with the millions of men who are drafted and serve in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

So, six congressmen are not enough.

St. Louis, Baltimore, Cleveland, New Orleans, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Boston and Newark should address themselves to the kind of registration and voting that will insure them additional representatives in Congress.

POET'S NOOK

ROMANCE

When I was young
I used to say:
Romance will come riding by
And I shall surely smile
And play with him awhile?
When I grew older
then I said:
Romance may come riding by
I wonder shall I smile
And play with him awhile?
But now—
Alas! I only say:
Romance never will come by
And I shall never smile
He has been dead the while!

GEORGIA DOUGLAS JOHNSON

AN ODD CAR LOT

Here sits a Cord and Hupmobile,
An Auburn trimmed in green,
A Pierce Arrow, priced to go,
Beside a Terraplane.
I'd like a couple with rumble seat,
This Essex might do fine,
But let me see this Model T,
Ford made in twenty nine.
Should take me anywhere,
Providing I can crank it up,
And get the thing in gear.
Now finally I've made a choice,
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