"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

Lord, what we know not, teach us; Lord, what we have not, give us; Lord, what we are not, make us. Amen.

Get In Step

A change in the command of the Maryland National Guard is imminent; it will probably occur this weekend.

The certain successor to the post now held by Lt. Gen. Milton A. Reckord is to be Brig. Gen. George M. Gelston, a man who gave us a glimpse of his progressive attitude in his commendable handling of the Cambridge crisis a couple of summers ago.

With this change in command, we suggest that the Guard abandon its old practice and get in step with the national trend of full desegregation, both among the enlisted men and the officers.

A good beginning would be to start with the all - white outfits in such places as Cambridge and Annapolis, just to name two towns where Pentagon policy is being ignored.

It is also crucial for the state's permanent National Guard military staff to open its ranks to qualified colored officers.

The need in that area is accentuated by the current re - organization of the nation's armed forces under which the guard will soon be absorbing many of the Army Reserve units in the State.

If is has not been clear before, it is clear now: Uncle Sam does not care about color when it comes to sending officers and men to Vietnam and other world trouble spots. All he cares about is ability.

The least Maryland can do is to follow his example. It is about time we became one nation both at home and on the battle field. Let's reward ability and patriotism by ignoring color in the armed services.

Dock Discrimination

Local 1911, AFL - CIO International Longshoremen's Association and Cargo Handlers, Inc., of Cambridge, have been ordered to end racial discriminatory practices on the docks there.

Trial examiner Robert E. Mullin ruled that both had been guilty of discriminating in the hiring of dock workers. The complaints brought by four Cambridge dock workers were issued on June 22 by John A. Panello, Baltimore regional director of the National Labor Relations Board.

As usual, when the charges of discrimination were made, there were the usual loud protests of innocence.

Immediately after the complaints were made, the local accepted its first colored members.

What had been happening is that the company joined hands with the local so that members of the union, then all - white, got first call on jobs in the port. If anything was left over, others got that.

The union and company have 20 days in which to agree to end the discriminatory practices or to file an appeal in the case.

It seems that every single wall in Cambridge will have to be knocked down one at a time.

Newly accepted dock workers naturally will continue to be fearful of every questionable hiring arrangement. It will take the full cooperation of all involved to make the new arrangement the success it can and should be.

An appeal in the case could be the first warning that there may be trouble ahead.

Back Pay Earned, Needed

For more than a year, Baltimore has had a Minimum Wage Ordinance on the law books.

Though it isn't much to crow about —the minimum is $1 per hour—it could have been more effective had the Commission which was entrusted with its enforcement taken a stronger position on the letter and spirit of the ordinance.

The Commission chose to adopt a policy of "educating" employers and employees, a policy which has during its duration all but spared the "rod," allowing errant employers to keep paying paltry, sub - standard wages for extended periods.

For example, it took the Commission more than nine months to catch up with the city's major hotels which were paying some of its workers as low as 67 cents an hour.

Then once this illegal practice was ended, the matter of retroactive payments — amounting to as high as $700 for some hotel employees involved — was just about forgotten during the negotiations which resulted in raising the sub - standard wages to the $1 minimum.

A few weeks ago, CORE officials met with the chairman of the Minimum Wage Commission, William O. Doub, at a hastily called meeting and pressed him on what they termed the "laxness" of the Commission in enforcing the law.

Before the heated session ended, it had degenerated into name calling. Little if anything was resolved, though a promise was made by Chairman Doub.

He told CORE, and the press, that at the next meeting of the Commission, Jan. 6, the matter would take a close look at the current policy which has allowed errant employers to escape the sting of back pay.

As far as we are concerned, there is only one thing for the Commission to do with its legal teeth (and they are far sharper under the present law than the Commission believes): Bite, and bite hard, those who violate the plain letter and spirit of the ordinance and start with the hotels.

It would be a great disservice, in fact it would amount to a dereliction of duty, for the Commission to ignore the money due each offended hotel employee.

These struggling workers need every penny they earn. As far as the back pay is concerned, they earned it.

Colts Are Still Champs

If there was joy in Baltimore last Sunday, we couldn't find it.

The mighty Colts had played and lost and the strongest among us were visibly saddened.

But our sadness has no chance of dampening our loyalty. The Colts are still our champs; maybe next year, they'll be the nation's as well.

We are left with the knowledge that they did what they could. We can ask no more.

They have always given us more than our money's worth and we suspect that before long they'll present us with a bonus — another championship.

In the meantime we treasure the thought, that win or lose, our Colts have had more days in the sun than most other teams. The Colts still have a chance to claim more glory in the runner - up bowl.

Getting into the playoff and into the Dallas bowl took a lot of effort. We think a number of teams without a first or second string quarterback never would have made either.

Our Colts, they never say die.

Lawyers Try Again

The Baltimore Bar Association, after much soul searching, has assigned a committee the task of working out a program of legal aid for the poor. A report is due this April.

We could be facetious and say: Better late than never. But the problem of legal aid to the poverty stricken, as we see it, is too grave for glibness.

And it is just that —the seriousness of the matter — which prompts us to send a few words of caution to the distinguished committee: Concentrate on the needs of the indigent; don't compromise their interests (and those of our city) merely for the sake of making your proposal palatable to the dissident within your own association.

The price tag which has for so long been attached to legal advice and advocacy has all but paralyzed the potential for self improvement among the poor. It has relegated them to a state of unfair handicap and frustration.

Again and again, the economically disadvantaged are re - inforced in their suspicion that justice is something which the possession of dollars determines.

What is more, the expense of enforcing one's rights becomes but another example for the poor that the social structure cares little for the actual equities involved; that in fact, society helps insure the helplessness of the poor, making them an easy prey for the slum lord, the loan shark, the bill collector.

The committee should keep the following in mind: To the poor, whatever costs money is rarely within their reach.

To put justice beyond their means, is to leave them with despair and hatred.

To make money essential in the securing of rights, is to nourish injustice. Those who can't afford legal aid, can't afford justice either, the equities notwithstanding.

Few wounds are deeper and take longer to heal than the ones inflicted by injustice.

Library schedule

All agencies of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, and will be closed on New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper exceeds 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., 1930

Keep Your Eyes Open, Fella

Our Readers Say:
Conscription Policy

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:

It is particularly painful to those who understand the student revolt against the war in Vietnam that some of these youngsters are having their deferred pool positions cancelled simply because of their participation in the demonstrations.

And those who have followed the revolt know that by and large the same student minority so deeply involved in the southern struggle is the same minority which feels so intensely opposed to the Vietnam conflict.

These students are in position to compare the one rebellion with the other and are doubly disturbed. They have witnessed the maiming and murder of their comrades in the integration struggle and the oppressors acquitted, while the government is helpless, but its draft boards are willing to conscript them to fight against a rebellion 9,000 miles away from home.

Yet there is some comfort in the fact that a few congressmen are, also, shocked at the action taken by the Selective Service Boards. Strangely enough these congressmen voted for appropriation to finance our participation in the Vietnam conflict. And though, as Justice Holmes once said, "there are many things which one might do or say while we are at peace, he cannot do, or say, so long as men fight," it should be remembered that the Supreme Court overturned President Lincoln's conscription procedure of union men during the Civil War.

Certainly there is a constitutional question involved in the present move, which will surely be raised in the forthcoming session of the Congress.

I think it ought to be heard.

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

Ex-POW's Defended

Dear AFRO:

"We strongly condemn the action of the U.S. Army of bringing charges against Sgt. George E. Smith and Spec. 4 Claude McClure.

We are convinced that these charges have been leveled by the Army because the two ex-POW's spoke out against the war in Vietnam at the time of their release last month and said they would do so again when they reached home. We find it very difficult to avoid concluding that the Army is doing all it can to keep the two from returning home as free men able to relate their experiences.

In this regard we deem it particularly curious that although Smith and McClure were freed by the National Liberation Front forces more than four weeks ago they have not been allowed to return to the United States but are being held incommunicado at an Army base on the Japanese island of Okinawa.

This infringement upon their liberties should cease forthwith, and they should be permitted to continue on their way back for reunions with their families and to follow through on their expressed intentions to tell the truth about our country's involvement in Vietnam.

The Baltimore Committee is closely following the Smith - McClure affair and will support all local and national efforts to secure the rights of these men to return freely to the United States and to have their say.

HERMAN HEYN, Coordinator
Baltimore Committee to End the War in Vietnam

Hits School Policies

Dear AFRO:

The Teachers' Union of Washington, D.C. is again calling on the Board of Education to adopt a policy concerning the personnel files of teachers which is consistent with the practices followed by the Federal Government and other District agencies.

The following paragraphs from the proposals in reference to personnel policies relate to this but do not provide specific information concerning the availability of files to teachers.

Section VI. Board orders, supplements to board orders, records and personnel files:

B. Procedure

4. Once a teacher is selected and assigned one official personnel file on the individual will be maintained only in the Department of Personnel. This file will be available for official Board of Education business and to school officials who have a need to know of the file contents.

5. A separate file on employees when appropriate (e.g. containing materials prejudicial to the employee) will be maintained in the office of the Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Personnel. This file will be made available to interested parties only by direction of the Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Personnel.

WILLIAM H. SIMONS
PRESIDENT TEACHERS' UNION

Thanks for Help.

Dear AFRO:

I wish to thank you and all the people that have helped send the things that I received for Christmas. My children were so happy. We had a wonderful Christmas, thanks to you. May the Lord bless and keep you.

You have brought joy into the heart of two children who had never had a Christmas until this year. I thank you again.

MRS. LOTTIE ALLEN AND FAMILY

Cancer message

Dear AFRO:

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Maryland Division's board of directors, executive committee, officers and staff, to extend their best wishes for the holiday season.

It is indeed an opportune time of the year for us all to be thankful for the many blessings during this past year.

Your participation in the Cancer Control program has been greatly appreciated by research scientists, educators, and cancer victims who look to the American Cancer Society for the fulfillment of their needs. I thank you for your efforts in this regard.

As we look forward to 1966, there is enthusiasm on the part of volunteers, friends of the Society and Staff to renew their efforts in the objective to prevent the eventual control of cancer. Let us all consider 1966 as the year of growth in the Maryland Division.

Again, my best wishes and a Happy Holiday Season.

DR. EDWARD F. LEWISON

Received certificate

Dear AFRO:

I want to thank you and your dear staff for doing your best to help the poor and the needy. It is a wonderful thing to make so many people that are truly in need happy.

I wish you and all of your staff a most happy Christmas and a most happy New Year.

Thanks again for the token of love $5.

Yours truly, husband and wife,
CHARLES L. WENTWORTH

Business and Labor
By STERLING A. PAIGE

Year's end

Best news of the holiday season was the announcement of the pre-Christmas approval of funds for the much - delayed launching of Baltimore's Small Business Development Center.

The $120,000 to be piped into the area for the purpose of shoring up and strengthening the foundations of businesses in our community should be a good beginning in improving our economy.

The SBDC will also make possible the establishing of new businesses here for which Federal funds will be available under the anti - poverty program — provided these businesses will employ unemployed people from the poverty class.

Unlike business loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, now indefinitely frozen, funds for business loans under the anti-poverty program have already been allocated but must be channelled through SBDC.

Such a situation should lend hopes of real progress in our business life during the coming year.

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CHIEF DISAPPOINTMENT of 1965 on the business scene was the freezing of SBA loans on which many small operators had counted to put their businesses on more solid footing.

Relief is expected to loom not too far in the distant horizon. Meanwhile Sen. Joe Tydings, at the behest of business organizations and personalities, has promised to help in the freeing of funds or the allocation of additional monies by Congress to help businesses that were cut off by the freeze.

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BUSINESS OWNERS and property owners on the lower blocks of Pennsylvania Av. are looking forward to a busy 1966 as plans are made for formation of an association of merchants below the 1500 block.

Such a group could do much to improve the conditions and the status of the Avenue and might even result in the removal of some of the eyesores now existing that make it unpalatable to many.

More cooperation is going to be asked of police in helping to correct some conditions that cause many citizens to shy away from what was once Baltimore's Main Stem.

Certainly every merchant, property owner and resident of the Pensylvania Ave. section should be interested in this proposed improvement which would probably be worked along with the extension of the McCulloh Homes housing project to just back of the east side of the Avenue.

There are, however, many proponents of an idea that the project should sweep right across lower Pa. Ave. and link up with the newly - built Murphy Homes that start on Argyle Ave.

Such a possibility bears watching.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and read the AFRO every edition.

Political Notebook
The Year Ahead
By MAX JOHNSON

Traditionally, the beginning of a new year prompts much reflection on events of the out - going one — considerable speculation on things to come.

The political world stands foremost among these matters — for such is a broad basis really of our way of life.

Price of potatoes, meat, countless jobs, human rights advancements, we enjoy — or lack — in our communities are all deep - rooted in politics.

To think otherwise lays one open to accusation of having a naive viewpoint toward politics.

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SO — LOOKING forward into the new year politically presents a far more complex chore than may be readily suspected.

There are just too many things to view for foreseeable developments — with the outcome for many depending on what happens with others.

Speculation may be as different as the eyes of the speculators — even close, trained observers.

Rising indications may offer the same varied viewpoints.

Therefore, your indulgence — not necessarily agreement — is asked here in a few things I look forward to developing the new year.

VIETNAM

This mess is certain to get messier as the coming year progresses—with next December finding the fighting of American troops there on a far stepped - up scale.

By then, however, President Johnson and his advisors will have run out of labels — and have gotten around to calling the whole thing rightly a war.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

President Johnson, pressed by civil rights leaders and advancement of the times, will present Congress with a fair housing bill.

This measure will be along toward passage by the end of the year.

MARYLAND'S NEXT GOVERNOR

This one carries a lot of ifs — the ifs depending largely on whether certain expected candidates will really bid for the governorship.

As matters now stand — I see Thomas B. Finan, state's attorney general, as Gov. Tawes' successor.

One big if is — unless Congressman Carlton R. Sickles jumps in the race.

Then — it could develop into a toss-up between Finan and Sickles.

Another big if is — whether the Republicans' Theodore R. McKeldin makes his bid.

As the new year begins — this seems quite unlikely.

NEXT COMPTROLLER

Louis L. Goldstein, having lost his bid for U.S. Senate, has served with enthusiasm as Maryland's comptroller.

There are those who see him eyeing strongly the governorship — with recent utterances in that direction.

All I see, however, is Mr. Goldstein running as hard as he can for reelection as comptroller — and winning.

NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL

This is a thorny one — largely because tickets that shape up for feelers one week change the next.

But — Francis X. Gallagher could well emerge the winner, come next fall's elections.

BALTO. HOUSING BILL

The City Council returning from holiday vacation on Jan. 17, faces action on a fair housing ordinance.

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, chief among its sponsors, has been working hard to develop strong support toward its passage — with a number of political moves.

Though this same Council previously rejected this out - going year two housing bills less stronger — conditions seem to be somewhat changed.

Some of the opposing councilmen will seek city - wide seats in next fall's elections — posts they can't win without the city's high colored vote.

I see a housing bill of sorts passing this Council.

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The present new boundaries of Baltimore's legislative districts, along with reapportionment, have given a measure of equitable recognition to the colored voter.

This means — the state's new General Assembly elected next fall should have more colored representatives.

I foresee two colored state senators from the 4th District and at least four of the alloted eight House members.

The 2nd District could have two House members and the 5th District at least two colored.

I see this as a reasonably safe outlook.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

There are none now, nor have there ever been, colored clerks or aides in the governor's office — but the coming year will be different.

There is now a state law prohibiting discrimination in employment in state agencies.

Colored clerical employees, possibly an aide, are seen by this columnist being placed in the governor's office the coming year.

It's not only a just move — it's a good one politically.

BAKER'S DOZEN
Just What Is Bad Judgment?
BY BAKER E. MORTEN

WASHINGTON.

At a time when the Metropolitan Police Department is asking for greater public sensitivity to law and order, there is a need for citizens to feel they have a police chief alert enough to recognize a cast of "bad judgment" when one occurs.

Police Chief John B. Layton last week absolved two officers of using "bad judgment" Sept. 8 in the detention of four youths for playing football in an alley.

The officers accused of using bad judgment were Pvts. Thomas R. Trolia and Edward E. Spiker, who touched off a near riot when they took the four boys into custody with the idea of "making out Juvenile Report Forms" on them — thereby giving them police records early in life.

It is a misdemeanor to play football in an alley, true enough, but was it sound judgment to take the youths into custody when they could have been taken to their parents instead?

Or is this a service the police don't perform in the 10th Precinct?

In absolving Trolia and Spiker, the Chief makes it apparent that he thinks the patrolmen used sound judgment in detaining the boys. He points out that one officer's judgment may differ from another's according to his experiences, and that no officer is infallible.

Does this mean that from now on we can expect a multitude of different judgments from a multitude of different officers with every judgment being considered "fair" by the Chief?

When Layton cleared the officers in a statement last week, he reaffirmed the Department's policy of "impartiality and fairness in the treatment of citizens."

He said fairness and impartiality of the officers noted in the cooperative efforts of precinct units with church and civic groups.

The Chief may be correct in his observation, but does he realize that the basic problem lies with the man who belongs neither to a church nor a civic group?

Public confidence in law enforcement agencies is undermined when policemen use "bad judgement" and are protected by their superiors.

The fact that the Chief cleared Trolia and Spiker of using bad judgment does not erase the fact that a riot nearly occurred over an incident that officers using better judgment would have handled another way.

The Chief thinks Trolia and spiker used good judgment, but does he believe good judgment would have nearly sparked a riot?

These are the people most frequently dealt with by the police, they are the ones who complain about police injustice, and it is with this segment of the city that there should be better police - community relations.

The near riot on northwest 14th St. last fall might have been averted had there been better police - community relations.

U.S. to airlift oil to support Zambia

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States, anxious to protect Zambia from the backlash of sanctions against the rebel regime in neighboring Rhodesia, plans next week to begin an oil airlift to the landlocked nation.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk disclosed the move early this week following a meeting with Zambian Foreign Minister Simon Kapwepe and other officials of the African country.

Rusk also said the United States is willing to take further steps to protect Zambia against such sanctions as the oil embargo declared against Rhodesia by Great Britain. Zambia has already been affected by the embargo.

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U.S. OFFICIALS indicated the further steps mentioned by Rusk would include development of a new land route from Zambia to the Tanzanian port of Dar-Es-Salaam.

The United States is supporting British economic sanctions against the rebel Rhodesian regime of Premier Ian Smith, which illegally declared its independence from Britain last month.

Rush reiterated to Kapwepe that the United States said that "both sides agreed was ready to couple its opposition to Smith's white minority regime with measures to help Zambia.

A joint communique issued following the meeting that the undemocratic regime now installed in Rhodesia was a threat to human rights."

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THE UNITED States is arranging to charter civilian plans to supplement a British airlift of oil into Zambia. One objective would be to enable the nation to end oil rationing.

Kapwepe's mission to Washington was similar to one to Moscow which resulted in a Soviet pledge of "utmost assistance" to Zambia and other African nations against the Smith regime.

The communique noted that American oil companies were joiing in implementing the British embargo of oil and other petroleum products.

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EARLIER, it was disclosed that the Johnson administration is receiving mail from U.S. citizens on Rhodesian situation.

Sources said the amount of mail being received on the issue was "trivial" compared to that coming in on Viet nam. One official attributed the critical nature of the mail to a "misunderstanding" of the nature of Rhodesia's independence declaration.

He said Smith had succeeded in convincing many Americans the declaration was similar to that of the United States from Britain.

MEMBERS OF the Baltimore Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women are shown as they prepared a holiday party for inmates of the Carver Nursing Home. In the photo above are, seated, left, Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, president; Mrs. Jeanetta Wilson, chairman; standing, from left: Mesdames Mary C. Smith and Elvera Richardson; Dr. Maybelle Weaver, Mesdames Ethel J. Day, Dorothy Tross, Laura Parker and Rosa Gaskins.

ONE MAN'S FAMILY—On hand to witness the testimonial the North Carolina Mutual Insurance firm gave in honor of Leroy Jackson (seated center with his wife Mrs. Jackson) were, standing rear, their children, Mrs. Pat Mitchner, Arthur Jackson Jr., Mrs. Susie Glascoe and Mrs. Mercedes Smith.

KC library contract set at $509,946

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A bid of $509,946 by Waters and Johnson Co. of Knoxville was the lowest acceptoma of bids opened last week on the Knoxville College Library, President James A. Colston has announced. Five other construction companies also bid on the base construction of the building.

Dr. Colston said construction is expected to start in January and the library should be ready for occupancy by September.

21 Vietnam war victims identified

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department Monday identified 21 servicemen killed in Viet nam combat.

The Army dead: — Maj. John O. Arne, husband of Mrs. Mary O. Arne, Sycamore Place, Carmel, Calif.

Pvt. Bill Cromwell, husband of Mrs. Lula Gruerke, 8406 Mountain Ave., Holly, Calif.

Pvt. Bill L. Cromwell, husband of Mrs. Louise Cromwell, 720 N.W. 8th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Sgt. Howard L. Allen, husband of Mrs. Naomi L. Allen, 1008 S. St. Whitehall, Pa.

Capt. Paul D. Berthiaume, husband of Mrs. Catherine M. Berthiaume, Royal Oak Park, East Brookfield, Mass.

Sfc. William W. Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Richard, 14 Bradford St., Auburndale, Mass.

Sgt. Stephen C. Renner, son of Mrs. Ruth Renner, 419 Orton Rd., Howard City, Mich.

Spec. 4 Jimmie R. Hinson, son of and Mrs. Ino Ina Hinson, Pleasant Hill, Miss.

Sgt. George E. Johnson, husband of Mrs. Cheryl G. Johnston, Sullivan, Mo.

Sfc. Carl H. Torello, husband of Mrs. Dora Torello, 8 Ashton Ave., Rd. Baldwinsville, N.Y.

Pfc. Samuel Wade Jr., son of Mrs. Johnnie M. Woods, 108 - 20 New York Blvd., Jamaica, N.Y.

Pfc. James L. Doane, son of Wilbur Doane, Lewisville, N.C.

Pvt. Maryland Chatten, son of Mrs. George Week, Chatham, Va.

Sgt. Leonidas Nasis, husband of Mrs. Maria M. Nasis, Mt. Pleasant, Westmont, Mass.

Spec. 4 Marvin M. Belt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Belt, 1718 E. Tennessee St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Capt. Donald Robert Roberts, husband of Mrs. Norma L. Roberts, 900 S.E. Monroe Makel, Okla.

THE NAVY DEAD: — Lt. John Douglas Prudhomme, husband of Mrs. Patricia A. Prudhomme, 2112 Beacon Lane, Virginia Beach, Va.

THE MARINE DEAD: — Pfc. Edward L. Lowe, son of Mrs. Lydia Kurahoe, 4400 Carpenteria Ave., Carpinteria, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Dennis C. Stanerofff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stanerofff, 2000 Columbia St., Deaborne, Mich.

Col. John G. Towner, husband of Mrs. John G. Towner, 8472 Garnet, Shawnee, Kan.

THE AIR FORCE DEAD: — Capt. James C. Wise, Jr., husband of Mrs. Lucille H. Wise, 218 Griffwood Lane, Largo, Fla.

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THE PENTAGON said 10 men previously listed as missing are now dead.

They are: Marine Lance Cpl. Ronald J. Sisson, son of Mrs. Pearl M. Sisson, Hubertson Rd., Hulberton, N.Y. Nine were at Quantico — Pvt. Jul L. Garcia II, Buckley, son of Mrs. Mary E. Buckley, 1000 Rosecrans, Monroyia, Calif.

M/Sgt. Joseph A. Cestare, husband of Mrs. Dorothy A. Cestare, 1126 Park Oak Court, Milpitas, Calif.

Sgt. Ralph L. Hinson, husband of Mrs. Beatrice H. Hinson, Gal Opry, Ave., Macon, Ga.

Sgt. Thomas J. Sloan, husband of Mrs. Sharon L. Sloan, 2000 Bond of St., Shakopee, Minn.

Pfc. Jerry L. Abernathy, husband of Mrs. Dorothy L. Abernathy, 206 N. Main St., Cimarron, Kan.

Maj. Robert W. Abbott, husband of Mrs. Clara Abbott, 114 Symphony Rd., Haddonfield, N.J.

Airman 1/C Claude W. Mathews, son of Mrs. Ethel M. Matson, 218 N. Delsea, Dr., Clayton, N.J.

Airman 1/C Johnson A. Meade, husband of Mrs. Minnie Mae R. Meade, 7223 Westbrigg, San Antonio, Tex.

T/Sgt. John M. Chappell, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Marie Chappell, Ok Trailer Court, Big Spring, Tex.

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EIGHT MEN were listed as missing in action:

Capt. Lt. William L. Shankel, Lt. (JG) Glenn H. Diagle, Lt. (JG) Wendell E. Akers, and Lt. (JG) David D. Lukenbach.

Air Force Maj. Robert M. Horsley, Staff Sgt. Mercedes P. Salling, Staff Sgt. Donald D. Stewart, and Capt. George P. McKnight.

NAMES AND addresses of next of kin of missing men are not given. An Air Force officer died from other than hostile causes. He was identified as Capt. Louis B. Raleigh, husband of Mrs. Joan L. Raleigh, 308 Pocahontas Dr., Ft. Walton, Beach, Fla.

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Lawyer thinks U.S. has shaky case against GI's

NAHA, Okinawa (UPI) — A top civilian lawyer experienced in prosecution of court martials said Tuesday the military would have a difficult time proving two U.S. Army sergeants aided an "enemy" during their two years of imprisonment by the Viet Cong.

The two men, Sgt. George E. Smith of Chester, W. Va., and Sgt. Claude McClure of Chattanooga, Tenn., have been charged with "aiding the enemy" while captives of the communist guerrillas. They were released last month by the Viet Cong in honor of anti - war demonstrations in the United States.

At a news conference in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Nov. 30 they said they would quit the Army and join the campaign against U.S. involvement in Vietnam when they got home.

HOWARD B. McCLELLAN of Clayton, N.M., who has served as defense counsel in dozens of court martials, told UPI he believed the Army would have trouble proving the two aided an "enemy" since there has been no declaration of war in Vietnam by the United States.

McClellan also commented that in his experience it was extremely unusual for the Army to state that the men had been charged before an officer convening a court martial was issued.

The Army announced Monday that a preliminary investigation into the conduct of the two men warranted the charges that they prepared, furnished and delivered to the Viet Cong certain documents, statements, and writings inimical to the interest of the United States.

However, it remains up to the commanding officer here — Lt. Gen. Albert E. Watson — to decide whether there is enough evidence to bring the charges to trial.

McClellan said it appeared that the sergeant's case was now in a military legal state akin to that of a preliminary hearing in civilian courts.

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MEANTIME, the Army has refused further comment on the status of the case or the whereabouts of the sergeants. They were whisked to this island base from Korat, Thailand, on Dec. 7. The Army also said the men have been provided with legal counsel, but would not identify the lawyers.

If the pair are tried and convicted of aiding the enemy they could face the death penalty under Article 104 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. But a long series of reviews, including presidential approval, would be necessary before they could be executed.

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