"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

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given us in time be our healing for eternity.
Amen

Lindsay Fires His Police Chief

In New York City our people helped elect liberal—Mayor John V. Lindsay, a Republican.

The mayor promptly redeemed his campaign pledge by firing his chief of police who had refused to appoint a civilian review board.

The new chief, Howard Leary, will appoint such a Board which is designed to restrain the lawless activities of some New York policemen.

Complaints of unlawful search and seizure without a warrant, brutality in making arrests, of treatment of prisoners while confined and of interrogating persons accused of crime without giving them access to legal counsel are well known in all large cities.

Study of the police situation in Baltimore by the International Chiefs of Police discloses the need of immediate and positive reforms upon which Governor Tawes has embarked.

A civilian police review board is a must in Baltimore. This may not be the only solution to the problem, but it will do until some other effective means can be devised.

Who For Governor

In the 1964 elections, Democrats were alarmed at a circular letter suggesting that colored people nominate Dr. Martin Luther King, a Republican, to run for the Presidency against President Kennedy. Dr. King had nothing to do with this circular.

Republicans denied its sponsorship and the whole incident was quickly forgotten.

It is renewed again this week by the NCPCC (not NAACP). This is an alleged national organization to promote election of colored candidates.

NCPCC suggests a colored candidate for Governor of Maryland. This thought was an excellent suggestion when the gubernatorial candidates in both parties were hostile.

We tried it too in 1920, when we nominated Mr. Asbhie Hawkins, an attorney, to run for Governor in what was then a boss - ridden, ballot-stealing state of the worst character.

Not all the votes were stolen, however. Mr. Hawkins polled officially in Maryland some 7,000 ballots, enough to demonstrate that an organized minority was beginning to function.

Right now we are too busy as regular members of both parties supporting our friends who stand for open occupancy in housing and who stand against the City Council and legislative proposal to gerrymander the 4th District.

Here is where the fire is.

Nursing Home Troubles

There are many causes for the labor troubles that broke out recently at two Baltimore private nursing homes, each reinforcing the other until a situation arises where everybody suffers — workers, patients and management.

The prime culprit is lack of money. Most of the beds in the affected homes are occupied by welfare patients, for each of which the state pays the owners of the homes $210 a month.

This is one of the lowest payments in the country. The national average is about $275. Some states pay well over $300.

The workers have been getting paid wages as low as 35 cents an hour — wages which, as one striking employee pointed out, "even a dog couldn't live on."

Another major evil is the fact that the unskilled colored workers need jobs so badly that management is assured of getting replacements whenever they are needed, no matter what the conditions are.

As a result of this management may not have been as concerned as necessary with treating workers with the respect they should be accorded.

"They don't give us any consideration," a striker complained. Some administrators seem to feel they don't have to worry much about employee relations if the workers are poor and colored.

Mayor McKeldin is soon to sign the new amendment to the minimum wage law extending the $1 per hour coverage to nursing home employees, but it is important to realize that even $40 a week comes out to $2,080 a year maximum—almost $1,000 a year below the federal poverty level for a family of four.

The State Department of Public Welfare should raise the payments to nursing homes. Workers should be paid a living wage. Patients must be given the help they need.

Nursing home operators should recognize that the greatest consideration is due their employees. These employees are working for wages which make life hard even in the best of times.

We Can Do Better

The recent blizzard shows the city does not know what to do with a severe snow storm.

But we citizens are a little dumb, too.

We left the snow stand on our sidewalks and in the middle of the street for 10 days without making a real serious attempt to get rid of it.

If we cleared our sidewalks (as required by law) we would reduce four lane traffic to two lanes.

There were smaller streets into which the city never did send snow pusher or use salt.

But what is the matter with us? Are our left arms broken or are we misled by all this medical chatter that we can get a heart attack shovelling snow.

All of us know when we have weak hearts. But is there any reason why the stronghearted didn't get out of the house and clean the steps and sidewalks?

If we live in apartments, can't we organize ourselves and get squared away?

Many suburban residents have to pay $25, $30, or more to have roads and walks cleared of snow after a storm.

In the suburbs a man with a 200 foot lot cleans his walk.

Why can't a city dweller with a 20 foot lot get his cleaned?

We appeal to you clean blockers to reorganize their units and go to work in the next emergency.

The blizzard made us look bad, disorganized, and irresponsible. We are not any of these.

After all, snow in the streets of a big city is like dirt. It has to be removed.

When the city snow removal units do not act quickly enough and efficiently enough we can take up the slack ourselves.

Feather In The Cap

Memorandum from the AFRO Circulation Department:

"On Feb. 1, we had the worst snow storm in 41 years.

"Our drop in sales was only 127 copies.

"We made deliveries to all carriers and newsstands with the exception of the downtown corners which were closed.

"All county stops were served."

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THE POST OFFICE, despite its proud boast that no wind or storm deters the brave men in blue had only limited delivery of the mail.

One newspaper story heard often on blizzard week concerned the subscriber who telephoned to complain that his paper had not been delivered.

"Can you get outside your front door?" asked the circulation manager.

"No," replied the subscriber.

"Then," said the circulation manager, "how can you expect me to get in?"

AFRO's circulation manager is asking for a feather in his cap. He has earned one.

No Conflict Here

Any suggestion from an editorial in this space last week that there was conflict between Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago and Martin Luther King, was an illusion in the mind of an editorial writer.

Illusion or mirage, what he saw wasn't there. In Chicago, Congressman Dawson works one side of the street. Dr. King, with his non-violent program, works the other.

Dr. King fancies himself no politician and Mr. Dawson is one of the nation's best and most powerful.

Cassius Clay No Draft Dodger

Good news of the week. Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) is available.

It seems strange to us that Jack Dempsey and Cassius Clay received draft deferments and Joe Louis did not.

Cassius is the present heavyweight champion and Louis and Dempsey once held this title.

Any AFRO readers in Vietnam today would welcome most the one man who chews up his opponents, whether they be giants like Sonny Liston or men of more modest size like Floyd Patterson, and he disposes of them within a time limit which he himself predicts.

Best news of all is that Muhammad Ali, a high school graduate, sound in mind, clever in wit, superior in physical strength, has not indicated that he is a draft dodger.

He certainly will appeal any effort to draft him before his already scheduled title fight, but he has not said what he will do after that. As a rule, Muslims do not serve.

'If You Want To Get Married, You'll Have To Move Across The Line'

Our Readers Say:

Landlords And Tenants

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 200 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Dear AFRO:

It is true that there are many tenants who are responsible for the vandalism and destruction of the property that they rent or lease.

Such persons should be made to compensate the owners of this property. This compensation should only be paid if it is proven that the property meets all applicable City Housing Codes before it is rented to the tenant.

I wish to join with those who feel that tenants should not pay rent for sub - standard housing. I feel further that tenants who are welfare recipients should have their housing inspected by housing inspectors from the Welfare Department rather than the Bureau of Building Inspection to determine its fitness for living.

The Welfare Department should not pay rent for substandard housing. The rent of welfare recipients should not be paid by the recipient, but by the Department in the form of a certificate, after it has been determined that the housing meets all the necessary codes.

The Welfare Department should investigate to determine if any of its clients, are now living in housing where the rent is being collected by persons who are employed by the Bureau of Building Inspection. In my opinion, housing inspectors should not act as rent collectors for absentee landlords in the first place.

No tenant, welfare recipient or otherwise should be forced to pay rent for slum housing or housing that does not meet the various codes of the City. I am in full accord with the pending legislation that will prevent taxpayers from paying for slum housing; that will save the lives of children; and that will give tenants decent, safe, and sanitary housing for their housing dollar.

CHARLES R. CURTIS SR.

Hockey League Ruling

Dear AFRO:

The question of whether the City of Baltimore should have received a conditional franchise in the National Hockey League is the topic of this letter.

When one reads about how the sports - minded city was refused a conditional franchise because of its geographical location, one begins to think how the Colts, Orioles and Bullets ever received major league franchises. Maybe they were merely lucky, since the question of location must have been injected sometime during the discussion.

I feel that the officials of the National Hockey League, who granted conditional franchises to Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, have performed a grave injustice to a city that has proven it can support major league sports; regardless of the type of sport being presented.

When I read that Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were placed on the conditional franchise list, with Baltimore being granted only a stand-in position, the argument for geographical location as the major factor in Baltimore's rejection loses much of its substance.

The case of St. Louis is another example of intentional or unintentional foul play. This fair city was granted a franchise without even being represented by anyone at the meetings held in New York; whereas in Baltimore's case Mayor McKeldin himself headed a well - credentialed contingent. Can it be that something other than meritorious credentialed representatives, pleading a cause for a proven big league city, was needed for the acquisition of a franchise?

Can we actually say that the proximity of Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia is of such enormous consequence as to merit such a decision? There have to be other factors involved.

With these points established, we can see that the crux of the argument against Baltimore's being denied a National Hockey League Franchise is grossly superficial.

The fact that Baltimore is the next city in line, insofar as receiving a conditional franchise, doesn't soothe the injury to our city's pride.

A city that has proved it has big league fans, who deserve big league sports makes ice hockey no exception to the rule.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM

Cassius and the Draft

Dear AFRO:

I have the highest respect for Cassius Clay as a fighter, and being a woman I have appreciation for his good looks too.

But it came as no surprise to me when he was deferred from military service because he failed twice to meet the Army's military intelligence standards. It's obvious every time he opens his mouth that he has more brawn than brains.

The AFRO story about his recent draft board re-classification said he "gave no indication what he would do if inducted into the armed service."

If he's sent to Vietnam, I know what he'll do. He'll put up a team fight for survival and he may learn to shut up too.

(Mrs.) KAY CRAIG.

A City University

Dear AFRO

Press reports of the Feb. 3 meeting of the National Capital Planning Commission indicate (1) that Congress may reject the use of the National Training School grounds for the Government Printing Office, and (2) that the use of this land by the District Government is limited to clearly "municipal uses," such as libraries, schools, etc.

These rulings afford another opportunity of the D. C. Government, Congress, National Capital Planning Commission, and all responsible citizens and organizations to have this valuable land set aside for use that will benefit the entire Washington community.

I strongly urge that you support using the training school site for publicly supported higher education that will include a city university and the proposed vocational training school for D. C.

Appeals to Congress and other appropriate agencies should be initiated immediately. The Senate District Committee hearings on the Higher Education bills beginning Feb. 23, 1966 is a good starting place.

KENNETH C. KENNEDY
Chairman, Joint Committee on use of The Training School Site

Marriage Law

In many respects, Maryland is a provincial state, locked in a love affair with the past, the victim of a smug puritanical complex, a heritage of its southern antecedents.

Its law on interracial marriages is an example of this attitude. A Samoan dancer and his white American sweetheart discovered this last week when they attempted to obtain a marriage license in the "Free State" and were informed they would have to look elsewhere for the necessary legal document because of the difference in their races.

One does not have to be either for or against interracial marriages to be disturbed at attempts by a state to regulate the relationship between private individuals, acting of their own free will, and posing no danger to the safety or welfare of others.

Marriage is an entirely personal contract, and morally it is wrong for the state to set itself up as the arbiter of who shall and who shall not be man and wife." In the back of such laws is the unspoken fear that if they were not on the books there would be a rash of interracial marriages.

The experience of other states has shown this does not necessarily follow. And even if it did, the principle that the state has no right to intrude in such matters would still hold true.

Given the present conservative tinge of the Maryland General Assembly, there is little reason to believe there will be any changes in the odious law anytime within the foreseeable future.

This does Maryland little credit.

Praise For Dr. Paquin

School superintendent Paquin's position papers, in which he states what should be done with secondary schools is a breath of fresh air flowing through the school system.

He was courageous in advocating comprehensive high schools, which means, in short, he is for learning all kinds of programs in every school rather than siphoning off the dummies and smarties to separate schools.

It took still more courage to tell the School Board and City that if education is to be improved, it must start by relieving overcrowded elementary and high schools first.

They should get the new buildings and the highest quality of teaching.

The 15 to 18 percent who go to college can be taken care of in older buildings for two reasons:

Number one: College or university is still a "good teacher on one end of a log and a bright student on the other end."

Number two: When a child gets to college, he is already motivated and he will succeed whether he goes to Maryland State, Morgan, Howard, Harvard or Wellesley.

Dr. Paquin needs help to put this program over in Baltimore. He can't do it by himself.

Let's face it. The struggle to put an end to overcrowding of schools and de facto segregation in Baltimore is still here.

Therefore, it is our job to support school officials, like Dr. Paquin, with everything we have.

Poet's Nook

ETHEL

Ethel is a hometown meadowlark—
Whose melancholy seeps through our soft spot —
For, emerging through a serenade of minor chords
Is the sadness we felt yesterday.
This is Ethel's town — a town that pretends to smile.
But a song is a challenge — to smile takes giant effort:
We ask one little star to light up all Broadway,
Yet we filled her repertoire with only the blues.
Run like a gazelle, swim like a homebound dolphin,
Baltimore decrees — this you must do.
Spread out your heart like marmalade;
What will you do for an encore?
This is songstress Ethel, lovely Ethel Ennis,
Singing countless lovers' legends — touching on my solitude—
Banging away at the city's veil of loneliness—
I am not alone.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

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 and prejudice, or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1920

Political Notebook

Earnings Tax Looms

By MAX JOHNSON

The continued coldness of a majority of General Assembly members to the Cooper - Hughes plan for additional state aid to political subdivisions is jumping more and more to public attention.

And this coldness brings into the spotlight again Mayor McKeldin's proposed earnings tax — as an aid to the city's financial plight.

City Council action on this has been delayed, it should be recalled, pending whatever financial relief that comes from the Assembly.

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STRIPPED OF a number of objectionable phases—overall opposition to the Cooper - Hughes plan falls into two general categories.

1. The lawmakers are reluctant to raise the state income tax —particularly in this election year.

2. Strong smaller county opposition leaders —sore ever loss of Assembly representation through reapportionment and the one man, one vote concept —want this same formula applied in distribution of new state financial aid.

But, the Cooper - Hughes plan doesn't work that way—and any attempts to bring about such a ratio could well destroy the whole thing.

Its authors have drawn it to what they term an equalization formula—proposing to distribute additional state financial aid to the subdivisions on the basis of need and ability to meet those needs.

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MANY OF the Assembly's lawmakers in Annapolis don't quite understand the complexities of the plan —and some who do are openly wary of it.

This is to say the Cooper - Hughes bill is presently going nowhere fast — and the outlook is for an even more stormy course.

This increasingly cloudy situation in Annapolis might well point to necessary adoption by Baltimore's City Council of the earnings tax plan — one they call an occupational license proposal.

If rebuffed again as last year by the Assembly in its plea for additional state aid—the Council will have little or no alternative.

Since this looms as a strong possibility — another look at the city's new taxing proposal is in order.

HERE IS the taxing scale suggested in this Ordinance 1219 — now before the Board of Estimates.

1. Incomes under $1,200 a year would not be taxed.

2. Those between $1,200 and $2,000 annually would be taxed at the rate of ½ of 1 percent.

3. Incomes in the $2,000 - $3,000 a year bracket would be taxed at ¾ of 1 percent.

Those above $3,000 a year would be taxed at 1 percent.

5. Homeowners would be taxed at the rate of ½ of 1 percent, in acknowledgement of a property tax levy.

The tax would apply to all persons employed in Baltimore and using the city's facilities —though they may reside outside the city.

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BY CONTRAST — the Cooper - Hughes plan for all state income taxpayers sets up this graduation scale for new levies.

1. The first $1,000 of taxable income would be taxed at 3 percent — the current flat tax rate.

2. The second $1,000 of such income would be taxed at 4 percent.

3. The third $1,000 of taxable income would have a tax bite of 5 percent.

4. All taxable income over $3,000 would be taxed at 6 percent — or 50 percent above the current state tax rate.

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THESE ARE simple statements of both plans —as they apply to the individual taxpayer.

Both are quite conceivably much more complex as they would apply to businesses and their profits.

The point here is just this.

Baltimore's proposed earnings tax is far from a dead issue.

Whether such a tax is, or is not, more desirable over the Cooper - Hughes recommended state income tax levy hike is not to be argued here.

From the looks of things in Annapolis — Baltimore may have no choice but an earnings tax.

Labor and Business

Workers meet

By STERLING A. PAIGE

Baltimore was the scene last week of the 22nd Convention of District Six of the United Packinghouse, Food and Allied Workers (UPWA), AFL - CIO.

UPWA is one of the more enlightened and progressive of America's labor unions and boasts a good record in internal integration in all levels.

During the sessions it was the usual thing to see members of both races from locals on the Eastern Shore, including Cambridge, sitting down together to map out problems common to all of them.

The union has a colored membership approximating 35 percent of the total but displays an over - all picture of non - discrimination.

Among the resolutions passed was one calling upon President Johnson and Congress to set up machinery for ridding America of its ghettoes and "its subsequent depression of minority groups as well as the accompanying social evils."

District Six also urged continued support of present anti - poverty programs, full implementation of recent Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Laws, increased benefits for unemployed workers, plus an increase in minimum wages on the national level to $2 per hour.

DONALD H. SMITH, director of District Six, was elected president of the district's executive board.

UPWA has been successful in organizing efforts on the Eastern Shore and its Local 1176, some 300 strong, is active in the Kent Narrows area.

The union's success in raising living standards among oyster and clam industry workers there, plus efforts to generally uplift the people themselves, scores another mark for the importance of organizing.

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THE WATERFRONT is drifting back to normal again following the wildcat hassle that threatened to upset the entire area.

The board of inquiry sent in by the ILA has heard all the beef, legitimate and otherwise, and has returned to points north where a report is expected to be prepared and submitted to ILA president, Teddy Gleason, in a couple of weeks.

Local 829 remains under trusteeship with Atlantic Coast District vice proxy, John Koppa, in charge.

One port official ventures it will take 10 years to undo the harm to shippers' confidence the wildcating brought on.

CHARLES T. RANDOLPH is commissioned as second lieutenant in the US Army Reserve in the Adjutant General's Corps by Lt. Col. Merle Smith, head of the military science department at Morgan State College. Lt. Randolph, Jan. 28 graduate of MSC, was the only mid - year graduate commissioned. He will be assigned to Ft. Benjam Harrison, Ind. for basic officers training. Miss Joan Griffin, his financee, is a June '65 Morgan graduate and a teacher at Edmondson High School.

Nursing homes granted hearing on wage hike

A public hearing will be held on the revised minimum wage Ordiance 1399 at 10:30 a.m. today (Friday) in Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's City Hall office.

The hearing, the mayor said Wednesday, comes in response to a request by Richard Byrd, chairman, Legislative Commites of the Maryland Nursing Home Association.

The revised law now covers nursing homes, hospitals and theatres, where there are seven or more employees, bringing them under the $1 an hour minimum.

The new ordiance will become law and effective immediately upon Mayor McKeldin's singing it. Pay in nursing homes has been revealed to be as low as 35 cents an hour.

Earlier, officials of the Nursing Homes Association announced the establishments would comply with the raised employment rates, but held that rates for patients, especially the hundreds paid for by the Welfare Department, would have to be increased.

Mrs. Bundy asked to run for Council candidate.

Residents of Cherry Hill and members of the Coordinating Council of that area, angry at the defeat of open housing bills and lack of support in their move to avert the opening of a liquor store in their community, have decided to campaign for the election of their own candidate in the next councilmatic election.

"This comes as quite a surprise," Mrs. Bundy told the AFRO, "But if they want me I see no reason why I should not run.

"I intend to discuss this with my family but, always, I am for the people and I will never sell them out."

The Cherry Hill organization has often expressed displeasure at the lack of consideration shown their community by the councilmen from the Sixth District.

"It is time for us to have our own representative," one member declared.

The group sprung a surprise at its Monday night meeting by litterally drafting Mrs. Sarah Bundy, president of the Cherry Hill Coordinating Council, as a potential

FEB. 17

Diane Kalzenberg, a promising young pianist, will be the featured performer at "An Evening of the Performing Arts" to be given at the Park School, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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