A Poet Looks At Baltimore

BALTIMORE IS MY TOWN

From Pimlico to Light and Pratt,
Baltimore is my town—
From Highlandtown, to Jones Falls
From the Lexington Market stalls.

From Old York Road to Irvington,
Baltimore is my town—
From Sollers Point to Gardenville
From Round Road in Cherry Hill.

Where old ghosts haunt Tyson Street
Baltimore is my town—
And I have the very best praise
For all of the new expressways.

From the big wharfs at Locust Point,
Baltimore is my town—
From City Hall where the nucleus functions
From G w y n n s Falls, or Walbrook Junctions.

I just love this place,
Baltimore is my town—
And when I'm old, I'll surely spend my time,
Boring the grandchildren with fond memories,
Of Baltimore, and how I spent my prime.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

BALTIMORE U.S.A.—TODAY

Take it from me
We've got ourselves a good town
Maybe some restrictions
Maybe some contradictions
But we're going places.

Take it from me—
We're not gonna sit and mope
And wait on fate and hope,
We've got a job to do
And we'll get it done.

Take it from me
We've failed in some things
But so do kings
And from my vantage point—
Baltimore is dressed to kill.

But if you won't take my word
Remember that Rome grew from an acorn of an idea,
And though, I'm no sleuth,
To tell you the truth
The evidence shows that we've got the idea. . . .

PAUL McALLISTER

THE PROSPECT

A yard full of evergreens and herbs,
It's nice in the suburbs,
"Taxi ! take me uptown,"
Just like to look around.
Old neighbors, long withdrawn,
Sitting in a swing, on their lawn,
They moved away, and are buying.
Their contentment is very satisfying.
But I am at my same address,
Hoping for some future success,
And we may not be moving,
But brother, we're improving. . . .

PAUL D. McALLISTER

BALTIMORE U.S.A.

Baltimore has moved at such a pace,
That Lord Baltimore, wouldn't know the place,
Baltimore is really moving on,
Why even the trolleys are gone.
And Lord Calvert would go into stitches,
To see men with long hair — and ladies in britches,
But laying every joke aside,
We're Marylanders, cut and dried,
Come — looking for a guide?

PAUL D. McALLISTER

BALTIMORE TODAY

Long before the Star Spangled Banner was born,
Baltimore had met p r a i s e and —scorn
Sometimes gay and proud,
Of times, a little too loud.
Some people as I or you,
Were only passing through,
And though just giving it a trial,
We stayed for quite awhile.
It struck me as a friendly city,
With some generosity and some pity,
At first, you may not like Baltimore,
But stick around — you will for sure.
We have our parks, with the greenest grass,
Oh yes,' we've got class,
We've got conservatories and art galleries,
And pretty fair salaries.
We have much expansion — I can sum up,
And plans to clear every slum up,
It takes time to build a town,
'But you just stick around.'
So many projects, lately have begun,
And many things already have been done,
And pardon my interference,
But our skyline has a tall and new appearance.
But if you're just passing through,
Our town bids welcome to you,
We've excellent restaurants and night spots,
Motels, and all of the right spots.
And in industry we do quite well,
In fact we excel,
We never say we can't—
You just name it—we've got the plant.
And we have our conventions,
And sometimes, dissensions,
But so does every metropolis,
From Seattle to Minneapolis.
In our seafood we take pride,
Delicious crabs, and clams, — and oysters fried,
Roe Shad from the Chesapeake Bay,
And delightful fillet for a gourmet.
So this is Baltimore U.S.A.,
And we're getting bigger every day,
And many hopes and dreams are in their bloom here. . . .
A million people are at home here.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

BALTIMORE

See the great capitals of the world—
way I insist on it—
Go to the farthest corners of the world—
And I'll bet, the homesick virus gets you down.
Calling you back to Baltimore — it does to me. . . .

Gov. Tawes cites AFRO on special

Gov. J Millard Tawes was one of the first officials to send congratulations to Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO board chairman, on the newspaper's special supplement, Baltimore U.S.A., 1966."

Maryland's chief executive said in his statement:

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"I have been an avid reader of the AFRO-AMERICAN for many years. I have derived both pleasure and profit from its columns, and I am looking forward with keen anticipation to seeing the special edition which you will publish.

"I wish you, the ownership, the management, the staff and all employees the best of success in this venture and in all the undertakisgs of the future."

GOV. J. MILLARD TAWES

MAYOR McKELDIN

Mayor calls our special 'dramatic'

For the AFRO's "Baltimore USA, 1966" supplement, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin issued this statement:

"It is one the signs of our times that the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN has undertaken to plan and publish a dramatic journalistic contribution to the growth and development of the Free State which has the vision, breadth and scope of its "BALTIMORE USA, 1966" issue.

"I say this fact is one of the signs of our times for the simple reason that the rise in the struggle for equality of rights in the City of Baltimore has been unmistakably accompanied by a rise in the stature and in the recognition of the true value of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

"When historians look back upon events of the last half of the twentieth century in the United States, they may well conclude that the most important development was the attainment of equality of opportunity by all our citizens.

"They may well conclude that this time of ours was the Era of the Second Emancipation, the Era of the True Emancipation.

"AS MAYOR of the City of Baltimore and as former governor of the State of Maryland, I am proud of the role I have had the opportunity to play in a variety of fields relating to racial justice. My participation in this cause has derived and continues to derive from the deepest conviction.

"Needless to say, the AFRO - AMERICAN, in all areas relating to civil rights, has been a staunch and fearless advocate, a pillar in behalf of equality, and its influence has been appropriately expanded and extended in Baltimore and wherever else it is widelt read.

"Now, still in the thick of this rightful battle, the AFRO - AMERICAN is prepared to step off into a broad new dimension, further enhancing its stature and increasing its service to city, state and nation.

"I take pleasure in congratulating the AFRO-AMERICAN on this bold, new undertaking. I predict a continued growth in its activity and influence, and I counsel it ever along its course of responsible journalism and dedication to justice, racial and otherwise."

—City of Paradox

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ing needs to be approached at the metropolitan level. Employment opportunities need to be similarly approached. Some educational approaches can be made at this level. We cannot harness all these problems on Baltimore City alone, and the only way to reverse the imbalance that is sure to come is to broaden the base of operations and to include the suburbs in racial equity.

This does not mean that if Baltimore becomes the second big incorporated city in America to have a majority of its citizens as colored, we will not show that this can work. Of course, we must prepare now for it to work.

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WE IN Baltimore must make it clear that the police are not alone when they seek to uphold the law; that school teachers are now alone when they seek to elevate society; that social workers are not alone when they have concern for the needy; that industrialists are not alone when they fear the fate of Baltimore's economic structure; that liberal labor leaders are not alone when they seek fair employment for all; that the clergy is not alone when it sekes to uplift man's relations to fellow man; that government officials are not alone when they seek to improve the lot of man; that the new press and communication media are not alone when they seek to pass on the message of brotherhood; and that the voices of groups concerned about good human relations are not alone in their quest.

We can do this by wiping out the memories in fact, and in ourselves; so that the hate and the bitterness, as well as the needs are gone, and most important of all, act as though they are.

We must seek to root out the worst and do so not because we fear reprisals of riots, or because CORE will be here this summer, but because it is right and just.

Bethlehem in Baltimore

A Special Report from Maryland's Largest Single Employer

After a basic oxygen furnace is loaded with steel scrap, it is charged with molten iron. It takes about 5 minutes to do both.

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PAYROLL: over $240,000,000 annually.

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• **New basic oxygen shop**—Now operating are two 200-ton basic oxygen furnaces which can produce more steel than the twelve open-hearth furnaces they replaced. They cut production time for a "heat" of steel from 8 to 10 hours to about 40 or 50 minutes.

• **New tinning line and new annealing facilities**—To increase the production of double-reduced or "thin" tinplate, so important for "tin" cans . . . for soft drinks, beer, and foods.

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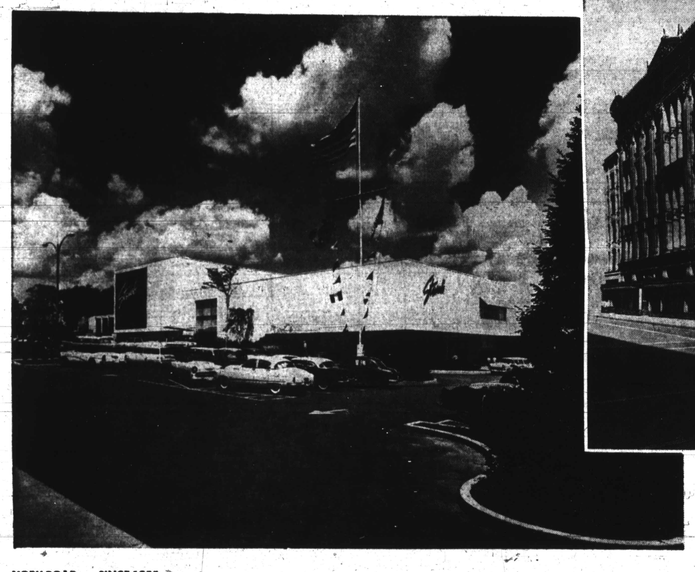

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