Baltimore Afro-American

"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.

JULY 2, 1966

Prayer Of The Week

Forgive us for our mistakes as we forgive those who make mistakes. May we not yield to temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Dear Judge

The United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed your opinion just before we celebrate Independence Day.

You know we had colored people in this country in 1776.

All of us wanted freedom then as we want it now.

Judge, Baltimore's police chiefs confessed they had entered 300 colored homes looking for the Veney brothers, one an alleged killer.

They had no warrant to break into those houses. The law is quite plain on that, but you refused to stop them by injunction.

That was error.

Your advisers told you that if police promised not to enter any more colored homes without a warrant, that would satisfy the law.

The higher court said you were wrong. In effect, it told the cops their promises are no good. They are ordered to stay out until or unless you get a warrant.

Judge, that was poor advise you got from your lawyers.

Juanita Mitchell, Tucker Dearing, W. A. C. Hughes, Archie Williams and James Nabrit III, NAACP lawyers, were right. Your advisers were wrong.

Judge, you are one of the finest men in this town and have been so for long years. You are entitled to one, or maybe two, doozies.

All of us need to realize that wrong decisions like gerrymanders and lawless police raids pile burden upon burden on the poor, until they lose faith in the police department, in the courts and in their government. Then they are ripe for revolution.

Moreover, Judge our former police commissioner was an honest man. If the courts had straightened him out on this "no warrant, no raid" policy years ago, he might still be in office.

This is why the right decision means so much, not only to little people, but to all of us.

King And Meredith

We hope Dr. Martin Luther King isn't discouraged because James Meredith staged his own march through Mississippi.

Meredith likes independence. He is still too young to understand that in union there is strength.

Only when he gets arrested and needs bail bonds will he call for help from the NAACP.

On the other hand, there was violence on the Meredith march.

If he marches one way and Martin Luther King another, the suggestion might occur to Mississippians that in every town they may march on the court house and register as voters, too.

If enough Mississippians, colored and white, march from every direction in the state, both King and Meredith can go somewhere else to demonstrate.

All our states need campaigns to put voters on the books. Mississippi is just one state and a poor one at that.

Black Power

Do not be annoyed by the Student Non - Violent Committee's war cry of Black Power.

Their opponents in the South are not shouting anything, but they threaten colored people who seek to register:

Open the books only when the Federal government stands over them:

Close the public roads with tear gas, dogs, guns, clubs, or kick men, women and children.

They do not need to cry anything, they demonstrate the abuse of white power.

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WE DO not need to go down to Mississippi.

All we need to do is to look at Maryland where a Federal Court draws lines through the city congressional districts so that 40 per cent of the people cannot elect a congressman.

And the City Council gerrymanders councilmanic districts, placing the all - colored 17th Ward and some precincts of the 14th Ward into the predominantly white and hostile First District.

If young people under tyranny and oppression fight back, it is difficult to criticise their methods;

Even President Johnson calls out from the White House:

"Who shall take part in the process of democracy?

"Shall it be only those with white skins?"

That is the question, not only for Mississippi, but for Maryland.

It is the responsibility of the decent people of this state to give the right answer.

Let's Straighten It Out

"Sooner or later everything will be straightened out."

These are the words of Sgt. James S. Dodson who escaped this week from six months in a Viet Cong prison in Southeast Asia.

Asked if the North Vietnamese had sought to brainwash him, he said they did.

They asked him shouldn't he be fighting for his people against the U.S. and Mississippi.

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WHAT IS the feeling now of colored troops abroad about to return to the U.S. where Freedom marchers seek the right to vote and to assemble in peace?

Sergeant Dodson's answer is correct. Of course, everything will be straightened out. But it is taking too long.

The nation must find the shortcuts

Our overseas fighting men can not continue to apologize for the Klan and the Citizens Councils.

These hard core segregationists must move out of the way or be run over.

Hard To Please

The first days of summer have brought 93 degree temperatures with humidity of 35 per cent.

Not bad. But we have all expressed ourselves about weather that is too hot.

But this is the same weather for which we left home last February and sought refuge in Miami or the West Indies.

It would appear that we are hard to please. Besides, at night the temperature falls to 72 degrees.

'Ain't Nobody Explained To You That Freedom Of Choice Means You Can Either Put Your Child In A White School, Or Keep Your Home And Job'

Political Notebook

Time For Sense

By MAX JOHNSON

The fast approaching Sept. 13 primary poses a serious challenge to our citizens of both parties — potential candidates as well as voters.

Careful reasoning on the part of those persons in both categories must prevail — if this first hurdle toward political advancement is to be cleared with any notable degree of community satisfaction.

To carry this further — there arises the necessity for the use generally of a lot of common sense.

And the time for use of this sense is now — now before the July 5 filing date for candidates, now before the July 30 withdrawl deadline.

The reason for all of this rather simple — just a matter of facing a glaring fact squarely.

A FULL 40 per cent of Baltimore's population is composed of colored citizens — yet in elective offices the race has but three legislators in the state's General Assembly, just two city councilmen.

This is a ridiculous political picture — one that actually is quite shameful, indeed.

The race, however, **is in a firm position to brighten considerably this state of affairs — starting with the September primary and advancing matters in the November general election.**

There can be representative gains made outside the city's 4th District—and in other than the lawmaking ranks.

So — what are the many things that must be done to change this shameful political picture?

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HERE QUITE bluntly are some basic suggestions — stripped of all attempts to be gentle.

1. Churches, civic and political organizations should unite in a concentrated registration drive — to add as many new voters as possible before the books close Aug. 15.

2. **Simultaneously — those who are more politically aware must band to make the colored voter generally quite angry over his lack of racial representation in elective offices.**

He must be aroused to the burning point of wanting very badly to do something about it — through full use of his vote.

3. An intensified voter education campaign must be launched — to familiarize fully the new voter, and some older ones too, with the election machine, how to look for candidates, etc.

4. THERE MUST be a minimum of the race's muddy - up - the-water candidates — especially in the 4th District where Sen. Verda F. Welcome's Democratic organization is fighting to remain fairer representatives of the people.

Every citizen of lawful character certainly has a right to run for public office — but there are situations at times in which some would - be candidates have a moral obligation not to run.

When the air clears somewhat after the final filing date this coming Tuesday — somebody must try to weed out muddy - up - the - water candidates before the July 30 final withdrawal date.

5. Somebody must let these people know in no uncertain terms — their personal hustles cannot be allowed to stand in the way of progress.

6. There must be in each district very definite community unity of approach and efforts — in the support of certain candidates

7. HERE, THEN, are some basic suggestions toward improving the race's shameful elective office picture here.

This is no call for segregated tickets — nor is it a call for integrated ones.

For those who may still have questions — it is simply this:

Baltimore's colored citizens can and must elect more of the race's own to public office — and the coming elections afford a golden opportunity.

The time is long past for the acquiring of political sense — and the use of it as completely as possible.

Our Readers Say:

Lafayette Center

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:

As president of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, I and the people of the Harlem Park and fringe communities are deeply concerned about the future of Lafayette Square Community Center.

It has come to our attention that the Center is being harassed by the Community Chest in an effort not only to discredit it, but perhaps to put it out of existence.

This agency has been providing services in this community for the past 10 years with little financial help.

This agency is needed and wanted by the people in this area. The Lafayette Square Community Center provided a place for our children and families when no other services were being provided.

They have worked closely with the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council in joint ventures for community self-help.

In the past year, the executive director, Vernon Sheffey has gained, as well as his staff; the support and confidence of the community and its leaders. The Poverty Program not only has not helped the people in the community but actually turned down a proposal from the Lafayette Square Community Center, to which many of us look as a home away from home.

A new center established by CAC cannot become this haven overnight.

We are proud that we have in our neighborhood in the Lafayette Square Community Center the only Settlement House in Maryland certified by the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers.

Although Lafayette Square Community Center became a Chest Agency in 1965, one of two colored agencies in the chest, the small appropriation given it in comparison to the other Chest agencies has made it impossible to grow.

The people in our community want this agency, in which it believes, to remain and grow.

The people realize that it is being strangled by it because it is a colored agency servicing colored people?

We need and want additional financial support from the Chest and consideration from CAC for services from this agency.

CHARLES R. CURTIS,
President, Harlem Park
Neighborhood Council

'USA' Praised

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of everyone at the Bureau of Recreation comes this congratulatory note.

We found your "Baltimore, USA" edition to be interesting, stimulating and informative. Please convey our compliments to all on your staff who assisted:

Supervisor of Children's
Activities and Publicity

Liked Our 'USA'

Dear AFRO:

My husband and I congratulate you on the wonderful edition of the AFRO's — Baltimore, U.S.A., 1966. It was full of historical facts about our great city and we plan to preserve it for future use as a source and reference material.

We were especially pleased with the harbor picture, the section on education, the story of the Star Spangled Banner and the treatment afforded the various churches in the City.

Your staff should be justifiable proud of this wonderful edition.

THE ROLAND C. McCONNELLS

Teenagers Defended

Dear AFRO:

I am writing in behalf of teenagers who are usually labeled "no good" by adults.

All teenagers aren't bad. It's just the few. They are overshadowed by the ones who aren't. I am not a teenager but will be in about two months.

I have nothing at all to do this summer and I feel absolutely useless.

I have no friends here my age; they either live far away, or are much older than I; or they are the kind I prefer not to associate with.

I do not go around with a gang or destroy other people's property.

It never crosses my mind to smoke, drink or curse because I see nothing in it.

My grades are good in school and I am usually on the honor roll.

My mother never has to remind me to do my homework because it has become a habit.

I would like very much to go away to school in another state and see more of the country.

I have awlays liked the idea of making gift boxes for children overseas, but have never had the opportunity.

I like rock 'n' roll but also other types of music.

I'm sure there are millions of teenagers just like me. We aren't all bad.

EMMA MIDDLETON

Objective Reporting

Dear AFRO:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the professional and fair manner in which you reported the exchange of letters between myself and Mr. James Griffin of CORE.

An honest presentation of facts is certainly all a candidate or person in public life, to any extent whatsoever, can expect.

I compliment you for your reporting of the facts.

WILLIAM O. DOUR

POET'S CORNER

FLYING SAUCER

This strange craft landed, giving me a scare,
Its red and white appearance, almost made me swear.
This is an optical illusion—I've been working too hard,
Why would men from Mars, ever land in my yard?
My camera's in the attic—and no film I suppose,
I wonder if those creatures, would ever smile and pose,
Bif no one would believe that I stood and held my breath,
Because they took my picture—said goodbye and left . . .

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 race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1930

Veronica's Grandpa Green

The late Rev. J. H. Green, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, was a gangling 6 footer.

When sparse Dr. Arthur J. Payne succeeded him, ministers missed the taller minister.

Baltimoreans were reminded of the Rev. Mr. Green this week when his granddaughter, Veronica Tyler, won second prize in an international voice contest in Moscow.

The AFRO is not surprised. Scholarships contributed by AFRO readers helped her finish Peabody.

Our Veronica was tall and sparse like her grandfather. Her voice was sweet, not loud.

But when she sang "Glory To God In The Highest" in St. James Church on Christmas Eve, there was realization that this was a great singer.

If Grandpa Green were to come back to earth, he would find his granddaughter has changed her religion, is married, has a daughter and has earned distinguished music awards, even before Moscow's praises.

He might be puzzled by the changes, but he would be proud.

City pays new tribute to Veronica Tyler

By ADAH K. JENKINS

Her native city proudly joins the worldwide acclaim for our own Veronica Tyler, who tied for second place in the International Tschaikowsky Competition in Moscow last week.

Miss Tyler was among the participants sent by the United States government, this being the first time vocalists competed in the event. She was accorded tumultous applause both at the trials and at the thrilling finals, when she sang arias from the opera "Louise," "Porgy and Bess" and art songs by Tschaikowsky.

The Baltimore singer tied with Elvina Stockton of Bulgaria. Suran Estes, a New York basso, also non - white, won second honors in the men's division.

Mrs. Alice Tyler, the soprano's mother first heard the news through her sister Theresa Coleman, well known soloist, who was in New York.

"Completely thrilled and delighted" were Mrs. Tyler's first words at the news about her gifted daughter, who sang in her mother's choir at New Metropolitan Baptist Church, during her Douglass High School days.

Madam Alice Duschak was instructor for three years of Veronica, at the Peabody, where she won the coveted artist's diploma as well as her bachelor degree in 1960.

With her gracious Viennese charm she spoke eloquently of her gifted protege who consults with her before each important venture in her career.

"The voice itself is highly versatile, combining lyric with coloratura qualities," Madam Dusehak declared, which is of great advantage in lieder, opera and oratorio."

"However," she added quickly, "it was most gratifying to teach her, because she has an artist's poetic sensivity to whatever she sings. Perhaps, her favorite is Mozart and she meets his emotional and lyric demands so beautifully."

"Veronica's constant aim," Madam Duschak continued, "is to understand what the great geniuses have created — to get the meaning behind the compositions, to sing them correctly and

MISS VERONICA TYLER

then to make them her own.

"To accomplish this," she said, "no effort is too exciting for her in order to achieve the highest artistic standards and to bring the music alive."

Madam Suschak emphasized her belief that Miss Tyler cannot be other than true to herself and her art; and that not at any price will she cheapen it or become a mere copy and above all she will not attempt anything until she feels she is ready.

This is evidently one of Madam Duschak's basic philosophies, as she stated that "the teacher should enhance the personality of each student and not attempt to make them imitations of herself."

Madam smilingly remarked that "Veronica is always very appreciative of those with whom she studies which is a quality often rare in young artists and she has a sincere happiness in learning."

MISS TYLER is one of the most sought - after young singers on the musical scene, having appeared with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic several seasons.

Madam Duschak recalled that Eric Lansdorf, conductor of the Boston Symphony was much impressed with her "individual shaping of music."

Madam Duschak and her husband accompanied Miss Tyler to Munich in 1963 when she won first honors at the International Competition there.

Truly a great artist and a great teacher!

Council urges U.S. minimum standards for welfare payments

Recommendations were made to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Wednesday for a standardized Federally - aided public welfare program "which would be adequately equipped to play its part in the national attack on poverty."

The recommendations were in the report made to HEW Secretary John W. Gardner by the 12 - member Advisory Council on Public Welfare appointed two years ago under a congressional directive.

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SUMMARILY, the council suggested — a nationwide standardized program, with a new pattern of Federal - state cooperation, which would make adequate financial aid and social services available to all who need them, as a matter of right.

The emphasis is that the Federal government should take a greater responsibility for public welfare services than it does now.

This is the heart of the Council proposal:

1. The Federal government would set nationwide standards for welfare payments, (adjusted to varying costs and conditions among the states) and assume the total cost of the operation above a stipulated state share.

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2. A "FLOOR" of individual or family income would be established for each state, based on the cost of a modest, but adequate budget for families of various, sizes and circumstances. This would constitute the minimum level of assistance which must prevail in that state.

3. All persons whose income falls below this budget level would be entitled to receive aid to make up the difference.

Need would be the only eligibility requirement; and provision for immediate emergency aid when needed would also be included.

4. APPLICANTS for welfare assistance would establish their eligibility by personal statements, or simple inquiry into the situation. Thereafter the family would be subject only to "spot checks," conducted "in such manner as to protect their dignity, privacy and constitutional rights."

(Council members said they saw the responsibility for welfare staffers to verify some cases of need but they disapprove of "midnight raids," looking under beds, and other investigation practices which welfare clients describe as degrading and harassing).

5. Elimination of special category programs (old age assistance, aid to the blind, and to families with dependent children, etc.) and substitution of a comprehensive single program in which need is the only eligibility gauge for receiving assistance.

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At present many needy people are deprived of aid because they do not fit into any of the special categories.

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5. ESTABLISHMENT of a full range of social services in public welfare agencies which are to be available at a matter of right at all times and in convenient locations to all who need them, regardless of their financial status.

6. A method or mechanism to assure legal representation for all recipients who feel they have a cause for complaint against decisions of a public welfare agency.

The method should include an independent appeal system, designed so that decisions are truly independent judgments even though they might be made within the framework of the administering agency. Provision should be made for payment of the cost of legal representation.

7. A positive program for informing recipients and applicants of their rights to assistance and services through public welfare, utilizing all appropriate means of communication.

8. Prompt extension of coverage and liberalization of benefits under the social insurance programs.

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THE COUNCIL'S study included testimony from almost 350 persons from 47 states, and represents the views of welfare, health, civic, religious, education, labor and business organizations.

Chairman of the Council was Fedele Fauri, dean of the School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

Attorney General Thomas B. Finan — "A SENSE OF HISTORY"—That's what Mr. Finan said while presenting Mr. Russell to his colleagues on the Bench and latter offered congratulations to the obvious approval of the new judge's wife and parents.

Judge George L. Russell Jr.

Mrs. Marion W. Russell

George L. Russell Sr.

Mrs. Marie Russell

Promoted to Eagle Scout

Leonard Frieson, son of Mrs. Willie B. Peete of the 2400 block of N. Calvert St., was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at ceremonies held at Oak Street AME Church recently.

He is a member of scout troop 857 which is sponsored by Oak Street, 2317 N. Howard St. Raymond Murray is scoutmaster. The Rev. John P. Wilson is the minister.

Leonard is also a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and received the God and Country award from Mt. Zion pastor, the Rev. W. H. Dawson, in 1965.

Scout Frieson is a June, 1966 graduate of Baltimore City College and plans to attend The Johns Hopkins University school of electronics and mathematics.

Wanted: Fireflies at the Hopkins

Dr. William D. McElroy chairman of the department of biology at the Johns Hopkins University, has announced that his laboratory will pay 30 cents per hun- will pay 30 cents per hundred for Mergenthaler fall room 58.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

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