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

JANUARY 21, 1967

Prayer Of The Week

Dear Lord, remove from our hearts all undue anxiety and worry. Help us to be still and know Thou art God. . . Amen.

Warning To Teens

The AFRO today carries an important warning for all Baltimore teenagers.

It is the plea on our front page that they stay away from "pep pills" and other dangerous, thrill-seeking drugs.

A mother in mourning for a 15-year-old son who took pills and never gained consciousness made the plea.

"Please let this be a lesson to all of you," she warned.

We would be naive to expect that every youth in Baltimore will heed the warning.

But we cannot but be touched by the plea and her further warning, "The enemy has struck once more, and it will strike again."

The only additional reminder the AFRO would make to teenagers is that the use of drugs is not really a gamble, because in gambling there has to be a chance for winning.

There is no way to win anything through the illegal use of drugs.

It's a sure thing. You can only lose.

Carmichael's Return

Stokely Carmichael returned to Baltimore this week.

He created as much excitement as he did on his 1960 visit here when his picture was flashed around the world showing him being bodily ejected from a segregated restaurant.

He was described then as young and impetuous.

It is significant that while the restaurant in question has gone out of existence and restaurant segregation generally has gone the same way, the shadow Mr. Carmichael is casting over this land is lengthening.

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AS GUEST of DISSENT, a campus activist group, and U-JOIN, a grass-roots community direct action organization, Mr. Carmichael, architect of Black Power, was hailed as a conquering hero by more than 3,000 people — 1,400 at Morgan and more than 1,600 at Metropolitan Methodist Church.

For U-JOIN, which plans a series of appearances featuring known civil rights leaders, they were off to a good start. The young organization will be hard-pressed to produce a more successful evening.

Credit must also go to the Rev. Frank Williams, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church. He took U-JOIN in when other doors were closed and he moved the crowd to his auditorium when the lower level could not accommodate all.

Another who shared in the success of the evening was Western District Captain Dennis Melio and his men who did a magnificent job in handling the situation.

His men were considerably more efficient than the Morgan campus security force which, among other things, held Carmichael out of the auditorium for some time.

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HIS SAVAGE thrusts into the loins of what he calls the "Establishment" were aided and abetted by an equally vigorous exponent of Black Power, comedian Dick Gregory.

The nearly 60 percent racially integrated church audience was virtually hypnotized by the blistering oratory genius of the "liberation" leader. That is the definition Mr. Carmichael has given his efforts.

While the validity of his Black Power is the subject of raging, and often heated debate, Mr. Carmichael rejects all the popular and often-repeated interpretations and definitions critics have applied to the slogan.

"They (his critics) can't judge me. They can't define me," he thunders.

"I'll define and they will listen."

A lot of people are listening.

Stokely Carmichael is not so young anymore.

Holmgren's Departure

Baltimore Neighborhood, Inc., has a new director. Edward L. Holmgren, who guided the agency for more than six years, has returned to his native Chicago for larger pursuits.

Our wishes for success and fulfillment go with him.

Mr. Holmgren's leaving gives cause to reflect on his coming and the years in between.

When he assumed the reins of BNI with the avowed purpose of stabilizing "changing neighborhoods," he was the first to admit that his was a difficult task.

His successor, George B. Laurent of Kansas City, will find it no easier.

WHILE WE readily agree with Holmgren that hoped-for progress in stabilizing neighborhoods is disappointing upon his departure, his labors were not lost.

Although the number of such neighborhoods, from an overall view, is tragically small when compared to the black and white residence complex of Baltimore, stabilized neighborhoods that at least become part of the citizen's lexicon.

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A SOURCE of great frustration for Mr. Holmgren — and for us— during his tireless effort to update the thinking of a town's people, was the fact that those in a position to do most in behalf of making Baltimore consistent with the times, often were long on words and short on deeds.

For the most part the flight to suburbia continues unchecked and the complexion of the city is becoming increasingly darker.

It is not idle dreaming to hope, however, that some day the citizenry will come to realize that one's right to live wherever one chooses is based on the ability to pay and nothing else.

When that day comes Mr. Holmgren can be secure in the knowledge that he also served — and well.

Favorite Teacher

The votes are coming in now and it can be said that the AFRO's annual Favorite Teacher Contest is rolling.

When it ends on March 13, two classroom teachers will have won jet trips to sunny Puerto Rico for the Easter holidays.

In addition to their hotel accommodations they each will get some cash money to help make the week-long stay an enjoyable one.

As much as every teacher deserves a vacation trip and as much as the AFRO would like to send them all, the contest calls for just two big winners. Others will collect cash awards, also.

During the contest teachers will have the support of pupils, families, friends and various community groups.

At this point while everything is wide open and nobody has an advantage over anyone else, we'd like to wish every contestants all the luck in the world.

Vietnam Drags On

There no longer seems to be any great optimism that the war in Vietnam will end soon.

President Johnson could offer nothing concrete on this dangerous situation in his recent State of the Nation address.

Meanwhile, the cost of the war continues to mount in human life and misery as well as materially.

The United States now has more than 405,000 men in Vietnam and the number that will be required still cannot be guessed.

The bombings go on and we have dipped into our arsenal and started employing more fire bombs.

And although the other side has slackened its major attacks on the ground, the enemy has shown no concrete signs of being ready to throw in the towel.

The murdering continues. The men and material keep pouring down from the north. Russia offers more sophisticated weapons, including big, fast helicopters.

China's hordes stand by, posing the potential of a never-ending land war should some day things get out of hand.

Nobody knows what it would take to win the war, nor if what it would take to make Hanoi buckle would only be the amount of effort required to bring one or both of North Vietnam's big allies into the fray.

Much of the world is edging toward the belief we all are sitting on a time bomb and quite unsure of whether the only ones capable of defusing it in time will do so.

General Assembly

The Maryland General Assembly pushed closer to the concept of "one man, one vote" in representative government, convened Wednesday.

Control for the first time in history, has shifted from rural to urban areas.

Normally under such an arrangement, voters could look forward with optimism for passage of long-overdue legislation in the areas of tax reform, education, housing and public accommodations.

In view of the new and consequently unknown quality of the current delegation of lawmakers, 89 percent of whom are new, optimism should be tempered with caution.

WHILE THE largest delegation of colored legislators in the history of the state was sworn in Wednesday Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell 3d, all are freshmen.

Whether they and a sufficient number of their colleagues—most of whom are equally new — can master the intricacies below the surface in legislative maneuvering to push through measures of vital interest to their constituents is open to conjecture.

Further obstacles could arise from a possible power clash between a new Republican governor and an Assembly dominated by Democrats.

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IT DOES not seem unreasonable, however, to expect the Executive and Legislative branches of government to reach some consensus and ignore party differences when the interest of the people, all the people, is at

Nobody Was Using Drugs Illegally

Political Notebook
An Invitation To Hunt Rabbits

By MAX JOHNSON

A heart - warming little story came to light here this week — one that could give many politicians food for thought.

Quite briefly—It is this:

The Freedom International Gun Club — an East Baltimore group of colored youths — has invited the head of a splinter organization of the KKK to go on a rabbit hunt.

The gun club is headed by Philip Jenkins, a white ex - Marine.

The KKK's chief tendered the invitation is Xavier Edwards, who lives on Washington Blvd. near Waterloo.

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PURPOSE OF the rabbit - hunting invitation to Edwards, reports have it, is to assist him in his orientation in the human rights struggle in Baltimore.

The club reportedly assured Edwards that he would have a "rewarding afternoon" — and guaranteed he would be cordially treated.

It has not been determined at this writing whether Edwards will accept the invitation.

I sure hope he does.

It could prove once and for all for a lot of people a lot of things.

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FOREMOST, PERHAPS, is to what extent will a white supremacy thinking KKK chieftain outwardly cling to his practice — alone in the fields with a group of colored youths with guns?

If Edwards doesn't accept the gun club's invitation — we may never know.

Obviously — the whole thing is a move to break bread of understanding between elements of the colored community and elements of the KKK.

It's a little different twist, though, from that used by the international diplomacy - makers who go to the peace tables.

The gun club and Edwards would have their meeting of minds—with their guns in their hands.

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THEN, AGAIN, there is the matter of the rabbits to be hunted.

Almost everybody knows there are white rabbits, brown rabbits — and black rabbits, or those so dark brown they look black.

So — this poses another interesting question.

Would the gun club put the KKK's Edward at ease by hunting only for the brown rabbits — or near black ones?

Or — would they boldly set out in search of white rabbits?

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WE MAY never know the thinking in this respect — if Edwards doesn't accept that invitation.

This whole picture of intent of this new type of struggle between men of different thinking could set a pattern of things to come.

Instead of men fighting each other through hatred based on race — it might be better if they went rabbit hunting together.

Lawmakers who are pressing for worthwhile legislation against formidable foes might do better to aid their cause by going rabbit hunting with them.

The whole thing has tremendous possibilities.

But the merit of this pattern may never be known — unless the KKK's Edwards accepts that gun club's rabbit hunting invitation.

Our Readers Say:
Powell And His Image

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 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Dear AFRO:

Amid all the hue and cry the only plausible defense pointed out by the associates of Adam Powell is that everybody's doing it."

I fail to see how this in any way excuses the behavior of the man. For months Powell has been the topic of public and private discussion and in each instance the discussion has concerned conduct on his part that has done little to improve his image.

Nor does the fact that he is colored and has been singled out because of this make his behavior any more acceptable.

A man in public office is legally and morally required to carry out the duties of that office with integrity and honesty, whether he be colored, Caucasian or Laplander.

Powell could best have served the interests of the nation and members of his race by ignoring the improper conduct of his fellow congressmen and maintaining the higher standards in the performance of his duties. The attempt by too many colored persons to imitate the Caucasian rather than set standards of their own has long been a weakness.

In spite of his talk of Christ, Powell has mocked the church and the religion which he purports to represent and has betrayed the nation, the race and himself as well.

OLIVER B. TRAVERS

Unite For Powell

Dear AFRO:

This letter is in response to Adam Clayton Powell's having been denied his seat in Congress. I don't condone any man's misdemeanors, but it seems to me that there are two standards of justice in this country; one for Adam Clayton Powell (i.e. colored) and one for "Power Structure."

Everybody says that quite a few other honorable members have "skeletons" in their closets also, but no one seems to care about them.

Every colored person with a grain of salt shoud write his or her congressman protesting this drastic action. This is not only an attack on the so called shenanigans of Mr. Powell but on all colored in general. If you're white it's all right, but if you're black get back.

In other words, anything you do is all right as long as you're white but if you should happen to be a person of color then it's a horrible sin.

The main reason behind this purge of Mr. Powell is simply because he was becoming too powerful for them. In fact, Mr. Powell was and still is the most powerful colored person in America. So, now is the time for all to unite and stand with a man in his time of need as he has stood for us!!

HENRY BIAS

Curfew Bill

Dear AFRO:

I am writing concerning the Curfew Bill by the president of the City Council, D'Alesandro. I read these words in a letter to the editor on Dec. 15, "I don't think Mr. D'Alesandro could have found a better way to add an additional burden to the police force or to alienate the young people of the city. "The police will become something worse than 'cops' in the eyes of many teens."

I have read in a book by A. S. Neil, called "Summerhill," that children first, reject and rebel against the "authorities" of the parents, and then, against the law and the so-called order, which is getting worse daily.

At times, a curfew seems to be like pushing aside, or covering up, to not face the roots of the problem. It is a very debateable bill, but it does have some merits. It will insult many parents and teenagers, and is this the most important?

It would improve the bill a slight bit, if the age limit was 15, instead of 17. It does seem to be punishing the majority for the bad behavior of a minority, and the night-planning criminals.

Until I got married in the teens, I had to be in the house at 9 p.m., and it did me no basic harm. I was out late for school affairs and for birthday parties, which were more healthy than the teenage parties of today. [illegible]

I shall put two cents more in and say, why not build a police special-night force so sufficient that troublesome teenagers and criminals will have to respect? What is bad about creating more jobs? the right way, is not always the easiest way.

If the Curfew Bill goes into effect, why not on a trial basis or as experimental? To be a just bill, it will need considerations and improvements. 'The truth is not the truth, unless, it is the whole truth.'

REV. GAYWOOD STRAUN
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Howard Delay

Dear AFRO:

George Collins of the AFRO really highlighted one of our saddest experiences of 1966 when he reported so clearly the refusal of the Supreme Bench to reappoint Joseph C. Howard to the State's Attorney's Office.

The year 1966 saw a stalemate in the drive for human rights in America. In Maryland the threat of Mahoney was compounded by Mr. D'Alesandro's endorsement, and Mr. Pressman's selfish desire to split our votes. The voters came together and beat back the Mahoney menace, only to have the year end with another slap in the face to colored citizens, the non-seating of our Joseph C. Howard. As Mr. Collins indicated in another artical, this unjust action will prove embarrassing to the Supreme Bench.

Again, however, we must not take this lightly. We must come together around a man of superlative character and courage and let our voices be heard in support of Mr. Howard who has stood tall in the Court House of Baltimore City.

He spent his vacation risking his life, standing tall for our defenseless brothers and sisters in the backwaters of Alabama. So whether Mr. Howard sees injustices heaped on his fellowmen in the upper south, Baltimore, or in the Deep South near Birmingham, he is compelled to speak. He has the heart, the intelligence, and the courage to speak out anywhere.

We must continue to give him our undivided support so he can be heard until "justice pours down like flood waters" on the Court House of Baltimore City to the end that its decisions are purified from the pollution of racial injustices!

MRS. PHILATHEA C. HALL

UNICEF Notes

Dear AFRO:

It is impossible to thank personally members of the Maryland press for the many items concerning UNICEF which appeared in your newspaper and others during 1966.

Each item, whether praise or criticism, was helpful in the interpretation of the work of UNICEF for the Children of the World.

When we have known of criticism, we have endeavored to answer it.

I am sure that items concerning meetings, parties and other activities of UNICEF pleased the groups responsible for the activity.

With appreciation for your interest and co - operation and with all good wishes for 1967, I am

MISS HELEN GARVIN
Maryland State Representative

Muslim Minister

Dear AFRO:

In your Dec. 27, 1966 issue the article ran, "Denies Muslim hereafter." by Dorothy A. Brockhoff. I would like to comment on this article.

I do agree that the followers of Messenger Muhammad are the most misunderstood group in America.

This is due to the fact that the white man has labored long and hard trying to prevent the spread of the religion of Islam. He has painted a distorted picture of the true aim and purpose of Islam in America and our people, the so-called colored people, who have in the past accepted what the white man says without question failed to come to the Mosque and get an understanding for themselves.

Again she stated that whenever anyone comes to the Mosque their minds are made up for them before they arrive. In a sense this is true because our people have been a misfit in the white man's society ever since they have been in America and since Messenger Muhammad teaches us that we are Muslims by birth, which means righteousness and Islam is the creed of humanity and means entire submission to the will of God, whenever a so-called colored man hears the teachings of Islam in its true sense it appeals to his very nature and he responds to it because Islam is the way of life for dark people everywhere.

However, I disagree when she says that they are expected to accept Islam without question, for anyone who attends the Mosque knows that there is a question and answer period at each meeting.

Yes, they are ostracized from the society in which they were reared because a believer in Islam is expected to clean him or herself up from the vice and filth of this civilization.

No more drinking alcoholic beverages, no narcotics, no fornication, no adultry and no more eating of the divinely forbidden swine and no more using unclean and filthy language, no more living common law and every member is expected to help build a nation wherein our women and children will have a future.

As the old saying goes, "mama may have, papa may have, but God bless the child that has his own," and Islam is our own regardless of who likes it or not.

MINISTER ISAIAH KARRIEM
Muhammad's Mosque No. 6

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.

POETS' NOOK

NIGHTMARE ALLEY
HARVEY LEE OSWALD

Alright Tippit; what happened to the
Escape car?
This looks like a double cross-
I shouldn't have trusted that creepy
Jack Ruby-
I expect a half million clams for this
job-
Come on; don't stall: what about the
dough.

OFFICER TIPPIT

Why you stupid punk; you're a dead
man-
The boss said to get rid of you-
A helicopter to South America? man
are you naive,
You know too much to live—Come on
Harvey; say your prayers-
You don't have your rifle now.

Snow In Baltimore

The barometer is steady rising—
which means;
But on the other hand, there is variable winds:
The low pressure system has approached a cold front,
And precipitation from the northeast
is so-so,
Cloudy skies, indicate a strong
southwesterly influence;
But on the other hand, it is needless
to say,
That I belong to the In crowd—inside,
that is—
From the snow in Baltimore.

Paul D. McAllister

UN Moves To Put Economic Pressure On Rhodesia

By IVAN ZVERINA

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — Just how the United Nations will go about enforcing its first mandatory sanctions has aroused the curiosity of the world organization.

What ever else they may do, the historic mandatory sanctions imposed against Rhodesia last month will create a tremendous amount of paper work and administrative expenses. Both are familiar hazards to the United Nations.

The mission headquarters of the 122 UN members have just received a detailed five-page questionnaire about the sanctions from Secretary General Thant — the first shot in the battle of the paper work.

THANT ASKED each country to provide monthly reports on their trade in eleven Rhodesian export commodities and four categories of export goods that were put on the sanctions list by the Security Council Dec. 16, 1966.

The questionnaire, caused considerable head - scratching among the delegations. Some admitted privately it may tax their governments' statistical facilities.

What the Secretary General wants is "information on the quantity and value of trade in such commodities by your country with Southern Rhodesia as well as with all other countries."

Thant said, "Only in this way would it be possible to establish whether trade with Southern Rhodesia, directly or indirectly, is being prevented in regard to those commodities."

ALTHOUGH THANT did not say so, observers felt he was employing this thorough method to uncover any hidden re-exports.

The first monthly report, covering the period from March 1 to March 1.

The questionnaire covers the following roups:

—Imports of Rhodesian tobacco, asbestos (including asbestos waste), sugar, hides and skins, leather, chromium ore and concentrates, iron ore and concentrates, copper, pig iron, meat of bovine animals and meat products.

— Exports to Rhodesia of petroleum (both crude and partly refined), petroleum products, motor vehicles and parts and aircraft and parts.

IN ADDITION, Thant is asking each country to provide a "monthly statement of the quantity and value of total imports," from Southern Rhodesia and total exports to Southern Rhodesia.

They must single out "exports of arms, ammunition and material and equipment for the manufacture and maintenance thereof."

Anything worth more than $1,000 is to be listed.

Thant said the purpose of his questionnaire was to provide the information "on a monthly basis and in a speedier manner than under normal procedure."

One diplomat pointed out that quite apart from the cost involved in compiling such reports, many of the countries simply are not geared for such fast and detailed statistical accounting.

IN ADDITION, they said, the compilation here at UN headquarters will create a substantial new work load, even with the use of recently acquired computers.

The skeptics are betting the first report, due Feb. 15, will be "full of holes," not so much because a few countries may not want to disclose their trade with Rhodesia, but be-

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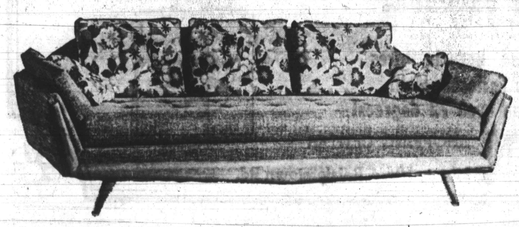

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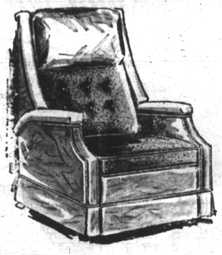

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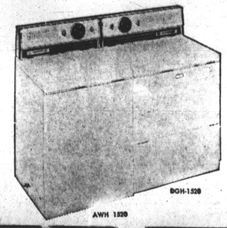

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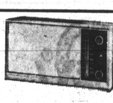

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