IN MEMORIAM

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

Misplaced Emphasis

Rarely is there unanimous agreement on any given debate, regardless of its magnitude.

Such was the case this week when the opinions of parents and teachers were sought relative to the "bow ribbon incident" at Carver Vocational High School.

Everyone offering an opinion on the hassle said in essence it was "ridiculous." We agree.

The "bow ribbon incident" has to do with the instantaneous and arbitrary eviction of Miss Patricia Jackson from school by vice principals Miss Carrie Johnson and Cyrus Marshall.

Reason for her action, Miss Johnson said, was the "inappropriate display" of two bow ribbons worn by Miss Jackson. We thought, however, that they enhanced the teenager's youthful charm.

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Mr. Marshall apparently didn't feel it was necessary to explain why he endorsed the eviction since he was "unavailable" when reporters attempted to question.

We are in agreement with the student's father who felt that since his daughter has had no conduct or behavior problems in school, it was unwise to send her home, making it necessary for her mother to leave work before the teenager was permitted to re-enter school.

We believe — always have and always will — that school is no place for mini-skirts, duck-tail haircuts and other unsightly apparel.

In our opinion, bow ribbons do not fall in this category.

At the least, the matter was badly handled.

What disturbs us more is the fact that it is a classical example of misplaced emphasis.

Based on our personal knowledge of conditions at Carver and the disparity between its curriculum, equipment and facilities compared to those at its sister institution, Mergenthaler, the energies of Carver's vice principals could be used more productively.

Such vigilance as that shown in the "bow ribbon incident" could be, we are convinced, effectively used to assure that adequate and modern equipment is available so that Carver students are not put at a crippling disadvantage in acquiring skills to enter the competitive labor market.

This unfortunate and long known fact was again pointed up in the critical report of the National Education Association.

The concern for detail, obviously wasted on an insignificant matter, would be far more useful if it were applied to eliminating many of the courses now being used at Carver to train students for jobs that no longer exist.

We still remember all too well the revelation of one of the city's leading lawyers who confided that he was unable to employ a recent Carver graduate because she could not use an electric typewriter.

"We only had standard typewriters," the attorney quoted the disappointed job seeker as saying.

We say until these and other unfavorable conditions are eradicated at Carver, vice principals will do well not to waste their time on such innocent items as bow ribbons.

Next ConCon Challenge

Representative citizen groups in the Fourth District picked a slate of seven candidates this week to run June 13 as delegates to the historic Constitutional Convention.

Significantly, the groups after selecting their slate, agreed to work together to see that the seven are elected. They promised both financial and physical support.

There was some disappointment that Judge Jerome Robinson, a long time promoter of a new constitution, was not given the group's approval.

It was unfortunate that Robinson nor any of several white candidates were approved.

However, the AFRO cannot find in this failure anything to justify unwarranted charges that the groups went out of the way to support an all-colored slate.

Of the 900 persons who filed for ConCon, only 14 across the state were elected officials and in the Fourth District there was an agreement not to back either of the three applicants who fell into that category.

The bi-partisan slate of five Democrats and two Republicans includes three lawyers, two civic-minded housewives, an insurance executive and a postal employee with union management experience.

Forty-two organizations cast votes in a democratic manner after a publicized effort in which all groups were urged to participate.

The group had the blessing of the statewide CIVIC body.

The challenge now is to mobilize forces to the end that the selected candidates will be victorious on June 13.

We think these candidates will serve creditably at the convention and deserve community support.

Space Casualties

Death has a brilliant capacity for putting things in their proper perspective.

Since the beginning of the race to conquer space, much emphasis has been placed on "who is ahead of whom?"

Depending upon what expert was doing the evaluating, we were certain to hear that the lead was being tossed back and forth between America and Russia like a volley ball.

Each triumph was greeted with adulation on the one side and apprehension on the other, depending, of course, upon what nation was scoring a success of the moment.

Perhaps this is the price of fierce competition between two giant and proud world powers.

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OVERLOOKED IN this global "game" however, were the natural enemies of man hidden in the vastness of the universe, the boundlessness of earth itself.

The latter point was brought shockingly home to all Americans when Astronauts Virgil Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died on the launching pad.

The tragic death Monday of Cosmonaut Vladimir M. Komarov in space did the same this week for Russians.

While we do not profess to know or understand the intricacies and complexities of the nervous relationship between this country and Russia; while this is not a clarion call for a joint effort in the conquest of space, one point merits consideration.

The future of civilization would at least appear brighter if the two nations could reach some kind of consensus where triumphs and tragedies —yet to come in the space venture — would be mutually hailed and grieved respectively.

Danger Of Banning Shows

We hope the Civic Center in Baltimore is not beginning to see the first kick-back from its lofty policy of banning from its stage shows which are permitted to play most other places in the country.

What is feared is that the City treasury is going to be stuck with making up operational and interest costs every year unless the Civic Center attracts a certain number of successful events.

When the Civic Center bans popular shows, they not only miss out on the crowds that these personalities would draw, but they irritate a large number of people who get the idea they are not as welcome at the arena as they should be.

Nothing we have heard from any source, including the court's action in upholding the right of the Civic Center to ban certain shows, has been sufficient to dispel the thought that something is wrong with the censorship now in effect.

Nobody approves of trouble at public events. We think more could have been done in the way of policing and control.

It is not just James Brown and the other personalities that have been singled out — although they manage to play other areas with success.

It is hard to forget that long before Baltimore's Civic Center pounced on James Brown as the scapegoat, the Supremes (would you believe it?) and other rock and roll shows had been banned.

Instead of a place where all Baltimoreans and people from neighboring areas can come to enjoy the best in their choice of entertainment, the Civic Center could become a costly showpiece avoided by people who most need it as an entertainment outlet.

Wanted: One Springmaker

Everybody, we're told complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

Until a few years back, it was generally conceded that there's little we mortals can do about the unpredictable weather.

Now rainmakers and stormwatchers are relatively common.

We have little need — or desire — for the services of these unique specialists at the moment.

We've had our fill of snow, wind, rain, hail, and sleet. What we would appreciate now more than anything is a springmaker!

Man's Best Friend?

It is hardly flattering or funny to say Baltimore has gone to the dogs. Besides, it's corny.

But, would you believe that's exactly what has happened in the last few days.

Never have we seen a sprawling metropolis so apparently helpless to cope with a band of roving canines.

We want the record to show that we like to believe we are the best friend of man's best friend.

But when one of the nation's largest cities must pause to wonder where a motley band of roving dogs is going to strike next, the situation is getting a bit ruff, ruff!

She's Not The Problem At Carver

Pin-Point

Bill Moore's Legacy: Hope

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

There was something strangely familiar about the group of well-dressed and solemn-faced people who gathered Sunday at 433 E. 25th St.

Strikingly familiar too was the brightness of the sun and the gentleness of the early spring breeze.

It was all reminiscent of another time and place. That time and place was four years ago in the rolling hills of upstate New York.

Still vivid in memory are the tear-streaked faces among the group of people standing on artificial grass which blanketed freshly disturbed earth.

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HAUNTING TOO, it is recalled now, were the mournful sounds of "Taps" issuing from the bugler's horn and taking flight on the wings of the wind.

It is recalled now because the name on the tongues of people then was the same as the one repeated countless times Sunday.

Four years ago, Bill Moore, the martyred postman, was laid to rest. Many of the people who stood on the banks of Bill's grave in Binghamton, N.Y., were at 433 E. 25th St. Sunday.

Their purpose Sunday was to insure the preservation of the memory of Bill Moore, who laid down his life in the pursuit of the elusive goal of human dignity.

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TO THE lasting shame of a nation, Bill's journey was cut short by an assassin's bullet, who stood sentry over a land where Wallaceism is a way of life.

The guardian of the forces of prejudice and bigotry had no difficulty in stopping the physical Bill Moore from spreading the gospel of tolerance and harmony among America's people.

He was a classical failure in stilling the spirit which shook the gentle postman from the clutches of northern complacency. In life he was a face in the crowd. In death he has become a legend.

If the mood of the crowd which dedicated the William L. Moore Educational and Cultural Center Sunday was read correctly, one thing is certain:

The forces which convinced Bill to personally try to take a plea to the then governor of Mississippi are as alive and active today as they were four years ago.

That alone is reason to hope.

Dr. William T. Dixon, psychiatrist, said it best at the dedication through his treatise, "An Expression of Hope." It follows:

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"SIGNIFICANT OF this living memorial to the dead Bill Moore is the hope inspired by its modest beginning. It is not only a tribute to the late Mr. Moore, but to all others who have been maimed or murdered by the forces of fearful ignorance.

"Projecting back in time 300 years, one might find countless unresolved murders, robberies of the soul; felonious assaults and rapacious acts, all in the name of 'slavery in America.'

"The prime victims have been the black slaves and their descendants. The secondary victims have been their white masters, their decendants and hangers-on.

"The former as slaves were reduced to being chattels, deprived of family life; robbed of human dignity and relegated to the servile, childlike or bestial roles.

"The latter, the white masters, became convinced of certain poisonous myths —ideas of being intellectually, biologically, and morally superior and of being 'parents' to the colored 'children.'

"The notion prevails that the colored man is contented because he laughs, jokes and dances. True, he does laugh, joke and dance —but he is not contented.

"These white victims of dangerous mythology are really a minority group living in a majority world of colored peoples. Their load of guilt has made them slaves or, in some individuals, their lack of conscience has made them sloths.

"Today all of us in America must face the reality of the jungle threatening to engulf us. I refer to the aftermath of the slave system.

"In its most terrifying convulsive form, it appears in the riots of frustrated, bitter, hemmed-in people of ghettos like Watts — where destruction, even holocaust, seem to be the alternative to nothingness;

"Where anti-social behavior is part of survival; where the law of the jungle often prevails

"In its more subtle way it takes the ghost-like form of indifference — 'who cares?'

"'I am safe from danger,' the ghost says. 'I am not involved and can live on my affluent island. I can even buy another if this one gets too crowded or contminated.'

"But there are fewer and smaller such islands to be had. There is no place to hide.

"This narrow, worn-out beaten down, structurally sound, but recently renovated row house —the William Moore House — is an educational center, a sort of beacon which I hope will help enlighten ignorance.

"It will be, I hope, a source of pride and personal identity to many colored and white people, especially young colored children who have never had a chance to know the truth about their origins, forbearers and history.

"It is better, I believe, to know than not to know. Those of the Caucasian label, we hope, and those of all ethnic stocks will also be able to learn in this house.

"It will, I hope, help young black people learn they are not just carbon copies of white people whom they envy and even may hate.

"The music, graphic arts, books, discussion groups, and other cultural and educational potentialities will — again I hope — be fully appreciated and utilized.

"I also hope the time will come when you and I won't have to spend so much time and effort on who is what color.

"This memorial, finally, I hope, will be one bright spot in the future when human skin color will not be subject to white lies and black looks."

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WHEN —AND if — this happens, it will be because Bill Moore and others of his ilk refused to die.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK:

Neglected Children

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, 638 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Dear AFRO:

As chairman of the Recreation and Education Committee for the Henry Highland Garnet Neighborhood Council I am concerned about the inner city children.

Because of the lack of recreational facilities offered to the inner city child, equipment had been borrowed through-out the city to program healthy activities for these children.

Although it is understandable that auditors must check equipment on loan from Operation Champ, taking away such equipment constitutes an added deprivation to children who are already pitifully deprived.

Centers such as the one in the Henry Highland Garnet Neighborhood Council area must cease because without this equipment there is no program.

This makes for more frustration. This is another in a series of defeats in our attempts to help the inner city child.

Although Operation Champ has terminated for now, the inner city child knew for the first time the joy of planned recreational programs and activities.

Recently we learned that there are no immediate plans to rebuild School No. 451, a special education school. Our council had been promised by the Department of Education that such a school would be built.

Again, the inner city child is left out of education so badly needed.

We are trying so hard to help our children. Why must they be continually punished for the mistakes of Federal, state, and city authorities?

How long can they be left out?

(Mrs.) LENA BOONE

A Serious Problem

Dear AFRO:

We are entangled in a serious problem. It is a matter of self-identity. Either we don't know who we are or we are not willing to accept what we are.

Many groups have organized under the pretense of working for the betterment of the race.

Some of these groups have done us more harm than good. There is a great need for togetherness.

Our cause is not helped at all when one group follows a line of militancy while others maintain a middle-of-the-road attitude.

This only mars our image and confuses our real purpose.

The question is how can we achieve our goals and make clear our purpose?

First, we must have a central figurehead, someone who represent and speaks for all colored Americans.

Secondly, we must take pride in the color of our skin and walk upright in the mainstream of today's world.

I believe we can achieve our goals, but it will only come through strong cohesiveness.

JACQUELINE STANSBURY

Surprised At King

Dear AFRO:

I am surprised and shocked at Dr. (Martin Luther) King. It is as if he has stopped preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ altogether and started preaching politics.

It seems that he has forgotton to pray or doesn't believe in Christ any more. I hope he reads the 23rd Chapter of Jeremiah.

He will learn what happens to pastors who scatter or lead their people astray.

Just think what would happen to the old, feeble, afflicted, or the uneducated if the words of hate and destruction continue!

V. D.

Praises For Pupils

Dear AFRO:

I was a participant in the recent Favorite Teacher Contest. I was not among the finalists, but I feel that my school was a winner.

School No. 157 is located at Clifton and Woodbrook Aves. It is a very small elementary school with only six classes which include two kindergartens, three first grades, and one second grade.

The total enrollment is 253.

I am proud of the support these little ones gave me, as I finished 16 in the contest.

I did receive some outside help from friends, but the largest number of votes came from the school.

My class is the only second grade. Three of my hardest workers, whom you might call my campaign managers, were Linda Gray, Juanita Hall, and Laurita Murray.

Everyday they collected the votes from all the classes, filled them out, addressed the envelopes, and sometimes even mailed them. Before dismissal they reminded each class to bring in the votes.

The principal of our school is Mrs. Maude W. Tucker, and William Stanley is vice-principal.

I must add that one little boy was so anxious to help he brought in a "Favorite Beautician" vote.

My hat is off to the little ones at School No. 157.

(Mrs.) ANNE C. SNOWDEN

Charity Begins On Homefront

Dear AFRO:

Liberty and freedom, the essence of democracy, must be tested, taught, and practiced on the home front before we attempt to sell "our way of life" to the miserable and exploited people of Vietnam, 10,000 miles from our shores.

LEON P. REID

FBI's 'Miss Print'

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for the wonderful cooperation in connection with the publication of "Miss Print" of the FBI for April, 1967.

We are very proud of Miss Joyce Swann of our Identification Division, and pleased that you printed her picture and the accompanying article.

EDWIN R. TULLY
Special Agent in Charge
FBI, Baltimore Office

Political Notebook

Silly Season Shaping Again?

By MAX JOHNSON

Pronounced possibilities that one or more colored candidates will be opposing city-wide mayoral slates shaping for the fall Baltimore elections are generating early, unusual attention.

Among some elements of the city there is an undercurrent of increasing excitement, bordering at the moment on the ridiculous.

Many such people are finding it difficult to envision a colored president of the City Council — or a colored city comptroller this time around.

Others are already saying — and trying hard to impress with the point —that colored candidates to qualify ought to have qualities approaching those of God.

Really, it's no big thing — as I see it.

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JEWS, ITALIANS, Greeks, as well as white Protestants, have run for these offices before.

I don't recall that there was undue attention levied on the race of such candidates.

As to qualifications — a lot of people are trying to distort the picture.

The present and immediate two former presidents of the City Council are attorneys —but not outstanding ones as such.

The present comptroller is an attorney — and falls in the same category.

His predecessor for years was a medical physician.

So — why the stress on "extra" qualifications of whomever the colored candidates?

It's getting ridiculously messy.

Any reasonably successful attorney, businessman or citizen with proved business administrative ability could well qualify for either office.

There are those, however, who are trying to inject race as such in the oncoming municipal campaign — even at this early stage.

And this is some stupid thinking.

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LET'S LOOK at the offsetting facts.

Colored citizens now form at least 41 percent of Baltimore's population.

What is so strange, then, if one or more seeks city-wide municipal office?

Colored citizens now form over 34 percent of Baltimore's registered voters.

What is so strange, then, if some choose to seek elective, city-wide office — just as anybody else?

There are more colored citizens and colored voters in this city percentage-wise, than there are Jewish citizens, or Italians or Greek citizens.

Mayoral candidates of any note now, who hope to wage campaigns with some degree of success, are going to have to face up to these facts.

The more progressive thinking ones are already doing so — and are preparing to shape their slates accordingly.

It's just a matter of being practical.

To continue to ignore a vast segment of the city's population for elective, general public office would be silly, indeed.

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ELECTIONS USUALLY bring on the silly season —but this coming one isn't going to be quite as silly as some folks would have it be.

There can be no realistic approach to solving Baltimore's problems — without involving the colored community in the process.

Besides —there is another side to the whole municipal picture shaping, anyway.

A lot of diehards are just going to have to get used to seeing a lot more colored officeholders around City Hall.

The fall elections are going to bring more colored city councilmen — councilmen who represent not just their race members but all the constituents of their districts.

This new group is almost certain to include at least one woman in a historic breakthrough —as matters now stand.

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SOMETHING ELSE to think about —huh?

Well — don't worry.

I see the whole thing this way.

Almost any new City Council would be hardpressed to establish a worse record of frivolity, non-accomplishments in the areas of social and civic vital needs —than that chalked up by a majority of the members of the current one.

Actually — any change would be a welcome improvement for citizens generally.

And such a change is shaping in the fall elections.

So, for those who are getting upset over the prospects of a colored winning candidate for president of the City Council or city comptroller — they can get more upset over the Council itself.

Of course — all of this is a silly-thinking approach.

But then again —there are a lot of silly-thinking people around this city.

Hold a hearing on open housing or expanded public accommodations — and this no longer stands as an assertion.

It jumps out as a stark, glaring fact.

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.

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JHU's Reuben Greene Wins top scholarships

REUBEN GREENE

A $4,200 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for a year of graduate study has been won by Reuben Vaughn Greene 3rd, 23, of 3327 Elbert St., a senior at Johns Hopkins University.

In addition, Mr. Greene has been awarded a second year of graduate work at Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies in the Washington area.

He is a political science major.

However, Mr. Greene plans to postpone these phases of his advanced studies for two years.

He joins the Peace Corps this fall, and will be an English instructor for two years in Cameroon, West Africa. While there he will study the political development of African nations.

An Edmondson High School graduate, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben V. Greene Jr., of the Elbert St. address. He has two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Phyllis Green (without the "e") and the other is Miss Brenda Grtene, a senior at Edmondson.

Suit seeks to speed up desegregation

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (UPI)—The Justice Department filed a motion in U.S. District Court here Monday seeking for stepped up desegregation in the Loudoun County School System.

The Federal Agency charged the council is operating its schools under a dual system with students assigned to schools on a racial basis. The motion said colored students are permited to attend white schools, but only after filing a formal application.

The department asked the court for an order requiring non-racial geographic attendance zones and desegregation of the county's school faculties.

THE MOTION said that of the county's 22 schools, four are all colored, eight are all white and 10 are predominantly white.

In addition it said colored teachers are only assigned to all-colored schools.

Atty. Gen. Clark says segregation is increasing

NEW YORK (UPI) — U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Monday that segregation is increasing in the United States and that not enough is being done about it.

Clark cited the influx into urban ghettoes by non-whites and poverty as factors increasing segregation both in housing and schools in big cities. He said school segregation was more widespread now than "ever before in our history."

The attorney General said de facto housing segregation was the key to segregation in other aspects of society and that "not nearly enough" has been done to combat it.

"We must move forward in the areas of education, employment, housing, health and problems related to poverty," Clark said in a speech before the third annual meeting of the Insurance Association at the Hotel Pierre.

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