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

Hollow Praise

From President Johnson through General William C. Westmoreland and on down to just plain Joes, we constantly are reminded how important a role colored fighting men are playing in the battle for freedom in Vietnam.

Not one of these keen observers will tell us why these servicemen who are fighting so valiantly and giving their lives for their country are not accorded the same rights and opportunities as others.

This is true both for the servicemen and other colored Americans.

Maryland is a prime example.

Figures made available by the Defense Department through Congressman Clarence D. Long's office show that last year colored servicemen represented 26 percent of the state's Vietnam dead. Nonwhites make up but 16.7 percent of Maryland's population.

At the same time, of the 200 or more members of the state's draft boards, only 10 are reported to be non - white. At the least there should be 32 if they were properly constituted.

We also have had figures from the Defense Department to show that colored servicemen do not receive promotions in this country, nor in Vietnam, on the same basis as whites.

This is in face of Defense Department findings showing there is very little difference between the educational level of colored and white servicemen.

It also is a fact, officials tell us in trying to explain why such a high ratio of colored servicemen are dying in Vietnam, that they re-enlist faster than others, meaning they have more experience.

Both Congressman Long of Maryland and Sen. Edward Brooke (R., Mass.) have asked for action on this matter.

Elsewhere in Maryland, despite the praises heaped upon our fighting men, on returning home they find freedom here has advanced little since they went 10,000 miles to do battle for someone else's freedom.

They still must face racial discrimination in housing, jobs, education and all the other things other American citizens take for granted — even if they decide to leave Communist Russia today and move to the U.S.

It simply isn't enough to say we're making progress. We need to have the same concern about freedom at home as 10,000 miles away.

Teachers To Make Choice

As Baltimore moves toward a showdown election between the Public School Teachers Association and the Baltimore Teachers Union, it appears timely to take note of what has happened in other such elections.

The very first round, which PSTA should expect to lose, is the groundless dispute about who should vote. There seems little reason to expect that supervisors would be allowed to cast a vote. They should not be permitted to vote and we are sure they will not be.

But that does not mean that the PSTA already is dead.

If what has happened in other cities can be used as a guide this will be a costly and hard-fought election battle.

PSTA-type organizations have won elections in such cities as Milwaukee, Newark and Denver.

The union has been successful in major cities like Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit and nearby Washington.

Whether it was fearful of an election or just didn't want to go through the costs involved, PSTA supporters attempted during the last legislative session to have the General Assembly vote it the right to represent teachers in bargaining.

The forthcoming election is by far the most acceptable way of determining which group the teachers want to bargain for them. The sooner it is over the better off the school system should be. The current rivalry is unhealthy.

Main 'Movement' Is Injustice

One lesson that colored peple have learned about whites through integration is that our rank and file white brothers have a great tendency to "follow the leader."

Perhaps this is because their life experiences teach them that the "leader" — the power structure, if you please—usually works to make life better for them.

We were therefore not surprised to discover last week that Newsweek Magazine, after citing isolated instances of riotous unrest in the ghetto, wondered, "Which Way for the Colored Now?"

As AFRO columnist Clarence Mitchell Jr. noted, their attitude seems to be "that the whole colored population is like a dry forest waiting for a careless camper to drop a match into a can of gasoline."

Fact is that since rank and file colored persons have never had very much confidence in the power structure's concern for them, they are accustomed to banning themselves together when and where required to provide self-protection until crises subside.

We certainly condemn violence everywhere, except when forced upon us in the national interest.

But if observers will look behind the up-raised fist, the hurled bottle and the angry outcry, they usually will find frustrated persons sick to the stomach of mistreatment and the short end.

We agree with Mr. Mitchell that rather than spending its time in looking for mysterious authority which sparks the riots, the power structure, including its press arm (See Preston Yancy's column titled "Local Dailies Enemies of the Poor," AFRO of May 20), would be better advised to exert itself in meeting the job, housing and education needs of the people.

The greatest "movement" of colored rioters, as ill-advised as they may be, is the endless variety of injustice practiced in our society.

National Police Week

Today and tomorrow citizens and policemen will climax the celebration of National Police Week — May 14 to 20.

Throughout the week law enforcement representatives and private citizens have joined together to promote a better understanding of the policeman's problems by citizens and a better understanding of citizens' problems by policemen.

With the rapid approach of what has become known as the "Long Hot Summer" and with student - police pitched battles dominating the nation's front pages, the celebration is proper and timely.

In view of the critical need for both citizens and policemen to realize that law enforcement is a two-way street affair, it is hoped that these and kindred activities will become a part of the city's year-round programming.

Happily, the relationship between Baltimore's policemen and citizens, under the guidance of Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, as indicated in a current AFRO series, is improving.

It is the bound duty of every citizen and every police officer to do his part to insure its continuance.

THE POLICE Department's efforts in this direction, contained in its statement on the celebration, is encouraging. It says:

"The uniformed officer, the first link of personal contact between the Police Department and the public carries with him a monumental responsibility.

"His task is one of the most difficult in modern police work. For he works in the area of human behavior with all its complications and interactions. The patrolman deals with people and behavioral problems of the human personality.

"Whether he assists lost citizens, wandering children, or protects people and property against the destructive havoc of the criminal, his service must be rendered without abridging fundamental liberty or offending human dignity.

"To effect the balance of protection vs. liberty is the foremost task of the policeman and certainly a fitting theme for citizens and police officers alike during National Police Week."

The community — the total community — can ill afford not to take an equally realistic look at its role and responsibility in law enforcement.

Anything less is criminal.

Salute To Dr. Henry

A distinguished collection of the state's citizens will assemble tonight to pay tribute to Dr. William E. Henry, retiring president of Bowie State College.

The contribution of Dr. Henry in educating the state's youth cannot be recounted in an editorial or in one night.

Suffice it to say that because of a quarter century of dedicated service thousands of young men and women have been prepared to cope with the complexities of today's world.

While his critics — and there are many — are prone to point to what he did not do, a greater number can point with equal enthusiasm and justification to what he did do.

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Justice demands that the works of any man be measured within the context of his time.

That Bowie not only survived but managed to grow in extremely difficult times is a lasting tribute to Dr. Henry.

We join with fellow well-wishers in hoping for him a well-earned and enjoyable retirement.

No Color Line Here

THE PEOPLE SPEAK!

Teacher Explains Strike

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:

I would like to try and explain why so many teachers were not in their classrooms last Thursday and Friday.

Although it is impossible — and unwise — for me to attempt to speak for each teacher, I would, however, like to list a few reasons which, I feel, might reflect the sentiments of fellow teachers.

We were on strike to encourage passage of an adequate budget providing money needed to improve the working conditions of the classroom teacher so that they can walk in dignity and be proud of their profession.

Working conditions in this sense mean a class of managable size where the teacher can work closely with the children without a sense of frustration.

Teachers desire a classroom in which they are able to meet the various needs and abilities of their children.

They want to see improvement in the learning skills of their pupils and thus feel a sense of accomplishment.

Another factor motivating the strike is the desire of teachers to earn a salary commensurate with their years of training — a salary competitive with those provided by industry which is luring many of our most qualified colleagues.

An adequate salary scale, teachers feel, will attract qualified teachers to Baltimore, where we know that 53 percent of elementary school instructors to not meet minimum requirements.

We want a school day that is free from non-teaching responsibilities which drain the teacher's energy so critically needed to work with children.

We struck, generally, to compel Baltimore to take much-needed forward steps in education, including:

Improvement rather than neglect; Involvement rather than apathy; strength rather than weakness; and progress rather than deterioration.

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WE RETURNED to our duties Monday walking a bit more proudly; our heads were held a little higher because we knew we were engaged in a noble and just struggle.

It is a struggle which, we hope, will be the ultimate concern of all citizens and will bring about a better educational system for all of our children.

TOBY AUGUST
A Teacher

No Protection

Dear AFRO:

There are many laws which probably were meant to protect the people but don't really. Take for instance the Baltimore Liquor License Commission.

Residents in and around the 4200 block of Reisterstown Rd., have been protesting and fighting in courts and at the liquor board, one Nathan Polski's application to relocate his bar (Knotty Pine) from 1839 Linden Ave. to 4244 Reisterstown Rd. at Grantley since 1965.

We have won every time, every decision. Still the liquor board allows this man to reapply for a transfer of license at the same location. This is most depressing and frustrating to us. It could go on forever and ever.

We have enough problems. We are trying to maintain a desirable neighborhood in which to live and rear our children. We are blamed for certain slums, but many of the slums are caused by bars, taverns and other whiskey outlets.

The Liquor Board is accepting protest against this application until May 24th. (Mrs.) Elise E. Bumbrey
(Mrs.) Nancy Bernard
Towanda Neighborhood Association

An Oversight

Dear AFRO:

We in the Baltimore Urban League were very pleased and proud to note the front-page publicity given in your May 6 issue to the employment of Miss Frances Hopkins as a hostess trainee by United Air Lines.

Our pleasure and pride stemmed from the fact that Miss Hopkins secured her opportunity through the Baltimore Urban League.

This office, through our own Arthur Weddington, worked for over eight months to complete this significant breakthrough for local young women.

It therefore is regretted that at no place in your article or in the remarks of the family, was attention called to the role played by this office in working with United and other air lines to place Miss Hopkins in a job she desired and for which she qualified.

In addition to securing her job through this office, Miss Hopkins is a member of the Leaguettes, a new group of young women who support the League program and are anxious to become involved in civic affairs.

We hope you will find some way to make known to your extensive readership this pilot achievement by the Baltimore Urban League.

FURMAN L. TEMPLETON
Executive Director

Dr. Duke Ellington

DEAR AFRO:

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Edward K. (Duke) Ellington upon his receipt of the honorary degree, Doctor of Music, awarded by the Fine Arts Department of Morgan College.

As you previously stated, he has long deserved such an honor for his contribution to music.

Now that Dr. Ellington has received this just acclaim, I wonder if he has any plans to use his knowledge in a broader sense.

That is: from a performer-entertainer (continuous traveling), to the role of a performer-educator.

All the good, vital knowledge the Duke has of music could be used on a broader plane if aspring young people were given a chance to learn from him.and

A large number of great men in other fields have lived and died and never left anyone who could interpret some of their findings.

Dr. Ellington could make an even greater contribution if a school of jazz for young composers were initiated; or some other training center could be started with his experience as the key.

This venture would really prove that Duke Ellington is a great musician, even greater than previously realized.

JAMES A. CARTER, JR.

Grateful For Help

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of the Music Committee of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, may I thank you for your help in our drive for publicity for our Dedication Concert on May 7.

The concert was well attended, and we are certain your publicity in our behalf was a contributing factor.

We will look forward to your continued help next fall, when we begin our efforts for our Concert Series.

ALAN M. HAMBURGER

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Staff appreciation as well as the gratitude of Operation Reason's elderly, chronically ill clients of low income are extended to all persons who helped secure a promise of funding for another year.

Senators Brewster and Tydings as well as other members of Maryland's congressional delegation, and many public officials and agencies were able to grasp the nature of the valuable services which our non-professional, low-income, older staff members render to other more needy senior citizens.

It would have been tragic for the many hundreds of aged and ill people who have come to depend on REASON, sometimes for their very existence, if this program would have been disbanded merely because of cutbacks in anti-poverty funds.

To all who helped us convince the Federal Government to continue a sincere, heartfelt thanks.

BAILEY CONAWAY,
Director, Operation
REASON

Young Guests Write

Dear AFRO:

We, the children in Mrs. Haynes' fifth grade class of Edgewood Elementary School No. 67, thank you for guiding us through your plant. We have gained a great deal of knowledge from our educational tour.

We were fascinated by the computer. The tapes with the different codes amazed us. We now understand the effort, cooperation, and planning that is necessary to have a successful newspaper business.

We deeply appreciate the kind and sincere attitude of your entire staff. The tour was valuable to us and is an experience we shall always remember.

Sheila Lawson
Vivian James
Patricia DeShields
Sheila Carter
Kirk Douglass
Brian Evans
Class Corresponding Committee.

Politics Got Adam

Dear AFRO:

Come, you have been in Washington a long time, and are surely politically sophisticated.

Adam wasn't thrown out because he is black.

Or because Congress is so virtuous or gives a hoot about his personal life.

But simply because when he disregarded the New York court judgment, he tossed the Republicans a big, beautiful plum to use against his own Democratic party's candidate come next election.

arena it is surprising that he didn't

After all of these years in the know better. Politics is politics.

LONNIE RAYMOND

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 ensured;

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. — 1928

Political Notebook

Maryland's GOP Backlash Takes Over

By MAX JOHNSON

If there is high concern over the ultra right wing group of the Young Republicans' take over last week of the Maryland party's hierachy — then this is rightly so.

Let's identify this group.

These are the pro-Goldwater people — those with the weird type of thinking on social matters, among others, of Arizonia's former senator.

These are the pro-Wallace people — though Republican but with the same area of thinking as Alabama's mouthy former Gov. George Wallace.

They are arising to power of the same types that have jumped to the forefront in the early stages of the 90th Congress.

The late Dr. Carl Murphy, publisher of this paper, pictured the whole thing quite succinctly in an editorial that began in the Jan. 14 edition.

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UNDER THE heading "The Old Gang Is Back," It began thusly:

"The old gang is back.

"The gang's a combination of Republicans and Dixiecrat conressmen who have made life miserable for every liberal President since FDR.

"There was the combination which voted 305-126 against seating Adam Powell at this week's opening session."

There was of course, much more to this editorial on the Powell subject.

The opening lines, however, serve to set the current shaping picture in Maryland.

This new policy-making faction of Maryland Republicans has announced its return to a brotherly combine with Dixiecrat Democrats.

Dixiecrat Democrats in Maryland, it should be recalled gave Wallace 41 percent of the state's vote in the Democratic Presidential primary just three short years ago.

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THE TAKEOVER by the right wingers of the Maryland State Federation of Young Republicans Saturday poses some serious questions.

1. In Maryland especially in Baltimore, colored citizens form the backbone of the Republican prty.

Is this, then, not a direct slap in the face to these persons, who have been loyal supporters?

Has GOP brass here forgotten that colored delegates to the San Francisco Republican Convention walked out at the nomination of Barry Goldwater in 1964?

2. The GOP is in the midst of a national party rebuilding campaign — one aimed at attracting all people.

Isn't Maryland a bit far north for the throwback to the southern Dixiecrat appeal in this respect — in view of the state's human rights advances?

There are other similar queries that readily come to mind — but these are sufficient to stimulate the train of thought.

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SIGNIFICANTLY — Gov. Spiro T. Agnew Maryland's new Republican chief executive, ignored the youngsters state conference.

Gov. Agnew has assumed something of a liberal cloak since being elevated from the post of commissioner of Baltimore County — and has made some notable appointments to indicate his intentions to head a party representative of all the people.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin showed up at the conference — but suspecting what was in the making left the group with this warning

"I have my convictions. You have your convictions.

"If they're fundamental, I respect you. If they're capricious, if you are just using them for political gain, I despise you."

Neither Gov. Agnew nor Mayor McKeldin has endorsed the state's backlash takeover by young conservatives.

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CHARLES BERNSTEIN, president of the liberal sector of the Baltimore City Young Republicans, deplored the whole thing with some bitter comments — these in particular:

"No thought was given to the pressing problem of our times, that of human rights.

"Instead, kook resolutions on Vietnam, chauvinism in general, and the right of felons and psychopaths to maintain an arsenal to protect their castles took precedence over the question of human dignity."

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BUT AS usual in such political shenanigans — the Young Republicans were not without a colored person to justify and support their racial stand.

Somebody dug deep in the barrel and came up with a fellow named Carlos Phears.

Mr. Phears, as best could be determined at this writing, has some sort of job at some pleasure spot downtown. Calls to his place of employment and his home failed to locate him.

Whatever — he is a political unknown around this city and state and probably is killing any chance of even having influence in the city party.

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BUT THE YOUNG Republicans not only are using him as a justifiable reasoning for their Dixiecrat thinking politically — they have announced he is the first member of his race to gain his state position.

This is an organization of intent far removed from the workings of Marshall W. Jones Jr., Supervisor of Elections board member, and Elmer O. Harris, new Liquor Board member, both veteran GOP leaders among their race.

It is quite unthinkable that Mr. Phears would attempt to sell Goldwater or pro-Wallace theories to members of his race on other moderates on behalf of Republicans — but that's what they are suggesting.

Something is wrong somewhere.

POETS' NOOK

Rich Man — Poor Man

I have no money to put in the bank,
And oddly enough, I don't care,
I have no home, over-looking a lake,
And I have no jewelry to wear.
I have an old car that is falling apart,
I've patched it with pieces of tin,
And should I decide to make out a will
I would not know where to begin.
I've squandered my wages on foolish devices,
I haven't been always discreet,
And often enough, in my shabby attire,
I'm ashamed when an old friend I meet.
If I should have to live over my life,
I would live it the same as before,
For being a man, is the world's toughest job,
And it isn't so tough being poor.

The Sheep

They had frolicked in a green new place to play
But sundown, came a startling discovery
They had stumbled into a forest filled with wolves
Hungry predators, vicious and uncompromising.
But a mysterious shepherd came along,
And led them all to safety
We didn't hear them pray for help,
But someone did.
And in our forests of dispair, and tribulations.
A shepherd will lead us to pastures of peace and understanding.
Violence shall not prevail upon the good and the just
I am afraid, the wolves are in for a bad time.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Glue Sniffing

The arrest Tuesday of teenage glue sniffers on the AFRO parking lot is a grim reminder of the recklessness of youthful delinquents who are apparently bent on self destruction.

Medical experts have constantly warned parents and children of the tragic effects of glue-sniffing, which has on more than one occasion proved fatal.

More disturbing is the apparent lack of knowledge — or concern — on the part of young sniffers that this is the beginning stage of dope addiction.

Since the ratio of confirmed addicts who are lucky enough to kick the habit is so small it is insignificant compared to the number afflicted, it would appear that young people would think twice before getting involved.

Some don't. That is the problem, with its attendant afflictions — robbery, violence and mayhem — facing the community.

No efforts should be spared in stamping out all forms of drug addiction, including glue sniffing.

A FIRST — Professor Harold Stokes, of Baltimore Junior College, discusses with William D. Quarles his acceptance at The Jonns Hopkins University. Young Quarles is the first graduate of the Urban Development Assistant program at the junior college to be admitted to Hopkins.

1st 'Urban' grad to enter Hopkins

William D. Quarles is the first graduate of the Urban Assistant program at Baltimore Junior College to be accepted at The Johns Hopkins University, the junior college has announced.

William, who is 19, is the son of Mrs. Mabel Quarles, aof 2206 Elsinore Ave. Graduating this June, he entered the junior college in September, 1965.

At BJC he was one of the first students to major in the Urban Development program, "because I felt the special approach and skills imparted would be beneficial to me.

"Since I have an active interest in politics I believe this knowledge will be highly useful."

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WILLIAM ALSO has been active in publication work at the college. He was an editor of the weekly "College Crier" and of the "Courtier," college annual.

At Johns Hopkins, he expects to major in political science and do graduate work. He hopes to work in urban planning or to teach on a college level.

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A GRADUATE of City College, William was president of the religious club at the high school and vice president of the Association of Club Presidents.

Program Director Mrs. John Woolley stated her pride at William's establishing "somewhat of a record as the first major in Urban Development to go to Hopkins."

MARINE PFC J. A. JOHNSON

Local Marine given honors

Marine Pfc. James A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Slowe, 1813 Lauretta Ave., was named "Outstanding Recruit" of Platoon 151 during graduation ceremonies at Parris Island, S.C., recently.

He was awarded the Leatherneck Magazine Dress Blue Uniform Award and promoted to his present rank.

Pfc. Johnson is a 1966 graduate of Edmondson High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in March 1966.

He is now undergoing basic infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Woodson students at FBLA meeting

HOPEWELL, Va. — Linda Henry and Joyce Carr, delegates and members of Carter G. Woodson High School chapter, Future Business Leaders of America, attended the 17th Annual Convention of the Virginia FBLA Chapter in Roanoke. They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. C. M. Wallace.

SMILE AWHILE

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A young father, obviously harassed, was pushing a baby carriage down the street. Loud wails kept coming from the buggy.

"Easy now, Albert," the father said quietly. "Control yourself. Keep calm." Another howl.

"Now, now, just keep your temper. We'll soon be home."

A grandmotherly - looking woman stopped to look at the scene. "I really must congratulate you," she gushed. "There aren't many young parents who show such patience with babies. You know just how to reassure him." She patted the moppet on the head and cooed, "What's bothering you, Albert?"

"No, no," the father interrupted, "his name's Johnny. I'm Albert." — American Weekly.

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