THE AFRO AMERICAN

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

The 'Untouchable'

Most of us remember the popular television series, "The Untouchables," and its indestructible federal man, Elliott Ness.

Ness and his men, earned their nickname by establishing a record of absolute honesty and refusal to be intimidated by rough-riding crime syndicates of the day.

Their untouchability had nothing to do with the feeling of being refused outside of duly constituted authority or supersensitivity to criticism.

Apparently, J. Edgar Hoover, long-time chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, fancies himself to be an untouchable of a different sort.

Having become "Mr. FBI" with the aid of top-grade public relations advisers, Mr. Hoover has in recent years shown that he regards himself and his agency as being some sort of super organization, untouchable by criticism —no matter how honest it may be nor how credible and respectable the source.

He made this clear in a public exchange some months ago when then U S. Attorney General Nicholas DeB. Katzenback ate crow following a too-frank statement about Hoover.

And this happened even though by law Katzenback was his boss.

Hoover now has reacted to what we consider to have been reasonable criticism by Democratic presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy in his typical untouchable way.

To McCarthy's observation that the FBI head "had gotten to be almost sacred" and "ought to be replaced," Hoover raged back that Mr. McCarthy was either trying to mislead the public or else had "a woeful lack of knowledge" of how the FBI works.

While we are not committed in any way to Mr. McCarthy, we happen to think that on this point he is right.

No public official in a government established of, by and for the people, should be allowed to become so important that he cannot be questioned or criticized without having that criticism ascribed to some sinister and subversive design on the part of the critic.

Our national, representative and responsive government can do without an "untouchable."

An 'Untouchable' Agent Reacts

Wilkins Speaks

• By Roy Wilkins

New Laws Prove There's Racism

Is it accurate to charge that "white racism" is a fundamental cause of urban unrest and, in 1967, of urban rioting?

This section of the President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders has stirred more approval and more denunciation than any assertion in any similar report in 50 years.

Understandably, the huge section of the white population that WILKINS thought colored citizens were doing pretty well (not as well as they, but pretty well), were shocked. The white people who knew very well that colored citizens were being prevented from making substantial gains, tried hard to cover their guilty knowledge with simulated indignation.

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Many white politicians who knew the facts hoped (as they do on so many issues) that nothing would come to a head. A growing number of informed whites, not necessarily radicals, knew that the report, regrettably, was accurate.

To sustain such a charge, racism must permeate American life. There is evidence all about, in and out of the report, that this is so. Anyone who ponders the question has only to look about him in his city or town or rural county. What about housing, jobs and public schools — not those buried in statistical tables, but those inside the home city or county?

The latest indication comes from the answers given by investigators for automobile insurance companies to a Senate subcommittee. One's color and race as well as one's housekeeping and sex habits have been duly recorded for company guidance in weighing applications.

In every walk of life

One woman who was "married and divorced before 20" demonstrated, according to the witness, "a degree of irresponsibility." She was thus unacceptable for car insurance although she might be an expert driver.

Another person was reported as being a bad housekeeper and likely to treat a car in the same fashion, while another man was turned down because he was "living with a woman not his wife." In the popular mind, this is a colored practice, but, as is so frequently true, many thousands of white people, including college students, live together without benefit of clergy.

Of course, as Senator Philip Hart (D-Mich.), noted, it is difficult to see "how one's race, religion or economic status relate to one's ability to drive." But this puzzle is old stuff to colored Americans.

They find white racism in every walk of life. In too many instances for it to be ascribed to happenstance, they have trouble getting better jobs, getting promotion on the job, renting or buying a house or apartment and getting good teaching for their children.

Laws prove point

Our national and state laws against racial discrimination prove the point. They would not be necessary if we had no widespread racism. In the obvious area of employing neighborhood people in stores located in their neighborhoods, whites could have demonstrated fair play, but failed.

Colored citizens have had to march, to campaign, to boycott and to sue to get a chance at the jobs they should have had by any elementary rule of economics. Happily such employment is now spreading, not only into more localities, but into more job categories. Except in the most diehard communities, it is unthinkable that a ghetto store should not have non-colored personnel. Think what an improvement could have occurred in the colored people's economic position and attitude if this had been begun in 1928 instead of 15 years ago!

It remains a truism that, barring the inevitable flare-ups and making allowance for crackpots, interracial peace can come as soon as an across-the-board campaign against racism is maintained by white people.

Thoughts Of The Founder

Increased compensation will always come with increased ability to perform any duty that may be placed upon us.

John H. Murphy Sr.
Oct. 2, 1903

Poor Coalition

"Coalition" is one of the nicer words in the English language. It presents images of people performing at their best —in union, with mutual cooperation, respect and consensus on goals.

That is why it was encouraging to note last week that groups of persons — heretofore loosely affiliated with SCLC's Poor People's Campaign — had formed a Poor Coalition designed to influence the 1968 Presidential election in ways beneficial to the poor.

We were somewhat surprised to note that no top-level SCLC official was listed among the new board members. But on deeper reflection we think we understand this absence.

SCLC, as an organization, has traditionally avoided deep involvement in partisan politics.

Close ties between a top SCLC leader and the new coalition would inevitably expose SCLC to the charge of using a devious means of engaging in political partisanship.

When SCLC executive vice president Andrew Young submitted a supportive statement on behalf of the new organization, he showed that all of the poor's leadership understands that the destiny of all have-not people is tied together.

Poor whites, Indians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and Americans of African descent all need a continuing vehicle that unifies their political strength for the common good.

Nor does this realization diminish the need for continuing support and expansion of such non-white oriented organizations as NAACP, Urban League, CORE and SCLC.

These have their special areas of concern, all of which contribute positively to the protection and development of the colored community.

Affiliation in the Poor Coalition is another way that —in concert with groups in similar circumstances as a majority of our own colored citizens — we can fulfill our dreams of freedom and democracy for all.

Mississippi Payoff

When Joseph Roy Flowers and his attorney put their signatures to the Mississippi court's consent order to pay 230 field hands $50,000 in uncollected wages, a major event in our countrymen's effort to be their brothers' keepers occurred.

Time was when respectable opinion in the civilized world simply declared that the animal law of the jungle obtained among some classes of men as well.

So, civilized men saw it as a natural condition for the strong to take advantage of and to devour the weak.

That is what Flowers was doing. From his superior position of information and access to credit, he has worked out a system whereby he blatantly took advantage of his fellowmen for his own benefit and to their abject detriment.

To charge tenants 10 times as much rent as a shack was worth and then to use the situation to collect compounded gain from government was as devouring to the humanity of the field hands as was the slaver's chains to their forefathers.

A lesser brand of the same inhumanity occurs when in the ghettos of our cities merchants and other small businessmen charge the uninformed for value not received.

A government-sponsored court suit to correct the situation is much more desirable than the illegal burning of the transgressing establishment.

We hope persons in Flowers' position, if not moved by humanitarian concerns, will be moved by the example made of him to set their houses in order.

We hope the experience of knowing their government is interested in them will cause Flowers' laborers and others in like circumstances to become legally more aggressive citizens.

We hope the government will continue to tighten up on all people of power who take advantage of the weak and disadvantaged. Most are breaking the law.

Can't See Forests

Myopia is a condition of the eye "in which visual images come to a focus in front of the retina resulting in defective vision of distant objects," says Webster's collegiate dictionary.

In a less technical sense myopia is that mental outlook which prohibits the viewer from seeing forests because the trees are so immediately focused in front of him.

According to the most recent Louis Harris poll on Republican Presidential politics, Richard Milhouse Nixon has a bad case of political myopia, one in which he cannot see the necessity for developing general voter appeal because his focus is concentrated on GOP regulars and convention delegates.

Says Harris: "The paradox of Nixon's present standing in the public opinion polls is that he has never been stronger with Republicans and rarely been weaker with the rest of the electorate."

Republican leadership seems never to learn that it cannot win an election by simply cultivating the 31 percent of the electorate who are already registered Republicans.

What is even more important, Republicans become sterile in contributing to the political life of our two-party system when — rather than broadening their appeal to meet needs of the general electorate — they operate within the narrow focus of special interest conservatism.

Indicative of the narrow GOP appeal are other Harris findings:

In the South where there is much disenchantment with national Democratic politics this year, Nixon's appeal is still less than both Hubert Humphrey's and George Wallace's.

Voters over 50 and suburban dwellers who should like Nixon, support him less than they do Mr. Humphrey.

Among white labor union members and white backlash whites, Nixon trails Humphrey.

Among independent voters, Nixon runs substantially behind McCarthy.

For the pathological condition of myopia, the eye-doctor can prescribe corrective glasses and drugs.

For the political condition, Mr. Nixon and his associates in Republican leadership must cure themselves by developing a program that will find broad-based response among the general electorate.

Sounds Of Aretha

We know that as a singer Miss Aretha Franklin sounds good.

She has the power —exhibited nationally at the Otis Redding funeral — to wring tears from the eyes of the most stout-hearted.

She has a singing talent to cause the most forlorn to pat happy feet; the most unromantic to overflow with passion.

And last week there was another good sound made by Aretha. It was the sound of a damaged but dignified woman.

A national magazine did a feature on the ex-choir singer, and in doing so, painted a picture of the popular star she felt distorted.

Aretha, though incensed, kept her cool.

While making it clear she was unhappy, she didn't go into a crying act.

We took another listen and she's still sounding good.

To Be Equal

• By Whitney M. Young Jr.

Shelving Of Kerner Report Proves Racism Is Rampart

What ever happened to the Kerner Commission report?

After last summer's riots, the President appointed a blue-ribbon commission headed by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner to report on the causes of the riots and to suggest remedies.

This past March the Commission delivered its report. When it was published in paperback form, it became a national best-seller.

YOUNG

The Commission put the blame for civil disorders on our "racist" society, pointed out the way prejudice keeps the ghetto walls growing higher every day, and advised some good, common sense solutions to our racial problems.

It called for jobs for all who could work, better housing, a guaranteed annual income, police, educational, and other reforms. It was hailed by people from all walks of life as being a thorough, comprehensive report on our racial crisis, and many people hoped its recommendations would be put into effect as soon as possible.

But nothing happened.

The report is still there, it still reads well, but practically nothing is being done to follow its recommendations.

Truth hurts a little

Part of the reason could be that a lot of people were hostile to the way the report said we were a racist society. Sure, the word is a nasty one, but it is true, and the truth always hurts a little.

But calling America a racist society doesn't mean that everyone in it is racist. The term has to be seen in the context of our social, economic and political history.

Black people came here in chains, were exploited and deprived of their rights after emancipation, and still suffer disproportionate unemployment, poverty, sickness, and other social ills. And prejudice is widespread, even if open bigotry is considered not respectable.

In that sense, no one could deny that this is a racist society. The real question is: do we want to remain one.

The very fact that the Kerner Commission Report has not been implemented shows that the nation doesn't have the will to act to end the effects of racism.

Racial equality, urban progress, and ending the poverty which imprisons millions of our fellow-Americans in bitterness ought to be at the top of the list of national priorities. Instead, it's closer to the bottom.

Even though a tax hike just passed, the cities and the poor are being short-changed. In fact, the poor will have to pay double taxes — the 10 percent surcharge, and again in higher rents and bills because companies will be passing their new taxes on to the consumer.

It's a scandal

Large farm owners still get fantastic amounts not to grow crops, billions are being spent in the space program; the Vietnam war costs $30 billion a year; an anti-missile defense system which some scientists have said is already obsolete is being planned at an eventual cost of over $40 billion, and the world's richest nation tells the poor that it can't afford to build the homes, schools, and provide the jobs to end poverty and rebuild rotting cities.

It's a scandal; a national shame. People around the world are looking on us with disbelief. A small country like Sweden has managed to bring a decent living standard to all. England, hard-pressed as it is, provides free health services and a family allowance to all. Most European nations have little or no unemployment.

But here in America, which can easily afford to rearrange its priorities, hunger and poverty and bitterness still stalk the land, and the blueprint for change offered by the Kerner Commission Report gathers dust on the shelves.

AFRO READERS SAY

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it — Voltaire on Helvetius

Viet Violence Infects U.S.

Asheville, N.C. — All humane people must be filled with a deep sense of shame and sorrow that another outstanding leader of men, Robert F. Kennedy, has been cut down by an assassin's bullet. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the leader and hope of more than 20 million colored people in the United States, was killed April 4, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the leader and hope of many millions more early June 5.

These two young men loved people and life. Both opposed violence at home and abroad. Both understood the intimate relationship between the riots in our streets and war in Vietnam. War, the ultimate in violence, greatly increases the real enemies of man: poverty, ignorance, bigotry.

The nation is again shedding a torrent of tears over the loss of another of her truly great sons; two such losses in two months. Each death has produced, in addition to great grief and genuine sorrow, a deluge of words, especially by those in power.

Almost no mention, unfortunately, has been made of the far greater tragedy and violence created by the Johnson administration in its war of aggression against the peasant people of Vietnam. Only Senator Eugene McCarthy has noted the connection between the two.

The President, of course, has made his usual political plea for unity and appointed another board to study violence. But neither will produce the necessary results. Mr. Johnson can achieve a national consensus and help restore confidence in and respect for the United States only by ending the war in Vietnam.

The truth is, Johnson has no desire for or intention of making peace in Vietnam. His latest gimmick was designed "to defuse the peace issue during the election campaign," as I. F. Stone put it in his Weekly.

Ours is a sick society all right. The King and Kennedy assassinations certainly manifest this, but only it seems to me, in a peripheral sense. For these were individual crimes, not official ones. The Johnson war on the Vietnamese people, on the other hand, represents official government action at the summit.

The great danger of Johnson's crafty withdrawal is that the old-line Democrats may nominate Vice President Humphrey for President.

And if the old-line Republicans also nominate a War Hawk, as seems likely, the millions of alienated and concerned Americans will have little, alternative to complete withdrawal or violent revolution.

Humphrey, if nominated, will, of course, pretend to be for peace and plenty as did the present incumbent in 1964. But this will not work in 1968. Disillusionment is too deep. He is too closely identified as the President's alter ego. He recently in substance announced that he would gladly stand aside if Mr. Johnson indicated he wanted the nomination.

The only non-violent alternative, one that offers peace and justice at home and abroad, lies, in combining the Kennedy and McCarthy forces with the other concerned groups under the leadership of Senators Eugene McCarthy and Edward M. Kennedy.

If this fails, they should start a third party to provide some choice for the American people in the Presidential election.

This will not be easy to achieve, but the alternative is so awesome as to be almost unthinkable. A change in both men and policies in Washington is basic and necessary. Humanity simply cannot take four more years of present Washington foreign policies or policy makers.

HUGH B. HESTER,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A. (Ret.)

James Brown's 'America'

Cambridge, Mass. — Has James Brown turned from entertainer to propagandist? His latest record, "America," would indicate this.

It is so Establishment that it is really an insult to his colored audience. His recent appearance at the Boston Garden prompted a militant group here to issue a broadside attacking the record.

Instead of encouraging black youth to fight for a better way of life, Brother Brown is telling us to be satisfied with what we have and feel lucky we are living in this country.

If he was not propagandizing, or being very well paid, perhaps he was taking out "enjoy my wealth" insurance. As a black Alger hero, he can never be entirely sure Charlie won't decide to take it all away from him.

Of course, Brother Brown has contributed to the cause, rather generously, but is money really enough? These monies are far too little to do the necessary job. In fact, private contributors could go bankrupt and hardly make a dent in the problem.

No, the only meaningful contribution to the cause is money from those who can afford it and the commitment from everyone. "America" seems to indicate that Brother Brown lacks this essential latter ingredient.

If Brown thinks he has escaped into the "other" world, let him remember who has made him "Soul Brother Number One." Let him tour the ghettos and talk to the "boys" who are still shining shoes.

Their pennies, scrimped out of meagre earnings, have bought the records which provided his jet and radio stations. Without them, those nice, fat royalties would shrink and the recording companies would lose interest.

Perhaps Brown recorded "America" while staring at Gilbert Stuart's portrait of that famous slaveholder in the White House and shaking hands with President Johnson. In view of practical parallels with certain unsavory nations, what a revolting development that would have been.

I would suggest that our Soul Brother Number One take cognizance of his public and, in the future, record for entertainment purposes only. He is not irreplaceable.

FRANK OCHIENG
Executive Secretary,
Cambridge CORE

Dept. of Peace

Minneapolis — Nobody could be more violent than the United States. We make guns every day and kill or maim 2,000 of our fellow creatures every week. By law, we even force conscripts to do this.

I would hope to live in a decent, happy world. We ought to take all the talent and money expended in space exploration and half that spent on war and put it into a department of peace, goodwill and co-existence.

Flags have been flown at half-staff twice this spring for fallen leaders. Perhaps we could get somewhere with this problem of violence if we flew our flags at half-staff for each of our sons who has died in Vietnam and for each of those they have killed.

Thomas Jefferson defined life as one of those inalienable rights the state must recognize. Before that, the Sixth Commandment declared, "Thou shalt not kill." Yet the draft law, in essence, puts a gun in your hand, teaches you how to use it and sends you off to kill or be killed.

ERNIE SHEFFIELD

The Weather

July 10, 11, 12 — fair and warm
July 13, 14 — showers
July 15, 16 — changeable

JULY 1968

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First Quarter	July 3	7:42 a.m.	
Full Moon	July 9	10:18 p.m.	
Last Quarter	July 17	4:12 a.m.	
New Moon	July 25	6:50 a.m.	
Wed., July 10		4:40 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 11		4:40 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Fri., July 12		4:41 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Sat., July 13		4:42 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Sun., July 14		4:42 a.m.	7:29 a.m.
Mon., July 15		4:43 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Tues., July 16		4:44 a.m.	7:28 p.m.

Afro Credo

I measure a newspaper not in buildings, equipment and employees — those are trimmings.

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 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 injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

The AFRO-AMERICAN must become a bi-weekly, then a tri-weekly, and eventually, when advertising warrants, a daily.

It has always had a loyal constituency who believe it honest, decent and progressive. It is that kind of newspaper now and I hope it never changes.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

'La Mancha' at Mechanic

The musical presentation of "Man of La Mancha" will run one more week in a return engagement at the Morris A. Mechanic Theater.

Keith Andes stars as author Miguel de Cervantes and as his immortal creation, Don Quixote.

Co-stars include Natalie Costa as Aldonza; Ton Martinez as Sancho Panza; and Norman Kelley as the Padre.

Evening performances will be held Monday through Saturday until July 17. There will be no Sunday performances and matinees will be held on Wednesdays and Saturday's only.

Miss Elam gets foundation grant

Miss Julia C. Elam, an English instructor at Bowie State College, has been awarded an $11,000 grant by the Ford Foundation.

Miss Elam said she will use the grant to study for her docotrate in English at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, beginning with the summer session later this month.

She will return to Bowie State at the end of the 1968-69 academic year as an assistant professor, a position she acquired only recently.

Asked her reaction to the grant, Miss Elam said:

"I'm very excited about it." She had previously been given an assistantship at Virginia State, where she received both her bachelor's and master's degress, and a four-year tuition and fees grant-in aid.

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SINCE HER arrival at Bowie State in 1964, Miss Elam has taken some work towards her Doctorate.

"I would have completed the work eventually, but the grant made it an immediate thing for me, and for that I am very grateful to the Ford Foundation."

During her tenure at Bowie State, Miss Elam began an experimental course in audiolingual English, using a laboratory with tape recorders.

"Rather than teach the rules of grammar, we concentrate on usage," she explained.

"The students listen to a sentence on the tape, then respond with an answer. Then the recording confirms the right answer. That way we don't give them any chance of making an error."

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MISS ELAM has also been director of the college's little theater group, advisor to the sophomore class and was "instrumental" in establishing Delta Sigma Theta sorority on the Bowie campus.

The latter is a service organization orientated to civic works both on campus and in the community at large.

The chapter was chartered at Easter on the Bowie State campus.

In the summer of 1966, Miss Elam worked at Bowie State College Project Head Start children.

She was coordinator of freshman English at Bowie State last year.

Witnesses get delinquency note

"Only as adults individually face up to their parental responsibility will delinquency be successfully overcome," said S. M. Isgrigg, circuit supervisor of the Baltimore congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

"Witness families have been able to overcome this worldwide problem largely by applying Bible principles in their lives and the lives of their children," he added.

Mr. Isgrigg made these statements in reminding local Witnesses this week of their opportunity to attend the "Good News for All Nations" District Assembly to convene at Washington's D.C. Stadium and Armory July 18 through 21.

Among the expected 55,000 delegates will be nearly 15,000 teenagers and young children.

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"ENCOURAGE YOUR children to attend this assembly," he urged, "because the information they will receive there will be too valuable for them to miss.

"Have them attend with you so they will benefit by your good example.

"Many young people will be helping to staff the 21 different departments being set up to operate the convention.

Some 10,000 Witnesses are expected to volunteer," Mr. Isgrigg said.

Watchtower Society president N. H. Knorr will climax the four-day assembly with a public address 3 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

School for vets

Dr. Wilmer V. Bell, Director of Adult Education for the Baltimore City Schools, has announced that every effort is being made to continue the welding and machine shops at School #20, Loch Raven Rd. and Fillmore Sts.

Dr. Bell further indicated that this school is the only school accepting eligible veterans in these trades in Maryland.

Both courses are two years in length with excellent opportunities for job placement upon completion, stated the director.

Veterans discharged since 1955 are eligible for educational benefits. For information on how to apply, forms and other literature pertinent to the welding and machine shop, persons should visit the Veteran Help Center at the Howard Educational Center, Howard and Centre Streets.

Other courses include auto mechanics, auto body repair, carpentry, refrigeration and air conditioning.

The Help Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment on Tuesday evenings.

All adults interested in learning a new skill or improving their job status should call Ho 7-4000, Ext. 2284 for additional information.

JULY 8

John G. Williams, superintendent of Bureau of Recreation has announced the dedication of the new Georgetown and Desoto Playground located on Georgetown and Desoto Rds on Monday July 8 at 2 P.M.

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III will cut the ribbon using his jumbo scissors.

Ecumenical effort aids some youngsters

Several hundred boys and girls from different racial and religious backgrounds will exchange ideas as they share in summer day camp activities from July 3 through August 20.

Sponsoring this educational, recreational and cultural program for children aged 7 to 13 are the Har Sinai Congregation of north Baltimore and the management staff of Cherry Hill Public Housing project in southwest Baltimore.

Campers enrolled in the program at the Har Sinai camp site will come from both synagogue and from Cherry Hill Homes.

The children from Cherry Hill will travel by bus each day to and from the camp. Groups of approximately 100 boys and girls are scheduled to participate each day for two-week periods during the seven-week program.

Special funds as well as the physical facilities have been made available for this program by the members of the synagogue. Along with crafts, sports and swimming activities, a special project dealing with an exchange of ideas concerning the various cultures and ethnic groups will be a part of the regular program.

The leadership will come from the Cherry Hill resident group, adult and teen members of Har Sinai and members of the Neighborhood Youth Corps who have been assigned to the housing project for the summer.

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, Rabbi Howard Simon, Bernard Mason, Bernard Rosenberg, Mrs. Jerome Okun, and Mrs. Barbara Dungee are acting as Program Co-ordinators for this pilot program.

Schwabe heads hospital unit

William J. Schwabe, director of personnel relations for the Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been elected president-elect of the American Society for Hosptial personnel directors.

The society is affiliated with the American Hospital Association and deals on a national level with hospital personnel administration.

Mr. Schwabe said that hospitals face critical problems in the area of personnel administration and "the talents of the society's members will be a major resource for the nation's hospitals as they seek solutions to these problems."

As president-elect, Mr. Schwabe will serve on a number of society committees and its board of directors. He will assume the presidency in the summer of 1969.

Judge is asked to rule on plan

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — A federal district judge in North Mississippi has been asked by the Justice Department of reject "freedom of choice" desegregation plans in 13 Mississippi school districts, it was revealed last week.

Atty. Gen. Joe Patterson said he had received copies of the Justice Department motions in the mail. He said the petitions were based on a ruling handed down a few weeks ago by the U.S. Supreme Court which in effect, wiped out "freedom of choice" plans unless they were accomplishing "complete desegregation" of students and faculties.

The justice department maintained that the desegregation plans which gave children a "freedom of choice" in selecting schools had failed to result in doing away with a dual school system based on race.

The petition noted that only a small number of colored students had been admitted to previously white schools in most of the districts, and that no white children had been assigned to any colored schools.

Chi Bar gives members kudos

CHICAGO — (NPI) — Several Chicago lawyers and judges were honored at the Cook County Bar association's 54th annual awards banquet.

Robert L. Tucker received the Richard E. Westbrooks award; Theodore F. Crawley, the Meritorious Service award; Alderman William Cousins, Jr., the Edward H. Wright award; Sidney A. Jones, Jr., and Richard D. Gumbel, the Judge of the Year award.

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