# Significant Welfare Actions

The Health, Education and Welfare Department's proposal to end the wasteful investigations of all welfare applicants in favor of the declaration system is long over due.

Where the plan has been tested in various states the results show the rate of ineligibles who get on the rolls is no larger than that existing where probes are consistently used.

Ironically, hard-to-hire social workers, considered so important to the welfare recipient's rehabilitation, spend from 70 to 95 per cent of their time shuffling papers and playing policeman.

This is a waste of millions of dollars.

It leads to a terrible waste in human lives.

It also helps create the problem of generation after generation on welfare in a family.

Most of the people who subsist on the welfare dole need professional assistance in guiding their children into a life better than their own.

When we tell it like it truly is, the nonsense about all we need is for homes to do their duty is something of a dodge. Homes in which parents are on welfare often don't so much fail in their duty as they don't understand what is required or simply aren't capable of performing.

The aim of welfare is to help people.

A change in the program to switch thousands of social workers from paper shufflers to the role of helping people, should pay dividends.

Another welfare change which should accompany this one would be to adjust the gap between the payments in the various states. If not one figure for all the states, at least a figure based on the standard of living in each and scaled so there is some relationship to all others.

The government should pick up more of the overall costs of welfare programs. It should not be that New York pays $48 to a person on relief while Mississippi pays $8 to an individual in the same category.

One final tragedy of the welfare program is that only about half the people who are eligible for assistance get it.

Others are discouraged by red tape, threats, ignorance and other things.

Whatever steps are taken to get welfare out of the mess it now is in are going to be costly in the beginning and over the short haul. But it is necessary that we start now to curb the human waste among American citizens.

HEW Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen made another dramatic move to boost the welfare of relief clients when he announced plans to provide recipients with free lawyers for such civil cases as divorces, consumer debts and suits against landlords.

About 9 million people receive welfare in the United States, and they often are at the mercy of better off people for the simple reason they are unable to legally protect themselves.

HEW's proposal to rely on spot checks instead of routine investigations is a move in the direction of attacking the problems by backing up the money spent with real help for the people at the bottom.

It is to be hoped that the incoming administration, publicly dedicated to revamping the structure of the welfare program, will find merit in the proposed change and put it into effect by July 1.

# Another Tool

Generally it is the poor, often colored poor, who face upheaval when areas must be torn down in the name of progress.

This has been so bad in the past that urban renewal has been termed "urban removal" in some places.

Not only have poor people always been uprooted, they have been faced with being driven from one slum to another.

Low income families who owned homes in the path of expressways or whatever, never get a decent price, certainly not a price that would permit them to move into a better neighborhood.

Now the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund has won a tremendously significant case in Michigan.

U.S. District Court Judge Noel Fox has ordered Lansing to build a low-income housing development in a white single-family residential section.

He also ruled out a referendum initiated by the residents aimed at repealing zoning variances required for the new development.

"Since displacement of these low-income citizens is not being delayed; neither should these plans for substitute housing be delayed," Judge Fox ruled.

The meaning of the ruling is clear from the words of LDF director Jack Greenberg:

"The court's order strikes at sophisticated devices of housing discrimination found across the country, particularly in northern suburbs and city fringe areas.

"LDF attorneys now have a tool to fight such devices as zoning, which segregates neighborhoods by income, thereby limiting entry of colored, Puerto Ricans, Mexican-Americans and other minorities."

This indeed is a landmark decision giving attorneys for the poor another tool with which to fight.

What the better off have done for years is to move into the best housing where they got the best city services, pushing the poor and colored into slums with inferior sanitation, street and other services.

Another barrier has fallen.

# Policeman Indicted

The technical charge involved not being deprived of one's life or liberty without due process of law, but boiled down it was a policeman accused of brutality — and he was indicted under Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Officer Joseph D. Fine, 26, Chicago, has pleaded not guilty to charges of violating the civil rights of Eldridge Gaston, Chicago, who died after an altercation involving Fine and another policeman.

As amended in April this year, Section 242 could result in a fine of $10,000 and up to life in prison where death results in such a case.

The relationship between police and colored citizen had become critical. Some such incident has touched off most of the violent explosions that have rocked the country.

As protectors of the law, policemen too often have not been as responsible as they might have been.

Their excesses led to some of the controversial Supreme Court decisions aimed at making them regard the rights of citizens al well as uphold the law.

Because white America used the police to help enforce its diluted brand of democracy and equality, it has been hard to get decisions against policemen on charges of brutality.

The change in Section 242 and this indictment may mean the nation is realizing at long last that lawmen must accord to every citizen his legal rights and stand the consequences when it can be shown their conduct in the line of duty has been otherwise.

A policeman who breaks laws or disregards the rights of others in performing his duties is a menace to the society he has sworn to serve.

# College Disorders

College demonstrations appear to be here to stay.

Apparently we have not seen the end of colleges being closed because of student unrest.

Students must find a way to "get to" college officials without resorting to violence and turmoil as took place recently at San Francisco State College. Oshkosh State University and Bluefield State College, where an athletic building was bombed causing $30,000 in damages.

Destroying college property and forcing them to close their doors is not the answer, not the goal.

It should not be impossible for officials and instructors interested in providing students a good education and young people striving for this learning, to work out disagreements intelligently.

Where grievances cannot be settled, there should be an arbitration board setup to handle college and university disputes when students are pitted against officials and faculties.

The federal government should set up such an arbitration board and make it available to all bodies of higher education.

For certain, violence cannot be tolerated.

Just as certain, resistance to change by officials for the sake of maintaining outdated rules, regulations and teachings is not praiseworthy.

Students should not have to protest to have such things as history books that indicate more than white Americans played a role in developing the country.

Students shouldn't have to point out that some regulations have out-worn their usefulness. Officials should realize by now that the voice of the trustee is not the only one demanding to be heard.

This is not an all-or-nothing world. The sooner this soaks in on both sides on our college campuses the sooner we will be able to get more peacefully about the business of educating young people to face tomorrow's challenges.

# Federal Judges In Dixie?

President-elect Richard M. Nixon and his running mate, Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, went to great pains during their Dixie vote hunting to explain they were not bowing to the dictates of the South.

Their special standing with the Southerners may help them to crack one of the most flagrant examples of racial discrimination tolerated by the federal government.

That is the lack of colored federal judges in the South.

It's as if the majority group of the country has said there definitely are two Americas, one North and one South.

No President is going to be able to bridge the racial gap as long as law and order does not mean equal treatment and justice South and North.

Are there regions of this country where the federal government must agree it cannot appoint colored district attorneys and district judges.

Are we to face four more years during which the President of the United States dare not appoint a colored judge in the Southern region?

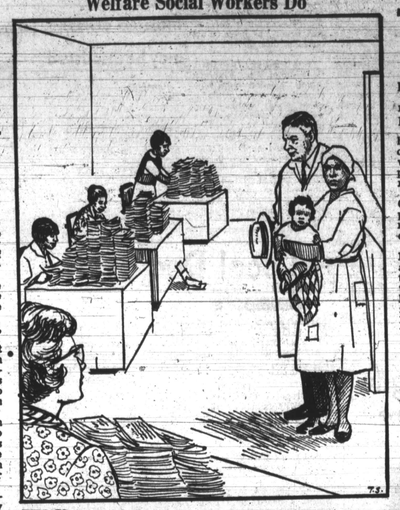
Are we to dodge behind claims a handful of senators are responsible?

The AFRO always has seen this failure on the part of national administrations as a failure of the democratic way of life.

Mr. Nixon and Vice President-elect Agnew may have cultivated the type of support in Dixie that will make it possible for this "law and order" gap to be bridged.

In four years Mr. Nixon will fill about 80 federal judgeships, North and South. It will be interesting to see what progress he will be able to make.

## 'Said She Wanted To See What Welfare Social Workers Do'



# Wilkins Speaks • By Roy Wilkins

## Something New In Yule Books

ROY WILKINS

Something new has been added to this Christmas Book-buying season. The usual beautiful volumes are there on art, poetry, the vast outdoors and travel. There is, too, the endless stream of novels, biographies, historical essay and humor.

But there are books on black. There was a time not too long ago when books on aspects of the American race problem were rare indeed. Forty years ago one could call the roll of books and authors and usually not run out of fingers.

Today this is impossible. The presses pour off titles which examine into facets never dreamed of years ago. New authors are here with provocative things to say. What used to be called impudence is now called "honest." What was (and, for me still is) insulting now is "telling it like it is." No one person, even a librarian, can keep up with today's books on minorities, or, in the currently popular language, with black.

Shock seems to be the order of the day, so in black the plunge ought to be taken with say, Julius Lester's, "Look out, Whitey." The subtitle is, "Black Power's Gon' Get Your Mama."

Mr. Lester, although a dedicated disciple of the anti-NAACP anti-Martin Luther King school is a completely literature writer. He is full of the assumptions and cliches common to all crusaders., but he makes his points.

"Oakland's Not for Burning" by Armory Bradford tells the story of how violence was held off in Oakland, Calif., in 1967 when it was sweeping the rest of the nation. The compaign was sped on its serious way by a declaration at a meeting: "We hate whitey because he hates us, thinks us no better than dogs. If we don't get justice now we will kill and bomb."

Or, for your Christmas list take "Black Rage" by two colored psychiatrists who draw conclusions from their own clients. Or, "Soul on Ice," by Eldridge Cleaver, the Black Panther leader. The Black Panthers claim to believe in "weapons for defense," but history shows that armed defense can easily develop into armed offense.

### The list goes on

Pursuing the Black theme are "Ten Blocks from the White House," an anatomy of the Washington riots of 1968; "Rebellion or Revolution," a discursive dialectial treatise by Harold Cruse; and "Ready to Riot" by Nathan Wright, Jr.

The refuge of the scholar is to be found in "Dark Ghetto," a study of Harlem by Kenneth B. Clark; "Rivers of Blood, Years of Darkness," a compelling account of the Watts riots 1965; and the still-good classic, "An American Dilemma," by Gunnar Myrdal.

A book for those who lean toward racial separation is "In Whitest Africa,"—the dynamics of apartheid in South Africa, by William Frye. The apartheid thing illustrates one of the many hang-ups of the black separatists. He is for it in the United States, but against it in South Africa.

### 'Desperate search'

Other questioning has arisen. One girl college students was overheard wondering what would become of her scholarship if the Black Power people ever won control of the campus. And another amateur black economist at a recent Black Power conference opined that black employment in the ghetto could not possibly meet the needs of black workers.

The debate goes on among the emotional ones and among those with a plan. Fresh and serviceable ideas are coming forth along with fantasies and the evil threats. What needs to be remembered is that many of these people, arrogant and abrasive or not, have been deeply wronged for a long time.

Their angry cries and their desperate search for a way out are to be found (amid much else) in the black books.

# To Be Equal • By Whitney M. Young Jr.

## Government Can't Abdicate To Private Business

WHITNEY YOUNG

There has been considerable speculation about how President-elect Nixon plans to tackle the problems of poverty and urban decay when he takes office in January.

Most observers seem to think he will put special emphasis on the private sector. That means fewer federal programs; more business involvement, with tax break for companies that participate in training the unemployed or rebuilding slums.

It would be courting disaster to assume that federal programs that have done so much to take millions of people off the poverty rolls in the past few years can be ended and the job turned over to private enterprise. As New York's Republican Senator Charles E. Goodell said the other day:

"I think we will delude ourselves and delude the people if we think that any kind of private-enterprise programs will be a substitute for direct federal programs."

But that doesn't mean private industry can't play a larger role; it has to if the current crisis is to be solved. The federal government can't abdicate its responsibility to devise massive programs to end poverty and rebuild the cities, but it can't succeed without the active participation of the business community.

Its first responsibility is to provide more jobs and to remove its long-standing racial barriers. While crude bigotry is less in evidence today than ever before, hiring practices are still discriminatory due to tests and hiring standards that discriminate against the victims of miseducation in ghetto schools.

Many corporations have abandoned unrealistic testing procedures and hiring standards. They've also participated in training programs and ghetto recruitment, while promoting non-whites already on their staffs.

### 12,000 hire 60,000

An example of what has been done is the success of Henry Ford's National Alliance of Businessmen, a group composed of some of the top business leaders in the country. They have just announced that 12,000 firms have hired 60,000 long-term unemployed workers and given them in the job training, many through federal assistance programs.

But business can't be content just to provide jobs. It's got to become involved in getting important social legislation through the Congress, too. David Rockefeller recently urged that businessmen lobby for such legislation in housing, education and employment.

Businessmen have great influence in our country. They are community leaders and when they speak, legislators listen. Washington swarms with lobbyists whenever there is a bill before Congress that affects business' interests. It's time that such lobbying pressures be brought to bear on the subject that concerns the very survival of American industry — the rehabilitation of the cities.

### Federal action needed

Rockefeller proposed setting up a Business Committee for Social Progress that would "mobilize the opinions and resources of the business community behind workable approaches to the urban-problems and then persuade the new Administration and Congress to do things that must be done."

This proposal recognizes that private enterprise can't do the whole job alone, and that federal action is necessary.

I don't know how accurate speculations about President-elect Nixon's plans are, but the business community ought to take Mr. Rockefeller's words to heart and call for incentives to help business do more in the way of creating jobs for the unemployed, and for massive federal action to end poverty and rebuild our dying cities.

## Thoughts Of The Founder

**Thots of the Founder had up**
Youth may change but old age never.
JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
August 7, 1915

# AFRO READERS SAY

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

## Will Nixon Unity Percolate?

The Republican President-elect, said that he will strike to bring the people of this nation together.

Remarks attributed to a high GOP Durham County official — directed at colored voters — shows great concern over the status quo: the preservation and practices of a dual system.

For instance, secret agents in Durham caused the arrest of nearly 100 colored citizens for illegal sale of whiskey; but, not a single one out of probably, 80,000 whites was caught—miraculous.

There are 38 precincts; but, the GOP official singled out five colored precincts for investigation; a recount; a check of poll books; a check of registration books.

This subtle smear was not enough. Reference was made to "bloc" voting and "electioneering" at the polls. On the Morning Herald voting chart, certain white precincts showed: 82 for Humphrey and 650 for Wallace; 177 for H. and 630 for W.; 628 for H. and 1217 for W., some "bloc" voting which escaped notice.

Registrars deserve praise, not censure, and suggestions on how to make the system work better. A tentative plan would be to close the schools and organize registration drives at the polling places.

Unity cannot be accomplished by creating a climate of racial antagonism. Nor is this necessary for Republican growth in Durham County.

FRANK G. SOWELL

## Election Dismayed 11th Graders

Gaffney, S.C. — Harry Golden writes "If I was a colored boy waking up in the ghetto, the realization that Spiro Agnew was Vice President of the United States might well dismay me."

The black boys in the ghetto did not have to think through to the vice president, Mr. Golden; they were profoundly dismayed at the realization that Richard Nixon was the President.

But then the black boys and girls I know, 11th grade students, are old hands at dismay. They reached out for John F. Kennedy and he was gone; they found a friend in Lyndon B. Johnson, but Vietnam swallowed him up; they banked on Martin Luther King, and he was silenced; they found solace and compassion in Robert F. Kennedy, and he was cut down. Finally they turned to Hubert Humphrey, and Nov. 5 settled that.

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ON THAT DAY 30 black boys and girls came to my first-period class bitter, disheartened, perplexed, sad; some were visibly afraid. These "new generation" kids, highly sensitive to social and political issues, waited for comment from me, an adult over 30.

I reminded them that former President Eisenhower appointed Chief Justice Earl Warren to the Supreme Court; that they should study, read and work to improve themselves; and give Mr. Nixon a chance.

Inadequate advice, perhaps, but how can the dismayed lead the dismayed?

COOPER A. SMITH

## Where Would Spiro Go?

New York — In my view no one who has not been elected by the people should be in line for succession to the Presidency of the United States. The Vice President is never elected by the people. He is as a practical matter selected by the candidate for the Presidency, often on the basis of campaign expediency related to regional rather than national considerations.

He rides in on the coattails of the Presidential victor and no voter has an opportunity to choose his Presidential perference without accepting Vice-Presidential running mate.

I suggest that we eliminate the office of Vice President. In that way the succession will fall to a man who will perform have had many years of experience in government and who will have been raised to his eminent position in the Congress by choice of his colleagues who in the aggregate represent the whole country.

MARTIN PANZER

## Woofer-Tweeter Music Gone

Atlanta — Atlanta has recently lost a most important and widely appreciated cultural asset. The new owners of our "good music" radio station, WGKA, have changed its programming to "popular" music leaving many Atlantans without a constant source of classical music and "the more serious music of our own time." For many years we have been able to enjoy such music in our homes and in our autos 16 to 18 hours a day. Many thousands of dollars have been invested in hi-fidelity radios to enjoy these finer programs.

Hi - fidelity stereo FM broadcasting of fine music is a natural and important adjunct to the activities of our new cultural center and the Arts Alliance. The Alliance should own and operate such a broadcasting station as a public service.

It could benefit directly from this ownership through using the station's facilities to publicize the many wonderful events taking place at the Cultural Center.

HENRY D. NORRIS

## The Game Is Over

Lexington, Ky. — We hear of people today talking about moving out of the United States and going to other countries because of the election of Richard Nixon. We also hear people say they cannot and will not support Nixon.

I did not vote for Nixon, but I am willing to support him because of the fact that he was elected by the majority of the people of this country. I believe that this willingness to follow the wishes of the majority is what makes the United States so great a place to live. It is definitely the democratic way.

To quote Theodore H. White in his book, The Making of the President 1960, "Good or Bad, whatever the decision, (of an election) America will accept the decision, and cut down any man who goes against it, even though for millions the decision runs contrary to their own views."

This was 1960, and let up hope that this philosophy is not changing.

MICHAEL JANSING

## The Weather

Dec. 4, 5, 6 — rain or snow
Dec. 7, 8, 9 — fair
Dec. 10 — cloudy, cold wind

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## 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



DEC. 12
Jean-Leon Destine and his Haitian Dance Company will appear in a concert 8:30 p.m. in the Pullen Gymnasium at Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave. Public invited without charge.

A program entitled "The Stress of Modern Living and the Role of Community Mental Health Services," is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Essex Community College. Open to the public free.

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## THE NEW GENERATION

# Pert contest winner has little free time

By DORIS SMALLS BRIGHT

Congratulations to:

Miss Dorthea Belt, a senior at Arundel High School in Gambrills, whose recent entry in the WEBB Scripto's "Continue Your Education" contest won her a year's supply of writing instruments.

This contest was held all over the country. In New York the judges picked a winner from all the contestants. Miss Belt was the winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belt of Gambrills.

Miss Belt is active in the Future Teacher Clubs of America, Foreign Language Clubs of America, (by the way, she speaks French fluently) and the 4-H Club.

She has been a member of the 4-H Club for five years and served as a junior leader and secretary for three years.

Miss Belt was instrumental in helping younger members gain knowledge in keeping with the objective of the 4-H program.

Some of her accomplishments include being a representative to the State 4-H fashion review at the Maryland State Fair and leader in Country 4-H Camp.

Miss Belt has won scores of blue and champion ribbons in the district 4-H Audio Visual Presentation and Public Speaking Contest.

She attended a State House conference and made a public speech on "How To Study."

Her most recent honor was that of Arundel's High School Queen at Morgan State College's Homecoming.

The energetic student also won recognition for outstanding achievement in "Widening Horizon Fair" at the Anacostia Naval Station where she demonstrated 4-H Club Works before some 1,000 Washington, D.C. school students.

In her spare time — if you can believe she has any — Miss Belt cooks, sews, reads, writes and listens to records.

Her favorite artists are the Temptations.

# Construction unloader 'unloads' two wives

It was revealed in divorce court recently that an unloader for a construction firm recently "unloaded" two wives.

According to testimony in Circuit Court, the unloader, Russell C. Lyle, 15 W. Hill St., thought back in 1963 that a wife he married in 1937 in Farmville, N.C. had divorced him "a long time ago."

Assuming the fact to be true, he testified he was wed in Baltimore on Dec. 12, 1963 in Apostolic church ceremonies to Mrs. Susan Lyle.

But, Mr. Lyle told the court, when he and the second Mrs. Lyle were residing in the 800 block of George St., he received information that his first wife had not obtained a divorce and he was, in reality, still married to her.

He testified, "SO, IN July, 1964, the second Mrs. Lyle and I separated. I left because I was already married to somebody else."

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MEANTIME, Mr. Lyle filed to have both the second marriage annulled and the first marriage severed by divorce.

On Aug. 1 he was granted a divorce from Wife No. 1, Mrs. Emma Jackson Lyle of Farmville.

On Nov. 19, Judge William J. O'Donnell granted the annulment which declared marriage to Wife No. 2 null and void.

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AME Church reappoints 13
CHARLOTTE, N.C.—The 78th annual session of the Western North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Conference was held recently at Myers Park Baptist Church.
The following 13 ministers were reappointed at the end of the meeting:
The Rev. George J. Leake to Little Rock AME Zion Church; the Rev. Frank Allen, Greater Gethsemane Church; the Rev. Morgan Tann, Clinton Chapel; the Rev. C. E. Quick, East Stonewall; the Rev. Smith Turner, Grace; the Rev. M.L. Houston, Mother Walls Memorial; Dr. J. S. N. Tross, Weeping Willow.
Also the Rev. J. D. Gladden to Mowing Glade; the Rev. W. S. Norwood, Elm Street; the Rev. A. F. Johnson, Greenville Tabernacle; the Rev. John W. Holmes, Myers Tabernacle; the Rev. Eli Price, Cathey Memorial and the Rev. C. L. Wilcox Jr., Clement Memorial.