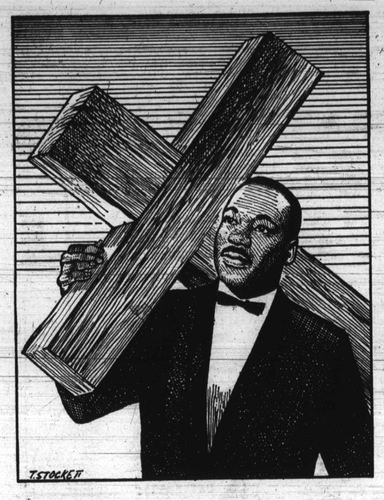
He Had A Dream



'...and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together...' — MARTIN LUTHER KING — 1929 - 1968

Our Readers Say:

Talented Teachers Here

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:

This is in reply to Paul D. McAllister's letter in the AFRO-AMERICAN, March 29, 1969, on the subject of "untalented teachers."

I strongly, recommend that Mr. McAllister, as a lay person in the field of education, extend his research.

There are many such (talented) teachers here in his own community. He, too, should be proud that he has one of the best educational systems in the country, that is constantly striving to meet the ever-changing educational needs of the community.

An educational system composed of "talented teachers," who are teaching children in old, dilapidated school buildings; where the lighting is poor and the heat erratic.

They teach children, who suffer from malnutrition either because of a poorly balanced diet or because they did not eat — period.

They are children who hunger for an education, but suffer from maladjustment because of social problems which alter their learning.

Yes, Mr. McAllister, there are talented teachers in your own community, who are asking for your support as a parent and citizen of the community.

I hope that you will ask of yourself, what role can you take as a parent to best improve the educational condition, the educational image, and the educational need of my child's school system.

This is important because the foundation and success of any institution is only as good as its supporters.

BERKLEY CARLTON DORSEY

Lemmel: For The Record

Dear AFRO:

Thanks very much for the support you have given to the recent changes at the Lemmel Junior High School. Your editorial of March 29 concerning our handling of the girls' request for more freedom in dress was greatly appreciated.

Just for the record, however, the letter to our parents, part of which you quoted, was suggested and composed by our Faculty Council, one of many active groups which is helping mightly in the operation of our school.

CYRUS W. MARSHALL, Jr.
Principal

Bank Parking Issue

Dear AFRO:

This week's "Fickle Finger of Fate Award" in Baltimore should go to the Union Trust Company of Maryland and its branch office on Liberty Heights Ave. near Ayrdale Ave.

The busy thoroughfare of the 3600 block of Liberty Heights Avenue affords sparse parking facilities for all the businesses in that block.

Bank patrons of the Union Trust Company must park at least one or two blocks away from the bank. Most of the banking hours, the parking spaces with parking meters are just not available.

However, up until approximately six months ago, bank patrons were able to park in a parking lot on Ayrdale at Liberty Heights. But it seems the meager sum of approximately 25 cents per patron for a ten to fifteen minute bank transaction was too much for the Union Trust Company to maintain.

So, it is all right to acquire a loan for a new automobile from the Union Trust Company, but they won't pay for the parking of it while you pay your loan. TOUCHE.

By the by, the neighborhood is predominantly black."

LUCY V. PEEBLES

EDITOR'S NOTE: J. Garland Rosson Jr., vice president of Union Trust Co., told the AFRO, the former parking lot used by his bank's customers has been purchased by Food-A-Rama and the bank has been unable to find a new parking spot. It is suggested that customers who drive to the bank would use the branch nine blocks away (4700 block Liberty Hets.), which has ample parking facilities. Mr. Rosson said his bank was sorry for any discomfort caused customers in the area).

Gene Burns, Good Riddance

Gene Burns, the controversial radio talk show host has deserted Baltimore and that is good news.

The city can do without a blabbermouth who broadcasts unfounded charges and upsets the community.

We think particularly of Mr. Burns' so-called expose of dope and dangerous weapons in Pimlico High School last year.

The resultant publicity on his late night talk show damaged the reputation of a very fine school and did a disservice to its students.

Baltimore needs dialogue between people of both races and in all areas, but it must be in a good temper without misleading, untrue allegations which stir up racial conflict and distrust.

We're glad to see Mr. Burns go.

"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of hate and bitterness"—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Baltimore 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 Resurrection

St. Luke 16th Chapter
Verses 1-20
King James Version

And when the sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might oome and anoint Him.

And very early in the morning the first day of the week, came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were afrighted.

And he saith unto them, Be not afrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him.

But go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.

And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they anything to any man; for they were afraid.

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

And she went and told them that had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

And they, when they had heard that He was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

After that he apeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared with the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen.

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

In The Shadow Of The Cross

Jesus Christ was compelled to bear the cross on which He was crucified at Golgotha. This cross became the symbol of injustice and oppression to Christians throughout the world.

On this first anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death, there is grim reminder that people who dare speak for freedom and peace are crucified just as Jesus was.

Hatemongers provide our Golgothas today. They crucify people who seek equal rights, dare speak the truth about war and peace or offer peaceful dissent.

Millions of our fellow citizens are carrying crosses of unemployment and starvation.

On other brows the thorny crown of race prejudice is ever pressed into the flesh just as the Roman soldiers pressed it into the flesh of Christ and as racists pressed it into the flesh of Martin Luther King.

Poverty is a cross.

Hunger scourges its victims with the lash of disease and misery.

Selfish greed causes millions of innocent people, including women and babies, to carry the cross of the Vietnam war.

Perhaps one of the strangest things incidental to modern crucifixions is that the Pilates of today are professed Christians.

This is Good Friday. Easter is two days away.

We see the Easter message as saying as Dr. Martin Luther King, a modern day Saviour said in his famous March on Washington speech:—

"Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children.

Judgeship Bill No Good

The Ad Hoc Committee for Good Government, with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, has pledged to do what it can to defeat Gov. Marvin Mandel's judgeship bill.

The bill would end elections for most judges in Maryland, making them all appointees of the governor, with consent of the Senate.

Ad Hoc Committee chairman, the Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, has pointed out that numerous white leaders are joining the colored community in the fight to defeat the Assembly-approved measure when it comes up on referendum in November.

The measure should be defeated.

It is, as the ministers say, a crude pollical attempt to keep down either the number of colored judges on the Baltimore Supreme Bench or to have the white community handpick those who do serve.

Extremists have always preached that whenever the colored community has sufficient strength to increase its political influence in a subdivision like Baltimore, where the population now is nearing 50-50, that the establishment then figures some way to curb this opportunity to gain power.

Of the 21 judges on the Supreme Bench, only 3 are colored. One of them, Judge Joseph Howard, was elected and this is one of the reasons the new measure is so important to some politicans who see some additional changes ahead. The appointment record of governors in the past has not been good regarding colored judges.

Outside Baltimore, there is none at the circuit court level.

If we look at Gov. Mandel's record of appointments since he took office, there is no reason to expect anything special from him.

Supporters of the measure claim it will result in a better quality of judes. There is nothing about the judges appointed in the past to indicate this is true.

They make the further point that these men were named to set terms and if the terms were for life, as are federal judgeships, the quality would rise.

As far as colored people are concerned, the appointment of federal judgeships are as racially and politically motivated as others.

There are no colored federal judges in the South, but there are some segregationists on the bench, which means they are of the highest quality. There are relatively few colored federal judges outside the South.

Republicans in Maryland, when they make a head count, will find that the appointive system may not be all it's cracked up to be for them.

Del. Aris Allen (R., Anne Arundel) seemed to be the only colored delegate who was willing to take a strong and vocal stand against the Mandel bill in Annapolis. He saw it for what it is.

Maybe the action of the Baltimore ministers, will help others see the light.

There is a principle involved here that must be fought to the bitter end, first in November, and then in other elections if necessary. It is an issue on which politicians who expect support must take a stand.

Charles E. Cornish

Cambridge, the Eastern Shore fisherman's haven is located in Dorchester County, 75 miles from Baltimore.

Bucktown, a section of Cambridge, was the birthplace of Harriet Tubman who successfully led more than 10,000 slaves to freedom by the Underground Railroad.

Pioneer residents were the Henrys, St. Clairs, Jolleys, Colemans, Boggses, Waterses, and Cornishes.

Charles Edward Cornish, who died last week at the age of 72, was a second generation resident of the Eastern Shore town.

Called the town's No. 1 citizen, because of his record of service and performance, Charlie Cornish will be remembered for his devotion to duty and his studied campaign for equality, a lifetime passion.

As city councilman for 22 years, the last eight as president of the five-member body, Mr. Cornish kept daily vigilance for the protection of Second Ward citizens whom he represented.

When there was need for transportation for school children, Mr. Cornish provided it.

When there was leadership needed to fight for equal teacher salaries, Mr. Cornish was there.

When 2,000 Maryland citizens marched on Annapolis in 1942 to campaign for equal representation and jobs, he was there with a large delegation.

His record of tireless, dedicated service spanned nearly three quarters of a century.

When Freedom Riders campaigned in Cambridge in 1962, it was Charlie Cornish with whom they met first to learn first hand about the area's problems.

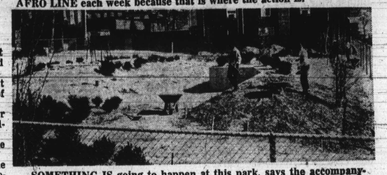
When some news media tried to show a division among the young civil rights workers and the old warriors, Mr. Cornish was quick to remind them that there was no conflict, all had the same aspirations.

Progress in a backward area like the Eastern Shore is often slow and immeasurable, and that is a pity.

If Cambridge makes strides in the present temper of things, and moves ahead in improving its image in housing, race relations, jobs, it is because Charlie Cornish laid the groundwork and pointed the way in the tradition of his forebear, Harriet Tubman.

Afro Line

AFRO LINE, a new AFRO community service, will help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a post card to AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the action is.



SOMETHING IS going to happen at this park, says the accompanying item in AFRO LINE.

COMMUNITY PARK ALMOST READY

QUESTION — The park at Druid Hill near Lafayette Ave. has taken a long time getting in shape. It is supposed to be a community-sponsored park approved by Mayor D'Alesandro and after many months and a big to-do, ceremony, etc. there is only some shrubbery there. What about it?—INQUISITIVE NEIGHBOR

ANSWER —The Henry Highland Garnett Neighborhood Council Park, 1315 Druid Hill Ave., will have opening ceremonies on April 25. Invitations are in the mail for guests among whom will be the Mayor. He will speak at the 5 p.m. affair. In charge is Mrs. Lena Boone, 1318 Division St., president of the neighborhood group sponsors for which the park is named.

According to Mrs. Boone, the park is mainly for enjoyment of trees, flowers and quiet and is designed for all the community including the elderly.

Cement tables are to be added so that the checkers and domino boards (inlaid in the cement) can be enjoyed along with other quiet games. Mothers may also sit on the benches with their babies while small youngsters romp a little.

The park is built on a mound which shuts out the traffic of the busy thoroughfare. Robert Harding, designer, planned all this after he heard the dreams of the people in the area.

The Board of Estimates and Department of Parks supplied $15,000. The labor and expertise came from the Special Impact Neighborhood Improvement Program. The park is not a play lot. Other places such as the Sharp Street United Methodist Church lots nearby have swings, sliding boards and space for large muscle development, adequate for older children.

DOGGONE NUISANCE

QUESTION — I would like to sound-off about the deplorable condition and the dogs in the area of Cordelia, Litchfield, Oakmont and Arcadia Aves. The supposedly pet dogs are left to run in packs searching for food. They are constantly knocking over garbage cans, causing unnecessary work for others.

It is also unsafe for little children to play in their own yards for fear of a dog jumping the fence as they so frequently do. An adult walking from the bus stop to his home at night not only has to worry about muggers, but also dogs biting them.

The neighborhood is in dire need of a clean-up job. Juveniles find pleasures in bursting bottles in the alleys. Trash and garbage are hurled all over to breed rats.

If the individual residents would sweep up the debris in his area, the neighborhood will be just as beautiful as before.

For those who feel guilty, please adhere to this plea. Let's not wait until the AFRO Clean-Block Campaign to be proud of our recently acquired neighborhood. — A CONCERNED RESIDENT

ANSWER — The Dog Catchers went out within minutes after the AFRO LINE called about your complaint. But, according to Edward Harmon, this area you mention has had more complaints "than you have fingers and toes" about those roving pups. Mr. Harmon says anywhere from 10 to 30 dogs have been "fingered" for him to bag.

The hangup seems to be that the city dog pound is only allowed to chase them up alleys, on sidewalks or on the street. Never on lawns, and that's just where the doggone smart pup dogs foul up the works. Then too, with so many calls about sick or injured pets to take care of, the Dog Catchers haven't all the time they'd like to have to chase strays.

About the trash, the Sanitation Department says it will take care of collection and will issue notices after inspectors pinpoint the folks who are negligent in keeping their property clean.

NOTE — Maybe someone would like to adopt a pet animal. If so, go to the Dog Pound, 222 N. Calverton Rd., from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and pick out one. Under three months of age, the lonesome, homesick critters cost $1. Over three months, the price is from $5.50 to $8, depending on quality, and this includes the license. P.S. — You have to promise to take good care of your dog, however.

Perspective

Dr. King Was Church Reformer

By DAVID E. SLOAN

Whether we recognize it or not, the church is becoming a far different institution from what it used to be.

Time was when most people — especially black ones — went to church primarily to get a kind of spiritual and/or emotional bath that would give them escapist solace throughout the coming week.

But nowdays, one is increasingly likely to run into the kind of service our family encountered several Sundays ago in a well-known Washington church.

First of all, the congregation was just about half black and half white. Sitting on the platform with status equal to the clergyman's was the lay chairman of the Social Action Committee.

When the sermon was delivered, it was a take-off on what the Social Action chairman had said, and his remarks had been a challenge to the congregation to become more deeply involved in the conditions of the surrounding neighborhood.

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The minister in turn talked in very practical terms about the difficulty faced by would-be black homeowners and ambitious black businessmen to get adequate financing in our economic system.

The minister's proposed answer to the problem was not some bombastic promise that regardless of how deprived persons are on earth, things will be changed in another world.

Instead, he recommended that his congregation invest more money in institutions devoted to making high risk loans at legal rates of interest, and that it be more alert in pressuring institutions which invest in undemocratic enterprises.

As we listened to the sermon and recalled the time when nearly a year ago Dr. Martin Luther King was still alive, we thought it is not too wild a suggestion to accord the Atlanta martyr a measure of credit for bringing about some of the changes in our churches.

Certainly, as a frugal-living, learned but activist leader of the poor, Dr. King gave a new image to the ministry, redefining the church as an institution to challenge the unjust status quo and to manage non-violent protest against structured institutions.

This is not to say that there were not and have not been other influences at work in changing the church both before and since Dr. King's death. Some of these have been scientific discoveries in Space, the critical thinking of modern theologians, the inefficient and awkward burden the church itself creates with outmoded buildings, tax waivers, etc.

But before Dr. King, the accepted life-style of many of our most respectable ministers was one of austere luxury insulated by an untouchable veneer of autonomous holiness.

And after Martin pulled down his cap and laced up his marching boots, most preachers found some way to show at least a bit of concern about the hard, bread and butter issues of our times.

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One world-wide denomination has predicted that — contrary to present practices — most of its ministers in the future will work during the week at other jobs, maintaining a family.

On Sundays they will become leaders of cell-like organizations which will administer to the spiritual and social needs of parishioners.

Instead of meeting in large, expensive edifices, these cells will meet in homes or wherever it seems convenient.

And as these reforms are completed, history shall acquire another ground upon which to laud the sainted Dr. King, that of ministerial reformer.

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 items 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. — 1929

School No. 85 pupils make tour of AFRO

Fourth and Fifth graders from Fort Worthington, School No. 85 visited the AFRO recently to see how a newspaper is produced. They were accompanied by their teachers Miss Christine Cann and Mrs. Gween Balfour.

In the group were: Edith Jackson, Tony Pair, Lawanda Budd, Simuel Beckwith, Willie Anderson, Robert Willis, Cleveland Rowe, Rodney Anderson, Kelvin Foster, Raynard Palmer, Clinton Jones, James Sherman, Maurice Rents, Bennett Swain, and Carolyn Shaw.

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Also: Sharon Crawley, Dianna Gregory, Rodney Scott, Gilliam Williams, Marcia Miller, Frances Able, Lynette Graham, Karen Wilson, Darnell Keels, and Rodney Williams, Calvin Rodgers, Brenda Parks, Jessica Ransome, Demetria Vaugh, Verginia Huntley, Gillian Williams, Rodney Scott, Sharon Warren, John Bridges, Michelle Jones, Gracie Jones, Wanda Hopkins, Mary Butler, Victor Jennings, Gary Woodfield, Thelessa Jackson, Rita Jordon, John Shaw, and Garland Poole.

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