EDITORIALS

What The AFRO Stands For

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before the courts of the city and state.

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Adequate black representation on all public boards and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities.

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Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

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Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

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Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

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Black judges on all benches of the city, county and state court systems, except those constitionally authorized.

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A black owned and operated taxicab company.

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A black owned and operated bank.

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A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

Mandel Oversight

When Governor Marvin Mandel began the new year by completing the reorganization of state government administratively, we believed this would be a splendid opportunity for him to acknowledge that there are black voters living in the state of Maryland and that most of them supported him for his first, full elective term as chief executive.

As most readers know, the Governor has consolidated some 150 former independent agencies and bureaus into 13 "secretariats" covering the entire spectrum of state government activities.

With the naming of former State Senator Harry Hughes to fill the position of secretary for the Department of Transportation, Governor Mandel has completed the rostrum of those who will be cabinet officers in his administration.

Even if, as it is reliably alleged, he had not promised to name a black person to one of these highly significant and politically potent positions, it is clear that he ought not to have overlooked this opportunity, political realities being what they are.

A competent black person would be especially suitable to head the new Department of Economic and Community Development to which Edmund F. Rovner has now apparently been named permanent secretary.

To add insult to the injury, no black person has even been named to serve as deputy to any of the cabinet officers.

Black State Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence Blount, both from Baltimore districts, expressed great disappointment and anger over this latest evidence of the Governor's failure to be sensitive to the political entitlements of black voters.

We join them, and demand that before the summer date at which these new cabinet officers are to assume their positions the Governor make necessary adjustments to correct this, his latest oversight.

Judge Selections

With respect to the recent choice of members to serve on the Governor's Judicial Selection Committee, the AFRO was at first dismayed by the failure of Governor Marvin Mandel to see to it that representative black lawyers were not appointed.

Then, after the non-lawyers were named, we were again dismayed that no persons were chosen who could be described as representative of grass root blacks and poor people.

Apparently, Leonard J. Kerpelman, a knowledgeable civil liberties lawyer, made the same judgments concerning the lists and shared our disillusion:

We thought he put his reaction quite well in a letter entitled "Appointment of judges," to The Sun and herewith reprint, with approval, Mr. Kerpelman's views on the matter as representative of our own:

"The facts of the election of lawyer-members of the commission to make appointments to vacancies on the Bench, as reported in The Sun of December 23, raises some exceedingly interesting questions, indeed, does the relegation of the story to page A-11, just as if contrary to fact, it did not concern a matter which in the end could very well shake our local society to its very roots.

"I can only speak for Baltimore city, not being familiar with the local situation elsewhere in the state, but it is almost heart-breaking to read of the four persons elected to serve in the city area.

"Of the four, one has some 'progressive' tendencies: three are insurance lawyers; the one who is a plaintiff's lawyer, is entirely conservative on every topic except the amount of jury awards.

"Apparently the local Bar is unaware of the fact that courts deal with anything besides automobile accidents.

"Or perhaps they are not, for what has been elected is a panel of a bent no less conservative than the average Goldwater Republican.

"What obviously has happened is that the large law firms, ever backward-looking as far as social processes are concerned, have seen to it that every man in each firm has cast his vote, while the rest of the Bar, remembering its chastening experience tour or five years ago in seeking to elect a non-establishment' slate of officers to the local Bar Association, has said "To Hell with It," and sat on its hands. No Negroes, no women, no civil rights lawyers, no one who has worked on problems of the poor, or on conservation issues, or on civil liberties!

"Where, in the future, will one take a civil liberties case or a consumer issue when he has legal papers ready to file?

"The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City is now fraught with mediocrity, authoritarianism, with favoritism and status-quo-ism. Assuredly it will never be any different.

"Thank God that Murphy (Supreme Bench Judge James W. Murphy) was able to blunder through. If the people ever give up the reins of control to this office to an appointed judiciary, which from the complexion of this commission has gotten to be reactionary by anybody's terms, then the people are fools."

Unlike Mr. Kerpelman, the AFRO is not frustrated. We are to the contrary, reddicated to help make things different on our judiciary, and will fight the apparent effort to preserve the status quo.

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The hearings at the Social Security Administration Building Tuesday night revealed that Baltimore County continues to suffer from the illness of insensitivity to the needs of low income citizens and particularly members of that vast group who are black.

Over and over was heard the testimony of knowledgeable people to the effect that zoning and planning patterns over the years have been fashioned either deliberately or negligently in ways that operate to eliminate black communities and to favor middle and upper income white housing and commercial businesses.

Experts showed that this pattern is not peculiar to Baltimore County, but exists throughout the country — a dastardly device which places property and fiscal interests above human concerns.

During the testimony, an important revelation was that much of the county's capability of carrying on its oneeider planning comes from the cooperation of Baltimore City — since topography dictates that sewer and water lines extend from the city to the county and that the city service county wastes.

This raises an interesting angle.

Is Baltimore City as much at fault as the county in discriminating against blacks and the poor when it cooperates in this way?

Should not city government withdraw or modify its areas of cooperation to reflect its disapproval of county policies?

Prince Georges County, situated outside metropolitan Washington and very similar in problems to Baltimore County, increased its black population to 18 percent during the 1st 10 census years, while Baltimore County's black population diminished from a measly 5 percent to 3 percent.

This statistic, standing alone, speaks volumns.

The State Advisory Committee of the Federal Civil Rights Commission has performed a great service in continuing the spotlight on Baltimore County's racist conduct.

All right-thinking citizens in Baltimore City and the county should join the concerted effort to develop whatever programs are necessary to change these discriminatory practices.

TJD Writes

Dear AFRO:

I am truly appreciative of your kind - remembrance - of - me - at Christmas. With all good wishes to all of you for the best in the New Year, and with kindest regards.

THOMAS J. D'ALESANDRO III,
Mayor

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices and prejudice, and the cowardice of compromise.

John H. Murphy, Sr.—1920

"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

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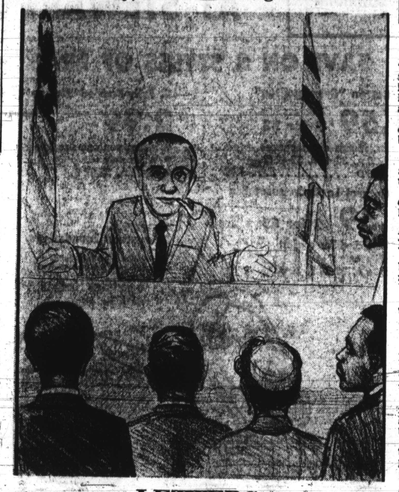
'Sorry, There's Nothing Left'



LETTERS

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The Addict's Lady

Dear AFRO:

On at least three nights of every week, a group of inmates, ex-addicts, in either of our correctional institutions get together and have what is known throughout the state as a S.A.N.D's meeting.

In this group which is directed toward therapy, they scream, shout, and constructively resolve the problems that led them to their present situation and their involvement with drugs. Surprisingly enough, these groups of men are deeply inspired by a woman!

The woman is a rather small attractive Doctor of Psychiatry; her name is Dr. Juliette M. Simmons, the staff psychiatrist at the Maryland House of Correction at Jessup and the instrument of inspiration to the many addicts seeking help and direction in our correctional system.

Three years ago she came to the S.A.N.D. organization and reshaped it into one of the most effective drug therapy Groups in the State today. This woman has offered her worldly insight and professional guidance to the men who are plagued with the problems of drug addiction.

She seems to have provided one of the most important ingredients in making an addict an ex-addict; that ingredient is concern.

Dr. Simmons has shown the many addicts that she cares devoutly about them. Whether it be professional or humanely she cares and that fact makes all the difference to the drug addict's struggle toward ex-addiction — to have someone who deeply cares.

When any number of inmates who are or have been involved with drugs and who have or are serving time in our correctional system are asked their opinion of Dr. Simmons, she is immediately defined with a series of adjectives that ring with adoration and respect.

The addict's lady is, without a doubt, Dr. J. M. Simmons. The addict has come to realize that the insight that is so very valuable to their rehabilitation is imbedded in the character and personality of this fine woman.

CHARLES Wm. JOHNSON
HERMAN JORDAN
Former Addicts

Sickle Cell

Dear AFRO:

This is my second letter to your newspaper. I have been chosen by The Sickle Cell Anemia Club of the University Hospital to ask for your help.

Dr. Ruth Luddy and Dr. Priscilla Gilman of University Hospital Pediatric Hematology Clinic formed a club October, 1970. Both doctors are interested and actively seeking ways to help adults and children with Sickle Cell Anemia.

As a mother of a child with Sickle Cell Anemia, I feel that this new organization could be very beneficial to the Baltimore community. Our next meeting is January 19, 1971, University Hosp., 5th Floor, 1 p.m. Please let the community know what Dr. Luddy and Dr. Gilman are doing to help. All are welcome.

Mrs. BERTHA HALL

Still Voices For Schools

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners is a vital part of the governing processes of the city.

The people who serve on it perform an immense civic service without compensation, and — in times like these — at the risk of being targets of vigorous abuse.

When they take assignments to the board, they expect these difficulties and are prepared to withstand them — as long as they are able to make educational progress for the city's school children.

The present school system, with its educationally progressive majority and under the administrative generalship of Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, has produced undisputable massive progressive innovation in the system.

As we have pointed out before, archaic, repressive measures applied to students have been relaxed; progressive technical programs have been adopted and democratic policies for personnel have been implemented.

With the naming of the mayor's latest appointee, Kalman R. Hettleman, there is promise that the progressive record of the board will be continued.

We say this with the full recollection that the AFRO's position has been that the board ought to have a black majority, and with the full [illegible]ness that Mr. Hettleman is not black.

[illegible] the future demands that all interested persons — parents, teachers, administrators, molders of opinion, like city officials, newspaper writers, talk-show participants — lend their support and critical understanding to the job the board must do.

Now, the time has come for all to cool the radical rhetoric and to continue to build a model school system.

As a wise man once put the instruction we all should heed: "It is the still small voice that the soul heeds; not the deafening blasts of doom."

Feed The Poor

Dear AFRO:

I think the Congress is very unjust, and downright unfair.

How can you in good faith give one man $62,000 to live on for a year and give a family of four 29 cents per person per meal?

Is this supposed to be democracy? If so, I can't see it that way.

Feed the poor and help the needy then you can say this is "Democracy" and really mean it and I won't mind all the taxes that are put upon us.

MRS. ELAINE BUTLER

COLUMNS

Political Notebook

Baltimore Has Proud Black Lawyers Group

By MAX JOHNSON

Citizens who were fortunate enough to be in attendance at the oath of office ceremonies New Year's Eve for Baltimore's newly elected Judge William H. Murphy Sr. must have noted a very distinct aura of proudness.

It was reflected in the satisfaction of seeing what voters — primarily black ones — had accomplished.

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It was reflected in the noting of another big step forward in moving this city more in step with the times.

But — there was proudness of another sort involving Baltimore's black lawyers as a whole.

It came on this occasion from Benjamin L. Brown, prominent veteran attorney, who presented Mr. Murphy.

What Mr. Brown had to say was both eloquent and informative — in respect to the city's organization of black lawyers.

Here for the benefit of those unable to be present is what Mr. Brown said:

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"It is an honor and deep personal pleasure to have the opportunity to present William H. Murphy for elevation to the Municipal Court of Baltimore City.

"It is certainly an appropriate day for a new beginning in the life of Bill Murphy. A time to start a new position as associate judge of this court."

After this beginning — Mr. Brown then launched this informative bit of proudness:

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"I was reviewing in my mind some interesting statistics this morning in preparation for this event;

"And it's interesting to note that among the membership of the Monumental Bar Association, we are proud to be represented by our present city solicitor (George L. Russell Jr.);

"The newly elected state's attorney of Baltimore City (Milton B. Allen, who was sworn in later on Jan. 4);

"Three associate judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City (Judges Harry A. Cole, Joseph C. Howard and Robert B. Watts);

"And with the elevation of Bill Murphy, three associate judges of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City (other two are Judges Solomon Baylor and John R. Hargrove);

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"The chairman of the Parole Board of the state of Maryland (David F. Mason);

"The deputy director of the Legal Aid Bureau of Baltimore City (Charles Dorsey);

"The chairman of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice (Arthur G. Murphy Sr.);

"A master in the Equity Courts (W. Emerson Brown Jr.);

"A master in the Equity Courts Juvenile Division (U. Theodore Hayes);

"And the director of the Washington Branch of the NAACP, as well as a national lobbyist for that organization (Clarence M. Mitchell Jr.);

"And among our past membership we also have a present member of the Supreme Bench of the U.S. (Thurgood Marshall).

"I have to wonder where else in these United States in an organization of equal size (67 members) composed entirely of members of a minority race have so few given so much.

"I have always said that the important qualifications of a good judge, in addition to education and experience, are patience, tolerance, humility and understanding.

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"Bill Murphy's background and life have prepared him well, for he possesses these qualifications."

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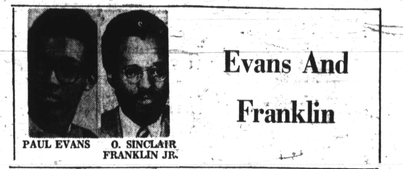
There you have it — Mr. Brown's presentation of Mr. Murphy at the latter's oath of office ceremony.

It was a proud speech — from a proud black lawyer.

Did you know the black Monumental Bar Association had so many members in such important city and state posts?

Evans And Franklin



PAUL EVANS O. SINCLAIR FRANKLIN JR.

By PAUL EVANS

The old year has ended so speedily and the new year begun with such rapidity that few "odds and ends" remain which really need to be taken care of.

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Baltimoreans seen at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Boston during the Holidays included Morgan State's Distinguished Professor of History, Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles and Professor Howard Bell, also Dr. Irvin Gellman of Morgan.

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Especially delightful was the chance meeting with Professor John Hope Franklin, who was up from Chicago where he is professor and chairman of the Department of History at the University of Chicago. Dr. Franklin is prominently known, among other accomplishments, for his book **From Slavery to Freedom**, which for so long was THE black history text.

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For those in the black community who are interested in a board meeting which will DEFINITELY not be dull, mark the date January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the University of Maryland's School of Law (Baltimore and Paca Sts. in the Moot Court).

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The University's Board of Regents will be sitting to respond to the demands of the Black Coalition for increased black participation in Regents' and university affairs.

At the last Regent's meeting, the board "hemmed and hawed" for almost 3 hours over the Coalition's requests for equitable and meaningful changes in the governing policies of the Board toward ALL of Maryland's black students.

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The excuses given by the Regents, and University President Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, for their lack of action on the proposals were pitifully poor. For the first time, many of the young white students from the university's professional schools and undergraduates attending from College Park really saw blacks in the state have been unusually patient with the foot-dragging and dodging of the Board on matters of excellent education for blacks.

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The Regents begged off action until the January 22nd meeting, when they said more time was needed for "study and discussion" of the Black Coalitions' objectives. Well, that time is almost at hand. Will they react in a responsible manner by displacing a knowledge and mastery of the information presented by the Coalition, or will there be excuses, more delays and dodging?

The Rev. Vernon Dobson told the Regents at the last meeting, that the black community would find "other means" to achieve its objectives if the Regents returned on January 22nd with the same apathetic attitudes they displayed at that time. As one reporter noted aloud, "January 22 well tell the tale."

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It seems that Governor Mandel now has two vacancies on the University Board of Regents. According to official sources Dr. William B. Long, chairman of the Board's Baltimore County committee, has submitted his resignation to the Governor effective immediately.

Members of the Black Coalition have told the AFRO, "The Black community wants those two vacancies."

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There will be many new faces participating in the upcoming Mayoral and Councilmanic elections, the AFRO learned. Interesting to watch will be black young men making the Council race for the first time.

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NOW And THEN The Young and Politics, I

with G. JAMES FLEMING DR. FLEMING

By 1972, when a new President is elected, all Americans, 18-21 years of age, will have the right to vote — just as their elders have voted down the years.

In Maryland, 18-year-olds will join those in Kentucky and Georgia who have had the vote for some years.

Those older, but under 21, will join Alaska and Hawaii where the voting age is 19 and 20, respectively. What will it mean that some two million former non-adults will have the vote?

There is nothing in the records to show that 18-21-year-olds will produce any miracles by securing the suffrage. The "Voice of Youth" ("the Young") did not prevent a Maddox being elected governor in Georgia, for instance. Just as in the case of women, young Americans may vote like their fathers or mothers, or not vote at all.

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But the times are different. When women received the constitutional right to vote, and when young people in Georgia and Kentucky were given this same right, there was not as much alienation between the sexes and between parents and children as there is today.

If the headlines are correct, we might expect the new, younger voters to cast their votes directly opposite to their parents.

If this is so, there will still be enough division between urban and suburban, rich and poor, liberal and conservative, etc., so as to leave the political ratios pretty much what they are today, nationally.

With some exceptions, perhaps!

Any vote on compulsory military legalization of marijuana, or the regulation of sex, will probably find present-day 18-21-year-olds voting quite differently from most of their parents.

On the other hand, many politicians who have made young people their "whipping boys" may about-face, knowing that each of these "boys" is now also a potential voter. These 18-21-year-olds will also have to be courted.

How will state legislators react, for instance, as to whether 18-21-year-olds — whether in the military service or not — should have the right to buy a drink or a bottle of whiskey?

And, what about those laws saying 18-year-olds cannot marry without their parents consent?

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But, 18-21-year-olds can make a difference. They have already shown that they can be made aware, that they can become concerned, and that they can work for good causes.

In addition to the young people who marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., and who worked for Adlai Stevenson, the Kennedys and Eugene McCarthy, this writer has recently heard and read the reports of Morgan State College students who were volunteers in last year's primary and election. They are rewarding and reassuring for anyone who thinks most young people are more interested in burning down than building up, or that they are alienated from the available political process.

Some of the reports have been ecstatic, as their writers put into words what the experience of helping to elect congressmen, a governor, and several state legislators had meant to them.

One freshman young woman (English major) showed for the first time her talents of observing, recording and, interpreting—so much so that everyone is expecting great things of her by '74.

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Other reports included sentiments such as the following:

1. "Just getting out and giving of my time was enough of a reward for me and I would have done without pay, even if money had been available for campaign workers like myself."

2. "I really got a good feeling inside of me when I saw how black people working together in an organized manner were able to exert some political muscle for a common cause which was constructive rather than destructive."

3. "This was the first time I had participated in any election of any kind. I was genuinely overwhelmed with the results. For the first time I realized that black people could do something in the way of making themselves heard."

4. "It was an experience for me. It showed that Blacks can unite to change our government. We must not stop here.

Next week: "The Young and Politics, (II)."

It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE

A group of professional women recently gathered at the Educational Center of the American Association of University Women to discuss the problem of discrimination against women and what to do about it.

One of the participants was Dr. Carlotta Miles, a black woman, who is a practicing psychiatrist, co-director of a children's mental health clinic in the District of Columbia Public Health Department and a teacher at Howard University Medical School.

Dr. Miles pointed out that women have such feelings of worthlessness. Many have a self-image that "to be a woman is simply a non-thing: not being a man."

Continuing she said, "Women don't see the position of femininity as a positive, complete image. Whatever we could do to change that would improve the way men relate to us in every work environment."

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Armed School Guards

Dear AFRO:

The Que-Eite Club, Auxiliary to Pi Omega Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity would like to go on record as strongly voicing protest against armed school guards.

In view of the many possible repercussions from such a step, we feel the extreme thought should be given the possibility of implementing some other alternative.

We are well aware of the fact that something needs to be done to thwart the mounting frequency of assaults and terrorizing incidents that are happening in and around our schools We need to not feel that armed security guards will solve the problem.

A recent news article quotes Robert Marshall (D 4th Dist.) as saying, "in the past teachers had guts enough to handle youngsters." We don't concur with placing the blame on teachers. This is a problem of our society

Somewhere along the line society has failed to meet the needs of our youth or maybe we should say our new breed of youngsters. Society has failed to promote the sense of respect, the values, and the ethic that will build rather than destroy.

Far too long have we been complacent with our obsolete ideals and blind to changing times. Our youngsters are crying for help and guidance. Are we to respond with gun carrying guards? Do we resolve violent acts by retaliation?

SHIRLEY L. STROTHER
President
D. D. HAZZARD,
Secy.

Be A Member

Dear AFRO:

Perhaps you've seen it all in the news during the past few weeks . . . a story of despair and frustration as the people of Cherry Hill make the rounds of all the official channels for help in starting a community anti-drug program. Everywhere they turned, it was the same story. No money, or nowhere near enough.

At that point, Baltimore Mental Health, along with other metropolitan organizations, was asked to take a hand. A very effective press conference, sponsored by the Association, plus firm and steady support for the community's efforts, began to produce results. As of this writing almost $85,000 in public funds have been committed to a drug abuse program in Cherry Hill with the promise of more to come.

This is the kind of service Baltimore Mental Health offers to the community. If you believe, as I do that it's important work, we hope you will give us your support by becoming a member of the Association.

C. VAN LEUVEN STEWART
President

To Dr. Solomon

Dear AFRO:

If mankind is to survive, the men who shape and direct the destiny of the citizens of this world, must stop worrying about industrial growth; they must stop now or we will not have a tomorrow.

The concept of the N.G.P. National Growth product must change. According to some of the leading ecologists and anthropologists of this country the time of a No-Growth Economy has arrived.

If humanity is to survive the concept of the national growth product must become a (N.G.) No-Growth concept. The no growth concept simply means No-Growth population, No-Growth States, No-Growth Cities; the love of the national growth product (love of money) will destroy all of humanity!

The time has arrived when every one must become concerned about our way of life and do something about it. So, I salute our Secretary of Health, Dr. Julius Solomon, a wise and courageous public official.

JOHN H. THORNTON

"Great White Hope"

Dear AFRO:

I almost agree with columnist Betye Moss when on December 26, 1970 she said the film "Great White Hope" promotes racism. If America is telling it like it is, what better way than the films to expose this benign as well as malignant condition that has become an INSTITUTION here?

Eastern High School Alumnae Club. She is pleased as punch about the cooperation received from the Dunbar High School Home Ec Department, headed by Mrs. Alma Parker.

Already, three students Sandra Bell, Sandra Bannerman and one whose name we need to get (please call this column), are serving as aides, comforting and helping parents and children in their leisure time. Isn't that good! More on this later.

PAGE OPPOSITE

THE BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN, JANUARY 9, 1971

Trigger-Happy Police

Dear AFRO:

Has the reckless use of guns by law enforcement officers become a matter for laughter among us?

This was my reaction when I read comments by Paul G. Serio, a Southwestern district policeman who shot a doctor on Wednesday.

Dr. William R. Davis, a pediatrician, had run for a gun to aid a colleague struggling with two teen-aged suspects when shot twice by Patrolman Serio. Dr. Davis was wounded in the chin.

The patrolman insisted that he saw the doctor point a gun at him.

His comment was, "He's pretty fortunate. Maybe it's a good thing I'm a bad shot."

The Police Department has refused to investigate.

Has the unrestricted access to guns led us to be so trigger happy that such incidents have become matters to jest about?

If every individual, law abiding or not, and particularly every Black individual is subject to such harrassment to their persons, then one can hardly expect the people to have confidence in their police.

The trigger happy policeman, Black or White, who relies on his gun as his main weapon of control has become a serious menace.

When a man's first reaction is to shoot and then ask questions, and when society then looks the other way, for the sake of us all, it is time for something to be done.

In Dr. Davis' words, "It's about time they stopped coming into a Black neighborhood and firing before finding out who they are firing at."

VERDA F. WELCOME

AFRO LINE

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a postcard 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 can be found.

CHERRY HILL SANTAS — Representatives of Edmondson High School's student body played Santa Claus in the Cherry Hill area. Four of those who made deliveries were: Pa-

QUESTION: I live in Cherry Hill and was one of the recipients of the Edmondson High School Christmas gift certificates. It really did help my family and I have a merrier holiday. How did these high school students manage to raise so much? — P.M.

ANSWER: The income tax surmela Kirkland, 11th-grader; Gwendolyn Hicks, 12th-grader, John Sty Dizon, 12th-grader, and Mark Schlossberg, faculty sponsor.

The Edmondson High School student body gathered $1,450 from their personal donations and outside contributions. The money purchased $11 and 16 gift certificates for 160 Cherry Hill families.

AFRO In the Spotlight

Samuel P. Jackson, 1700 block Gwynns Falls Parkway, began this new year by retiring from te Bethlehem Steel Corporation and making definite plans to spend his leisure time playing golf, traveling and hunting deer and fox.

In a letter commending Mr. Jackson for 41 years of continuous service, the plant's general manager stated: "You were known for your conscientious manner of performing your duties and your friendly, effective manner of supervision."

In 1968, Mr. Jackson attended the Management Development School as part of his continuous foreman training.

Mr. Jackson, rigger foreman for past 15 years, has worked at he narrows Point plant since 1929, the year he came to Baltimore.

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"I came to Baltimore because I thought it would be a good place to work," he explained.

The Hanover County, Va., Mr. Jackson plans to spend most of his time there now, hunting with his brother, Clarence Jackson, and caring for his eight deerhounds and two horses.

A youthful-looking 60 although he says he feels much younger sometimes, Mr. Jackson says he hunts "for the sport and fun of it."

He began planning for his retirement three years ago. He decided then he would learn to play golf when he wasn't hunting deer or fox in Virginia.

A member of Enon Baptist Church, Mr. Jackson has two sons, Samuel and Willie, and two daughters, Mrs. Delorese Edison and Mrs. Marion E. Loney. There are 17 grandchildren one great-grandchild.

SAMUEL P. JACKSON

More Letters

TJD Writes

Dear AFRO:

I am truly appreciative of your kind - remembrance - of - me - at Christmas. With all good wishes to all of you for the best in the New Year, and with kindest regards.

THOMAS J. D'ALESANDRO III,
Mayor

"Great White Hope"

Dear AFRO:

I almost agree with columnist Betye Moss when on December 26, 1970 she said the film "Great White Hope" promotes racism. If America is telling it like it is, what better way than the films to expose this benign as well as malignant condition that has become an INSTITUTION here?

Eastern High School Alumnae Club. She is pleased as punch about the cooperation received from the Dunbar High School Home Ec Department, headed by Mrs. Alma Parker.

Already, three students Sandra Bell, Sandra Bannerman and one whose name we need to get (please call this column), are serving as aides, comforting and helping parents and children in their leisure time. Isn't that good! More on this later.

If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE MOSS

MRS. MOSS

Prayers for the New Year

As usual, we watched the new year in with prayers on our knees. Even though the weather was cold and the snow was deep, there was warmth inside as we communed with our God.

Here are some of the prayers those of us who gathered shared with each other.

Whether they have not provided against the emergency which comes with subfreezing temperature through lack of foresight, through intemperance or lack of knowledge or their physical and mental inability, for them we pray and especially for those who must work outside or must travel. Care for them and grant them Thy protection. AMEN

Lord, If I have faltered in 1970, forgive me.

If I have harmed another, forgive me.

If I have been unkind and uncharitable, forgive me.

If I have lost sight of my goal in life and performed my job in a shoddy manner, forgive me.

Help me in the new year 1971 to be kind, thoughtful, helpful, honest and true to others, to myself and to my God. AMEN

We thank Thee, Oh, Lord, for these days in 1970, for except thou hadst been with us each hour, each minute, each second of this year, this day, none of us could be here.

In Thy love and guardian care only can we live. We praise Thy name, we give thee thanks.

Bless each of us, and our loved ones wherever They may be.

Bless the husbands and wives, the children and grandchildren.

Bless the homes of us all and keep us sweet. — AMEN

Dear God: Bless the head of this house, a true Christian gentleman, loving husband and father. Keep around him Thy strong arm of protection that he may have the strength and energy to continue his fine work in the YMCA and continue to be a tower of strength to this family and to others. AMEN

People, Places and Thing

People, Places

True police story: Mrs. Mildred Jefferson Long, the school teacher, is singing the praises of Central District Patrolman Ernest Myers.

On New Year's Day, she was parked in front of Trailways to deposit her sister, Sadie Artic, bound for Atlantic City.

The blond officer came up and politely asked her to move the car from the restricted area. When she started to comply, she discovered she had a flat tire.

And, Officer Myers came to the rescue. He took off his jacket and put on the spare.

Isn't that a kind and thoughtful way to start a new year!

People being kind to others: Philomathian Club meeting Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lillian Murphy, began with a moving memoriam to a beloved charter member, Mrs. Rose Hampton, who died last month.

The tribute, by Philomathian, Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles, was so impressive, we share it here with readers:

"As we pause to think about our dear friend our hearts are filled with deep gratitude and overflowing with great joy for having had such a person among us.

"For many of us, Philomathians (the Philomathian Club) has meant NOT books we have read, NOR speakers we've heard, but fellowship with rare human beings like Mrs. Vashti Murphy, Mrs. Vivian Cook, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. McAbee, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hampton.

"Think of our Mrs. Hampton — art at its best.

how like the most beautiful and lovely Rose you can imagine.

"I never called her Rose, but when I said Mrs. Hampton it said all of her — Rose — a person so gracious, so serene, so sweet, so lovely, so devoted, so dedicated, so humble. She literally glowed with an inner spiritual quality.

"Her field was Art. Since the inception of the program committee of Philomathians she has served on it and she guided us on many art museum tours, but her whole living was art. Further, her last week she was at church, at meetings, entertaining — most of us received her Christmas cards before she passed.

"As we beheld her in death, she had that same unusual serenity, beauty and ethereal quality that truly is not of this world.

"At the beginning of this New Year, as we pay tribute to her, our greatest gift is what she was — if we can but grasp it and make it our motto.

"It seems to me it is all said in a short essay from the Art of Living entitled 'Taking Time to Live.

"To get the most out of life we must take time to live as well as to make a living. We must practice the art of filling our moments with enriching experiences that will give new meaning and depth to our lives.

"We should take time for good books; time to absorb the thoughts of poets and philosophers, seers and prophets.

"Time for music that washes away from tre soul the dust of everyday life.

"Time for friendships; time for talks by the fire and walks beneath the stars.

"Time for children that we may find again the Kingdom of Heaven within our hearts.

"Time for laughter; time for letting go and filling the heart with mirth.

"Time for travel; time for pilgrimage and festival, for shrine and exhibit, for rockbound coast and desert, mountain and plain.

"Time for nature; time for flower gardens, trees, birds and sunsets.

"Time to love and be loved, for love is the greatest thing in the world.

"Time for people; time for the interplay of personalities and the interchange of ideas.

"Time for solitude; time to be quiet and alone and to look within.

"Time toglive of ourselves, our talents, abilities, devotions, convictions, so that we may contribute to the onward march of man.

"Time for worship; time for opening our lives to God's infinite springs of vitality that we may live more abundantly.

"In all ways let us make our moments glow with life. Let us pray as did Matthew Arnold: "O'Calm, calm me more, nor let me die, before I have begun to live."

People, Places and Things

Friendly holiday visitors in our town a week back: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinton Mason (Ruth Shane) of San Carlos, Calif.

Their son, Lawrence, is a Morgan State student and they have a number of Maryland relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mason of LaPlata.

In California, Mr. Mason is human relations counselor with the California Teachers Association.

Mrs. Mason is head secretary of the child psychiatry ward at Stanford University.

Cuff note: She hails from Minneapolis, Minn., was at the U. there about the time we were. Small world.

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This column's theatre reviewer says: —

Do see Red Buttons starring in the delightful comedy, "Play It Again, Sam" running through Sat., January 16th at the Mechanic.

Critics are raving all around town about the lighthearted two hours of wit and cynicism.

Opening night was Monday. Mr. Buttons gave the audience a treat in performing solo for ten minutes after the performance. His urbane, dry sophistication was entertaining and mirthful.

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Army note from Ft. Benning, Ga., reports that 2nd Lt. Robert M. Matthews has completed an infantry officer's basic course at the Army Infantry School.

He received his commission with the reserve officer training corps program at Morgan State, where he received his B.S. degree in June 1970.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Matthews 3rd (Vashti), of Baltimore.

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More people doing meaningful things for others: Mrs. Phyllis Tilley, who is doing some interesting things at the Children's Guild Inc., about which you'll hear later, is involved presently in providing help at the Cuff note: When Municipal Judge William H. Murphy Sr., was sworn in last Thursday, the judicial robe he wore was supplied by his longtime friend and former neighbor, Rufus Mitchell, whose valet shop (formal wear of all sorts), is located on Laurens St. around the corner from the Murphy family home on Druid Hill Ave.

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Harry R. Hughes, former state senator from upper Eastern Shore is the new Secretary of Transportation for state, the new Mandel post created in the governor's reorganization as executive department reorganization.

He is noted as a fiscal expert and chairman of the Md. Democrat State Central Committee.

It was in his honor that a large group gathered Monday evening to toast him. Event was at Eastwind.

Seen in the audience were: State Senator Verda F. Welcome. State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell, Mrs. Mary B. Adams, Milton F. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey (Dorothy), Wendell E. Fleet, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Jones (Dr. Glaydce Jones), Mr. and Mrs. Isiah White (Cecek), Wilmer Valentine and Mrs. Christine Anderson.

Get-well cards, please, to Union Memorial Hospital for George Benjamin Stovel, the Probation Department supervis