"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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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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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.

Cowboys dazzel, Colts perfect

Our Colts are in Miami to face another Super Bowl and hopefully the outcome will be quite different than the one in 1968. Johnny Unitas, Eddie Hinton, John Mackey and company have shown in the playoffs to be a touch down machine using near perfection in their victories over Cincinnati and Takland.

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Their job against Dallas, however, will have to be equal to if not better than their past performances.

The defense will have to be tougher against the dazzling complex offense of the Cowboys who have proven to be the authors of the "big play."

The offense must make the passing game work consistently against one of the best pass defenses in the league. According the the "Jimmy the Greek," we are two point underdogs.

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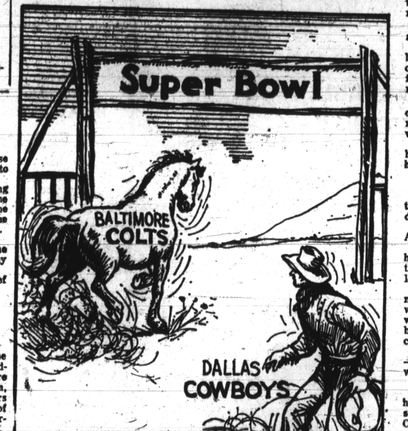
We all know, however, that on the right day, the Colts can beat any team in the league.

Let us all wish the Colts the best of luck in their game Sunday.



Picking On Panthers

police officer in the 1200 block Myrtle Ave. was followed by police running "hog wild" through black neighborhoods "hunting for Black Panthers" in what they said was another unrelated murder. Black citizens set up a howl. Also last year citizens black and white had to pull the police off the Panthers in East Baltimore and get their lights and gas turned back on.

Since then numerous young white students and adult sympathizers have joined the Panthers in feeding and clothing the poor and studying their problems. A candle has been lit.

But, for over a week now, numerous and strong murmurs of "witch hunting" where Panthers are concerned have been coming from the Court House where Panther member Marshall Edward Conway has been on trial for the police officer's murder. We believe in justice. Murder is wrong. But "witch hunting" is barbaric and bad news.

Many black and white citizens have been waging a long battle to keep our town off the list of cities accused of "picking on Panthers for the fun of it."

Because the Conway trial went on stage without the defendant, the event became unusual and put Baltimore in the spotlight around the globe anyhow. Then, regrettably, riding piggy-back on the air waves were murmurs of intimidation, persecution, intrigue and entrapment of Panthers from the witness stand and rumors of unjust tactics by the States Attorney's Office to get a conviction.

And, how is it we hear of a Panther being hidden away in the custody of the State's Attorney's Office, bounced around from one jail to another, coerced into a confession and without a bath for over three months? If indeed this is true, Baltimoreans can hang their heads in shame. How unfortunate, these murmurs!

Just when all citizens are boasting of a new era and grinning with pride over many black elected officials, the only black State's Attorney in the nation and Maryland's first black Congressman.

But, one high ranking police official has a remedy he says Baltimore needs "like real quick." Let us quit kicking Panthers around. As black citizens, let us get together with our Brothers and find out what's wrong. And then black and white, let us sit down quietly with the Panthers and hear their cry.

Let us all get together, learn to love one another right NOW!

Time For Hoover

The untouchable perennial of federal law enforcement, J. Edgar Hoover had another birthday on Jan. 1. The chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was 76.

Although age does things to all of us and there is every indication that it has made some inroads on the memory and capabilities of Mr. Hoover, there seems to be no effort on the part of the Nixon administration to retire the FBI head. In fact, a recent White House announcement indicated that Hoover will stay on as director of the federal police agency.

Why? Mr. Hoover has demonstrated that he has grown old on the job by several recent attacks on persons who are unable to defend themselves, one notably the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Too, his steadfastness shows a "self-centered concern for his own reputation" and has assailed any and all who dared criticize his department or his actions.

At 76, any other public servant would be retired and it is difficult for us to understand why Mr. Hoover does not fall into this category. If in 45 years, Mr. Hoover has not built the FBI into the law enforcement institution this country desires there is little that he can add to its progress at 76.

Besides he deserves a rest, and we think he ought to be glad to step down now and let a younger man take over while he is still around to give him a guiding hand.

Changes Tough At Best

The unfortunate clash between Superintendent of Schools Thomas D. Sheldon and the Board of School Commissioners has taken on dimensions out of proportion to the issues at hand.

Dr. Sheldon is a good superintendent of schools. But he is not the only good superintendent of schools. Nor is there any reason for handwringing over the prospects of Baltimore's hiring another good superintendent.

All the fault in this dispute has not been that of the board's, as so many among us would have us believe. Baltimore's school board does not have the worst record in the nation.

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For a major city in a transition period that will witness the arrival of black citizens, to a position of more representative participation in governmental affairs, the record suggests the board has been better than many we've had in the past.

In fact, if some of these previous boards had been more concerned about the education and welfare of all Baltimore's school children, the problems being thrashed out now would not cause such pain.

This is not to say that the school board has been correct in all its positions, nor that individual members from time to time have not been guilty of conduct that failed to reflect the proper image.

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It goes without saying that Dr. Sheldon has not been right on every occasion. He was right when he sided and won Mayor D'Alesandro's agreement, that Baltimore schools have been making progress under his leadership and that of the present board.

Dr. Sheldon does not set policy for the school system. The board does.

It is no new thing to discover that an administrator, no matter his talents or salary, sometimes finds it impossible to work with a policymaking body.

While it should be possible for both Dr. Sheldon and members of the board to reach a working arrangement that would be in the interest of children and the school system, if Dr. Sheldon has decided this cannot be done there is no way out other than his resignation and its acceptance by the board.

It has been plain from the outset that racial and political considerations have played too much of a role in this entire sordid affair. Neither of these issues will go away over-night, in fact, this year's elections are sure to have the school board hassle hovering over its outcome.

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Bringing about change in areas where emotions are easily stirred is tough business at best. Cooperation is demanded. It is unlikely that Dr. Sheldon was unaware of the general direction in which the board was moving when he came to Baltimore.

Despite the unfortunate developments on some issues on both sides of the current dispute, the board has been moving Baltimore in the right direction.

Mayor D'Alesandro's last-minute tongue lashing of the school board and the threat to fire all its members was little more than an effort to keep the situation from falling apart.

But the answer still lies in the superintendent, some superintendent and the school board, some school board, working as a team.

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

Political Notebook

TJD Has Reasons Not To Run

By MAX JOHNSON

For those who may be prove to wonder why Baltimore's Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandre 3rd is reluctant to run again to retain his office this year — there is need for some reminscing.

Young Tommy has faced crisis after city crisis since he took office.

I last had occasion to dwell on this back in May of 1969 — when the city faced a special election to lift the five per cent ceiling on its bonds to make them saleable.

The mayor successfully soldiered out from under that crisis — as he managed to some satisfactory degree with the many others.

But, now the man's tired of it all — he wants out while he still has his hair and a majority of it still black.

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Let's look back again, if you will.

Young Tommy had hardly gotten the mayoral seat warm — when civil disorders erupted in Baltimore.

They very properly called it the April inner city rioting — remember?

It wasn't long after that great big bump he managed to climb — that the sanitation workers took a prolonged walkout.

And if you try hard — you will remember that trouble shortly afterwards moved up the cultural ladder, with the walkout of disgruntled members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

That, too, disturbed a lot of citizens — including many who previously were lukewarm toward the orchestra.

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Then still later — easier to remember and not likely to be forgotten soon was that long strike of Transit Company bus drivers.

Along with all of this, a rebellious City Council was giving the mayor seloipmphardoous ehtiwrie ,regRorm more grief with some of his proposed key appointments — particularly his black ones.

Re member how they virtually spanked him for trying to name Walter Carter, militant activist, head of the Model Cities Agency?

Later — more headaches for the mayor was that indecent decency rioting at Memorial Stadium.

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Still later — there was the riting in East Baltimore.

These are some of the crises the mayor has had to face.

I said in that earlier column:

"Tommy seemed to attract trouble like a drunk with a pocketful of money."

I also said in that earlier column:

"A less hardy man long would have reached for a crying towel — maybe a flock of them."

I repeat both assertions now with renewed emphasis.

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For trouble is again with Mayor D'Alesandro — and rearing to monumental heights.

This time it comes in the form of Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent of city public schools — who wants to quit.

Dr. Sheldon wants out of his $50,000 a year job so badly — he is prepared to take another administrative post in education elsewhere paying at least $13,000 less.

Before Dr. Sheldon — there were other troubles in city education.

He had to stave off a teachers' strike.

He got in trouble with the black community for his lack of sensitivity to their demands for more proportionate representation on the School Board.

Black representation more in line with the majority black students in public schools.

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To be quite fair about the whole thing, though — some of the crises the mayor has faced he brought on himself.

Like this School Board thing — for example.

But, running any major city in these changing times is a headache — and Baltimore is no exception.

There are times, however, when a new face with new approaches to issues may more readily cope with disturbing matters.

Perhaps the black community's George L. Russell Jr., vastly experienced as an attorney, later Supreme Bench judge and now city solicitor, is that new ncafdes s' rmete ye dh inhao that new face needed in the mayor's seat at City Hall.

Tommy D'Aelsandro has had it — and he knows it better than anybody.

Racism And Black Children

By PAUL EVANS

One of the most formidable jobs existing in the plastic, commercial-oriented Western society in which we live is that of being an adequate black parent.

Two black psychiatrists address themselves to the role of the parent who is to black in the January issue of Redbook — a magazine written almost exclusively for young women newly married or new mothers.

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint of Harvard Medical School and Dr. James P. Comer of Yale Medical School thoughtfully explore the angulis and extreme difficulties of raising black children to become mentally secure adults without being psychologically introverted by "a society that is basically racist."

The black doctors offer suggestions toward that end which they note must be modified to fit the special needs of each particular black family.

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Immediately, they observe: "All children develop a positive self-image mainly from the consistent love and care of their parents and other significant adults in the environment. This is especially true for the children of minority groups. . . ."

They emphasize that black parents have shown very little evidence of support in past decades and must continue to do so during the present crisis in the country. If this is not continued they speculate that "the rhetoric of racial dignity will be self-defeating."

One of the initial stens in the process is that black children must be made to feel that they are not alone in the struggle for equal and human rights. "We must then encourage them," say the doctors, "to know our history, to appreciate our heritage and to fight for our rights."

"And this commitment must be mirrored in our own lives as well. Our involvement in politics, community programs and organizations struggling against racism gives children, a sense of control and mastery over their environment.

"At the same time our youngsters must be taught the intellectual and social skills necessary to be competent and achieve. All these things help prevent the feeling of powerlessness that develops so painfully early in the minds of many young Blacks."

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The second step is that white racist attitudes which black parents have unknowingly adopted must be brought to the surface and confronted. Examples are cited as "light-skinned" blacks with "good hair" being praised over blacks whose features are different. "A child exposed to such attitudes is certain to develop feelings of guilt and self-depreciation."

Children are not only injured directly but indirectly by the attitudes of their parents toward race and the position of other ethnic groups. "If a black child hears his parents make derogatory comments about other socio-economic groups or other minorities — Puerto Ricans, Irish, Jewish, Italians — it will undermine much of what he has been taught about brotherhood and equality of all men."

The authors tell us that it is not enough for black parents to rid themselves of racist attitudes: "We must prepare our children to handle the prejudices of others. To pretend to a child that racial harmony truly exists in the world is to deny him adequate preparation for reality."

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Dear Parent, have you ever asked yourself these questions: "But how do you explain white racism to a child without frightening him? How can you guarantee that the answers which you give will work?"

1. The physicians feel that parents should not initiate racial discussions, but should wait until the child's natural curiosity prompts him to do so. Then, his questions should be answered openly and honestly as befits the age of the child, "Above all your response must be geared toward protecting the child's self-esteem.

"It is the responsibility of all parents to reinforce their children's confidence in their own physical appearance. This is more difficult for Blacks because of the preoccupation of most Americans with the standards of "white beauty." Nonetheless, it is important for us to indoctrinate our children by using all-tributes typical of black beauty in our expressions of affection.

2. Parents shouldn't attempt to compensate for children their blackness with exaggerated (materialistic) reward.

"Sometimes we try to relieve our own sense of guilt for the burdens imposed on our children by being overgenerous and permissive.

"Sometimes status-conscious Black parents shower their children with clothes and toys in an attempt to make them feel superior to white children. But material gifts alone cannot give a child a sense of worth; in fact, they may give him a false sense of power." But the writers have to point out that an authoritarian approach to the problems of one's children may be just as damaging.

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They include, "Our job is to help our children develop that delicate balance between appropriate control and appropriate display (of anger, and expression of feelings."

"The black parents' superhuman task is raising an emotionally healthy child in a fundamentalmy unhealthy racist society. No black-pride program in the world can repair the damage should we neglect our task of being good parents.

3. "We must help our children assert themselves and at the same time channel their energy and aggression.

4. "Encourage one's children to complain about, and discuss their feelings of anger and frustration.

"The article concludes:"

In the German Federal Republic a law of 1897, taking account of the constitutional requirements of equality, abrogated an earlier provision by which the husband had the power to decide all questions concerning the conjugal life and, in a particular, to determine the patriarchal home.

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If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE MOSS

Prayers for the week

Here are some more original prayers we shared on our knees on New Year's Eve.

Lord, it is easy to hate and be bitter, help me to recognize that love and respect for others is the lesson you teach and to follow your example of peace and good will to all men. Amen.

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Lord, 1970 has been good to us all. As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we look back and realize the many gains which have come about in our city, state and nation because black men and women have had faith in Thee and have persevered to bring about meaningful change. Bless those who have taken the leadership in the fight for equal rights for all. Give them continued strength, courage and commitment in this new year. — AMEN

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Lord, love of fellow man, concern for others, commitment to the fight for right have been guidelines in the families represented here tonight—for four generations. Help the younger ones here tonight to remember it is more important to serve Thee than to clamor for a dollar and lose sight of the need for dedicated men and women — AMEN.

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Dear Lord, we give Thee thanks for all the blessings we have received in 1970. As we begin a new year we recognize that whatever good has come is because of Thee. Help us to remember from whence cometh our strength. — AMEN

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O Lord we realize that a New Year, like a new baby has promise of exciting things to come. We ask Thy blessing upon the new baby year. Surround her with Thy Love. — AMEN.

People, Places and Things

Both Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro and City Councilwoman Victorine Adams spoke to Morgan State College students this week, on various aspects of politics and government.

For the 12th year Councilwoman Adams on Monday spoke on "Grassroots Politics" to the class in Black Politics. She told of her early experiences "when the white political power structure did not listen to black people," or "when black politicians paid their women no mind," of her founding of two organizations to give black women "some political

The organizations still exists: The Colored Women's Democratic Club and Woman Power, Inc.

and The Mayor spoke to the classes Metropolitan Government and Intergovernment Relations and on Municipal Government and Administration, in his office, on Thursday. He told them the problems of Baltimore that cannot be solved unless the counties and the city work together, and he answered questions of the students.

The classes that heard Mayor D'Alesandro and Mrs. Adams are conducted by Dr. G. James Fleming, professor of political science.

The classes that heard Mayor More People, Places and Things

Baby Note: It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll Webb, (Melda) born January 8, they named him Malcolm Wade.

Grandparents of 7 pound Malcolm are Mrs. Bertha Jones and Mrs. Roberta Rubens Webb Govan, of Orangeburg, S.C.

Mr. Webb is a deputy branch chief of the Social Security Administration and Mrs. Govan is a Social Security program analyst.

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Believe it or not this did happen in our town last week.

BALTIMORE — You would think it could cost more to replace a Gas and Electric lamp pole and light instead of a city fire alarm box but not so.

If you are one of those unfortunate persons to have an automobile accident at a corner where a fire alarm box, gas and electric pole or a U.S. mail box are, in addition to the bill for car repairs you will get some like this:

Fire Alarm Box. Bureau of Collections, City of Balto. . . . . $463.30.

Ornamental Lamp Pole and Repairing Electric St. Light . . . $210.04.

U. S. Mail Box . . . $35.00.

Total $708.34.

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Dr. King Cheek, president elect of Morgan State College will be the guest speaker on Sunday, 5 p.m. at the installation services for the officers and board members of the NAACP.

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CUFF NOTE: Prayers please for the family of Taswell Lewis. He is the AFRO photoengraver who was buried today following services at Douglas Memorial Church.

His wife, Mrs. Aurelia Lewis, has been in Sinai Hospital since December 27, and was released to attend the funeral.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lewis (Cora) long members of Douglas Memorial. His father is a mechanical department supervisor and his brother William also an AFRO photoengraver.

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Thought For The Week

Thank you, God, for little things that often come our way.

The things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray.

The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed. A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.

Oh make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces that come to us with "sweet surprise" from never-dreamed-of places.

(above prayer was written by Helen S. Rice)

It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE

"The modern individual family is founded on the open or concealed domestic slavery of the wife. . . " wrote Engels in "Origin of the family, Private Property and the State." Husband and wife are, as an Australian judge once put it, linked together by a "mixs of indefinable rights and duties . . . sometimes gathered under the word 'consortium.'"

Thus by virtue of the consortium they are under a duty to share a home, the husband (and occasionally the wife) is under a duty to earn a living and to support the other spouse and the children, the wife must manage the household, look after the children and the spouses owe each other marital intercourse.

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If the spouses differ on a matter affecting their matrimonial life, e.g., where they are to live, the older rule was that the husband decided. This was the law under the common-law tradition and on the European continent.

The provision of the French civil code that the husband owed his wife protection and she owed him obedience was repealed in 1938, but in France, as also in Switzerland, he remains the head of the family, although he must exercise this power in the interest of the family.

Even so, in both countries it is he who determines the location of the home, and in French law the wife may refuse to share in only in exceptional cases of moral or physical danger to herself or the children, in which case the judge determines her residence.

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In other countries the modern postulate of equality of the sexes has led to more radical changes.

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WILLIAM SYKES — Mr. Sykes, head of the Model Cities Agencies, is seen here answering questions fired at him by members of the City Council who attacked him on recent Model Cities' spending.

Panthers

(FROM PAGE ONE)

lecting on the city.

The lengthy and unusual trial being carried on without the presence of defendant Conway has focused the nation's eyes on Baltimore.

From the frequent Panther Press conferences have come many pleadings for correction of what in their eyes is violation of their Constitutional rights.

Among the charges the group is presenting to Mr. Allen is their belief that Assistant State's Attorney Peter Ward has used unethical methods, including intimidation, to get testimony against Conway from witnesses.

In a press release Thursday, the Party revealed it feels if Ward's methods are permitted to go on, he will work in the future to obtain a murder warrant against Panther Defense Captain Paul Coates and "even his murder," they state.

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The Panther press release charges, "Ward has railroaded Eddie and is now working to jail or kill defense Captain Paul Coates.

"The citizens of Baltimore should keep their eyes on the cases of Eddie Conway and Paul Coates and the entire Black Panther Party so that when the jailing or murder of Coates takes place the plot will be recognized.

"We demand a full and extensive investigation concerning the lies from paid states witness Charles Reynolds (ordered by Peta Ward); the lies that named Panther Defense Captain Paul Coates as 'the person who ordered the death of Donald Sager.

"We further demand that Pete Ward be taken off the staff of Baltimore Attorney Milton B. Allen as prosecutor who has used trickery, lies and foul play against the Black Panther Party and black citizens as a whole."

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The Criminal Court trial of Marshall Edward Conway is expected to conclude today.

This morning (Friday) James McAllister is addressing the jury.

Thursday ended with the state through Peter Ward, asking the jury for a Second degree Murder verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Mr. McAllister, who told the jury in his opening statement that the state has a "weak" case based on "trumped up testimony from a 'stoolie' who wanted to save his own neck," will call for a verdict of not guilty.

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On Wednesday Arthur Turco, the white Panther lawyer now confined to Baltimore City Jail in the same cell with Conway and privately retained as the defendant's lawyer, sent a message to Judge Harris.

The typewritten motion asked to have a mistrial declared. He also wanted the testimony of Charles Reynolds stricken from the record, and the jury so advised.

Judge Harris read the motion out of the presence of the jury and denied it. However, the motion was made a part of the trial record.

In Mr. Turco's statement of facts he told the court that the State's Attorney's Office will indulge in any immoral, corrupt and illegal activity to convict Conway.

He referred to Reynolds as a "paid criminal" who made a deal with the States Attorney's Office "to help himself out."

Accusing the State's Attorney's Office of "coming up with a pre-planned lie" Mr. Turco said he felt it was wrong for the man to be allowed to testify before the jury.

He said, "I am shocked the court would condone it when it shows obvious trickery."

Stating that Reynolds should be held for perjury he also termed the plan Reynolds carried out for the State's Attorney's Office a pre-planned execution of Conway and the Panther Party generally.

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The highlight of Tuesday's session, out of the presence of the jury, came shortly before noon when Judge Charles D. Harris ruled that Jack Ivory Johnson did not have to testify in the Marshall Conway murder trial.

Johnson, a co-defendant, refused at any time to testify claiming immunity because of the fifth ammendment.

His attorney Benjamin Brown told the court that Johnson had been offered immunity to all charges relating to the murder if he would testify against Conway.

Conway was present during parts of the morning session and told the court the trial was both illegal and unjust because he was not represented by an attorney of his choice.

He said repeatedly that he had nothing to do with the murder charge.

Shouts of "Right on" were heard during Conway's speech. Guards removed three Panther supporters from the court.

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The state's chief witness before the jury was a Charles Reynolds, 23 of Jackson, Mich., who testified that Conway had told him in the city jail that Conway had participated in the killing of Officer Sagel.

Reynolds also quoted Conway as saying he was given orders by the regional director of the Black Panther Party a Paul Coates, that "some pigs had to be killed." He also testified on the step-by-step movements of the killings as told by him by Conway.

After the prosecution had ended, Conway jumped to his feet and in a clear voice said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself coming in here telling a bunch of lies. How can you sit there and say all these things? Who paid you!"

Judge Harris asked Conway to sit down and be quiet.

Conway replied, "How can you allow a man with a record like this to come in here and talk about me. . . .all lies, every one."

Conway left the court room when Judge Harris refused to let him cross examine Reynolds.

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James McAlister, court appointed attorney for Conway, cross-examined Reynolds.

McAlister: "Have you ever informed before?"

Reynolds: "Yes."

McAlister: "Of course you have! Aren't you a paid informer?"

Reynolds: "No, I am not."

McAlister: "Why did you inform before?"

Reynolds: "I had hoped to get an early parole."

McAlister: "Did you?"

Reynolds: "Yes."

McAlister: "The only reason you came to testify here today is because you wanted to get an early parole. Isn't that right?"

Reynolds: "Yes that is true."

McAlister also determined that Reynolds had been convicted of forgery charges and had escaped from the Lansing Michigan House of Correction.

According to testimony Reynolds, escaped from his wife and two children, had fled Michigan to Baltimore. He was arrested by Baltimore City Police on May 19, 1970 and placed in Conway's cell over Conway's objections.

Reynolds quoted Conway saying that Johnson, Powell, and Conway walked behind a plice car armed with pistols. Johnson and Powell, according to Reynolds fired from opposite ends of the car and fled.

Reynolds told the jury that Conway said he went to his mother's house and cut his hair to prevent being identified. The next day Conway allegedly went to the harbor and threw his weapon off of Pier 4.

Reynolds also said that he wrote everything down that Conway said and called the Baltimore Police Department when he was extradicted to Michigan.

Reynolds said that he gave Peter Ward, the prosecutor, a written statement that recounted his entire conversation with Conway.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE HERALD, a social, fraternal and philanthropic group of young men, hosted 700 guests at a dance at Martin's West, recently. The hosts, above, include Arschel Morell, Wilbert Hillard, Robert McKingley, Robert Vassar, John Dailey, Russell Hopewell, Leslie Goodell, Charles Langley, Theodore Harrison, Harold Davis, Robert Harrison, Leon Gilouvie and Walter Straiten.

School board

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mayor would not concentrate on form but substance — we understand that your've got to crack eggs to make an omelet."

Holding a hurriedly arranged press conference at Friendship Airport (enroute to Miami) last night; coming directly from the lengthy (3-hour) meeting at the 25th Street headquarters of the Department of Education, the Mayor told the AFRO, "I hope that members of the School Board will search their minds and find ways of cooperating together.

"I hope that after each member has made an analysis of the problem that he feels that it is in the best interests of the school system to remain on the board, the Mayor will be behind them. If he sees otherwise, I am willing to accept his resignation."

The Mayor, strongly emphasizing his words, said that he went to the school board meeting to have a "heart-to-heart" talk with his Commissioners.

The Board was sitting as Committee of the Whole to act upon the request of the School Superintendent, Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon; to be released from his contract with the city (which runs until June, 1973) to accept a position with the New York State Department of Education as Deputy Commissioner for Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education.

However, D'Alesandro said, "I hope that I convince to the Board today that I want Tom Sheldon to stay." The Mayor noted that he included Dr. Sheldon in his message to the Board to be more cooperative and less personal in its debate and discussion with each other.

He would not state emphatically, but did say, he thought Sheldon would "stroll" into consider his request to leave the city and would remain.

He said the names of Nicholas Mangione and Sam Daniels would not be submitted to the City Council soon. He noted that they would be known as "holdover" appointments and would serve at his pleasure.

When asked how soon he would make further nominations to the Council the Mayor said it would be contingent upon his observations of the actions of the Board during the coming weeks and months.

D'Alesandro said he felt that Sam Daniels was being used as a pawn "by some Councilmen" in that he was being held responsible for many of the Board's problems simply because his appointment was up for renewal.

"I don't want to stifle dissent. I hope that the Board will iron out more of its problems in executive sessions . . .The screaming at the school board's public sessions must stop."

The Mayor said that he knows each of the members of the board personally and can appreciate the worth of each member. He felt that the board consists of a "legitimate cross-section of the community" from a variety of backgrounds.

The Mayor told newsmen that in reflecting on the school crisis he would have acted sooner on the matter than he has up to now.

The presence of the city's chief executive at the closed session of the School Board meeting is the climatic point of a dilemma which has been slowly simmering for the last four months when rumors were first reported of Dr. Sheldon's desire to leave the city.

The single most potent issue in bringing th crisis to a head was the controversial hassle over the appointment of Samuel L. Banks as the director of the Social Studies Revision Commission.

Taking place during the months of October and November, the attempt by the five-man majority of the board to name Banks over the openly expressed disapproval of Sheldon brought the board to an open split between liberal and conservative members.

The Mayor stepped in to resolve the situation only when the terms of two of the members were expiring.

After meeting with the D'Alesandro expressed the opinion that all of the members would remain in active service.

The only board member absent from the closed session was Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss who was in bed with a cold.

The board is expected to meet next Thursday with Dr. Sheldon to discuss his remaining in his position.

Before adjourning to meet with the board and the Mayor yesterday he had said at a Tuesday press conference that he was unequivocal in his desire to leave the city's top school position.

Mrs. Marion Banfield said this morning: the Baltimore Public School system is in a very difficult period. Dr. Sheldon's wish to leave this $50,000 a year job has been upsetting to the public.

"Think of the news media has blamed his decision to leave Baltimore on his problems with black members of the Board of School Commissioners.

"To charge that black members have thwarted the progress of education not be for the welfare of our black and white students is a most serious matter.

"I have attended public board meetings and have not always agreed with the personal approaches of either white or black members.

"Now, if personal relationships are so offensive that the educational system is kept from meeting the educational needs of white and black children, it is time for Dr. Shelton to make a clear statement to the public.

"We have a right to know what programs have been mutually acceptable between him and the board and where there has been a battle ground. The tax payers also need to know who turned the situation into battles and why this was done.

"The liberal school board members have been intelligent, hard working advocates for an educational system more responsive to todays urban problems.

"I feel the mayor was justly exercising his leadership role for the whole community when he met with the board in private session.

"There has been too much bickering in public. Let it be clearly understood that the white conservative board members are at times very offensive in their remarks to other board members and in their demeanor to the audience.

"School board meetings are serious points of our educational process and should be conducted mindfully of good public relations.

"The board and Dr. Shelton need to realize that there will be more community awareness and involvement with the education of our students.

"It is to be hoped that the role of superintendent will be made clear to the community and through the public media. The role of the School Commissioners also needs to be made clear. We have the right to know more about accountability for the education of our children."

Dr. Homer Favor, Morgan State College educator, had this to say: "It is indeed a sad state of affairs when people in responsible places cannot get on about the business of providing a rich educational experience to this city's youngsters.

"I recall quite vividly the late Lawrence Pacquin's statement to that those of us who are concerned about the educational process ought expend our energies in building an excellent system rather than in supporting persons like himself to head it.

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"Apparently we have inherited a legacy that proves deleterious to the expectations of educators in the class of George Leonard, Frank, Reasman, Herbert Cole and a host of others who have written sound treatises on the nature of an inspirational educational process.

"We find ourselves on the horns of a dilemma because many are seeking the best for youngsters and in the process would up being castigated as at best being self-serving. This is indeed tragic.

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"Hopefully Baltimoreans of whatever color or hue will not be sidetracked by the furor of the present debacle. There's ample evidence that historically, youngsters who happen to be black were not dealt with equally.

"The Baltimore School Board is the only board, to my knowledge, that has the kind of black representation somewhat approaching the proportion of the total of the city's black population.

"My fear is that the unmindful will interpret the difficulties encountered as being somehow or another related to this black influence in the decision-making process.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. Much of the despair that we find surfaces involved in can be directly attributed to racist decisions made and cemented long before the city recognized its dereliction in the need for black representation and leadership.

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"Hopefully the mayor, the board members and the superintendent will be able to reconcile whatever differences that exist between them and move in the direction of providing quality education to all the city youngsters.

"Anything less that this would be tantamount to the basest of criminal acts, merely because such acts would mean that a child's potential would not be realized.

A spokesman of the Black United Front and Parents United for Quality Education said the AFRO:

"If the Mayor is going to compel the School Board in their actions, the school board itself serves little purpose."

"The Mayor, in the past, has said the School Board is autonomous."

"We are going to call for a school boycott and federal investigation because the Mayor condones the actions of Dr. Sheldon, even after a School Board commissioner has publicly stated that Dr. Sheldon is guilty of racism against black children in the Baltimore Public School System."

Congressman Parren Mitchell speaking from his office in Washington this morning (Friday) had this to say:

"The black community and those in the white community who desire progressive educational change will not tolerate the Mayor's seeming attempt to intimidate those members of the Board who have consistently sought to make the school system more responsive to our community.

"The Mayor's threat regarding the removal of certain members from the Board constituted an unseemly political intervention into a very serious educational crisis.

"Do his comments indicate capitulation to the conservative forces which act contrary to the need of a concerned progressive educational community?"

Contributions

Dear AFRO:

I have Mayor D'Alesandro and the School Board stating that recent news releases indicate that the Board and the City of Baltimore are at the crossroads in reconsidering the directions of much of its educational policy for the next decade.

Most of the questions that a rise concern themselves with Dr. Sheldon's desires to be released from his contract.

Whatever our feelings for Dr. Sheldon's ability, he has indicated by this action his unwillingness to remain in his present position in the face of difficulties, and we must accept Dr. Sheldon's assessment of his own energies and commitment.

To retain Dr. Sheldon in his position in view of this action would diminish the mechanism by which the total citizenry of Baltimore can participate in determining the policy and the direction of their education system.

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Independent of the assessment of Dr. Sheldon's immediate desires to resign I think that any consideration as to his retention should be based upon an analytical evaluation of his contributions to education Maryland.

As a private citizen, I have not been apprised of specific and innovative contributions that Dr. Sheldon has made to the school system in Baltimore.

I do agree that his personality has not allowed for him to have the strong kind of collective administration that would have benefited the populous of Baltimore City and Maryland that must indeed be the final charges of this responsibility.

I find it difficult to accept the careless management of the Department of Education's funds which accrued an over-expenditure of $3,000,000 as indicative of a good administration.

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To be more specific, the concept of the community schools as developed by his predecessor, Dr. Laurence G. Paquin, has been a virtual disaster during this administration.

The attempts to make patchwork out of the changes were less than fruitful, and these were brought about by a lack of understanding of the kinds of programs that were designed and on the drawing board.

Under Dr. Sheldon's leadership, federal grant money designated for tu