What The AFRO Stands For

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

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

Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

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

A black owned and operated taxicab company.

A black owned and operated bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

"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 1970 Honor Roll

When late AFRO publisher, Dr. Carl Murphy, initiated the AFRO Honor Roll in November, 1938, he urged his editors and reporters to look around them and select persons or groups which render service to the community and give them a pat on the back.

The pat on the back was a place on the AFRO Honor Roll, an annual list which salutes those who have served the community excellently.

This year, in true AFRO tradtion, the Honor Roll has a cross-section of persons who have 'reflected credit upon the community.'

In the 1970 group are 12 individuals and one organization.

Five of the honorees are women, one of whom is a minister. Another minister is among the nine men.

The roll includes two youngsters, four office-holders and the two co-chairmen of the Mayor's Task Force on Education.

Unhappily, the list of nominations was much longer. There are many more deserving persons in our community who could qualify for this highest AFRO honor.

We think, however, that the 12 individuals and the organization named this year typify the spirit of the AFRO Honor Roll founder. We feel they deserve the plaudits of the entire community.

No Flowers In Mart

There is no excuse for the rowdy conduct exhibited by some youngsters at Baltimore's annual Flower Mart on Wednesday.

Likewise, there is no excuse for the conduct of some police officers on duty.

AFRO phones have been busy since the showdown between hundreds of police and teenagers. They shut down the spring show before many customers could taste their favorite crab cakes or purchase perennials.

Several incensed callers asked what are YOU (the AFRO) going to do about the bad (sic) conduct at the Flower Mart??

Here is our reply—we are going to do what this newspaper has done for 78 years—point out the facts and urge those in responsible positions to 'do something.'

We will go further, here, and suggest that those who might start 'doing something' are the parents of the youngsters who invaded the Flower Mart.

The same parents who call to ask the name of an NAACP lawyer or the Legal Aid Bureau to bail their youngsters out of jail can 'do something' themselves before their kids get in trouble.

They must join hands with school and church officials—they must take leadership roles in organizing meaningful activities which will reach their children (the youngsters call this being relevant).

They can find the time to instill in them the age-old truisms—it is wrong to steal, it is wrong to assault another without provocation, it is wrong to take advantage of others' freedom.

They must teach them that if they would be free to determine their own destiny they must first allow freedom of movement of others in their pursuit of happiness, whether the occasion is a flower mart, a rock and roll show or a ride on a public vehicle.

If they don't help their youngsters learn that they must respect the rights of others, they'll have to find out the hard way—in a city jail or some other institution.

Morgan State's new president, Dr. King V. Cheek, followed this reasoning in a recent speech when he decried the fact that parents have "completely abdicated their responsibilities so that too many of our youngsters grow up believing they can do what they please without regard to rules and common laws of decency.

We agree.

While the 'do something' parents react to Wednesday's 'bad' situation and hopefully join with civic, church, school and other community leaders to help prevent rowdyism, we hope Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau will take a second look at the manner in which the men-in-blue policed the mart.

The Commissioner, Mayor D'Alesandro and State's Attorney Milton B. Allen issued public statements in this edition praising the activity of policemen.

In the main, we would agree, that except for a small minority, the officers of both races acted professionally.

Just as the rowdies who broke up the flower mart are a small minority in our community, men in blue who over-reacted are in the minority.

It is up to all of us, the callers who want to 'do something,' city officials and the police, everybody, to work arduously to help educate the minorities—the rowdy teens and the rowdy police—so that our city may be safe for all citizens.

On To Mayoralty Victory

Now that there are two major black candidates in the race for mayor, newcomer Senator Clarence Mitchell III, D-4th, and earlier announced City Solicitor George L. Russell, Jr., it might be interesting to speculate on the outlook.

First off, it is not impossible, as so many suggest and would have you believe, that two black candidates aspiring for mayor automatically means neither can be successful.

When viewed in the light of what happened in Newark and what took place more recently in Gary, Ind., the prospect of Baltimore's electing a black mayor does not become impossible because both Russell and Mitchell are among the candidates.

Take a look at what admittedly are some loose figures backed up by nothing more than possibilities and a bit of history that need not relate directly to Baltimore.

Suppose, for starters, that Baltimore has about 350,000 to 355,000 voters qualified for the Democratic primary. About a third of them would be black.

Now let's suppose that there is a turnout among white Democrats of about 70 per cent and among blacks of about 65 per cent for the primary election. (In Gary this month some 70 per cent of the black vote apparently turned out.)

Figure now that whichever of the black candidates does best in the white areas will pull about 18 per cent of the total white voter turnout. Whichever of them gains favor of the black community will rack up at least 75 per cent of this turnout (in Gary Mayor Hatcher garnered about 90 per cent of the black vote over another major black candidate).

The overall mood of Baltimore at this point, four months from the primary showdown, suggests that either Russell or Mitchell is going to come off even better than these speculations indicate, and the other will show up worse.

But the point of this comment is that black voters should not be lulled into complacency by those who would have them believe the chance of achieving historic progress for Baltimore this year has been killed by the fact both Russell and Mitchell are running.

Admittedly, the odds have been cut. But victory can be had. It is important that AFRO readers understand this.

Radical For Justice

(A Guest Editorial)

The following are excerpts from a speech delivered to graduates of Mt. Providence Catholic School on Sunday by Parren J. Mitchell, (D.-7th. Md.):

If I sound like a radical or an agitator, it is because I am. I am a radical for justice. I am an agitator for change. I don't think that we can bring off the reform we want within the system without agitation.

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.
—1929

I know that agitation is unpopular. Many people do not have the stomach for it, even those who say they want change. This was apparent in Washington this past week.

Many good men who work for change in the Congress were afraid to support the demonstrations.

For these sincere but perhaps timid souls, I recall the words of Frederick Douglass, the black abolitionist and leader of black people in the 19th century.

He said "those who profess to favor freedom and yet do not appreciate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground.

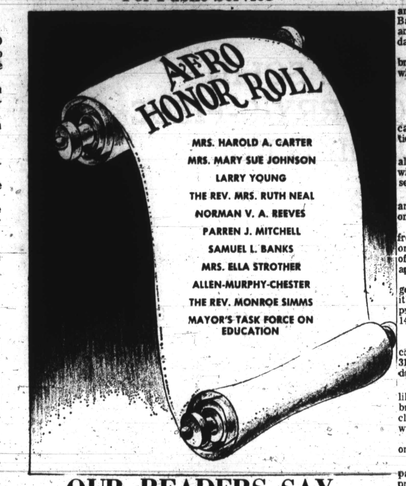
"They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its waters.

"This struggle may be a moral one or it may be a physical one, or it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle.

"Power concedes nothing without demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what people will submit to and you will find out just the amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them.

"And these will continue until they are resisted with either words or blows or both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."

For Public Service



OUR READERS SAY

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Commitment To Opportunity

Dear AFRO:

Many persons have in their thinking that our newly elected black Congressman (Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th Md.), is an opportunist.

I heartily agree, but not with the same meaning or intent as those persons insinuate.

Our congressman is an opportunist in a positive sense, for the people.

He is seizing and expending the opportunity to serve his constituents, who have been in prior years without real voice in the halls of Congress.

He is taking the advantage of the opportunity to expose those systems and institutions, which for so long have given only rhetoric and lip service to the poor—black and white.

He is taking the opportunity to give his support to those who are fighting against inequality in housing, education, employment, political and social emasculation of the poor and varied ethnic minorities.

He is taking the opportunity to serve the causes to which he is, and has been long committed — the principles of justice for all persons.

He is taking the opportunity to commit to action, as he always has, those talents of which he is so imminently endowed.

He is taking the opportunity to dispense with vacuous rhetoric, and to substitute in its place, action.

Many more of us should be so opportunistically committed.

ROLAND H. GANGES

Cherry Hill Plans

Dear AFRO: Members of the Cherry Hill Improvement Committee will be working throughout the community during the weekend of May 14, requesting signatures from the residents.

This is a petition to prevent construction of new high rent apartments near the city dump until the present apartments in Cherry Hill are in decent and adequate living conditions, and the incinerator is permanently closed.

The Cherry Hill Improvement Committee is planning to deal more effectively and directly with the problems confronting the people in Cherry Hill with a mass meeting of all the residents on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at St. Veronica Church on Cherry Hill Road.

Mrs. Gwendolyn McLaughlin,
Mrs. Bobbie Clark,
Michael Brown and
Mr. Avon Martin

Cab Drivers

Dear AFRO:

The cab drivers, I am sure, thought they would be coming out ahead with the new increase in fare as well as the phone for a cab increase also; only to have the people who house their cabs also ask the drivers for an increase too.

They are seeking from two to three dollars and fifty cents, the cab drivers said that is too much since the people are not tipping like they used to; they cannot see how they can pay more money so they go out on a strike.

Like I wrote sometime ago, if you think that when you do get a raise you will have something to take home forget it because the cost of goods and services will also go up.

Mr. RICHARD JOHN

Thought For Today

Dear AFRO

No person of good will questions "Peace Now" — certainly it is noble, well-intentioned. But one wonders about results. Is this the way something will be accomplished? Who what really controls the mechanism for effective, meaningful action? I'm afraid tomorrow it will still be "Business As Usual" with the war not diminished one iota, and the end still out of sight.

We little people cry for guidance and help. Where are the wise people, those with the know-how? Are they working on this Frankenstein?

Reason should prevail over rhetoric. Why is it the good in us must be carefully cultivated? The evil in us grows like weeds! Is there no hope? Will our aspirations evaporate into nothing?

B. J. SMALL

Death Story

Dear AFRO: We wish to thank the AFRO so much for printing such a beautiful article on the slaying of our son, Bernard M. Johnson. It was printed clearly and exactly as if I had printed it myself.

Everyone who read the article was very pleased and proud that our AFRO had done such a wonderful work of art even though it was a tragic thing.

Thanks also to Mr. Frank W. Phillips 3rd for his taking the pictures. They were clear and arranged so well.

MR. AND MRS.
BERNARD JOHNSON

EDITOR'S NOTE: — Young Johnson was slain at St. Katharine's Catholic Church while attending a youth club dance. Two youths, age 15, are being held without bail in connection with the death.)

Patuxent View

Dear AFRO: In your May 8, 1971 issue I am quoted as saying, 'unless things have changed drastically, Lacel Gallup, the man you're leading people to believe is a crusader is really an animal.'

I did not call Gallup an animal. What I said was taken out of context. The reporter asked me whether I feel that any human being should be treated as Gallup was being treated and I said as my personal opinion, not from my firsthand knowledge, that if as he has reported that the man is being treated as an animal, it is because of his reaction as far as the things he has done in the institution.

It is also misleading and taken out of context to quote me as saying the officers at Patuxent are the scum of the earth. I didn't say that.

I said the officers down there are the real ones being oppressed by not having definite guidelines to go by, no guidelines from the medical staff or the custodial staff.

I left Patuxent in 1967 and I know what was going on then. (Ed note: He was a guard) I don't know what is going on now. It is most important that you make it clear that I did not know Gallup and I did not call him an animal. — WILLIAM BLUEFORD

Bullets Pleased

Dear AFRO:

Just a word of thanks to you and your staff for the fine coverage you provided the Bullets during the past NBA season.

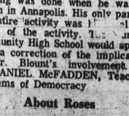
I would like to add a special word of gratitude for the marvelous wrap-around with the first page devoted to the Bullets. I thought the photo coverage was really sensational, the exposure for us was excellent.

On behalf of all of us here thank you for being so gracious. — JERALD S. SACHS, Executive Vice President

EDITOR'S NOTE: AFRO Sports Editor Sam Lacy and AFRO Staff Photographer Frank W. Phillips 3rd were responsible for the beautiful Bullet photos and stories mentioned in this letter.

ODDS AND ENDS

Flower Mart Trouble Sign Of Deeper Issues


MR. EVANS

By PAUL EVANS

Sitting at my typewriter this afternoon (Wednesday), I am getting a minute-by-minute account of what's going on at the annual Flower Mart in Charles Center.

The traditional day seems to herald the beginning of all the best that warm, pleasant weather means to the Baltimore community.

Along with the good, nice things about living in Baltimore during the almost six months of warm weather comes another problem which many would-rather not face. This year, bringing about a change in city government, is a good time to bring it up.

The riots which shook Baltimore in 1968 have not been forgotten although the physical rejuvenation, in most cases, seems to have come along quite well.

The riots, experts finally recognized, were a sign of dissatisfaction with national problems as well as an overt sign of dissatisfaction and "feduness" with the city administration's handling of the problems of police-community relations and a myriad of other urban conditions.

Someone asked, "Why are those damn troublemakers always either black or young white hippies?"

The questioner has missed much of what has been going on in the city for the last few years.

The festival atmosphere of the Flower Mart and the art exhibits in Charles Center and Read St., has served as a sounding board for many youths and adults as to what needs to be done in Baltimore, the state and the country.

Living within the psyche of many participating in the disruptions is the knowledge that Baltimore and the police react only after provocation.

Although all of the participants — and that includes some blacks and whites—are not sincere and were just out for trouble, this column believes most of them are honest in what they are trying to say.

Another bulletin: "The Flower Mart is a wreck and has been closed down," says the caller.

Everyone is asking: "Why? What is the problem? Are they all hell raising young people?"

Another bulletin: A white woman, who identified herself as such, called to say the Flower Mart was wrecked by "little black boys and it is a shame there can't be anything for the colored children."

Let's not throw up our hands in despair and depression. Let's not blame anyone until all of the facts are known.

Certainly, we can't let the idea of urban art festivals and flower marts die.

This column calls on those candidates for mayor to prepare for the public as soon as possible their views on the handling of the civil unrest and recommendations for remedy.

This column urges those knowledgeable in the fields of mental health, both black and white, to educate the politicians and the public on the causes of urban disruptions by some youngsters.

For the last ten years, the nation has witnessed substantial disruptions and reaction has grown more repressive. So violence on a massive scale are ever given a follow-through.

They are somewhat like applying a bandage to a gunshot wound of the stomach.

Discussion must be held constantly throughout the summer, especially while the campaign for mayor and city councilman is in progress.

A solution must come before the Baltimore City Fair scheduled for September. That festival will be located in the same general area.

There are deeper signs and problems and reasons which must be brought to light and exposed and solved.

Baltimore has no future for anyone unless every effort is made by all to solve the problems of our fair city.

Blount Wrongly Accused

(EDITOR'S NOTE : Below are excerpts from a letter sent to a daily paper, a copy of which was forwarded to the AFRO for publication. This complaint did not affect this newspaper, for the AFRO published a true account of this voter registration.)

Dear AFRO:

I would like to bring to your attention an erroneous comment made in The Sun, May 4, 1971, in an article concerning the Voter Registration Drive conducted by the Dunbar Community High School. The article was entitled "Youth Flex Electoral Muscles."

A statement was made that could be interpreted to imply that the Dunbar principal, Clarence W. Blount, who is also a state senator from the fifth district, walked at the head of the march to the Court House to register students. This statement is untrue. Mr. Blount was in a conference at the time.

Mr. Blount had no connection with this operation. In fact, most of the planning was done when he was in session in Annapolis. His only part in the entire activity was his approval of the activity. Dunbar Community High School would appreciate a correction of the implication of Mr. Blount's involvement. — NATHANIEL McFADDEN, Teacher, Problems of Democracy

About Roses

Nearly everybody knows
Roses had a cause
To crush a rose
The rose reacts
And shows its scorn
It's lone defense
A painful thorn.

PAUL D. McALLISTER
DAUGHTRY

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

Wheelin', Dealin' Time Is Here

MR. JOHNSON

BY MAX JOHNSON

In the vernacular of the political arena — the next several weeks in Baltimore City will be the "wheelin' and dealin' time" for mayoral candidates and their key backers.

Voters should be reminded — and braced not to be overly surprised at whatever happens with whom.

Politics is big business.

Let's look at the shaping picture: —

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July 6 is the final filing date for all candidates in the fall municipal elections.

None but the very naive will expect all candidates who have announced or will do so are really to be viewed as serious candidates.

Some will have been "bought in" — and others, maybe some of the same ones, are hoping to be "bought out."

In essence, this means cold cash from somebody to somebody else — or its equivalent in some other form of gratuity, possibly a patronage job appointment.

There is nothing new about this generally accepted practice — and it's inevitable it will crop up in the prelude to this city's primary Sept. 14.

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Some idea of the shape of things to come will come to pass with the July 31 deadline date for candidacy withdrawals.

By that time — some of the far less likely winners will have come, or be brought, to the enlightening conclusion that their personal interests will be better served by getting out.

But — there will invariably remain one or two quite stubborn ones.

Usually they are the far less capable in the field — and it takes a primary to weed them out.

Such a situation could be facing Baltimore City — leading up to the Democratic primary in the mayoral race.

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Everybody wants to run for mayor, — with qualifications secondary.

At this point there stands the almost unbelievable fact that at least three of the announced candidates know so little about City Hall — they are virtually strangers there.

Their lack of knowledge of this city's governmental agencies and their operation is shameful for a mayoral candidate.

Yet, one of the three would step in and attempt to run this city — a city with all sorts of aches and pains and a steadily rising property tax rate.

The whole thing is ridiculous — and the public should view the picture as such.

A popularity contest is one thing — but qualifications to move Baltimore City to a progressive degree is something else again.

This holds for any city — for that matter.

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Sometime in the none too distant future — candidates for public office will most likely be screened by way of qualifications, etc., as persons seeking employment in governmental agencies as well as in industry.

This is a variation of a point I have often made in this column: everybody has a right to run for public office — but more often a person has a moral obligation not to do so.

I can't think of a bigger moral obligation in this respect than an outstanding lack of qualifications.

Running for public office hopefully will be removed some day from the emotional plane to the more productive one of common sense.

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But — here we are moving into the wheelin' and dealin' time.

Maybe this time-tested method of weeding out the far less fit will send Baltimore into at least a Democratic primary of some respectability for the fall elections.

Anything short of this would be a debacle this city can ill afford — with next year's presidential elections just around the corner.

Hopefully — this wheelin' and dealin' time will produce some common sense on the part of some people.

Looking again at qualifications of some of the candidates — the mayoral race is bordering on the ridiculous.

This is my opinion. What's yours?

TOGETHER

Do We Need Superman?

MRS. MURPHY

By MADELINE MURPHY

When I was a child, I was fortunate enough to have a doting aunt, Aunt Dede, who believed that travel was broadening. She, therefore, took me to Europe in the summer of 1932.

We stayed in Germany for about forty-five days, traveling from Hamburg, to Berlin, by way of Rostock, Cologne, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Dresden and Weimar.

Most of the time we stayed with German families, thus getting the feel of the culture, the customs and the language of the country.

Coincidentally, this was also the era of the rise of Adolph Hitler. Although I was just going on ten, I could feel the foreboding, electric atmosphere, following the path of Hitler's master race rantings and the aura of hostility toward the Jews was all too evident.

For example, during the week we played in Berlin, one of the finest Jewish department stores, which had occupied a whole city block, was reduced to a corner store — confiscated — ZAP!

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One Sunday morning we took a bus trip to Potsdam and it was a common sight to witness brown-shirted storm troopers beating Jewish residents and dragging them off to jail.

A most spine-chilling spectacle!

(Not unlike today!)

On the other hand, the elderly were being bribed with glowing promises of country villages geared to their special needs, with a place for a "garten."

The Germans, being very frugal, productive and close to the earth, cultivated every vacant lot, patch of land, back yard and suburban tract with vegetable gardens.

Upon each fenced-in plot was a little shacklike structure called the tea house, where after the afternoon's labor, one might relax to drink tea or "kaffee" (coffee) with a bit of "kuchen" (cake).

The students, the workers, seeing the doom of repression marched in the streets, shouting slogans of freedom and liberation.

The elderly, with whom we stayed, gleefully observant of the numerous arrests and riots, criticized the youth, the students and the workers.

Having already been pauperized by "Der Fuhrer," they feared for their own little heaven on earth, their "lebensraum" (living room — wide open space) which would give them an opportunity to live out their remaining days in peace, tranquility and the plenty of home grown vegetables in an idyllic surrounding. (Suburban delight!)

How familiar today is the cry, therefore in Baltimore of crime on the streets, of law and order, in relation to what this writer witnessed in 1932.

The colors are changed, and now we black people are the scapegoats. We, nevertheless, are the victims and the prisoners of crime on the streets.

However, to pander to the fears of a few people who would rather believe that downtown harbors, after dark, all the nefarious goings of yokers, robbers, drug addict attackers is unforgiveable deception and unprincipled politics.

It is perpetrated to reduce the population (like the German old people), to a shivering, selfish, quaking, helpless mass of ineffective, unproductive people — eunuchs — nearing only the assurances and strong-arm tactics of a "fearless leader" (Der Fuhrer).

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Perhaps, if the latest aspirant for mayor of this city, Del. Walter Orlinsky, said that the den of iniquity, which blights the serenity of downtown — THE BLOCK — would be abolished, the cry of law and order would not have so hollow a ring.

The pitting of "them" against "us" is pandering to the prejudices of a silent populace, the beginning of demagoguery, not the beginning to finding solutions to complicated problems. (Hell, Hitler.)

Part of solutions to the problems are not simplistic reasons and blame-placing on hampered "hamletlike" officials, but asking ourselves "Why?"

And, in searching for the answer: unemployment, high cost of living, abandoned and rundown housing, inadequate resources, unimaginative education, catch-up health measures, one then realizes that solutions to problems don't just rest on the shoulders of a "non-Establishment" candidate — a Superman.

Although almost forty years later, how familiar the chilling ring of these words:

"The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country.

"Russia is threatening us with her might and the republic is in danger. Yes, danger from within and without! We need law and order!

"Yes, without law and order our nation cannot survive. Elect us and we shall restore law and order." — Adolph Hitler, Hamburg, Germany, 1932."

No, the times cry not for a Superman, they cry for a cooperative, visionary, innovative partner with the people — a Statesman — who senses and understands the lessons of history.

PAGE OPPOSITE

Baltimore Afro-American

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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.

QUESTION: I hope the AFRO will continue its annual Clean Block Campaign this summer. It has helped show Baltimore that people of all races beautify and keep up the neighborhoods in which they live, no matter how poor they may be. Also, isn't it true that there are many places in our city where residents have already started their beautification drives? — Mrs. J. G.

ANSWER: Thanks to this reader for mentioning our annual project. It will be in operation again this summer. Our reader is correct, there are many spots of beauty in the inner city as well as outlying areas.

Typical is this back yard (see photo), at 2213 Westwood Ave., residence of Walter Briscoe, custodian at John Wesley Methodist Church.

Mr. Briscoe makes painstaking efforts to keep his yard spotless. He enjoys gardening. He grows strawberries, tomatoes and cucumbers here.

QUESTION: I have seen people selling dope right on the street in front of my house, and I know that there is an apartment in this neighborhood where a lot of dope is sold.

I have told the police about this but they have not done anything. I have three teenagers, so I am very worried about this problem being in my neighborhood. — MRS. F. A.

ANSWER: A spokesman for the Police Department gave AFRO LINE the following suggestions for getting action on this problem: If you see someone either dealing or using dope anywhere, call Police Emergency, 222-3333, report the incident, give location, so that a car can be sent immediately to investigate.

If you know of a place where dope is sold or have any information about pushers or distributors in your area, call 685-1600 and ask for the Narcotics Unit. They will take information to use in their investigations of sale of dope throughout the city.

The spokesman also suggested it would be a good idea to notify your district police about the problem. Call 685-1600, ask for the Administrative Lieutenant in your district, then report the information to him.

You may also want to report anything you know to the new STOP Squad, a special tactical force now concentrating particularly on narcotics. You can get them by calling 685-1600 and asking for the STOP Squad.

QUESTION: How can I correct an error on my tax return?

ANSWER: Form 1040X is the prescribed form to use to correct an error on your original return.

The 1040X calls only for information that relates to that part of the original return which you wish to change.

It is not necessary to include all of the information furnished on the 1040 which you filed.

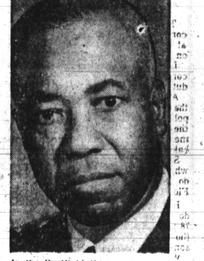
Form 1040X and instructions are available at your local IRS office.

QUESTION: I read recently that the statue of "The Thinker" which has been gone from the front of the Museum of Art was about to be returned after being cleaned. But I went past the museum and it wasn't there. Can you find out what happened to it? — R. B.

ANSWER: "The Thinker," which had been temporarily placed inside the museum after its cleaning, will now stay there; museum officials are worried that air pollution, especially industrial chemicals, would wear away the bronze surface of the statue in a few years. Experts have agreed that it would be dangerous for the "Thinker" to be outdoors. William Voss Elder, acting director of the museum, said of this, "It was not an easy decision to make, and it raises an issue of pollution which is very frightening for people as well as works of art."

BEAUTY abounds in this backyard at 2213 Westwood, home of Walter Briscoe.

In the Spotlight


In the Spotlight this week is Chaplain Joseph A. Davis.

Chaplain (LTC) Joseph A. Davis is the new assistant staff chaplain of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

With over 17 years experience as an active Army chaplain, Davis served for a year as Staff Chaplain for the 8th Combat Transportation Group in Vietnam prior to coming to Baltimore.

For 10 years before entering the military service, he served as a civilian clergyman and high school instructor in Va. and S.C.

A graduate of Va. Union University, he has completed 24 credit hours toward a master's degree in education at American University, Washington, D.C.

Since entering the Army he has graduated from both the Orientation and Career Courses at the U.S. Army Chaplain School.

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Chaplain Davis, 52 considers his assignment with the 8th Combat Transportation Group as the "most challenging experience" of his Army career.

To adequately serve a unit of this type he developed a new concept in religious worship service. Two services were conducted each day one in the morning, the other in the evening.

Because of the brevity, these services became very popular with the men in the field.

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Chaplain Davis' duties at Aberdeen consist of operating the Main Chapel while acting as chaplain for the staff and faculty for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.

He is available for counseling on personal and family affairs for all military personnel and their dependents.

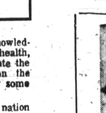
The new chaplain and his wife Mary, maintain their legal residence in Arlington, Va. They have two children, a daughter, Meryl, 19, a freshman at Michigan State University in East Lansing, and a son Joseph, 17, who is a student at Wakefield Senior High School in Arlington.

Mrs. Davis is an instructor at Lomax AME Zion Church Day Care Center in Arlington, Va.

Chaplan Davis is a member of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference of the AME Zion Church.

Upon completion of his Army career, he plans to return to a civilian parish or to teaching in the public school education system.

Politics Can Be Beautiful, Too


DR. FLEMING

with G. JAMES FLEMING

They were beautiful, those 289 Dunbar High School students marching to the Board of Election Supervisors — marching in order to register to vote.

They were all 18-year-old seniors, soon to be graduated, and this was their high school project; precisely, the project of the class in "Problems of Democracy."

According to the teacher, Nathaniel McFadden, it was a voluntary effort that came as the students recognized that talking about democracy is not enough.

They had to involve themselves; they wanted to. They saw quickly there was little use in lowering the voting age, if the 18-21-year-olds did not register and vote.

It is delightful to know that other high school students — from Eastern and Northern, for instance — have also turned up, by the busloads, to register.

These young people should not be compelled to register, as City Solicitor George Russell has said so well. Certainly, however, creating a climate which shows the importance of citizen involvement in politics is all to the good. Where better to start than in the schools? Where better than in a class in "Problems of Democracy?"

Let us be honest, however; registration is not enough; even voting is not enough.

Democracy is also in crying need of a body of voters who continuously study and are interested in the problems and issues of politics and government; people who really want to make democracy work. Not people who merely want to profit from democracy.

Democracy needs intelligent voting as well as mass voting.

Democracy calls for continuous homework.

By the way, what has happened to all those "Register and Vote" campaigns that used to be aired on radio and television from coast to coast?

It seems they have disappeared.

During the 1940's and 1950's, even in the southern states, one could hear the appeal to "Register and Vote," in its several variations. The slogans punctuated the air.

Take the South, for instance. It seems that after blacks began registering, and fighting to be permitted to register and vote, the slogan makers dropped their campaigns.

In other words, "Register and Vote" was not intended for black Americans.

It is probably the same in the North. Few political "[illegible]" are interested in votes and voting in a vacuum, or for the sake of [illegible]. They are concerned about those votes that will keep them in power.

Another "Politics-Can-Be-Beautiful" campaign [illegible] by Frank M. Conaway that he has filed as a candidate [illegible] — a serious candidate.

The comptroller-aspirant, a graduate of Morgan State College, was a former student of this writer — hard-working, reliable, able. Since graduation, he has more than measured up to expectations.

Last year he was elected to the House of Delegates from the Fifth District.

More important, however, he has evolved into an outstanding man of finance and management and is presently director of the Center City Office of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Name the prizes and recognition open to an insurance man. He has won them.

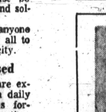
He knows his way around in the world of finance. He knows how to operate a many-faceted enterprise.

Young and vigorous, he knows Baltimore and is active in church and civic affairs.

All in all, Frank Conaway has the kind of training and experience needed by a city comptroller.

NOW AND THEN

IF YOU Ask Me


MRS. MOSS

BY BETTYE MOSS

People, places and things

Miss Pam Widgeon, this columnist's lovely young secretary who also dubs as AFRO Church Reporter, is off today for a new job — as American Airlines hostess. She'll make a lovely one!

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Neptune Yacht Club led by Captains William Griggs, Elroy Wilson, Joseph Felton et al worshipped together at St. James' Episcopal Church Sunday.

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George Brown, of C and P Telephone exec., is hospitalized.

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Sunshine, please, to Provident Hospital Room 505A for Miss Betty Hall, formerly of N.J. She's a member of the well-known Baltimore Hall clan who just recently had returned home.

Also in Provident: Dr. Haywood Harrison, Morgan State College chairman of department of education. He collapsed at his desk on Wednesday.

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Good news from Hanover, New Hampshire: Frank C. Walker, a Dartmouth College sophomore from Baltimore, has been elected chairman of his dormitory, Little Hall, by his fellow residents.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Walker of N. Denison St., and a 1969 Edmondson High grad.

The chairmen of each of Dartmouth's twenty-four dormitories serve as the representatives to the College's Inter-Dormitory Council.

Cuff note: Dr. George Sinkler, Morgan State College history prof. has written a book, "Racial Attitudes of American Presidents from Abraham Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt."

Published by Doubleday, Inc., the book will be released June 4, 1971.

More on Dr. Sinkler. He's a native of Charleston, S.C., graduate of Laing High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

He holds an A.B. degree from Augustana College, 1953.

He attended Teachers' College at Columbia University where he earned the Master's degree in 1954 and the doctorate in 1966.

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New citizen: Mr. and Mrs. Lindbergh Parker of Woodlawn have a baby daughter, Lynetta DeAngela Parker. Their son is Lyndale DeAngelo Parker.

Want to help a deserving cause? Here's your chance: —

The Anna Mae Hunter Home For Blind needs your contribution.

Mrs. Hunter advises that the home has served as a haven for the blind and the handicapped for more than a decade, but with increased food prices, she needs more help.

Send your contributions to Anna Mae Hunter Foundation, 1321 Eutaw Pl., Baltimore, Md. 21217.

All contributions are tax deductible.

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New Navy recruiter in the Baltimore area is Boatswain's Mate 1/c Dennis D. Mills, 25, on duty at the 26 N. Howard St. office in Baltimore.

Petty Officer Mills lives in the 5000 block Arbutus Ave. with his wife, Carolyn, and their three sons, Dennis, 6, Aron, 5, and Myron, 18 months.

Mills attended Carver High School; his mother, Mrs. Virginia Mills, still lives in the Cherry Hill section of the city.

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More good news: Lincoln University (Pa.) honored over 100 students at its recent Honors Day convocation.

Among those receiving prizes and awards were: Sharon R. Robinson, daughter of the Raymond P. Robinsons of N. Augusta Ave., in Baltimore.

Miss Robinson received the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and the Beta Kappa Chi National Honorary Scientific Society award.

This is given to those students who have met the requirements of the Society by completing at least 64 semester hours of college work, 17 semester hours of which shall be in one of the sciences recognized by this Society, with a grade of at least "B."

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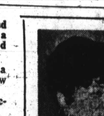
Here are some one-sentence truisms, taken from the current issue of "Cosmo Get The Roots," the Bowie State College Newsletter, published by the Rev. James N. Caldwell:

Your friends may lie to you, your mirror deceive you, but a flight of stairs will be brutally frank.

A man who saves for a rainy day gets a lot of bad weather reports from his relatives.

It's NOT A Man's World


MRS. WHITE

By BERNICE S. WHITE

An increasing number of people are speaking out on the liberation of the black woman since she is the victim of double discrimination — black and female. Society now is preoccupied with "black manhood" and gives little, if any, thought to black womanhood.

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, published an article on the psychiatric dimensions and women's sociopsychological difficulties as compounded by this dual oppression of black women.

Psychologically, he states that, "Black women experience a very special mental brutalization because they are black women instead of white women.

"For instance, white European-American ... designates females as 'the fair sex.'

That means, the terms "fair sex" and "female" are often used as synonyms.

The word "fair" implies light-complexioned, white, clean, pure, beautiful, smooth, gracious, honest and other racist, positive-symbolic assets ... Well, where does this leave the black woman?

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"In addition, black men often have a great sensitivity to castration because of their own insecurity as men.

"In very much the same twisted manner of racists, it is necessary for the women to be inferior in order for some black men to feel superior or adequate. It's hard to admit, but when you hear a black man call a black woman an "evil b..." it sounds like a white man calling a black person a n . . . r."

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The author concludes his discussion with a challenge to Afro-American women — black, brown and yellow — that they must continue to seek their unique identity as black women!

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Other News and Views

New hope for women who have political ambitions. The Spokeswoman (a monthly information service for women), reported in its May issue the election of a woman mayor of a city of a large population (356,000).

With the strong support from black voters, Patience Sewell Latting became mayor of Oklahoma City.

She had served a four-year term in the City Council and fought for strict enforcement of housing and building codes, and supported blacks' efforts to participate in city government.

Her opponent, a businessman, said, "Running against a woman is the most impossible thing I've ever had to do."

Mrs. Latting became one of 14 women to head city governments with more than 30,000 population. Some other municipalities headed by women mayors are Hartford, Conn.; Hampton, Va.; and Clifton, N.J.

(If you have any questions or would like to express an opinion, please write, "It's Not A Man's World," AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203)