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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

A Majestic Lady

The death last week of Mahalia Jackson did much more than still the voice of a great singer. It took away a majestic lady, one whose quiet dignity and impeccable posture imposed tremendous influence on peoples of all nations.

Journalistic ethics decry use of the title lady except in rare cases. This is one of those.

Mahalia Jackson's message in her early years was one of Christian worship. She sang the praise of a Supreme Being, and sought the gathering at the Heavenly hearth of the faithful and the faithless in perpetual communion.

Her later message was one of brotherhood and tolerance and understanding. And she sparked with complete optimism the search for a common bond between all the children of God.

In unfettered dedication, she walked in orderly marches for civil rights and sang her gospel truth before unbelievers, often in the same week.

She was at the side of the Martin Luther Kings, the Ralph Abernathys and the Jesse Jacksons. She was there, quiet but to be counted, except when there was occasion for a song of love and hope.

She communed with the deprived and the poor, and she touched with love the conservatives and the aristocrats.

She beat no drums and made no speeches. Her percussion was the voice, her speech the lyric.

Instant Results?

In the days of instant coffee and computers which give instant results, Governor Mandel may be the first governor who has introduced legislation which gives voters an instant chance to judge his rhetoric and that of our legislators and city council members.

In the carnival air of the City Council on Wednesday 18 councilmen and women voted to urge the Legislature to support Governor Mandel's gun control bill with its "Pat and Frisk" section. One woman member, Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, voted against it.

Council members who favored it spoke of the many telephone calls they had received from their constituents telling them to favor the measure.

Robert L. Douglass (D. 2nd) and Dr. Emerson R. Julian (D.-4th) talked about how it would stop killing; Mrs. Mary Adams (D. 4th), although voting for the resolution, predicted the bill would lead to more killing," and that "after several shootings of police for stop and frisk, they'll probably stop frisking."

Legislators, the Governor and City Council members have talked about the increased crime rate, the large number of "unauthorized" persons with guns ("not us, of course," said Councilman Dominic DiPietro (D-1st), "but those folks who shouldn't carry guns"), and the high murder rate.

So, if our esteemed governor, and the other talkers are correct, we should instantly see:

1. A decrease in the murder rate
2. Fewer injuries by shooting
3. Decrease in the overall crime rate.

All other states and cities across the country take note — Maryland can solve its crime problem with one piece of legislation . . . it doesn't have to stop the sale of guns, or control the source, just pat, (be careful where you put your hands), and frisk.

Deltas' Love Month

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, the public service sorority, announced this week that February is Love Month, a tradition of the chapter.

The chapter president, Mrs. Thelma Cox, in her announcement went through the Bible, speeches and the rules and regulations of the sorority to point out how often the word "love" was used.

She urged readers to "join Delta Sigma Theta's February 'Love In.' Delta's 'Love-In' will not require a meeting; it will not require a discussion. It will merely require that you actively show your love each day in the month of February by following the Delta Daily Love Guide."

Included in the love guide for next week are:

Friday — Compliment 10 people today

Saturday — Kiss each member of your family today and say "I Love You."

Sunday — Attend St. Mark's Church today at 11 a.m. with Deltas.

Monday — Teach a child what love means

Tuesday — With a healthy body and a fertile brain you are richer than Midas.

Honor Roll

It is that time of year again, time for AFRO readers to help our editors identify those persons who deserve a place on our 33rd annual Honor Roll.

We are looking for people, young and old, who have rendered superior public service to the community during the year 1971.

They may be from all walks of life. They could include a good neighbor who has set a model for the neighborhood; a sanitation employee who has exhibited unusual concern for others and his city.

You could nominate parents of extraordinary children or students who have excelled under great handicaps, ministers, teachers, city workers or just plain Joe who has no title but is an inspiration to others because of his unusual example of courage and devotion.

Most important—persons you nominate should be those who have reflected credit upon the city and state through display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity generosity or unselfishness.

We urge our readers to spend some time on their selections, consult others who know without telling them your ultimate purpose.

The AFRO believes that if we all look hard enough we will be surprised at the number of super citizens we have among us.

Our Credo

I measure a newspaper not in building, equipment and employes — those are trimmings.

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

Whether it has 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 injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

Mockery Of News

Dear AFRO:

I am greatly dismayed over the January 22nd edition of the AFRO American heading "Doctor's Bizarre Death Reveals His Other Life As Playboy."

Don't you think it's about time the black community can get just plain informative and factual news?

Does your paper have to dig into any and everyone's life history as though they never were? What is the purpose of your heading, to sell papers? How do you define playboy?

My personal belief is that your paper, and it is a shame that you're the only major black paper in the area, has no conscience or shame when printing a piece of so-called journalism.

In printing your article, and previous ones, you failed to look ahead, or maybe you just didn't care, to the future, and what affect your articles might have on someone else's life, liberty and happiness.

You put in print, and I quote, the following statement made by Mr. Carrington's 18 year-old son, "If it had been me, I would have done the same thing" unquote.

I find it hard to believe that any reporter could be so naive as to print such immaterial quotes. Don't you people understand grief, and words spoken from grief?

Don't you understand that this child is going to have a rough enough time ahead of him without the additional hardship of words spoken in grief, in print, by an unrealizing newspaper?

Sirs, your paper is the only major black paper in the area, as I've stated before, but with the rise of the black man, and his rise in capital, I honestly believe and hope, that one day a true black paper will appear and do away with your mockery of news forever.

LARRY C. SMITH

No Yes Man

Dear AFRO:

I want to go on record Publicly endorsing and supporting Congressman Parren J. Mitchell for re-election. He has been a wonderful congressman. He is not a yes man. He is true to the people and will continue to represent the best interest of all the citizens.

Congressman Mitchell has always been on the side of good government. He has never been associated with the forces of gambling and other illegal activities. He does not talk out of both sides of his mouth. He does not run with the fox and hoe with the hounds.

I have been a civic worker, for more than forty years, endeavoring. to improve our residential community so that our children can grow up into decent law abiding citizens.

As president of the Northwest Baltimore Improvement Association, I have been in the forefront of the fight to get equal pay, equal schooling, and to clean up the saturation of liquor outlets in our neighborhoods which tear down character faster than we can build it up.

I call on all citizens who believe in clean government, to take a stand. Our children's future is at stake.

MRS. PAULINE FAUNTLEROY:
President, Northwest Baltimore Improvemtnt Association.

Stop-Frisk

Dear AFRO:

While listening to the TV news on Jan. 27th., to Gov. Mandel defending the Gun Law, he stated that he would add to the bill, that ALL policemen would have to make a report on each person that is searched. I think that the reports will be good and VITAL.

I think that the question, why was the person searched? Should be in the report, and the citizen should be told why he or she is going to be searched.

If the bill becomes law, thousands of citizens will be searched over a span of time, that should not have been searched. Policemen are to protect and NOT to harm a good citizen no way shape or form.

I want no policeman embarrassing me publicly without a just cause or logic. The good citizens have feeling. The bill could cause easily that Gov. Mandel will come out as one of the most unpopular governors that Maryland has ever had. REV. G. S. McGUIRE

Like Saigon

Dear AFRO:

As a recent returnee from Vietnam, I am very disturbed by what is known as "Terror on the Streets of Baltimore." I have observed lately the reason why the above statement is so true.

Baltimore and Saigon could be compared as twin cities in respect to the high rate of murders, maimings, muggings and so forth, the reason being that the hoodlum elements of this city are being allowed to have their own way with very little police interference.

This hoodlum element is allowed freedom to congregate on street corners, in Bars where they spend very little money and in general they are just a plain nuisance. But by being allowed these freedoms their minds are at work on future robberies, murders, muggings and anything else that brings grief and heartaches to their fellow man.

These people are terrorists and guerrillas Viet-Nam style with the exception of not having wholesale explosive devices. (Thank God)

The police on the other hand seem interested only in stopping cars on Routine checks and due to the fact that I have West Coast license tags on my automobile, I am stopped on the average of about four times per week and my opinion is that Baltimore police are not used to seeing Negros with West Coast tags on their automobiles.

I understand that a new law on "stop and search" is waiting to be passed. Well this is no good unless they start enforcing some of the old laws like loitering on corners and panhandling on the streets and possibly something to put pressure on the bar owners to force their non-buying customers out of the bars and onto the streets where the anti-loitering law would be waiting for them.

If lawlessness on the streets is to be broken up, enforcement should start at the grass roots or these nighttime bandits who remind me so much of the Viet-Congs, will continue to roam and terrorize.

I would like to see the streets of Baltimore safe again to walk at night or any other time.

You may publish this letter if you like and it sure feels good to get it off my chest. GERALD HOLLOMAN.

'Planned

Dear AFRO:

Genocide is defined as "planned extermination of a national or racial group."

This "planned extermination" quite obviously must start with the heads of government. In this country such plans would begin with the heads of the Federal, State and local governments.

It is apparent, that with the exception of millions of dollars in studies and conferences, those at the top in our governments do little or nothing to prevent the smuggling and sale of dope; the illegal sales of firearms; the destruction of homes for expressway purposes, and provide inadequate education and educational facilities.

Only genuine concern for the student and his development will correct this problem.

All of the institutions and agencies in our society must reexamine their goals and missions.

If we truly seek to make an impact upon the lives of young people, we must rearrange the conditions which are the sources of their frustrations, hang-ups and cop-outs.

Finally, and above all others, the adult society must make of itself a model of conduct. Sex respect among their elders must be seen if the young are to develop it for themselves.

In short, if we want young people to acquire some values we must first acquire some ourselves.

"If we are able to accomplish these tasks, we can look forward not only to peace on earth but to a higher quality of life for our children.

DR. CHEEK

Reestablishment Of Parenthood Needed

By KING V. CHEEK

(ED's Note: This is the third of three articles by Dr. Cheek, who is president of Morgan State College). In last week's article, he discussed the parental attitude that children should not be disciplined or deprived of their freedom. Because the young are restless and unable to tolerate frustration and delay, their demands are readily accepted, he said.) In last week's article, he explored the fact thesis that youth seek simple honesty from adults.

Only increased dialogue and involvement with their concerns and frustrations will convince our youth that desires for peace, honesty, justice, etc., are not the monopolies of an age group.

There must be the reestablishment of parenthood or the home as an institution in which values are developed and in which the "oughts" in life are understood. Youth still need a basis of authority upon which to make value judgments.

They still respond more favorably to structure than to non-structure.

Flexibility to permit individual talents to develop need not be compromised.

In short, whether they believe it or not, parents are still wanted and needed.

Reform in our institutions of higher learning is not only desirable, but highly necessary.

Because far too many of our colleges are littered with bureaucratic regulations and trivia that cannot be justified on an educational basis, the young see the perpetrators—faculty members and administrators—as adversaries.

WASHINGTON REPORT

Drug Abuse Action Office

By PARREN J. MITCHELL, M.C. (D.-7th, Md.)

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the House of Representatives debated House Resolution 12089 which would establish a special action office for Drug Abuse Prevention.

This Resolution originated in the Commerce Committee. Details of the Bill are found in House Report 92-775.

Since the black community is the chief victim of those who traffic in drugs, and since in our city we have a proliferation of programs against drug abuse, I thought it important to give you the major features of this legislation.

This Bill would establish the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse (SAODA) to provide overall planning, policy, objectives and priorities in the Federal drug abuse prevention effort.

REP. MITCHELL,

The Director and Deputy Director of the Office would be appointed by the president subject to senate confirmation.

The bill would also establish a 15-member National Advisory Council for Drug Abuse Prevention to recommend actions to the Director of SAODA which would help curb drug abuse in the United States.

The Secretaries of HEW and Defense, and the Administrator of Veteran's Affairs would be ex-officio members of the Council with the other 12 members to be Presidentially-appointed.

The Bill would also amend existing law to provide that Community Health Centers and Public Health Service facilities provide treatment and rehabilitation services.

The Bill authorizes $12 million for Fiscal Year 1972, $171 million for FY 1973, and $228 million for FY 1974.

The Administration requested the creation of the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse.

The Bill was reported favorably by the Committee by voice vote.

No amendments have been noticed and none are expected.

Subject to a rule being granted. The Commerce Committee has requested an open rule with one hour of debate.

I think we must take every effective action possible against the menace of drugs which poison the bodies and minds of far too many people. I support H. R. 12089. However, you know and I know that we can never stamp out this menace unless:

1) The foreign ports which export drugs to this Nation are placed under severe sanctions by the American Government;

2) The collusion between law enforcement agents and the traffickers in drugs is broken up;

3) We strengthen the life support systems of the poor, the alienated and the Black so that they will not seek to live in the fantasy world of drug abuse.

If you desire copies of H. R. 12089 please write to my Washington Office, 1228 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Of course, these are only a few of the many problems confronting the poor and primarily the black of this nation that our so-called leaders seem to turn their backs on. Inadequate housing and housing code enforcement are others.

Many blacks contribute to this genocide by mugging, raping and robbing other blacks, especially the elderly.

Many more blacks continue to sell all forms of narcotics to young and other blacks, while still others continue to murder their so-called brothers.

These persons are just as guilty of genocide and exploitation as those at the top of our governments.

As I read the papers I can hear the laughter from the White House, State Capitol, and City Halls throughout the nation.

It is time now for the poor and the black of this nation to say to the exploiters (both black and white) "enough, we will unite to protect ourselves from you murderers."

What do you intend to do?—CHARLES R. CURTIS JR.

NOW and THEN

Sen. Mitchell Plays Good Hand On Stop And Frisk

By G. JAMES FLEMING

There is something fascinating about the way in which State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell, III, (D.-4th.), can play the game of eating his cake and having it also; of being on both sides of an issue and getting good headlines for each side.

He is really a politically animal (Who else; as in the last mayoralty primary, could be both a candidate and a noncandidate, come out a losing fourth, and still be going strong for the next go-round?).

Not too many days ago, the Senator was the knight in flaming armor (and anger), opposed to Governor Mandel's stop-and-frisk gun control bill.

Such a bill would bring harassment to blacks; it would give the police an endless field day, so the argument went.

Senator Mitchell's cheering section applauded their fighting hero.

By the weekend, however, the senator was making new headlines: this time he had about-faced and was back in Governor Mandel's camp, supporting the governor's gun control bill.

DR. FLEMING

And where did he announce his support? In the governor's office, at the governor's press conference, in the presence of the governor!

The senator explains that he switched sides because the governor amended the gun control law. In all

Even Governor Mandel said that the changes are "in language" but not in substance, with the senator listening. And, the senator did not contradict him, according to the reporters present.

It is not only that Senator Mitchell switched, but that he did it early enough as to obligate Governor Mandel for future Mitchell purposes.

In addition, he changed his stand flamboyantly enough to appear, again, the bright, heroic knight. He even announced his press conferences performance the day before the show.

The senator also did some fence-mending, because he and the governor have not been the best of friends for sometime.

All of this will not hurt Senator Mitchell in the months ahead, especially as he faces running for re-election from a newly reapportioned senatorial district.

To keep the record straight, State Sen. Clarence Blount (D-5th) is also now supporting the Mandel bill and State Sen. Robert L. Dalton was never "frightened" by the bill.

But it is Senator Mitchell who has made the headlines — both ways.

At this writing, Senator Verda honesty, however, the substance of the bill has not been changed. The police can still "stop and frisk." Welcome (D-4th) continues her stand against stop-and-frishk.

Another Mitchell won headlines where headlines count, as U. S. Rep. Parren J. Mitchell convened his National Black Enterprise Conference last week on the Morgan State College campus. One early, lost attender reportedly inquired: "Where is Parren's conference located?"

The congressman from Maryland's Seventh District, did share the limelight, however, with some other headline; li-makers of national repute (Few local "experts" were used; none headlined).

This conference, to increase the "black national product," was a good beginning, even though it was longest on rhetoric. But rhetoric has its place.

After that, must come the hard planning, the follow-through the keeping of promises — promises better kept than those of political campaigns. After rhetoric must also come being smart.

This column has, in months past, issued many kudos in praise of the Black Congregational Caucus.

The orchids, in connection with the Black Enterprise Conference, must go to the scores of young black enterprisers (a total of over 300,) who paid $35 each to attend, in addition to transportation and hotel accommodation.

This kind of interest, alone, is indicative of progress being made. The subjects dealt with also show the new frontiers that are being forced — in electronics, construction, transportation, space, international trade, capital formation, management.

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Orchids, too, to the workshop leaders. They were serious, informative, provocative. They showed they had done their "homework," by and large. The questions and comments from the floor were great.

There were also signs of something different in that the conference program did not call for a "formal ball."

Not to be forgotten is that while 300 or more were in Baltimore, there were countless other black enterprisers who stayed home to "run the shop" as they do day after day — serving their communities, competing, making a profit, improving their businesses, paying their taxes, saving.

To repeat, the National Black Enterprise Conference was a good first step, but it has lots of work to do between now and the next conference.

Back to crime and headlines. That was an unusual story out of Detroit, a few days ago, featuring local 1014, United Steel Workers, A.F.L.-CIO.

This predominantly black local marched, placards waving, to the Detroit courthouse to protest the practice of one judge in being "too lenient" with black offenders.

The union's spokesman told newsmen: "We told the judge that, although we voted for him, we do not expect him to have a double standard and to go easy on black people who come before him."

The "last straw" that aroused the local involved a "soul brother" who was arrested three times, in 30 days, for armed robbery. Each time he was released on low bail. This was too much for the union.

The Detroit judge denied that he was being too lenient with black offenders.

Be that as it may, he and other judges had been reminded that blacks are as much against the criminal element as anybody else.

Perhaps more so, since most of the victims of crime are black.

Who Speaks For The People?

Victorine Adams?

MRS. VICTORINE ADAMS

When The Baltimore City Council voted 18-1 Wednesday night to support the Governor's gun control bill the one vote against was cast by Veteran City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams of the Fourth District.

Here is what she told the council when she voted "No."

"Mr. President and members of the Council. I am just as concerned as everyone about the series of crimes committed with guns. I sympathize with the victims and their families.

"I agree that there should be some kinds of gun regulations to help prevent crimes.

"I am in favor of some kind of regulation but I have deep reservations about the stop and frisk section of the Governor's bill.

I feel that the existing laws regarding stop and frisk are sufficient to meet the needs of the situation and also meet the needs of constitutionality as defined by the Supreme Court.

There are no absolutes.

"We are all expressing opinions and I am entitled to express mind.

"My opinion is the stop and frisk section of the bill is unnecessary and unconstitutional and will not meet the needs of the situation.

"Laws regarding the sales of ammunition should be enacted and enforced.

"I cannot see this measure as solving our problems with the stop and frisk amendment included so when my name is called, Mr. President, I shall vote, "no"."

Sen. Welcome ?

By VERDA F. WELCOME (D.-4th)

Wherever one goes these days the topic of conversation turns to the Governor's Gun Bill. What is all the furor about?

Well, gun lobbyists and enthusiasts are concerned that this time the weight of the Governor's office is behind passage of legislation which, they believe, would restrict their freedom to carry guns.

On the other hand, Civil Rights groups and the black community are concerned about the "stop and frisk" provision which they believe to be an infringement on the individual's rights and a potential for police harrassment.

The Governor's office announced some changes in the stop-and-frisk provision late last week.

The basis was modified to "reasonable suspicion" as grounds for a policeman to stop an individual and search him.

The difference is to be determined by what is on the policeman's mind when he stops a suspect. On the basis of this change, Sen. Clarence Mitchell, who had been a most vocal opponent of the bill, revised his position.

I have not yet seen the proposal in writing, and am not yet satisfied that this section of the Governor's bill is necessary or is satisfactorily limited.

According to State's Attorney, Milton Allen, it is not necessary because the Supreme Court has already defined limitations on searching suspects.

"The frisk" is" the touching of the outer garments" when, because of his actions, a person leads a police officer to suspect that he may be carrying a weapon which he plans to use to harm someone.

I plan to offer amendments in committee to further limit the stop-and-frisk sections of the Governor's bill. One would limit the existence of the stop-and-frisk action to one year.

This would give us an opportunity to see how the search-and-frisk provision would work.

The other amendment would require that an individual show his permit in order to purchase ammunition. I think it is important to limit the availability of ammunition.

The Governor's bill would prohibit the carrying of a weapon on the street without a permit.

It attaches mandatory minimum sentences for doing so.

A Board of Review is established to hear appeals from people who are refused permits.

The Governor has said that he will accept no major changes in his bill. But he is, above all, a practical politician.

The weeks ahead will reveal whether he must make changes, and what changes he must accept, in order to get the bill enacted. VERDA F. WELCOME; Senator — 4th

Emerson Julian?

The Baltimore City Council at its Wednesday night meeting by a vote of 18-1 passed this resolution introduced by Dr. Julian (fourth district councilman) and others urging the State Legislature to approve Governor Mandel's gun control measure with its "pat and frisk" section.

Dr. Julian speaking in support of the resolution said that he had hundreds of people coming in his office saying they were in support of the bill.

The resolution as passed by the council, follows:

Requesting the Maryland Senate and Legislature to enact into law Governor Mandel's Gun Control Bill,as recently revised.

Whereas, the City of Baltimore has become the Murder Capital of the World, and

Whereas, in 1971, three hundred fifty one citizens were murdered of which 70 per cent of said murders were committed with hand guns, and

Whereas, the total of serious non-fatal crimes involving the use of hand guns has continued to increase dramatically, and

Whereas, all present laws have not stemmed the tide of such murders and other gun associated crimes, and

Whereas, the fear of being the victim of a violent act by a hand gun has convinced many citizens to purchase such guns for protection of life and property, and

Whereas, the continual need for such weapons accelerates the possibilities of their violent use, and

Whereas, present conditions restrict the freedom and liberty of all citizens, and

DR. EMERSON JULIAN

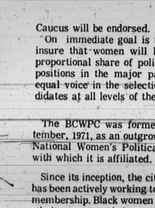
Whereas, it is our belief that better trained law enforcement personnel can and will act temperently in enforcing the new controls, and

Whereas, the new controls do not abolish the right to own or carry hand guns where authorized for legitimate reasons, and

Whereas, the problem has over reached epidemic proportions, and the fair and equitable provisions of Governor Mandel's Gun Control Bill will act as a deterrent to those who would and do jeopardize the life, limb, property and freedom of all citizens.

Be it therefore resolved by the City Council that in full recognition of the serious problem of gun control, the City Council does favor the passage of Governor Mandel's Revised Gun Control Bill and respectfully requests that the Maryland State Senate and Maryland State Legislature give favorable action to said Gun Control Bill as revised.

IT'S NOT A MAN'S WORLD



By BERNICE S. WHITE

Women are becoming increasingly aware of the political power they hold and many groups are being organized at all levels for political action.

One such local group which is emerging as an action group is the Baltimore City Women's Political Caucus.

The Caucus is a non-partisan coalition of women of all ages, races, creeds, ethnic groups and socio-economic backgrounds united to achieve the equality of women.

The Caucus believes that women must take action against racism, sexism, religious bigotry, ethnic discrimination, institutional violence, and poverty.

The non-partisan coalition of women will work to involve ALL women in the political process through education, communication and action; work to insure women fair representation in elective and appointive offices at all levels of the political and Government structure and to assure that these women promote the rights and needs of ALL women.

The Caucus plans to make an all out effort to seek out, assist and support women candidates on the local, State, and Federal levels who will fight for the rights and needs of all women.

Pressure will be put on all public officials and candidates to actively promote the rights of women. Only those candidates who have a proven record of support for the goal of the Caucus will be endorsed.

On immediate goal is to work to insure that women will have their proportional share of policy-making positions in the major parties and equal voice in the selection of candidates at all levels of the parties.

The BCWPC was formed in September, 1971, as an outgrowth of the National Women's Political Caucus with which it is affiliated.

Since its inception, the city Caucus has been actively working to increase membership. Black women and other ethnic women are being recruited for membership.

After overcoming the growing pains common to all newly organized groups, the issue oriented group held its first election of officers recently.

Elected to spearhead the Caucus was a dynamic Black woman, Mrs. Betty Jordan.

Other officers include Shellie Frankford, recording secretary; Shirley Hartwell, corresponding secretary; Kitty Broady, treasurer; Safah Begus, Internal Committee Chairwoman; Suzanne Silverman, Education Committee Chairwoman; and Barbara Warnock and Naomi Bloom, Issues and Action Chairwomen.

The Caus meets the second Thursday of every month at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fallsway and Fayette St. at 8 p.m.

Interested women are invited to attend the meetings and express their views on issues with which they feel the Caucus should concern itself. More on this group next week.

Congratulations to the AFRO for desexigrating the Help-Wanted Ads. This is a very progressive move on the part of management and puts this paper up front with the other national publications that are following the same practice on a voluntary basis. Betcha hadn't noticed!!!

It is unlawful to list ads separately under male-female headings in violation or the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

All Must Listen

Milton Allen?

Dear AFRO:

That H. L. Mencken was a critic no one disputes—that he ever came up with a good suggestion is doubtful. I recall my arguments with a friend who thought him something special where I considered him a lucky big mouth.

He lived by writing and fared quite well. I just came across something Mencken wrote and am convinced he was a bad man:

"The educated Negro of today is a failure, not because he meets insuperable difficulties in life, but because he is a Negro.

"His brain is not fitted for the higher forms of mental effort; his ideals, no matter how laboriously he is trained and sheltered, remain those of a clown.

"He is, in brief, a low-caste man, to the manner born, and he will remain inert and inefficient until fifty generations of him have lived in civilization. And even then, the superior white race will be fifty generations ahead of him."

The old legal maxim tells us "Justice delayed is justice denied," but I don't think it will be that final—I think justice is postponed, yes, but cannot be denied!

People of good conscience no longer question what must be done but ask if there is still time in which to do it.

"Blacks and whites are paying a terrible price for the sins committed hundreds of years ago.

"Malcolm X understood it when he told his followers "the worst crime the white man has committed has been to teach us to hate ourselves." He was speaking to black men. White men, too, would do well to listen.

B. J. SMALL

By MILTON B. ALLEN
Re: House Bill 227

Section 36B on Stop and Frisk needs two slight changes to make it constitutional under the Supreme Court Mandate in the case of Terry v. Ohio.

For some reason the Governor's Committee failed to conform this Section exactly along the guidelines as set out in Terry and none of the proposed amendments that I have seen so far have attempted to make the necessary changes that would insure its constitutionality.

I refer specifically to Page 6 of the Bill, under Section 36D, Line 3; the word "information" should be deleted.

The reason is that it is misleading and, secondly and more importantly, the word "information" is not mentioned in Terry.

On Page 7, Lines 21 and 22 at the top, the words "reasonable suspicion" etc. should be changed because the Terry decision very scrupulously avoids the use of this word, probably because it is too vague and incapable of precise definition.

In its place and after the first few words at the top of Page 7 which read "which dispels in the officer's mind," I would insert "his reasonable fear for his own safety or for the safety of others."

All other proposed amendments or changes to this Section are vacuous without this small suggested change which, in my opinion, will bring Stop and Frisk exactly within the guidelines of the Terry case.

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