Death Awaits Holiday Driver.

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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. — CARL MURPHY, Editor-Publisher 1889-1967.

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School Bells Ring Again

Baltimore City Public Schools open on Wednesday, September 6, with an expected enrollment of over 189,000.

A 5 million dollar budget cut and Superintendent Roland N. Patterson's administrative reorganization program will bring many changes. To conform to the budget restrictions, 48 administrators will be temporarily reassigned. Some 230 provisional teachers were not rehired. They have been replaced with fully certified teachers by the State.

Any new program may cause inconvenience on the part of some. In addition, people may see a cut back in staffing though we think Baltimore Schools too long have operated without the kind of meaningful change this big business should have.

What is needed now is for administrators, through their Public School Administration Association, and for teachers through the Baltimore Teachers' Union, and for parents and youngsters to determine that they're going to give the Patterson program a chance to work.

As the new school year begins, we can think of no more fitting resolve then that all concerned will buckle down, tighten their belts because of the budget limitations and make a sincere effort to provide the quality education for each and every child.

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.

Real Problem At Pen

Dear AFRO:

Like many people on the inside as well as the outside of Amerika's koncentration kamps, I too, am fed up with what can only be described as "The Games Legislators and Prison Administrators Play."

Every time we, the oppressed people on the inside of these kamps are forced to deal with the oppressor, they (agents of the State), start giving us the "same ole same ole" reason (s) for what they always call "prison riots," Bad food, Lack of proper medical treatment.

Solid, the food is bad and we don't get any real or meaningful medical treatment but, just as we can not turn to those that oppress us to deal with the nature of our oppression, it is foolish to think or believe that these same persons would tell-it-like-it-is in reference to us.

The real reason behind the recent disturbance here at the Maryland State Penitentiary is . . . racism and racial discrimination."

To say that the Maryland Penitentiary is running over with Africans (black) people is no exaggeration, especially our youth (18-21) years of age.

At the same time, this age group (18-21), for white criminal offenders is missing from the general inmate population.

Then there are the "Classifications Counselors" assigned to the inmates' general population, ALL WHITE (s) and all Amerikkkans. Can you imagine them representing the best interest of Black prisoners at a parole board hearing?

Now to better understand the game (s) "law-makers" and prison officials' play, one must first have a working knowledge and understanding the word "corruption" . . . then check-out the Amerikkkan scene as a whole. Birds of the same feathers stick together, can you dig that?

Therefore, in all sincerity, I must agree with Governor Mandel when he says "the prison guards are not to be blamed for the riots in Maryland's prisons."

After all, the prison guard (s) is no more than a puppet. He, (Mandel), the puppeteer, is to be blamed for the so-called prison riots.

Without a puppeteer, the puppet is useless, of course we can not over look the "Top Three" external forces which played-plays a very important role in these so-called riots:

a. THE COURTS . . . and the excessive sentences they are about the business of giving out every day.

b. THE PAROLE BOARD . . . and the discretion (racism) they use in turning people down year after year.

c. THE LAW MAKERS . . . and all their right on, rap. Along with their reactionary moves.

In essence, we have what is:

1. Overcrowdedness in the Amerikkkan prison-system. Compliments of the Courts

2. Frustration, hostility and, in many cases, careless attitudes. Thanks to our racist parole board.

3. A lotta deception, little faith and much confusion. Those friendly law makers (smiling faces) (We exclude Brother Mitchell and Brother Brailey from these attacks.)

BRO. JAMES E. X.
Md. State Penitentiary

A Helping Hand

Dear AFRO:

I am writing this letter in reference to Public School No. 301, the William S. Baer School for the Handicapped Children.

At the end of the school term our school was told that we had lost our ESEA Title 1 Funds, but we have an active parent group and did not let it die there.

We had a meeting with Rep. Parren Mitchell of the 7th Congressional District, who in his busy schedule gave us time to speak to him.

He gave us many hints as to what we could do and not do.

He was the only public official who wanted to help, when things were very low for us.

We held a press conference and had a meeting with the School Board and our spokesman, Mr. Smothers, said our piece to the School Board. After their meeting we regained our Title 1 Funds.

I am taking this opportunity to thank Congressman Parren Mitchell publicly for his help in our behalf. After we got our funds back, everybody wanted to get on the bandwagon like they had helped us.

We received a form letter from Congressman Sarbanes, but nothing else, such as an, kind of help. Rep. Mitchell would have my vote in the November elections as he wanted to help and did, but I am in Mr. Sarbanes' district.

JOSEPH L. MATASSA
(Chairman of the School Advisory Committee of the William S. Baer School).

Come Back On Tuesday

Labor Day is not only the last official holiday of summertime, it is also a time when too many people lose all sense of responsibility and become potential killers.

They are the drivers who never believe until it is too late that excessive speed, carelessness on the highways and drinking are three fairly sure ways of giving additional business to the mortician.

For the next three days, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, highways across the nation will be jammed with cars, loaded with people anxious to have an enjoyable outing.

Too many of them will end up in the emergency ward of a hospital because someone failed to exercise a little common sense.

If you drive this weekend, remember that it makes sense to slow down and live.

A fatal traffic accident can happen in a matter of seconds. Keep alert and drive safely, and come back on Tuesday.

Clean Block All Year

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers' 38th Annual Clean Block Campaign is drawing to a close.

All summer, youngsters have been busy tidying their neighborhoods and vying for cash awards.

In many instances, they have worked under great odds — absentee landlords, lack of cooperation by some agencies, and little or no help from selfish neighbors.

AFRO Clean Block judges toured blocks last weekend and are now nominating winners for prizes which will be presented at a public ceremony on Sept. 10, 1972, at 2 p.m. in Mondawmin Mall. We have been impressed by the kind of clean-up youngsters have done in their neighborhoods this year. They have proved that a little elbow grease and inspiration can turn filthy areas into beauty spots.

To date, records show that Clean Block workers cleaned thousands of steps, painted hundreds of houses, cleaned numerous alleys removing truck loads of debris. All of this was accomplished with little or no money.

The prize fund includes a contribution of $2,500 from Model Cities, and $2,500 more from AFRO readers. While encouraging, this is but a pettance of what is needed.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer who attended one of the Clean Block work sessions, indicated a keen interest in this annual AFRO campaign. He contributed $50 of his own money for the first place winner.

We think Mayor Schaefer and his City Administration could take a cue from this AFRO Summer Drive and adopt it for year round use throughout the city.

After all, if the AFRO Clean Block Campaign is good for residents who live in AFRO neighborhoods, it's also good for the entire city.

Chairman Jude

George L. Jude, at age 62, has had long experience as a businessman and civic worker in the community.

We've known him best these past 15 years as a top advertising newspaper salesman and since last year as Manager of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Advertising Department.

Like many busy business executives, Mr. Jude has found time to volunteer his services in his church and in a wide variety of community groups.

For the past four years, he has served as a member of the Baltimore City Planning Commission.

This is the nine-member body appointed by the Mayor which meets regularly with City officials to prepare comprehensive plans for the physical development of the city.

Mr. Jude has been an energetic member of this Commission. Mayor Schaefer recognized this last week and named him chairman.

By reason of his experience and because he lives in the inner-city which benefits or suffers most from city plans which are sensitive or unaware of the need for cultural programs, as well as building, we predict Mr. Jude's leadership of the Committee will enable a greater service by this important city body.

City Jail Board

We do not agree with a reader who called this week to suggest that nothing would change at City Jail and that as soon as the fire has died down Warden Hiram Schoonfield will be back running things the usual way.

While we do not feel that the Jail Board went far enough when it simply suspended Warden Schoonfield two weeks ago, it is a fact that under the leadership of new Jail Board Chairman, H. Mebane Turner, a study is being made of the Schoonfield Administration.

Usually a new broom sweeps clean.

With new members, Aurum Riffman, Dr. Elaine Davis and Mr. Linwood Jennings, who hopefully come to the Jail Board with an objective view, there is every reason to believe that they will give great weight to the numerous reports which have indicated that under the Schoonfield administration the City Jail has deteriorated to the place where it is a dangerous place.

We'd like to think that a new broom does sweet clean.

Congrats

Dear AFRO:

I have just received the AFRO 80th anniversary issue. I found it extremely interesting and informative. Congratulations on your birthday and on the excellent edition.

SIDNEY KOBRE

(Editor's Note: Mr. Kobre is on the faculty of Community College of Baltimore).

79 YEARS AGO—"The interests of the Afro-American population of Baltimore are identical and any faction of the race which fosters strife to gratify its own selfish ambition should be classed with the enemy."
The AFRO-AMERICAN, April, 1893.

A little About a LOT

Deputies for the Colored

After viewing the simulated Disneyland of the Republican National Convention, sterile, compulsively clean cut, non-controversial, one wonders how any blacks could be interested in an impending coronation of King Richard the third rate.

Even the press was intimidated, like the war protesters, in reporting the Republican Convention, as if it were the greatest, most sacred happening in modern day America.

The "Black Advance," is a newsletter put out under the name of a Paul R. Jones, Executive Director of Black Vote Division of the Committee for the re-election of the President.

The first publication, June, 1972, extols the virtues of the Nixon-Agnew administration in areas of black run business, educational opportunities (no mention of anti-busing philosophy), executive appointments, human rights, welfare (what family of four can live on $2400, a year?), minority employment (black male unemployment is 57 to 71 per cent in the inner city), housing (the Inner Harbor Project is building housing for middle to upper income people), and drug abuse.

After reading all these glowing praises, then seeing Jim Brown on the Dick Cavett show direct moral questions to Ramsey Clark over the immoral VietNam war like: "Do you believe that a man like Richard Nixon would want to harm innocent women and children?" I am reminded of a story my brother-in-law tells.

It seems in the late 1700's, a white master became so impressed with the intelligence of his house slave that he sponsored him through Harvard.

When he had gone as far as he could in America, the Massah' sent him to Oxford, England to study for his doctorate. His doctoral thesis, printed into a book, was entitled: "In Defense of Slavery!"

Upon the slave's return, he was made administrator of his master's more than 300 slaves, to insure that the economic windfall of the cotton kingdom would be more efficiently accumulated for good ole 'massah.'

He was probably the first modern day "Deputy for the Colored."

One can only see in this wave of black support for President Nixon, prototypes of this 200 year old example of the "master-slave syndrome."

Before we laugh at this story and deride the present day "deputies," we had better look at the serious condition in which Democrats find themselves in Baltimore city.

According to figures set forth by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, March, 1972, over 20 per cent of the registered voters in the Seventh

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Congressional District — the catchment area for most blacks in Baltimore — have been purged, wiped off the books of vote registry.

Unwittingly, the predominantly Democratic Board of Supervisors of Elections has greatly endangered the prospect of the election of a Democratic President, Sen. George McGovern, November 7, 1972.

Due to the constant pressure of the Citizens Committee for Voter Education, with the continual work of Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Director of Volunteers, at the Community Action Agency, there are over 74 supplemental places of registration within the city of Baltimore.

These stations will be open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays as well as registration in 20 churches on Sundays, during a 20-day period from September 7 to October 8.

The hard work of canvassing, finding the unregistered population is everybody's task.

What's in it for you?

A possible change in the present administration and perhaps a decent kind of revenue sharing which will turn back the high rate of lay-offs in our institutions as well as a decrease in male black unemployment.

If you can't canvass, you can surely help to register people as a volunteer deputized registrar.

Just call Mrs. Jennie Jenkins at CAA, 752-6911, to apply for training and subsequently service.

Otherwise, as is evident by the pervasive defeatist attitude about a change in the presidency, in most of the papers, we may just have to test the truth of the following statement of the Committee for the Re-election of the President:

". . . the central issues facing blacks in 1972, the restructuring of economic and political power — will be furthered by the significant increase in blacks supporting the President's re-election and thus assuring that black Americans have their fair share of the reward, the responsibility and decision-making in every sector of our common society."

Now then, God forbid if this re-election should happen, will you expect Sammy Davis Jr., or Jim Brown, or Floyd McKissick to make the President responsive to all black people's interests or just their own? "Tricky Dick" hasn't changed that much!

Mother's Plea

Dear AFRO:

I am writing this perchance the one who fits the shoe will find it and wear it disgracefully.

On Wednesday, July 12, somewhere between 5:30 p.m. and 12 midnight, our home was broken into. I thank God that we are poor, black people and can only afford to own basic household needs.

Because we can not buy frivolously, each item in our home has special meanings to us. When we buy it we are not in a position to say — "We just bought it because we liked it." — "That really complements the color scheme." — "I just simply must have it."!

NO! Like the Polaroid No. 103 camera they (presuming more than one) took. I bought that in the month of May of 1965 to take pictures of my first child's christening.

Her dad was away in the service at that time, and my mom co-signed and helped me make the payments so I could have pictures of my first baby.

The camera got very little use after that because keeping film in it was a luxury we could not afford. That was the only camera we, as husband and wife, have ever owned.

The General Electric portable TV taken from the living room was black and white and had begun to show one or two signs of wear, but it was aging beautifully and was the only attraction that brought us together as a family each day.

Then there was the smaller (beige portable) Panasonic TV — Now; to my heart, this really hurt me more than anything else — knowing my children's TV was gone.

My husband is a very sincere, very hard working man and as a father he lacks in many ways, but that TV was his gift to our three children from Santa Claus just last Christmas.

That TV was his own special way of saying to them — I love you more than I can show. I want to be with you more, but I must work to give you a home and food and schooling.

That Panasonic was theirs, their own piece of our grownup world that they thought no one and nothing could ever take from them.

My children are visiting their grandmother and will be back here in a few weeks. What shall I tell them; that bad people stole their TV and more important and hurting to them, that they might never ever see it again?

My husband and I lived with my folks for a while before we found this little townhouse. We were young (four years younger), starting a family and have had many a happy moment.

I felt like heaven had sealed its clouds of sunshine all around us and nothing and no one would interfere.

Now something bad has come into my home, and I feel like it's not my house anymore. I feel like there's a bit of evil lurking around me, and I want no parts of it.

I am neither priest nor prophet, but I do firmly believe in God and His justice and I know that heaven is the only true home for us all.

Christ was willing to forgive even at the moment of His death. Maybe there is a place in heaven for "our" thief too. God Forgive You.

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AFRO Credo

I measure a newspaper not in buildings, equipment and employees — 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 kept 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 injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

NOW and THEN

Uganda Rout Of Asians Many-Sided

By G. JAMES FLEMING

There is always something revulsive and sad when people are uprooted from their place of settlement — especially when this uprooting is beyond the power of the victims to prevent.

This is the way I feel about the plight of the Ugandans of Asian descent, (East Indian and Pakistani), who have been given notice to get out of Uganda.

I carry the same guilty feeling for the United States when I think of the series of uprootings this nation inflicted on the American Indians, the treaties we have broken, the plain theft of property we have allowed.

In the case of the African countries, there is an additional concern.

The Asians in Africa represent a significant part of the skilled and

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trained personnel of the respective nations, in addition to their being a very important element of the business life of each country.

All of the African countries need all the indigenous skilled manpower and adventurous minds possible to help take them into the 21st Century, including its Asian people, most of whom — it must be remembered — were born in the country of their residence, and are sometimes fourth-generation "citizens" by right of place of birth.

But, all this is only one part of the story—a story wrapped in the sins of colonialism and its way of dividing people of color in order to oppress and victimize all of them, and to profit from different levels of cheap labor.

In Uganda and the rest of East Africa, in colonial times, the European overlords segregated their people into

(1) Whites at the top,

(2) Asians next,

(3) Then "the coloreds" or persons of mixed blood, and,

(4) Last, on the bottom, the blacks.

Every area of life, from jobs, to neighborhoods, to schools, to pay, reflected this hierarchy. All the non-European groups were victims of this racist practice, but black Africans caught the brunt of the discrimination.

Human beings being what they are, both Asians and "the coloreds," exploited their superior positions over the indigenous blacks — joining with "the Europeans," (all whites), in manipulating, cheating and oppressing them.

Neither Asians nor "the coloreds" joined the black Africans in their fight for independence.

When independence came, most persons of Indian and Pakistani descent, although born in Uganda, showed where their loyalty and their hearts lay.

Instead of automatically taking on Ugandan citizenship, they chose to become, or continue as "subjects," of Great Britain, travelling with British passports and banking a good bit of their money in London.

They chose to be aliens in their own native land.

The new nation of Uganda, as have all the other African nations, has repeatedly invited their Asian residents to assume their Ugandan citizenship, to which they are entitled by right of bigth.

But substantial numbers have chosen to be a sub-citizen of Britain, rather than a full citizen of Uganda.

Now they are finding that they cannot hold their cake and eat it, too. And so is Britain.

For Indians and other Asians, Uganda has been good enough to live in and to make money in, but not good enough to be a citizen of!

Now, the Uganda government, through President Idi Amin, has given notice that all non-Uganda citizens of Indian and Pakistani background, and holding British passports, must leave the country in three months.

President Amin calls the Asians "economic saboteurs," while other Ugandans have always accused them of "taking out more than they put in."

Some 23,000 Asians, who hold Ugandan citizenship, are not included in the expulsion order.

The western press, especially England's, has attacked the new Uganda policy, and accused President Amin of racism.

The real charge of racism should be made against Britain which is discriminating against thousands of its own citizens, just because they are brown and not white.

Britain now, officially, has two kinds of citizens — citizens and "criminal citizens."

It does not want its brown citizens from Uganda to settle in the United Kingdom.

There is still another side to this matter:

Can Uganda afford the loss of 55,000 of its producing citizens?

Is there a will on the part of black Ugandans to "roll up their sleeves" and to tackle the hard economic and social problems of their country?

Can Uganda manage without Great Britain's economic assistance?

Would it be preferable to compel Asian entrepreneurs to chase a greater proportion of their enterprises with blacks — through jobs, advancement in employment, stock ownership, management?

If man would read the handwriting on the wall, expulsions of the Uganda type might not be necessary in 1972.

But wherever those with power — political or economic — refuse to share, they can rest assure they will stand to lose their all.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Fleming spent eight months visiting 12 countries of Africa in 1965-66, including Uganda).

Police Major Speaks With The People

Must Fight Crime With Team Effort

By MAJ. JAMES H. WATKINS

(ED'S NOTE: Major Watkins, one of Baltimore City's highest ranking police officers, is director of the Department's Community Relations Division, which won a place on the AFRO's 1971 Honor Roll. He is a veteran of 22 years on the force).

Violent crime affects every citizen of this nation. The fact is hammered home constantly.

We in law enforcement see the problems day in and day out.

Experts have expounded theory after theory about causes of violent crime and what can be done to stop it.

Meanwhile, the statistics on this type of violence in America rise at an alarming rate.

There is no American problem entitled to higher priority than that of making our homes, our places of business, and our streets safe.

In some places it is no longer safe for a woman to go to the stores to do her shopping, even in the daytime.

The crimes committed at night against innocent people are appalling.

In searching for means to reduce crime the full responsibility should not be put upon any one or all of the law enforcement agencies.

This must be a team effort, full cooperation between the police and the community.

Two factors are necessary for the commission of a crime: first, the desire to commit a crime; and second, the opportunity for the successful completion of the crime.

We in law enforcement need your cooperation to be truly effective in our endeavor to eliminate the opportunity for crime.

The purpose of this message is to help enable YOU to recognize and eliminate crime opportunities.

When using public streets and highways, be alert!!!

Attempt to plan the safest route to your destination, not necessarily the shortest.

CONSIDER where you are going. Is the neighborhood business, residential or both?

Consider the lighting conditions on your arrival and departure (natural, public or private — daylight, dusk or darkness).

Consider how you are going — on foot, public bus, taxi or private

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automobile; Is the route well lit and well traveled? Is the bus stop well lit and frequently used? Is parking available, if so, how near?

CONSIDER who is going. Are you going alone, with a companion (male or female) or will you be with a group?

Crimes can be reduced if concerned citizens and police work together for law enforcement and justice.

(Editor's Note: Address questions to Major Watkins, care of AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203).

A Column Of Choice

White Man's Mind-Killing Narcotics

By MARION BANFIELD

I did not hear the television program myself, but I was told that a member of the Mafia made a statement about drugs that all blacks need to know.

The Mafia felt it is losing control of the drug traffic. Interestingly enough the Mafia member announced to the American public that the Mafia keeps drugs in the ghetto.

That ought to tell our young drug game players just what drug dealers think of them. (Read the Godfather).

Some young people who think it is real clever to outwit their parents, their older advisers or the police ought to get a message from the Mafia.

Those wealthy hoodlums despise blacks. The more they despise blacks, the more they can exploit our stupidity.

If a member of the Mafia can find a slick money-hungry black to peddle the stuff, that makes less work and more money for the Mafia.

The more money the Mafia makes, the more they can spare to our black hoodlums for their flashy clothes and cars.

The flashier we are, the less competition we are for the tough world of the establishment.

In the establishment you have to be able to read the fine print as well as the large print. You have to be highly literate, no sixth grade stuff!

If the pushers can flash pretty clothes and "bad" cars and make our kids accept this junk as the goal of living, blacks will be easier to control.

If you have to have drugs, then the pusher calls the tune for the dance you perform 24 hours a day. The big pushers would not think of using the drugs themselves.

They are not about to mess up their minds. They do not enjoy jail. There is not but so much power in a drugged mind. The more drugged minds you can keep in the ghetto or jail, the less

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threat to the surrounding world.

Drugged blacks can be despised as thieves and prostitutes. The more of them killing each other off and sucking in dumb kids into their system, the easier it is to confine and control the black community.

A bunch of dopes are not much when it comes to "Power to the People!"

In case some of us have not taken the idea of genicide too seriously, let me remind you that during World War II, the Japanese were interned in camps in our western deserts. Not one concentration camp was set up for Germans.

Our history teachers need to get our students to read about concentration camps in Germany, Russia and America. Our teachers had better keep up with legislation for detention camps. It can happen here; it happened in Germany to the Jews.

Black leaders that whites fear are not drug users. Whites only fear black intelligence and literacy.

Slave masters made teaching black slaves to read a criminal offense. Slavemasters knew that if blacks could read and write as well as the ruling group, there could not be a slave and master, superior and inferior human hierarchy.

Our black revolutionaries are all highly literate. None of them read or write at the sixth grade level.

To have power as a people, we must choose to reject being a market for the white man's mind-killing drugs.

Our children must choose to learn, to think, to read, to question, to find out what this hard world is all about.

It's NOT A Man's World

Women Are Still Excluded

By BERNICE S. WHITE

Women celebrated the 52nd anniversary on Aug. 26 of legislation which gave them the right to vote. Since that time, we find women holding jobs as engineers, oceanographers, law enforcement officers, sky marshalls, air traffic controllers, tugboat captains, nuclear engineers, forest workers, customs inspectors, and other areas where they had not heretofore been employed or where there had been a hiatus since the World War II period.

Now the question is raised. "Why all the furor over equality for women?"

What else do they want? Why is there a continued need for more legislation? Women are supposed to be happy now with the right to vote.

They control most of the money (so the men say). They seem to be making more money and holding much better jobs. They've never had it so good.

Contrary to belief, they don't have it so good. At least the working woman is not having it so good.

In spite of the fact that women were employed in public service before the Constitution was signed; in spite of the fact that the Civil Service Act of 1883 encouraged women to compete in civil service examinations the same as men; in spite of the fact that the Classification Act of 1923 established the concept of "equal pay for equal work," it has taken other actions to move toward equal opportunity for women.

In 1965, an 1870 law that permitted agencies to select men or women for vacancies was repealed by Congress. In 1967, an Executive Order added sex to other prohibited forms of discrimination (race, color, religion, national origin).

In 1969, President Nixon's Executive Order 11478 raised the level of attention to the Federal Women's Program by integrating it into the overall Equal Employment

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Opportunity Program.

Additional legislation prohibiting sex discrimination is contained in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On March 24, 1972 President Nixon signed into law the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-261) amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title IX of Public Law 92-318 (the Education Amendments of 1972), provides that "no person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex; be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In spite of all of this legislation, the latest data reveals that women represent 38 per cent of the workforce but hold 75 per cent of all clerical jobs; that men with college degrees are employed at a beginning salary of $12,000 while women begin at $7,000; that in 1940, women represented 28 per cent of college faculty and in 1969 this representation decreased to 22 per cent.

In 1969, the median annual income for white men was $8,867; for black men, $6,158; for white women, $5,168; and black women, $4,231.

The black woman is always found at the lowest level in all economic categories. Statistics also reveal that 98 per cent of all jobs paying $15,000 or more per year are held by white men.

Women have never had it so good? Ask women who are heads of households who are forced to hold dull, low-paying jobs with earnings at or just above the poverty level.

Ask women in academia who hold many degrees and yet do not hold a sufficient number of professorships or top college administrative posts.

Ask the welfare mothers who are put into often poorly managed job training programs and then placed in low paying jobs and have no day care centers to look after their children.

Ask the young female college graduate who applied for a job and is asked, "Can you type?"

Try it. You might not like what you hear. Their answers might be very revealing.

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IF YOU ASK ME

By BETTYE MOSS

How-it-turned-out department: Creston (Doc) Wolngust, the senior citizen who is known as everybody's friend, writes to report that our item in this space a week back brought results.

He is now out of Provident Hospital, living at 2302 W. Lanvale St., would welcome your visit and gifts of cheer.

Remember he helped YOU for many years. Here's YOUR chance to help him.

Cleaning out a desk drawer in preparation for vacation time, gives you a jolt. Reason: You discover items you thought you'd published never got beyond the drawer.

For example, back in June we wrote the following:

"On every college campus there are outstanding dedicated faculty members and in some rare cases, others who stand head and shoulders above the rest; mainly by reason of their own performance and excellence.

"They are the ones who by example inspire others to greater heights.

"Such a man was Morgan State College's Frank Augustus DeCosta Sr. who died last week at the age of 62."

And in May, we wrote the following:

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"Thomas B. Finan, an associate judge of the Md. Court of Appeals and former attorney general, who died last week at the age of 57, was a person who believed in and practiced brotherhood.

"I will always remember vividly the story he told of his experience in World War II when he was a commander of an Army Stockade in Europe.

"He entered a room where both black and white soldiers were housed to find them in bitter debate.

"The whites wanted the black soldiers housed separately. Tom Finan settled the matter quickly and firmly. 'We'll have none of that. We are all Americans and we are all going to live here together in peace and harmony.'

"The times demand more white people like Thomas Finan who are sensitive to such problems and who have the guts to help solve them."

Also in June, this column wrote this item which didn't get in print:

"Paul E. Burke wrote the AFRO recently to remind our readers that the Md. Traffic Safety Commission is out of business.

"At the last session of the Legislature the 22-year-old agency was abolished.

"Perhaps it was an economic move designed to improve the overall traffic control program, but we are sorry to note Mr. Burke's talents will not be utilized in this new setup.

"He has given himself unstintingly to the program to reduce accidents on highways, to enforce safety regulations, and to remind Mr. John Q. Public that safety and caution might prolong his life and the lives of others. We'll miss him."

Travel note: Something new in travel service is provided by the NAACP Department of Tours, a non-profit organization which provides travel to all parts of the world at lower rates. Plus, it is a program which provides income for the association.

For details, write to James H. Tarter, Director, NAACP National Department of Tours, 1790 Broadway, New York 10019.

Smile of week: A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A child playing in front of his house saw him and called, "What are you hauling?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied. "What are you going to do with it?" asked the child.

"Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here," the child advised him. "We put sugar and cream on them."

Picked these smiles up from a window ledge at a downtown office:

THE PERFECT MAN

There is a man who never drinks
Nor smokes, nor chews, nor swears
Who never gambles, never flirts
And shuns all sinful snares.

HE'S PARALYZED!
(Let's Try It Again)

There is a man who never does
Anything that is not right
His wife knows just where he is
At morning, noon, and night.

HE'S DEAD!

Cuff note: Companies setting up shop in Ireland get a 15-year holiday from income and corporate profit taxes on goods manufactured here for export, and partial relief for the remaining years to April, 1990 when the tax legislation expires.

Ireland has been able to carry these tax inducements into the Common Market because of her designation as an underdeveloped area meriting "regional development" status, according to the magazine, THE EXCHANGE.

"Good housekeeping is not just a lack of dirt . . . it's a state of mind . . . an attitude." That's the philosophy of a large printing shop in Coshocton, Ohio.

The four-story building undergoes an annual week-long wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling cleanup by employees. Machinery is cleaned, walls and floors scrubbed and painted where needed, light fixtures dusted and cleaned.

These reasons are given for maintaining high standards of housekeeping in an industry:

1. They contribute to the high quality expected by customers.
2. They reduce fire and accident hazards.
3. They increase the operational life of the equipment.
4. They make the best use of available space.
5. They represent an important aspect of our responsibility to the community in which we operate.
6. Employees want and deserve a clean place to work.
7. A clean place to work supports and enhances good employee morale.

The annual cleanup usually produces some 25 truckloads of trash before the week is over.

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