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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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## Illegal For 18 Years

How a public school board evades the issues, arrogantly disobeys the law of the land and innocently protests when a court threatens punishment, may be found in the official court documents of a parents' suit against the Prince George's County, Md. school board.

Today, 18 years after the Supreme Court outlawed the dual school system, Prince George's assigns its 162,826 students to 222 schools on the basis of race. Almost all of the 36,450 black students attend predominantly black schools.

Schools which are 90-95 per cent white have 65 per cent of the white school population. Schools which are from 50 to 80 per cent black have 61 per cent of the black population.

Since March, 1972, NAACP and American Civil Liberties' lawyers have been in Federal Court to ask relief.

U.S. District Court Judge Frank A. Kaufman, who has exhibited unusual patience as school board attorneys have sought to circumvent the law, has now reached the point where he has issued an ultimatum. The School Board must come up with a plan to meet the constitutional commands by the end of next month.

And, this only after nearly a year of court hearings, appeals and counter-claims.

Now that the court has served notice it will rule unless the School Board acts responsibly, we have demonstrations by parents who engage in emotional dialogue at the Governor's Mansion.

They cry that any plan to comply with the law of the land would increase busing. They ignore the fact that Prince George's County school district which covers 485 square miles already transports 47 per cent of all its students.

An objective reading of the court briefs, and opinions of the courts would lead fair-minded citizens to conclude that the real culprits in this long-drawn-out school case are members of the Prince George's County School Board.

And, in the final analysis, the burden of responsibility for the board's illegal actions rests on the man who appointed the board, Gov. Marvin Mandel.

When Prince George's parents appealed to him to intervene in the court case this week, the Governor was quoted as saying he sympathized with them.

A man in Gov. Mandel's position would have enhanced his stature in the eyes of the nation if he had reminded the demonstrators that segregated schools were outlawed in 1954, and that law-abiding citizens should cut out the debate and discussion and work together now to obey the decisions of the courts which are binding on every school board in the land including Prince George's County here in Maryland.

## Barbers Clipped Again

Barbers have "cut" into the news since long ago when a nursery rhyme said, "Barber, barber, shave a pig, How many hairs to make a wig?" Then too, remember Delilah who cut Sampson's hair when he was asleep instead of letting him go to the shop?

The latest word from the Baltimore Barbers' Union Local 241 is that the guys feel a recent ruling by Circuit Court Judge James A. Perrott "clipped" their trade down by allowing beauticians to cut men's hair.

Joseph Lamantia, president, says since beauticians do not have barbers' licenses, the ruling is unfair and "shaves" the men's chances of making a living.

Will they ask the ladies to turn in their scissors and leave the "shearing" to the guys?

## You, Boy, Say Thank You

The decision of the Zoning Board to turn down the Prisoner's Aid Association's request for a Halfway House at 534 Arlington Avenue is a blight on the black community.

We have the highest respect for City Councilman Emerson Julian and the other residents who testified at the Zoning Board hearing, but the rest of the community is wondering how much research and thought went into the protest.

How many persons are arrested in this area every week? How many parolees return to this area? How many more men and women would be able to get out of jail or prison if this house was available? How many who are in jail, but shouldn't be, would be able to be paroled?

Do these residents really believe they can live in an ivory tower and ignore what is going on in their own neighborhoods?

Where should Halfway House be located? Where the problem exists or where the people have to ride a bus to get help?

Three of the persons who testified — M's Beatrice Cooke, Dr. William Watts and Thomas Gunn — live in the 500 block of Arlington Avenue. Others live in Northwest and Northeast. Dr. Julian is on Arunah Avenue; Phil Stephenson on Hillen Road and Mrs. Rose Jones on W. Mulberry.

But those who spoke were representing some 25 others who signed the petition.

Where were the representatives from the large churches in the area like St. James' Episcopal Church, Metropolitan Methodist and the St. James Terrace Apartments?

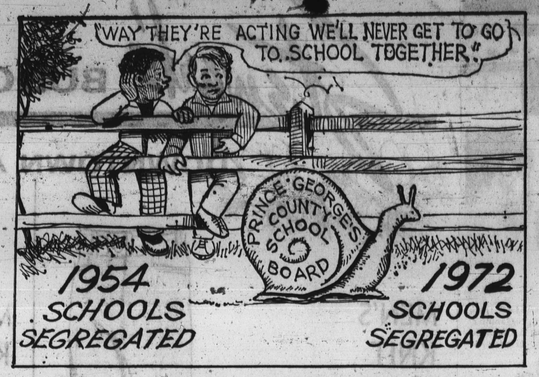
Why didn't the other residents of Harlem Park speak out?

What about the large schools in the area? Where were their principals?

Why didn't the Zoning Board ask for further study instead of denying the request outright?

These questions, Dr. Julian, should have been answered before the Zoning Board hearing but since they were not, it might be well for your group to take a look at their empty victory — for it is empty as long as hundreds of black men and women remain in jail or prison just because a few do-gooders turned their backs on reality.

## Still Moving At Gill's Space




## 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 more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.**

### Schaefer's First Year

Dear AFRO:

I read your editorial in Friday's paper on Mayor Schaefer's first year. It was good as far as it went but I think the AFRO should have mentioned the peeve some of us black people have about the mayor's failure to attend our public meetings.

I seem to remember the AFRO had a story several weeks ago where a group of ministers protested his failure to show for a church convention or to answer the invitation.

I was at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity salute to our bishop, Edgar A. Love. Mayor Schaefer's name was on the program, but he sent his black educational assistant, Quentin Lawson, instead. In fact, during the banquet the toastmaster made reference to the fact that the mayor had sent his 'deputy for the cullud.'

I think Mr. Lawson is a fine person but the mayor insults us when he sends him instead of coming himself for gatherings he evidently had given his word in advance to attend.

One thing can be said about former mayors, Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd and Theodore McKeldin, they came out to our meetings, large and small.

In his letter for the AFRO's 80th anniversary Mayor Schaefer said he believes in the people of the city and he is "optimistic" for the future.

I'd be more optimistic if we saw more of him at our meetings.

JAMES E. LORTON

### Humorous Story

Dear AFRO:

I experienced one of the most pleasant surprises in my life when a neighbor called me and said "I didn't know that you were a devil with the piano. After several exchanges she told me that the AFRO had a very humorous story about me in the 'good ol'e days.'"

I am very grateful to the AFRO for including me in its "Eighty Years of Progress" (Dec. 5, 1972). It seems that even now I get into much hot water for trying to do things differently from the traditional. Such experiences were common during my educational career.

HERBERT M. FRISBY

### Misquoted

Dear AFRO:

I was very interested in your reporter's coverage of the trial and disposition hearing of the 13-year-old girl who was accused of the slaying of Russia Holley.

However, I would like to point out a rather blatant misquote in your article. The phrase "episodic psycodicemotional-trama" (sic) which you attributed to me, has never been used by me.

As a matter of fact, the term is total gibberish, without any meaning whatsoever.

I realize the importance of media coverage of such disposition hearings, but feel that such coverage should be accurate if it is to be at all worthwhile. I should also like to point out that I am a clinical psychologist, and not a psychiatrist, as stated by your paper.

RICHARD G. LOEFF, Ph.D.

### Backs Poets

Dear AFRO:

I am writing in reference to a recent article about Mr. Frank Newton. Besides his academic accomplishments Mr. Newton is a brilliant young writer and poet.

As a friend of this man I have works of his writings which I have had a chance to read. His writings show his interest and reflects his black awareness.

I sincerely hope that the AFRO, with Mr. Newton's consent, will publish one or two of his poems.

MRS. E. HIGHTOWER

EDITOR'S NOTE: We'd like to see them.

### Christmas Is

Christmas is getting toys that make
children full of joy.
Christmas is having a tree and being
full of glee.
Christmas is loving one another and
giving gifts to each other.
I said it once and I'll say it again
Christmas is happiness for all men.

EVELYN STRAND
Windsor Hills
Elementary School No. 87

### Effrontery

Dear AFRO:

The AFRO deserves the praise of the community for the many years the paper has championed the cause of the black citizen.

However, in pointing out the foibles of our white "friends" — the zeal of a columnist to right a wrong sometimes renders strange contradiction. Such was the case in Mrs. Bettye Moss' column of December 9.

Mrs. Moss mentions the police official's remark "I like Senator Welcome in black," as being uncomplimentary.

Later, in the same column, Mrs. Moss mentions the manner of dress of Mr. Mosely, the father of the Unsung Hero. The "Even though ..." beginning of her statement was patronizing and unnecessarily apologetic.

A black man who has reared 10 children and is alive to see his youngest signally honored does not need nor deserve a parenthetical aside reference to his attire,

I see little difference in circumstance or pertinence between the remark made by the police official and that written by Mrs. Moss.

Both showed particular effrontery.

CALVIN C. SCOTT
Librarian
Dunbar High School

### Dope Discussion

Dear AFRO:

I called the AFRO City Desk in reference to a television program, 'Maude.' I am a grandmother 72 years old. I have two teenage grandchildren whom I reared from infants.

On the Maude program, she was talking about marijuana.

We have enough problems with our children and they know enough about the use and different kinds of dope. I don't think they should have been a program on the air discussing dope.

MRS. ANNA F. WILLIAMS

### State Unfair

Dear AFRO:

I am an inmate at the Maryland House of Correction. I am also a concerned party, interested in equality and betterment of the Asiatic community.

I read in the AFRO a couple of weeks ago about this thirteen-year-old European girl who viciously, and without mercy, murdered a three-year-old child (Asiatic).

I think it was unfair for the state to charge a 14-year-old boy with murder as an adult, when the same state felt there was no need to charge as an adult a 13-year-old European.

What difference does it make whether one was done with a slow process of torture? What is the most vicious?

The difference might lay in the shade of one's skin or in the balance of his bank account.

JOE C. EVANS JR.

## A little About a LOT Let The Buyer Beware

By MADELINE W. MURPHY

Many people are being gypped these days in the something-for-nothing come-on of buying beef off the hook.

There are freezer packing butcher shops geared to the idea that if you buy off the hook you can get a fairly good bargain in beef, considering beef prices are sky rocketing.

It seems that for 69 cents a pound you buy a quarter or half a carcass, accompanied with bonuses of a turkey, or ten pounds of bacon, spareribs, chickens, or ten filet mignon.

What you are not aware of is that after your carcass is weighed, and it has been cut into roasts, steaks, ground beef, you may lose as much as half your poundage in fat, that is tossed in a barrel, so you pay twice as much for the actual take home order.

When you move up in price to 1.89 USDA Prime, the meat looks leaner, but it also shrinks in half and what was a 92 pound gourmet's delight turns into a 52 pound weakling, equal to 3.26 a pound.

You suddenly realize that had you followed the sales in supermarkets, you would have saved on the average of 1.07 a pound, for the bargain you thought you were getting at the meat packers; and he averages a 60 per cent profit. You pay for the so-called give-aways in the bargain, plus the fat he sells to rendering companies.

The butcher takes yours and his and leaves you holding maybe a dozen sirloins, a roast, about twelve pounds of ground round, a dozen filet mignons and seven or eight New York steaks.

The sad part of this is that people who have food stamps are welcomed in these places and taken for a royal ride. It's usually the people who want to save, to get the most for their money, who get gypped.

With all the talk of welfare chiselers, in a capitalistic society, no one talks about the landlords, the corner store racketeers, the meat packers who are chiseling the welfare recipients, or food stamp recipients.

That's all in the name of American business — let the buyer beware.

The people who operate these meat packing places will direct you to their ads saying, "It's all down here, but people read what they want."

Yet anyone who reads the ads will have a difficult time separating misleading come-ons from truth. It seems they stay just within the boundary to avoid litigation for false and misleading advertising.

Now that the mad scramble for Christmas giving is upon many people, you also find the same companies, like the hawkers on the Atlantic City boardwalks, pushing mechanical scissors, button sewers, knife sharpeners, meat and vegetable cutters, plastic wrapping machines, and victims of the hypnotic, compulsive buying anxiety, the day after Christmas, will wake up with the thought of P. T. Barnum ringing in their ears: "There's a sucker born every minute."

For most of this merchandise sold at Christmas is manufactured just for all the suckers, usually poor people.

If I sound like Scrooge, it's because I've grown tired and angry with the kind of commercialism that crowds out the basic principle of what Christianity is all about.

The kind of commercialism which even fosters the "something-for-nothing-con-game" that hustled a widow out of $4,000 last week.

My solution to the problem, not original with me, is that by 1976 we should set aside February 29 (Leap Year) for all that giving, and devote Christmas Day to renewing a common bond of brotherhood between blacks, to fortify us in getting our stuff together.

Although this might put a dent in the economy, it might also push us in the direction of pooling our monetary resources for the liberation of ourselves, as well as mankind in the bargain.

But if you are still bent on the one-day orgy of Christmas gifts, which fall apart, and toys that injure, beware of the chiselers, the inflated prices. Since you are the buyer, it is your judgment that counts over all the sales pitches, the false promises, the con games. Caveat Emptor!

## REPORT FROM WASHINGTON Racist Attacks On Rev. Vernon Dobson

By PARREN J. MITCHELL, M.C.
(D-7th District-Maryland)
U.S. House of Representatives

The Rev. Vernon Dobson spoke at the Morgan College Memorial Service for the two black students slain at Southern University. He was eloquent.

During the course of his remarks he said words to this effect: "My concern for humanity, my conscience forced me to participate in a memorial service for the Jewish athletes killed at Munich.

"I did this because I care about life." He then raised the question, "where are the Jews to mourn for these two young men?"

Since that day at Morgan, Vernon Dobson has become the victim of a sick smear hate campaign.

The white press carried letters to the editor daily, letters condemning this man, labeling and libeling him, among other things as an anti-semite, an agitator and an anarchist.

Since that day at Morgan, his home has been bombarded with hate calls, threats to his life and to the lives of his children.

Vernon is my friend — he is my brother. He needs no person to protect him. He is a man, strong and big and fearless.

If he ever got his hands on the hate callers, they would get a sound thrashing.

Vernon is my friend — my brother. He really needs no one to speak out in his support but . . .

Hate calls, smears, threats, libels, all of these are odious but they don't really worry me.

What does is the failure of black citizens to raise their voices in public outrage at the vilification of Vernon Dobson.

He is not the one who needs, solicits or wants that kind of support. The fact is that it is our community which needs it.

Community leaders, politicians, little people, agency heads, labor leaders, educators, all of these and more have made demand after demand on Vernon Dobson.

He, in turn, has given and given unstintingly and selflessly of himself to this community.

He has raised the issues, fought the fights, provided the leadership. Where now are all of those to whom he has given so much?

Don't they realize that they are not immune from such attacks?

Don't they understand that the attacks on the Rev. Mr. Dobson represent a technic for muting the voices of black leaders?

Isn't it ironic that other clear thinking people have publicly raised questions similar to the one Rev. Dobson raised but have not been subjected to abuse?

These are the words of another man aired in public median, "We have been through a decade of assassinations and violence. It is possible that Americans are becoming insensitive, that violence is of no concern so long as it happens somewhere else?

"We earnestly hope not, but we are discouraged by the lack of concern over the shootings at Southern University. Will Parren Mitchell be the only Maryland Congressman to show his concern?

"Where are the voices of the other political leaders, of the priests, ministers and rabbis? Where are the voices of the business leaders, of the educators?"

Vernon, don't be misled. There are thousands who love you, respect you, believe in you and look to you for leadership.

Keep giving of your courage and hopefully they will gain enough courage to break the appalling silence and publicly answer your detractors.

## 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 no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

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

Whether it stays out of politics except injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

## Times Call For Greatest Racial Unity

By G. JAMES FLEMING

Once upon a time when black Americans were troubled they felt that, if they ran to Washington, they would find a sympathetic ear in the White House, or that the top government officials might listen to their complaints.

In those days, black Americans did not expect too much from Congress, or from governors, or from local officials. (After all, most race discrimination, they felt, was on the state and local levels).

President Hoover did not listen, but Roosevelt did in an unprecedented manner. And Truman could be reached. These latter two, Roosevelt and Truman, did more than listen. They acted and they "laid down the law." Even more important, they included blacks in new echelons of government and of their party.

DR. FLEMING.

Eisenhower moved falteringly, but acted affirmatively when he could not avoid doing so, constitutionally.

Whatever his feelings and his reluctance, he did send federal troops to open the doors of Little Rock's Central High School to black children.

This action in Arkansas made it easier for President Kennedy to use federal military authority to open university doors to blacks in Mississippi and Alabama.

## NOW and THEN

Further, President Kennedy took the leadership in setting a new tone for U.S. intergroup relations.

What Kennedy began, President Johnson carried forward in speech, in new laws, and in other actions. He listened to blacks, they were in his inner circles. As in the case of Kennedy, blacks felt that, under Johnson, they did not have an enemy in the White House.

Who can forget one of Johnson's TV speeches promoting civil rights, when he dared to close with the words, "We Shall Overcome."

Nowadays, blacks feel that no one in the White House wants to listen to them; that they are not "in," that they have no high priority; that Nixon aides, high and low, will take their cue from the White House and treat blacks with even more neglect than the "benign" kind.

If this hunch is correct and it seems to be, then the next four years call upon blacks to close ranks in a quality of unity and united action seldom achieved in the past.

This unity must not be only a feeling, but it must be undergirded by an unprecedented sharing of our substance — giving of money — with these organizations and causes which have the means of compelling government and the bulk of the American people to listen and to respond affirmatively and constructively.

Money is not all.

Since blacks will be losing national political clout, the years ahead suggest that we pay the fullest attention to building local political status — that we bore ourselves into local political organizations, pay our way in them, work in them, and struggle to get a share of the real power.

This need not be an exercise in futility, because history supports the proposition that state and national political power is, to the largest extent, built and based on local political power.

This being ignored in Washington, therefore, may well be "a blessing in disguise."

ALL ADDICTED? — The reason politicians (government) have so much trouble dealing with the drug problem, is because they, too, are addicted, as are most other people.

This is the opinion of the president of the American Academy of Psychoana, sis, Dr. George Nicklin, who claims that drinking alcohol, gambling and even eating too much food, is also addiction.

And one set of addictors just do not have the heart to move against another set of addictors.

Dr. Nicklin told his fellow-analysts that when a man spends his Christmas money on his bookie rather than on his children, then such a man is as much addicted to gambling as another man may be addicted to hard drugs.

We are sure Dr. Nicklin has not heard the last of this.

PUERTO RICO — This column is being written in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where a new mayor and a new representative to the U.S. Congress have just been elected.

Being here is a reminder that I have never seen any black Puerto Ricans in top government or political positions. For that matter, where are the black Puerto Ricans?

It is a long time since I have visited inside of Puerto Rico, but I do read the San Juan Star several times a year and I catch TV news programs every now and then, in which Puerto Ricans are featured. I just don't see any who are black.

Even in the airport, counter clerks, gift shop personnel, waiters and skycaps are all non-black Puerto Ricans. Ditto for taxi drivers.

In fact, I see more black Puerto Ricans active in New York than appear to be in San Juan.

This column is not making any accusations. We are just curious. "Equal time" anybody?



## IF YOU ASK ME

By BETTYE MOSS

In the mailbag: Our special correspondent, Louise Kerr Hines, writes:

"There is a local angle to the news of the Rev. W. Sterling Cary of Buffalo being elected first black president of the National Council of Churches. (AFRO — Dec. 11, 1972).

"The newly elected 45-year old official is the brother-in-law of the Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, pastor of Baltimore's Heritage United Church of Christ located at Liberty Heights Ave. and Dennlyn Rd.

"The Phillips family sets a record in that four of the five sons of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Porter W. Phillips Sr. of Pittsburgh's Carrone Baptist Church are ministers."

Mrs. Hines adds:—

"In addition to Wendell, they are the Revs. Channing Phillips of Washington, Porter W., and Allison of New York. The other son, Treadwell, a lawyer, heads Baltimore's Human Relations Commission. Mrs. Sterling Cary is the former Marie Phillips.

"Last summer during the vacation period at Heritage Church the senior Phillips' filled in at Heritage, the father as guest pastor, and Mrs. Dorothy Phillips as organist.

They are both in vigorous good health and kept quite busy traveling about supporting their talented sons in their numerous activities.

"Channing Phillips, you will recall, was the first black presidential candidate in the 1968 Democratic convention."

How-it-turned-out-department: The Bishop Edgar A. Love scholarship fund, created at that recent testimonial in his honor, now totals $6,200.

At the testimonial, sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Morgan State College gave $5,000 to create the Edgar A. Love Scholar Award. The fraternity, of which Bishop Love is the sole surviving founder, gave $1,000.

Other contributors to date: $100, Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Harmon and $100 from an anonymous friend. Additional contributions can be sent to Dr. Haywood Harrison, Morgan State College.

People-being-kind-department:— On his recent trip to Liberia Leroy Dyett, the mortician, helped funeral directors there, purchase proper equipment, merchandise and materials needed for finer and better burials.

"I read your column all the time," was the cheerful greeting from fellow shopper who stopped the writer in a Mondawmin food store the other evening.

She turned out to be Mrs. John Palmer (Edna), of Park Heights Ave. She's a nurse and he works for the city.

Their daughters are Naomi, Ruth and Nadine, all secretaries. The family attends Christ Community Baptist Church.

Treat in store: Northwestern High School students sing Mandel's "Messiah," on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

It-couldn't-happen-to-a-more-deserving person-department: Associates and friends of Dr. Ivan Bradshaw Higgins are planning a tribute to him for his more than 40 years of distinguished service as physician and surgeon to Provident Hospital and the city.

It is set for 7 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at Martin's West.

Cuff Note:— Activities are to include: (1) personal tributes, (2) citations by city, state and national officials and organizations and (3) presentation of a "Book of Letters" from associates and friends.

You can say thanks for his dedicated service if you find it impossible to attend by writing a tribute for the book of letters.

MRS. MOSS

These tributes must be in before April 6, 1973. Address them to 4720 Norfolk Ave.

Here is another interesting note in the week's mailbag from Isaiah E. (Ike) White:—

"More than 50 years ago, the late Dr. Barnett Rhetta and a group of interested men organized the Checker Club which met in a barber shop located at Barre St. and Fremont Ave.

"The aims of this group were to provide recreation for men interested in checkers and to compete against the top players from Washington, Wilmington, Delaware, and Philadelphia.

"This club flourished during the thirties and early forties due to the depression when many men were out of work.

Even through the years the club was located in a shoe-shine parlor at Mulberry St. and Fremont Ave., in Harlem Park in a store front at Franklin and Gilmor Sts., and now at 1157 N. Carrollton Ave.

"The Checker Club is now called the Harlem Park Checker Club and has a total of 45 active members. This club hopes to make the citizens of Baltimore aware of checkers as a form of recreation, to be an asset to the community in removing young men from the street corners and having them participate in wholesome competition, to learn more about the game of checkers, and to participate in city, state, and national tournaments.

"A very good checker player must possess patience, courage, determination, stamina, and an outstanding memory of basic moves for a given game. Even though the club has never produced a national champion, it has developed many top-flight players through the years."

Further, Mr. White advises that the Harlem Park Checker Club is open every day except Sunday. Each member is taxed 75 cents a week to pay for current expenses and to make contributions in minor emergencies.

The club is registered with the State of Maryland Checker Association and sends representatives to all of the tournaments.

In the national tournament held last summer in Detroit, Freddie Owens placed second and Charles Brown placed seventh.

Cuff Note: Members will compete in the national tournament to be held in New York City on July 10, 1973. Men wishing to join the club may call 669-0686 or visit the club at 1157 N. Carrollton Ave.

Officers are: Wright Dixon, president; Robert Lee, vice president; and John Foster, secretary-treasurer.

Travel notes:— Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, the one-time AFRO Far North correspondent and Arctic explorer is in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada to attend the annual meetings of the Arctic Institute of North America.

He writes:— "I am the only one of my ethnic group affiliated with this international organization. In dress, I am well prepared to withstand temperatures much below zero on our trip. Where are all of those to whom we gave our support in our days of glory?

## 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: The woman who killed my brother was tried in Criminal Court and our family never knew the trial was to come until we read it was over and done. We wonder why the family was never notified of the trial. We would like at least to know what she said about the murder of our brother. — GRIEVED FAMILY

ANSWER: The states attorney's office says relatives and interested persons are never notified of court proceedings unless they are witnesses.

Officials in the office say that it would take an extra staff of 20 persons to send out notices to interested persons and the budget can not allow it.

If you want to know what transpired in court, you may talk by phone (PL. 2-2000) with the states attorney's office or go there in person to speak with the prosecutor.

REPORT TAXI CABS

QUESTION: The hackers are gone from Lexington Market. Taxis will not stop for black citizens. My friends and I do not own cars and we depend on those men to take us home. After shopping, we can't ride buses with three or four shopping bags. Taxis ignore us downtown. — MRS. MARIE WALDER

ANSWER: Lexington Market authorities say hackers are operating against the law and must be banned. However, the state Public Service Commission states all taxis which refuse passengers can be reported to them and will be dealt with according to law. Call 383-2374 after you get the cab number.

QUESTION: Where can I get the beautiful Mother and Child Christmas cards published in the AFRO Tuesday? — MISS JULIA NORTH

ANSWER: — THIRDWORLD Museum, 1767 Carswell St., 243-9600, has many varieties of cards illustrated by black artists and showing darling little angels and moving drawings of scenes for the Yule season.

NO RENT RAISE

QUESTION: Is a landlord permitted to increase rent when an additional person moves into an apartment: — MRS. H. R. ROSENBERG

ANSWER: No. Even if a landlord can show an established, traditional practice of varying rent in accordance with the number of occupants, he cannot make any increase above the base rent other than those rent adjustments specified in Economic Stabilization regulations (such as capital improvement, property tax increases and increased charges in municipal services).

PRETTY YULE cards like this, showing black Madonna and child are available for purchase. AFRO Line tells where.

Question: Some time ago you printed phone numbers as to where to call for Customer Service please list them again. C.R.

Answer: Here are phone numbers to use to get assistance on problems listed below, dial 539-5151 for:

Abandoned Vehicles, Dirty Alleys, Bulk Trash Pickup, Dirty Yards, Clogged Sewers, Muddy Water, Street Lights, Street Repair, Dead or Sick Animal Removed, Garage Collection, Sanitary Enforcement.

Extension numbers to call on City Hall Line 752-2000, for related problems: Neighborhood Cleanups, Ext. 517; Model Cities, 2296; Rat and Insect Congrel, 2151; Stray Dogs, 2901. Should you have a problem getting cooperation from the above agencies, call the Safety Office at 467-4000, Ext: 2544.

QUESTION: What is the correct police number to call? I am mixed up, since the change last September. — E. G.

ANSWER: It's 396-2325. This is the number for the police commissioner and other departments. The phone number for emergencies is still the same, 222-3333.

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."

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## A Column Of CHOICE

### Funds For Education Available

By MARION BANFIELD

Sometimes it's good to look at the brighter side of life.

Keeping up with funds available for education is quite a job. Here are a few programs that ought to be better known.

There is a new G.I. bill which provides broad educational funding for wives, widows and children of veterans.

Wives of prisoners of war, men missing in action, and totally disabled veterans are eligible.

Under the new law wives, widows and children can receive up to $220.00 per month from the Veterans Administration if they are enrolled in approved full-time training programs.

For those enrolled in less than half-time programs, reduced payments are made.

The educational benefits are so basic, even to allowing money for tutoring, that anyone eligible needs to contact Mr. George Davis, director of the Baltimore office of the Veterans Administration for details.

While the job training under V.A. includes non-college education, there are college funds being made more easily available.

Under the Basic Opportunity Grants (BOG) program every student continuing beyond high school can receive a federal grant of $1,400 per year if his family income is low.

For students whose family's income does not exceed $15,000 there is also the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

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At present these benefits are only for full-time students.

Students will be having more and more opportunities to continue education beyond high school. This doesn't just mean a community or four year college. Training in fields such as hotel management, nursing and skilled tool trades are to be considered.

Students now have choices never before available.

Under the Education Amendments of 1972 parents, teachers and counselors can realistically encourage students to broaden their interest in vocational fields that are not well known.

Federal and state funds need special concern of black legislators so that educational dreams of young and old can be fulfilled.

Our choice is to seek excellence in education so that we can learn enough to make a difference in this world.

## No Stones At S. Africa

Dear AFRO:

The recent national observance of Human Rights Day (December 10), combined with a forthcoming election in South Africa is an ideal time to reinforce active support of anti-apartheid policies.

It is encouraging to hear that Dr. Christian Barnard has entered South African politics on an anti-apartheid platform.

It keeps alive my belief that there are enlightened individuals who are determined to resist the overwhelming pressures of a capitalism that ignores human suffering and sanctions grave injustice.

Apartheid, the doctrine of white supremacy enforced by rigid laws in South Africa, deprives persons of African and of Afro-European descent of the right to vote, the right to trial, and the right to strike. Public lands, jobs and facilities are strictly divided.

The most appalling crime of South African apartheid is that education is compulsory for white children, but not for black children.

The government spends about $320 per white child per year, as compared to about $20 per black child per year.

Non-white parents must pay handsomely for texts and supplies which are available free to whites.

I am afraid that the U.S. population is so accustomed to unscrupulous profiteering that it can react with indifference to these outrageous policies — policies which its tax dollars support.

For example, the U.S. government subsidizes (by $3 million annually) a completely segregated NASA tracking station in Johannesburg. U.S. consumer dollars contribute to the huge corporate profits of companies like IBM, Ford, GE, Esso, ITT and others who industrialize in South Africa to take advantage of cheap labor, regardless of its morality.

The dollar is first; humanity, second — or less. The human being is expendable, but his cash value isn't.

It is naive to discuss American profit-taking adventures abroad without recognizing its parallel in our own unwritten laws of apartheid.

Irresponsible pursuit of profit finds discrimination necessary. A system that defies the dollar creates a cycle of fear — fear of failure to gain, then fear of loss, and thus fear of one another. This is the pall under which we live.

I believe that worship of material gain is a simplified root of racial tensions in this country. Without first admitting this, we can throw no stones at South Africa!

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## 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 meaningful 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.