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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, (1889-1967)
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Progress At Provident

Things are looking up at Provident Hospital.

Two months ago (April 27, 1973.) City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., was named the receiver to supervise the debt-ridden northwest Baltimore city facility, re-shape it and put it on a paying basis.

Under the orders of Circuit Court Judge David Ross, the receiver is required to file regular reports of his actions as he moves along in his charge, so there should be no hue and cry from any source, if they take the time to read the record.

Gov. Mandel, speaking at his regular news conference last week, observed that "a lot of progress is being made and steps are being taken to get it (the hospital) on an even keel, and I feel fairly confident that Provident will work out of its problems. I think that a good job is being done in the matter . . . ."

We would second Gov. Mandel's statement and go a step further — we think Receiver Russell and those working with him have done an excellent job in this short period.

Look at what Receiver Russell has been able to do:

(1) He has identified the hospital's problems and put them in perspective.

(2) Trimmed the payroll and reassigned personnel so that as of June 27, the hospital did not have to borrow money to pay its employees.

When Mr. Russell took over management of the hospital, or was named receiver, it had to borrow $337,000 dollars from the State to meet payroll and expenses. As of this week, it is moving ahead on payroll, as well as paying some creditors and the principal on certain loans.

(3) Persuaded the Helene Fuld Health Trust in Trenton, N.J. to increase the amount of funds for the Provident Nursing School, which is not in receivership, because it is a separate corporation, although the hospital has subsidized it and its residency training program on patient income alone.

Under a program initiated by the receiver, the Nursing School with its new grants totalling approximately $200,000, will begin this September to provide scholarships, equipment and furnishings, library books and transportation for student nurses to pursue courses at Morgan State College where they will receive baccalaureate degrees under a program designed by Dean Doris Reese.

(4) Settled the labor dispute with Hospital Workers' Union No. 1199 E, headed by Fred Punch, which brings salaries for Provident Hospital employees on par with those at other city hospitals, so that the employees involved as well as the staff members, can get on with the matter of running a hospital for the people and not be involved in how to get a decent wage.

(5) Formed an Ad Hoc Committee of representative citizens, with varying backgrounds, all with one interest at heart, to see that Provident Hospital comes back into its own and is a real community institution, as it has been since its founding in 1894.

If the above is not sufficient to commend Mr. Russell's direction of the hospital, here is good news, just this week from the Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

It has commended Provident for "maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for your constant effort to improve the quality of patient care."

And noted further, that in giving its approval, that Provident has "voluntarily met high standards" of patient care.

This accreditation, which is for a two-year period, is a feather in Provident's cap.

Four national medical and hospital organizations comprise the Joint Commission — the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association.

When these prestigious groups, finding only minor practices in need of refinement, are sufficiently impressed to award its highest mark, a patient is assured the institution offers the best in service, equipment and health care.

It is good to note that as of this week, there has been an increase in patient use of the 273-bed all-electric hospital. Figures show that since receivership, occupancy is up 5 to 6 per cent.

Typical reaction of patients is this unsolicited comment from State Senator Clarence Blount. In a letter to the AFRO this week, he said of his stay there June 20-27: he found excellent care from the staff which he found, "competent and concerned" and the nursing staff which was "efficient and attentive to daily needs."

He praised their "warmth, concern, courtesy which provided a mental and psychological lift, helpful in many little ways that mean a great deal to a patient."

Of course, Provident's problems are not over, but it is a fact things are blending together and that there is great promise for the immediate future.

Still unsettled, of course, are the complaints of some physicians who were not in sympathy with the program the receiver had to institute; and the philosophical question as to whether Provident should have a residency training program, meaning training of physicians.

There are some physicians at the hospital who feel there cannot be a good health delivery program without the residency training.

When Provident's financial problems became critical there were many who exchanged a lot of dialogue, but few who came up with some suggestions to help.

The last two months' performance, under the direction of the court appointed receiver, with the help of the hospital officials and a corps of physicians and staff truly dedicated to the hospital, has brought us to this day, when we can say there is good news at Provident and there is every reason to believe that it will continue in this direction.

Putting Things Together Again

Watergate And Public

Dear AFRO:

The most valuable by-product of the Watergate Investigations and revelations is the re-awakening of the public that government by the people can be wrested from the people, painlessly, quietly but ever so finally.

When people in high places are allowed to make pronouncements without challenge, to hide behind the flag and "national security" when challenged, to conduct business without the proper invocation of checks and balances, and to frustrate and throttle all of the private institutions of investigation, such as the press, government of the people is easily snatched from the hands of the people, and may soon cease to be for the people.

How close we were! The people challenged the polluters and got nothing but higher priced vehicles.

When they challenge the oil depletion allowances and Alaska pipeline there is suddently a fuel shortage. Even natural gas, which a short twenty-five years ago replaced manufactured gas because it was "cheaper" and in "unlimited supply," is suddenly depleted.

Food prices go higher and higher throughout a supposed price freeze and we are told methods of bringing prices down are working.

"Investigations" were made into criminal actions, during and after Watergate, which should have demanded the immediate attention of the President and Vice-Preisdent and we are told that neither of them knew anything substantial about it until eight months after the rest of the public knew about it.

One after another pretenders to respect have fallen from grace and John Q. Public can only look on in disbelief and the realization that government for him is not the same as it is for political burglars, thieves and their accessories in high places. The whole show is financed by people who want to remain anonymous.

It is a most valuable by-product. It provides living cause for the plight of the ordinary citizen who has long been accustomed to expect the worst and hope for something better.

It dramatizes his frustration with "lemon" cars, worthless warrantees and guarantees, inability to know he is getting what he purchased, inability to believe there is truth in anyone and-or that honor is not dead.

We can open our eye and truly see that government appears to consist of a series of Indian-treaty type relationships between the rich and the poor, the employee and employer, buyer and the seller, the user and the producer, the governor and the governed.

The move to form a real "more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and to secure the Blessings of Liberty" has fallen victim to greed, suppression, deceit and guile. "Those who would have eyes let them see. Those who would have ears let them draw near."

This is no time to allow cynicism and disillusionment to dull the appetite for full and accurate disclosure of the truth.

ERNEST O. BROWN, M.D.

A little About A LOT

'I Will Repay'

By Madeline W. Murphy

Bill collectors use an escalation of demands on overdue bills: first, the soft reminder of an overdue account; second, the stronger letter, spelling out the responsibility to pay the bill; and third, the threat to sue by putting the bill in the hands of a collection agency—"if you don't, we will."

Viewing, and then reading about Watergate, the goon-squad tactics of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, illustrate this bill collecting strategy of "If you don't, we will."

Consider the solicitation for campaign funds and support from people in difficulty with the Securities and Exchange Commission, like Vesco; from people who have difficulty getting government approval for large land developments, like Chet Huntley; and then hatchet jobs on people, by slander and smear, like Sen. Tydings.

The list of 200 infamous and-or famous "enemies" of Richard Milhouse Nixon (RMN), including nine black Congressmen, to get the Internal Revenue Service to "work them over", through tax audits, plying them with wine, women and song, attempting either to neutralize their power, or entrap them in order to "white" mail them away from the enemy side to the friendly side of the ledger, mimics in detail the extortion tactics of the underworld.

The most damning and frightening aspect in this whole mess, however, are the Gestapo tactics used by the "German Guard" — Erlichman, Haldeman (Hans and Fritz) and Company to protect as well as to avenge themselves through manipulating an all too willing FBI and CIA, to get even with people who differ, who criticize, who block RMN's move toward total dictatorship.

Their judgment of people in the terms of "friend" or "enemy" sets into motion a domestic war-game similar to the unlawful and vengeful bombings of Cambodia.

These enforcement tactics, the "if-you-don't-we-will" underworld syndrome, result in irreparable damage to an evolving democracy, with the dilution of the Constitutional protections of notably the First and Fourth Amendments, dealing with free speech and the right to privacy.

Nixon's earlier role as "Enforcer", rears its ugly head, when as Senator from California, he worked with Sen. Joseph McCarthy, defaming 280 liberal, federal employees, as well as others, as Communists, without proof, during the witch hunts and red-baiting of the 50's.

And so, predictably, the "new" Nixon merely masks the old devious, ambitious, power hungry Nixon of the 50's.

Compounding that hypocrisy are the Sunday morning "Prayer" Breakfasts coupled with Billy Graham's stamp of God's "approval."

The overly zealous, self righteous Nixon uses these times to dictate to God, to reinforce in prayer his unrelenting vengeful character, and to hoodwink an all too trusting Middle America into believing outward signs denote inward grace.

In putting on a face of piety, he masquerades his righteousness, yet by his actions shows he does not believe in an Almighty God, a Supreme Being, who has the power to lift up and also the power to destroy.

Otherwise, he would heed Romans 12: 12, 21 (RSV): "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengence is mine, I will repay, says the Lord' . . . Do not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

The cliche, "two wrongs don't make a right" is merely a distillation of the more forceful biblical admonition.

But so long as men are fools, so long as they take that holy guide into their own hands, so long as they deceive, cheat, lie, misuse power, the wrath of God does indeed repay them in kind for their greed, ambition and foolish attempts at playing God.

One would be stupid, or naive, to believe that this great misuse of power only happens in the White House.

The fact that the "white" mail of "if you don't, we will" flourishes in every city hall, in every capitol of America, and in Congress, should make us more vigilant, more selective of public officials, as to their backgrounds, alliances and past histories. For they are closer to our need for survival.

Watergate coupled with God's admonition should give pause to us as well as the manipulators, the abusers of power, in these hallowed halls, that their time is coming, that all they need in their ranks are just one McCord, just one Sirica, just one Dean, one MacGruder, one LaRue to blow the whistle, to fulfill God's promise: "I will repay"!

WASHINGTON REPORT

Drugs And Civil Liberties

By Cong. Parren J. Mitchell
(D-7TH DISTRICT—MD.)
U.S. House of Representatives

It has been brought to my attention that servicemen stationed in Europe suspected of being drug users undergo a series of actions which clearly violate their civil liberties and which clearly violate due process of law.

Quite properly the military is attempting to eliminate drug abuse among servicemen. Quite improperly they are using high handed tactics which would never be permitted in civilian life and which are in violation of the U.S. Code of Military Justice.

In some army camps, suspicion of drug abuse, and let me emphasize it is just suspicion, results in any or all of the following actions being taken against the serviceman:

—Privilege to wear civilian clothes after duty hours is withdrawn. . .

—He is ordered not to keep civilian clothes in the barracks area. . .

—The door of the suspected serviceman who lives in a partitioned barracks is removed. . .

—Pass privileges are revoked. . .

—Suspend the driver's license. . .

—Require that he, married or not, move into the barracks for a part of a rehabilitation cycle. . .

All of these actions can be taken against the suspected serviceman without hearing, without providing him counsel and without confirmation of the fact that he is abusing drugs.

I would not quarrel with these practices being used against a known drug abuser, but it is wrong to use these merely on suspicion.

You can imagine what has happened and will continue to happen to black servicemen, who get a disproportionate number of "bad discharges" unfairly, if this is permitted to continue.

Black servicemen could be unfairly labeled as suspects, if they protested against any of the above, they could be charged with disobeying orders of a superior, could be court martialed and given a "bad discharge."

For the above reasons I requested that the Secretary of the Army and the Senate Armed Services Committee investigate this situation immediately.

The Army replied, as a part of its investigation: "In the initial implementation of any program of the magnitude of the Army's drug abuse control program, it is always possible, as I'm sure you realize, that over zealous efforts may be undertaken at certain lower echelons. It should be pointed out, however, that as soon as questionable practices were reported, they were investigated and, where warranted, immediate corrective action was initiated by appropriate authorities."

Over zealous my foot! The Army cannot mealy mouth its way out of this. These were not isolated instances of violation of civil liberties, these reflected Army policy.

We have allies in this fight to protect civil liberties. Recently a group of soldiers, represented by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lawyers Military Defense Committee, filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia attacking the Army's policies and practices to control drug abuse in Europe.

The defendants include the Secretary of the Army and Army commanders in Europe. The soldiers' allegations are presently under investigation. The Judge Advocate General, in conjunction with the United States Attorney and the Department of Justice, is preparing the Army's position for this litigation.

This issue is important not only for servicemen but for us as civilians. You do not attack a social evil by repressing individual or group civil liberties.

Understandably we are concerned about crime, but we should not tolerate vigilante squads, abuse of prisoners, and violations of the rights of the accused.

Understandably we want to fight drugs in our community, but we must not and shall not tolerate planting of drugs on persons to jack up the number of arrests made. Nor can we permit unwarranted surveillance techniques and entrapment procedures.

It may sound trite but it is very clear to me and should be to all of us, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Don't Be A Statistic

July marks the arrival of highway beach and water time. It also means the beginning of the period of the year when Americans step up their suicidal tendencies.

The National Safety Council spends millions of dollars annually to ferret out and publicize statistics designed to make the human population take care of itself.

But, despite their efforts to arouse caution in the minds of the vacationing public, there is still carnage each summer among motorists, swimmers, campers, and fishing and boating enthusiasts.

To augment the council's brochures — which may be obtained free at any police station, firehouse, Red Cross center, hospital, etc. — the AFRO offers these don'ts about the most frequent causes of summer sadness:—

Don't swim off unattended piers, no matter how well you perform in the water. And don't venture too far off shore even when areas are guarded.

Don't boat or fish in defiance of weather warnings. And don't place your life in the hands of unskilled guides when boating.

Don't drive, or permit yourself to be driven, on questionable auto tires, remembering that blowouts are responsible for hundreds of highway tragedies each year. And don't depend on the other car's driver to be careful.

There are many admonitions which come to mind, but the one we find most appropriate is that which comes from the fellow stepping into the car of another, saying: "Be careful now with your driving. I don't care about myself, but I wouldn't want to see you get hurt."

Finally, don't be a statistic.

AFRO CREDO

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

Whether it has kept 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. (Dec. 25, 1920.)

(From The Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded AFRO Aug. 13, 1892).

Song To My Black Son

By PATRICIA D. WATKINS

I heard you talkin' just the other night,
Sayin' "Negro" wasn't "Black," just
a different shade of white.
Well, I been Negro for ten lives long.
And though I paid the piper, I also
changed the song.
Oh, Lord, remember me;
Do, Lord, remember me;
Give them light,
That they may see.
My grandaddy was a tired old
beggar;
From mornin' to night they called
him "nigger."
He toed that barge, and he lifted that
bale;
Built a highway to heaven with armop
and a pail.
My old granny was a black old
woman,
Wore white handkerchiefs 'round her
head;
Served her time cookin" white man's
chicken,
Puttin' white starched linen on a
white man's bed;
But, in a private hidden place,
Her soul was edged in fine black lace.
My old granny was white man's
plunder;
But she forged her sons into steel and
thunder;
And my grandaddy took his mop and
his broom,
And held up the sky to give them
room.
Oh, Lord, remember me.
Do, Lord, remember me.
Yes, Lord, remember me;
And give them light,
That they may see.

(Reprinted from June-July issue of Crises MS. Watkins an education specialist in English with the United States Armed Forces Institute in Madison, Wisc., explains in a covering letter: "I am attempting to say in this poem—the young deserve much credit, but they should not forget that what has enabled them to be not only heard, but listened to, were the struggles of those who preceded them.").

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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 200 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

Ochiki Young Case

Dear AFRO:

Our son, our brother, our friend, Irving Ochiki Young, suffers life imprisonment for just cause, because truth has been silenced.

Irving Ochiki Young, arrested over three years ago, along with 20 Black Panther affiliates and members, was charged with driving a car which allegedly carried Eugene Anderson — alive — to a place where he supposedly was murdered — by someone else!

Although Ochiki Young continues to maintain that he was not involved in such a "death ride," he alone serves imprisonment, for life! The others arrested, even the man accused of the "murder," were acquitted!

Why Ochiki? He was the first one tried, at a time when public hysteria about the Black Panther movement was fueled and fired by both political officials and the media. Indeed, Ochiki Young became the scapegoat — for a crime he did not commit, for a crime he knew nothing about.

If the public of three years ago were politically naive about government's manipulation of justice — surely now, in light of Watergate, political espionage, police involvement and participation in drug traffic (the list is endless), surely now the people are willing to search for the truth, to insist that the truth be revealed.

If the truth were known, Irving Ochiki Young would not be languishing in prison, another young, bright black man dying because of the public's silence.

We implore the people of the state of Maryland, especially those committed to freedom and justice for black brothers and sisters, to right this vile wrong, to save this man's life and future, to recognize that Ochiki Young is a victim — of circumstances, of fears, of political espionage, of hate and of racism. We urge each of you to write immediately to Governor Marvin Mandel, State House, Annapolis, Md., 21404, for the immediate release and freedom of Irving Ochiki Young.

It is the silence of the good people which perpetuates tragedy and allows injustices to continue. Please speak up and speak out for Ochiki's freedom.

This unending struggle against evil and corruption is the responsibility of each and all of us — for Ochiki Young could have been your son, your brother, your friend, perhaps even you. — The Family and Friends of Irvin Ochiki Young.

The Irving Young Legal Defense Fund
(P.O. Box 3671 Baltimore, Md., 21214).

"The List"

Dear AFRO:

The recently disclosed list of alleged Nixon foes represents, in my opinion, another in a growing list of peripheral benefits resulting from the Senate Investigation of the Watergate Affair.

The relation of this list can only serve to fortify and justify our faith, as well as our good judgement, in those individuals and organizations we had already recognized as vital to the cause of justice.

It is particularly exhilarating to note that those black political leaders in whom we have placed our trust . . . those whose active pursuit of justice have given us so much pride, are also on the "enemy" list.

Apparently, their efforts have been sufficiently productive to have earned them this honor . . . for surely it is both an honor and a privilege to be singled out and designated "enemy" by those who still refuse to admit or permit full humanity for all Americans . . . thus denying full humanity to all mankind.

BEVERLY BRUCE HAVARD

Liddy Jones

Dear AFRO:

I think you have handled the Jones trial too lightly. A lot of people are talking and saying they think it's a shame about the way Liddie (John E. Jones) case is being handled, but shame is not what he's being tried for and shame is not what the case is about.

The shame of the matter is that he is continually being found guilty and is today in prison awaiting a biased court decision's of his fate.

Every since he was tricked into surrendering himself on February 22, he has faced the oppression of the unjust courts of law.

Here is a clear case of the struggle of the black man in this country, bootstraps breaking everytime he attempts to stand, and don't forget the kicks when he falls which the courts, along with the Federal government are awarding him.

Setting an example of a man or a woman, is an injustice in itself. Special note of his case should be taken.

BRENDA PINKETT

Plea For Horses

Dear AFRO:

I appeal to operators of horse-drawn vehicles to treat their horses kindly. Feed and water them well. Don't overload or overwork them. Keep them out of the blistering sun.

A horse is not a motor in a truck. (Even a motor should not be abused—it, too, needs "food and water" and attention to its working parts). A horse suffers pain just as you do.

Please—for your own sake—for the horse's sake—for God's sake—please!—B. J. SMALL

NOW and THEN

Inability also a way out for Nixon

By G. James Fleming

Dr. Fleming

Impeachment and resignation are not the only routes by which President Nixon may get out of the "mess" in which he finds himself.

Regardless of how he got where he is, a substantial part of America agrees that he is handicapped in the opportunity and capacity to govern — to run the governmental establishment, to coalesce the society.

In past weeks this column has stated that it will be most difficult — impossible at this writing — to sustain impeachment against Mr. Nixon, and he has shown no inclination to resign, both of which are provided for in the Constitution.

Others have gone in another direction and have suggested that both President Nixon and Vice President Agnew resign, in such a manner that a brand new figure can become President, along the lines of the Twenty-fifth Amendment.

Such a person would pledge himself not to be a candidate for President in 1976.

This latter suggestion is politically impalatable, since it smacks of punishing Mr. Agnew for having been vice-president under Nixon, although often a V-P ignored by the President.

It is difficult to see how the Republicans in Congress could support such a move, unless John Dean III, and all those witnesses who follow him, make things much worse for Mr. Nixon, for the Republican Party, and indeed, for the government.

There is another way out, however. In addition to death, resignation and impeachment, the Constitution also provides for the manner in which the Presidential office can be filled when the incumbent is in a state of "inability" — when he is unable to perform his duties.

In the frame of reference of Watergate, if matters get worse, (whether guilt of the President is proven or not), Mr. Nixon may, of his own free will, have a physician (preferably a psychiatrist), declare him ill — ill enough to be unable to perform his duties.

The President can then so inform the Congress and the Congress can set up its own Committee to continually reaffirm the state of inability. Constitutionally, this is a sloppy way out for Mr. Nixon, but the Twenty-fifth Amendment itself is sloppily put together.

It just offers another route to a man who does not want to resign and would remain in office, too long and ineffectually, while impeachment proceedings are being conducted against him.

LOYALTY QUESTIONED — As one looks at the parade of bright young men who formed the bulwark of the Nixon White House Elite Inner Guard, one cannot help feeling that regardless of everything else, they were fanatically loyal to the belief that Mr. Nixon was a Messiah to lead them to a Promised Land.

This Promised Land was sometimes very personal to them, but it was also ideological — a belief that the President was good for the country, that he would turn back "the Great Society," and that he would clean crime off the streets. They were intrigued by the Nixon style of law and order.

They were fanatical, to repeat. And that is what deep-hearted loyalty is—until it changes.

The great question is, when does loyalty go too far? When does loyalty cease to be a virtue? When is loyalty immoral? When is loyalty to a leader detrimental to the common good?

The leader of troops on the battlefield would have one answer; the Quakers another.

TOO MUCH MONEY — If ever it could be said that "Money is the root of all evil," such is the case in reference to the Watergate conceptions and operations.

If Mr. Nixon and his satellite operators — big and small — had had trouble raising campaign funds, if they were not wallowing in millions, they would never have entertained and attempted the several Machiavellian schemes that have come to light, in order to overcome a giant that did not exist.

For, as is now generally accepted, no Democratic candidate could have defeated Richard Nixon in 1972!

But those who profit from political campaigns sold the White House a "bill of goods" to the effect that there should be no limit and no standard in the effort to win.

The money was there and they had to find a way to latch on to as much of it as possible, in their own pockets.

You can bet Shirley Chisholm did not use any electronic devices against her opponents!

P. S. Mrs. Talmadge L. Hill, associate professor of music at Morgan State College, is the reader of this column who has been a banner carrier for presidential withdrawal on grounds of inability ("Mr. Nixon should see his doctor and then declare himself too sick to continue in office").

If YOU Ask ME

By Bettye Moss

Does it make you feel good to hear about a good neighbor who performs admirably? About a businessman who goes beyond the call of duty to serve his customers.?

Of course it does, and Richard Lomax, the young, black businessman who is the subject of this letter to this column, can take a bow.

The letter says:

"If you're ever in Annapolis and in need of efficient, courteous car service, extended with real mechanical expertise and a new brand of hospitality, do call or stop at Ritchie's BP Service Center. The address is 115 West St. and the telephone number is 268-7913.

"Leaving the Harbor House after dinner on Saturday evening we had car difficulty making it impossible to drive the distance back to Baltimore.

"When told at the nearest filling station (about to close), what was wrong, the serviceman was unable to assist and did not have the special tools.

"He added the "happy" news that mechanical service would not be possible anywhere in Annapolis before Monday morning.

"It was then we spied BP Service Station across the street.

"It was obvious, as the lights were going off and the workers departing, that this station was closing too, but when we approached the man, we learned later was Ritchie himself; he pleasantly said that he always has time to give assistance.

"He lifted the hood, quickly diagnosed the problem, and started removing parts. His skillful hands and manner left no doubt that he knew what to do and had all needed tools at hand.

"It seemed to be a joy to perform his service and his conversation with our four friends was so informative and lively, their anxiety was forgotten."

The letter adds this further gem:

"Ritchie was also doing an emergency job of babysitting for his young son, Richard, and doing an admirable job with easily detected devotion, and having no problem!

"Annapolis should be proud of Ritchie and also the young black policeman who, when noticing our distress, came on the scene and graciously offered assistance.

"Ritchie was called for two other emergencies, and although it was midnight, he was preparing his still lively conversation, to assist the next motorist in distress before heading home with his young son.

"Ritchie's offers gas, road service, towing, mechanical repairs, and he humorously boasts that his center has "The fastest gun in town (grease gun that is)." His prices are right too!

"Every town needs more young men like these to assure visitors that they are truly welcome — B. W. L."

This column's aside to Ritchie Lomax — see, you never know who's watching. Keep up the good work. The world needs more enterprising young men like you!

Freak accident on Monday near her Morgan Park home sent Mrs. Simon Carter (Kay), to Union Memorial Hospital, where she has heavy cast on to help heal her injured leg.

She fell down a ravine near her home, lay injured for a half hour before her screams attracted neighbors.

Mrs. Carter is the social work professor and wife of the physician.

She will likely be recuperating at home by the time you read this.

Big bash on Saturday at Elktonia Beach was the We Wives' picnic — their closing event, which we missed, but our guests say they had a ball.

Event was at the cottage of We Wife Joe Brown and her hubby, Walter.

Also absent was another We Wife, Margery Prout, the Coldstream elementary principal, who had been out ill for a week (virus), but was well enough to be back at her post on Monday.

Cuff note: Mrs. Prout is retiring from Baltimore city schools come this September. And, that will be a real loss!

More school notes: Even though there are insufficient funds for summer school, a group of dedicated teachers at Carter G. Woodson Elementary No. 160, has VOLUNTEERED to teach this summer.

So, that means summer school will go on in this Cherry Hill area, beginning July 9, and run for three weeks. Mrs. Ruth J. Pratt, the principal here, deserves orchids for inspiring this kind of devotion.

Postcard from St. Thomas from the Jack Glosters (Augustine), and children, Johnny and Lori telling, of the "delightful" Virgin Islands beaches, 'not yet polluted.'

Visitor in our gates this week: Mrs. Eloise Anderson, the N.Y.C. teacher, guesting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs (Phyllis).

Cuff note: Mr. Diggs was named last week by Governor Mandel to serve on the 7-member task force to study driver education.

Smile of the week: Did you hear that President Nixon has made the dean's list?

It's NOT A MAN'S World

Job Outlook For Women

By Bernice S. White

Mrs. White

In a report entitled "Careers for Women in the Seventies," the Women's Bureau observed that opportunities for rewarding employment will be directly related not only to women's level of skill and experience but also to the labor market demands through the remainder of the decade.

New ways of making goods, new products, and changes in life styles all exert an influence on the types of jobs that become available.

It is predicted that the number of workers needed for all major occupation categories is expected to increase by about one-fifth between 1970 and 1980.

The group with the highest predicted growth rate during this decade is that of professional and technical workers, estimated to increase by 39 per cent.

Many of the occupations in this group have both a shortage of qualified workers and a comparatively small number of women.

Women who choose to work in professional or technical jobs will enjoy the benefits of higher earnings that accompany these occupations and will have better chances for advancement.

The number of workers is expected to increase rapidly in the following professional occupations: employment counselor, marketing research worker, occupational therapist, physical therapist, programmer, systems analyst, and urban planner.

Other occupations expecting a substantial increase are accountant, chemist, economist, mathematician, medical record librarian, public relations worker, rehabilitation counselor, statistician, and civil engineer.

Also, technicians who perform in a supportive capacity usually with various professionals such as engineers, scientists, physicians and dentists.

Qualified women technicians will find opportunities in these fields since about 80 per cent of the jobs will not require a college degree.

Some of the technical occupations which offer good prospects are dental assistant or hygienist, electrocardiographic (EKG) technician, radiologic technologist, optometric assistant, medical technologist, food processing technician, and engineering and science technician.

On the basis of the recent forecasts by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women and girls should begin planning for careers in which openings will be available, in which they can earn better wages.

V.I. Governor

News Item: The Virgin Islands' Governor Melvin H. Evans, made history in Denmark on July 4, when he gave the 62nd Fourth of July address in Ribild Park, Ribild, Denmark.

This is the only known place, not under the American flag, which observes an old-fashioned Independence Day celebration. About 25,000 persons always turn out for the picknicking, speaking and fireworks.

This weekend, Governor Evans will speak at the erection of monument to the memory of Peter Von Scholten, the governor of the islands (then the Danish West Indies), who emancipated the slaves in 1848.

A Column Of CHOICE

Why Bombing In Cambodia Should Halt

By Marion Banfield

Mrs. Banfield

In case you aren't concerned about the fact that Richard Nixon is fighting for the right to kill those brown people in Cambodia, I hope you will take a few minutes to think about what he is doing.

Why are we upset about the tragedy of blacks killing off blacks in a housing project? That's a little closer than Cambodia, isn't it?

I'm afraid that if we don't become more concerned about human life, that we will be facing slaughters like Hitler's genocidal attack against Jews.

War is a money-making, power building manipulation of human minds, bodies, properties and lands.

The more accustomed humans become to slaughter, the easier it will be to carry out murders with a minimum of public protest.

After all, if it's okay to kill children in Vietnam, why are dehumanizing prisons wrong in Maryland?

To many young black adolescents, branches of the military are comfortable holes to nestle in after they have messed around in free public schools and reached late adolescence feeling ignorant and useless. Some of the messing around in schools is a popular refusal to take learning as a serious obligation for survival.

The other kind of messing around is where poorly educated teachers and administrators have conducted schools where the individual student was so unimportant that schooling was a torture course.

In either case serving in the military has been a refuge from our economic and cultural frustrations.

Too few of us have taken a serious look at the military as a powerful exploiter of human beings for the welfare of manipulating, highly trained destructive minds and corporate millionaires.

Vietnam was a risk one took with little concern for what was being done to those brown peasants.

The young men who were war protestors had learned to be concerned about what happens to other people. They saw no reason for decaying in jails and so fled to other countries.

They cared enough about others to protest vigorously the killing of people who had done them no harm.

To them Cambodians and Vietnamese are men, women, and children who should not be bombed by Americans.

Congress is saying that Mr Nixon should quit throwing bombs on Cambodia.

Mr. Nixon has his own immoral reasons for destroying land and life in Cambodia.

We have the choice of protesting this criminal, planned, slaughter, or face the possibility of slaughter becoming so common that our own lives and the lives of our grandchildren will be as cheap as Cambodian and Vietnamese lives.

We have the choice of looking at how we have been duped into hating Russia and China and now are being assured that it's okay not to hate them anymore.

In 5 years we won't be encouraged to hate the North Vietnamese or Cambodians.

Let our choice be to learn to use our brains and not let our feelings of hatred for others be turned off and on like a faucet.

60 Years Ago

The following oath to Afro-American youth by famed Kelly Miller appeared in the NAACP's Crisis Magazine in June 1913:

I will never bring disgrace upon my race by any unworthy deed or dishonorable act: I will live a clean, decent, manly life; and ever respect and defend the virtue and honor of womanhood.

I will uphold and obey the just laws of my country and of the community in which I live, and will encourage others to do likewise.

I will not allow prejudice, injustice, insult of outrage to cower my spirit or humiliate my soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience.

I will not allow myself to be overcome of evil, but will strive to overcome evil with good.

I will endeavor to develop and exert the best powers within me for my own personal improvement, and will strive unceasingly to quicken the sense of racial duty and responsibility.

I will in all these ways aim to uplift my race so that, to everyone bound to it by ties of blood, it shall become a bond of ennoblement, and not a byword of reproach.

KELLY MILLER

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