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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.
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Hymie Does It Again

AFRO readers should not be shocked by the performance of City Comptroller Hyman Pressman this past week.

This time the publicity seeking, so-called public watchdog has vent his spleen on the city's top law officer, Milton B. Allen.

At last week's Board of Estimates meeting, Pressman charged State's Attorney Allen had spent a total of 60 days, at a cost of $4,600 to taxpayers, on trips away from his office.

Further, by innuendo, he inferred that there was something amiss in the fact that a woman attorney on Mr. Allen's staff attended the National District Attorneys' Convention.

The facts are that Mr. Allen has spent 17 working days at a cost of $1,758, attending job-related conventions outside of the state.

In addition, both he and Mrs. Allen, the woman employee and her husband made the trip to which do-gooder Pressman referred.

This is not the first time that Mr. Pressman's big mouth has gotten him in trouble.

We have frequently pointed out here that his inclination to use a public forum to make irresponsible statements comes at a time when there is ample news media coverage, and his victim is not available to contradict him.

We applaud the forthright statement made by Mr. Allen at the Board of Estimates meeting this week.

We agree with him that the antics of Comptroller Pressman need to be curtailed. Hymie has demonstrated time and time again, by his offensive, language and conduct, that he is not sensitive to the need for him to set an example of responsible actions and statements.

He ought to be ashamed of himself. We think he owes State's Attorney Allen and his family, and his staff-worker and her family a public apology.

Police Department Digits

The Baltimore City Police Department's shoddy treatment of Western District's Captain Dennis P. Mello just might turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

Until we started delving into the background of the sudden transfer of Captain Mello to head a Criminal Investigation Division, and his replacement by a white captain, we had thought that the Police Department under Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau was making great strides.

Closer examination, however, shows this not to be true.

Figures supplied by the department itself tell the story better.

They show the city's police force totals 3,379 sworn personnel as of June, 1973. This includes everyone from the patrolmen up to the commissioner.

Only 449 of this number are black, or 13 per cent of the total. Of the 517 officers on the force only 26 are black or 5 per cent.

This means that 399 or 89 per cent of the black personnel is at the patrolmen rank, lowest rung on the ladder.

The picture is even worse than these figures. There are only 2 black captains out of a total of 18; only 3 majors out of 16; just 4 black lieutenants out of 99; 16 sergeants out of 380 and only 1 of the 4 lieutenant colonels is black.

This means that the overall total in all categories, indicates the Baltimore City Police Department has only 11 per cent black employees.

This is a disgrace when we consider that Baltimore City's estimated population as of this moment is 51 per cent plus, black.

To be sure, before Don Pomerleau became the commissioner in 1966, there were no black majors and no black lieutenants, but that was seven years ago.

At the present rate, unless there is a change in the guidelines for promotions, seven years from now the picture won't be much better.

Members of the Black Caucus of the State Legislature in a meeting last week, examined the police department employment figures.

There were suggestions that perhaps new legislation was needed, but that's a long-term thing. The legislature does not convene in regular session until next January.

What we would suggest to Commissioner Pomerleau is that he needs an Equal Opportunity Specialist in the Police Department now.

It is encumbent upon him, if he is truly dedicated to a fair, equitable administration of law enforcement, to find ways and means to increase the number of black policemen that work on the street and in positions of administration.

Until he does that, we suggest that his management procedures are out of date.

Two Sports Rulings

Courts of record separated by 3,000 miles, rendered decisions on the same day this week in cases of high controversy.

In Baltimore, the Maryland State Racing Commission rejected an appeal to have the time changed for the running of the 1973 Preakness, so that Triple Crown champion Secretariat can be awarded the record which many claim he deserves.

In San Diego, Calif., a federal judge told city officials he had no right to interfere with the transfer of the baseball Padres to Washington, D.C.

It is suggested that Blackstone, the father of English law, may have said in one of his private moments with friends that law is 99 per cent reason and one per cent legal mumbo-jumbo.

In each of these cases, reason prevailed and the issuance of the decision was touched up in high-sounding prose.

In Baltimore, it was simply implied that regulations governing the timing of races have been constant since the founding of the Pimlico course in the 19th century.

To alter the accepted clock in Secretariat's performance now would be tantamount to changing the rule of a game after it has been played.

In San Diego, the case may have been likened to a dispute between a married couple.

Had the Padres been required to remain in a city they had tried to dump, they would have been subjected to daily abuse by resentful residents.

It would be similar to a situation in which a domestic relations court tells a wife she must continue to live with her husband, no matter the withholding of funds, the perpetual criticism and the all-round unhappiness engendered by their proximity to each other.

In Baltimore, the plaintiffs were advised they'll have to live with it. In San Diego, they were told they'll have to live without it.

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).

'Doc, Can You Find Out Why He Talks Too Much ?

To The Community

Open Letter About Provident Hospital

Dear AFRO:

The Community Health Council of Maryland, Inc., feels that the AFRO editorial of July 7, entitled "Progress at Provident" does a disservice to the black community, by failing to develop in-depth analysis.

For example it stated that City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., as the court-appointed receiver, has effected changes to secure a firm financial basis for our institution by having "trimmed payroll."

We ask, "what payroll?"

On June 5, the receiver stated he had separated 143 people from the hospital, but under relentless pressure from the Community Health Council, he was forced to admit that actually only nine positions were vacated.

Why this glaring inconsistency?

The truth is that there was no significant deficit.

The Board of Trustees' financial report prior to receivership, indicated that the hospital did not need $337,000, at the end of April, to meet its payroll and expenses, as it had an average cash flow of $750,000 every month.

We resent the receiver insulting the community's intelligence by asserting he has reduced this deficit to only $6,000 a month, through his own efforts.

While the AFRO editorial correctly highlights the favorable commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, the community must know that this inspection took place on April 23 and 24, BEFORE receivership.

Surely, Judge Russell would not attempt to take credit for this.

Furthermore, it is a tragedy that so many of those responsible for "improving the quality of patient care" have been summarily dismissed or made to resign under pressure.

In regard to the Helene Fuld Nursing School, the receiver has not justified his giving over clear title, free of liens, buildings, auditorium, classrooms, library and lien free land, for a mere $200,000 a year.

We must additionally raise the question of why these funds will be made available for the School of Nursing only if it is absorbed by Morgan and not if it remains under the control of Provident.

An additional unpublicized fact is that in the event that the school fails, all assets of the school will be transferred not to Morgan, not to Provident, but to a New Jersey based operation.

The Ad-Hoc Committee, which the AFRO describes in its editorial, was announced with great fanfare. But for the record, it has met only once, June 30.

Its only other meeting was summarily cancelled without explanation or announcement, and the request for information to be made available to all its members, has been blithely ignored.

One wonders whether such a group can make effective decisions, without access to information. One wonders whether good community people are being exploited only to be possible rubber stamps.

The question of residency training has never been challenged prior to receivership. Provident Hospital was founded in 1894, with the express purpose of providing additional training opportunities for Black physicians, dentists and nurses.

Therefore, to continue this pledge, financial support, available from insurance companies and federal programs, would allow reimbursements for costs of an approved residency training program, without any additional cost to Provident.

Yet, Provident has no residency training program now.

A most unfortunate example of the disregard the receiver has for medical development in Baltimore's black community is the fact that he would not permit young black medical personnel at Provident, as early as June 1972, to take part in an exchange training program with Mother Africa.

This was a program to establish a Pan-African Trust for Provident with the help of Africaire to promote joint educational and health care projects in Africa, through the use of Provident's facilities.

The cost of this program would be met by Africaire, a voluntary non-profit organization. Its aim being to use institutions serving predominantly Black populations.

Africaire was established to increase Black consciousness of American Blacks so that increasing involvement of Black Americans in the problems of Africa would result. This program would lend invaluable assistance not only to the starving people of West Africa, but also to the depth of training of Baltimore's young Black physicians, as well as enrich Provident's medical reputation both here and abroad.

How can the receiver or the AFRO call this progress?

Therefore, the Community Health Council of Md., Inc. will continue to stand firm in its position to be the bearer of truth in the Black Community, concerning health matters.

We shall not compromise our integrity, nor shall we demean our community by surrendering to devisive cries and entreaties for what we see as a false sense of "Black Unity". So long as these issues, and others yet to come, remain unresolved, we shall continue to set the record straight.

Help for Provident Hospital will only come from organizations like the Community Health Council, who seek truth, no matter how painful.

OAKLEY H. SAUNDERS JR., M.D.
President
Community Health Council of Maryland, Inc.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Ad Hoc Committee for Provident Hospital will meet 7:30 p.m. July 20, 1973 at Provident Hospital. A steering committee meeting with Dr. Saul Purdue, chairman, was held Thursday, July 5.)

Nixon-Implacable Nightmare

Dear AFRO:

I read the recent article concerning Julie Nixon Eisenhower's revelation that she and members of her family had intervened to forestall the possible resignation of President Nixon over Watergate with a keen sense of deja vu (i.e., feeling of having gone that way before).

Manifestations of the Checker's panegyric pervaded the revelations of Julie. It is an even greater tragedy that the President's daughter, and others of her immediate family, in the anguish that must be theirs, must be enlisted to extricate the President from a dreadful predicament.

As I read Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower's remarks, three (3) overarching factors seem compelling:

1. President Nixon has failed to "come clean" with the American people as regards Watergate. The two statements that he has released bearing on Watergate have been distinguished by their obfuscations, "lawyer's language (i.e., highly technical and ambiguous)," and rhetorical flourishes.

In short, as contrasted with the methodical, precise, and lucid testimony of John Dean before the Senate Select Committee last week, the President's efforts toward clarifying and setting the record straight are grossly inadequate.

The President is wont to observe during crisis "to tough it out." This time, however, unlike his previous "Six Crises," he is President of the United States.

He has a clear and constitutional responsibility to fully document for the American people the extent of his involvement or non-involvement in the Watergate fiasco.

To be sure, an enormous crisis of doubt exists in the country today in view of his vacillation and sequestration at San Clemente.

3. The office of the Presidency has been seriously besmirched and damaged by the criminal acts, moral degeracy, and political chicanery connected with Watergate.

A track record now exists to indicate that the President gave his approval to the surveillance and violation of Daniel Ellsberg's constitutional rights; culminating in the burglary of his psychiatrist's office, established the so-called "plumbers" for "private" investigatory work; the FBI not-withstanding; and, in short, through these highly questionable and un-ethical activities in the name of "national security," fostered a climate that nurtured and sustained a "Watergate Mentality.

"It is incumbent upon him to fully explain the motivations behind his actions to the American public.

President Nixon's "lift of a driving dream," to be sure, has become the burden of a persistent and implacable nightmare.

Our national honor and integrity as a nation should command more.

SAMUEL L. BANKS

Prisoners Ask Help

Dear AFRO:

We are in dire need of concerned taxpayers' support. Not only is the health and safety of each man, woman and adolescent confined in prisons such as Maryland's, threatened by the "grave deficiencies" in the medical and dental care, including so-called mental health treatment which makes incarceration amount to "cruel and unusual punishment" as well as a deprivation of "due process and equal protection of law."

But society's right to self-defense is being impermissibly violated in particular due to prison officials' no-attempts to rehabilitate the men and women housed in the segregation (lock-up) section of these prisons.

Concerned persons or groups can file suits under state administrations procedure acts, citizen-mandamus or taxpayers' suits.

These would seek the following:

(1) That there be seven-day-a-week medical and dental sick call and that a schedule be set-up whereas doctors and dentists will be at these prisons when inmates become ill or have a dental problem.

(2) In cases where an inmate appears to be mentally disturbed and appears to represent a substantial danger to her-himself, or a serious threat to or for the safety of others that the warden, i.e. take appropriate steps to have such persons admitted to a mental health care facility, where they may receive all necessary and appropriate treatment.

(3) A mandatory injunction for the state to hire additional doctors, nurses, dentists, psychologists and therapists and that some of these be black.

(4) An order compelling prison administrators to provide rehabilitative treatment for all prisoners including those that are housed in segregation for not only does the failure to attempt to rehabilitate violates an inmate's statutory right to treatment but also society's concomitant right of self-defense.

Violating human rights through dehumanization and degradation is a far more serious breach against humanity than marching without a permit. One violates man's law and man can be wrong. The other violates the laws of God.

BROTHER JAMES E. X.
(Md. Penitentiary-"Collective")

A little About a Lot

Hang In There, Barbara

By Madeline W. Murphy

(Ed's Note: The following are viewpoints of the writer, who does not speak for the AFRO.)

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" — "The female is deadlier than the male" — "Never underestimate the power of a women"!

These are the telling responses of Barbara Oberfeld Mandel, the Governor's wife, who has made her base for domestic battle, the Governor's Mansion, upon learning that a shiksa (Gentile chick) has stolen her husband of 22 years.

The black community these last five and a half years has known too well, the arrogant, deceitful nature of the Governor. Now it is there for all to see and believe.

One celebrity said of his son's casual living relationship with a girl: "As soon as you become an adult, you have the right to live your own life as long as you don't enclose or hurt someone else".

On the other hand, the statement made by the Governor's press secretary: "Just more talk from those yentas (gossipy women) in Pikesville", compounds the deception and shows that DeFilippo has the same sense of moral turpitude, arrogance and misplaced faith in the old adage — it's all right so long as you don't get caught doing it"

But flaunting an extra-marital association, as the Governor has done, is a callous and cynical slap in the faces of his wife and family as well as the many idealistic people who still expect some faint example of moral leadership from their public officials.

Yet, it always happens, Watergate being the prime example, that ambitious, upwardly mobile politicians, drunk with almost dictatorial power, feel themselves above moral and ethical laws.

Now without a home, with a tarnished reputation, not only in his home life, but also in his questionable land deals, hopefully, Marvin Mandel's political future should be dead as a door nail.

Despite the premature $600,000 fund raiser, it may well be that he can kiss his high-rolling, influence-peddling money backers, good-bye.

No group of people is more self-serving, more fair weather friend, more sensitive to public criticism than those who see their shady money tree shaken by the ill-wind of scandal.

Amidst the scurrying, admidst the confusion, admidst the stampeding exits of turn-coats, black people could have the chance of a lifetime grooming a gubernatorial candidate for '74.

Without an entrenched incumbent (even with a besmirched one) with Watergate dessimating Maryland Republicans, some alert black politician who could demand the respect of the office; who could give an example of ethical political leadership; who could, through his&her political integrity and foresight, bring good government, at last, to Maryland, would be a shoo-in.

This can happen, only if the populace is not too jaded and "humbum" about politics in general. (After viewing TV coverage of corruption, immorality, repression at the White House and other high places in government, this would not be unusual.)

But if ever we needed it, this is the prime opportunity to rally indignant forces to make Maryland truly the Free State and representative of its growing urban majority.

Let's hope Barbara Mandel remains in the Mansion, and keeps Marvin's wandering feet to the fire, so that he will have no political base from which to pontificate, obfuscate and deceive the public further.

This is the chastening Mandel needs; this is the opportunity blacks should seize! Hang in there, Barbara!

Appreciative

Dear AFRO:

Your very generous contribution to the work of the American Lung Association of Maryland (formerly Maryland TB-RD Association) has been received. We are most appreciative of this and do thank you.

Baltimore City continues to have the second highest new case rate for tuberculosis for the major large cities in this country. Your Advisory Council is continuing to work with all of the city agencies in a concentrated effort toward reducing the amount of tuberculosis which still exists in your community.

Efforts are being made to find those active cases, which exist in certain geographical areas of our city, and to provide care and treatment for all of the cases which we are finding.

It may be of interest to you that our annual "Beat The Bug" program is one of the most productive and successful of any throughout the United States. We are breaking the back so to speak of tuberculosis in Baltimore City.

FRANK T. JONES,
(Executive Director)

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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.

Clean Block Ideas

Dear AFRO:

Now that the AFRO Clean Block time has come again, our thoughts go back to the dear lady whose idea it was, and who brought the project into being. We are proud of the fact that through dedicated workers the project has expanded to the proportions it has reached today.

Now, after all these years of successful activity, may I suggest an expansion of the idea to bring it in keeping with the changed and changing times?

Instead of just the clean block idea during the summer months, why not organize the blocks into Junior Neighborhood Clubs, with the goal being neighborhood improvement through the entire year? I believe the boys and girls who work so diligently with the clean block project would welcome a larger field for their endeavors.

When I read the Clean Block Page last Friday and saw pictures of the workers and the huge crowd, it convinced me that they would be interested in general neighborhood improvement.

The captains and their crews could be taught to supervise the neighborhoods and help prevent the disgraceful practice of vandalizing and defacing the walls and windows or private homes and public building, with poorly formed letters and bad spelling.

They could ask for and secure receptacles to be placed at necessary points and encourage people who eat and drink in the streets to place empty bottles and cans and paper cartons therein instead of throwing them in the streets and gutters.

I believe Model Cities should and would play a larger part in neighborhood improvement, particularly the Area D Neighborhood. Model Cities should, I think, be in part an outgrowth of Model Neighborhoods.

May we not beg, borrow or buy trucks, paints and brushes and carry the captains and crews into the blighted neighborhoods and paint over the misused walls of buildings and keep the sidewalks free from broken glass and debris?

I pray that these suggestions will find favor and support from all citizens in all needed neighborhoods.

New Jail Warden

Dear AFRO:

I read with considerable interest your coverage of my recent appointment as warden, Baltimore City Jail.

I shall do my best to live up to all the expectations of Baltimore City residents, be they black or white.

Recent visits and meetings at the Jail have left me with the impression that improvements have already been initiated and have the full support of the staff.

I look forward to a close working relationship with the press and will certainly try to improve any problem areas that may have existed in the past.

GORDON C. KAMKA
(Warden)

Oops, Sorry

Dear AFRO:

The family and friends of Irving Ochiki Young would like to extend our appreciation to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper for printing of the letter we sent to you about the injustice of Irving Ochiki Young's imprisonment.

However, we were rather dismayed to note that a typographical error was made in printing of that letter. The error changed the whole intent of our message and we would be grateful if you would publish the correction in your next issue.

The AFRO-AMERICAN printed that Ochiki Young was in prison for "just cause"; our letter stated that Ochiki Young was in prison for "No just cause." Obviously, the family and friends of Ochiki Young do not believe that justice is being served while Ochiki Young remains in prison! We do hope that you will see fit to correct this unfortunate mistake.

Marilynn J. Phillips
Secretary-Treasurer
The Irving Young Legal Defense Fund

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Yes, Baltimore IS Alive

Are you one of those people who hasn't been downtown in years?

If the answer is yes, you've many surprises awaiting you.

Baltimore is changing, changing, changing.

The skyline has risen with the addition of some beautiful new office buildings . . . the Inner Harbor Project is underway and promising to be one of the most exciting renewal projects in the nation . . . people are moving into the city transforming it into a beautiful new community.

And remember all those favorite shopping spots, meeting places, things to see? They're still there!

On your way into the city, make Bolton Hill your first stop.

Park your car and walk through the quaintest part of Baltimore.

These elegant old townhouses reflect the love and care given them by their owners – and it will introduce you to a new attitude of city living.

Charles Center is next. The idea behind this project was: let's revitalize downtown by rebuilding its center!

Most everyone will agree that the idea was a good one – especially visitors to Hopkins Plaza.

This is a place to stroll, eat your lunch, sit by the fountain and watch the people. Not far away is Read Street and slews of antique shops and boutiques.

Mount Vernon Place is a favorite oasis for many city dwellers and workers.

And it is an oasis of green grass, trees, flowers, birds, and fountains right in the heart of the brownstones.

Something fairly new to visit is the Newseum at One Charles Center.

This is a branch of the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Here you will be able to see many interesting exhibits (which are changed frequently), find out what the Museum is doing, and purchase prints.

Did you know that visitors from all over the world make it a point to see Lexington Market while in Baltimore?

To the constant delight of patrons, Lexington Market never changes.

And this immediately assails your nose when you walk through the door. It smells like – like Lexington Market!

The stalls are still crowded together offering a mouth-watering selection of fruits, vegetables, meats, poultry, fish, home-made breads and pastries and candies.

A deli-style lunch here competes with any big restaurant – and you can carry it out to Hopkins Plaza or Mt. Vernon Place.

The Poe House is located just north of Lexington Market.

It is a 2½ story house where Edgar Allan Poe lived and worked from 1832 to 1835.

It has been restored and is open to the public for a nominal admittance fee.

Baltimore boasts two of the finest transportation museums: The B&O and The Street Car Museums. Usually open Wednesday through Saturday, the B&O Transportation Museum features the largest collection of old railroad equipment dating back to 1829 and they even have a model train set-up running every half hour.

At the Baltimore Street Car Museum, you'll be able to ride on the cars after your tour.

You half expect to see Judy Garland sitting in the back singing "ding, ding, ding went the trolley."

It's hard to believe that most New Yorkers have never been to the Statue of Liberty, isn't it?

Have you been to Fort McHenry? Or seen the U.S. Frigate Constellation, or the Washington Monument?

Go this summer. Fort McHenry is for the whole family.

From the huge cannons to the parade grounds to the exhibits and the dungeon, this is a fascinating way to spend a summer afternoon.

And, if you go on a Thursday, you'll see a military ceremony conducted according to 1814 regulations.

Next see the U.S. Frigate Constellation. After years of wandering, the first ship of the U.S. Navy has, at last, a permanent berth at Pier One in Baltimore's inner harbor. Boarding and walking around somehow stirs up a childhood urge to play pirate or look for ghosts.

At any rate, you'll really enjoy your visit.

The Washington Monument (of which Maryland has two; one in Western Maryland) stands in Mt. Vernon Place among the historic brownstones as the center of four parks.

Before leaving the immediate downtown area, don't forget to visit the Maryland Historic Society. It's a treasure house of antiques and exhibits about our state.

East and west of Baltimore you'll find: Little Italy, famous for its Italian restaurants and close-knit community; Fells Point, the birthplace of 18th century Baltimore and the Broadway Market; Mt. Clare Mansion, an exquisite 18th century house in Carroll Park.

North of downtown is the Baltimore Museum of Art with its excellent art collection, special exhibits and beautiful gardens, the Druid Hill Park Greenhouse with every flower and greenery imaginable, including citrus and banana trees; the Baltimore Zoo, one of the happiest places you'll ever visit; the Hampden-Woodberry Stone Houses near Falls Road; and Mount Washington, Sherwood Gardens, and Windsor Hills.

And there's lots more! To find out more of what's happening around our town, get a copy of "bawlamer," a very complete guide to seeing the sights of the city and surrounding area.

It's put out by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association and can be obtained at most bookstores. — J.R.

Watch Maryland Weekend, Wednesday's at 7:30 p.m., Thursday's at 10 p.m.

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TYPICAL of new look in downtown Baltimore, the McCullob Homes new high rise apartments.

NOW and THEN

On Confusing Two Roles Of President

By G. James Fleming

There is confusion on how to deal with President Nixon, as federal grand jury and senatorial investigating committee seek to gather all the information possible about Watergate.

A key person in this fact-gathering process is a man named Richard Milhous Nixon, who was a candidate for President of the United States in 1972. It happens that he was also President in 1972, as he is also President during the period of official fact-gathering on the campaign.

All other persons involved in any aspect of the 1972 Presidential election are subject to be called, or have been called, before either a grand jury or the senatorial committee.

Those heard have had an opportunity "to say their piece" — 245 pages in one instance — and they have submitted themselves to cross examination.

When it comes to one participant in the 1972 election campaign, however, all kinds of verbalisms are being released, to the affect that appearance before a grand jury or a congressional committee would be a violation of "executive privilege" and a violation of the principle of "separation of powers."

In other words, Candidate Nixon and Campaigner Nixon would be excused from the responsibilities as a candidate and a campaigner, by the fact of having won the Presidency by way of his candidacy and his campaigning. The President follows this same line.

Too many people are forgetting that the efforts to treat Mr. Nixon equally with other Watergate witnesses have nothing to do with Mr. Nixon as President, only with Nixon as Candidate and Campaigner.

Suppose candidate and campaigner George S. McGovern should be wanted by a grand jury or a congressional investigating committee, could he raise the issue of presidential privilege or almost-executive privilege?

Or could Muskie, or Scoop Jackson, or Wallace, or Humphrey have this excuse from answering a subpoena.

Saying that the President must not be held responsible for non-Presidential acts, when all others are being held responsible, is treating Mr. Nixon like a king — with a citizenship above all other citizens.

Most important, from the point of view of other witnesses, it is refusing them protections equal to the protections given others, in this case the President. Such discrimination is violative of the Constitution.

The Watergate Affair should make clear, once and for all, that when a President — any President — chooses to act as Candidate or Campaigner, or if he chooses to commit a felony, he gives up the right to plead "executive privilege" or any other of the protections afforded him as President.

This should be especially so when preferred treatment for the man in the White House means discriminatory treatment to other individuals similarly involved.

There is no room here to detail the foregoing proposals, even if any one individual had all the competence to do.

This we do know, however, no President, just as no judge or congressman, should be able to hide behind the petticoat of his office.

Some supporters of Mr. Nixon, and the White House press secretary, have said that, in due time, the President will make his own full statement and answer assertions against him. In other words, another unilateral release or "document" from the White House.

But this column agrees with Senator Ervin when he said: "You can't cross-examine a document."

MONEY IN CAMPAIGNS — One of the matters in Presidential campaigns worth airing has to do with the taxpayers' money spent by the candidate who also happens to be President.

It is pretty clear now that John Mitchell, as campaign manager for Mr. Nixon, filled this role in 1971 and 1972, while fully paid for being Attorney General of the United States.

H. R. Haldeman and John Erlichman, the two closest aides to Mr. Nixon, John W. Dean, III, the President's counsel, and several others, were supposed to be doing the public's business, for which they were on the federal payroll.

All their time, during the campaign and before, was, however, being spent serving one candidate for President.

This did not begin under Mr. Nixon, but it is, nevertheless, still discriminatory, as one evaluates the extra advantages enjoyed by a candidate who is also an incumbent, as against all non-incumbent candidates.

There may be no way to avoid such differential, on any level of government. That is why the society, through government, may have to subsidize political campaigning, at least partly.

NOT GUILT-FINDING — It ought to be kept in mind that the Ervin senatorial committee can not imprison anyone. It is not guilt-finding, although it can fix responsibility.

Constitutionally, the main purpose of the committee is to discover facts and figures from which legislation may be drafted to improve the process of electing the President of the United States and other federal officers.

One advantage of the committee route of investigation is that it can examine many important angles and facets which would not be admissable, in a court of law — but are vital just the same.

A committee usually completes its investigations in months.

Court cases sometimes continue for years, as "lawyers raise objections and ask for postponements.

Wonderful!

Dear AFRO:

We want to thank everybody that had anything to do with the picture and also the wonderful write-up of Miss Renee Peacock. Thank you again. It was beautiful. May God bless you all. Mrs. Viola Savage
(grandmother and family)

(Editor's Note: This writer refers to article in June 23, 1973 issue about 16-year-old Renee Peacock, an Edmondson High June graduate, who won a number of scholarships including the $2,500 Hattie Williams Memorial award.)

If YOU Ask ME

By Bettye Moss

Prince Hall Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels and the senior grand warden, James T. Dorsey, are leading the group of fraternal leaders who left the States on Thursday for the annual visit abroad.

They will visit chapters in England, France and Germany before they return home.

Good neighbors who should get your get-well wishes: Mrs. Beatrice Jefferson of Elgin Ave., who is in Charles St. General Hospital, and Samuel Blackwell, who is undergoing tests at Good Samaritan Hospital.

'Taint so, says Coppin State president, Dr. Calvin W. Burnett . . . he is NOT, repeat NOT considering those offers to leave the Baltimore City college campus for another job.

He says he finds Coppin a real challenge and hopes to be around for quite a while, being as he is committed to making this city college a real urban center. So glad!

Cuff note: Dr. Otis D. Froe, director of Morgan State's Center For Institutional Research, has been named to the board of directors of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Association.

In the mailbag: Mrs. Evelyn O. A. Darden writes:—

"After reading your article about Ritchie Lomax's BP Station near Annapolis, (July 7, 1973) I felt compelled to write to you. I, too, am proud of Ritchie because he is an Annapolitan and because he earns his living doing mechanical repair.

"My husband and I are both products of Annapolis and we are also in the auto repair business.

"The fine, courteous, automotive service that the person who wrote you received at Ritchie Lomax's in Annapolis is also available right here in Baltimore from another fine young black businessman.

"My husband, Mark A. Darden Jr., recently held a dedication service for his new business, C and L Auto Repair Service at 5905 Liberty Road. The Rev. J. Marion Bradley of Berean Baptist Church, officiated at the dedication.

"I am extremely happy to hear someone speak out and applaud our young black businessmen of Baltimore, especially those who go the extra mile for customer satisfaction. In our business we know the value of a happy, satisfied customer."

Mrs. Florence Bailey, the teacher and lawyer, flew off to Japan for a five-week stay on Friday.

She missed that sumptuous, unique party her fellow club members, the Moles, gave for Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Pitts at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Forte (Bertha). It was a Christmas in July affair with all the Yule trimmings.

Also absent, another Mole — Helena Hairston. She and her hubby, Alonzo, were in Columbus, Ohio, to attend his sister's funeral.

Cuff note: Some crank called the other day to ask who in hell were the Pittsburgh people who knew them when and who have enjoyed their hospitality abroad, are just doing what comes naturally, being nice to nice people.

So now YOU have your answer!!

Note in mail from Baltimore County public school office relates that Walter G. Amprey, former administrative assistant at Baltimore city's Walbrook High, has accepted a post as assistant principal at Woodlawn High.

This makes him second high ranking black male to move to county schools. Some months back, John Ward, city principal, was named assistant superintendent.

Cuff note: Baltimore County public school population is about 130,000. Some 4 per cent of the students are black.

Other county appointments, all effective July 1: Mrs. Anna B. Coleman from guidance counselor, Milford Mill High to assistant principal, same school; Mrs. Roberta C. Crosby, social studies chairman at Parkville Junior High to assistant principal, Towson Senior High;

Also, Howard R. Flournoy, Pikesville High teacher made assistant principal, same school; J. Thomas Cunningham, administrative assistant at Towsontown Junior High to assistant principal, same school;

Mrs. Brenda R. Strozier, associate school psychologist, was made school psychologist in the Catonsville office, a newly created post.

These one-sentence sermens are from the pamphlet, 'Deep Are the Roots,' the Bowie State College newsletter, edited by the Rev. James M. Caldwell:

The man who is looking for trouble doesn't have to take out a search warrant.

To thy ownself be true. Make yourself an honest man and then be sure there is one less rascal in the world.

More about the Rev. Mr. Caldwell: His newsletter advises that this summer he's serving on the staff of the Baltimore YMCA's Camp King's Landing.

This is the overnight resident camp for boys and girls, ages 7 to 15 located in Huntingtown, Calvert County, Md.

He is serving as resident director, for boys. Miss Pauline Edwards, the Morgan State student and camp veteran, is in charge of program for girls. Camp season opened last week. A.P. Moss is director.

Not Israel

Dear AFRO:

I can't find a word in our local newspapers about a recent report by the International Civil Aviation Organization on the Libyan airliner disaster in February resulting in the unfortunate loss of more than 100 lives.

Permit me, then, space to say it was compiled by a team of five experts who made exhaustive fact-finding inquiries in Libya, Egypt and Israel, with full cooperation from all three governments. Israel is exonerated!

Chapman Pincher of the "Daily Express" (London) says the report reveals "a degree of inefficiency, slackness and irresponsibility unparalleled in the history of aviation both by the Egyptians at Cairo airport and by the crew of the Libyan Arab Airlines machine."

And he suggests many countries and organizations should apologize for originally putting complete responsibility for the disaster on Israel.

B. J. SMAL.

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."
(From the AFRO-AMERICAN, April, 1893)