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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) Editor-Publisher, (1922-1967)

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Lally Veto Stinks

Here is another example of the need for the black press. Reprinted here are two versions of what has happened to the Recommendations of Corrections Commissioner James Jordan, one from a daily paper and the other from the AFRO.

The Sun of May 4, headlined its article, Filling of 2 top penal jobs delayed.' It said in part:

"By Robert P. Wade

"The state's top law-enforcement official said yesterday that two high prison jobs, including warden of the Maryland Penitentiary, will not be filled for about 90 days, while new job specifications are written and the selection process changed.

"Robert J. Lally, the state secretary of public safety and correctional services, said he had received recommended appointments for five jobs from James Jordan, commissioner of correction, last month, but decided to "broaden the scope" of the hiring process.

"All five recommended appointees are veteran employees of the state penal system.

"Two of the jobs, penitentiary warden and director of the state prison camp system, are being filled by acting personel. The others would empty as people move up to the higher jobs.'

But for AFRO readers, our May 7, article headed "Two blacks refused top penal appointments," gives the real story. Excerpts of the AFRO story follow:

"By Dennis Schatzman

"State Public Safety Director Robert J. Lally has disapproved the recommended appointments of two black administrators to high penal positions.

"James Jordan Commissioner of Corrections, submitted Lally might well direct his efforts to improving the racial hiring policy in his own office.

"Lally told the AFRO that the recommendations were neither approved nor disapproved. He says that his office has had a number of requests of "interested citizens" that specifications for the jobs be strengthened. He has proposed to Jordan that an ad hoc committee of out-of state experts choose the new warden and director.

"Lally has requested that the positions be filled with persons with college degrees. But he said that the two men, because of their experience, are still in the running.

"However, Lally said that the jobs will be advertised in a number of nationwide professional journals.

"Jordan disagrees with Lally's decision . . ."

We are inclined to agree with Dr. Troy Brailey that the hassle about these penal appointments is the same old story, that is, as soon as black people qualify for meaningful jobs, there come moves to change the rule.

While Commissioner Lally contends his delay of the Jordan recommendations does not denote criticism of Commissioner Jordan, the fact is his veto does just that.

The whole matter has racial overtones. Mr. Jordan, is a highly skilled penologist and the first black correction commissioner.

Prison population at Md. Penitentiary is nearly 80 per cent black. The two veteran employees on the eligible list whom Commissioner Jordan would promote are both black.

In this climate, it is reasonable to question the motives of Commissioner Lally in his desire to strengthen the job qualifications.'

We agree with State Senator Verda Welcome that Commissioner Jordan has worked diligently to maintain a racially balanced system. Instead of interfering with his program, Commissioner Lally might well direct his efforts to improving the racial hiring policy in his own office.

Like A Hole In Head

World Team Tennis made its debut in Baltimore Wednesday night, and for those among us who are sports fans, a new dimension has been added to our lives.

WTT is a new concept. It appeals to civic pride by franchising 16 teams, each representing a large city. It is the same format used in pro football, baseball and basketball.

While 95 per cent of the players are not natives, the league sells the idea that its team are competing "for the honor of good old hometown," and the locals are expected to respond.

Additionally, WTT has rid its tennis of the complicated system of scoring which previously turned off many would-be fans and new players. Instead of the unexplainable "love-15-30-deuce" method of tallying, the league simply scores "1-2-3-4-game."

When people understand new games, they become fans.

Still another plus for WTT is the tendency to encourage vocal support for the house team. As a consequence, the Civic Center rocked with cheers and boos and loud applause as the Baltimore Brasers played host to the Hawaii Leis Wednesday night.

That sort of open enthusiasm is unheard-of at Forest Hills and Wimbledon, or even in the stoddy country club atmosphere in the nation's suburbs.

The Banners have an array of outstanding talent for Baltimore's challenge for WTT honors. Jimmy Connors, Audrey Morse and foreigners Ian Crookenden, Bob Carmichael and Betty Stowe are five topflight performers in the local uniform.

Scattered about among the other 15 teams are a number of famous tennis names— Billie Jean King, John Newcombe, Cliff Drysdale, Evonne Goolagong, Ken Rosewall and Ion Tiriac among them.

While there is no evidence whatsoever that a single black is currently involved in the operation at any level, we are hopeful that it won't be long before this is rectified.

Otherwise, we need WTT like we need a hole in the head.

Cut Out The Rhetoric

We sympathize with Baltimore Mayor Schaefer and other city officials, as well as members of the Board of School Commissioners and school officials, as they tackle the awesome job of conforming to the mandate to integrate public schools.

Peter E. Holmes, director of the Office of Civil Rights of Health, Education and Welfare, (HEW), has given Baltimore until May 30 to submit a desegregation plan geared for implementation when schools open this September.

This means the days between now and May 30 demand serious study of suggestions developed by the Citizens' Desegregation Task Force, as well as other programs designed to meet the guidelines.

This is not the time to beg the issue and inject side issues like metropolitanism (cooperative desegregation with county schools). Also out of step are those among us who talk glibly about ignoring the HEW edict at the risk of losing $23 million in federal funds.

And certainly, this is not the time to agonize over bussing when it is entirely likley it might be necessary to expand or initiate a transportation program to desegregate our sprawling school system.

Good temper, good judgment and mutual respect should be the order of the day as Baltimore moves ahead to effect this drastic change.

Of course, any proposal is likely to disturb some people who are used to doing business as usual. They may have some painful pills to swallow and we can sympathize with them too.

But the AFRO submits most Baltimoreans are law-abiding. We would hope therefore, that public officials, understanding the posture in which we find ourselves, would cut out the unnecessary rhetoric.

The times call for all of us to pool our collective efforts to support school officials as they make a hard-nose study of the proposals before them and work to meet the HEW deadline.

We believe we can do it if we all try hard enough.

'Wait A Minute, Boy, We've Changed The Rules'

NOW and THEN — by G. James Fleming

No Freedom Now For Portuguese Africa?

Only inveterate optimists would have expected freedom to come to Portugal's African colonies because of the changes in Portugal proper!

The overthrow of the 40-year dictatorship spells a more liberalized regime for white Portuguese. It may even lead to a Portuguese type of democracy.

Indeed, already former political prisoners have been released; censorship of newspapers has been lifted; and political parties have been given the green light, including the Communist Party.

But the military junta, which overthrew the dictatorship, has announced that no changes will be made in the African colonies — certainly not right now and, hopefully for Portugal, not to the extent of independence.

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The Spinola regime — as its predecessor—wants Portugal to hold on to Mozambique, to Angola and to Portuguese Guinea. It makes the sweeping gesture of offering a kind of dominion status within a union under Portugal.

On the other hand, the African leaders want, "independence now."

All of this reminds us that when Europeans and their American counterparts proclaim about freedom, democracy and equality, they want these liberties for themselves — for whites. They do not include blacks in their thinking.

So it was with the writers of the American Constitution. They wrote of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," but they wanted these gifts for themselves and their kind.

When they wrote that "All men are created equal," they did not mean Indians and blacks.

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So it is with Portugal:

Even if Portugal wanted to give its African colonies full independence, I doubt such a declaration would really bring independence. We doubt Rhodesia and South Africa would permit it.

I agree with those other observers who believe that the white minority in Mozambique and Angola, would set up their own governments.

They would continue the white overlordship, and call on Rhodesia and South Africa for the kinds of help that would insure a totally white dominance in the southern part of Africa.

This column has no doubt that Rhodesia, for instance, would come to the aid of an independent white-dominated government in Mozambique, for sure, and perhaps also in Angola. Most observers agree that Guinea may find it easiest to be let loose into independence.

"WELCOME TO PORTUGAL" — This writer will never forget crossing (1966) from Malawi into Mozambique. He was stunned by the sign, "Welcome to Portugal" there deep in Africa.

But that is the image Portugal wanted to create; that her African colonies were just natural extensions of the mother country and that her African subjects were also Portuguese — no more and no less.

However, it was not difficult to feel that there was oppressive government in Mozambique, even if it were mightily propped up with black soldiers.

Our party, black and white Americans, was cleared to visit a restaurant. We turned a corner, however, to picnic a bit with some refreshments which we carried in our car.

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In two minutes a truckload of soldiers had arrived — "just by accident," they would say. They satisfied themselves that we were only having some martinis and left. But that was not the last of soldiers.

When we eventually took our seats in the restaurant, almost immediately four soldiers took the table next to us. Perhaps also "by accident."

But, those of us in the party "got the message."

We doubt these soldiers, although black, will help in the fight for independence. They are part of the system; psychologically they are Portuguese. But then, we may be surprised!

A little about a LOT — by Madeline W. Murphy

Are You Mad Enough, Black Baltimore?

Wanting to record the inane, devious actions in the oval office of the White Palace for posterity, borders on paranoia — a Hitlerian lust for uncontrollable power and repression, but we already knew that!

And while the Watergate transcripts released last week indicate the calculating callous criminality of government that has swept this country, frightfully, this state is in the same bag.

Therefore, with the scorecard of politically bankrupt state officials, hangers-on, powerful businessmen from the three 'A's — Agnew, Anderson and Alton — to political pals and songhirds of the Governor, is it any wonder that organizations like the Southeast Community Organization, despite pleas for togetherness — "trusting each other, working together," unanimously voted against "forced busing . . . to integrate schools," even after the 20-year judicial edict from the 1954 Supreme Court decision?

The racist, hypocritical mouthings of Tricky Dick, Hymie, Wally Orlinsky, George Wallace; the indifference of Mayor William D. Schaefer; the rabble rousing of Third District Councilman John Schaefer and the unusual silence of First District Councilwoman Barbara Mikulski, highlight the evil contradictions of the all too familiar canard: "Bring Us Together," when political expediency heeds the mob, rather than leads them to fair and just proposals of HEW.

And in the bargain, because of self-interest and racism, their actions threaten to forfeit millions of federal dollars for education sorely needed by black and white kids alike, purely to perpetuate their "master race' hypocrisy.

Fanned by years of racism in the white press, this demented hysteria has caused massive white flights to the suburbs; has caused inflated prices for already dilapidated housing in the northwestern and northeastern corridors of the city.

And, it has resulted in a majority of black schools and black administrators, including a black superintendent, and because of the change in complexion in Baltimore City public schools, the minority of remaining whites who couldn't run, want to blame blacks for a neglected deteriorating school system they have fostered.

But when we see the majority of blacks in the city held captive by this maddening turn of events, by the brazen actions of a racist rabble rousing Hymie, playing his devious game to get votes for Governor, (a man, who incidentally, was once lionized by some blacks as the great white father) we must only blame ourselves for the racist mess in Baltimore.

With half of the city black, we only have five out of 19 black City Councilpersons; only four out of nine appointed black members of the Board of School Commissioners; yet, collectively, we have the power to elect a majority of blacks and force the appointment of more responsive people to represent us.

We are still the black neck under a white head that hasn't learned how to legally immobilize a paternalistic, racist government, because we don't register and vote, we don't organize our neighborhoods in large effective percentages.

Moreover, we cry about our fate as if the white head will do the "right thing" when experience shows, all too often, that the "right thing" inevitably becomes the "white thing."

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At the 1974 National Black Political Convention at Little Rock, Ark., in his keynote address, Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson gave this formula for power:

"We must begin to organize seriously our local communities. We must organize our precincts, our wards, our districts, our cities, our counties and our states. There is usually no systematic door-to-door, house-to-house, block-to-block effort to organize the black voters of a specific area . . .

"And thus the small number of our elected officials makes it even more disturbing that their local organizations are weak . . . Our hope for survival in this country lies in our ability to organize for political power."

So, when are we going to get mad enough here in Baltimore to register every black citizen, organize them from precinct to district, educate them and ride herd on them to vote in every election?

With the ease of registering by mail, it is even simpler than ever for service organizations, fraternal, professional, church and all such groups to make registering and voting in all black neighborhoods a learned experience as automatic as brushing our teeth, as easy as writing our name, and as available as our nearest library or Community Action Agency center.

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Mayor Jackson warns: "If we allow ourselves to remain impotent, disorganized and powerless in the face of increased conservatism and repression which surrounds us, not only are we abandoning all hope of constructive and non-violent social change; we are also welcoming genocide.

"Until we back our demands with concrete and organized black political action from the district level to the national level, we will be a joke to the country's real power brokers."

Mad enough, black Baltimore? Or, with our inactivity and apathy, will we just be satisfied to be jokes in all the smoke-filled rooms where power determines?

Sunday Is Mother's Day

Sweetest word in any tongue is "mother." Sunday is Mother's Day.

How few pictures there are of children waiting on mothers!

"Honor . . . thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," is a great commandment, and its implication is plain. Absence of parental respect leads to absence of legal restraint. Lawbreakers do not live to a ripe old age.

Not one out of ten or a hundred commandments enjoins mothers to love their children, because nature's own law is more powerful than any made by man.

No mother has to be told to honor her children, remember their birthdays, and celebrate their anniversaries. She knows them by rote. She treasures them in her heart.

So Sunday is Mother's Day; a day upon which millions of children and more millions of older people can honestly say:

"The finest woman I ever knew was my mother."

Wherever you are Sunday, send mother a greeting and, if your own mother is gone, make the day happy for someone else's mother.

(From the Papers of Carl Murphy 1889-1967)

WASHINGTON REPORT

SB 1539 Would Turn Clock Back

By Parren J. Mitchell
(D-7th District-Maryland)
U.S. House of Representatives

The Senate has started consideration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which passed in the U.S. House of Representatives some weeks ago, and which contains the Esch Amendment prohibiting the bussing of school children to achieve desegregation.

No other issue has stirred as much controversy recently (save the Nixon corruption scandals), as has the issue of bussing.

Proponents of bussing argue that compliance with the law must be obtained if we are to prevent widespread contempt for law.

Opponents argue that, in the long run, bussing is harmful to black children as well as white children.

I certainly do not want to debate the issue from a narrow perspective. I think it is important that black people be made aware of the full implications of the anti-bussing amendment to E.S.E.A.

First, the amendment is clearly an assault against the judicial system which in the recent past has upheld the constitutionality of many civil rights laws.

The Esch anti-bussing amendment would not permit the Federal Courts in desegregation cases to order bussing of children beyond the closest or the next closest school.

In addition, the amendment, introduced by Congressman Marvin Esch, a Republican from Michigan, would permit the re-opening of school desegregation cases which were settled years ago.

I think the Senate will knock out the Esch amendment. Even if it does not, most legal experts with whom I have talked are fully convinced that the courts will find the Esch amendment unconstitutional.

However, let us imagine for the moment that the U.S. Senate does not defeat the Esch amendment, and that the Federal courts would not hold the amendment to be unconstitutional.

Under such circumstances the racist elements of the Congress would then be emboldened to introduce amendments to eliminate the effectiveness of every piece of legislation which favorably affects the lives of black citizens.

Under the circumstance I described earlier, what is there to prevent a bigoted Congressman from introducing an amendment to a labor department appropriations bill . . . an amendment to nullify the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act?

What would prevent a racist congressman from introducing an amendment to nullify the Federal public accommodations law?

Under the circumstances described above, would there be anything to prevent a hostile Congress from destroying Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act which sets aside a specified number of Government contracts for black business persons.

Attention: — My fellow black citizens, do not be deceived on the anti-bussing issue. I urge you to look at reality.

In America, the reality is that the majority of the white society would, if given the opportunity, strip away from us all the recent gains we have made.

The majority society works away at doing this.

The DeFunie case would have done away with preferential treatment for the admission of blacks in the professional schools.

The corporate interests still complain bitterly about the Fair Employment Requirements.

The private clubs have grown in number because of the hostility many Americans still have towards equal access to places of public accommodations.

No, my friends, it is not just the issue of bussing, it is, as the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights has correctly described it, a new attempt to turn back the clock.

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 aim than to speak and cause 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 the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

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Readers Rap On Many Issues

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.

Views On Black Movies

Dear AFRO:

I have mixed emotions about whether black movies are responsible for crime, and have used various forums to express my opinions.

However, the response I seem to receive in general is: We have the movie code system — G, PG, and R — and the individual parent should exhibit some type of influence over the choice of movies that their children see.

I am opposed to Delegate Conaway's (D-4th), request that Governor Mandel appoint a special study group to review black films. The idea that Governor Mandel come to see one of the black films is irrelevant.

If indeed the black community feels that black movies under question should be reviewed, why not have the legislation's Black Caucus appoint a committee or the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper coordinate a group of prominent citizens to formulate a position that would be credible?

I personally would ask that someone look into the price of admission we pay to see the flicks. Again, the concern is the young people during the summer months.

The theaters should have a policy of two major flicks daily for their present admission or simply reduce the price of admission for theater goers, especially during the summer months.

I found your article on this whole issue interesting. —

LARRY YOUNG

Punishment Section

Dear AFRO:

The Inmates on the Punishment Section of Baltimore City Jail dedicate this letter to the editor of the AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers.

We are in the section known to be the legal section for torment of inmates.

The reason the inmates are bringing their complaints to the attention of the AFRO is because the inmates have respectfully filed three petitions to the Jail administration concerning the food condition, the way the inmates are being harassed and the condition of the cells.

Now all three of these petitions have been ignored by the administration, so we feel the only way, the inmates can receive any justice is to bring this to the attention of the public at once.

The inmates on B Section, the punishment section, would appreciate it very much if the AFRO would print the inmates' complaint so we may receive some type of public assistance.

X.Y.

(Editor's Note: City Jail Warden Kamka told the AFRO he has no knowledge of these petitions and suggests that our readers write to him directly.)

Attorney Mason

Dear AFRO:

I am most appreciative of the article by reporter Pamela Widgeon which appeared in the AFRO-AMERICAN (March 26).

Many of your readers have stopped me and commented on the story, and several young women have stated that they were inspired as a result and are thinking of going into law as a profession.

I believe that there are endless opportunities for black men and women with law degrees and urge our young people to prepare themselves so that they can take advantage of the opportunities.

(Mrs.) ELISE JUDE MASON

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Mason is a law clerk for Judge Robert B. Watts in Baltimore City's Criminal Court. The feature story explained the duties of a law clerk and Mrs. Mason's plans for the future as a lawyer).

Md. National

Dear AFRO:

I have written Robert D. H. Harvey, chairman of the board of Maryland National Bank offering my personal congratulations as well as those of the Inner City Federation of Federal Credit Unions, Inc. for the bank's decision to discontinue making loans to the apartheid ruled government of The Republic of South Africa.

Additionally, the decision to divest the bank of the two existing loans is most laudable.

I am sure this action has reaffirmed the faith that many citizens have in the bank's publicly stated policy of refusing to support institutions, be they government or otherwise, which abridge the rights of some of its members —

MARY COMMODORE,
(President)

Tell Them

DEAR AFRO:

Recently, I read the AFRO story by Connie Brown about Leda Anne Fuller, a 16-year-old junior at Western High School, I was very proud of her.

I have known her all her life and she has been the same, a very lovely person.

When children do well, I think we should continue to commend them. Teenagers need encouragement. When you find one doing outstanding work, tell them about it.

—FANNIE W. LAWSON

Recognition

Dear AFRO:

I am deeply appreciative for being selected as a member of the 1973 AFRO-AMERICAN Honor Roll.

The success achieved during ten (10) years at the Baltimore Civic Center was largely due to the vision, understanding and cooperation of:

Our mayors, a dedicated and talented Civic Center Commission, a most productive and hard-working staff of associates, highly competent franchisee, capable vendors, loyal promotors, and over 11 million patrons who have attended the Center for a variety of activities from conventions, trade shows and sports to proms, musical shows and graduations, establishing the Center as one of the finest multi-purpose facilities in the country.

Of my community participation, my philosophy is simple — with so much need and so many opportunities for service, it is important that each does his share. I try to do mine. Thank you for this recognition.

HAROLD J. JENNIFER JR.
(Executive Director-Civic Center Commissi n)

In-Laws, In -Loves

By Lyla Myers

On Mother's Day, our thoughts go out
To many kinds of mothers;
The ones through birth,
The ones in-law.
The step ones and some others.

Those foster mothers who adopt
Poor children left alone,
Are often brave, meek heroines
Whose virtues are unknown

Some mother needy children who
By law belong to others.
They don't adopt them, so, of course,
These — legally — aren't mothers.

But mothers — real — step — or in-law,
In sight of God above,
Can't seem more worthy than these saints,
For, they're mothers-in-love!

SPECIAL AFRO LINE QUERY, ANSWER

State Police Say They Care About Black Troopers

QUESTION: The Maryland State Police, "one of the Best." Is it really? It may be one of the best for whites, but is it one of the best for blacks who are already on the job?

Does an atmosphere exist where black troopers can feel free to express their views on the policy of the State Police, without being labeled as militants or radicals?

Why do the executive heads refuse to hold meetings with black troopers who are only trying to bring about mutual understanding between both parties?

Why when the executive heads did meet the black troopers it was only to get their support in the recruitment of minorities and not to listen and implement some of their suggestions to improve the climate within?

Why when the black troopers sought expertise from the outside world, the executive heads attempted to solicit support of influential blacks to crush the efforts of the black officers? Is this an example of how whites attempt to get blacks against blacks?

The Maryland State Police has a fine reputation in the white community but what about in the black community in terms of its total "so called" sincerity effort to recruit, promote, and improve the climate of minorities in the Stae Police?

Why haven't the intellectual talents of the black troopers been utilized? Or is it the feeling of the upper echelons that blacks have contributions to make on an intelligent basis? — T.L.X.

ANSWER: AFRO-Line put these questions to Bill Clark, Public Information Officer for the Md. State Police, who had this conversation with AFRO-Line reporter:—

"What he was referring to is a meeting that was called to get their support in recruiting.

"Initially what had occurred when all this business was going on, Col. Thomas S. Smith called a meeting of all the black troopers most of whom were able to attend it. The Colonel wanted to explain what was happening with the stepped up black recruiting program, what they were doing and the whole background.

"At that meeting, one of the black troopers presented, or stood up and wanted to present a list of demands to Col. Smith and the Colonel responded back to him saying, 'I don't take demands from anybody. If you want to discuss anything with me, suggestions or criticisms; anything, I am open to them, but I am not open to demands.' He acquiesced on the terminology demands.

"I think that in all honesty the executive heads of the agency really are very anxious in their desires to make the agency representative of the public they serve, and are trying very consciously to promote an atmosphere in which the people of the black community can be recruited, trained, promoted right on up the line.

"I know a number of the troopers. We have 35 black troopers now out of about 1400.

"Of those black troopers, all except one, the one that has been on the force the longest is a lieutenant now. He has been with the department 17-years.

"Of the other ones, the highest ranking person is a trooper 1st class. He has been on the job 8-years.

"I think one of the things that the black troopers were concerned about was the promotional possibilities. Here the highest ranking uniformed black aside from lieutenant being a Trooper, 1st Class, who has been on the job 8 years.

"What I'm saying is that these people have responded well . . . the black troopers have responded well to the promotional system within the state police.

In fact, they are, if you want to call it right on time, right on schedule with promotions. In fact, a number of them have been promoted in advance of their normal time.

"I think that the executive heads are really very, very sensitive to the problems and frustrations that concern blacks. No matter how thorough you try to make an organization, when you only have 35 blacks out of almost 1400 people; you are talking about a very small group of people. We are very sensitive to their position and we are making a very, very honest effort. It's only 35 out of almost 1400, you'd have the feeling does someone really care about us. We really do.

"I think the have a concern that they want to establish a rapport and want to get something going and I see something happening."

. . . AFRO LINE is an effective AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be.

. . . All you have to do is write a post card 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 telephone number.

QUESTION: There is a restaurant on Pennsylvania Ave. which is a disgrace. I can't understand how the Health Department would allow it, or how anyone could consider eating there.

The accumulated dirt and grease on the cooking utensils can be observed through the equally dirty windows. — A. X.

ANSWER: A spokesman in the Bureau of Food Control last week, told AFRO LINE that the restaurant is on violation and has been given a week to make corrections. This week Jacque Ayd, acting executive secretary for Bureau of Food Control advised AFRO-Line the nuisances have been corrected.

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QUESTION: I was on the scene when a boy got shot in the 1000 block of Argyle Ave. on April 29. All I knew was a boy got shot. I took some pictures of the ambulance taking the boy, putting him on the stretcher and putting him in the ambulance. Can AFRO Line fill me in on the case and tell me in the AFRO Line if the boy is still alive or not? J. C.

ANSWER: Neither police nor fire department officials could locate any record of the incident mentioned in your letter. They request that you call 396-3100 (Fire Department headquarters) and give the exact time of the incident. You did not include this in your letter to AFRO Line.

QUESTION: Is it true that if you are late paying your bill the Gas and Electric Co. can no longer charge you a late fee? — J. R.

ANSWER: Consumers can avoid two late payment charges — during a 12-month period, under terms of an agreement between Gas and Electric and the Public Service Commission.

Md. Attorney General Francis Burch explains that while this provision has been in effect since 1974, many consumers are unaware of it.

"The three portions of your bill that are affected by this provision are the due date, the gross total and the net total," Mr. Burch explained.

"If payment is not made by the due date, then most consumers assume that the gross total must be remitted.

"However, twice in any twelve-month period, if the due date has passed the consumer is still allowed to pay the amount under net total." Caution: this procedure is put into effect only upon request of the consumer. The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. does not automatically deduct the difference between the two figures if the consumer has not taken advantage of this provision.

Payments where the consumer pays only the net total after the due date should be sent to BG and E in their return envelope with "Attention LPC Clerk" written on the front.

If YOU Ask ME — by Bettye Moss

The main sanctuary of historic Sharp Street United Methodist Church was filled to capacity Wendesday at 11 a.m. for the funeral services of Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, retired bishop of the Methodist Church.

Methodist bishops; ministers, and friends came from all sections of the country, some 1,000 of them.

Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (who also came from far and near) were present to honor the fraternity's last surviving founder.

The sun streamed brightly through the stained glass windows and remained so throughout the 90-minute rites.

We joined the 150 who spilled over into the balcony, so that from our vantage point we could look down on the beautiful sight.

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In front of us, the mourners crowded into every available seat. In front of them, the flag-draped casket. At one end, the lighted candles. At the other, the Omega Psi Phi insignia. Behind the casket, a huge blanket of flowers. Other floral tributes were at each end.

And then, on the rostrum the distinguished speakers, bishops and other friends, who were to give the memorial tributes. Above them in the choir loft, the magnificent Morgan State College Choir, directed by Nathan Carter.

Their rendition of "Thy Mansions Above" and "The Strife Is O'er, The Battles Won" was memorable.

More memorable moments: — When Judge Marion W. Garnett of Chicago, Grand Basileus of Omega, finished his tribute, he gave one rap to his gavel and in a flash all Omega men in the congregation stood. They joined hands and sang the Omega song.

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Tearjerker was the letter Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh read. He explained that Bishop Love had written to ask him to give his support to a worthy cause and then told of his happiness in retirement with his wife of 50 years, Virginia.

Excerpts of the letter: "She's been a most remarkable companion, with excellent mind; and a gentle person. She was from time to time called to my attention ministers who have had great potential and won advancement in the conference, largely through her observations.

"We have had nearly fifty-years of wonderful home life together and in these sunset hours of my life, I am praying most that the Good Lord will let me outlive her, so that I can give her the kind of proper care and attention she needs."

Bishop Nichols issued a challenge to the mourners when he remarked, "This was one prayer of Edgar Love the Good Lord did not grant, but it leaves to each of us to stand closer. We have the privilege of fulfilling his wish."

Humor: — There was laughter too when Dr. Richard I. McKinney, the 'Loves' Morgan Park neighbor, representing the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, told this story as being typical of the deceased's strength, despite his 82 years: —

"One morning he asked if I would come over and help him start his car. My wife said she did not think I would be in the mood that morning for pushing cars.

He replied, 'I don't want him to push it. I just want him to sit in the car and guide it while I push it.'

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Cuff Note: The Rev. Julius Carroll Jr. came from Gardner, Mass., to represent his brother and Bishop Love's longtime friend, the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, now the bishop of the Boston area of the church.

Bishop Eddie Carroll underwent surgery last week (hernia), and was unable to travel to Baltimore.

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Orchids to King's Landing Women, (KLW). Their Tenth Anniversary Benefit at Club Venus on Sunday was a sell-out.

There was jumping music by Jimmy Smith and oodles of door prizes and fashions which members of the club modeled.

There were original designs of hats and out-of-sight clothes for all occasions.

Mrs. Mamie Jones, president; and Mrs. Marjorie Green, benefit chairman, received silver bowls from A. P. Moss, director of the YMCA's King's Landing Camp, which benefits from this charity.

..More on this next week.

Sympathy cards to Mrs. Bernice McConnell whose husband, William (Mack), was buried last Saturday in Washington. His Baltimore and Oyster Harbor friends will remember him as the retired government employee who, since retirement, did free lance photography. Survivors include his children, Mrs. Dianne Johnson of East Orange, N.J.; Marilyn, an airline stewardess, of Atlanta, and Irvin (Eddie), a senior at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Also, his mother, Mrs. William McConnell, of Washington; father, William McConnell, of New York; two grandchildren, and a sister.

Bright note: Bernice will attend the graduation of her son, Irvin, next week, and he has already been accepted at the Tuskegee Medical School for the September term.

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Sunshine to Gabriel B. Maddox Jr., the Druid Hill Avenue printer, who is undergoing tests at Provident Hospital. He's in Room 7026-A.

Mrs. Kye Lewis (Ruth) is out of the hospital, recuperating at her Bentalou St. home.

Cheers to Hopkins Hospital for Sherlock Grinage, the 'good neighbor.' He's vice president of Kronheim Co.

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Call him 'Dr.' now: — On May 11, 1974, Reppard Stone will receive the Ph.-D. degree of Musicology from the Catholic University of America, Washington.

Dr. Stone holds a B.S. degree from Morgan State College, and an M.A. degree from Case Western Reserve University.

He has worked as a teacher of instrumental music in the Baltimore City public schools and assistant professor of Music at Delaware State College and Morgan.

In 1970, he won a Southern Fellowship Grant. In 1972, he was elected outstanding educator in the Secondary Education Society.

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Many know Mr. Stone as a profilic composer and arranger who has performed, recorded and arranged on the national level. He formerly had a "big" band in Baltimore which played before thousands and on local television.

He is a member of the Modern Music Masters and the American Federation of Musicians.

The Stone family includes wife (the former Dorothy Simms), and their two children, Diahann Gail and Reppard Brian,

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The Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid Jr., of Monrovia, Liberia, bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) of W. Africa has bestowed a special award, (the WAMECO Dilcbea) on the Wo-Be-Co Club of Baltimore in recognition of its "general support and activities involved in the program and mission of the church."

The awards to members of WO-BE-CO and to Baltimore's Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sulton (Essie) were mailed here on April 3.

The words WAMECO Dilcbea are from the Bassa language and mean, "a special friend."

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Bishop Reid, formerly minister of our city's Bethel Church, will be in the States on May 20 to see his son and namesake graduate from Yale Divinity School, and a daughter, Vanessa, complete high school in St. Louis.

Cuff Note: Mrs. Reid, (Irene) and their daughter, Karla, 3, will remain in Liberia.

By the way, her son, Kurt Schmoke, the former City College athelete, who won a place on the AFRO Honor Roll and then went off to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, is completing his first year at Harvard Law School.

He expects to intern at a downtown Baltimore firm this summer.

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People being kind to others: At Henryton Hospital Center in Henryton, Md., residents are happier because volunteers who care have volunteered to bring them happiness.

Recent events there included: bingo with the Good Samaritans; the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus — buses were provided by the Henryton Auxiliary; gospel singing with The Inspirations; Towson Senior High School's play, "Pinocchio;" the Statewide Seder at the Blue Crest North; a variety show by the Randallstown Optimists; and a dance with the rock band, "The Symptoms."

Plus, students from Oakland Mills High School in Columbia, under the guidance of Mrs. Dorothy Sundstrom, teacher, will paint a mural in the Recreation Center in the near future.

Also painting murals in various areas will be students from Western Maryland College.

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Others who have volunteered their services: the Rev. Lawrence Handwerk, Episcopal Chaplain; Baltimore City RSVP volunteers; Howard County RSVP volunteers; Beaverbrook Homemakers; Dunloggin Homemakers; Linden Linthicum Methodist Church WSCS; Mrs. Barbara Henry;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilburn; Ellicott City VFW; Randallstown Optimists; and Mrs. Mary Krueger, canteen chairman; and members of the Auxiliary and parents' association.

Cuff note: Henryton needs: Anyone 16 or over interested in volunteering as a swimming instructor-lifeguard for the summer. Call 795-2400, Ext. 235. Stipends will be available through Volunteer Services to qualified persons. Applicants must hold a Red Cross Lifesaving Certificate.

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Do so TODAY at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Streets, Baltimore. Open daily, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. You can also register by mail. Forms available at all branches of Enoch Pratt Library, Community Action Agency centers as well as at Supervisors of Elections. Next primary election for Governor and state legislators in September 10, 1974, August 12, 1974 is the last day to register.

Goodwill Week Means . . .

..(This guest editorial is by Baltimore Goodwill Industries. May 5-11 is Goodwill Week.)

Goodwill Industries is more than a yellow and blue collection box located in your neighborhood shopping center. It's more than helping only those confined to a wheelchair, Goodwill Industries is in the business of helping a sometimes forgotten minority . . . the handicapped and disabled of our state and nation.

Traditionally speaking, we think of a handicapped individual as a person with a visible problem . . . one who is confined to a wheelchair, an amputee, or someone who is mobile only with the aid of crutches.

Goodwill Industries has broadened this traditional concept and serves all people who are unable, for one reason or another, to compete in the labor market.

These individuals include the socially disadvantaged, the alcoholic, drug addict, mentally disabled, the paroled convict, and those disadvantaged by age, to name only a few.

Goodwill serves people who are not handicapped in the traditional way most of us think, but those who need rehabilitation to be able to take their place in society.

The main purpose of Goodwill Industries is assisting the handicapped to rise to their maximum level of dignity and job potential. This is accomplished through testing, counseling, work experience and job placement.

If an individual is unable to reach a level of proficiency necessary to work in private industry, sheltered workshops are provided to give employment.

As you can see, the collection box is only a visible aspect of Goodwill. The important factor is the human element . . . the handicapped and disabled citizens who are trained and encouraged to become useful citizens.

May 5-11 is National Goodwill Week. It's an excellent time to remember the good work being done by Goodwill.

On May 18 persons interested in learning more about the operation of Goodwill are welcome to visit the headquarters of Baltimore Goodwill, 4001 Southwestern Boulevard, during its traditional open-house and antique and furniture sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

81 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.)