"I am a man of peace: God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
-Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth

OPINION

Baltimore Afro-American

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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, 1(1922-1967)

Sam Lacy and newsies

AFRO sports editor, Sam Lacy, flies to Las Vegas next week to receive an award for outstanding contribution to the world of athletics from the Black Athletes' Hall of Fame.

Executive Editor Moses Newson was at Columbia University in New York this weekend to serve as a judge for the Pulitzer Prizes.

Theatrical writer Vashti McKenzie went to Philadelphia this week to tape an appearance on the Mike Douglass show to be aired in Baltimore Friday, March 14, at 4 p.m.

AFRO publisher Elizabeth Murphy Moss interrupted a vacation in Jamaica to interview a unique husband-wife piano team featured in next week's editions.

In the state capital at Annapolis, reporter Angela Chatman spends her entire time recording happenings in the State Legislature.

Next month, the AFRO will be present when the National Newspaper Publishers' Delegation tours the German Democratic Republic.

We stick our chests out about these diverse happenings because they occur at the time of the annual observance of Black Press Week — March 10-16.

They symbolize the variety of activities which AFRO writers undertake to bring the news to our readers and the respect and high regard our writers have earned in the newspaper world.

Concurrent with the celebration, the AFRO's Public Relations Department is continuing its Newspaper in the Classroom Program and has available for teachers and students appropriate lesson plans at a small cost.

Additionally, tours have been arranged for students to visit our newspaper plant so that they can see people who look like them engaged in dignified, rewarding work.

Featured in this edition is another group of individuals we salute during newspaper week — teenage carriers.

It is interesting to note that when their photos were made they confided they felt a kinship with their newspaper because it provided them an opportunity to earn money to stay in school and prepare for the adult world.

Just as we have done here, some 137 other black newspapers throughout the U.S., will pause to assess their progress.

They will join with the Newspaper Publishers' Association in recalling that the first of our publications, **Freedom's Journal** was founded 148 years ago by John B. Russwurm, whose editorial voice was raised against slavery in the South and oppression in the North.

We make special note that the AFRO-AMERICAN, now in its 83rd year, has continued to carry the torch for freedom and justice for all.

We have endeavored to follow the credo of founder, John H. Murphy Sr., to help preserve the liberties of the common people by exposing injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise . . . and to remember to keep faith with the present generation.

The activities of our staff writers and the programs planned by the public relations department are designed to help the AFRO live up to this mandate.

'Wrong house' raid

Police hunting narcotics raided the wrong apartment in the Kennedy-North complex located in the 1200 block Rossiter Ave., in the Northwood section of northeast Baltimore.

In their written report, the officers explain they knocked down the door of apartment 2B instead of 3B named in the warrant authorizing the Saturday evening raid.

This incident points up what law enforcement reformers have been saying for some time — the danger of error and the resulting embarrassment, as well as the inconvenience suffered by innocent persons, is not worth such sporadic, ill-planned invasions.

Proper pre-raid surveys would have helped the police determine the suspects they sought were on the third floor, not the second.

People have been killed and wounded in such raid mistakes.

Sometime ago in Norfolk, a policeman who was the son of the chief of detectives, was slain when the wrong house was raided.

Federal drug enforcement authorities have dropped most no-knock raids which have proved dangerous and ineffective.

In Saturday's incident here in Baltimore, the innocent residents whose apartment was raided by mistake spent the rest of the weekend with a front door broken open. The peace of the occupants, a couple and their two children, was unnecessarily disturbed.

It was small comfort to them that the suspects were later apprehended and charged. Police could have done that without invading their privacy in the first place.

One of the victims of the "mistake raid" told an AFRO reporter she hoped all concerned have learned a lesson.

We hope so too, but we doubt our police officers will get the message.

They'll do it again and again in the poor and black neighborhoods of our city until Commissioner Pomerleau mandates a policy which says such raids must be carefully and clearly planned to eliminate the possible error of nabbing the "look-alike" suspects and breaking in the wrong houses.

....and the Quille arrest

So often when black citizens and police have a confrontation, the who said what to whom is blown out of proportion to the same degree that tempers flare.

Allen Quille, the parking lot owner and businessman, testified at his trial that he has had continuous trouble with vehicles blocking his parking lot at Commerce and Lombard Sts.

In recent months, he said there have been unsuccessful complaints to the beat traffic officer and then to his superiors. Thursday's arrest of Mr. Quille by an officer on the beat who charged him with disturbing the peace was unfortunate and unnecessary.

In dismissing the case, Central District Judge Sol J. Friedman issued a probation before verdict, meaning he found Mr. Quille neither innocent nor guilty of the officers' charges of disorder.

Whether abusive words used by the businessman constituted a breach of peace was sufficiently questionable so that the judge refused to find Mr. Quille guilty.

Because of Mr. Quille's courtroom complaint that the police in the area have not been responsive, or helpful, we visited the scene of the confrontation.

At 1:15 p.m. this past Wednesday, we found busy Commerce St. crowded with newspaper trucks, construction vehicles and passing autos. It can be a slow job getting into the parking lot.

In the heart of the Inner Harbor construction program — near the new Community College site — the $8 million Quille Parking Center, is underway. Adjacent to the Center is the parking lot, crowded with vehicles.

With extensive building in this new business area, police have a duty to keep streets clear and to tag illegally parked cars and trucks no matter to whom they belong.

The average citizen who gets his car tagged if he leaves it running unattended in front of his home, or if he makes a wrong turn, will find it difficult to understand why police don't act with the same vigor here.

Orioles and Veeck

Reports that the Baltimore Orioles will remain in the city and that the new owner is likely to be Bill Veeck should be good news for AFRO readers. At this writing, present Bird owner, Jerold Hoffberger, is considering selling the club for $12 million.

We applaud the entrance of Veeck in the picture because his track record is sufficient cause to believe that under him the baseball club will hire a black person, in the front office, something which the previous owner, unfortunately, failed to do.

AFRO sports fans will recall it was Bill Veeck who placed the first black person in an executive position when he headed the Cleveland Indians back in 1949. We'd wager he'd integrate the Orioles' front office too, a move which is long overdue.

Still carrying the torch

Washington — by Parren J. Mitchell

Pattern of neglect on the Federal level

(Rep. Parren J. Mitchell is congressman from Maryland's Seventh Congressional District).

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Some people are critical of me because I am constantly attempting to address areas of concern, issues in which I see the abandonment, exploitation and neglect of black people.

I simply beg of us that we be perceptive, discerning, thinking people.

If we do this we can cut through all of the game playing and really see the pattern of neglect and abandonment.

For example, the Free Legal Services Program of OEO was truly a blessing for black people and the poor.

The program made significant contributions towards making the system of justice more responsive to our needs.

Because it did, it was under constant attack by the Congress and the Nixon Administration.

Finally, the Legal Services Program as we knew it was demolished and Congress approved the Legal Services Corporation Act which provides for a Board of Directors.

The ironic thing is that on December 19, 1974, President Ford announced his recommendations for people to serve on the board.

Some are excellent recommendations but others are miserable recommendations.

He recommended, Dennison Kitchell, age 66, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Kitchell was certainly no friend to the Legal Services Program. He has subsequently asked that his name be withdrawn.

The President also recommended former Congresswoman Edith Green of Oregon who, while she served in Congress was an implacable enemy of the Legal Services Program.

Confirmation by the U.S. Senate is required on all recommendations.

To further illustrate the point: First, it has been revealed that members of Congress had issued certain criteria for persons seeking work on their staffs.

I was not surprised to find that a goodly number of these Congressmen had indicated they would not accept black people on their staff.

If any one wonders why Congress does not demand more effective enforcement of civil rights legislation this illustration is the answer.

Second, when I was elected to the House Budget Committee, I met with the staff director to advise him that I wanted to see adequate minority representation on the staff he was assembling.

At the next meeting, the director brought with him an attractive, capable black woman as a staff addition.

I thought I could relax. As of last week I learned that of the 43 staff members now hired only two are black.

I hit the ceiling and refused to vote approval for any more staff.

Now there is a flurry of activity to hire more blacks (I am assured that at least three will be hired immediately).

But, don't you see there was the deliberate attempt to choose whites first and, if possible, to get away with not employing blacks?

With further reference to the Budget Committee and to further illustrate my point, the committee has had more than thirty experts testify on the state of the economy. Not one witness in his written or oral presentation ever mentioned the plight of black people in this economy.

If it was not for the fact that Congressman Stokes and I serve on the Budget Committee, the economic condition of black people would never have been raised.

I could give countless illustrations of this national neglect.

The same neglect exists at local levels.

Next week, I will give some illustrations of local neglect and abandonment of black citizens.

Now and then — by G. James Fleming

Young jobless serious matter

By G. James Fleming

Of all the serious problems facing the nation, none is more important and threatening than the high rate of unemployment among black teenagers.

This high rate — 41.1 per cent — is about five times higher than the national rate and seems destined to remain where it is or escalate higher during the next three years.

Not a pretty picture, but not unknown to blacks.

A wider public was made aware of the dire conditions last week by James Reston in the New York Times.

This column hopes the President and his advisers will take note.

The truth is that the black press and such organizations as the Urban League and the NAACP, have been saying, year in and year out, that inability to find a job is the principal reason for youth crime and other youthful delinquencies.

Even at the height of better days, the unemployment rate among black youth of the ghettoes was as high as 25 per cent, while it was only 3 or 4 per cent nationally.

The Reston column reminds the nation that millions of young people, in this case black youth, will not sulk idly, with no way of earning their daily bread, at the same time that their parents, too, are out of work in disproportionally large numbers.

When unemployed black youth are added to unemployed white youth, and to the recent veterans who also cannot find jobs, there is a mixture that can only be called a social vulcano — a mixture that will make the eruptions and explosions of the 1960's to appear like a mere July 4 fireworks display.

But, the situation is even worse than the youthful unemployment indicates. There will be 8 per cent or higher unemployment among seasoned workers, also.

In other words, we Americans are on the way back to the old depression unemployment rate of the 1930's.

If anything is different, it is the fact that the American people are not in a mood, in 1975, to "take" what they suffered in the 1930's.

As to Washington's leadership, it's appropriate to quote here a witticism from the Sun's Dan Berger:

"It's too bad that General Motors doesn't have an assembly plant in Washington to close down, so the President and congressmen could understand what they are fighting about."

NEW WORKERS, and old ones too, will undoubtedly also have to be less "picky" about what they consider "meaningful" jobs and as to what level they will begin, as to title and pay.

The days since World War II have spoiled us all, as to what we are worth, while and all of us have paid a high price for the spoiling.

One of the prices is the ever higher prices earners must pay for everything they buy — prices that outrun increases in pay.

Another price is that few men and women want to "begin," regardless of their capabilities, but wish to start out as "chairmen of the board," or at the highest pay.

At the other extreme, no one wants to perform some of the necessary but so-called "menial" jobs, often regardless of pay.

But, even if all the good, honest and family-devoted people would work at "whatever I can find," such a near-miracle would not end the present so-called "recession." It will take the harnessed efforts of Big Government, Big Business, Big Labor and Big Banking, working together.

Indeed, it will take more than one government, as other nations of the world eventually suffer, too, economically, whenever the United States is in economic distress, and vice versa.

All signs tell us that "It is later than you think" — later than President Ford, the four economic Biggies, and the Congress seem to realize.

Thoughts of the founder

Judging from the social columns of our paper, it is a hard thing to tell just when the Lenten season begins. Sackcloth and ashes are indeed things of the past.

March 1913

J. H. Murphy

A Little About A Lot — by Madeline W. Murphy

Low profile with two faces

The recent hearing on bills to change appointive authority of Baltimore's Police Commissioner from governor to mayor, illustrates how opportunistic officials, who for the sake of political expediency, can avoid making decisions for the common good.

Governor Marvin Mandel didn't show up because he is absolutely happy with para-military control over Baltimore city, while threatening to manipulate laws that are Baltimore's rightful due.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, embroiled in testimony before another State Senate investigating committee, possible law suits, and closer scrutiny of his bronze ice-cube operation on Fayette Street, would delight in being so powerful that he can continue pitting a devious governor against an equally weak mayor, a law unto himself, knowing all the while where the skeletons are buried.

And Mayor William D. Schaefer, facing re-election this year, wallows in this kind of blackmail, not willing to risk his political fortunes, by demanding firmer control of a runaway police commissioner, who denigrates the mayor as chief officer of the City of Baltimore.

Schaefer seems so fearful of loss of power that he is not even willing to join with the City Legislative Delegation to initiate more programs, with more money, that would secure the good and welfare of Baltimoreans.

Baltimore Magazine's December, 1974 issue, in its annual Christmas list put it in a nutshell when it suggested a perfect gift for Mayor Schaefer would be "More B—s".

At least aside from the black community, others recognize that Schaefer moves only when it is politically safe — the public be damned!

Can we afford to have one so paranoid, that he spends most of his time writing fierce accusing epistles, yelling over the phone about questionable grievances?

One who retaliates on the most vindictive, superficially self-serving levels, figuring the political angles before connecting them with the welfare of the people he's sworn to serve?

For example, even though federal funds might be risked, Schaefer has been extremely cautious not to do open battle with opponents of desegregation. His silence seems to give consent. Politically safe, but not constitutionally sound.

It is apparent that he doesn't care what happens, that his low profile translates only: "Of course I'm for you, I'm for everybody, so long as I get re-elected!"

Other questions to be answered, however, are: How long will he be able to wear these two faces, as rates of unemployment taxes, food and utilities soar?

How long will it take warring political factions to coalesce because of these burning issues and squeeze him out? Laissez-faire attitudes breed enormous hostility.

More importantly, against Mayor Schaefer's obviously weak leadership, when will 53 per cent black Baltimore start the coalition that will kill his hopes for four more years?

AFRO credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in what it stands for. 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. 24, 1938
(From the Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

Smile

The class, composed mainly of veterans, was taking a psychology exam. One hip student, who literally knew all the answers, began tapping them out in Morse code.

But seconds later an answering tapping came from the instructor's desk: "Too bad, fellows, I was in the Army, too."

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.)

Salute of the week

(Editor's note: This is a new AFRO feature. Readers are invited to submit names for the Salute of the Week).

A Baltimore area resident and 1957 Morgan State College graduate, is Maj. Kenneth W. Polston, who recently graduated with honors from the Command and General Officers' Course.

Maj. Polston, who is the Chief of Program Management in HQ, Test Evaluation Command in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, completed the course in normal time.

The nonresident-resident program is designed as an alternative to the 17-week, resident course conducted at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

One of the objectives of the instruction is to produce graduates of quality, insight, character and motivation who are professionally qualified for responsible positions as staff officers and commanders in in divisional and higher echelon organizations.

Maj. Polston said he took the course because "my chances to attend the resident course are slim and I saw an opportunity to improve myself professionally and stay competitive."

He added: "Anyone who does not avail themselves, during these times, to the nonresident mode of the Command and General Staff College is doing themselves and the Army a disservice."

Maj. Polston earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Morgan in 1957. While at Morgan, he participated in the ROTC where he obtained his commission.

In his off-duty hours, Maj. Polston is active in race relations and equal opportunity programs.

He resides on Aberdeen Proving Ground Post with his wife, Bobbi, and their sons, Sparky 16, and Andie, 9.

MAJ. POLSTON

AFRO readers RAP

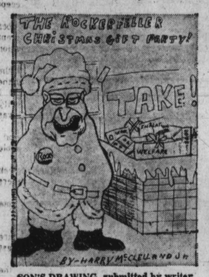
Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Rap," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

Trying to make it

Dear AFRO:

I am sending you a small picture drawn by my son, Harry McClellan, Jr., which has a lot of meaning to the low income people who have very little to live on.

Our Vice President, Nelson Rockefeller, gave out large gifts to people who did not need it and President Ford is really crippling up the welfare program by raising the price of our food stamps so that we will not be able to continue buying them.



SON'S DRAWING submitted by writer of accompanying article on food stamps.

I am trying to make it on the $146 Social Security check I receive each month. I was paying $8 for $46 worth of food stamps, which is hard to do with my other expenses, but I have to eat and food is so high.

I received my card for food stamps and the price is now $16, twice as much, and I am not going to be able to pay that price.

Thought the price on food stamps was frozen. As much as I need them I can not afford to pay double what I was paying.

If possible, please put the picture in your paper, because it is plain to see that we are heading for another depression. Ford is saying we can avoid one, but the public is aware of what is coming.

Mrs. REBECCA McCLELLAND

(Editor's Note: The AFRO reprints herewith the drawing submitted by the writer's son. The family includes another son, Maurice, who is also an artist, as well as five daughters who are grown.)

Back House Bill 412

Dear AFRO:

A year and one half ago, Mayor Schaefer ended a testing program in the public schools for students, ages 6-12, which attempted to detect "potential juvenile delinquents."

The children in this group of over 4,000 were tested for this "tendency" without the knowledge of their teachers or principals. (Sun. 12-18-73).

This fact is important to review now, because the WILPF sees a similarity between their program and the program existing at Patuxent Institute.

(Ed.'s note: WILPF stands for Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

If this testing had continued and had these records been kept, these students' chances of entering Patuxent would have increased greatly.

If any person were picked up for any misdemeanor and this tendency were found on his record, his chances of entering Patuxent as a "defective delinquent" would have been maximized.

What almost happened to these children in the schools is happening at Patuxent now.

To Patuxent are sent persons convicted for a crime if they are diagnosed as "defective delinquents."

"Neither psychiatrists nor any one else has reliably demonstrated an ability to predict future violence or dangerousness," according to the American Psychiatric Association Task Force on Clinical Aspects of the Violent Individual.

Therefore, of necessity, a decision as to who is a "defective delinquent" is made subjectively.

As a rehabilitative measure patients are assured an indeterminate sentence of two, three or four times their original sentence if they do not comply to forced psychotherapy.

(How can forced psychotherapy be effective?)

For this infrequent and highly questionable treatment the taxpayer is charged $10,570 per year, per patient, more than DOUBLE the amount spent in any other Maryland prison with LESS than 15 per cent being spent on the diagnosing, classification and treatment of the patient.

We urge you, therefore, to support House Bill 412 which will abolish the indeterminate sentence and forced psychotherapy. Do so by writing to your delegate or senator or Governor Mandel NOW.

KATHRYN MUNNELL
(Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Rep for Maryland Coalition Against Patuxent)

The death penalty

Dear AFRO:

We are unalterably opposed to the restoration of the death penalty for the following reasons: —

First, we do not believe that this is a deterrent to crime and in fact there has never been any real evidence to indicate that it is.

Secondly, it would not reduce crime because most crimes would not involve the death penalty even if it were legal.

Gov. Mandel's expressed desire to bring back the death penalty is just an attempt to placate a citizenry genuinely concerned about crime.

If the governor were sincere about reducing crime, he would be better advised to use his considerable influence in the area of gun control.

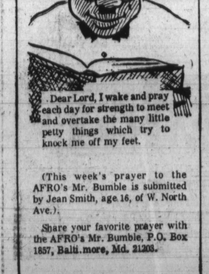
But, of course, the governor is not about to take on the extremely well-financed gun lobby when it is so much easier to take a few lives of those persons who have neither the money nor the votes to pose a threat to him.

We have a serious crime problem and the governor and the General Assembly need to be deliberate in their considerations of ways in which to curb it.

Having the state back in the business of killing people is certainly not the answer.

Mr. and Mrs.
WILLIAM (MILDRED) GARRETT
(Howard Park Ave.)

Mr. Bumble prayer



Dear Lord, I wake and pray each day for strength to meet and overtake the many little petty things which try to knock me off my feet.

(This week's prayer to the AFRO's Mr. Bumble is submitted by Jean Smith, age 16, of W. North Ave.).

Share your favorite prayer with the AFRO's Mr. Bumble, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

People do care

Dear AFRO:

Sometimes in what appears to be a "dog eat dog" world, we forget that there are still people who care about people.

Recently, when I had the misfortune of being involved in an automobile accident, I had the good fortune of receiving assistance from some concerned persons.

Thanks to: — Mr. James Reese, a stranger who stopped to offer help; Mrs. June Garrett, a friend who happened on the scene and stayed with me; and to Mr. Lawrence Hughes, the investigating police officer, who was supportive in my distress.

(MRS.) CHRISTINE J. MOORE

BE KIND to somebody less fortunate TODAY. Share your money or volunteer your time to a public service agency. Send a contribution to AFRO Charities Inc., a non-profit organization, which will use your donation to help the needy. Address tax deductible contributions to AFRO Charities Inc., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Help Forest Park

Dear AFRO:

I am a student of Forest Park Senior High School. We were under the impression that our school would be included in the Capital Improvement Program (1975-76).

I have been shocked to read that Forest Park was one of five projects deferred by the State Interagency Committee on Public School Construction.

Patterson Park High School is predominately white, and located in a white vicinity has remained on the Capital Improvement Program.

I feel that a capital improvement program is needed at Forest Park, more than at Patterson High.

I am asking for the help of the AFRO-AMERICAN editors and readers to get Forest Park included in the Capital Improvement Program for 1975-76.

GINO A. BAILEY

A WARNING TO WHITE AMERICA

'Seeds of hate' may bring an explosion, says educator

Dear AFRO:

For more than twenty years I have watched a vast majority of white Americans all across the nation motivated by fear, ignorance, and the big lie, fight and resist public school integration.

They have resorted to violence, social oppression, economic oppression, moving from our cities to suburbia, the power of all elected offices, and every diabolical scheme imaginable to keep schools separate.

In our northern cities during the last four years, there has been a repetition of similar actions to fight and resist school desegregation. This has been most repulsive to black Americans, and I would hope to many white Americans.

It is quite evident to me that we as a people and this nation can not continue to survive as a free democracy with this kind of hypocrisy.

The "seeds of hate" being planted in the hearts and minds of our young will some day cause an explosion in this country which will make "Hitler's Germany and the Jews" very small in comparison.

All Americans, especially white Americans, must face up to the following:

1. We can not be Americans All in some areas of American life and separate in others.

2. We can not preach and profess love for our fellow man on Sundays and "hate his guts" the remaining days of the week.

3. We can not have quality education in our schools by just utilizing the 3 R's while denying our children the opportunity to know and learn to live with all Americans.

4. We can not implant high morals and ideals within our children by teaching them to hate and believe they are better than other children.

5. We can not upgrade and elevate American Life until we are willing to upgrade and elevate the lives of all Americans.

Abe Lincoln once said, "A house divided will fall" and here in the seventies our "National House" is very divided. Well thinking Americans must ask, how and who can bring "this House" Together?

Throughout the history of this nation as indeed my lifetime, there have been some generalizations by white Americans about black Americans.

In order to refresh one's memory consider these:

1. All n . . . rs will lie, cheat, and steal.
2. No n . . . r can be trusted.
3. You can not get an honest day's work out of a n . . r.
4. N . . . rs are the worst people in the United States.
5. N . . . rs are dumb and cannot learn the skills possessed by whites.
6. N . . . rs are dirty and have no moral values.
7. A n . . . r is satisfied so long as he is singing, dancing, eating and drinking.
8. N . . . rs are not smart enough to play the major sports of baseball, football or basketball.
9. N . . . rs are dirty with strong body odors.
10. N . . . r leaders will not control their people.

Keep in mind that the word, N . . r used in private circles by some whites refers to a black American.

While many of these generalizations may be true about some blacks are these not also true about some whites?

Is there a group of people in this country or the world who can say some of these are not true about certain individuals in the group?

Can we ignore the corruption in high and low places of American life or do we blame it on black Americans?

Is it not time for white Americans to recognize and admit that there are millions of decent, respectable black Americans living and dying every day in this Nation?

As a father, and not a perfect one, by any standard, I was able to gain and retain the respect of my children by demonstrating respect for my fellowman no matter his race.

I had to defend every man to them when I considered him to be right and condemn him when I considered him wrong.

I had to be truthful and objective with them when discussing the strengths or weaknesses of any ethnic group.

They had to understand that they had dignity and worth by just being a human being but so did every other human being.

Children of all races are not too different and I wonder how a parent can retain his child's respect by living the "big lie" or teaching hate if not by word by deed.

There is no honor for my family and me to live near, go to school with or socially associate with any white Americans.

If we are thrown together our behavior would be no different from that with our blacks.

We can make contributions in any group just as we can receive contributions from that group.

What is true of my family is also true of millions of black families all across this land.

Those who continue to resist integration or desegregation just remember that, "We are Americans too."

You may have your way and "win the battle in our schools, but lose the war in your homes."

There will come a time as your children mature and learn more about life when many of them will disrespect you for this action and for clouding their minds with your personal prejudices.

Now is the time for black, white, brown and yellow Americans to remove "the seeds of hate and mistrust and replace these with the seeds of love and understanding."

Like the song, each of us can say, "Let it begin with me."

ISAIAH E. WHITE
(Principal, Calvert Educational Center.)

Burton and brown beauty big news in Europe

By Ollie Stewart

(Ed's note: Mr. Stewart, veteran AFRO writer, is this newspaper's European correspondent. He resides in Paris.)

I am not prepared to say how many people in Europe (or elsewhere) are interested in Richard Burton's female interests.

But apparently the London Sunday Mirror thinks millions of people are interested.

On two successive Sundays in February, the paper with the largest Sunday circulation in Britain published pictures of Burton in close contact with a young woman.

She had a fine brown skin — and Burton didn't seem to be hurting.

Both pictures were taken in Nice (southern France), and the first one showed the ex-husband of Liz Taylor strolling hand in hand on a main street with "a new friend."

The young woman had not then been identified for sure.

This following week, Burton and companion were shown high up on a balcony of building as little dots — with the caption: "Who's that up there on top?"

A telephoto shot below answered the question: "It's Burton and American model Jeannie."

Said the accompanying story: "A vigilant cameraman has put faces on the faceless . . . He's Richard and his friend black American model Jeannie Bell. She rests her head on his shoulder and laughs happily. He is relaxed.

"Later, Burton was to fly to London for a reunion with another friend, Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia. He promised to cut down his drinking.

"Then it was back to Nice. For filming. And, perhaps, more quiet moments on a balcony. . . ."

Oh, well. As the expression goes, "Then that has, gets!"

More about females. And this I nominate as the most fascinating reading of the week for baffled males:

"There are times when a girl doesn't want a knicker line at waist or thigh. She needs to be as in the buff as possible."

So right quick, I thought: Who's stopping you from getting in the buff? But there was more.

"And when a girl is wearing something see-through, one of these bodysuits is ideal."

I still haven't figured that one out, but I'm working on it. To continue:

"For those of us who like more Orthodox underpinning, there's a new swimsuit type of body stocking with a lacy pattern. It would entice any man.

"The one slight problem with one-piece underdressing, of course, is access. It does take quite a few wiggles to get in and out. But you know what the French say. One must suffer to be beautiful.

And I always thought girls had it easy. The above from a woman's column has completely changed my mind.

BURTON'S FRIEND — Jeanne Bell, the American actress who plays role of TNT Jackson, is widely publicized abroad because she has been companion of actor Richard Burton, says accompanying report from Europe by AFRO's Ollie Stewart.

First, she needs to be in the buff, but isn't. Then she has a body stocking to entice any man, but can't go out in the street wearing the thing.

And even wearing it as underdressing, she has to make like an eel to get in and out.

Not to mention that the suffer-to-be-beautiful bit is all wet. The French didn't invent it, first of all, and if they had, the number of non-beautiful sufferers tells a different story.

In my time I've seen a lot of attractive women, and it pains me to even think they had to torture themselves. I thought nature had given them all that charm. It's got so now you can't trust one damn thing.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Actress Jeanne Bell, who is featured in the foregoing column, was spotlighted on the AFRO Theatrical Page Jan. 21, 1975, with a review of 'TNT Jackson,; the New World Premiere Film, co-starring Stan Shaw and Pat Anderson.

Jeanne is native of Houston, Tex., who began her professional career as a Playboy bunny, (was centerfold, in the Oct. 1969 magazine.

She began her professional career with a role in the television show, 'Beverly Hillbillies.'

Her film credits include 'The Klansman' with Marvin and Richard Burton; and the role of nurse in 'Jackpot,' another Burton film.)

Curfew law

Dear AFRO:

I am opposed to the law to place a curfew on juveniles.

All crimes are not committed by juveniles.

Why do juveniles commit crimes? Are the parents or the society responsible? Eighty-four per cent of all juveniles are not trouble makers. It's the sixteen per cent that cause problems for all juveniles.

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QUESTION: I have noticed that all 1975 Md. license tags with AW are driven by black people. Is this a new code? —A. R.

ANSWER: The Public Information Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles told AFRO Line that the department is not interested in color.

"We have ten branch offices and certain series are given out to them, but it has no particular meaning. If the AW series was sent to Mondawmin, for instance, anyone purchasing tags there would have AW, whether he be black or white.

When reminded that sometime ago, drivers were able to distinguish persons residing in the county by low letters on their tags, the DMV spokesman said the department eliminated this sometime ago.

QUESTION: I am a resident of the Lafayette Court Apartments located in the 1900 block of Low St. facing Orleans. We have a parking area for the people who live here.

Every day the people who work downtown park on our parking lot. Yesterday, after I had taken my son to school and looked out the window a policeman was putting a ticket on my car.

I asked him why and he answered that someone had called and said I was blocking a driveway. You could get in and out, but this is what happens every day.

If we leave for about five minutes and come back, we can't get a parking space until about 5 o'clock.

I can't afford to pay for parking somewhere else, nor can I afford to pay a $12 parking ticket when I live right here.

I talked to our manager and he said warning tickets have been issued but nothing really can be done unless they park here for 48 hours.

The following cars park here every day: BC-2194; HA-4625; BH-8401; HD-5569; HM-2127; JH-1435; LW-4484; NS-9602; NZ-1187; RE-4854; RE-5222; RE-6432. — MRS. B.V.

ANSWER: A spokesman from the police department suggests that all persons living in the complex list their license numbers to the manager.

The housing management then can issue warning tickets to violators. A working agreement can be set up with the police department or the Department of Motor Vehicles.

AFRO-Line has been advised that persons working at the Post Office, Police Department and-or courthouse are usually the ones who park in spaces of residents.

AFRO-Line suggests you ask the management to post a sign on the lot stating, "All cars parked here do not live in the project, If found will be towed away at owner's expense."

QUESTION: I would like to know why your newspaper which comes out on Tuesdays and Fridays is filled mostly with crime.

I know for a fact that just about all the news happening in our black community is crime, but give our local bands a little coverage.

There is one local band called Charlie Company. They have recorded a record, which has been on the charts for three months now.

Washington plays it. All I ask is give local bands a little break and talk about us sometime.—S.W.

ANSWER: Please have a member of Charlie Company give a call to the AFRO's Entertainment Department (728-8200), they'll be glad to run a profile.

WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

HOT LINE — 539-5151 for abandoned vehicles; dirty yards; garbage collections; street lights; street repairs.

POLICE — Emergency, 222-3333; community relations, 396-2710.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; bad food, 396-4424; animal removal, 396-6218; fire, 685-1313; defective sidewalk, 396-3186; rats, 396-4418; food stamps, 234-2751; oil furnace check, 396-4429.

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