I am an American, and as an American, I would speak to America . . . Frederick Douglass-1817-1895

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)
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August arrives

August arrived with the expected heat wave, but there are other things about this month to note.

August brings homecomings at the old church in the country. Family reunions come with lemonade and home-made pies and cakes in the grove.

August brings excursions to the beach, picnics in the park and band concerts at night under the trees.

Watching slowly as nature turns and heads toward autumn, you see foxtail grass waving in the slow, hot wind. The birds are almost silent among leaves turning rust colors.

Corn on the cob is sweeter and melons melt in your mouth. The huckster rides by with his wagon loaded with tomatoes and green beans cheap enough for you to have plenty.

Loved ones come home from far away, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, to tell you the news and perhaps take you back there for a weekend.

August burns with living, bounty, smiles and laughter.

Candidates: get camera

Instead of paste-ups of pretty photos of himself and family and fine pictures on some billboard, we suggest the candidate for political office TAKE some shots around town.

Place them in an album and then ask, "What can I do about it?"

If the candidate intends to do nothing, if he is not physically or powerfully able to do something, if elected, he should withdraw.

Here are some Baltimore snapshots candidates might take.

1. The poor and jobless fined up in front of store fronts "by the dawn's early light" waiting for the "employment agency" to "open up." (Photograph the whole line. Get the agony on every face. Count how many of these hopeless persons are black.)

2. About midnight, when, after days of heat in the 90's, thousands of citizens are still on their steps panting for a breath of fresh air.

(Count the little tots running about at this hour with a bag of potato chips and a soda in hand, undernourished, frail and minus a bath.)

3. Any day, snap some shots at the door of the Courthouse where youngsters are leaving the paddy wagon, trooping inside to "go to court" for juvenile crimes.

(Picture the pitiful expressions on the faces of mothers, grandmothers, fathers, grandfathers, who must go inside and hear how their children were nabbed robbing, stealing, pilfering, committing vandalism.)

Wait until court is over and snap a few shots of the youngsters getting back into the paddy wagon, headed for the Detention Center.

4. The Welfare Department line is everywhere you go for Food Stamps, emergency aid, rent money. Get some snaps of the jobless, penniless, hopeless citizens here.

5. Downtown, in the Gas and Electric Plaza, you'll find a photographic essay. Men fast asleep (they've been there all night), ragged, dirty, hungry, unshaven. Men of all races without jobs, homes or hope.

GET THE PICTURE.

Then instead of mouthing platitudes, candidates can address themselves to these very real problems which are out there on Baltimore streets, day in and day out.

The mayor is dead

The township of Glen Arden, Maryland, just over the District of Columbia line, lost one of its most understanding citizens last week with the death of James K. Cousins.

Mr. Cousin, who served as mayor of Glen Arden for 27 years and was serving as a councilman at his death was virtually "the father of the township."

A native of Washington and a World War II veteran, James Cousins moved to Glen Arden when somebody said "Let's build a town" at the spot and build he did.

For years he struggled and through his efforts, the town grew from a few scattered homes to a thriving community with a growing population of 5,000.

For nearly three decades he served as the town's mayor. During most of that period, he had only a couple of rooms as the city hall but worked there with distinction.

He helped make the town attractive to others who found it a comfortable, pleasurable place to live.

As the town grew, he had political differences with many of the newcomers but always he worked to make the town progressive and steadfastly fought to provide good housing, quality education for the town's children, and a viable town government.

He kept busy, and many often wondered where he found the energy to do all the things he did.

Glen Arden will miss James K. Cousins.

God, save us!

Americans have undergone one traumatic experience after another in the past year.

Saddled with taxation beyond belief, they have seen one public official after another found guilty of "going Southward" with millions.

Among these, the nation's trusted employees Spiro T. Agnew, ex-vice President and Richard M. Nixon, ex-President.

Just a year ago, Nixon resigned the highest office in the land and the most powerful position on the face of the earth.

The Watergate scandal cost the taxpayers untold millions plus one nervous stroke after another as citizens wondered "what next."

Meantime, the high public officials entangled in the nets of the Agnew and Nixon years, received small or no sentences or punishment. They're still living well and secure.

And, poor lawbreakers with no "connections" have suffered a living death in our prisons for far lesser crimes.

Reports of wrongdoings in high places continue to surface with every new day, and the poor, disadvantaged still suffer the inhumanity of overcrowded jails and prisons.

Is there hope for equal justice under the law for the poor and humble? Unless there is drastic modernization in penal programs, unless there is rehabilitation for the poor, as well as the wealthy, Americans can look forward to more years of bitter and frustrating experiences, such as have existed during the Watergate era.

God, save the citizens!

— 82 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)

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 presented 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.

DECEMBER 24, 1920)
(From the Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

Cooling thought for hot August days

Washington — by parren j. mitchell

Where do black people stand in decision-making?

(Mr. Mitchell represents Md.'s Seventh District in the U.S. House of Representatives.)

The Federal Reserve System, an independent government agency, has tremendous power to affect the econo le life of America. The FRS regulates the flow of money into the economic life of America. The FRS crease interest rates, expanding the flow to decrease interest rates.

I have always been convinced that black people are really not taken into consideration when we make major economic policy determinations.

For example, the policy to attack inflation first and unemployment second reflects the lack of awareness of or lack of concern over the plight of the masses of black people.

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Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, recently appeared as a witness before the House Banking, Currency and Housing Committee on which I serve.

My questioning of Chairman Burns reveals, I think, how unimportant we black folks are in major economic policy development.

Follow the questions and answers thoughtfully. If you do, you will have your eyes opened.

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Mr. Mitchell — I find it easier to understand the decisions and policies made by agencies if I can establish the kind of climate, the kind of philosophy that is dominant at the time key decisions re made.

That is why I need some help from you on how to clarify, in my own mind, what the climate was when certain key monetary decisions were made. I think I am right in assuming that the Ford Administration and some Members of the Congress, (not including me) and the Federal Reserve Board, agree that we have two major problems in this country. One is inflation, the other in unemployment.

I think there was a further agreement that fighting inflation would be given the highest priority; that somehow or another we had to tackle that one first, not ignoring unemployment, but that the matter of reducing the rate of inflation would be given the highest priority.

If that assumption is correct, it would mean that necessarily a certain percentage of people would have to bear unemployment rates that are high, at least temporarily, for the benefit of the larger good.

Now is that a fairly accurate analysis?

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Dr. Burns — It is in large part accurate. As far as the Federal Reserve is concerned, and as far as I personally am concerned, I would not say that I give inflation the highest priority.

I would say that unemployment is our short-range problem, the most urgent short-range problem that we have, that inflation is our most urgent long-range problem, that the two are related, that unless we attend to the inflation problem, we are going to have to fight severe unemployment such as we have been having, possibly even worse, all over again, one, two, three years down the road.

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Mr. Mitchell — Okay, now let me proceed. Would you agree with me that in terms of the gross unemployment that we are now confronting, that black citizens bear a disproportionate share of that unemployment?

Dr. Burns — Oh, yes, they certainly do.

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Mr. Mitchell — If a calculated decision was made by some to have the fight against inflation as the highest priority, is it not possible that the decision on unemployment was not solely based on economic considerations but possibly also on political considerations?

Dr. Burns — Well, when you ask the question is it possible, the answer of course must be in the affirmative but I cannot stop here.

I have worked on these problems for many, many years now. I see all kinds of people in government and out of government. I hear all kind of views.

Many of these people I know intimately and they speak intimately to me, and never in my life, and this is a categorical statement, has any consideration of that sort been voiced by anyone in my presence. And, therefore, I would discount it.

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Mr. Mitchell — I guess my quarrel really was with the statement on page 10, "In the labor market, too, that there are numerous signs of improvement." However, according to the Labor Department statistics, there are not numerous signs of improvement as of right now.

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Dr. Burns — No, I disagree with you. You see, my statement is correct. I could have elaborated on it by citing figures on the excession rate in manufacturing, on the lay-off in manufacturing, and so on.

Now, there is this observation that may clarify the point, Mr. Mitchell. Typically, when the economy turns up, our business firms will take steps that result in some lengthening of the average work week.

They do not know whether the recovery in sales is going to prove termporary or permanent, so they are not in a hurry to increase the number of people on the payroll, you see, so the length of the work week reacts very promptly.

Mr. Mitchell — Thank you for your explanation.

Your explanation probably means something to me. I would find it very difficult to translate that into anything meaningful for the black and women in my District who are desperate for jobs.

Dr. Burns — Well, you know, this is one of the difficulties when we talk about economic recovery. A statement such as that has meaning really, for an economist, for a statistician who is thinking of aggregate activity.

Now, if total activity turns up, then you will still find many activities declining. You see, there is no end to the recession for people in those industries or in those communities.

Mr. Mitchell — What you are saying simply means there is no end in sight for the recession for the majority of black people who are unemployed right now.

A little about a lot — by madeline w. murphy

A glimmer of light

Claudette Chandler, first black woman Mayoral candidate in the history of Baltimore, says that people want a choice when they go to the polls.

And she is indeed right. And it may be a black woman that will give them that choice.

Only through her independent entrance in the Republican Primary, did we see a glimmer of light in this ho-hum Mayoral election.

Considering the fact that the Republican slate was all cut and dried, it is fortunate that not only has courageous Mrs. Chandler rebuked and bucked her party, but she has also launched a forthright campaign for the common people.

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Also, realizing that Mayor William D. Schaefer has worked against the poor, the property owners, the rank and file workers, particularly the firemen, policemen, garbage workers, filching the $32 Million surplus that could have reduced taxes and raised wages, there is no Mayoral candidate except Claudette Chandler who will raise these issues.

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She says, "We are tired of the present politics which would set progress back for blacks 400 years, and make them inhabitants of a white run colony."

Mrs. Chandler explains, "The brutal treatment of Superintendent Roland L. Patterson, by the puppet School Board, controlled by the present Mayor, is intolerable."

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She expresses her concern about the Mayor's cynical politics this way: "Unemployment is rampant and money that could be used to feed the hungry, for health care and housing is used on sweat shirts to advertise short-run, dead-end jobs, that lead nowhere, heighten frustration, and only appear in abundance during an election year."

As a housewife, mother of three, former school teacher, Mrs. Chandler has worked unfailingly with Concerned Citizens to recommend nominees (that were blithely ignored by the Mayor), for the four black vacancies on the School Board, has supported Superintendent Patterson, failed issues of racism and inequality, so that his plight could be completely revealed and truthfully interpreted.

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She says that a change from back room politics and corruption in government to the new politics of full opportunity for citizens, workers, women and minorities, for young and senior citizens, alike, would mean a government of human care absolutely lacking in government today.

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Yet, there are those so jaded and defeatist that they want to help sure winners only, without realizing that even Theodore R. McKeldin fail seven times before winning elective office.

He had a dedicated core of workers, who believed that he had to make a start that he had to accomplish what so many at first thought he couldn't do.

Likewise, people in all walks of life seem to be rallying around Claudette Chandler because they realize that "firsts" are usually trail blazers, idealists, yet offer the courage and innocence greatly needed to challenge the system and to activate our participation more fully in government.

If black Republicans would believe, as Mrs. Chandler, that Baltimore needs a choice of candidates, who would change government secrecy, dishonesty, racism and bossism, they would have no problem on Primary Election Day, September 9, 1975, electing Claudette Chandler as the Republican Mayoral candidate for the November General Election.

Now and then — by g. james fleming

Nigeria and India: power in trouble

Major-General Yakubu Gowon should have known that, just as he took over the rule of Nigeria by military might, just so he, too, would be tumbled from power.

But, he forgot that those who live by the sword may perish by the sword.

Most of all, he forgot that most successful politicians keep their promises, or appear to do so.

When General Yakubu put himself into the top governing position, in 1966, he promised that there would be popular election in a certain number of years.

When the appointed time came, he reneged. He said his people were "not ready."

This breach of faith and breaking of bond was too much for the people of perhaps the most literate nation in sub-Sahara Africa, the largest (79 million), and the most productive.

While the noted general, (Yakubu) recently away from his country to attend a conference of the organization of African Unity, (OAU), in Uganda, it happened!

His own military colleagues turned against him, and ousted him. It was a coup.

Those of us who know and have a warm heart for Nigeria can get solace out of the fact that it has been a bloodless revolution.

The new power-wielders, led by Brigadier Muritala Rufai Mohammed have relieved high Gowon appointees of their positions, have put Gowon, himself, on pension (with the stipend due a general) for life, and have assured him and his followers of safety in their native land.

Gowon, on the other hand, has penetrated himself at the service of his country, "to serve wherever I'm wanted," and to abide by the new order.

There may be neater ways of "changing the guard," of transferring power, but for the time being, one can applaud the fact that, in this instance, and up to this writing, there has been no blood-letting.

What has happened to Gowon will also happen to Mohammed, unless the new regime gives the Nigerian people the freedom of popular elections and more direct involvement in their government.

*INDIA SADDENS—In India, at this writing, there is no coup, no change of power, no blood-letting. Nevertheless, there is much that saddens.

The Gandhi worshippers throughout the world never thought they would live to see the day when a Gandhi could be called a dictator, or be accused of acting like a dictator.

Nevertheless, this is what seems to be happening in India, at the hands of Indira Nehru Gandhi, not so long ago one of the most popular women in the world.

This column does not know whether Ms. Gandhi is guilty or not of the charges against her—that she used a government employee as one of her campaign managers, on government time and pay.

But, the defendant would have her day in court. She would get the protection of "due process."

Mrs. Gandhi would not wait for court and "due process," in fear of losing position and power, she has fired or imprisoned all those whom she believes are "against" her.

She has violated the rights of freedom of speech and of the press.

There is trembling in India because no one knows where she will strike next.

India, which has been one of the most democratic countries in the world, a bulwark of freedom, cannot afford to go backwards.

It is to be hoped that Prime Minister Gandhi will think more of India, as a whole, than of herself. Long live a free India.

Salute of the week

In the spotlight this week is Ms. Laura Garrett, who combined opportunity with hard work to get a college education in 4½ years, while working full time at General Electric's Appliance Park-East in Columbia.

Ms. Garrett attended Coppin State College whenever she wasn't working. When she was on third shift at General Electric, (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.), she went to school during the day.

When she worked first shift, (7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), she went to night school.

She used General Electric's Individual Development Plan for part of her courses.

She began working at G.E. four years ago as a production employee, then as Crane Controller, (the first woman to hold that job), and at present is an inventory controller.

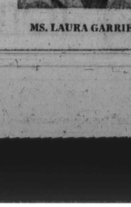
Mrs. Garrett says, "I think my progress at G.E. has been beautiful because I have gone to school the whole time I was working.

She plans to stay with the company, "because I want to see what will happen as far as a black woman in industry is concerned once the economy turns for the better."

Ms. Garrett is the daughter of the late Edward Garrett and Mrs. Janie Garrett of Charlotte, N. C. She was reared by her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. James (Lottie) Best, here in Baltimore.

Ms. Garrett has an 11 year old son, Tony; two sisters, Mrs. Leola Everett, Mrs. Annette Garrett and two brothers, Edward and Elmo.

She attends First Corinthian Baptist Church where the Rev. Mr. Mason is pastor.



MS. LAURA GARRETT

"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

PAGE OPPOSITE

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Dr. Patterson - - in retrospect

The Morgan audit

Dear AFRO:

This is about the audit at Morgan. There is a problem. I have noted that the white press really plays up the audits that are done at the predominantly black colleges and emphasizes greatly those negative aspects.

There is no audit whatsoever where there isn't some room for improvement listed within the audit.

What they have done consistently, they have really blasted Coppin, Bowie and Morgan. If someone goes down and takes a look at the state's lasts eight years' audits, they will see this has happened. The dailies remain almost silent on Salisbury, Frostburg and Towson. It smacks of racism.

The attack on Morgan about using its unrestricted funds to have social affairs for their faculty, alumni or what have you is eminently unfair.

That's none of those auditor's business because the granting agency (whether it is the foundation or the federal government) gives the money to the college unrestricted so it can use it as it pleases.

Now the auditors are going to tell the colleges that should have been used like they think it should have been used. That's unfair. That's where the indirect racism comes in.

Towson and the other schools are large enough and perhaps get enough support at the foundation board level, until they are able to tap funds from other sources.

To make this audit, this great big todo, about something that happened in 1972-74, just a month after a college becomes a university, also smacks of racism.

Many people do not understand that the things that they complained of back in 1972, 73, 74, have already been corrected and the report so says.

They try to kill our colleges with those articles. I think a group of black businessmen should do an investigation of this whole area. I am concerned about the way that the daily press attacks our black colleges.

(Editor's note: The writer of the above letter is employed in a state institution and for obvious reasons has requested deletion of the signature.)

'Little jails'

Dear AFRO:

As a concept, community corrections has merit. As a practicality, community correction centers should not be placed in local neighborhoods.

The real issue is that community corrections centers are nothing more than "little jails."

To protect citizens from recidivists, there must be prison reform. The State must make a commitment to treat those locked up as human beings.

That means poorly educated inmates must be taught reading and writing.

Inmates who are working must be allowed to manage their own monies. Inmates who have families must be allowed to be husbands and fathers, or wives and mothers.

Community corrections centers will continue the practice of dehumanizing "inmates."

Finally, there would be more room in existing jails if all "victimless crimes" were erased from the books.

WALTER R. DEAN, JR.

(Editor's Note: The writer is a member of the State Legislature from Baltimore City's 41st District.)

Venetoulis absent

Dear AFRO,

I have written Baltimore County Executive Theodore Venetoulis about his failure to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Emma Williams Temple No. 358 of Elks in Catonsville.

It was a very disappointing hour for many black citizens of Baltimore County. It has been a Herculean task for me to explain and also understand his absence on Sunday, July 27.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Hall, one of his most ardent supporters and workers in his 1974 campaign, had sent him a written invitation asking him to bring greetings to this, the oldest black women's organization in Baltimore County.

Many citizens have expressed their opinion that Mr. Venetoulis acted like the average politician, namely you can be seen before Election Day but not after.

Mrs. Hall, Mr. James Pennington and myself have expressed our feelings to the contrary that there must have been a foul up in his office and not from him personally.

I personally feel he missed an opportunity for cultural development.

EUGENE L. KING SR.
(Chairperson,
Black Concerned Citizens
of Baltimore County)

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hilteen Marion, administrative assistant to County Executive Ted Venetoulis told the AFRO that this is "kind of an unfortunate situation" and indicated that she had been trying to reach Mr. King.

She explained that Mr. Venetoulis had all intentions of attending the event in Catonsville but during the week before, he received notice from the Democratic Party that he had to participate in a Telethon at Democratic Headquarters.

Ms. Marion added that she had tried to reach the persons in charge of the anniversary and had asked Mr. Pennington to represent the County Executive and he had agreed to do so.

Further, Mr. Venetoulis' aide said, "he did not intend in any way to ignore the event.")

Clean up City Hall

Dear AFRO:

The recent firing of School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson proves that City Hall needs an entirely younger and better staff, starting with the mayor on down.

The mayor, City Council president and city comptroller have done absolutely nothing creative for Baltimore in terms of bettering the black community, except scheme behind the backs of the highly educated blacks who don't believe in scraping and bowing to them.

The City Council representatives, especially the ones from the black community, did not have the decency to speak out on behalf of Dr. Patterson and the fine job he did perform for this city.

Yet, all of them made sure the black community got their message by stating that they all support the encumbent mayor for reelection.

But, the black community can change all of this on September 9 by voting wisely and saying . . . "I remember what the current City Hall did to Dr. Patterson . . . "

KARL SCOTT CROSBY

Edmondson

I read in the AFRO that the principal, Hilbert Stanley of Edmondson High is leaving.

I hate very much to see him leave because for the little time that I have seen him in the school, and the way his plans were set up for the young ladies and young men, I don't think parents could ask for a better person to trust their children with.

MRS. HELEN HARVEY

(Editor's Note: Mr. Stanley is on a year's leave to serve as an intern with the Rockefeller Foundation program which trains prospective school superintendents. New principal named for Edmondson is Mrs. Sue Miles.)

Make it official

The Writer's name and address must be included in all Letters to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

Those with printed or typed names and initials will not be considered.

All letters MUST be signed.

The AFRO reserves the right to edit all letters.

From the sideline (the audience) I viewed the proceedings of Superintendent Roland N. Patterson vs. the Glassless Menagerie.

Too many times within and outside of the hearing, the response to why the School Board wanted to replace Dr. Patterson was the same rationale, as follows: "They don't want a black man to make $50,000."

I listened to this narrowminded logic expounded vociferously by so-called black leaders and others.

The salary of Dr. Patterson is not of importance to the board or the general pink Baltimore community.

Consider that unless black people invest in real estate or stocks, etc., inevitably, the money returns to the pink community via taxes, mortgages, car payments, etc. which see black people as the payer and not the payee.

Consider the black entertainers and athletes who are some of the highest paid in their fields. Are they responding that pink people don't want them to make such large sums of money?

No. Their general response is that they don't owe any commitment to the black community.

It would seem that Dr. Patterson differed on this point. In fact, he was quoted if response to a particular incident, months before the open talks of removing, as saying "Black is beautiful," and the pink community's outrageous indignation to this statement received radio, television and paper coverage. Dr. Patterson was labeled a "black racist."

It would seem only that the man professed a priority that was not subservient to the pink for pink by pink status quo.

There is a long standing argument about the scarcity of black people in front offices. The underlying factor of this argument is centered around the innate readiness of black people to assume positions of great responsibility.

The oft-times indirect conclusion is that we are not ready. The American myth has it that we use our bodies and not our brains.

Dr. Patterson is a personification of the myth exploded. The pink community's need for Dr. Patterson's conformity to the myth was so acute that the penalty for his refusal was his dismissal based on the board's lack of evidence.

The board's presentation was highly illogical, even forcing the defense to ask questions concerning morale which the board improperly used because the word cannotes a general attitude of a person or group in the time of a crisis or emergency.

Yet, the board proceeded to act out childhood fantasies. To sum the mental condition of the pink board members: A long history of psychotic problems deriving from a "god complex" manifested by the inability to admit wrongdoing.

The three colored males Pathetically gullible, perhaps they shall be the clowns in another sideshow which will see them as the best performing actors in a major comedy.

Black people should not be supported by merit of the fact that they are black. The color is a must but of equal importance, there must be a commitment to our people.

My knowledge of the intricacies of the school system supervised by Dr. Patterson was limited and 'initially my response was not jump on the 'they're doing it to him because he's black" bandwagon in view of the knowledge that this phrase has been used to rally support for people who are only conveniently black.

The proceedings, with the contradictions and clowns, inadvertently established Dr. Patterson as a "genius" to borrow Ms. M. Howard's phrase.

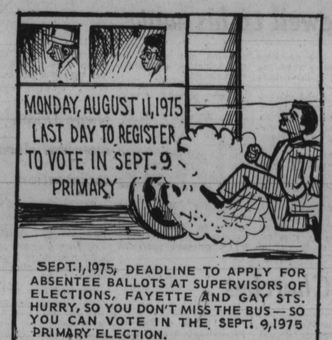
The decision to fire Dr. Patterson provides unmitigated joy for the pink community who constantly need reassuring examples that they can, in 1975, still masterfully manipulate the lynching of a black person at "its pleasure."

The court might "remedy the situation with Dr. Patterson. If it does, we still can not call it justice.

In view of the hearing, justice would not have seen the man even at the stage of a public hearing to determine his dismissal or retention before his contract expired.

If you won't call it a miscarriage of justice, settle for the fact that it came out stillborn.

TAMU ADEBOYE



If YOU ask ME — by bettye moss

People moving about: Hello from Atlantic City, where Margaret Gassaway and Lelia Cooper are enjoying their tenth summer at the Sheraton Deauville on the Boardwalk.

Some members of Baltimore's Phalanx Club and friends, were off Thursday for a European vacation.

Note in the mail advised former Baltimore resident, Dr. Jessie Colson, is now with the U.S. State Department and travelling in Europe.

Formerly on Morgan State faculty, she now makes her home in Rockville, Md.

Cuff notes: — Dr. Colson is a training officer in the Foreign Service Institute of the State Department with the high grade of FSR-03. She is responsible for the training and coordination of all foreign service secretaries designed to embassies and other overseas posts.

While abroad, Dr. Colson will be collecting features of other women's programs under the State Department.

The cities being visited — London, Brussels, Frankfurt, Budapest, Vienna, Rome and Paris. She returns to the U.S. "on August 18.

Distinguished visitors in our midst over the weekend were Mrs. Daisy S. Reddix, widow of the long-time president of Jackson State University, and Mrs. Lillian Hall, retired librarian there.

They were houseguests of Dr. and Mrs. Nick Aaron Ford (Ola), who had guests in Saturday afternoon to greet them. The Fords' spacious 43rd St. home, with its spacious lawn and pool, provided a relaxed setting for the hot afternoon.

Mrs. Reddix's husband was the late Dr. Jacob L. Reddix. She was en route to Binghamton, N.Y. to visit a friend and former student. Mrs. Ina Brownige, who is head librarian at the University of New York.

Then on to Montreal; to a camp in Maine to pick up her granddaughter, Dawn Vanderpool and then to Chicago where she will join her daughter, Mrs. Shirley R. Vanderpool.

Mrs. Hall will accompany Mrs. Reddix to Binghamton and Maine. From there she will visit her daughter in Burlington, Vermont, a librarian at the University of Vermont.

Saturday's hot and humid weather didn't bother guests at Dr. and Mrs. Otis Froes' Ivy Ave. home in Morgan Park They had a festive time on the lawn.

Mrs. Froe (Otyce), had arranged tables for dining and he had set up music for dancing on the patio (which some guests did).

In the cool of the evening there was more fellowship in the clubroom which opens on the spacious lawn.

DR. JESSIE COLSON

Out-of-towners here included: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cole (Evie), and Mrs. Froes's sister, Mrs. Melba Shelton, and her friend, Sherman Jackson, all of Washington.

Get well cards, please, to W. Skinnie Jefferson, organist of Whitestone Baptist Church and an inspector for the department of Housing Community Development. He is in Church Home and Hospital. (He is the husband of Mrs. Ruby Jefferson).

Happy birthday hellos to Leroy "Gussie" Jackson of 2603 Puget St. It was his 49th.

About to wish him happiness were his daughter, Miss Patti Ann Jackson, son Herschel C. Rooks, Ms. Doris O. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood and Mrs. Viola Curtis.

People being kind to others: Members of the Morgan State University choir and their director, Dr. Nathan Carter, did a thoughtful thing.

They were present at the Monday evening funeral for Mrs. Perry M. Jones, the longtime Sharon Baptist Church member. Her grandson, Carl King, is a regular member of the group.

Her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Pratt, directs the young people's choir. (Many know Mrs. Pratt as the school principal recently promoted to educational assistant to the superintendent of schools and as the hard-working president of Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority).

More cuff note: Some 43 members of Sharon choir, dressed in white robes, sang during the funeral. Their acappella presentation of "Hallelujah" was in their rendition of "I'll The Work" I've Done Speak For Me."

Cuff note: Mrs. Jones belonged to a number of church groups, organized the Gospel Choir and was beloved by many.

More cuff: Sharon is surrounded with scaffolding. The pastor, the Rev. James L. Moore, says when the 340,000-plus improvements are completed (including air conditioning) — it will be one of the most comfortable houses of worship in the city.

Dulles International Airport was a beehive of activity and anticipation Thursday as parents and friends awaited the arrival of the 747 Jet, Flight 107 from England.

Members of the McDonogh Abroad Tour would be landing and returning home after having been abroad since July 6, when they sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II for Cherbourg, France.

The tour included stays in France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and ended in London.

Among those who made this exciting educational trip were Columbus (Duke) Duncan and Henry Howard Allmond, Jr. of Baltimore, both recent graduates of McDonogh.

Mrs. Ruth A. Campbell of Pasadena, formerly of Baltimore, is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. (Lillian B.) Reid at their ranch home out in Howard County. Mrs. Reid is the retired art supervisor, Baltimore Schools.

Mrs. Campbell is the widow of Wilmer (Specks) Campbell, a renowned saxaphone player when they lived in Baltimore.

The Reids are planning a gala homecoming for Ruthie.

Good news: Improving nicely at Provident Hospital is William Mumby, Sr. He underwent surgery last week. This is the first illness for the agile, 85-year-old Mr. Mumby. He's the dad of Kay Carter, Bill Mumby, Jr., Marjorie Durham and Mario Mumby of this city, and Madeline Rogers of New York. Send cheer to him at Room 7036-B.

In the same hospital room, 7036-A, is William C. Gross, former AFRO linotype operator (1926-1951), who retired in March from the Washington Post.

Although in high spirits, Mr. Gross is having his rainy days. You will recall his wife died in June after a brief illness and he's been hospitalized three times within a year.

Here's hoping the Lord's blessings will shine upon him and that he will soon be in good health and able to enjoy the retirement he has earned.

Afro Line

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Question: Last March I complained to AFRO Line because when Norfolk Ave. was extended the city came in unannounced and knocked down all our trees.

The Bureau of Engineering promised that something would be done. Then in June we wrote to Mayor Schaefer about our complaint. To date, we have not heard from him.

What do you suggest we do now? This has been going on since October, 1974.

S. R. O.

ANSWER: AFRO Line spoke with Vince Feraro in the Bureau of Engineering again. He said:

"We haven't forgotten your reader. I didn't want to come in there and do any seeding in the warm weather, because it just won't come up. I know it has been an inconvenience.

"Around the middle of October the weather will be more suitable for this type of work." I spoke to the contractor before but he was held up this spring because of the contractor's strike. They did not return to work until June and at that time it was too late to do any planning.

"It is best to hold off until the regular planning season. We have tried some a month ago, so it wouldn't have grown. If the weather looks favorable we will go in there before that.

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BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (BAY). — for help in problems with city agencies — 396-1234 — (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

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DISASTERS — fires, floods, hurricanes — 467-3004.

EMERGENCY — Housing, heating, light — 396-2172 or 685-0525 — after 4 p.m. and weekends, 396-2726, 396-2025.

HOT LINE — 539-5151 for abandoned vehicles, dirty yards, garbage collections, clogged sewers, street repairs, bulky trash pickup.

INFORMATION — City Hall, 396-3211; Transit and Traffic, 396-3065; Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2296, Job, 383-5486; Legal Aid, 539-5340; Rumor Control, 837-1188; Rape Center, 366-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govans, 396-6044; Greater Homewood, 396-6080; Northwest, 396-6097; Stuart Hill, 396-6397.

POLICE — emergency, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-2710.

FIRES — 685-1213.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal Removal, 396-0215; Defective Sidewalk, 396-3161; Food Stamps, 234-2751, 234-2413; Oil Furnace Check, 396-4429; Rats, 396-4418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 235-4700.

Dear Jan:

I am working in an office this summer to help earn money to go back to college. There are several young people my age, 18-20 employed at the same place.

Sometimes, the fellows call and want me to go out with them. I have a steady guy, but he's in the Army. Should I go out with these fellows at the office, even though I understand some of them have girls right here in the office? One or two of the fellows seem nice, but I don't know them.

FRAN

Dear Fran:

If, by going out, you mean a date to a movie or a group activity with other young people, you may be on safe ground. Since your summer work is almost over and you need time to plan for your next year in college, put more emphasis there. Be nice to everyone but use your head.

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