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) Editor-Publisher (1922-1967)

Is Gov. Mandel kidding?

"I think that all of us would be better served if we stopped talking about that sort of thing, and did more to try to help the desegregation problem, rather than always accusing people of racism every time you don't get what you particularly want."

The words are those of Governor Marvin Mandel.

We couldn't believe our ears as we heard him answer to George Collins, the WMAR television reporter. He was responding to the question — what did he think of charges made by Supreme Bench Judge Joseph C. Howard. Earlier this month, Judge Howard exposed what he called "blatant racism and sexism" in the Baltimore City Courthouse.

What Judge Howard said is what has been known for some time, namely that most of the policy-making jobs in the city court system are held by white persons.

Fact of the matter is, all one has to do is go down in the courthouse and its annex and see for himself. Most court offices are predominantly white.

We are amazed to hear Governor Mandel decry Judge Howard's charges, for it is the governor himself who has helped perpetuate the racial discrimination which exists there.

Of the 22 judges now on the Supreme Bench (the name for all Baltimore City civil and criminal courts) — all are white, except four. Judge Howard and Judges Robert B. Watts, Harry A. Cole and John R. Hargrove.

In the last four years, Governor Mandel has appointed only one black judge to the Supreme Bench (Hargrove). The other black judges, Howard, Watts and Cole were elected.

During the same period, he has picked three white judges (Mary Arabian, Robert Karwacki, and just this week, Martin B. Greenfeld).

Further, in a city which is over half black, five of the 22 judges on this court are of the same minority as Governor Mandel.

Just on the face of it, there is great merit in Judge Howard's charges. We are amazed to hear the governor react as he has.

We hope Judge Howard and other sympathetic jurists will not stop exposing what appears to be rank discrimination.

As for Governor Mandel, we are not at all sympathetic to the dilemma he expressed during the interview.

He claimed: "I don't understand how it is not racism when the judge (Judge Howard) is pushing his candidate for the job and it becomes racism when another candidate gets the job. I don't understand that practice ...."

And, if, he's not playing games, Gov. Mandel can take his own advice. He told reporter Collins his solution to the situation is "more action and less talk."

Gov. Mandel has a golden opportunity to do just that. Chief Judge Dulany Foster has announced his retirement effective this month.

Mr. Mandel can name a black judge to that vacancy.

To ALL candidates

Three editions from now, the AFRO will publish its ballot for the September 9 primary election.

As it has in previous elections, it will attempt to identify for AFRO readers those office holders who have demonstrated by their past record they are interested in the welfare of the total community and are pledged to continue in that direction.

At the same time the ballot will include new persons who seek public office. Sole criterion for inclusion on the AFRO ballot is that the candidates' performance in previous jobs or service to the community indicates that they will give a fair shake to all citizens if they are elected.

In a news story in this edition, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN is inviting all candidates to tell why they should be elected by answering these questions: —

1. What I have done which qualifies me to be a representative of all the people.

2. If elected, what I would do to improve race relations in Baltimore City;

3. How I would increase employment and housing opportunities for all citizens and eliminate discrimination based on race and sex.

We think AFRO readers are entitled to this information so that they can intelligently assess the credentials of the candidates to know where they are coming from. The AFRO invites them to do just that.

Drinks don't relax

Here's some news for those who race for a drink to relax after a hard day: —

Alcohol does not relax you at all. It might make you think you're relaxed, but you're still tense. For true relaxation, try physical exercise.

This is the conclusion drawn by two U. of Md. health professors, Daniel and Dorothy Girdano and their graduate assistant, Richard Yarian.

Their findings — based on tests of students — led them to conclude: alcohol is a depressant drug which affects the central nervous system, so that psychologically the drinker feels better and thinks he is more relaxed.

Actually, the researchers say, the body muscles may be very tense. So, if true relaxation is the goal after a bad day, they say don't sit and drink, get up and exercise.

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).

70 years ago

In this column last week we observed that the Joan Little case was nothing new — black women have had to suffer sexual attacks and abuse by white males for years

The following editorial comment was made 70 years ago in an editorial published in the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on January 7, 1905:

"Judging from the many newspaper reports of assaults on women by white men recently, it would seem that it is about time our white friends had let up about Negroes being the only people who are guilty of these infamous crimes.

"Not less than three aggravated cases were reported last week, and every one of them by white men."

Sailing us down the wrong river

An opinion ____ by Howard P. Rawlings

Gov. Mandel defies the law

Chairman, Maryland Black Coalition for Higher Education

Recent actions by Governor Mandel to defy HEW mandates to desegregate the University of Maryland and the State Colleges and his efforts to pressure state higher education officials to accept his narrow course of action is highly irresponsible and is in defiance of the law. The law, which is the 1964 Civil Rights Act, requires that the state of Maryland eliminate "root and branch" the vestiges of its former segregated system of higher education.

Many black citizens remember when they had to go to New York and other states to get graduate degrees, could not enroll in the law, dental and medical schools of the University of Maryland and could not study at the College Park campus of the state's largest institution.

The Governor has sought to use his political position as a platform to sow disrespect for the law and to suppress legitimate aspirations of black citizens in the field of public higher education. The requirements by HEW and the state's own plan, which Governor Mandel approved, calls for corrective actions in major areas of desegregation which the Governor has failed either to fund or to implement. The areas of the plan which the Governor has refused to act upon are:

(1) To provide funding that has been requested by state higher educational officials to implement the plan;

(2) To use his appointment authority to insure adequate representation of blacks on the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges and other governing boards;

(3) To desegregate the professional schools of the University of Maryland where black enrollment in the medical and dental schools are declining;

(4) To increase black enrollment in the graduate schools of the University of Maryland, especially their doctoral program;

(5) To implement the recommendations of the Cox Committee to enhance the public black colleges as was required by HEW;

(6) To provide funds to insure that adequate retention services are available for black students at the predominately white campuses;

(7) To implement the many recommendations by state officials to desegregate faculties at the University of Maryland and other predominately white campuses.

The above listings are but a few areas where the state and the governor have been in defiance of the law to desegregate public higher education. Because of the governor's public posturing on this issue one must suspect that he has ulterior motives which will become clear by 1976. One thing is clear, that the governor is not acting to protect the constitutional rights of black citizens in public higher education.

Now and then ____ by g. james fleming

Campaign is a campaign, nevertheless

This election campaign season is a very dull, quiet one, even for a primary campaign.

True, there have been some occasional spurts — from Hyman Pressman, incumbent comptroller and candidate for reelection; from Frank M. Conaway, candidate for president of City Council against incumbent Walter Orlinsky; and the split in the Fourth Councilmanic District which finds Senators Verda Welcome and Clarence Mitchell, III, in one and the same corner, and the Metro Democratic Club in another. There are more, too numerous to mention here.

Perhaps the most colorful flashes of the campaign season have been energized by Mrs. Claudine Chandler, independent candidate for mayor on the Republican banner, and by Representative Parren Mitchell, on the Democratic side.

Cong. Mitchell struck first, promising to oppose Mayor William Donald Schaefer, unless the mayor included a black on his ticket for one of the three top city positions. As is well known, the mayor responded by simply refusing to field a ticket. He is running as a loner. As is also well known, Rep. Mitchell about-faced on his threat, content to remain Maryland's only black Congressman — satisfying to his constituents and well-paid by the taxpayers.

Mrs. Chandler, who was rather a quiet lady in years past, feels impelled into politics to give opposition to Mayor Schaefer for what she considers his connection with the Patterson ouster case.

Citywide, the black candidate who is challenging "the system" most is Delegate John W. Douglass, candidate for comptroller. Again, the old question is being asked. "Is he qualified?" Very much so; by college and university training and by varied and broad experience.

Delegate Douglass has served in the House of Delegates since 1967 and has been a member of several important committees. Presently he is chairman of the Joint Committee on Budget and Audit. Under him are some 110 employees of the committee and a budget of some $2.2 million.

With a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University and a master's from the Johns Hopkins University, he has been an insurance broker, a contractor, an industrial analyst, and a clerk of the Baltimore City Council. In the legislature he has made himself an expert on fiscal matters.

Candidate Douglass has had more experience with budgets and money matters than most comptrollers have had before winning election.

Douglass is running against Hyman Pressman, onetime "watchdog for the people." If Douglass is to win, it will take the vote of every AFRO reader and all their friends, and actual support of most of the Democratic organizations in the several districts.

Incidentally but importantly, the Douglass organization needs to turn on much more heat between now and Primary Election Day (Sept. 9). To date, this column has not discerned enough fanfare for Douglass in the grassroots, or enough registering of new voters committed to Douglass, or enough literature where it will make the most impact. We register this caution although we know that Mr. Douglass and his campaign managers have a plan.

There should be little need for argument to justify having one black on the topmost rung of the municipal ladder, in a city where the black population is 52-56 per cent black.

In the City Council races, the most important district is the Fifth which, presently, has no black representative in the municipal legislature, despite the fact that the Fifth is the home of large numbers of blacks, some of the most highly educated and best paid in the state.

There are several candidates in the Fifth. Most of the bumper stickers seem to call attention to Norman V. A. Reeves and John Wood. But, Frank D. Boston reminded this column last week (AFRO, Aug. 16) that they are not the only "serious" candidates. For instance, he considers himself very much a serious candidate.

It would be politically smart if some arrangement in the Fifth could insure to sending of a black member to City Council this year. It will be up to the candidates, the kind of campaigns they wage, and the turnout of the voters.

Phillip Smith, former law-enforcement officer, continues to remind the predominantly white Third District that it has a great opportunity to include one black among the three candidates for City Council.

In a few years, this Democratic District will wish it had shared its political goodies with the black minority in a district which includes Morgan State University and a large number of home-owning and wage-earning blacks.

Most important, for us non-candidates, from now to Sept. 9, is to remember that the primary election is no less important than any other election. In some ways, it is more important. All registered voters should vote. It was the thousands who did not vote in a 1974 primary that defeated Milton Allen in his bid for reelection as state's attorney of Baltimore City.

Elbert Guillory was quoted in a local paper recently saying that the lawmakers in their 1976 session would be condemning the commission to death if they don't enact a measure that would authorize HRC to hire hearing examiners for the backlog of cases that will stretch into 1985.

Against this background (especially when one looks at the list of defendants whose cases languish in that backlog) one is tempted to retort, "No kidding Dick Tracy, where did you get your first clue?"

It is all too evident.

Yet it is disgraceful that the black community — its legislators included, who can bargain over leaders in the Assembly — would allow the HRC to be saddled with too much work, too little manpower — a menacing paper tiger without the ability to gnash, to bite, to chomp and mortally wound!

HRC, it seems, is the skeleton of great preachments of liberty, of democracy. Now entombed in a grave covered not only by our own inaction, but also by the dung of corporate and legislative deceit, reeking of the stench that a lack of will and commitment often render.

And as the brutality and evil uses of power remain secure to shovel on more dung, obliterating the grinning skeletal frame of HRC, there will no longer be any reminder of noble purposes, of broken promises, of the ideal of America, even in this year of the Bicentennial.

Smile

A former railway mail clerk who averaged 200 miles travel daily during his career of 45 years was asked what he intended to do upon retirement. "Travel," he replied.

A little about a lot

HRC condemned to die?

By Madeline W. Murphy

Running the gamut from shipbuilding, manufacturing, machine shops, supermarkets, realtors, furniture, clothing stores and nursing homes, the backlog of cases assigned for investigation by the Maryland State Human Relations Commission has risen from 492 in 1973 to 1,338 in 1975.

Yet the number of cases of discrimination against the elderly, handicapped, women, blacks in fair housing and hiring practices waiting for full hearings has increased from 44 in 1973 to 164 in 1975.

Right now, the unsalaried twelve commissioners who hear the cases can only get to about 14 hearings a year, and despite the added work, the work force has remained at 56 since 1973.

Yet a bill authorizing paid hearing examiners to perform this job was not strongly supported by Governor Marvin Mandel and was consequently defeated in the General Assembly.

Even after the commissioners found the polyglot of industry, business and services, guilty of discrimination, the Maryland Court of Appeals, last fall, stripped HRC of its main enforcement power — monetary damages.

Moreover, for the first time in a long while, the director of HRC, Elbert L. A. Guillory, is the kind of dedicated, fearless executive that the black community has always fought to have.

Naturally this doesn't please the Establishment, who depend upon racism along with a fluid unemployment market to exploit the poor, the disabled, the black, the women.

These are the people in the vise of hard times who can easily be pressed into service to suffer under discriminatory working conditions without effective redress of their grievances.

There seems to be a plan, especially under the twin administrations of Nixon and now Ford, to strengthen the power of the ruling class, so that the old Herbert Hoover trickle down theory will benefit, finally, the poor but "worthy."

And "worthy" under this administration means hard working, but exploited wage slaves, who are not like those Secretary Simon accuses of being food stamp "chiselers."

Worthy means white, male, free and twenty-one, since all unemployment figures reaffirm that blacks in the age range 15 to 25 soar into the upper 40 percentile.

And it is not too hard to fathom, after the latest Mandel diatribe against HEW and federal interference in the desegregation of Maryland colleges, that this same mind-set has hardened in the legislature, where it must emasculate the power of its arch enemy in the plan — the Human Relations Commission.

"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

Baltimore Afro-American

Down memory lane

Dear AFRO:

I have been following with interest your cooperation in the drive to restore Orchard St. AME Church. Certainly, it is a worthwhile undertaking and I would like to join the numerous people who are contributing to this effort. I am forwarding a check to be added to the other contributions.

Just coincidently today I realized that this month marked the 50th anniversary of the graduation marked the 50th anniversary of the graduation exercises of the February and June classes of School No. 116 which was then located on Druid Hill Ave., between Biddle and Orchard Sts. I was a member of that class (February).

If my memory serves me correctly, Muriel Watkins (Felton) read the Scripture and I read a poem which I composed as the class poet.

Also a member of that class was Rufus E. Hackett who is now retired agency assistant director for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Durham.

The names of some of the members of the faculty at that time were: the late Frank W. Phillips Sr., Johnny Downs, Sam Owens, Bertha Fleming, Bertha Dickerson, Edna Hall Brown, Noel Johnson (Wansel), Inez Dutton (Brooks).

I hope that there are those members of the class of 1925 I have not mentioned, who as readers of the AFRO-AMERICAN, jog their memories will consider contributing funds out of nostalgia because of having been connected with the church through graduation exercises.

TOM B. HAWKINS
(Regional Public Relations Director
Department of Health Services
Los Angeles County

About stray pets

Dear AFRO:

In saving stray pets from destruction, very few new and concrete ideas and solutions have been voiced.

There is an increase in the number of pets being spayed or neutured, but the overall involvement by pet owners is slow.

This somewhat reduces the pet population so that more may have good homes.

It does not, however, keep those, through no fault of their own, from becoming strays and facing the consequences.

At least with dogs, there is some added help. The National Dog Registry has been set up at Carmel, New York 10512.

This private concern reportedly keeps records of listed dogs with their owners names, addresses and owners social security number.

This number is tatooed on the dog (i.e. inside leg, lower stomach) and hopefully, in the near future, animal shelters will be able to contact the registry to find out who the owner of an untagged dog is, based on the tatooed number.

And then, hoepfully, the dog will be claimed.

PAUL F. SCHLINGING JR.)

For the absentees

Voters who expect to be out of the city or are physically unable to get to the polls on Primary Election Day, September 9, should apply now for absentee ballots.

Applications may be secured by calling 396-5574, or writing the Board of Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., Baltimore, Md. 21202.

September 1 is the deadline for receiving applications for absentee ballots. Call for, write for or pick up your application NOW. It will be sent to you with necessary instructions.

To be counted, the ballot must be received at election headquarters by 8 p.m. on Primary Election Day, September 9.

AFRO Clean Block

Dear AFRO:

As always I appreciate and applaud the AFRO's Clean Block Campaign. It is something the whole city could use — business areas as well as residential sections.

Many times, for example, I walk to work through the 33rd to Greenmount area shopping center. There has been a most encouraging upgrading of the storefronts and stores in the area. Unfortunately the sidewalks even at 8:30 a.m. are littered with trash (of course, no different from most shopping areas). If only the merchants could be persuaded to join your clean block campaign.

One major difference between Europe and the USA is that European cities are much cleaner than ours.

Hopefully, through such efforts as your campaign we also can have clean cities.

GEORGE B. LAURENT

(Editor's Note: We have been working with blocks in this area and it's an uphill job. Cleaning up starts with an individual, then a block and a neighborhood. The AFRO hopes to continue its Clean Block Campaign all year round and these merchants will be our first target).

X-rated movies

Dear AFRO:

Some of the movies shown at Carlin's Drive-in are disgraceful. Any neighborhood child can pass or stand in the street and watch them. The owner should be able to do something about these X-rated pictures and correct this problem. They are a slap in the face for this neighborhood and we do not need it.

MRS. BETTY HARCUM

Women's liberation

Dear AFRO:

Almost everything that is pertinent to the shedding of the social shackles that have long restrained women from an impartial self determination has been constantly announced. Women must be on an equal footing with men.

I must heartily agree, yet in our present situation when there is a wedding, the woman takes a vow to love, cherish and obey. This puts her in an awkward position.

With half of America already divorced, it might loom as strange in our culture that men would really expect a helpmate to rely on him when needed and male ego exerts itself.

I was delighted to tip my hat to any lady, or offer her my seat, or open doors, help her with packages or hail a cab. It now escapes me how most women libbers insist that this puts them in an inferior role. It may be a disturbing revelation, but women are the only ones who can have babies.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

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.

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)

GIRL WATCHING—As AFRO photographer Ben Phillips cruised through Druid Hill Park last Saturday, his camera caught these candid pictures. The attractive young lady turned out to be Miss Elizabeth (Libby) Julian, 22, a 1975 graduate of the University of Maryland. Miss Julian plans to attend the University of Maryland Law School this fall.

If YOU ask ME ____ by bettye moss

Good News: Richard T. C. Bennett, the retired postal worker, is home from Sinai Hospital. His wife, Dorothy, the Rosemont School Principal, is happy as can be. While he suffered a mild stroke, he is now able to talk and write and have visitors. Drop in on him at 2320 Allendale Road.

Cuff: This has been an eventful period for Mrs. Bennett. After her husband receovered, she was able to go on to San Francisco for the Phi Delta Kappa National Convention, where she was reelected national chairman of the Committee of Education and Civil Rights.

She's happier still that her nomination of Baltimore's Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, New Shiloh Baptist Church pastor, won approval of the convention. He got the National Merit Award for service to the community. Mrs. Bennett received it for him because the Rev. Dr. Carter and Mrs. Carter were in Rome for a visit at the Vatican.

More Cuff: The Carters are due home this Saturday and will be honored Monday night at a public meeting at the church.

People Relaxing Ere Summer Comes To An Ednl: The Robert Paynes (Effiele) had a group at their Rolling Road home Sunday evening to relax. About were: Messrs. and Mesdames Ed Wiggins, Boyce Mosley, William Henderson, Drs. and Mesdames Daniel Skinner, Frederick Dedmond, and Mesdames Gwendolyn Faggett, Mattie Gardner and Ms. Darlene Wade.

The Medford Reynoldses (Verniece) hosted visitors who were in town for the recent Iota Phi Lambda National Convention out at the Hunt Valley Inn.

Among them, her aunt and uncle the John Wards (Caxnegea) of Chicago.

Also about, Helen and Simon Rush, also of Chicago; and Helen and John Q. Johnson of San Francisco, (he is the convention jeweler and displayed the most beautiful gems;

and Mildred and Steven Sherman of Richmond Heights, Calif.

Localite about was Dr. Norve I Hunter, the Morgan biology professor, who is the hostess' foster brother.

People doing nice things for others:

On Wednesday, at her Copley Road home, Mrs. Willie Mae DeShields gave a benefit luncheon. Proceeds from the affair went to the Baltimore Chapter of the National Council of Women;

Cuff Note: Iris Mapp and Dr. Robert Lloyd went down to the courthouse last Thursday and were married in a civil ceremony.

The formal religious ceremony was in North Carolina with relatives from here and there in attendance. She's the retired school exec. and he's an assistant superintendent of Baltimore City public schools.

More Cuff: The Mrs. Medford Reynolds mentioned above had another vacationer in town this week Dr. Lester Ward of Springfield, Mass, vacationing on the east coast.

In from a delightful holiday to Mexico and Acapulco, led by Mondawmin Travel Agency's Herbert and Deanna Brown (and their son, Kevin, too) are — Messrs and Mesdames, Andrew Ricks, Sherlock Grinnage, William Lewis, McNeil Brockington, Walter Edmonds, Wilfred Seaborne, Brown, Douglass Coates and Dewey Robinson, all of Baltimore.

And, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ross, New Carrollton, Md., Mr. and Mrs. S. N. White-Seat Pleasant, Md. and Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnolds, Washington.

Also, Mrs. S. Kess, Mrs. P. Kess, Mrs. Burnetta Parsons and Mrs. Essie Banks.

In our gates: Mrs. Harvey Walden Jr., the former Lillian Matthews of Baltimore, who now lives in Chicago, where she and her husband are government employees.

With her, her daughter Mrs. Lamont (Stephanie) Thompson, also of Chicago, where he is the detective and she is the teacher.

They are visiting at the Columbi home of another daughter, Mrs. Steve Cook (Harvetta) he's with National Air Lines and she works at Woodies. They have a son, Shawn, 6.

Cuff note: The family had all been together last week in Germantown to help Cousin Martin Hughes mark his 100th birthday.

More cuff: Mr. Walden Jr., mentioned above is the son of the Rev. Harvey Walden, who pastored Baltimore churches at one time.

Currently, the Rev. Mr. Walden is minister of Grant Memorial AME Church in Chicago.

The Young Columbians is the name of the integrated musical and dance group which is winning accolades here and in other nearby places.

The group was developed by the Columbia, Md. School of Theatrical Arts, Toby Orenstein, director.

At the monthly meeting of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission on Thursday at Bay Ridge Inn near Annapolis, the group entertained for Commissioners who had an opportunity to see the kind of activity the Commission is funding.

These young people, eighteen of them, of both races, from public schools from throughout sing and dance numbers from the minuette to the bump, and the revolution to rock.

Their costumes include hoop skirt to mini-skirt.

Watch out for them at the Baltimore Fair. You'll be in for an entertaining thirty-five minutes; nostalgia and good clean fun.

Cuff Note: Youngest member of the troupe is the handsome young black Silver Spring, Maryland student who answers to the name of Ricky Keller. He is eleven years old.

Dear Jan:

I am 15 years old and I have a sister who is almost 17. She had her first boyfriend at 16 years old and I am trying to follow in her footsteps. Do you think I should do this? I am in desperate need of your opinion.

PUZZLED

Dear Puzzled:

Stand on your own two feet. Just because your sister does something is no reason for you to do it. You could get in a lot of trouble emulating or competing with your sister.

Be yourself, even if it means not dating until much later.

Dear Jan:

I've known this man since June and everybody says he'll drop me any day now. He says himself that he never went around with one girl very long and that he doesn't know why. I think I am in love with him and have been on edge looking for him to leave me. What can I do?

ANXIOUS

Dear Anxious:

As soon as you read this in today's AFRO, quit him. This should shock him and he'll be begging you to take him back. Take him back, but be prepared to put him down ever so often. That's the only way to keep this kind.

Afro Line
EDITED BY TRUDY STEELE

Question: My roof was leaking for two years. After repeated calls to the realtor and help from AFRO-Line, my roof was finally repaired.

My problem now is that I have been left with the damage done to the ceiling, where the water came in, before the roof was repaired.

Who is responsible for repairing the damage done to my ceiling?

L. B.

Answer: A representative at the Department of Housing and Community Development suggested that you contact the Consumer Protection Agency in the State Office Building to determine the liability of the realtor and the purchaser. See telephone number listed below.

Question: I have, on two occasions, taken welfare recipients into my home. On both occasions, personal belongings were missing when the recipients left.

In talking with the caseworkers, I was not given satisfactory answers or advised what steps to pursue.

Can you help?

E. H. P.

Answer: Mr. Allan W. Garske, Public Information Officer for the Department of Social Services, told AFRO Line:

"First, in accusing the client of theft, the writer makes a rather grave accusation. It would seem that the matter should be taken to the police if she feels seriously about it.

"Second, the fact that a person is a client of this department does not give them protection from the law should they commit a crime."

WHERE TO CALL

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION — for questionable business practices — 383-3700.

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND — Resulting from robberies or assaults — 539-5340.

DISASTERS — fires, floods, hurricanes — 467-9905.

EMERGENCY — Housing, heating, light — 234-2172 or 685-0525 — after 6 p.m. and weekends, 396-2726, 396-2053.

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

INFORMATION — City Jail, 396-5211; Transit and Traffic, 396-3049; Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2720; Job, 383-5468; Legal Aid, 539-5340; Rumor Control, 837-1188; Rape Center, 368-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govans, 396-6084; Greater Homewood, 396-6080; Northwest, 396-0207; Stuart Hill, 396-0207.

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

FIRES — 685-1313.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal, Removal, 396-0218; Defective Sidewalk, 396-3168; Food Stamps, 234-2751, 234-2413; Oil Furnace Check, 396-4429; Rats, 396-4418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 233-4700.

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