"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean's majestic waves without the awful roar of the waters."
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)

Judge Howard's report shows whites get 84% of Supreme Bench $7 million payroll

Judge Howard's report shows whites take home 84 per cent of monies paid by Supreme Bench.

The magnanimity of the discriminatory employment practices of the Supreme Bench as documented thoroughly in the Howard Report is startling.

However, these data cannot be appreciated fully by many of us by merely looking at the graphs and figures; the full impact upon the black community is made even more devastating when we translate the effect of these practices into dollars and cents.

According to calculations based upon the salary figures of the Supreme Bench and its supportive systems, we arrive at a conservative estimate of $7,379,470 in annual salaries earned by all employees.

Of this total, only an approximate amount of $1,173,000 is earned by black employees. This becomes particularly significant when we realize that this means that an ethnic group which represents about 53 per cent of Baltimore City's population is earning only approximately 16 per cent of the total salary budget of the Supreme Bench system.

PAY SCALES

When one analyzes the figures, department-wise, the inequity of hiring practices is more striking.

The Supreme Bench, itself, has positions ranging from a low of $2,600 annually for a pre-trial intern, to a salary level in the range of $29,230 for the administrator.

The approximate total annual salaries of the Supreme Bench personnel is $2,580,450, of which only about $501,750, or less than 20 per cent, reaches the pay envelopes of black employees.

This percentage is relatively high when compared with that of the various collateral services of the bench.

For example, the combined personnel of the Circuit Court, Circuit Court No. 2, City Clerk, Criminal Court, Court of Common Pleas and the Superior Court, received an estimated payroll of $1,800,000 annually.

Black employees of the various courts earn collectively about $279,000, about 17 per cent of that total.

It should be emphasized strongly, that this percentage would be even lower if it were not for the fact that in the Court of Common Pleas, until recently headed by Mr. Paul Chester, there were 50%, or one-half of the personnel, who were black. This is a striking contrast with the Circuit Court and Circuit Court No. 2, where blacks comprised 2 of 16 employees and 1 of 15 employees, respectively.

The Sheriff's Office has an annual payroll of approximately $585,000, black employees earn about $108,000, or 17% of that amount.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S

The State's Attorney's Office has an approximate annual payroll of $1,771,000. Blacks received about $231,000 of this amount, which represents 13% of the total.

In the Registrar of Wills' Office, there are 49 persons on the payroll who earn a total of about $441,000.

Only one employee in this office is black, so the proportion of monies earned by black employes in this office is about 2 per cent of the total amount.

The Trust Department has two employees, earning about $11,000 each. Neither is black.

MASTER'S

There are four Master-Examiners, one of whom is black. The Master-Examiners' income is estimated to be $60,000 annually.

Therefore, 25 per cent of this income or about $60,000 out of an approximate $240,000 is earned by blacks, in this position.

NOT PROFESSIONAL

In re-stating that only 17 per cent of the annual salaries paid to the Supreme Bench and collateral systems employees, it should be noted that the overwhelming majority of these positions are not professional in nature and do not require college level training.

The vast majority of the jobs in question require no specific educational credentials, and the experience requirements, if any, are so minimal that the skills involved can be acquired easily within a relatively short period of time.

For example, of the clerks, clerical assistants, investigators, security officers, etc.

NO EXAMS

No competitive examination is required for appointment to any of these positions.

The general public is not informed when vacancies occur, and no real effort is made to hire the best person, in terms of education and experience relevant to the duties of the job, in almost all of the positions in question.

The hiring of personnel is done directly at the pleasure of the persons serving in the administrative capacity within the specific system, and for the most part, represents the payment of personal obligation, rather than an attempt to identify the relative merits of the applicants for the job.

NO CLICHE

Consequently, those in charge cannot resort to the much abused cliche' and spurious claim that no "qualified blacks were available" to fill the great majority of these positions.

Judge Howard's report irrefutably documents the grossly discriminatory hiring practices of the Supreme Bench, not only in terms of the very small proportion of black employees, but also in terms of their relatively low status and position on the salary scale.

The shocking figures

Nobody should be surprised that Supreme Bench Judge Joseph C. Howard Sr. charges of discrimination on the basis of sex and race are fully documented.

In June when he first exposed how his fellow judges are permitting discrimination in employment to continue in the courthouse, there were some skeptics who said they would not be convinced until they saw the figures.

Well, the figures are out. Judge Howard, in cooperation with the Morgan State University Urban Affairs Department, published a 46-page document. It is a shocking revelation, far worse than he expected.

It more than proves Judge Howard's original indictment, "the courthouse is a bastion of discrimination based on race and sex."

For his study Judge Howard used employment records supplied by the Supreme Bench's own administrative officers: — Of the 772 employees, in the courthouse, 83 per cent of them are white, and of this number only 239 are women, 53 of whom are black.

This pattern goes down into the positions for which the judges themselves are totally responsible. Of these 282 jobs, only 65 are black.

The court-by-court breakdown, which we published in our Tuesday edition, is more devastating. It supports the claim that there can be no true Justice in the Baltimore Courthouse when only 17 per cent of the employees are black, while 80 per cent of those served by the courts are black.

Previously, Judge Howard complained that despite pleadings, private meetings to correct the situation, there had been no response from his fellow judges.

The frustrations of the internal attempts can be found on page 4 of the statistical reports. Judge Howard writes:

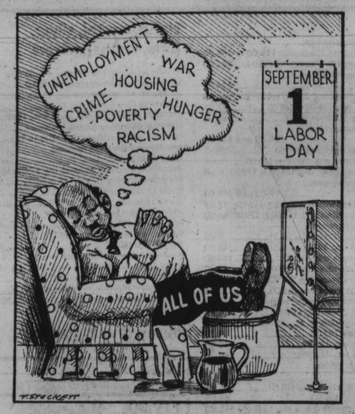
"The black Supreme Bench Judges join forces with other members of the Bench who harber concerns about the employment....

"They have consistently implored the Chief Judge to exercise leadership in increasing the portion of blacks and women under the Supreme Bench jurisdiction.

"This group of judges has brought to the attention of the entire Supreme Bench the dire need for it to take action by insisting upon full participation of its minority members in all of its administrative offices and by eliminating the exclusionary aspects of selection process. These and other efforts have not been successful."

Judge Howard's report concludes that in view of these past failures, the next step should be the federal government.

Those who are interested in the future of the city and true justice will have to agree with Judge Howard that it is indeed now time for outside forces in federal government to help the Baltimore Courthouse correct the discrimination which exists there.



A little about a lot — by madeline w. murphy

With the support of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Angela Davis, Dick Gregory and the thousands who sent the $200,000 for her defense, along with the stirring closing argument of the only black and female lawyer for the defense, Karen Galloway, Joan Little was acquitted of the second degree, ice-pick murder of Beaufort County jailor, Clarence Alligood.

There were attempts to get his widow to comment on the verdict as she hung out clothes on that hot North Carolina day, but she refused.

Perhaps she knew, more than anyone else, the true character of the man, who epitomized the kind of white man who expects black women to be "nice", while taking advantage of their vulnerability, animalistically exploiting the frustrating position of their second-class citizenship in society.

As the Summer Issue (editorial) of Freedomways says it:" Ms. Little's case is overtly reminiscent of the days of chattel slavery.

"One of the brutal realities in the history of this country and in the struggles of the Afro-American people for their liberation has been the denial to the Black women of the basic right to self-defense against would-be violators and to seek justice in the face of violation."

But evident in the verdict is the reality that unless there is nationwide publicity to hold up to the light of day the miscarriages of justice at every step, lives are spent in dungeons, or not spent at all.

Instead, they are snuffed out by the hangman, or juries are composed of wool-hat boys who salaciously lick their chops over every lurid detail of carnal crime.

If we learn anything at all from this trial, it is that marshalling a large body of national protest, of keeping it going, of holding rallies in every large city, increase the chances of a fairer trial.

It is publicity such as this, tiring though it may be, that freed Angela Davis, and it is the only method black people have successfully mobilized over the years that has made some small change in the system.

But the fact that national media had to be goaded, slapped broadside to get its attention, so that it would finally broadcast this kind of injustice to America and abroad, indicates the pervasive sickness of institutional racism and sexism.

We must never give up. We must use these methods over and over.

Vox populi — the voice of the people — must ring forth louder and stronger, never cowering, never flagging, but forthrightly shouting its anthem of liberty, in litanies clear and unmistakable.

"Lazima tuta shinda bila shaka" — we shall overcome without a doubt!

Thank you, Lord

This Labor Day weekend marks the last of the long summer holidays. This year, 1975, is different from any other because most Americans are caught up in the recession and the hopelessness which comes with the unemployment and the uncertainty of the economy.

We asked some young people to share their views about this annual celebration — is it just a long holiday for rest and relaxation?

The responses we received were spontaneous — one needs strength to live in these times... and courage and hope ... they said.

The answer of one under-30 reader surprised us. He said people would find comfort in the old hymn, "Thank you, Lord, for One More Day."

As we think about it — it is a good idea to give thanks for being alive. We'd go the step further and suggest it is appropriate also to offer prayers for courage and strength to live in this crazy, mixed-up world.

Now and then — by g. james fleming

About leaders and Joan

If Dr. Carl were still here, he would have brought all those candidates in the Fifth District into his office and when they left, they would have decided to support one black candidate for City Council, instead of cutting each other up."

These were the words that came over the phone in response to my comments last week on the sad fact that there is no black representative of the Fifth District in City Council.

We suggested that it would have been "smart politics" if something could have been done to have one black candidate on whom all black voters and their white friends could concentrate.

"Dr. Carl" refers to the late Dr. Carl Murphy, for over four decades the guiding spirit of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

The voice on the phone did not wait for answers.

He should know, however, that seldom can anyone fill the shoes of a leader in the same manner and in the same style as that leader.

Dr. Carl Murphy was Dr. Carl Murphy. Then, too, times do change — even in the space of a few years.

One of the realities of an advancing group is also the fact that there is no one leader, no one voice who speaks for all.

Perhaps, Martin Luther King Jr., nationally, was the last "leader" with an overwhelming acceptance and support from the majority of black people.

Just as there is no Martin Luther King Jr., just so there is no Booker T. Washington, no Walter White, no Mary McLeod Bethune, no W. E. B. DuBois, no still active A. Phillip Randolph.

In Baltimore, at any rate, there is no Carl Murphy, but now there is also no Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, longtime builder and leader of the NAACP.

The notable leadership of Baltimore's black ministers is not today what it was in the 1950's and the 1960's.

The giants are either dead or they have been "kicked upstairs" to national offices in their denominations.

Their successors may be more talkative, but either they lack the pulling power to lead their people or they are cut down by their own vindictiveness to those who disagree with them.

What is true of Baltimore, is also true of every city where there are large black communities.

PLEASE, NO EXPLOITATION — Amid all the joy over the deserved acquittal of Joan Little of North Carolina, it is to be hoped that her close benefactors will not over-exploit her, will not try to make her a tool of one ideology or the other.

It is so tempting to make her a speaker and an authority on everything; or to make her a wholesale attacker of the American system — the system that has jailed her but has also acquitted her.

Joan Little has much to protest, to complain about. But, just griping won't solve all her problems.

She needs schooling and as much other education as she can carry. She needs a change of environment.

She needs steady employment.

Many people have helped Miss Little. Thousands have helped to give her a new lease on life. Now everyone can show his real interest in her by not treating her like a puppet for his or her own, narrow, ulterior motives.

Women have been raped down the ages, but Joan Little has made her footnote in history by having responded effectively to such assault. This is the picture to remember.

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).

School in peace

Some Baltimore black parents might find it difficult to understand why it would be necessary to sell white parents the advantages of attending the $17 million Lake Clifton High School, one of the largest and best equipped in the nation.

But they should know the history of this city and its public schools.

Prior to the 1954 school desegregation Supreme Court ruling which abolished separate schools, some white parents had been led to believe that anything predominantly black was inferior. They can't say that about Lake Clifton.

When schools open September 4, it is planned that at least 35 per cent of the enrollment there will be white. This is to conform to the law of the land which mandates meaningful desegregation of schools.

In an effort to achieve smooth implementation the approved desegregation plan for secondary schools, a series of training workshops was held this week where teachers, parents, pupils had an opportunity to counsel together with human relations consultants.

They were learning how to understand different cultures so they could train young people to study and live together in our complicated society.

It is to the advantage of all concerned that schools open with the minimum of confusion. Every effort should be made to adjust home schedules and solve other personal problems so that all our students can get on with their learning.

Adults who have some misgivings should put them in their pockets and let the students go to school in peace

The primary election

The Baltimore City Primary Election is Tuesday, September 9. Those persons who are registered as Democrats may nominate Democratic candidates. Registered Republicans may do likewise.

Persons who are going to be out of the city, ill, or hospitalized, may also vote, but there is a deadline.

September 2 is the last day applications may be made for absentee ballots at the Supervisors of Elections in the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., (Phone 396-5574).

Next week, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN will publish its sample ballot. It will include names of those candidates who have answered the questions which we have circulated in this newspaper as to why AFRO readers should vote for them.

It will attempt to identify for AFRO readers those candidates who, by their experience and performance, have demonstrated they are those best equipped to represent all the citizens in City Hall offices.

In selecting such candidates, emphasis will be placed on the kinds of answers candidates supply to the AFRO questionnaire.

In this and previous editions, ALL candidates have been invited to tell where they stand. Deadline for receiving their answers is Wednesday noon, Sept. 3.

"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

Orchids for trash men

Dear AFRO:

It is with great joy that again this year I am working with the children and adults in my neighborhood to do our small part in beautifying the streets of Baltimore through the AFRO'S annual Clean Block Campaign.

I am writing to you because I think that some honorable mention should be made about the trash collectors in our area, the 400 block of E. 21st St. They work on Truck No. 3802. They are Messrs. Ervin Meeks, Henry Sander, Gerald Johnson, William R. Burton and R. Weaver.

They have gone out of their way to help the neighbors and the summer corps workers assigned to our neighborhood in removing heavy trash and debris.

I think that citizens like these should inspire other adults to do their part to help Baltimore remain a "show place" during the Clean Block Campaign and all the year remaining.

MRS. MARY S. JOHNSON

We'll miss Tommy

Dear AFRO:

We, at Echo House, will greatly miss Tommy. The passing of Thomas Hardie has been felt by our kids in our community. Tommy was a tutor for several years through a volunteer program at Gilman.

He also volunteered for our Saturday Gilman Green-Grass boys recreational program.

Each year, at the end of our recreational program, Mr. and Mrs. Hardie would open their home to our boys for an all-day outing, including swimming, horseback riding, hayrides, food, etc. Our Boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Tommy gave of himself unrelentlessly.

He was a valuable tutor and his former tutee expresses her sadness here at Echo House. When our tutorial program begins in October, we will remember Tommy.

WANDA M. HEBRON
(Tutorial Services Corr. Echo House Foundation)

Howard county concern

Dear AFRO:

We wonder, if after all that has been said and done, there are any regrets on the part of the Howard County Council members regarding their decision on the construction of a Correctional Center in the Linwood Gardens area?

Can the reason be because not even one of the five members or for that matter, the county executive, himself resides in the Linwood Gardens area?

It is the opinion of this writer that the Howard County Council, along with the Howard County executive, seriously re-consider the feeling of not only the residents of the Linwood Gardens, but all adjoining communities as well.

We do not want a correctional center or jail here!

C. M. SATA
(Secretary of the Linwood Gardens-Ridge Road Assoc.)

Ford's first year

Dear AFRO:

It has been a year since President Ford has been in office.

Has he forgotten so soon how he struggled as a congressman to pay his bills and send his four children to school?

How can he sit by and let nature take its course for the unemployed and the under-employed people of this nation in their struggle to put food on their tables and send their children to school?

Prssident Ford should keep in mind that more harm can be done by good men who do nothing than by evil men doing evil!

ELISSA WARD JOHNSON

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I have been liking a boy for almost a year. But I met another boy this summer. Both boys like me. I am mixed up. Should I give both boys up or what?

MIXED-UP

Dear Mixed-up:

Sometimes the best way to get un-mixed up is to put yourself in the other party's shoes. Ask yourself how would you like it if a boy kept both you and another girl dangling on a string and take it from there.

Dear Jan:

I am only 15 years old but I am in love with a man twice my age. I like to look at him and talk to him. He doesn't know that I am in love with him. What should I do?

IN LOVE

Dear In Love:

Concentrate on your school work, keep your secret to yourself and never let him know about this crush. It is not unusual for young people to imagine themselves in love with an older person, a teacher, neighbor, etc.

If you can't shake the feeling, talk it over with your mother or some other adult female you feel comfortable talking to.

Innocent victim

Dear AFRO:

This letter comes to convey our profound gratitude to you and the AFRO-AMERICAN for printing the story covering the details about the fatal shooting of our son, Harold Michael Davis, which appeared in the August 12th edition.

It was of great concern to us, mainly for the benefit of his two-year-old son, Columbus Michael, so that in the future years when he inquires about the death of his father, we can show him the corrected article (and not the original) and, he will know and understand that his father was the innocent victim who was fatally wounded needlessly.

The corrected article was so impressive that we have received numerous calls daily from our relatives, friends of our son's, Mike, and the associates of our other four children.

Each caller has praised the AFRO-AMERICAN for printing the proper account of the unfortunate incident.

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH (MARIE) DAVIS

★ MIKE — Your dad was an innocent bystander when he was struck down by a killer's bullet in the 500 block of Sinclair Lane, on August 11th. You are just two years old now, but as your grandmother says in the accompanying article, we printed the true facts to correct the earlier incorrect police version, in accompanying photo, Mike, you are shown with your grandmother, Mrs. Enoch Davis (Marie), and your grandfather. Good luck, Mike.

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.

Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Many thanks for the beautiful article in Friday's AFRO. I look forward each week to reading the happenings in various parts of the world, as well as Baltimore, particularly concerning our race.

I hope my eyesight holds out as long as I live, as I would be very unhappy if I couldn't read our paper.

RUTH E. ALLEN

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer refers to an article in our August 16 issue which noted she was celebrating her 83rd birthday on August 19th, six days after the AFRO was 83 years old.)

If you ask ME — by bettye moss

In the mailbag: Note from Mrs. Grace W. Burkett, former Baltimore teacher now living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with her dad, Dr. Thomas J. Woolridge Sr. ("Papa to his own and to many youngsters he helped in Elkridge, and Baltimore city, where he practiced for 53 years.)

This time of the year we look forward to hearing from Dr. Woolridge because his birthday comes about AFRO birthday time. Our newspaper was 83 on August 13, Dr. Woolridge posted 94 candles on August 20.

Mrs. Burkett writes this birthday season has been particularly joyful for her and Papa. Relatives and friends have dropped in this summer to wish him well.

Via motor home, enroute to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, were his grand-daughter, Mrs. June Chapman and husband, Joe (Baltimore schools Department Director of Personnel and businessman); their son, Granger and friend, Anthony Watson; Miss Alice Morgan (Baltimore school administrator) and Charles Brown, D.C. corrections officer.

Others in to wish a happy birthday on their way to California were Mrs. Pinkie Daniels (Baltimore schools Department Head) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridgley (Sparrows Point Coordinator and Baltimore County teacher) of Catonsville.

(Cuff-Note: Nephews of Pinkie Daniels: Darryl and Duane Poindexter of Philadelphia now attending Howard U. and the Ridgley's daughter, Ramona, now a N.Y. interior decorator, were former campers at the Little Folks' Camp in Elkridge, where Dr. Woolridge, Sr. served as health director during the 15 years of summer camp operations).

Other well-wishing motor home travelers visiting on return to Baltimore after some 8,000 miles throughout the States and Canada were Dr. Delores Hunt (retired Baltimore school principal), her sister and brother-in-law, the Theodore Grosses, and grandson, Verneil Jenkins and his friend, Amos Batts.

Mrs. Thomas J. Woolridge, III and Papa's great-grand children, Courtney and Thomas J. IV visited earlier in August. (Grandson, Thomas J. Woolridge, III, son of the late Dr. T. J. Woolridge, Jr., remained in Nashville, where he is attending Meharry Medical College).

More hellos: — Papa's brand-daughter, Mrs. Thomasina Mixon, special education teacher, called in birthday greetings from her Christiansted home in the Virgin Islands—as did grandson, Robbie Burkett (Doles Pineapple Company mechanic) from Waipapu, Hawaii.

Cuff Note: Papa received many cards and gifts from other relatives and former patients "back East."

More Cuff: Dr. Woolridge's celebrating party guests on August 20th at the Albuquerque residence were the Paradise Hills neighbors and friends: The Mun Behrens and children (Eric, Melani, David, Robert, Brandon) and grandmother, Mrs. M. Behrens;

Also, the Robert Binkerts and children (Danny, Debbie, Dale); the Angus Pomeroys and children (Lori, Danny, Debbie, Scott); Mrs. Martha Buckbee and daughter, Donna;

And U.S. Colonel Irene Barthelemy and Miss Lucy Mowlah-Baksh of Trinidad, the Misses Mabel and Lucy Evans of Guyana; and Mr. Timothy Gilmore, Papa's nursing assistant.

More people being happy this summer — The Algernon Jacksons (Carrie), have marked:

1. His retirement from Social Security on his birthday.
2. Their wedding anniversary.
3. Her birthday

Mrs. Jackson writes people have been so kind — "the gifts, calls and visits really filled us."

Between these activities, the Jacksons vacationed in Jamaica, sharing a villa with her sister, Ethel Hall, and her husband, Henry, plus their brother and cousin from Atlanta, the Jack Halls and the Mack Gants.

Mrs. Jackson's other sister, Sara Current and her husband, Lester, flew down from Detroit, to make quite a gay family group in the West Indies.

More travellers: The DeWitt Howards (Elaine), postcard about a relaxed rest at Martha's Vineyard ... and the Samuel Owinsses (Barbara), about their fun with their two youngs sons in the Bahamas.

More people moving about: A dream house is the one the Leon Bridgeses (Eloise), have nearly completed out Smith Ave. way. He's the Architect who has demonstrated his own talents in a unique way ... plus he has done much of the work himself.

It was here on Sunday evening, they invited neighbors to "say hello" to John W. Dobbins, the citywide candidate for comptroller, and Norman Reeves, Council Candidate from the Fifth District.

Although the candidates heavy schedule made them late arriving, we had an opportunity to meet new people and to admire a pleasant, modern new house.

Also in a new locale out Durley Lane way are Bill and Mattie Mumby. More good news in their family — husband William Mumby Sr., is resting comfortably at the Morgan Park home of daughter, Mrs. Simon Carter (Kay). He had been hospitalized.

Prayers, please, for Mrs. Hannah Burns who is confined to Provident Hospital. You will remember her as the longtime resident of the 2200 block of Madison Ave. She's the mother of Earl Bundara, the teacher and Weejay Bundara, the San Antonio, Texas businessman.

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)

The AFRO stands for

The AFRO stands for a responsible, independent, black majority on the Baltimore city school board, and a black president of that board.

Black elected officials to share in top offices in the city and state government.

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact, before courts.

Black judges on all benches of the city and state court system.

Adequate black representation on all public borads and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities, in fact as well as theory.

★'S AND YOU

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You feel confused and moody. Avoid arguments. A good day at work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Outlook excellent, get organized. Private affairs improve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An excellent day for seeing friends, for work and for money matters.

CANCER (June 21-July 20) — A busy but interesting day. Personal affairs are improving. Listen to the opinions of friends.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22) — Everything depends on you. Try to consolidate personal relationships and further useful acquaintances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The outlook is definitely improving. You can really get moving now. Pleasant news from friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You will feel confused and tired. Do only what is strictly necessary. Avoid arguments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It should be a pleasant and satisfying day for personal affairs and romance. Good news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The outlook is improving. Your private affairs should give satisfaction. Take care driving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You tend to be tired and dissatisfied. Rest and relax with a hobby. See friends with whom you feel at ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You tend to be irritable and overtired, so don't take on too much. Relax and only carry essential work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Apart from irritability and a little tiredness, the outlook is good. Plan your day. Luck in love.

Prayer

A dream is yours.
Fondle the seconds
As they slip by.
Each tick-tock
Of the clock
Presents a blessed gem:
Time today
To satisfy that "some-day-later" whim.
Discard it not;
Long labors through rugged tasks
Have made today.
Remember ... and forget ...
Much of the past.
With deep Humility;
Now and again give thought
To those teachers, passed beyond,
Who toiled beside you within these walls
But never knew
Such singular reward ... in spring.
Take time to sit with silence ...
Now hear a robin sing,
Or prove the depths of wonders.
Touch the ordinary with the challenging.
Find Your Utopia ...
Today.

ADELE V. HOLDEN
(May 11, 1959)

Afro Line

EDITED BY TRUDY STEELE

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

All you have to do is write a post card to AFRO-Line, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and telephone number.

SPECIAL NOTE: You may also report errors in news stories, request corrections, complain or inquire about AFRO news stories and policies by contacting AFRO-Line by phone or letter.

Weekdays, call 728-8200, Extension 64 or 50, between the hours 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and talk in person with AFRO-Line service.

Your report will get prompt attention by top management.

QUESTION: I have called Lexington Market trying to find out how to get a stall but have not been able to get anyone who could tell me anything about it. I have been out of work for some time and want to earn an honest living. Can you help me? J. E."

ANSWER: Persons wishing to obtain a stall within Lexington Market must go to see Mr. William O. Franz, general manager, Lexington Market Authority, 400 W. Lexington Street.

Should you wish to have a stand outside of the market, you must obtain a license from the Traders License Section, Room 140, Court House, Fayette and St. Paul Streets.

QUESTION: I had an occasion to call a city ambulance during my wife's emergency illness and asked the ambulance attendant to take her to Sinai Hospital where she had had surgery and where her physician, whom I had also called, was waiting.

The attendant refused and said he had to take her to Provident because it was nearest. From my house there is little or no difference in the distance between the two hospitals. Why couldn't the ambulance take us to Sinai?" H. M.

ANSWER: The Fire Department told AFRO Line that it is up to the ambulance attendant to decide how serious the patient is and if in his judgment the case is very serious, he will take the patient to the nearest hospital, although arrangements have been made at another hospital. If the hospital requested is within four or five block radius of closest hospital, they will take the patient there.

In your case, they said, the patient was, in the opinion of the attendant, in a state of shock and they took her to the closest hospital.

QUESTION: During Tuesday night's storm, lightning struck a large tree in my yard causing it to fall on the telephone wires leading to my house. What should I do? M. T."

ANSWER: The telephone company advised that generally speaking, they do not come out to trim trees unless they are resting on their wire and affecting service. They told AFRO Line they will send someone out to determine what should be done and advise you. Simply call Telephone Company Repair Service by dialing 611.

Where to call

BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (BAY). — for help in problems with city agencies — 396-1234 — (9 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, 467-3914.

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

POLICE — emergency, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-2110.

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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