I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. — 1929-1968.

OPINION

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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)

Disgraceful 'spy' report

Because it offers no evidence to back up its sweeping charges of illegal activities by Baltimore City police, and others, the Senate Constitutional and Public Law Committee, which conducted an incredibly inept probe into accusations of unchecked spying, faced an extremely embarrassing situation.

The chief judges of various Maryland courts requested the Senate Investigating Committee to provide it with some evidence to back up charges hurled in its probe report of laxity on the part of the judiciary in approving warrants for policemen.

Nothing in the committee's lenghty report, about half of whose pages contain historical or legal filler material, provides any evidence of judicial laxity. And if the committee, headed by Senator Edward T. Conroy of Prince George's County, comes up with proof against the judges, then the public has a right to know why at least some verification was not included in the formal probe report.

It was expected that the committee's investigation, led by staffers Diane Schulte and Leslie L. Gladstone, would determine the truth of charges made in the press against the police. That determination could have led to proper charges and recommended corrective legislation.

Senator Conroy, reacting to the judges' request for evidence, said he'd try to arrange a meeting with the four judges "to find out exactly what they are interested in."

That's a tip-off to why the public has been ripped-off to the tune of something in the area of $100,000, an estimate of what the entire tax-paid probe cost will total. Conroy and the committee don't seem to understand anything about evidence when they are asked to produce it.

On the other hand, the committee and staff were experts at hurling political charges of clear abuses and excesses.

Most unusual was the extent to which the committee went in chastising Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau and his defense attorney, George L. Russell Jr., for what was termed lack of cooperation.

As we recall it, every police official called was made available for committee interrogation.

What the police did not do were to plead guilty of wrongdoing.

Apparently unable to prove wrongdoing on the part of the police, the committee members and staff seemingly expect public sympathy. Well, the Watergate probers managed to get evidence without cooperation from former President Nixon and his cohorts.

Even the newspapers involved in the Watergate disclosures managed to get facts without expecting the defendants to have to go against traditional American conception of the accused being innocent until proved guilty.

Unfortunately, that cannot be said of the Baltimore media which have ballyhooed the disgraceful Senate committee report as if it proved something. But there probably is a good reason for that, also.

Y memorial breakfast

The city is indebted to the Baltimore area YMCA for sponsoring the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast last Thursday.

It was a glorious sight to see the 1,000 persons of both races equally divided and of all religions assembled to honor Martin Luther King Jr., on his birthday.

The 37-minute memorial talk by the Honorable Benjamin L. Hooks, federal communications commissioner, attorney and minister, and long a part of the King movement, brought to Baltimore the kind of inspirational speech that had not been heard here in many a day.

John H. Sommerville, president of the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore area, explaining the mission of this first event, was correct when he said the organization has a responsibility to promote racial togetherness in Baltimore and the wider community.

The program was to the credit of the Y's Richard M. Kelly and his associate, A. P. Moss, and to the members of the Kings Landing Women's Club and the Joseph P. Jeffery Fund, which advanced the money for the non-profit Y to put on the program.

Honorary chairmen of the event included Mayor Schaefer, Harford County's Charles Anderson, Howard County's Edward Cochran, Carroll County's Norman Graham, Anne Arundel's Robert Pascal and Baltimore County's Theodore Venetoulis.

The support provided by these heads of government as well as the other members of the sponsoring committee is an indication that Baltimoreans, including Judge Robert B. Watts, who was general chairman, can indeed get together with a common aim.

We hope that this program will be an ongoing one and that the impetus proves the incentive for further projects of this nature, not only on Martin Luther King's birthday, but all during the year.

Mass transit needed

Anybody who goes to work by automobile or bus should not have a second guess about whether this city needs some sort of mass transit.

A couple of inches of snow or a downpour of rains can tie Baltimore City up in knots.

In the 200th anniversary of the nation, Baltimore is lagging behind the times.

A recently released study has termed Baltimore one of the 14 major cities with the greatest potential for growth.

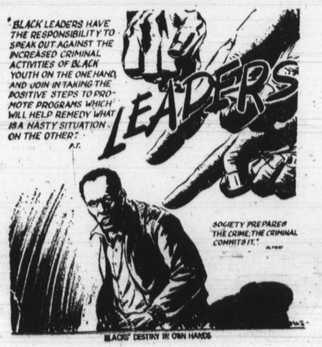
But it is our view that the Monumental City cannot realize its potential unless it does something, and soon, about its growing traffic problems.

There are those who have misgivings about a subway system, about overhead transportation of any other kind.

Some politicians are against mass transit plans for cheap political reasons.

We agree with Councilman Michael Mitchell who says blacks should get on the bandwagon for progressive steps like mass transit for Baltimore City.

In doing so, black leaders must insist upon being in on the ground floor of the planning. It also is essential that all groups share in the jobs that will result from the building of whatever mass transit system comes to this area.



Proof or not, we know they're guilty

young beat — by larry young

Dr. King left for us some important guides

(At 25, the writer, Larry Young, is the youngest member of the Md. House of Delegates. He represents Baltimore city's 38th District).

Along with 1050 or more integrated guests, I attended the YMCA's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast, last Thursday morning.

Those in attendance heard an electrifying speech by Benjamin L. Hooks, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. I trust it will be a long time, if ever, that I will forget the words spoken by Commissioner Hooks—

"One thing that Dr. King left on record and tried to teach, and I think we are learning, is that when you make it, don't forget where you came from.

"Not only must we not forget who we are or where we came from but what I want to say to the black citizens of Baltimore is this, 'you can raise all the devil you want about white racism, but until black folk really get together, there will be some dark and difficult days ahead.' "

There's a message there, AFRO readers, and regretfully, I'm not so sure that the words will be heeded. There are too many crabs in the barrel, there are too many hypocritical folk, there are too many "I am's".

Naturally, this is not a problem just in Baltimore, but, broadening the expression just a little bit, "To thine own self be true."

Or, to put it in another way, and changing a word here or there, from a famous Frederick Douglass quote, "I am a Baltimorean and as a Baltimorean, I would speak to Baltimore."

If, any of us, in any way, are contributing to the cause of not bringing us toward black unity, then I think each and every one of us should be informed.

I couldn't help but remember as I turned over and over in my mind Commissioner Hook's speech, my very first visit to Alabama. Alabama had always been that state that gave this country George Wallace. It had been the bastion of our racist society.

On a lighter side, I hear my pastor, Dr. Harold Carter, speak about his birthplace and his young days in Alabama, with many in the congregation expressing agreement with his own personal experiences. And somehow I felt that I had missed some favorable roots.

Well, in any case, I was a guest in the home of Mrs. Ola M. Galloway on my brief visit to Alabama during the past Christmas holidays. Sitting with this 86-or-so-year-old lady, this grand lady, and her charming daughter, Sarah Pearl Coleman, I was able to re-live a little of black history from a personal perspective.

Mrs. Galloway, speaking to me, said, "My husband was the son of Mr. Eli Madison, one of 13 children who became lawyers, teachers, bishops, railroad men. Immediately after slavery, until the 1860's, 40 acres of land sold for $10.00.

"Eli bought 15 plots which is today called Madison Park. It's one of the first church stations in the country.

"One of Eli's children, Arthur Madison, who had left Alabama, gone to New York and returned, was the initiator of the first voter education and registration efforts for blacks and one of the original founders of the now famous Montgomery Improvement Association.

"Mr. Madison's successor was his good friend, Mr. Ed Nixon, who was a pullman porter and a local NAACP worker. Ed started the first USO for blacks with the cooperation of the late, great Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Ed Nixon is now on the 85 years plus side, but as president of the Montgomery Improvement Association he was the chief organizer of the Montgomery bus boycott, which we all know was started by Mrs. Rosa Parks' refusal to sit in the back of the bus.

"Ed Nixon and other key black leaders asked the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be his successor. The rest is history."

Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Coleman and her son, Sylvester (who expects to be a Baltimorean in the not-too-distant future while he is seeking a master's degree in business), and I talked for hours.

We toured various sites in Montgomery. We saw King's first church, the church in which Dr. Abernathy still holds a position as Minister Emeritus. I even walked the grounds of the state capitol.

Madison Park, is a 600-acre community now with many of the families still occupying the homes of their forefathers. I walked through this community and the feeling one gets is one of pride, a longing to feel a part of history — true black heritage. Not much is written about Madison Park.

It must be one of the most unsung communities in this nation. If you and your family are making plans to travel this Bicentennial year, why not add a visit to Madison Park, Alabama, to your list. Mrs. Galloway, the recognized matron of that community, will extend to you her hospitality, or in her own words, "Give me your paw!"

Well, you've been kind to reminisce with me, but wouldn't it be great if we here in Baltimore could remember that we didn't get where we are yesterday.

There're some deep roots in our black heritage and those of us who are here now must banish any focus that takes us away from being a true united force, for Dr. King's sake, for our children's sake (born and unborn) and also for those who find a certain satisfaction in our present predicament.

Can we not all say in unison, "Let our people go!"

Now and then — by g. james fleming

A new convention movement

What should black Marylanders be doing to prevent their losing the political gains they have recently made?

What should we be doing in politics, and in the areas other than politics?

These questions are raised again, following Congressman Mitchell's expressed and rightful indignation that black Marylanders are, or may be, "slowly losing some of our hard-fought gains."

This column is also a followup to our own concern that Mr. Mitchell had not suggested any specific blueprint for the years ahead — although he showed distrust of "hand-picked" leaders, "paid off" organizations, and elected offigials.

"Only the people can make the decisions," the congressman wrote on this page.

But what do black people in Maryland really want? This is perhaps asking too much, but what steps can be taken to find out?

In the period between 1830 and 1861, free blacks in the United States sponsored convention after convention, in what is now historically known as "the Negro convention movement."

They aired their problems and their dreams, they drew up resolutions and drafted plans, and they recharged themselves for the goals ahead.

Perhaps, we need to move in the direction of a new convention movement.

Free blacks in the North spearheaded the convention movement, with the black preachers, independent as they were, and mostly still are, very prominent.

The time may be here for the black clergy to move forward again, as they did in the 19th century and as they repeated in the 1960s.

Or, perhaps it is the 6,000-member Baltimore NAACP which should take the lead; or, these two groups, together with the Black Legislative Caucus, the Masons and Morgan State University.

And, what shall the agenda be?

Here are some ideas to try for size; none new but all under new circumstances and situations:

1. What should black people consider to be their goal or goals in politics? To operate within the Democratic-Republican 2-party system or to turn to other political arrangements, on the basis of expediency. Or, even perhaps to remain outside of party politics.

2. What should be the blacks' position on economics (employment and unemployment, on big labor, on federal fiscal policy, etc.)? Does political power necessarily bring with it economic power . . .?

For instance, does a black mayor in Newark or Gary mean more economic power for blacks, or even more jobs? And how can political power be converted into economic power?

3. Where do blacks stand on urban crime? And how far are blacks willing to go to correct crimes by blacks, regardless of the sociological reasons for such crimes?

4. What responsibility are blacks willing to take for home and family life, for the rearing of children, for keeping children in school, for seeing that they "do their home work," and for establishing their own family curfews?

5. What do blacks really want in housing? What's the priority — "integrated" housing and neighborhoods, or "better" housing and neighborhoods, with the knowledge that the pattern of housing and neighborhoods has a great deal to do with the potential and reality of political clout.

6. How much do blacks understand or appreciate about metropolitanism and what should be the position of black voters when this subject reaches referendum?

This attempt at agenda is not exhaustive, not absolute. It can be revised, it can be expanded. It is only suggestive.

It may be basis for a modern-day convention, to which delegates would come from churches, labor unions, fraternal orders colleges building and loan associations, improvement associations, Greek-letter societies, PTAs, and political organizations.

It would be a convention where delegates would both learn and teach; a convention for persons groping to find a way to bettering the condition of black people.

It is to be hoped it would not attract persons with their minds "all made up," not persons intolerant of the ideas of others, not persons who are only negative.

The call should be addressed to persons and organizations that believe that blacks as Americans deserve a larger sharing in the fullest life of America, including the opportunity to help our country achieve its highest ideals.

Perhaps, if Baltimore and Maryland set the example, other cities and states will follow, in town meeting fashion, to discover what it is that black people want, how they may improve on their present gains, how they may prevent the clock from being turned backwards.

A little about a lot — by madeline w. murphy

Senate 'spy' probers need to dig deeper

Several hundred people gathered, last week, at the Lord Baltimore, at noon, to pay homage to Advertising Club Man of the Year, Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau.

Some of them had been targets of his illegal spying, notably, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Judge George L. Russell, erstwhile attorney to Pomerleau, and now his interlocutor and greatest admirer.

But previously, the ghost of J. Edgar Hoover hovered over the rapt throng, and as they listened to the fascist diatribe of a modern day Heinrich Himmler, Hoover rubbed his hands in glee.

It was his same litany — the ends justify the means—embodied in the lengthy State Senate report: "abuses of intelligence gathering by Inspection Services Division personnel did occur with the full knowledge and consent of upper echelon department officials including the Police Commissioner" that has propelled Donald D. Pomerleau into this frightful position of power.

With it all, he has acquired potent blackmailing tools against private and public citizens, which paralyze public sanctions against him.

Emboldened with this power, he exhorted that day: "Thousands of Americans have been ripped off by Marxists, Maoists and others who wanted to foment trouble and who advocated violent overthrow of our government. We had to keep an eye on these people . . ."

But who made him judge and jury, keeper of the public's morals, dictator of the public's politics?

However, the way in which this whole affair was orchestrated gives partial answer. For the vested interests were warmed by his words.

The discordant anthem unfolded first with the bright picture of reduced crime in 1975; then the contrabass indictment of ex-police officers and others yet to be named in Block pay-offs. But counterpoint was furnished by the Senate Committee report of illegal spying only to be followed by strident denials, and the support given by Governor and Mayor alike, who without reading the score, crooned as if in fearsome unison, their unrestrained approval of this man and his illegal acts.

Finally, as if to drumbeat it all into frenzied climax, the timely solo response of prima donna DDP, to thunderous applause and bravos.

What cacophony! What infamy to suggest that America needs no changes, no dissent, no criticism. What right has anyone to negate and pervert the Bill of Rights and Constitution according to his wishes; to give the Pomerleau's and Hoover's the right to violate any or all parts with which they are not in accord?

A Christmas card I received states this mindset in capsule. Printed in huge raised letters, emblazoned over the symbolic American bald eagle are the words, "God Bless America" and the inside greeting warns, "Let us remember and be grateful. Merry Christmas!"

Despite the fact that there are those "sunshine patriots" who believe their lives are open books, that they have no reason to fear, it has been shown in light of the revelations about J. Edgar Hoover's manipulation of so-called routine investigations that irreparable harm has been done to all of us with the sheer violation of constitutional rights, sheer dishonest abuse of power in the hands of an ego-maniac, who even felt no qualms in suggesting suicide to Martin Luther King Jr., based upon jealousy and a maniacal belief that he should single-handedly squelch dissent.

Not farfetched was a call I received from a man active in civil rights organizations. His thesis was that corruption in the Supervisors of Elections office was wide-ranging to the point that votes can be erased from the machine at the warehouse, so that they will show inflated numbers for the opposition and blacks with a desire for change, who run for office, will tally just below winning or absurdly low figures.

Given the recent exposure of spying and interference by the Police Commissioner on black politicans and others, this thesis may hold some credence, since the guardians of voting machines are the police. (Now we can more fully wonder why an unknown William Swisher and not a Milton Allen is in the State's Attorney's office.)

But while this voyeurism, invasion of privacy has been going on, what about investigating organized crime in Baltimore? What about the Block and its festering corruption of public morals? What about the ties of organized crime with the Police Department that so far have only revealed the tip of the iceberg?

Rather than end this investigation with a point by point explanation demanded by victim Governor Marvin Mandel from Commissioner Pomerleau, the Senate committee should be reactivated with more power to dig deeper into the bronze tower's own internal affairs.

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 preserved and their future assured:

● Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody:

● Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

DECEMBER 24, 1920)

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

"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

MLK national day

Dear AFRO:

With this the 47th celebration of the late, great, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, I am truly incensed, for the eighth year, that America and Americans continue to allow an injustice to prevail inspite of "Liberty and Justice for All." America, through its prejudiced, ignorant and racist leaders, and peoples, does not pay due respect to an American, primarily because he was black.

More so than any other individual in American history, Dr. King gave his life to make America all that it was intended to be, but was not.

If any woman, man or child wanted America to live up to the true meaning of the American creed: "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, of them- life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" it was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What really infuriates me more than anything else is that many ignorant, prejudiced and racist Americans view this as being an attempt to have a black holiday. The observance of Dr. King's birthday would neither be a black holiday nor a white holiday, it would only be an American holiday.

I urge not only this medium that had the courage to publish my article, but America's President, America's leaders, the more important, American people, to act, now, with this America's 200th Anniversary, to make the Birthday of America's Premier Freedom Fighter, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a national holiday.

In conclusion, January 15, must become an American holiday, in the name of truth, freedom, justice, love, peace, equality, God and country.

MARVIN L. CHEATHAM SR.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The AFRO agrees that Congress should declare January 15 a national holiday and said so in its lead editorial appearing in the Jan. 17, 1976 issue.)

The oil nations

Dear AFRO:

It is fortunate for the American powers that be that the rest of America is basically ignorant of certain academic facts for the most part. Thus, this portion of America tends to accept as fact anything the power structure tells it.

A case in point was the charge made recently by the government and the press that the Mid-East oil nations' embargo of oil shipments to America was blackmail.

Yet, the dictionary defines blackmail as "any payment extorted by intimidation, as by threats of injurious revelations or accusations."

As was obvious, this was not demanding payment from America for anything, nor was the Middle East threatening to reveal anything damaging about the United States, although there is probably a lot here which needs to be exposed.

The actions of those oil nations, therefore, were only the normal reactions of any people who saw their oil being given to an enemy of theirs so that enemy could destroy them.

Indeed, America would have done the same thing if the roles were reversed. Thus, the charge of Middle-Eastern blackmail was unfounded.

On the other hand, America has threatened to commit basically the crime she has accused the Middle-East of committing, when she threatened to cut off economic aid to those 3rd World nations who did not vote the way she wanted them to on the "Israeli racism" issue at the United Nations.

Here, in fact, would be the commission of a crime; for the dictionary shows that such acts would be "coercion" and "extortion."

It defines "coercion" as "the act or power of forcing or compelling, as to do something."

It defines "extortion" as "the act of wresting or wringing something from a person by violence, intimidation, or abuse of authority; to obtain (money, information, etc.) by force, torture, threat, or the like."

Thus, our actions against the Middle-East and those 3rd World nations have perhaps given us the condemnation which we attempted to inflict upon those nations, and leaves but two morals to be related to our nation: "Judge not lest ye be judged!" and "Read your dictionary!"

FRANK G. NEWTON.

ASTRO

ARIES "The Ram" (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) Unload your old ideas and put on new ones. You'll advance faster.

TAURUS "The Bull" (Apr. 21-May 21) Make new friends. Gemini can influence.

GEMINI "The Twins" (May 22-June 21) Keep your eyes and ears open for new ideas. You'll advance much quicker.

CANCER "The Crab" (June 22-July 23) You will get the information needed for planned activities.

LEO "The Lion" (July 24-Aug. 23) Do most of your work in the mornings. Save the afternoons for relaxing.

VIRGO "The Virgin" (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Calm yourself. Try to understand your fellow workers and cooperate with them.

LIBRA "The Balance" (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Your mate desires more attention. He can help to tackle your problems.

SCORPIO "The Scorpion" (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your ability to create will enable you to shine.

SAGITTARIUS "The Archer" (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Improvements at home should be made immediately. A Libra advice good.

CAPRICORN "The Goat" (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) A change in attitude might improve relationship with your family.

AQUARIUS "Water Bearer" (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Be practical and others will know you are sensible. Check word to Scorpio.

PISCES "The Fish" (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Take a little more time to improve your appearance. A whole new world will open for you.

Make it official

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

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

All letters MUST be signed. Names will be omitted if requested.

The AFRO reserves the right to edit all letters.

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

Recently I gave my boyfriend his ring back, pretending that I had broken off with him. The next day I wrote to him explaining that I was only joking.

He has made no attempt to answer me and now he is going with another girl in an attempt to make me jealous. Should I be angry with him for playing around or should I play around, too?

PERPLEXED

Dear Perplexed:

Has it occurred to you that this fellow may be fed up with your jokes? Maybe you have cried "Wolf" one time too many and now it's too late.

Dear Jan:

I am 13 years old and when boys call me on the phone, my mother always asks me what they said. Please help me.

DESPERATE

Dear Desperate:

Help you do what? Be sure your friends don't discuss anything you can not repeat to your mother.

Rapid transit

Dear AFRO:

The big question today around Baltimore city is, do we need a subway system?

In your January 10, 1976 issue, you printed an article with that question as the title.

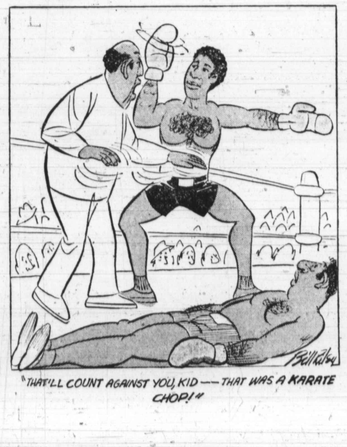
The author, Fourth District Councilman Michael B. Mitchell, is no doubt very well versed on the city and state plans to improve the transportation in and about Baltimore city.

However, he has made the same mistake most people around Baltimore are making.

Plans call for less than 22 per cent of the Rapid Transit System to be underground. Let us not continue the use of the misnomers or incorrect labels put out by some very incorrect civil servants.

Let the people of Baltimore know that the Rapid Transit is long overdue.

RICHARD E. HURLEY, JR.



Salute of week

(Editor's note: AFRO readers are invited to submit names of persons to be featured in this column. Write Salute of the Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203).

People of good will, of all races, are needed to make a city grow and prosper.

The new executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Council, Stanley Sollins, is in the spotlight this week.

Minorities working together for the good of the city is what Stanley Sollins would like to see.

Mr. Sollins was named in August to succeed Leon Sachs who had served 34 years.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Sollins is married to the former Elaine S. Naden. They have three children, Theodore L., 20; Risa J., 18 and Charles D., 14.

This week's honoree, an attorney, is currently a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, American Trial Lawyers Association, Baltimore City Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association and a national director of Big Brothers of America.

A Baltimore County resident, Mr. Sollins has been active in many civic and professional activities, which include chairmanship of several committees in the Baltimore City and Maryland State Bar Associations.

He has served on a number of boards. Among them are the Associated Jewish Charities, Baltimore Tutorial Project, Md. Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mr. Sollins is a U.S. Navy veteran.

Afro Line

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You may also call 728-8200, extension 64 or 50, between the hours 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and speak directly to AFRO-Line.

QUESTION: I note the AFRO story on the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast said that all news media covered the event. I saw WMAR-TV and WBAL-TV, but did not see WJZ-TV. Was WJZ there? If not, why not?

ANSWER: A spokesman at the WJZ news room told AFRO-Line that they did indeed cover the event.

QUESTION:—Would it be possible for you to publish in the AFRO-AMERICAN, a list of the Maryland State senators and delegates, their names and where to address mail to them?

This will be appreciated, and I thank you in advance.—V. F. W.

ANSWER:—Mail for State Senators may be addressed to the James Office Building, Annapolis, Md., 21404. They are:—

Clarence W. Blount, (41D) Room 100, Phone 267-5434.

Robert L. Douglass, (45D) Room 202, Phone, 267-1502.

Clarence M. Mitchell, III, (38D), Room 212, Phone, 267-5035.

Verda F. Welcome, (40-D), Room 101, Phone, 267-5794.

Mail to members of the House of Delegates should be addressed to House Office Building, Annapolis, Md., 21404. They are:

Troy F. Brailey, (40D) Room 317, Phone 267-1553.

Joseph A. Chester, (45D) Room 325, Phone 267-1557.

Walter R. Dean, Jr., (41D), Room 319, Phone 267-1557.

Isaiah (Ike) Dixon, (38D), Room 315, Phone 267-5072.

Hattie N. Harrison (45D), Room 323, Phone 267-1576.

Pinkney A. Howell, (41D), Room 319, Phone 267-1559.

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Lena K. Lee, (38D), Room 315, Phone 267-5072.

Arthur G. Murphy Sr., (41D), Room 319, Phone 267-1558.

Lloyal Randolph, (40D), Room 317, Phone 267-1554.

Kenneth Webster, (40D), Room 317, Phone 267-1555.

Larry Young, (38D), Room 315, Phone 267-5071.

All the above named legislators represent Baltimore City.

Other black lawmakers in Annapolis are, Senator Tommie Broadwater, Jr., Room 215, James Office Bldg., phone 267-5953; and Delegates Nathaniel Exum, Room 204 House Office Bldg., phone 267-5237; Decatur W. Trotter, Room 204 House Office Bldg., phone 267-5236.

QUESTION: — Could you please tell me who handles the painting of the murals on the various buildings throughout the city. It was handled by the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development when it first started.

ANSWER: That program is now being handled by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Art and Culture, directed by Mr. Richard Micherdzinski. The address is 21 S. Eutaw St.

If YOU ask ME — by bettye moss

True and inspiring words heard over the weekend: Mrs. Joe Sloan is the dynamic director of social work of the American and National Red Cross.

At the small dinner party in her honor on Sunday at the Hopkins Club, her husband, David, and other guests drew out of her how she happened to come to Baltimore. The occasion was to celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary which came on December 28.

Mrs. Sloan, the former Joe Stewart, hails from Columbia, South Carolina. She was one of 15 children.

She completed high school ahead of her class and expected like other members of her family to go on to local college.

"But," recalls Mrs. Sloan, "I had made up my mind that I was going North to school and so I went to work for a while and saved up a total of $400 which was a whole lot of money. Then one day, she says, I was standing on the corner and I had heard of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and I bought it and there on the front page was a picture of a group of students at Morgan State College. They were from South Carolina. That is when I made up my mind that I was going up North to Morgan."

Indeed she did, and get this, the $400 even though a whole lot in those days, was not enough to see her through, but she recalled, she went to see the late president, Dwight D. O. W. Holmes, and told him she had a contribution to make to the college, and that if he was to let her remain and work and go to school, she would make the college proud of her.

Indeed she did. Throughout her four years at the college, she made straight A's and went on to become the first woman president of the student council, superintendent of sunday school, dean of pledges of AKA and vice president of all her classes.

Mrs. Sloan worked the whole time she was at school. In fact she said, "I left the campus one time." She got up at 5 a.m. to work and she worked as student cashier in the cafeteria for three years, beginning at the end of her freshman year, including the summer months.

She added that she had four or five other jobs including work in the dormitory which as president of the council fitted right in with her duties.

So when she graduated second in her class in 1944, she not only had sufficient money to pay back the college which had advanced her funds to complete her education, but enough left over to contribute to the alumni fund. Isn't that a beautiful story?

Later Mrs. Sloan went on to the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her master's degree in social work, and did work on her doctorate at the University of Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany.

That is how she met Mr. Sloan, whom she first met when they were students at Morgan.

The Sunday affair was to mark their 14th wedding anniversary which had occurred on December 28.

About were Drs. and Mrs. Henry Welcome, Irving Hawkins; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shade, A. Paul Moss; Mrs. Phoebe Goff; Misses Virginia Lambrow, Helen Woods, Corliss Strickland; and son, Roland H. Rogers, II.

Interesting young person met over the weekend answers to the name of Gregory E. Wright.

He is the admissions counselor at Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa.

After graduation from Baltimore City College in 1969, he went on to Bucknell where he earned his bachelor's and his master's degrees.

Young Wright is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Wright, Sr. of Brighton St. Dad is custodian at King's Maintenance and Mom (Minnie) is dietician at Gwynn Falls Park Jr. High School No. 91.

His sisters and brothers are Michelle, 17, a senior at Western High; Yolanda, 9, a fifth grader at Fannie Barbour School No. 111; Richmond, Jr., 27, a teacher at Lombard Junior High, where he is chairman of the business department; and Melvin, 23, an insurance company employee. The family attends New Shiloh Baptist Church where mother and sister, Michelle sing on the Gospel Choir.

MORE NICE STORIES . . .

People are indeed kind. Ask T. Shelton Coles. He is a teacher at Walbrook Sr. High School and his wife, Margie, is the retired social worker. Both have been confined to Provident Hospital, Mrs. Coles with a stroke and Mr. Coles a slipped disc.

Mr. Coles is now out and able to drive from his Gwynns Falls home to visit his wife in the hospital.

He tells this interesting story which makes one know that people indeed are kind.

While he was in the hospital, his car which was parked in front of his home was struck by what was first thought a hit-and-run driver.

The collision caused his car to crash into another. This was enough to try anybody's soul, but low and behold, a couple of hours after the accident, two sons of the driver came to the Coles' home to announce that their father had had an asthmatic attack and the car had gone out of control.

They offered, and, did indeed, pay for the damages to the car and get this — also provided Mr. Coles with a rented car for which they paid so that he could visit his wife in the hospital.

Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, the AFRO depuis public relations director, was rushed to Sinai Hospital, Thursday, but thank goodness, she was able to pass that painful stone.

She did not have to have surgery and has been released and is now resting at home.

This thought of the week is from Norman Vincent Peale's little booklet, 'Thought Conditioners.': —

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. — John 7:37

Every now and then deep unsatisfied longings well up within us. We may seem to have everything heart can desire and ought to be perfectly satisfied.

But still these vague dissatisfactions alloy our happiness.

When you notice such feelings, try saying this verse a few times.

As you do so, try to imagine how Jesus looked when He said these words, the kindness, the understanding, the peace on His face.

Try picturing yourself as receiving from Him a drink of cold water — symbolic of the water of life that completely satisfies thirst so that one never ultimate in soul satisfaction.

Affirm that you receive from Him the ultimate in soul satisfaction.

A deep inner peace will gradually grow upon you.

Small world department: Dr. Raymond Bowen, Jr., who arrived here on Sunday to become the new vice president of the Liberty Campus at Community College of Baltimore attended St. James Episcopal Church services.

Reason: In 1946-47, Dr. Bowen was choir boy at St. Luke's Church in New Haven, Conn., when St. James rector, Father Donald O. Wilson pastored there.

Dr. Bowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Sr. (Lucille Cobb) Bowen of New Haven Conn. Dad is a training supervisor for inner city residents at Yale University and mom is in data processing at Yale Hospital.

His younger brother and sister reside in Los Angeles. The brother Robert, is assistant director for the Los Angeles County Hospital. Sister, Miss Lucille Bowen, is the assistant business manager for a rug firm.

More Cuff: Dr. Bowen is temporarily in an Ashburton apartment until his wife, Joan, completes her assignment in June.

In the meantime, she will visit and they will go house hunting for the family which includes four children, Rachel, 3; Ruth, 7; Rebecca, 9; and Raymond, III, 14.

More Cuff: Dr. Bowe loves Baltimore so far and finds it quite different from his last visit here 10-15 years ago when he came to visit his brother-in-law, Col. Paul Nixon, who is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

Mrs. Annie DeChabert Clarke, a frequent visitor from St. Croix, Virgin Islands to Baltimore, died on Monday in Christianated, V.I., after suffering a massive stroke on the preceding Thursday.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at St. John's Episcopal Church Christianated, where her husband, the Rev. Symour L. Clarke is rector.

Mrs. Clarke was well known everywhere as one of the largest landowners in Virgin Islands and was the mother of five outstanding children. One is a physician, one a lawyer, and 3 school teachers.

Condolences may be sent to Dr. Ralph DeChabert, Christianated, St. Croix, V.I. 00820.

Cuff NOTE: Mrs. Clarke has been in Baltimore at least six different times and has been entertained by the Henry Welcomes and the G. James Flemingses and others. In addition several people who have gone from here to the Virgin Islands have been entertained by her.

Time flies: Seems only yesterday when Herbert Russell Frisby, Jr., was winning honors in City College, where he was the first black president of the senior class. Later, he finished Swathmore College.

Today, he is a full-blown lawyer. As of this past November he was admitted to the bar in ceremonies held in the Court of Appeals in Annapolis.

Now he is licensed to practice before the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and the Federal Court. He is affiliated with a local firm.

Mr. Frisby is a 1975 graduate of the Yale University Law School, where he was involved in several projects.

He is the son of H. Russell Frisby, Sr., the director of the Domestic Relations Division of the Supreme bench and Mrs. Kathryn T. Frisby, principal of Matthew A. Henson School No. 29 and the grandson of former AFRO Far North correspondent, Dr. Herbert M. Frisby and the late Mrs. Annie Russell Frisby.

Cuff note: Young Frisby was recently nominated for elder at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Smile

"The biggest trouble with the human race is that mankind, is afflicted with an incurable malady called human nature."

"Beauty is something that mother nature gives and father time takes back."

Where to call

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION — for complaints of discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental disability — for report of tension in your community — 386-3141.

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

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

DISASTERS — fires, floods, hurricanes — 467-3905.

EMERGENCY — Housing, heating, light — 234-2172 or 265-6525 — After 6 p.m. and weekends, 396-2426 or 396-2053.

FIRES — 685-1313.

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

INFORMATION — City Jail 396-3211 — Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2728 — Job, 383-5464 — Legal Aid, 539-5340 — Pension Reform, 962-3914, Transit and Traffic, 396-3049.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govant, 396-6084 — Greater Homewood, 396-6050 — Northwest, 396-0224 — Steuart Hill, 396-0207.

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