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Cherry Hill

Residents of Cherry Hill, South Baltimore's largest black community, are understandably upset by a series of articles in a daily newspaper having to do with crime, violence and the personal and familiar tragedies of several young men from this neighborhood.

The writer sought to trace the lives of young men in Cherry Hill who for the most part ended up in prison or dead.

We do not quite understand the focus of these articles except that they do implant in readers' minds the image of Cherry Hill as a negative community.

Cherry Hill, of course, has more than its fair share of social and other problems, as does any other concentrated predominantly black neighborhood. Most of these problems are imposed from without and are directly a result of the racist society in which we must live and somehow survive.

Rather than over-react to how the daily media perceives the lives of black folk (most usually 'incorrectly) our notion is that perhaps the record is set straight by some positive documentation.

Truth is, despite isolation from Baltimore proper, and its origin as a housing complex for low and moderate income families, Cherry Hill has contributed in large measure to the vitality and progress of this city.

Success stories abound.

Dr. Roderick Charles, son of Mrs. Edna Charles of Cherry Hill, is the first black graduate of the University of Maryland's School of Medicine.

Del. Walter R. Deal Jr., 41st Legislative District member of the State Assembly, is a Cherry Hill native.

Ms. Sonia A. Wells of Cherry Hill, is an assistant bank manager.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Day, residents of Cherry Hill since 1948, have handed down a rich legacy of achievement to their children. William Jr. is a labor relations specialist, Virginia, a super-nurse, Debra, a bank accountant, Gloria, Social Security administrator, Edwina, a housing development administrator and James, an electrical contractor.

The list could go on indefinitely. Cherry Hill may not be the "toniest" community in the metropolitan area but we suspect it has produced a comparatively high proportion of solid citizens.

That point was either not known or ignored in the daily media treatment of this neighborhood.

Even negative things, we are optimistic, can turn into positives. For example: The good citizens of Cherry Hill are meeting Monday night, July 17, to consider the implications of the newspaper articles about their area.

If nothing else the series of reports has prompted Cherry Hill residents to meet, renew their spirit of unity which has been a hallmark of Cherry Hill since its inception, and move forward on their problems.

The fact that Cherry Hill has also produced its share of young people who, either through deliberate choice or unfortunate circumstances, ended up as criminals does not in any way negate this community.

Indian unity

The "longest walk" of native Americans (American Indians) to protest many aspects of this nation's horrible treatment of them is a mission with which every black citizen must identify and give aid.

Several of the organizations in the Baltimore area have extended aid and ideological support to the native Americans' protest march to right what they see as wrongs implicit in new legislation now worming its way through the Congress.

Of particular concern to Indians is House Bill 9950 — The Omnibus Indian Jurisdiction Action of 1977. This legislation, if enacted, says members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), would take away all tribal jurisdiction over members of the tribes.

This is an especially sinister thrust, it seems to us, as the strength of tribal unity has been the glue holding treaties of whose treaties are honored by the white U.S. government with Indians.

To undermine tribes is to remove one of the few protections the Indian brothers have in holding onto lands originally theirs as well as the oil, timber and other riches such lands yield.

To weaken the tribal concept is to weaken Indian unity, this solidarity is about all that has caused their government to continue to honor said treaties in the first place.

Out of historic empathy with these first Americans, we, who with ourselves, comprise this nation's two most oppressed and brutalized subject peoples, we must fight with the Indians in their just cause as we must fight for ourselves.

Those Klan arrests

The capture of several white Maryland men in the past few days by state police for covert Klan activity is a chilling reminder that violence bred by racial hatred lurks just beneath the surface for too many so-called Americans.

These purported Klan members who had selected, according to police, several bombing targets, prominently Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Jewish religious institutions, give evidence that this nation's racial troubles are nowhere near as calm as some liberal Pollyanas would have us believe.

Plainly put there are a goodly number of white Americans who overwhelmingly reject the notion that all men are brothers and that all Americans have equal rights regardless of color or creed.

Even more bluntly there are far too many white Americans who just below the surface think that killing blacks and Jews is the final and only solution.

The Klan is just the tip of the iceberg, fringe "crazies" willing to act out what their tamer brethren feel but do not act on except in much more subtle ways.

The Maryland State Police are to be commended for their successful infiltration and investigation of Maryland Klan activities but we are urging that they remain ever alert. Too many people are capable of mixing their own insanity into a brew of racial hatred, politics and violence, as does the Klan, for anyone's guard to ever drop.

Knights of St. John

Join with us in welcoming to town this weekend the Knights of St. John's, one of the largest lay Catholic organizations in the country.

We feel honored that this group chose Baltimore for the site of its 61st annual convention.

The Knights promise us bout a good time and a spiritual time with a spectacular parade on Saturday, from the Fifth Regiment Armory, and a special religious ceremony Sunday.

Welcome!

Bay College again

State legislators took Dr. Sheldon Knorr, State Board of Education chief, to task this week for telling them, more or less, that it was not his organization's responsibility to closely monitor institutions such as Bay, the job was that of the college's board of trustees.

Lawmakers said baloney to Dr. Knorr. We agree, though we in no way want to suggest that Bay's trustees do not have a lot to account for as to why the dying institution has been so lousily administered.

Knorr has shown no reluctance to dip into the affairs of other state institutions so why he demurs when a school really hits the skids as Bay has done puzzles us.

We would hope Knorr uses his good offices to help fashion a survival plan for Bay and that he provide the technical assistance to see that Bay is properly resurrected.

Anyone can revoke a floundering college's license, as the Board did in the case of Bay with two notable abstentions, but it takes real, educational and administrative skill to bring a Bay back to life.

We would urge Knorr to stop playing Pontius Pilate and get in there and fight for dear old Bay. We sense the General Assembly would support such a rehabilitation effort.

Also on Bay

We do not quite understand how Bay's trustees, including several of the town's financial wizards, let things get so twisted.

The gentlemen concerned would not have let their own businesses sink into bankruptcy.

Their silence is curious as is their seeming reluctance to do anything about the college they were supposedly over-seeing now that it breathes its last.

This troubles us, it should trouble you.

A LITTLE ABOUT A LOT: MADELINE MURPHY

By Madeline W. Murphy

The affirmative outcome of Proposition 13, in California, was a suicidal attempt to right wrongs in taxing and spending, mirrored by those recently fired from the public payroll, who voted for it and now cry, "Why me?"

Better it would have been if defense spending nearing the trillions of dollars, could have been greatly reduced. Proportionate returns to the states of income tax money could then ease the burdens of the states.

But folks aren't too smart about identifying the enemy! Or else they are severely brainwashed in believing that militarism to the nth degree preserves peace and liberty.

"Quote: "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem!"

While dissidents are being tried in the Soviet Union, with all this country's taunting about human rights, isn't it ridiculous that the Morris Mechanic closed an art show because of what it deemed controversial art?

When does the public decide and who is so sanguine that she can choose the public's taste? Further, where are the artists who claim, in a "free society," censorship of this kind is abhorrent?

At the same time that demonstrators are harassing local coin dealers to discontinue sale of South African gold krugerands, because, aside from apartheid, black gold miners are being exploited, overworked and grossly underpaid, "Wall Street Week's — PBS — expert last week suggested these very gold coins as the best investment.

Was it intentionally a play on words that Maryland's United Way took a full page ad in July Playboy?

Closing Bay College is a short-sighted resolution to the impending return to "separate but unequal" (already alleged to be the great failure of Bay) that the Bakke decision has thrust upon blacks. How silent, however, are the members of the Board of Trustees, now shadows letting their president and chairman take the heat!

Puzzle: What criteria is used to choose running mates and support for candidates by various black political bigwigs? A glaring omission is Howard "Pete" Rawlings without 7th Congressional District support. Makes one wonder what rewards come from "laboring in the vineyards."

Dwight Pettit needs support from the whole black political community. He also should remember, before it's too late, the danger of wooing whites at the expense of wooing blacks; that it loses elections, as witness the demise of Milton Allen four years ago and the failure of George Russell's mayoral attempt. But any way, how the 2nd District's - Burns and Robert Douglass can support States Attorney William Swisher raises the question of the slave - master syndrome, puppetry and short sighted opportunism. . a telling but strange alliance with the racists of the First; Third and Sixth! How long will blacks in East Baltimore put up with this obvious insult?

A duet by the two Alla(e)ns, Bakke and Quille: "Black folks done done me wrong."

MacDonald's ad on the family, written and produced by a black, showing two fathers - to - be, one black, one white, reinforces "white is right" with white nurses, white hospital personnel and white doctors. Makes one wonder about the father and the black kid's future without role models. But then in real life we see black physicians hire white lawyers, whose daughters and sons become lawyers. Who will be THEIR clients? Not their parents, for sure! Free advice, may be!

At this writing (Monday) Matthew J. Seiden's series about Cherry Hill in the morning daily, makes one wonder why a case history about a minority of seven unfortunate hoodlums is relevant when there are so many more young people who have gone out of Cherry Hill to become lawyers, doctors, dentists, managers of banks, preachers, farmers, steel workers, policemen, teachers, social workers, etc., etc., etc?

But then if that's what whites want to stereotype, we might be warned by the Red Queen, who explains progress to Alice in "Through the Looking Glass."

After running at length with the Red Queen, "Alice looked around her in great surprise. 'Why, I do believe we've been under this tree the whole time! Everything's just as it was!'

'Of course it is,' said the Queen. 'What would you have it?'

'Well in our country,' said Alice, still panting a little, 'you'd generally get to somewhere else — if you ran very fast for a long time as we've been doing.'

'A slow sort of country!' said the Queen. 'Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!'"

Guess we'll have to put some extra heavy track shoes on, huh?

WASHINGTON REPORT: PARREN J. MITCHELL

Mr. Mitchell represents Maryland's 7th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Random thoughts and contradictions

Legislative work must go on

It will be a long time before all the angles of the Bakke opinion reveal themselves. So far, so good. Bakkeites will win some, perhaps most; the pro - Bakkeites will win their quota.

The Supreme Court's decision in the A T and T case, last week, is the first sign that the court does not intend to outlaw all "affirmative action."

Here was a case, initiated by a union (Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO) which attacked a voluntary program by A T and T to employ and upgrade more minority group and women workers. The union took the position that such remedical action, on the part of the company, would violate the seniority clause in its contract. The court sided with A T and T.

In all the excitement about the Bakke decision, Proposition 13 in California and the firemen's strike in Tennessee, the tedious work of legislating must go on.

Legislation is used to solve the problems people face. One such problem was that senior citizens, the disabled, veterans and others often have their checks lost or stolen or defaced. Before the Treasury Department would issue another check, the persons had to promise to repay Treasury if the original and the substitute check were legally cashed.

In October 1977 Rep. Henry Reuss introduced House Resolution 13087 to remedy this situation. His bill was referred to the subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy which I chair.

On June 6, 1978, my subcommittee marked up and approved the legislation.

On June 20, 1978, I made the following statement before the Full Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee:

"The legislation would authorize the Treasury to issue substitute checks that are lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated or defaced, without the undertaking of indemnity by the payee, except as the secretary of treasury may require. My subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation on June 6. The Carter administration supports it.

"Under current law, for amounts exceeding $200, before the substitute check can be issued, payees must undertake indemnity, that is, they must promise to repay the Treasury if both the original and substitute checks are lawfully cashed.

"According to the testimony we heard in subcommittee from Treasury witnesses, the current statutory requirement is unnecessarily delays for weeks, or even months, the settlement of proper claims from the public for relatively small amounts of money.

"The hardship that this works on many claimants, who have an urgent and pressing need for the money due them, is cruel as well as unnecessary. H. R. 13087 provides an appropriate remedy. It is long overdue!"

The bill passed unanimously in the full committee and is scheduled to be voted on by the U. S. House of Representatives within the next few weeks. My vote count shows that the bill will pass overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives.

All of us must be involved in the larger struggles that threaten black and poor people in this country. However, as lawmakers we must not neglect the smaller problems that plague little people each day.

When the bill is passed, no longer will a 72 - year - old senior citizen who has had her check stolen have to wait three or four months before a substitute check can be issued.

Now she may have to wait no longer than seven days at the maximum before a duplicate check can be issued to her for the money she desperately needs. Law making can help make life a little better for people.

LETTERS

Defending DSS

Dear AFRO:

The Grand Jury recently issued a report expressing serious concern over several aspects of operation at the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. Specifically, they were "appalled" at the rate of error which occurs in computing and recertifying eligibility and monetary grant levels.

The issues raised have been responsibly addressed by the director of the city department; however, I feel it to be appropriate, as an interested outside observer, to also comment on the Grand Jury report.

The issue of a high "error rate" in the welfare system has been a problem of long standing duration but, in highlighting his problem, the Grand Jury also expressed the additional concern that they saw no effective effort being made to correct the problem.

In actual fact, extensive and effective steps have been and are continuing to be taken throughout the state which have resulted in dramatic improvements. Unfortunately, the "error rate" remains high and is unlikely to be substantially reduced by local effort without massive and costinefficient methods.

I do not think that there is any way that one can possibly accurately convey the complexity of the system which the welfare eligibility worker must face. Over 100 forms, differing eligibility criteria for each of the programs administered, literally thousands of rules, all of which are applied to families whose eligibility status, or the amount to which they are entitled may change from week to week.

It is a system, declared by a comprehensive Congressional study, that is "complex, inconsistent and understaffed, which guarantees inaccuracy in distributing welfare payments and does not permit systematic protection redress."

Thus, the method of recording errors must be seen as, almost, a built - in trap for the eligibility worker, reflecting little more than the fact that one or more errors (often of a highly technical nature) have been made by client or agency out of literally hundreds of opportunities to do so.

Unfortunately, the very short investigative time devoted by the Grand Jury to the Department of Social Services did not provide them with sufficient opportunity to become aware of the full realities of this dismal system. They were led to, incorrectly, confuse error rate with fraud, and local inability to alter the system with indifferent management.

Closer examination would have shown an agency that is undergoing massive review and improvement in those areas that it can effectively change. Mr. Kalman Hettleman, the new director, has provided a combination of keen intelligence and unbounded energy which, at very least, is not exceeded in any organization, public or private.

His obvious zeal to improve the quality of operation has elicited excitement and imagination from staff, as well as interested community groups. Clearly, we may well expect this agency to serve the city with an ever increasing degree of sensitivity and efficiency.

But, please, let us not forget that the Grand Jury's frustration and concern, while misdirected, was basically correct. Welfare reform is an idea whose time has come - both taxpayer and recipient deserve better.

But, significant improvement, which is also cost - effective, is in the hands of our federally elected representatives and the American people. It is to them and us that we must look for leadership.

CHARLES F. OBRECHT,
chairman, Advisory Commission,
Baltimore City Department
of Social Services

Check out candidates

Dear AFRO:

I hope the black political clubs will not be pushing white people in our community when we have black community members running for the same office.

It seems the black clubs are always talking about black people sticking together. But come election day you will see them pushing white candidates in our community.

I just hope black voters will check out the candidates so that we can give our community a chance to get some black representatives in the court house here in Baltimore.

JOSEPH CONWAY,
Baltimore Civic
Interest Group

Pets are not garbage

Dear AFRO:

We've come a long way, in the wrong direction, when people say "We've got to get rid of our cat or dog." AS if these living creatures were garbage!

People drop live cats and dogs in garbage dumpsters, abandon them on streets, highways and parks.

But not enough of us care to correct this ugliness, this sickness of human beings.

B. J. SMALL

An awakening

Dear AFRO:

Hey! bro!, whatcha doin' with that conk in your hair?
And ain't you gotta lighter if I do declare?
Ah. . .excuse me, bro, but that sister just spoke to you.
Yes, her hair is short and her eyes aren't blue, but I really think some respect is due.
Now you say I'm square, yet you think you're cool.
But with an all - out comparison who's the fool?
You low ride and you lean, in your big machine.
You rap and you dap and you shoot your crap.
You snort and you sip and you flap your lip.
But where are you going and where have you been, are you placing that whip. . . in his hand again?
Can you tell me of a true awakening?

RONN KESS

AFRO invites letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.

G. JAMES FLEMING

NOW AND THEN

More on Bakke aftermath

By G. James Fleming

This stand by the august body should hearten blacks and other minorities, and the NAACP, at its 69th annual convention, has applauded the decision. This is only one opinion, however more are still due to come from the court.

Officers of the NAACP through the voice of Benjamin Hooks, executive director, are aware of this true situation and recognize that the Supreme Court, as now constituted, is weighted on the conservative side. More than that, the nation is more conservative at present than at any other time in the past quarter century.

"We see a neo - conservative blanket that quietly but steadily creeps over our nation," Dr. Hooks warned. "Many of the those forces would rather see us back on the plantation . . . They attempt this by seeking to erase gains we have made over the last 25 years."

As we said in this space not so long ago, we see challenge for the days ahead. Blacks and other minorities cannot give up, they cannot sit and cry, they cannot run away.

Blacks must use their numbers more, to develop political maneuverability and clout — wherever their numbers permit. They must be excited, not only about presidential candidates, per se, but they must also question these candidates as to the type of men and women they will name to the various federal courts, especially the Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Blacks must examine candidates' records as to their past tendencies.

Similarly, when blacks vote for U. S. Senators and Representatives, they must press them as to where they stand on matters of substance to blacks and other minority groups, and to those other programs that impinge on them.

Furthermore, not all important decisions are made in Washington. It is essential, therefore, that blacks be just as concerned about who represents in the state Capitol and in City Hall. It is on these levels that most policies and programs pertaining to education, housing, public health, licensing and taxation are made. This list is a long one.

Blacks must also pay their way in politics. Where a people do not pay their own way or where they must beg, such a people have less clout, politically. Really, they are not free.

How the Bakke decision manifests itself in the future will follow just as much a political pattern as a judicial pattern.

It is worth repeating, from last week, that families and teachers, to meet the challenge of Bakke, must, at once, begin to wage war against every obstacle that keeps most of our children from attaining high levels of achievements in schools, colleges, and professional schools, and on the job.

Those blacks who promote the easy way and the easy courses, as to education, must find new instruments. Where motivation and models are needed, blacks must point to those other blacks, present and past, who have tackled every kind of adversity and overcome, in and out of universities.

If public schools, alone, fail to enable our children to move upward and forward to full competition, then we must either improve these schools (for all children) or we must establish part - time academies, to undergird our children where they are weak, especially in English, mathematics, natural sciences and thinking.

ON THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Censorship: personal mythology vs. communication breakdown

LESLIE KING HAMMOND

Dr. Hammond is dean of graduate studies, Maryland Institute, College of Art.

On Sunday, July 9, The Morris Mechanic Gallery (located "Made in Baltimore: A Personal Mythology."

On Tuesday, July 11, two paintings were removed against the wishes of the artists and against the recommendations of the Advisory Board of The Gallery of which this writer is a member.

The issues surrounding the removal of the paintings demand attention and active concern of everyone who participates will hopefully be helpful in understanding the significance of such a serious and critical matter.

Two major issues are at the root of this problem: One is called censorship and the other is a simple case of breakdown in communications. The latter problem is easier to discuss in terms of recent developments.

The Morris Mechanic Gallery developes its exhibition schedule at least six months to a year in advance of the first scheduled exhibition. Each month must be accounted for and confirmed with the artist and guest curators in advance.

The Morris Mechanic Theatre is not always so lucky to operate in such a fashion. Because of the nature of show business and the performing arts, it is not always possible to know so far in advance or get firm commitments from performers and acting companies.

On the other hand, since these are live performances the actor or entertainer does not risk and have to cancel tie engagement.

Keeping all of these facts in mind, we now proceed directly to the first area of major conflict.

Three days before the show was to open, Theatre Management (Ms. Hope Quackenbush) came down to look at the works to be on exhibition.

The show was declared to be "adult" in content and two works, at least would have to be removed.

The Gallery Advisory Board was called in for advice. They stated clearly and firmly that it was a good show and that all the pieces should be hung or don't hang the show at all.

The artists and curators put so much time and effort into developing this exhibition that they wanted to find a way to keep the whole show up. To postpone the show at the last minute was not a fair solution to the problem in their eyes.

This summer the Theatre Management decided to have a family oriented season and felt that the content of the "Made in Baltimore" show was not suitable for a family type audience.

The poor timing on the part of Ms. Quackenbush, Theatre director, reflects an irresponsibility on the part of "management" to properly inform all members of the operation of the theatre's projected plans. Certainly someone knew at least a month in advance what the summer objectives were.

Hence this whole situation is really nothing more than a management problem, a breakdown in communication which could have and should have been resolved without making the artists and their art the offenders.

Censorship is the next major problem which no one likes to discuss in a public matter. Censorship comes in all forms, color, sizes, shapes and reasons (or non - reasons.) It pops up at the strangest times.

At best it is an ugly and often uncontrollable element which too often gets out of hand. At its worst, it is translated through the private, personal mythology of a person or persons in control of making decisions for other people who have not been consulted as to what they think.

Specifically the pieces in question are Jim Voshell's "Adult Movies," a realistic painting of an adult book - store located a block and a half from the Theatre. The second was a piece by Bill Hadaway called "War" which describes the killing of a human being.

A third painting which caused some distress was a painting of Blaze Starr, grand stripper of the Block. Too much reference to sex or violence became the target and reason for the pieces to be removed.

It is a sad commentry when cultured provincialism is allowed to get in the way of the growth and development of a city on the move. Artists are only reflectors of the images of the society and their environment. The objective is to share and communicate their understanding and visions of what we are.

Today an exhibition hangs in the Morris Mechanic Gallery minus two paintings for all the wrong reasons.

Dr. Randall Craig, an uncensored exhibiting artist, whose sculptural piece is located next to Voshell's painting has threatened to sue for breech of contract if any of the pieces are removed. Dr. Craig feels the show is a total statement and cannot be broken up.

Under give circumstances the irony is that the children would probably care less about the paintings in question. In fact, one piece is hung so high a child couldn't see it anyway.

A profound violation has been commited against the Advisory Board of the Morris Mechnaic Gallery, the guest curators (who tried very hard to negotiate), the artists and the public. Now one can afford to be silent on this issue.

FOR ALL WE KNOW

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

KEN WILSON, the Marina director, is preparing for the noon Aug. 12 arrival of President Carter for the unfurling of the first flag in U.S. history to fly in recognition of human rights. Sponsors are the Maryland German-Americans who will officiate with 200,000 to 500,000 guests attending. The first five ships to get the flag with the golden eagle are Pride of Baltimore, Port Welcome, Defender, Patriot and Minnie V. The flag also has a green olive leaf wreath on a white background with red border and symbolizes love, peace and honesty.

MARY Antoinette Phillips' 3rd Altar Call at Druid Hill Park expects over 50,000 Saturday, July 29 at 9 a.m.

FIRST and oldest Catholic order of black nuns, the Oblate Sisters, has attracted world attention with the opening of their 150th anniversary year. Richard Peed of Bolton North Apts. calls to say his sister, the late Sister Carmilla, was in the order 63 years and built a convent and school in Cuba during trying times. Another sister, Sister Theresa was widely celebrated in the New Orleans diocese.

NAACP former Youth Leader Priscilla Parham, is slated to be awarded along with 14 others across the globe at the Aug. 25 M. L. King Jr. Scholars Internship in Atlanta, Ga.

The program trains scholars to become leaders in non-violence through study of the life and philosophy of the slain Dr. King. Ms. Parham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Parham Sr., is a 1963 Douglass grad. The student government president her senior years, she was also head of the NAACP Jackie Robinson Youth Council and the Pa. Ave. AME Zion Church Youth Council.

After study at the Trinitarian Convent in Cleveland, she was graduated from Hopkins U. in Philosophy and further study at Catholic U.

She expects to qualify for a Hopkins fellowship in September.

HER GUIDING light was Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson who inspired her career in human rights and freedom.

THEREFORE, when Ms. Parham's superb training is done, Freedom House, the dynamic crusade organization Dr. Lillie founded, will take her on to direct its approach in non-violence.

PRAISING her highly, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell notes that Ms. Parham's Fall, 1978 study will also take her to Paris to study under Lanza del Vasto, the only living disciple of M. Ghandi.

By the way, Ms. Parham represented Baltimore and America at the canonization of Baltimore's Saint Elizabeth Seton in Rome in 1975. The brilliant scholar who is now in Atlanta has inspired and motivated young people at St. Francis Xavier Parish, St. James - St. John's Parish and members of the local NAACP Youth Group.

SATURDAY's banquet at the Rte. 40 Howard Johnsons across from Westview will witness over 150 members of the Brown Family present from across the nation. Honoree is Baltimore's Arnett J. Brown Sr. for years a trumpet player with the Municipal Band. He and his wife of 51 years will be present with their children, Mrs. Elaine Brown Page, a Region II senior teacher; Arnett Jr., principal of Cherry Hill Jr. Hi; their grandchildren, and especially, Arnett III, age 6, who will read his grandfather's life history.

MR. AND MRS. BROWN will receive the AFRO's citation for 51 years wedded life and we will also laud them as honorary citizens.

BOB AND MARY Dockins had a 19th wedding anniversary at his club (the S.S.B.B.D. Social Club, Rutland and Chase) last week. Here are some of the jolly guests on the scene:

Messrs. and Mesdames David Barber (Virginia), Rubin Ash (Gloria), David Edwards (Odella), Robert Sweat from San Jose, (Catherine), Carroll Addison (Regina), Leroy Boone (Doris), Gregory Fryerson (Janet), James Wise (Ernestine), Richard Pitts (Ann), Woodrow Dockins Sr. (Margaret);

Also, Zomena Brewer, Barbara Daniles, Helen Hemphill, Debbie Ross, Jennifer Biggs, Sarah Fryerson, Alpha Croxton, Mary Perry, Ruby Hice, Daisy Blames, Michelle Johnson, Bernita Dockins, Mary Carroll, Mrs. Christopher Johnson, Antonia Lloyd, Shirley Baker, Woodrow Dockins Jr., Morris Dow, Ernest Williams, Carolyn Baker, the Diarl Robinsons (Bertha), Tyrone Baker, Elsie Jones, Irene Goines and Mrs. Herman Summerville, Dorothy Carter, Gwen Ross, Yvonne Dutton, Bettie Bridges and Andray Jones.

WANTED — Majorettes, drum and bugle corps, marching bands for the Sunday, Aug. 20 parade. Call Norman Carroll, Park Heights Community Corp., 578-0280.

GREAT ADVENTURE — The July 15 Safari to Jackson, N.J. at $15 each to benefit Lawrence Parker's Show of Stars and the Negro College Fund Drive. Call 563-1895.

JOYCE SCOTT is the featured artist at the Zoo where you may see her fantastic works all week, brilliant wool, pieces of leather, exotic bird feathers in weaving demonstrate her creativity. You'll also see her colorful personality in her dresses. She's fantastic.

THE CARTER family of Baltimore gave Del. Troy Brailey an award which states, "In honor of Del Brailey who has shown a multitude of love, concern and devotion to the children of the late Ned and Rose Carter. Presented by the Carter Family and Dr. and Mrs. William Rivers."

The unusual plaque went to Del Brailey the same time he got the outstanding citizenship award from the Baptist Ministers.

The seven Carter children ages 7 to 17, suffered the loss of their father through death and the mother was gravelly ill five years ago when Brailey first met them.

Before James finished school, the mother died. Brailey obtained a college grant for James, money for the children through his annual Citizens Awards Dinner. James is now a minister and a sister has finished college. Another sister enters college this year. All are doing well with just the baby brother to go but still in the care of the devoted citizen Brailey. All are members of Dr. Rivers' New Bethlehem Baptist.

TRAVIS WINKEY, the noted fashion show producer, and his family were our 2600 block McCulloh neighbors some years ago. His brilliant sisters and brothers are doing well with Nancy employed in New York. Travis is taking his show to Paris soon.

P. J. MITCHELL has his fund raiser at the Maritime Union Hall on Broadway July 21, at 9 to 2 a.m. disco at $15 each. Secret Service guys won't need to pay, if you get what we mean.

DWIGHT PETTIT'S affair Aug. 16 at Martin's West will see Rosalynd Carter (the first lady) present. His first party is at the Blue Crest July 27 with a gooooood bouffet and interesting folks.

DAVE SLOAN and Frank Conaway put several events with one on the Sloan residence lawn, a big barbecue Aug. 5. Mrs. Conaway and Mrs. Sloan have a committee of ladies working furiously for their two mates who are contending for the House of Delegates, Conaway from the 40th and Sloan from the 41st.

FIRST IN HISTORY is the New Shiloh Baptist Telethon which involves a 10-phone bank at the church where Rev. Harold Carter is pastor. The bank will remain at the church even after the Crusade is over and will be used for community service roundups. The Call to Christ July 30 at the Civic Center will also be a first. 15,000 are expected.

FAREWELL to James B. Winder who died at age 82 June 18. Born in Baltimore, he was a lifelong Orchard Street Church member. The Father's Day party at his home in Pleasantville, N. J. saw his children present including Baltimore's Paul Winder, owner of the Black Image Tavern. The senior Mr. Winder collapsed while getting the barbecue fixings from the freezer. He had never been ill and spent retirement days from 35 years at the Post Office visiting his children, Paul in town here and James Jr. in New Orleans. The others, Dorothy and Katherine, reside in Pleasantville. There are 14 grands and four great-grands also surviving.

Mr. Winder was a WW I solider, member of the 351st Field Artillery and played his clarinet in the band in France.

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Poverty and anger II

Last week's column was prompted by the gruesome portrayal of poor and angry New York young people. Baltimore doesn't have the widely dehumanizing neighborhoods of our northern brethren. We have dirty streets but nothing of ours equals the squalor around New York City and its neighboring boroughs.

So - o - o, our teenagers aren't quite as victimized by their environment. Our teenagers are no happier with their anger than are New Yorkers. Anger is anger. Depression, hopelessness, boredom are other feelings our teenagers live with. Of course, these feelings aren't the monopoly of the poor.

Such negative feelings are not a 24-hour, 365-days a-year burden. My concern is to have young people exam the anger they find within.

Why are you angry?
With whom are you angry?
I mean, with whom are you REALLY angry?
How angry are you? Is it worth being that angry?
Who hurts because of your anger?
What are you going to do with your anger?

In certain neighborhoods where there is economic and social poverty, anger is frequently dealt with quickly and violently. There is a pervasive lack of respect, lack of understanding, lack of caring about others.

The schools have more fights than schools in neighborhoods not overwhelmed with environmental and personal troubles. Sometimes the anger of the streets seeps into the homes and classrooms so that joy and self - respect and feelings of success are rather scarce.

We can shout and curse and blame others.

We can also look within ourselves and decide whether we have been "programmed" to tear each other down. We can examine the depth of "black is beautiful."

We can remember that no other person can control our thoughts. We can recognize that we can choose to deal with anger with brains as well as emotions.

We can find the good in each other. We can stop accepting the "programming" of inferiority in brains, in self - respect, in respecting other humans.

We can learn to love ourselves.

MORE LETTERS

State prison mess

Dear AFRO:

We Baltimoreans are all obervers if not participants in the war between the east and the south over the location of the proposed new prison in Baltimore. Those of us who have not yet placed bets on who the winner will be might gain some valuable insight by checking out some not - so - obvious influences.

We are all aware of the Armistead Park opponents who envision that site as prime potential for furthering the city's image as cultural center and gentle artistic sanctuary where a prison has hardly a place at all.

Then there are the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore who are fighting what they see as placement of a lit bomb on their doorstep. And the prisoners themselves, who'se interest lies not in the location of a new prison but in potential relief from the inhumane over - crowding the U.S. District Court has recently forbade state officials to continue in the Maryland Penitentiary and the House of Corrections.

And so the war rages; demand vs. counter demand being made of the Mayor whose position as arbiter is inescapable without loss of political face not to mention support.

Pressure on the Parole Commission too reduce the prision population has prompted Commission Chairman Henry Turner to shuffle parole eligibity a bit; in some cases reducing by two weeks the time required of a person serving six months. Only those serving short sentences are safe bets for early release. Unfortunately they are even better bets to be back in prison within the period of grace they are given.

And finally the not - so - obvious observer whose 1975 directive that require prisoners to be heard for parole. In effect the programming that is required by the Parole Commission is being withheld from longer term prisoners who are more serious about building successful lives. This amounts to a mandatory denial of parole at the initial hearing of all prisoners serving 10 years or more.

DCIB 37 - 75 is a clever mandate that handcuffs the Parole Commission and takes into its own hands the Maryland law on parole eligibility. In light of this her - to - fore unseen influence there is small wonder the Maryland prison population expands to fill the available beds, thus indicaating a need to build more prisons regardless of the crime rate which is currently down 6 percent.

Mark Levine, commissioner of Corrections and author of DCIB 37 - 75 stands accused of creating the problem over which we are at war. Levine can bet his shirt that the outcome will leve his domain the bigger by 800 beds or so.

For the rest of us who must choose a side, I suggest a combined effort to coordinate the regulations of the Parole Commission and the Division of Corrections and bring them both in line with the laws of the state in an attempt to promote a more fluid and productive function of the criminal justice system would be our best bet.

In the process perhaps Levine can be consoled that growth is not a pigtimate objective of a prison system anyway.

Bernard Lee

Don't blame Parole Commission

Dear AFRO:

In today's paper I read an interview from Mr. Henry P. Turner, chairman of the State Parole Commission.

In response to that interview, I would like to say that it is a real shame that anyone would attempt to signal out the Parole Commission and place undue blame for the problems of our criminal justice system.

I think the prosecutors fail to make the proper investigation in order to determine the facts which are considered before a person is paroled.

What is the Commission to do when a person has proven worthy of a parole release? In many cases where a person has been confined for over a year, psychological and psychiatric testing is ordered before considering possible parole release.

It is not easy for a person to leave a prison after years of confinement and be expected to adjust to a society that is years ahead of them.

Believe, the problem is far from the Parole Commission, and any thought of disbanding the Commission would be like adding gas to an already big fire.

Politicians say build more prisons, but on the thought of more prisons, where do we go when they are full and over - crowded? And what do we do when our state is full of ex - convicts?

Mr. Prosecutor, there's no votes for picking on the Parole Commission.

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