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in the union including Hawaii and Alaska, Africa and many foreign countries and wherever servicemen are stationed and receive the AFRO through subscription.

John H. Murphy III is chairman of the AFRO board of directors; John J. Oliver Sr. is president; Mrs. Mae Murphy Dyson, secretary and George C. Lottier, treasurer.

Raymond H. Boone is vice-president/editorial Frederick A. Howard, vice president, production; Kenneth O. Wilson is vice-president in charge of advertising.

The 86th Anniversary celebration is Friday, Aug. 11 beginning at noon when Mayor William Donald Schaefer presents 70 Clean Block flags and American flags to the Baltimore blocks which have shown the most improvement.

The place is War Memorial Plaza.

The effort is part of the AFRO's award - winning Clean Block Campaign, the only one of its kind which has enrolled more than 10,000 children this year.

The public is invited to share the AFRO's 86th Birthday Cake.

On hand to greet you will be AFRO officials led by Board Chairman John H. Murphy III, President John J. Oliver Sr. and members of the board and staff as well as state and city officials.

Cars and floats will leave the AFRO Office at the foot of Druid Hill Avenue with a police escort at 10:30 a.m.

The total of 498 blocks represented by leaders include those of 11 housing developments; the kings and queens from 224 housing units and captains and delegates from 274 blocks.

Most blocks will assemble at the War Memorial Plaza at 11:30 a.m. Music is by the Silver Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps of East 21st Street under Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson.

Outstanding blocks such as 1500 Stricker St. have made costumes for their 25 children and are bringing their queens. Other blocks with floats include 1700 Holbrook, 500 W. Lafayette, 300 Gilmor, 2200 East Lanvale, 900 East Biddle, Druid Heights and 1300 North Carey.

The AFRO approaches the twenty - first century with a new technology to keep abreast of the times and give its reading public the greatest possible service.

The new system of plates and processing equipment is like that which over 285 leading newspapers worldwide use to remain responsive to demands for attractive and easy reading.

In anticipation of the needs of the AFRO of the future, President John J. Oliver Sr. began preparation for the new technology some two years ago.

Top caliber professionals are employed to maintain the new quality under Frederick A. Howard, Leon Brown and John Quarles, production chiefs and their staffs.

Stereotyping has been eliminated. The new system includes a plastic plate which is also a relief plate that can be attached right to the rotary press.

By eliminating the sterotype process, the AFRO is printed much faster and with visible high quality results.

The AFRO is known nationally for the Clean Block Program, the oldest environmental program in the nation. This year marks the 44th year of the clean city effort which has enrolled more than 10,000 youngsters and adult leaders.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa program founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss in the early 1940s is also a continuing program and at Christmas, 1977 distributed more than $16,000 in food coupons, baskets and funds to needy families.

The 85th Anniversary Edition was published in all cities and followed the two Bicentennial Editions of 1976. Regular year-specials are the Teachers' Supplement; Opportunities and Economic Development editions and other issues which list jobs and positions available for equal opportunity and employment.

As a leader to champion the causes of its black readership, the AFRO has remained in the forefront on the civil rights scene all its 86 years.

Baltimore Managing Editor is Ralph D. Matthews Jr. and Elizabeth M. Oliver, city editor.

Longtime AFRO employees who have served 20 to 50 years are:

Howard H. Murphy, comptroller, member Board of Director; Mahlon Oswell, asst. to the business manager manager, former credit manager; Arthur M. Carter, publisher, Washington AFRO; Joseph Goldman, pressroom foreman; John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board; Ruth A. Jenkins, city editor, Washington AFRO; Dorothy Jackson, adm. asst. to the vice president - advertising; John J. Oliver Sr., president; Mae E. Dyson, corporate secretary;

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FOUNDER AND SONS — This 1922 AFRO photo taken in the library of founder John H. Murphy Sr.'s Druid Hill Avenue Home shows the founder, John H. Murphy Sr. (seated) 1840-1922; and sons (L to R) D. Arnett Murphy, 1892-1970; Daniel Murphy, 1893-1922; George S. Murphy Sr., 1870-1955; John H. Murphy Jr., 1890-1973 and Dr. Carl Murphy, 1889-1967.

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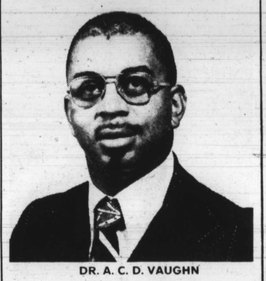

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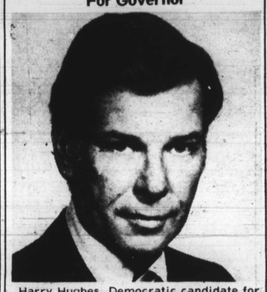

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How AFRO was launched

Twenty-seven years after the Civil War, a former slave set free by the Maryland Emancipation Act of 1863 purchased the name and printing equipment of a small one page weekly going out of business.

He was John H. Murphy Sr.

John Henry Murphy was born in Baltimore, Christmas day in 1840. His father Benjamin Murphy was a white washer.

"Uncle Bennie" as he was formerly called was a singer of note. He led Bethel AME Church choir for 15 years. His mother, Susan C. Murphy seemed to have impressed him mostly by her patience and insistance on cleanliness about the house.

When Lincoln issued a call for colored troops in the Civil War, Mr. Murphy then 24 enlisted in Company G of the 30th Regiment Infantry U.S. Colored Troops, Maryland Volunteers and rose to the rank of first sergeant.

The regiment served 21 months with General Grant in the Wilderness Campaign and the siege of Petersburg, towards joining General Sherman with North Carolina and taking part in final battles which resulted in the capture of the army of General Johnstone.

The war over, Mr. Murphy returned to Baltimore and married Martha Howard of Montgomery County, Md. who was visiting his parents at the time.

His first venture in the newspaper field was the Sunday School Helper which he set up and printed himself to create interest in Sunday school work.

At the time he was the District Sunday School Superintendent of Hagerstown District AME Church. He inaugurated the first Sunday School Convention, then called institutions which has been taken up and adopted as a regular feature of Sunday school work in that denomination.

When the Northwestern Family Supply Company failed and Rev. W. Alexander was left with the AFRO-AMERICAN on his hands, Mr. Murphy bought it in 1892 and maintained it as a continuous weekly publication for 30 years.

Although he was a member of fraternity organizations he worked hardest for the Shriners of which he became Imperial Potentate.

He was a member of the Board of Managers of Provident Hospital and a former president of the Negro Press Association. At the time of the G.A.R. Encampment in Indianapolis he was one of the two Post Commanders present.

A member and lecturer in the National Negro Business League in the early 1900's he was also president of the National Negro Publishers Association.

He remained publisher of the AFRO to 30 years until his death in 1922. He left his ten children what was then the largest black newspaper plant in the country - operated and manned by 138 employees with a circulation of 14,000.

John H. Murphy Sr. had ten children five girls and five boys. All of the children helped at the newspaper, no matter how young, either running the hand press, gathering news, mailing, writing or selling AFROs.

Colleges in those days for poor blacks and whites were out of the question. The girls in the family, Eva Sue Purdy, Frances Rose Oliver and Nettie Gilbert all attended the Colored Teachers College to supplement the family income. George, the oldest brother, became first a teacher and then one of the first colored principals, School No. 104, No. 109 and No. 112. . . . built from the ground in 1922.

On his death bed in 1922, old man Murphy called his family together and especially his sons and gave them a mandate. His legacy to them was a family business, with all stock owned by family members where any members of his family would always have a place to work . . . down to his children, his children's children, down to the last generations.

Today the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers reach thousands of readers nationally through its editions in major cities such as Newark, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond.

Public asked to I.D. King, Kennedy murder pix

WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans have been asked for help in identifying blurred photographs and sketches of mystery men connected to the murders of John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Assassinations Committee has made public two composite drawings and three blurred photographs "to make best possible use of available pictorial evidence and photographic techniques . . . in the hope that citizen recognition of the might shed additional light on the assassinations of . . . Kennedy and King."

Anyone recognizing any of the men depicted were asked to contact the House Select Committee on Assassinations, Washington, D.C. 20515, and submit any pictures they may have of the subjects.

Proven linkage of any of the men to the Kennedy and King cases would directly challenge the still unrefuted conclusion by the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963; and the guilty plea by escaped convict James Earl Ray that he murdered King in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968.

Ray is serving a 99 - year sentence at Brushy Mountain Prison at Petros, Tenn., but has since changed his story and is seeking a new trial on the ground he was the "fall guy" for a mysterious Canadian smuggler named "Raoul" who has never been identified.

First formed Sept. 17, 1976, to investigate persistent rumors of conspiracies in both murders, the House assassinations panel so far has failed to come up with anything concrete to dispute the "lone assassin" theses.

A series of public hearings is scheduled on both cases in August, September, November and December, when all "new" evidence will be reviewed and many witnesses, including Ray, will be recalled for testimony.

The three photographs released by the committee included a blurred image of a dark - haired man, possibly with mustache, sitting on a curb with a group whose faces do not show. The committee caption said only that the picture was taken in Dealey Plaza "moments after President Kennedy was shot."

The other two photographs, according to the committee, are "of two men who may have been in Mexico City in the fall of 1963 when Lee Harvey Oswald . . . was there."

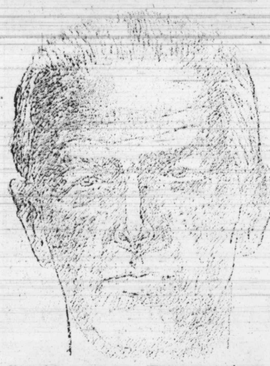
One photograph shows a handsome, apparently blond - haired man in his 20s or early 30s. He appears to be wearing a jacket over a dark turtleneck sweater or pullover.

The other photograph, badly scratched and blurred, is a side shot of a light or gray - haired, aquiline - nosed man who could be in his late 40s or 50s. He wears a light suit, shirt and tie. The face of a man leaning beside his left side is obscured.

A sketch, captioned "Ralph" shows a middle-aged, dark-haired, square-jawed man with high cheekbones "who allegedly was in Atlanta in 1967 or 1968."

The other composite drawing, captioned "Maurice Bishop," shows a man with close - cropped hair bearing a resemblance to Prince Philip, husband of Queen of Elizabeth of England.

The committee said this man "reportedly represented himself as a member of the U.S. intelligence community in the 1960s and . . . on occasion used the name Maurice Bishop." (UPI)



Man at left reportedly posed as U.S. Agent, used name of 'Maurice Bishop.' Other man, calling himself

'Ralph,' may have been in Atlanta in 1967 or 1968.

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(Authority Donna Rice, Treasurer)

Congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN on its 86th Birthday

Ex-Colt retires

CHICAGO (UPI) — Defensive end Billy Newsome, who started every game for the Chicago Bears last season after coming to the club in a trade with Buffalo, has announced his retirement.

The eight-year veteran began his pro career with the Baltimore Colts, who drafted him on the fifth round out of Grambling in 1970.

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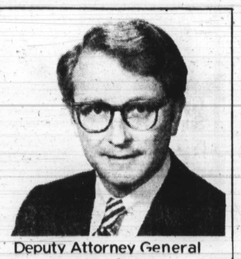

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