Baltimore Afro-American

OPINION

Founded August 1892 by John H. Murphy Sr., 1840-1922. Published every Tuesday and Saturday by the AFRO-AMERICAN CO. of Baltimore City Inc. Carl Murphy (1889-1967) Editor-publisher (1922-1967).

Congressman Bauman, —sex, shame, sham!

As well as could be broke of Maryland Eastern Shore Congressman Robert Bauman's involvement with a teen-age boy the Baltimore regional leadership of the NAACP demanded his resignation.

With compassion they also counseled the legislator to seek medical treatment for the alcoholism he claims drove him to homosexual activity with a minor.

We think the NAACP acted with wisdom and much understanding given the circumstances.

Robert Bauman has been battling mightily against everything the NAACP and most black people, most low-income families and others in states of oppression have been struggling for.

Including homosexuals!

Bauman has been the darling of the conservative, right-wing element of the Republican Party.

He has used his considerable skills as a law-maker to thwart, delay and sometimes destroy a lot of people-related congressional activity.

No one has been sold to the white middle class with more vigor as the near perfect image of the all-American boy as has Bob Bauman.

And he one has fought more toughly in Congress to hamper the aims of the NAACP as has Bauman.

We will not be as blind as the NAACP in his regard.

We think Bauman ought to resign his Congressional seat forthwith!

We think he ought to immediately give the Republican Party in the state of Maryland, and nationally, enough time to find a replacement for him as a candidate for office in the Second Congressional District and we think he ought to be strong enough to apologize to the homosexual community and to the many troubled Americans who suffer the disease of alcoholism.

We say this because Bauman's behavior in recent days following the shocking revelations about his secret life and sexual activities suggest a less than honorable man.

Bauman has said he suffers from alcoholism which we strongly doubt.

He has said further that whatever he did was a result of alcoholism which we doubt with equal vigor.

He has most lately said he suffers from black-outs and doesn't really know what the world he might have done.

All of this sounds very much to us like Bauman is caught up in some kind of personal Watergate and he keeps trying to cover his tracks.

And the more he tries the worse things get for him.

Richard Cohen, of The Washington Post, earlier this week pointed out that all-American boy Bauman is trying to have it both ways.

Which has him saying that when he completes his treatment for "alcoholism" he will no longer drink which of course, according to Bauman, will also ensure that he will no longer cruise gay bars and exist into homosexual relations.

In other words, he Robert Bauman, will emerge from his medical treatment, "clean" and "all-American" again, neither gay or a drunk.

We cannot accept this. Bauman insults the collective intelligence with this nonsense.

Cong. Robert Bauman

The fact is Congressman Bauman has entered a court-ordered first-offender program because he violated the criminal code of the District of Columbia which is very specific about adults engaging in sexual activity with juveniles, male or female.

Had the court not ruled against him he would not be in a first-offender treatment program for "alcoholism" or anything else. Bauman would have walked out of court innocent as a babe.

We ask Bauman to resign for several reasons, none having to do with homosexuality or alcoholism, (two circumstances strictly the private concern of individuals).

We ask the congressman to step down because he has been ruled in violation of criminal statutes involving a minor.

We ask the congressman to step down because he in no way can claim now to represent political philosophy he has previously championed. We do not agree with anything about that philosophy but we insist that those who expouse it not be hypocrites.

He has betrayed his party and compromised Republican chances for broadening their base.

Congressman Meyers of Pennsylvania, last week was expelled from the House of Representatives following his conviction in the ABSCAM scandal. He took money against the public trust placed in him as an elected official. That is illegal.

Bauman took a juvenile. That is also illegal! Former congressman Charles Diggs padded his official payroll and that too is illegal.

Fair is fair.

We have every expectation that a man of Bauman's political skills can make a useful contribution, perhaps greater and with humanity once he faces himself—the truths about himself and accepts his final identity peacefully, whatever his true person may be.

Until such a time he should remove himself from the cease Watergating the American people and get his deeply troubled Congress, cease Watergating the American people and get his deeply troubled personal life in order.

Morgan still troubled

Deficits, student dissent, faculty dismissals!

Just as we thought Morgan State University was pulling itself together after the campus wars earlier this year, the trouble begins again.

The trouble never stopped, really.

On this page, a MSU student leader has written a careful analysis of what he thinks must happen if the university is to survive.

It is important reading for every friend of our oldest local institution of higher education.

Morgan's problem has always been lack of enough moncey to build the institution as it is needed by our community.

The white ruling class must carry all of this blame and shame.

But tough political work by our elected officials, we feel, just might finally make the difference.

When our state legislators meet before the next General Assembly we hope they define and implement a strategy that will end once and for all, the piece-meal approach to strengthening Morgan that has hampered its continuing growth.

The Brown Bomber

While Muhammad Ali laughs all the way to the bank with his $8 million, older fight fans will be pleased to know ailing Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," is doing well.

The so magnificent an athlete should be in such poor health has more to do with the aging process and some non-boxing related illnesses of the past.

All, not withstanding, Joe Louis to black Americans, the Thirties, Forties and Fifties was the "greatest."

And if Ali persists in fighting past his time his greatness will be seriously diminished.

Let us say a prayer, two prayers. That Joe get better and that Ali hang up the gloves for good.

They are heroes and we cherish them!

MADELINE MURPHY

A safe, sane, peaceful environment?

Today October 11, at Johns Hopkins University—Levering Hall— there will be a Peace Teach-In, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Glass Pavillion Charles and 34th Streets.

The sponsors are Baltimore Area SANE Citizens Organization for a Sane Nuclear Policy) and the Office of the Chaplain, JHU. Supporting organizations are the Baltimore Clergy and Laity Concerned; Ecumenical Campus Ministry, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; the Maryland Committee Against Registration and the Draft; and the Maryland American-Soviet Friendship Society.

The teach-in will analyze and explore alternatives to U.S. policies in the areas of nuclear arms build up and first strike strategy; rapid deployment force and interventionism; registration and the draft; and the "war budget" and its impact upon jobs and services.

This program (hopefully many more like it) will be instructive to the electorate when we consider the no-defense-debate-posture of the major presidential candidates.

We are at present on the precipice of a count-down as to when the major powers will go to war.

We hear about the dangerous new missile gap from Mr. Reagan, while Mr. Carter warns of the war-like stance of Mr. Reagan in TV commercials and in his stumping speeches, while supporting the production of the MX missile.

But we do not hear a serious discussion of the fros and cons; the merits and flaws of the MX missile and other weapons.

The fact that Secretary of Defense Harold Brown fires up this war-preparedness rhetoric by stating that American warheads are now being targeted to allow the nation to fight and win a "limited" nuclear war; that we should even consider first-strike capability, indicates an hysteria that only heats up uninformed conjectures and arguments that divide the candidates based only upon political expediency and not truth.

In particular, we are talking about the insane production of a missile at great sacrifice to the funding of social programs, when the United States already has the capacity to fight any kind of nuclear war, including any that could be described as "limited".

We already have 10,000 warheads which could destroy two-thirds of Russia's land-based missiles and every other important military target and still have enough left to destroy every large Soviet city, most of Soviet industry and 75 million people.

In addition, the Soviet's first-strike capacity theoretically threatens only one-fourth of America's nuclear forces, while ours threatens three-fourths of the present Soviet forces.

This has all been brought out in a recent New York Times editorial and even this U.S. preparedness does not even take into account NATO's deployment of new medium range nuclear missiles in Western Europe despite Secty Harold Brown's concession in Sept. 1979 that "The Soviets and ourselves are more or less in a state of equilibrium....differences in relation to numbers of individual items do not mean much."

Is it any wonder then that the Soviets appear paranoid?

In the way that blacks are ignored in this country and then imprisoned, locked out of jobs, housing, and the mainstream, this country applies a similar punitive, pignacious posture in foreign policy.

In its resultant hostility, the United States has lost sight of the meaning of detente that goes beyond Salt II, beyond military superiority.

Much more fruitful to both sides would be the education of our students about the Soviet Union, the increased exchange of cultural values and technical know-how; the development of peaceful trade agreements, which would move us into the realm of human rights and co-existence.

But no, the presidential candidates outdo one another by fanning the flames of hostility; by escalating the danger of limited war strategy; by diminishing the prospects of arms control and constraint; by threatening a draft to reinforce our military brinkmanship.

Yet when headlines blare that nuclear plants may become the ultimate war target, wouldn't it be saner to find ways in which the threat of long lived radiation would be avoided?

This is a dangerous campaign year when the major party candidates only raise our fears irresponsibly, keep us in the dark inevitably, but offer us no assurances that generations to come will live in a safe, sane, peaceful environment on the only planet we have.

Most dastardly of all, their arrogance and disdain for the electorate shows us their unwillingness to discuss their proposals for the defense of this country forthrightly.

It raises the spectre of itchy trigger fingers.

How sad that the debates at Johns Hopkins today will probably be the only time we come near to hearing and digesting the facts.

—LETTERS—

Morgan's continuing struggle

Dear AFRO:

Morgan State University, as a major black institution of higher education, must assert itself as a leader in its field during this decade.

Morgan State has for too long lived in the shadow of predominantly white institutions, such as the University of Maryland, Loyola College, Towson State University and Johns Hopkins University.

While performing a more than adequate job with inadequate resources, Morgan State has yet to be recognized for what it is: a creative institution of higher learning that provides a well-rounded education to the enthusiastic socially, academically and spiritually inclined young man and woman.

It would not be appropriate, however, if we did not address the question of the mission of this institution. On the validity of the mission as certain factors see it, it has been stated in many circles that Morgan State should be a well-rounded liberal arts institution providing a wholesome and worldly education to the young scholar.

I find myself in agreement with this assessment, due to the fact that black America must continue to supply its communities with the educated and professional individuals it requires to meet its needs.

The State Board of Higher Education, through its Plan for Postsecondary Education, has determined that Morgan will be an urban-oriented university, serving the needs of urban society.

Both of these points are well taken but we must look at issue from a different perspective. We must examine it with a much more realistic frame of reference. Morgan State is a black institution of higher education that is to serve the needs of the black academic world. That may sound racist or prejudiced, but it is the truth. That is why the institution was created and that should be its mission.

Unfortunately, we have allowed our university to become whitewashed during the latter part of the seventies. We must remember that when we could not gain admission to "their" schools, Morgan (and hundreds of other black colleges) was there to serve our needs. And even today, they are still serving our needs because in many cases we still cannot attend THEIR schools.

We can find this to be particularly true in the state of Maryland.

We have allowed the State Board of Education through its plan for post- secondary education to manipulate our academic perspective.

It has been decided by a predominately white administrative board, that Morgan State focus its attention on urban research and urban-oriented programs.

And, unbelieveably, Dr. Billingsly has agreed wholeheartedly to this new concept of Morgan State. What about doctors, lawyers, teachers and public servants? You can be sure that white institutions will guarantee that a sufficient number of white students will graduate in these professions and will circulate into the mainstream of the economy. However, black America must protect its interests too and ensure the continued filtration of blacks into the professions.

The retention and attrition rates of the university leave much to be desired. I personally lay partial blame on the administration, which has completely ignored the question of enrollment enhancement.

Students are still forced to be content with inadequate facilities in all phases of the university's physical plant, such as the library, which is missing four floors, or incomplete student union building and decaying classroom structures that are an insult to any student's personal being. Enrollment has been cleverly used as a scapegoat or excuse for this situation.

Morgan State will never realize a substantial increase in enrollment until it receives legitimate funding and its monies are managed correctly.

It is going to have to be the priority of the faculty and students to force the administration into taking positive action to ensure: 1) the continued existence of Morgan State University as a black college, and 2) the development of Morgan State as a university, not only in name but in structure, 3) the projection of Morgan State as a well-managed and financially stable institution and 4) the establishment of respect and concern on the part of the administration for student-faculty interests.

If we cannot receive a commitment on these four issues, then the students of Morgan State must initiate action to change the course of the institution and head it in the right direction.

We must rid the institution of those individuals who are holding us back. It is time to take a giant leap forward to recover from the past four years of regression.

WALTER L. FIELDS,
Research Department,
Student Government Association,
Morgan State University

Ron Brown exposes black leadership

By Al Sweeney

As corny as it sounds, the ancient belief that "government is made of people for the people" and not the private preserve of the few, rings true today.

If you don't believe it, look at the tragic situation that has developed among the black movement in the United States.

With an important election coming on, there is no single black leader with the confidence of the black masses. Sure there are many blacks masquerading as leaders of an assorted number of organizations that they have used for self-promotion and a private club. But the people, the folks in the street, just don't give a damn about their advice.

We indicated several months ago that there was panic among the so-called black leadership. This so-called black leadership is composed of a few persons, who determine among themselves who will get certain jobs, certain appointments, who is to be bad mouthed, but never available to discuss involved in the problems of the so-called little folk.

The letterhead leaders, who operate at exclusive Southwest, Montgomery County or Reston, Va. cocktail affairs, suffered under the self-delusion that they had the nation in their hands. Today they are perspiring profusely.

The bucks that they hustled from the government agencies and the corporate foundations for their narrow interests, while refusing to spread some of the goodies around among the people, won't do them a bit of good now.

They have been exposed as being impotent and fakirs. They have no mass support.

So, in the final four weeks of the Presidential Sweepstakes, the white leaders of both parties have to shift strategies.

The Carter administration is rethinking its strategy in effort to garner at vote in the urban centers, where the electoral gold mine vote exists.

The Reagan challengers have retooled its advisory efforts to bring into campaign leadership individuals with a better black grassroots appeal.

If the finger had to be pointed at the single individual who exposed the weakness of the black leadership pretenders it would have to be Ronald Brown.

Ron Brown is the former D.C. lobbyist for the National Urban League. Shortly after Roger Mudd's interview with Ted Kennedy, the shaken Kennedy operatives invited Brown to join their organization.

Brown, to the amazement of his "friends," accepted the invitation. Those "friends" felt that Brown was a victim of brain damage.

And when Brown went through with his intention, some of his "friends," the kind who are found in droves in Potomac Fever country, fanned all kinds of rumors to explain his departure from the Urban League.

Well, a short summary of Brown's involvement with Kennedy campaign forces reveal that his "gamble" was the luckiest throw of his life's dice.

He was thrown nothing but lucky "7's" and it's paying off for him.

Brown, called a neophyte at national politics, by his critics, is credited with marshaling the successful primary efforts of Kennedy in California and New York.

Because of his productivity and his amazing political savvy, Brown will never look back. Currently, he is filling a JFK lecture chair at the Harvard University Law School.

Once that lecture series is over, Brown will take over general counsel duties of the Senate Judiciary Committee headed by Senator Kennedy. A legal post that is the second most powerful in government. The first is the U.S. attorney general.

In addition to handling Senate clearance of federal judicial appointments, the judiciary committee's oversight responsibilities of the nation's judiciary system is awesome.

That's quite a leap for the kid from Harlem, whose father used to manage the Theresa Hotel.

NEW DAY BEGUN

Samuel BANKS

Vote your conscience!

The recent miserable, painful and deplorable tragedy of 50,000 persons seeking to find and enjoy a level job at the Social Security complex in downtown Baltimore depicts the monumental failure of the political-economic process for black Baltimoreans. The 50,000 jobless applicants were overwhelmingly black and many were graduates of Baltimore's high schools and institutions of higher education. The grim and stark reality, as shown in the 50,000 disillusioned and embittered jobseekers desperately seeking employment, is that they represent only the tip of a socio-economic iceberg of a veritable army of adults and young people, jobless in Maryland's City. Baltimore continues to rank second in the nation next to Detroit, in unemployment.

Organized, widespread and consistent voting can and will, if exercised, make a significant difference in the economic sector.

The larger white society, by and large, is not experiencing the brutal and demoralizing recession which grips our nation. The recession affecting 120 million white Americans constitutes a depression for 26 million non-white Americans. Historically, ethnic and racial groups in our body politic have been "rewarded" or their vital interests protected to the extent that they vote. Politicians are highly conscious of and responsive to the voting pattern of their constituents. The constituents who can be counted on to vote receive the socio-economic "goodies" (i.e., jobs, grants, high level appointments to boards and advisory groups, etc.); those who don't vote or "go fishing" are either ignored or receive promises.

It is particularly crucial for black Americans who are, as a result of institutional racism and exclusion, distant from the centers of socio- economic and political power in the United States to make use of the ballot on Tuesday, November 4. There are approximately 10 million black Americans who are eligible to vote. Blacks do not represent a clear majority of the population, but a trending and potentially majority when it comes to voting. The severity of the socio-economic problems confronting the majority Black population in Baltimore makes it imperative that churches, fraternal, civic and community groups organize to get out the vote. Urgent and necessary human priorities will not become a reality in terms of quality education, decent housing, adequate income, adequate health care and attention to the special needs of the elderly until the majority population makes its human needs known. Political muscle, where it counts at the ballot box can effect a reordering of priorities in Baltimore that will put people to work and launch a genuine renaissance for all citizens.

You now have an opportunity to study platforms, to assess the strengths and weaknesses of candidates, locally and nationally, review the track records of candidates and, above all, VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE. The availability, too, of Judge Robert Bell and Attorney William "Billy" Murphy provides a splendid opportunity to extend the quality and range of a broadly informed and humane black presence on the Baltimore Supreme Bench. You have the power to make it happen now.

One of the great strengths of our political system is that after all the rhetoric, tussels, trade-offs and promises of aspirants for political office, the voter who cares, in the solitude and security of the election booth, makes the ultimate decision. Use your hard-earned right, whatever the state of the weather on election day, and keep faith with the past, present and future by VOTING YOUR CONSCIENCE.

Mel de Rutledge Jr.

Urban America Housing Report

Home inspection comes of age

The home inspector has joined the ranks of those who offer professional assistance to real estate buyers.

While investors in income properties usually arrange for a thorough inspection of a building as a matter of course, homeowners until fairly recently did not see the need for such a service, or were unable to find someone who could provide it.

But while homes today sell at extraordinary levels, a home buyer can't afford to be casual about buying a house, especially one that may cause substantial unforeseen expense.

As the demand for home inspections rose, many people — qualified or otherwise — were attracted to the field. In an effort to establish standards of professionalism and encourage compliance with a code of ethics, the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) was formed in 1976.

At its recent national convention in Atlanta, Ga., the Society announced that 300 applications for membership were received during 1979, but only 86 were approved.

Urban America asked Michael Oshrin, a charter member of ASHI who runs Long Island Home Inspection Consultants in Huntington, N.Y., to talk about ASHI and the home inspection field.

WHAT IS HOME INSPECTION?

Home inspections can differ widely in scope and content. A consensus of experienced inspectors, however, suggests that at least the following be examined:

1. Central heating system
2. Plumbing system
3. Electrical system
4. Roof covering and framing
5. Interior and exterior walls, ceilings and floor
6. Structural and foundation
7. Central air conditioning

On the other hand, there is general agreement that certain items should not be included in an inspection. For example, an inspector should not project or speculate about future conditions; he should speak only of the existing state of the property.

Furthermore, the inspector normally will report only whether a system or item is actually working and operational, not whether it complies with building codes.

According to Oshrin, the key work is "impartial." The inspector should neither gloss over defects in order to promote the sale nor seek to identify as many problems as possible in order to scare the buyer off. And an inspector should avoid any conflict of interest.

He should not himself be involved in the sale of real estate, and he should not deliberately use his role as inspector to obtain additional work in a related field.

Oshrin says he never discusses the price of the house or its location with clients. If a major structural, electrical, or mechanical problem is found, then it is up to the client to decide whether to renegotiate the price, ask the present owner to make repairs, or abandon the transaction.

The inspector's job is limited to bringing everything out into the open so that all parties concerned can make decision based on facts.

STANDARDS OF EXPERIENCE

An inspector must also have the necessary experience to do a good job. It is here that ASHI performs an important role. Membership in the society is of three types:

1. A full member must have completed from 400 to 1,000 actual inspections, depending on whether he is a professional engineer, an architect, a qualified craftsman(such as a plumber or electrician), or has no specific training. In addition, a written test and a peer review are required.

2. An associate member must meet the same qualifications as a full member except that fewer actual inspections are required.

3. An apprentice member is one who is employed as a learning inspector by a member firm.

The code of ethics of ASHI prohibits the receipt of compensation from more than one interested party without the consent of all the parties as well as any conflict of interest with the inspector's primary obligation to provide an unbiased opinion.

WHERE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED

ASHI expects more and more states and municipalities to require professional inspections of homes for resale. Some municipalities in Minnesota and Ohio presently require complete inspections while in the states of Texas, Missouri, and Indiana require provision for an inspection to be in contract of sale. The State of Maryland does not require an inspection as of this date; so buyers Beware!!!

For more information about ASHI, write to Suite 520, 1629 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

TEN MOST COMMON HOUSE DEFECTS.

A government study showed the ten most common defects found in home inspections to be:

1. Leaky roof
2. Plumbing
3. Heating -air-conditioning
4. Electrical system
5. Rotten Wood
6. Termites
7. Wet basement
8. Septic system
9. Poor paint job
10. Foundation problem

GLOSSARY OF REAL ESTATE TERMS

1. Building code: A state, city or county law which sets forth minimum construction standards.

2. CONDEMNATION: The act by government of appropriating private property (through the exercise of the power of eminent domain) for public use upon the payment of a fair compensation.

3. FIXTURE: Personal property permanently attached to land improvements on real property considered part of real property.

4. FUNCTIONAL OBSOLESCENCE: A type of depreciation reflecting loss in value from out-of-date, old fashioned, or poorly designed equipment.

5. NOTICE OF [illegible]ION: A notice placing [illegible] member liens, [illegible] recorded by the party [illegible] work or improvements.

6. PLANNING COMM[illegible]: A local government age[illegible] plans proper physical [illegible] community and rec[illegible] ordinances and [illegible] for that purpose.

7. POLICE POWER: The right reserved to the state to regulate the use of private property for the protection of the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public.

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

FOR ALL WE KNOW

OCTOBER has 31 days, almost five weeks, and for some persons, five paydays, five Fridays. November which follows "too soon" has with five Saturdays.

ACCORDING to the almanac, October has only what is termed "cold" weather with no snow nor blustery weather indicated. However, a glance at November shows Winter is raring back to really arrive in great style.

November comes in on a Saturday, All Saints Day, with a clear, mild day that goes directly into a Sunday, Nov. 2, All Souls Day, with cold, snow and the whole bit.

ELECTION DAY, Nov. 4, a Tuesday, is slated to be (Oh! No!) cold and snow flurries, but perhaps not enough to keep voters home.

THE BIG SNOW is scheduled between the 11th and the 19th.

THESE LAST three months of the year, October, November and December, see the days getting shorter, and the nights longer as nature slowing down almost to a stop. By the time the leaves are off the trees, statistics show, the animals are ready for six months of sleep, hibernating.

PSYCHOLOGISTS claim that mankind should do the same, stop the hustle and bustle and slow down all activity, get plenty sleep. That's the way it used to be and by dark nearly every home was ready to turn out the lights and turn in for bed.

HOWEVER, as the years roll by, human beings have changed things around and now-a-days, "they can't get enough going." The Winter social calendar is packed with events.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES begin with pre-Thanksgiving, after-Thanksgiving parties; pre-Christmas things and holiday affairs that extend through the New Year on around to Easter.

WINTER WEDDINGS outnumber June weddings and in Baltimore winter parties and banquets fill every week up through Spring, 1981.

THE DAY'S LENGTH of 10 hours and 11 minutes comprises the longest day, Nov. 9.

A FEW WINTERTIME thoughts to ponder these slow days:

DID YOU KNOW — the more you walk on an Oriental rug, the more valuable it becomes? Walking on the rug causes the colors to become less intense and the design clearer and more beautiful. Peoples are paid just to walk on the rugs.

In ancient China, a man sentenced to be executed could pay another man to take his place. The money went to the substitute's family.

IN 1979 over $100 billion was spent on federal paperwork.

An inch of rainfall will produce 10 inches of snow.

A housewife has strange habits. She gets a microwave for fast cooking and a crock pot for slow.

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER WOMAN was Mme. Doublet de Persan who was born in 1677 and died in 1771.

Though she never left her apartment in Paris for 40 years, she held daily parties at which each guest was required to give her a tidbit of gossip. These items she then produced in a hand-written paper, each issue of which was widely circulated for months. (Good idea).

It is estimated there are over 60,000 alligators within the city limits of New Orleans.

THE POODLE is the top dog in the USA, with nearly 200,000 registered, more than twice the number of the German Shepherd, the No. 2 top dog.

ACCORDING TO TV advertisements, dog and cat foods are the best sellers of all time. Thus you may account for singing dogs, talking cats and the most foolish commercials begging you to buy their brand.

OYSTERS are in but they are small, puny and tasteless, the ones from Maryland. Virginia has the best.

THE WORST sicknesses are said to be curable by a sudden, unexpected supply of money. In other words, CASH is the best cure for anything you have.

ADULTS have to have milk in the diet since every day you need calcium, protein and lots of other things. A glass a day is said to keep the health in good balance.

VINEGAR will take off the white stain on your shoes or boots from rain or snow.

IF YOU are running late on dinner preparation and you have a favorite guest waiting, sautee some onions quickly and the smell will pretend you are really getting ready.

FISH should be kept cold until ready for cooking.

BUYING potatoes in large quantities saves money sooo to keep them from sprouting before you use them, put a couple apples in the bag.

A NOSEY NEIGHBOR can be your best bet as a "watchdog" when you're away for a winter holiday.

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11 marks the 67th birthday observance of the 126,000-member National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees.

Triggered by Alex Haley's book, Roots, which acknowledges the value of the elderly as reservoirs of history and knowledge, the alliance has chosen "The Sands Of Time:" a look at NAPFE's Roots" as its 1980 theme.

NAPFE WEEK ceremonies honor the alliance's elderly, its oldest members and retirees, for their achievements and contributions to progressive black unionism.

Sunday, Oct. 12, members of the Alliance worship at Heritage United Church of Christ, Rev. Wendell Phillips, pastor. Rev. Phillips will be guest speaker Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Branch Meeting, 2025 E. North Ave. Frank Thorington is 1st vice president, NAPFE, Local 202.

EXHIBITORS representing the cable TV industry will be at Morgan State University Oct. 20 and 21 to give Baltimoreans opportunity to explore the technology of CATV.

The Baltimore CATV Commission has planned two days of workshops and exhibits to spearhead its development of recommendations that are expected to lead to the city's franchising for CATV in 1981.

The commission, appointed earlier this year by Mayor Schaefer, has established eight task forces of some 80 citizens to study the potential to serve the community at large in health, education, culture, business and government. Two other task forces are exploring technical and legal-regulatory implications.

During the two day workshops, the task forces will bring in community leaders to plan how they can organize and utilize the technology when it is made available in Baltimore. CATV coordinator is Robert Smith.

Equality for women in the 80's

One of the important issues confronting this nation today is true equality for the majority of America's population, i.e. women.

In 1939 women earned 88 percent of what men earned. Twenty years later, in 1969, women earned 59 percent of what men earned. And in 1977, women still earned only 59 percent of what men earned.

Today, women now earn 57 percent of men's wages. So, despite the equal Pay Act of 1963, despite Title VII, despite the push for affirmative action, women have been losing ground steadily.

Needless to say, the position of minority women is even more perilous. Black women earn substantially less than white women and about half of what white men earn.

There is no simple explanation for this because women's educational levels are on average as high as men's but women who have completed four years of college earn less than men who have completed the eighth grade.

The length of service in the labor force is not a critical factor because women's earnings do not rise much over the years: the length of service in dead-end jobs does not produce much higher earnings.

What explains such a startling pattern of discrimination? The fact is that like minorities, women are trapped in female occupational ghettos, and the substantial numbers of women entering the labor market of late has aggravated the effect of this Job segregation.

Half of all working women hold jobs that are at least 70 percent female, and one quarter are in jobs that are 95 percent female. And, of course, the ability of employers to label some jobs "Women's work" is not profitable since it allows them to pay lower salaries. Once again, minority women are even more hurt by this phenomenon, as the legions of black household workers and garment workers can well attest.

Such a state of affairs have led to many women going beyond the "equal pay for equal work" slogan to "Equal pay for work of comparable worth," since oft times men and women are not doing the same work.

Women have gone beyond the "established protective" agencies like the women's bureau, to get their rights furnished, and rightly so. For too long women and particularly minority women have labored in the market with no just correction to these apparent discriminatory practices. We hope that the recent hearings on "comparable worth" have brought much needed attention to what seems destined to be one of the major issues in the struggle for women's equality in the 1980's.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI, president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is currently on an of- called on President Carter and Mrs. Carter at the White House on Tuesday morning. He was ac- his hosts and other members of the government. The

(Ron Ceasar Photo)