What Lies Ahead During '47? Ten Dare to Make Predictions

DR. HORACE MANN BOND
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Group Asked If GOP Congress Would Act

Name of Outstanding Man of Year Sought; Most Noteworthy Events

The AFRO at the advent of each year queries a number of leaders seeking their predictions of what lies ahead during the ensuing twelve months.

This is the letter sent out during the closing days of 1946:

"What are your predictions for 1947? Will the new Republican-dominated Congress enact such needed legislation as FEPC, anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills? Do you foresee increasing racial tensions as the result of unsettled economic conditions and the predicted recession with its consequent widespread unemployment?

Is Setback in Offing?

"Does the return to power of such bigots as Talmadge and Bilbo, as well as the nefarious Boswell amendment in Alabama and the promised re-establishment of the white primary in Georgia and Florida foreshadow a setback in our struggle to achieve first class citizenship?

"In retrospect, what two achievements by colored Americans during the past year do you consider most helpful in advancing the cause of colored Americans? What two happenings by colored Americans during the past year do you consider most harmful to our cause? Who is the most outstanding colored American of 1946 and why?"

On this page will be found the answers.

LIKES THE LONG VIEW:

1947 Part of a Series in Fight for Equality

By HORACE MANN BOND
(President, Lincoln University)

I like to look at the one year 1947 as part of a long historic series in which certain long-continued historic processes working for human equality will continue to work forward, with the usual and expected number of backward steps and failures.

Not too much should be expected from Congress. It will yet require many years of intelligent leadership, and continuing mass education, to create in the colored people that consciousness of fundamental social and economic truths which in time will empower us with the united and intelligent cohesion to make our ballots count effectively in electing public officials responsible to the true welfare of the man lowest down.

Bilbos, Talmadges, and others not-named and less obvious and from Northern States as well as from the South will continue to be openly bitter and suavely hidden enemies of all colored Americans, a growing appreciation of the world-wide significance of human events, for their own particular problems.

I regard Ralph Bunche as the most outstanding colored American in 1946; his work and eminence quietly transcends race.

The most significant happening for colored Americans in 1946, I take to be the action of the United Nations in condemning South Africa for discrimination against Hindus.

It is the sort of understanding on a world scale implied in Ralph Bunche's work with the United Nations Trusteeship Council, and the united, growing, swelling demand for racial equality through all the world, that I have faith will continue through 1947.

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Dr. Tobias for Good Reason Makes No Predictions for '47

By DR. CHANNING TOBIAS
(Member, President's Committee on Civil Rights)

As much as I would like to participate in the AFRO symposium I rather think that as a member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights I had better not say anything at this time that might prejudice the minds of members of Congress on the report of the committee.

I do not want them to have any excuse for not considering the report on its merits. I will be with you again in next year's symposium.

Dr. Tobias

Pressure Must Be Brought to Bear on Republicans

Randolph Insists That Tensions Certain to Increase Unless FEPC Law Is Passed

By A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
Pres., Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

It is indeed difficult to predict what the Republicans will do in 1947 in Congress, although I believe that the colored people mobilize their forces throughout the country and bring sufficient pressure to bear upon their Congressmen and Senators, they will have the strength to reconsider the white primaries in Georgia and Florida, constituting a set-back to our fight, the first-class citizenship, it is my opinion that this trend toward racism and reaction constitutes a temporary set-back in our fight for full constitutional citizenship, and I consider it a test of our courage and determination to fight for our rights.

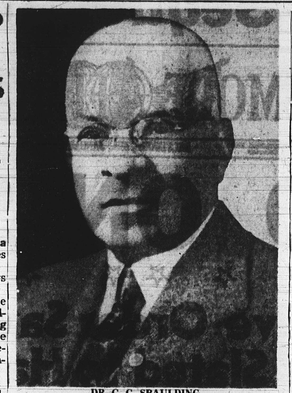
These attacks upon the colored man ought to shake him out of his lethargy and false sense of security and cause him to realize that only through militant and aggressive struggle will he achieve liberty and justice.

It appears to me that the two most encouraging trends among colored people today are their manifest willingness to fight to a greater degree than in the past for their rights, and an increasing interest on the part of the colored workers to participate in the trade union movement of America.

Halls Columns Victory

The legal victory in the Columbia, Tennessee Riot Case and the apparent setback of the Columbians, Incorporated in Atlanta through legal prosecution, and the courage manifested by colored witnesses in Mississippi, who testified against Senator Bilbo on the way the election was conducted in that state, are of basic inspiration and hope.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
Predicts increasing racial tensions during 1947.



DR. C. C. STPAULDING
"The battle hymn of hate is fading . . . 1947 shows promise."

Forces at Work Fighting Moves of Nation's Bigots

Dr. Spaulding, in Hopeful View, Sees the Battle Hymn of Hate Fading Away

By C. C. SPAULDING
(Nationally Known Business Leader)

Any prediction on what the future holds in the way of legislation that will assure our group of unrestricted citizenship and protection should racial tensions increase with unsettled economic conditions will depend to a large extent upon how much longer politics and the American conception of justice bow before the altar of racism.

There are those who are bending every effort to further maneuver the nation into the untenable position of preaching democracy while striving by every conceivable means to deprive the colored American of his rights.

To the casual observer, it might appear that the nation is now about to strike in the affairs of our group, yet the evidence does not work that are daily gaining momentum and are destined in time to sweep aside forever the influence of reactionaries who hated for racial equality brought on dim of oppression on the doctrine of bigotry, race prejudice, and hatred.

The appointment by President Truman of two colored citizens persons to his civil rights committee to combat hate groups, the appointment of Dr. Patterson to membership on the Central Committee of the American Red Cross, the placing of the bust of Booker T. Washington in the Hall of Fame of New York University, the liberalizing of international and interracial youth conferences seeking a common level of understanding, are hopeful indications that the battle hymn of hate is fading and that the year 1947 shows promise of ushering in a broader conception of the principles of democracy we in America profess to possess.

Should Demand Freedom

We should demand absolute freedom, not only for ourselves but for the suppressed people everywhere. Max Yergen and the National Negro Congress struck squarely at the hypocrisy of those who offer only lip service to freedom, while under the cover plotting for continuation of colonial despotism and traditional white supremacy, as it has festered for a thousand years.

When the day comes that colored Americans may secure justice in the courts, race prejudice is definitely on the way out. The Columbia trials prove that Southern white men and women are developing moral courage in their approach to the race question.

ROSCOE DUNJEE
Pins little hope in GOP-controlled Congress.

GOP STALL PREDICTED:

'Unholy Alliance' Bars Favorable Legislation

By ROSCOE DUNJEE
(President, National Negro Business League)

I am afraid the new Republican Congress will stall on the passage of liberal legislation such as FEPC, the poll tax and antilynching bills.

The alliance recently made with Southerners, in opposition to New Deal legislation will prevent Republicans from going progressive.

Senator Taft, who leads the Republicans, has already shown definite opposition to FEPC, and I am afraid his aspiration to be president will cause Senator Taft to be reluctant to sponsor anti-poll tax and antilynching legislation.

Southern delegates in the next Republican convention would not be inclined to support the presidential aspirations of a man who turned his back on "State rights."

Republicans Anti-Labor

The Republican party is also anti-labor and will absorb during the period between now and 1948 all of the reactionary wing of the Democratic party. Our leadership will continue to lean towards labor and the will unquestionably estrange a large portion of the younger men from the GOP in the next election.

War wages, resulting from FEPC and union affiliation has opened the eyes of the black laborer regarding the benefits in collective bargaining. Only the older members of our group, who have traditionally voted Republican will continue with the Republicans in 1948.

The statement made by Max Yergen to the United Nations, as head of the National Negro Congress, is in my judgment the most significant and outstanding expression of spirit and vision on the part of the colored people, during the current year.

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Church Leader Expresses Belief New Congress Will Enact Liberal Legislation

Dr. Jernagin Points Out Most Republicans Voted for FEPC During 79th Congress

By WILLIAM H. JERNAGIN
(Director, National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches)

In my opinion the new Republican Congress will be inclined to vote favorably upon legislation as FEPC, anti-poll tax and antilynch bills because of the majority Republican voting record in the last Congress.

Two-thirds of all Republicans voted in favor of anti-poll tax, FEPC and anti-lynch, also when the anti-lynching bill came up several years ago the Republicans made a good record in voting for it.

In view of the changed politics of the American people, pressure from any sources both governmental and private, I believe we can expect the enactment of these bills.

Predicts Less Tensions

In view of the fact that the Federal Government, along with private agencies and organization has done more planning and studying with regard to reconversion from war to peacetime economy, I believe that intelligent forces will direct the national energies away from wholesale racial tensions as was evidenced after World War I.

In regard to unemployment, I believe that colored people will hold the gains they have made in unique fields of employment. However, this progressive step will be made on the basis of merit only.

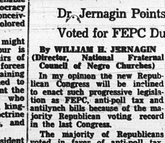
In several States local FEPC laws have been set up and the USES has launched a plan to such discriminatory practices in many States. The way ahead will not be easy but I forese release pressures in comparison to reconversion after World War I.

A Dismal Picture

The return to power of such bigots as Bilbo, Talmadge, and the enactment of the Boswell amendment in Alabama present a very dismal picture from one point of view.

However, it is true that because of the tirades these men and elements have made against the South and the nation, many white Southerners have been moved to come to the front and speak in support of our struggle.

We must realize that this progress we desire will be won only by hard, long and arduous struggle. The very illegal methods of violence and disenfranchisement which brought these men into office will now under close scrutiny by the government and the nation as nev-



DR. W. H. JERNAGIN
Has hopes for Republican dominated Congress.

Bishop Ransom Predicts AME Church Will Gain in Strength

By BISHOP R. C. RANSOM
(President, AME Bishops' Council)

With the advent of the year 1947, the African Methodist Episcopal Church stands upon the threshold of the 160th year of its organization.

In 1787, Benjamin Franklin said, "if a Sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the notice of God, neither can an empire rise without the aid of the same power." Richard Allen and his followers declared, "God our Father. Christ our Redeemer, and Man our brother." That was the Genesis and foundation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Since that time, the nation has passed through one great civil war, while several denominations have split over the question of slavery and freedom. For 160 years the AME Church has remained intact. Today its greatest threat to its integrity came during the year 1946. Money, politics, and the lust for power have menaced it. It shall continue to survive and prosper if it holds steadfastly to moral uprightness, and unwavering devotion, to the teachings of Jesus and thus in the name of Christ Bishop Ransom establish the spiritual strength, and moral integrity of Americans of African descent, for self-government in national and international affairs.

LESTER B. GRANGER
Waves of racial unrest on Pacific Coast forecast during 1947

Temporary Setback in Struggle for Ballot Forecast; Racial Tensions Seen on Coast

Urban League Secretary Predicts GOP Will Pass Badly Weakened FEPC Bill

By LESTER GRANGER
(Executive Secretary, National Urban League)

Here are my predictions for 1947:

If economic conditions remain or become increasingly unsettled the effect will be reflected in more and more racial strain in those parts of the country where colored and white persons are in sharpest competition with each other.

This applies to the South, but also the cities which were centers of war industry and to which colored workers flocked during the war years. Thus the Pacific Coast and certain Mid-West areas can expect waves of racial unrest—even sporadic outbreaks of localized conflict.

In cities with alert governments and with advanced (comparatively) ideas of democratic opportunity, the full influence of local leadership will be organized to stamp out these spot incidents and prevent them from forming a general pattern.

But even if violence should become more widespread than in 1943, this will not necessarily be a sign of retrogression in race relations. I have said often, and I repeat, that our rise in social status is apt to be fluctuating in resistance of our enemies, and, in this sense violence may be the result of a healthy development; rather than an indication of retrogression.

Setback Is Seen

On the political front my expectations are more pessimistic. The break up of the New Deal leaves the colored voter with no organized political force to which he can turn, except the liberal labor movement, and this force is not organized strongly enough as yet to provide the protection and machinery that the Roosevelt-led New Deal (and Democratic) Party offered during the 30's.

Thus the counter-attack of Talmadge, Bilbo, Ellender and others is much more threatening for 1947 than it would have been five years ago. I believe there will be a temporary set-back in politics, the length and depth of which will depend upon our awareness of the dangers and our strong resistance to reaction.

There is little sign at present that either colored or white democrats (with a small d) really understand as yet what is portended.

Weaken FEPC Seen

I shall be surprised if the Republican Party does not support something which they will claim is a fair employment practice law. I shall be positively amazed if it is actually that. The Taft forces will fight it out with the Dewey forces on this issue, and the original bill will subject to efforts to amend it to the point of legislative malnutrition, if not pernicious anemia.

What finally happens to the bill will depend upon the strength of State FEPC laws passed, for without grass roots support from Northern and border States, even the party whips will not be able to keep, their followers in line on roll calls.

Carter Says He Won't Prophesy

By ELMER A. CARTER
(Commissioner, N.Y. State Commission Against Discrimination)

I do no indulge in prophecy.

The two most outstanding achievements in my mind were the novel by Frank Yerby, "Foxes of Harrow," and Freddie Jackson's playing on the Yale varsity football team.

I think the most outstanding colored American in 1946 is Mr. Ralph Bunche of the United States State Department because of his outstanding work in the diplomatic field.

Ten Baltimoreans Predict Encouraging Gains in 1947

"What Single Event During 1946 Do You Feel Approached Fulfillment of the Christmas Edict—'Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Men'?"

George Bernard Shaw, famed English writer, denounces Christmas and its accompanying revelry as a pagan celebration fit only for persons he terms "rabble." Another thinker complains that Christmas should not be considered a season when carols are sung and everybody talks about peace and good will for a few days; then forgets all about the story of the Nativity and other beautiful sentiments of the holidays.

Seeking to determine whether people really do behave like pagans by celebrating Christmas as a season, the AFRO this week asked several citizens what single event, in their opinions, approached the fulfillment of the Christmas edict which should inspire men to good will the year round.

These are their answers:

REV. A. J. PAYNE, pastor, Enon Baptist Church:

"The United Nations' assembly in Long island on Dec. 14 adopted a world disarmament resolution. That, to my mind, comes very near to fulfillment of the Christmas edict, for it symbolizes the beginning of world peace."

E. EVERETT LANE, attorney:

"I'm reminded of two things. First, the willingness on the part of the people of Georgia to crack down on the intolerance and bigotry made manifest by the Columbians Inc. Second, there is the fine support of the public to the Sydenham Hospital in New York, which is the finest and greatest example of an interracial hospital in the country. Each of these events reflects the attitudes of progressives throughout the land."

CECIL SCOTT, industrial secretary, Urban League:

"Locally, I would say the action of the Glenn L. Martin, Western Electric, Westinghouse and American Hammered Piston Ring Companies and some other industries in continuing the use of colored skilled workers, now that the war is over."

MRS. LILLIE M. JACKSON, president, NAACP:

"When white members of the Baptist Church, during a conference some months ago in North Carolina, went on record outlawing discrimination and decided that they could not be fellows of Jesus Christ and ignore their colored brothers, I think fulfillment of the Christmas edict was then realized.

"While this stand was not maintained, at the moment of decision at that conference, we were certainly near to realization of peace on earth and good will toward men."

MRS. BIRTSAL ROSS, housewife and president of the East Baltimore Citizens' Association:

"The meetings of the United Nations in New York, the recent quizzings of Senator Bilbo and, locally, the trend toward religious fellowship, as evidenced by the interracial services sponsored by the Council of Churches, are three items that point to an approach to the Christmas edict."

Do You Think New Year Resolutions Should be Made? Do You Think People Take Them Seriously and Try to Live Up to Them?

YES

Lloyd Black, 555 Pressman St.:

"Yes, I definitely think resolutions should be made as they have a tendency to make the person within himself. Conscientious folk take them seriously and try to keep them. Everyone should resolve to live better in 1947 than he did in 1946."

Clifton Wells, 570 Wilson St.:

"It's my belief that they should be made and, of course, a special effort made to keep them unbroken. I think the average person actually tries to live up to his resolutions, though few manage to do it.

"I made good money during 1946 and wasted practically all of it. My resolution is to make better use of my pay this year."

IN THE MIDDLE

John C. Burton, 1619 Druid Hill Ave.:

"New Year resolutions are not as important as most people pretend to be. The idea seems to be made because of tradition and more in a spirit of merriment than in earnestness.

"Resolving to break certain habits is rather foolhardy as habits are not broken by resolutions alone. I do think that the New Year is a good time to sum up our faults and shortcomings."

Daniel Fletcher, 975 Bennett Pl.:

"It all depends on the individual and his willpower. It's my belief that most folks are serious when they make New Year resolutions, but they lack the self-control necessary to carry out their intentions. Personally, however, I never make any."

NO

C. Robinson, 914 W. Mulberry St.:

"Frankly, I don't think they should be made. Yet it isn't fair for me to criticize someone by saying that people who make resolutions have no intention of carrying them out.

"Like other things, the human element enters; it all depends on the individual and the amount of self-discipline he can and will bring to bear."

Harry S. Bailey, 524 Johannsen St.:

"Resolutions aren't worth a thing. It's impossible for a man to predict what he will, or what he do tomorrow, and worse than that, to say that he will do for a whole year.

"In my estimation, resolutions are just making themselves out liars. They probably make them because the other fellow does, just to keep up with the Joneses."

Grim Reaper Took Heavy Toll in 1946

Clergymen, Teachers, Physicians in Tally

Death in 1946 took a heavy toll among Baltimoreans and persons from surroundings areas.

Included in the list were seven ministers, five physicians, five teachers, a pharmacist and undertaker, as well as numerous persons from other walks of life.

A summarized list includes:

January

Mrs. Marguerite B. Seldon, school principal, retired, of 2533 McCulloh St.

Robert W. Coleman of 1145 Myrtle Ave., founder of the Association for the Handicapped.

February

Milton B. Reid of 1316 N. Carey St., teacher at Carver Vocational High School.

William O. Cummings, of 1234 Druid Hill Ave., a hotelman.

Mrs. George Kelson of 1804 N. Carey St.

Mrs. Ellen Cooper of 1736 W. Lexington St., 80-year old twin sister of Mrs. Eliza Campbell.

Mrs. Thomas E. Kelson of 1303 Pressman St.

Rev. Thomas Hendershott, 1210 W. Lexington St., pastor of United Baptist Church.

March

Dr. James H. Hilburn, pharmacist of 846 Harlem ave.

Louvon Millard, tavern owner of 577 Laurens St.

April

Rev. Junius Gray, of 1210 Riggs Ave., pastor of Pleasant Baptist Church.

Dr. R. Baxter McRary, physician, of Old Frederick Rd., Catonsville.

May

Wendell Grinage, of Pikesville, Md., principal of Phillips School No. 117.

Nelson Fitzgerald, Elkridge, Md., retired insurance man.

June

Rev. David Bryant, 1018 N. Stricker St., secretary of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore.

Henry W. Parker of 1547 Argyle Ave., custodian of the Odd Fellows Home.

Dr. William H. Wright, physician of 1209 Pressman St.

Mrs. Sadie Phillips Gross, of 810 Old Frederick Rd., Catonsville, widow of Howard Gross, school principal.

Dr. J. Guy Bowley, physician, of 519 N. Carrollton Ave.

Dr. J. Edward Wheatley, physician, of 1230 Druid Hill Ave.

August

William Roberts of 1510 Harlem Ave., treasurer of Leadenhall Baptist Church.

Henry Anderson, former Baltimore teacher and hotel man at the home of his son in Washington, 236 N. 30th St., N.E.

September

Dr. Casper N. Pigott, physician of 1536 W. Lanvale St.

Rev. C. C. Ferguson, of 509 P. St., N.W., Washington, former pastor of Bethel AME and Ebenezer Church.

Mrs. Blanche Tyler of 3119 Barclay St., widow of U. Grant Tyler, lawyer.

October

Rev. Walter S. Jackson, of 440 E. 22rd St., retired pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church.

Mrs. Frances Allen of 67½ Winters Ave., wife of the Rev. A. E. Allen, pastor of Grace AME Church in Catonsville.

November

Mrs. Ruth O. Thompson, 1826 Druid Hill Ave., public nurse.

Mrs. Adeladie F. Green, 1126 N. Carrollton Ave., beautician's inspector.

December

Rev. S. A. Lewis, 1002 Edmondson Ave., retired Methodist minister.

Rev. W. H. Manokoo, 44 Winters Ave., Catonsville, retired AME minister.

Mrs. Iola Stanley of 1714 N. Carey St.

P. Morton Chase, 638 N. Gilmor St., mortician.

Advances in Politics, Education, Arts and Race Relations Foreseen This Year

Baltimoreans can look forward in 1947 to great advancement in politics, education, employment, religion, the arts, civil liberties and race relationships, if the predictions of twelve persons who work in these fields come true.

In their predictions were seen representation in the city council, platform operators with the Baltimore Transit Company, new job openings at the telephone company, the organization of a symphonic orchestra, community service of the local AME churches as their national operational differences are settled;

More jobs in industry as local plants complete reconversion, more recognition of our musical and literary artists, advancement in schools if the liberal ideas of the new superintendent are carried out, and better race relationships fostered by such meetings as that of the Institute of Race Relations scheduled for Jan. 15 here.

Asked, "What do you think the New Year will bring to Baltimoreans in the way of better educational and employment opportunities and in improved race relations?" local residents made the following statements:

More Prosperity

Rev. Simon Williamson, pastor Faith Baptist Church:

"More prosperity and greater achievements are my predictions for 1947. I foresee better educational opportunities but less employment, because the jobs that become available as the labor-market settles will be of such a technical nature that many of our folk will not be ready for them. Education will solve this, however.

"Relations between the races will undoubtedly be better. People who have unrighteousness in their hearts are fast becoming more civilized. Right now, some wise I feel that improved relations are coming more rapidly than some persons can adjust to them. But the fallacy of the whole situation has been exposed, and white people are being forced to treat minorities better if for no other reason than to save face.

"Generally, the outlook for 1947 is pretty good"

Rev. Williamson

No Slump or Recession

John L. Procope, superintendent of Provident Hospital:

"I look for 1947 to be a better year. That is, if strikes do not continue to hold us back. It should be a year of prosperity, as there are many things people need and would buy if they were available.

"Race relations will no doubt improve during the year. I feel they are getting better and better as we go along.

"As for interracial meetings, the people who attend these are usually already sold on the idea of better human relationships. We need to reach those who do not attend such meetings.

"All in all, I predict a good year, as I can see no slump or recession in the near future."

Mr. Procope

Educational Possibilities

William H. Kindle, executive secretary Druid Hill YMCA:

"The improvement of race relations depends on how many people actually participate in efforts to make them better. I consider the Institute of Race Relations, scheduled to meet here on Jan. 15 the biggest effort ever made in Baltimore along this line. Its success depends, however, on full participation of persons from all walks of life.

"Educationally, the possibilities of progress are great if the new superintendent of schools is given the support he merits.

"The entire outlook for Baltimore in 1947 hinges in a large measure, on the attitude of local and State officials. I do believe, however, that the spirit of the world. Civilization ever moves forward whether we want it to or not."

Mr. Kindle

Lots of Employment

Cecil H. Scott, Urban League, industrial secretary:

"I believe that there will be a great flow of basic production materials will give the labor market a shot in the arm this year, and with the full operation of production plants, employment in Baltimore should hit a high peak in 1947.

"Race relations will be much better because of increasing opportunities for people to associate with one another.

"Education changes come slow and are hard to predict, but I believe that the greater interest now being shown in education will be of special benefit to all minority groups."

Mr. Scott

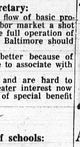
New Job Opportunities

Elmer Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools:

"I predict that in 1947 race relations will be very much better. I foresee a rapid eradication of strict prejudicial lines that heretofore have been present. We won't reach a stage of perfection next year but there will be much progress.

"There will be openings for colored persons in federal agencies in closed jobs. The way proved that colored citizens are capable of performing any task for which they get an opportunity to train. I believe that, next year, merit will occupy a prominent place in the selection of employees.

"With the new superintendent of schools in office, many disparities affecting colored schools should disappear. Democracy seems to be away from the hard and fast racial lines. There should be a change for the better in Baltimore's public school setup."



Mr. Henderson

Better for Minorities

Bishop A. P. Shaw, head of Methodist Church:

"A great deal depends on whether we have complete reconversion this year. I predict greater prosperity so far as employment is concerned. Education facilities should improve. The American situation is so manifest, there must be some improvement.

"I predict better race relations for 1947, and in some wise I feel that improved relations are coming more rapidly than some persons can adjust to them. But the fallacy of the whole situation has been exposed, and white people are being forced to treat minorities better if for no other reason than to save face.

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Bishop Shaw

Moving Prosperity

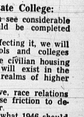
Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president, Morgan State College:

"In the employment field, I can see considerable improvement. Reconversion should be completed this year.

"As for education and factors affecting it, we will continue to have crowded schools and colleges throughout the year, and until the civilian housing situation is eased. This problem will exist in the public schools as well as in the realms of higher education.

"If business continues to improve, race relations will improve. A slump could cause friction to develop between the races, however.

"It's my belief that 1947 will be what 1946 should have been—a year of moving prosperity. What happens after that depends a great deal on our statesmanship."



Dr. Holmes

A City Councilman

Addison V. Pinkney, NAACP executive secretary:

"I predict that we will be successful in getting a colored city councilman from the Fourth District this year. Also that we will have colored platform operators with the Baltimore Transit Co.

"Other encouraging indications are that we will have new opportunities in the local telephone company. The employment situation looks bright.

"In the field of public education, the new superintendent seems very progressive, and I predict noteworthy gains in that field.

"I definitely feel there will be improved race relations in 1947 and think that the scheduled Institute of Race Relations will go a long way toward making better relations possible."

Mr. Pinkney

Employment Advances

Roy S. Bond, attorney:

"Just as we have made advances in employment, education and race relations in past years, I predict that we will make similar advances in 1947. The year, however, interracial relations will be improved much more than in the past.

"As for employment, I am hoping that we will all get down to work and spend more time working and less time striking. If this is done, improvement should be considerable, as there is enough work to be done to keep everyone busy."

Mr. Bond

A Symphonic Orchestra

W. Llewellyn Wilson, head of music dept., Douglass High school:

"I believe that the year 1947 will see the establishment of better race relations in Baltimore despite the ravings of die-hards to the contrary.

"I also predict that our musical and literary artists will make substantial gains in their respective fields of endeavor and that the new year will see peace restored in the AME Church.

"I can foresee the organization of a good symphonic orchestra in Baltimore this year, now that many of our better musicians are out of the armed forces.

"Lastly, I predict a considerable growth of local church congregations. The world is undergoing a return to religion"

Mr. Wilson

NEW YEAR CRYSTAL GAZING:

1947 Could See End to Racial Discrimination

By C. K. AUSTIN

Some people refuse to believe in magic, but there can be no harm in resorting to our own crystal ball for enlightenment about the things the New Year might disclose.

For instance, from out of the haze of the magic sphere appears:

A streetcar with a Negro motorman and a white conductor winning its way down Madison Ave.

All are seen the streetcar crews since the Baltimore Transit Co. realized colored men can contribute over $3,000,000 to its revenue each year. . . .

City Council Hope

In the City Council, the Rev. A. J. Payne participates in a City Council debate on a fair housing bill which would not protect the interests of the Fourth District.

A fire engine with its mixed staff of citizens rushes down the street to fight flames which have no respect for race or color. . . .

A group of citizens at the food counter of a downtown department store learn that it has decided that all money looks green. It will be a poor economy to cater to one section of the population. . . .

Fare Policy Dream

The downtown stores now hold this principle true regarding the sale of their merchandise. . . .

The Board of School Commissioners, by abolishing segregated seating, ruled that it was illegal to maintain one system than two. . . .

Officials have finally found a location for the new Cheltenham School for Boys, and the board has selected a superintendent for the institution. . . .

Finis on Morgan Buildings

Morgan State College celebrated three new buildings, the dining hall, gymnasium and classroom building. . . .

There are 50 uniformed policemen and policewomen on beats, including traffic, radio car and patrol. Twenty-six of these officers have ranks higher than patrolmen, and two are being considered as future captains. . . .

Baltimore's public housing town is the city's new experiment in interracial housing, a development supervised by the Baltimore Housing Authority which now has three colored members. . . .

Civil Rights for All

The State FEPC law and civil rights bill have been signed by Governor William Preston Lane. . . .

Four persons were selected to serve on the grand jury, marking the first time that more than one representative has been on this group. . . .

That gentlemen sitting over there is the Governor's most recent appointment to the Supreme Bench. He is the first to serve from among Baltimore's Jurists. . . .

The colored bar at this point gets too hazy for interpretation. Perhaps simply the thought of such a democratic future for Baltimore is too much, even for magic!

Mr. Stanley

Two Policewomen Only Ones Cited by Governor

Two of Baltimore's 12 colored police officers cited along with 4 whites by Governor O'Conor, Monday, for outstanding work during 1943, were policewomen Violet H. Whyte and Carolyn V. Robinson were the only policewomen so honored.

Mrs. Whyte was received her third orange and black ribbon since her appointment in 1937. While Mrs. Robinson, named to the force in 1942, was receiving her first.

Butler Leads List

Detective J. Hiram Butler led the list in receiving his seventh award since being appointed along with Officers Harry Scott and Jack A. Gardner in 1938.

It was the second for Officers Leroy Moody, a member of the battery squad and the second for Officer William E. Hayes, now assigned to duty with the Northwest Police Boys' Club.

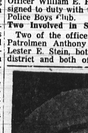
Two Involved in Slayings Cited

Two of the officers named were Patrolmen Anthony Bizzarri and Lester E. Sinn, both of Western district and both of whom were involved in fatal shootings.

Bizzarri shot and killed William Arthur, 22, of 646 Barre St., following a disturbance at Sydney Ann St., and Myrtle Ave., on May 18. The officer claimed self-defense and was exonerated.

Officer Sinn killed Johnie Nickerson, 22, a University Hospital orderly of 822 Fairmount Ave, near the scene of a holdup on Fremont Ave. He, too, was exonerated.

DETECTIVE J. H. BUTLER



OFFICER WILLIAM HAYES

MRS. VIOLET H. WHYTE

OFFICER JOSEPH DUGGINS

MRS. CAROLYN V. ROBINSON

7 Persons to Get Checks for Tips

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Three tips were received for tips to the city editor, Mulberry 6015.

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Three tips were received for tips to the AFRO city desk for traffic accidents and fires. Phone your news tips to the city editor, Mulberry 6015.

Political Interest Rises in Baltimore During '46

Noteworthy during the year 1946 was the deeper interest in political displayed throughout the city.

While they were defeated, 10 of the 12 Democratic candidates for the State Legislature. Three have already filed for the City Council race this year.

Responsibility Fixed

A ruling from the Supervisors of Elections, requiring new registration for the citizens who had not voted during the past two years, was held responsible for the defeat of the cast ballots in the May primary election.

Thousands of persons received such notices to re-register too late, while thousands of others did not receive them at all, due to changed addresses of which they had failed to record.

Colored citizens showed in greatly increased numbers at the polls for the Nov. 5 general election. However, they transcended party lines to vote for their friends.

Elect Lane Governor

An analysis of the election returns showed that Gov.-elect William P. Lane Jr. would not have won had it not been for the support given him by the colored in the majority of whom are Republicans.

The same holds true for Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor, who won out by a slim margin over Dr. Joseph Markey, Republican, in the U.S. Senate race.

While other States showed a definite trend toward the Republican party, Maryland remained almost solidly Democratic.

GOP State Senator

Baltimore, heretofore, solidly Democratic in the State Legislature, now has a Republican State Senator from the Fourth District, Daniel Ellison, a well known liberal, who defeated E. Milton Altfeld, the incumbent.

This move on the part of Fourth District voters was seen as a warning to the Democratic party that a district with 76,000 registered voters may have found instead of three seats in the council.

Pollack, district leader, rather than distaste for Mr. Altfeld, who is also a proved liberal.

The three City Council candidates, now are the Rev. A. J. Payne, Charles E. Reid and Thomas Richard H. Dorsey, all Republicans.

Koger, Gosnell Lose

Linwood G. Koger and William I. Gosnell sought the Republican nomination for the State Senate post from the Fourth District, but were defeated in the May primary election, the cast ballots showed of a split vote, when neither would withdraw in favor of the other.

The eight candidates for the House of Delegates were all Republican.

They were Calvin A. Anderson, Donald Boyce and William W. Hicks in the Second District; Arthur E. Briscoe; Harry Nelson Cole and Charles A. Reid in the Fourth District; Max Nellie C. Price (Mrs. Nellie C. Richardson), and Thomas R. Smith in the Sixth District.

All Candidates Defeated

Unopposed in the primary election, they were defeated in the general.

Lloyal Randolph, proprietor of a hotel, defeated, as leader of the State's Democratic forces; Mrs. Marie T. Callaway, veteran Republican State leader, heads those of the GOP party.

Both parties will go to the polls this spring to vote for a mayor, comptroller and some lesser city officials in the first municipal election since the war.

Revised City Charter

A revised City Charter, adopted during the general election, will allow two additional seats in the City Council to the Third and Fifth Districts.

A charter provision provides that a district with 76,000 registered voters may have four instead of three seats in the coun-