TAVERN OWNER, MANAGER NABBED:

AFRO, Liquor Board, Make Inspection Tour

By BUDDY LONESOME

A tavern owner and his manager were arrested on deadly weapons charges as a result of recent inspection trip of Northwestern Baltimore taverns by members of the Liquor Board.

Members of the Liquor Board, accompanied by men of the police Vice Squad, inspect licensed liquor establishments at least twice a month.

As such inspection trips are always made without prior warning to the licensee, there is hardly ever a dull moment.

Recently the AFRO accompanied Liquor Board Chairman Frank J. Hanson and Commissioner Irvin Kovens on such an inspection trip.

Assistant in the powerful arm of the law was afforded by Lt. Joseph L. Byrne, conamanding the Headquarters vice squad, Sgt. Christian Scharbe, and Patrolmen Lewis Gregory and Rudolph Wilkens.

Because it's one of the busiest nights for local tavern owners, Saturday night was selected as inspection night.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the unmarked police car containing plainclothes members of the vice squad pulled up in front of the Club Tijuana, first stop on the tour.

Unmarked Police Car

A few minutes later, Patrolman Wilkens, one colored member of the vice squad, drove up behind the police cruiser. Lt. Byrne sings praises of Wilkens' police work at the slightest provocation.

As a member of the completely integrated unit, Wilkens has participated on a large number of raids on white violators.

After a short wait, Messers Hanson and Kovens drove up in the latter's car.

The Tijuana was selected as the starting point because the club had just changed over to colored management. In all cases of changes in management an inspection trip follows shortly after.

On entering the newly decorated Tijuana, members of the inspection crew were impressed with the nightclub's gleaming interior.

After a cursory glance around the half-empty cocktail lounge, the inspection crew exited.

Inspect Club 2700

The next stop was the Club 2700 located at Clifton and Pennsylvania avenues. Possibly because of the early hour, there were only three patrons sitting at the bar.

Mr. Kovens walked back to inspect the cocktail lounge in the rear of the nightclub.

Noticing the youth of the two young proprietors, Mr. Hanson, meanwhile, delivered them a lecture on the dangers of serving minors.

"Now you fellows have a nice little place here and you don't want to get in any trouble." Make sure that everyone you serve is of legal age, because this Board is getting mighty concerned about the many minors found in these bars," he warned.

The next stop was Rieters, located at Pennsylvania and Fulton avenues. This club had just installed a new cocktail lounge and the members wanted to inspect the premises.

Just before entering Rictors, someone pointed to a cocktail lounge located directly across the street and observed: "I understand that place wants of convert to colored patronage."

Like 'Red Fox'

On entering the new cocktail lounge at Rictors, dubbed the 'Red Fox,' members of the inspection crew whistled in amazement.

Lt. Byrne exclaimed: "Gee, this is really a swell nightclub."

As Kovens and Hanson nodded in agreement, Patrolman Wilkens nudged Officer Gregory and said: "This looks better than a lot of those nightclubs downtown."

As Mr. Kovens drew near for a closer inspection of the imported paper covering the walls of the cocktail lounge, the manager, Johnny Smith, proudly greeted the new arrivals.

After assuring Mr. Smith that the Red Fox was a pretty cocktail lounge,' the entourage left the nightclub.

After departing Mr. Kovens pointed to the tavern across the street and said: "Let's go see what's over there, Frank." After Mr. Hanson quickly agreed, the inspection crew entered the place.

Place Is Untidy

Immediately after entering the tavern, Mr. Hanson looked around the room in thinly veiled disgust. Walking to the bar he asked the bartender: "Why is this place so dirty?"

As the bartender began stammering reasons for the unwashed floor, the liquor board chairman interrupted with: "That's alright fellow, let me have your license off the wall."

The crestfallen man quickly handed Mr. Hanson the license. While the vice squad members searched the premises for other violations, Mr. Hanson jotted down the licensee's name.

After leaving the bar, they returned to their cars which were parked in front of the Tijuana.

The next stop was the Eagle nightclub located in the 2100 block W. North ave. the official parked their cars on a side street adjoining the nightclub.

When Lt. Byrne got out of the police cruiser, he instructed Sgt. Scharbe and Patrolmen Wilkens and Gregory to enter the club through a rear entrance off the alley.

While the plainclothes men did this, Hanson, Kovens, and Lt. Byrne entered the tavern from the front entrance.

At the counter of the package goods store located in the front of the nightclub, a white man and woman were sipping drinks, while talking to Phil Harris, the owner.

Guest Of Owner

Rushing forth to greet the new arrivals, Mr. Harris stuck out his hand ans said: "Good evening, gentlemen, can I show you around?"

Ignoring the question, Mr. Hanson asked: "What are those people doing drinking off the package goods counter?"

Phil Harris smilingly explained: "That's Doc, he used to work here and stopped in with his girl friend."

After making this explanation, the nightclub owner again asked: "Can I show you around?" Mr. Hanson declined the invitation remarking, "We already have someone back there inspecting the premises."

As the liquor board chairman returned again to the subject of the white couple and their drinks, Sgt. Scharbe approached.

"Lieutenant, there's a white girl sitting back there in the cocktail lounge," reported the police sergeant. The girl was later identified as a friend of one of the musicians—although Mr. Hanson wasn't impressed.

Owner Is Warned

When it changed over from white to colored patronage, the O and M nightclub was issued a license with the stipulation that only colored patrons would be served. The license mounted on the wall bears a typewritten notation to that effect.

After jotting down the names of the white couple along with Mr. Harris's explanation the inspection crew departed.

Later that week, Mr. Harris was summoned before the Liquor Board for a hearing. He received a stern warning from Mr. Hanson on violating his license restriction, but no other action was taken.

The next stop on the inspection tour was the Fulton Bar, located at Baker st. and Fulton ave. On the second floor of this tavern is a cocktail lounge dubbed the 'Celebrity Room.'

At the suggestion of the vice squad members, the inspection crew shouldered through the patrons crowded around the first floor bar and went directly to the second floor.

Find Minor

Lt. Byrne ordered his men to check ages of the patrons. First man to detect a possible violation was Patrolman Wilkens who found a young girl sipping a drink at a table with three other patrons.

The girl admitted she was not of legal age but the waitress reported she had only served her a soft drink. Patrolmen Wilkens

At Fort Knox

Pvt. William Parrott was recently commended as the outstanding graduate of a leadership course at Fort Knox, Ky.

the man was docketed on deadly weapon charges.

While the tavern manager was being booked, a man walked into the police station with blood streaming from a cut on his head.

Walking up to the desk sergeant, he said: "I want to have the man that owns that nightclub across the street locked up for hitting me in the head with a nightstick."

Members of the vice squad listened to the complaint with detached interest until the man Clucking in astonishment at the amazing coincidence, Lt. Byrne stated the bar was Shafer's.

Upon learning that he was accusing Sam Shafer of assaulting him.

Turning to Sgt. Scharbe the police official ordered: Bring Sam Shafer over here, I don't care if he has to close the tavern up.

A few minutes later Shafer was brought in. Volubly protesting "I've never seen this man before," he was booked on a charge of assault.

Dismissed Of Charges

Because the manager insisted that Shafer told him to carry the gun, an additional charge of carrying a deadly weapon was placed against Shafer.

At a later hearing before Magistrate Everett Lane, the tavern owner and his manager were both dismissed of deadly weapon and assult charges.

After the incident at Shafer's, it was past 1 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Hanson turned to Kovens and said: "I think it's about time to turn in don't you Irv?"

When Mr. Kovens agreed, the city officials bade the vice squad detail "Good night," and walked from the police station.

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". . . No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States . . .
U. S. CONSTITUTION, 14TH AMENDMENT.

OPINION

Facts first! You've got to know before you go.—HAL STEBBINS.

A Dangerous Proposal

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate is presently holding hearings on a Constitutional amendment proposed by Senator John Bricker of Ohio.

The Bricker amendment would remove from the Constitution the provision which makes any treaty the supreme law of the land.

Its real intent is to make the United States withdraw membership from all world organizations and embrace the MacArthur "go-it-alone" philosophy.

The Bricker amendment for that reason has the solid backing of discredited isolationists and nationalist extremists, who still foolishly believe the United States can exist in a vacuum without outside contacts.

The amendment also has the enthusiastic support of white supremacists, who fear America's approval of the United Nations Human Rights Covenant would be backdoor enactment of civil rights laws.

The covenant pledges all signers to promote "universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, language, or religion."

The Dixiecrats sense that this is a suspended dagger over the head of their cherished laws and practices of racial segregation and discrimination.

As a matter of course, they would be for anything that would remove it.

Too, under the Bricker resolution, the United States would have to sever connection with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the International Monetary Fund Agreement, the World Health Organization and other world agencies.

We believe the Bricker proposal would be dangerous tampering with fundamental and time-tested treaty making laws of the land.

It should be summarily rejected by an overwhelming majority in the Congress.

Mr. Truman's Memoirs

We are happy that former President Truman has decided to publish his memoirs. Only he can put the record of his administration in its proper perspective.

The target of bitter animosities during the closing years of his administration, Mr. Truman was pictured at various times as:

(1) A communist;
(2) A crook;
(3) A traitor to the white race;
(4) An unscrupulous politician;
(5) A terrible-tempered Mr. Bangs.

Of course, he was none of these things. And we are more than satisfied that history Mr. Truman has to tell, together with history, will be kind to him.

The record, already more than half finished, has been sold to Life magazine for more than half a million dollars.

After taxes have been deducted this leaves our former president, not a wealthy man, a comfortable nest egg of about $150,000.

Our hope is that these memoirs will explode once and for all the myth that Mr. Truman's passionate espousal of civil rights was a political gesture.

We prefer to believe that he had a sincere desire to make real this nation's ideal of equality.

And that he wisely was aware that America's bid for world leadership was in jeopardy as long as its democratic preachings were in such sharp contradiction to its racial practices.

Beware Of Greeks . . .

The United States Chamber of Commerce with a fanfare has announced its belated conversion to the principle of social security.

The Chamber says it wants the coverage expanded. It would pay benefits to all aged not now receiving them. And it would extend coverage to all persons gainfully employed.

This is all to the good, but the Chamber doesn't stop there.

It proposes the end of all federal subsidies to state relief programs for the aged. And it wants the financing of benefits placed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

That's what the Chamber stubs its toe.

By ending federal subsidies, it would reduce 2½ million aged to a starvation level.

"This monthly old people is now receiving state pensions. They do not qualify for federal assistance or their federal pension is not large enough to provide the bare necessities of life.

And the proposal to put this program on a pay-as-you-go basis is simply another way of kicking the word security from the term social security.

No effort would be made to build up necessary reserves for future needs. The aged under this program would be limited to assistance only if and when there is money to pay them.

The Chamber of Commerce is thus revealed in the role of the proverbial Greek bearing gifts. It gives a little with its right hand only to take away very much with its left.

An Impossible Price

A bid has been issued the United States to join a five-nation military alliance for the "defense" of Southeast Asia.

It would be the surest way to drive the teeming millions of Asiatics straight into the waiting arms of Russia.

That would be an impossible price to pay for the protection of the decaying colonialism of two European nations now losing their imperial grip on dark people yearning for freedom.

Victory In Mississippi

A significant victory was won in Mississippi the other day.

Union officials of Forrest County of which Hattiesburg is the county seat, voted to cease and desist from resorting to discriminatory registration practices.

Before the agreement, colored residents to qualify as voters were compelled to answer such inane questions as "How many bubbles in a bar of soap?"

Three women and six men who, of course flunked this query, appealed to NAACP Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall. Mr. Marshall filed a complaint with the Department of Justice.

After being visited by the FBI agents, Forrest County registrars hastily decided that it was the better part of valor to comply with federal law. They agreed not to ask such questions again.

This certainly should give pause to those who embrace the Eisenhower-Taft philosophy that persuasion, not legislation, is the best way to achieve civil rights.

Red Faces In N.C.

Some wise philosopher years ago made the observation that the hope of democracy lies not with this nation's elders, but with its youth.

The truth of this statement was proved at Greensboro, N.C., the other week.

Delegates assembled there for the North Carolina Methodist Annual Conference unanimously passed a resolution calling for the "immediate end of the stigma of segregation in church-affiliated schools."

One young girl from Greensboro said she wished the experiment of attending college with colored students and raised the question why she could not enroll in Benett.

This must have been very embarrassing to the Methodist ecclesiastical hierarchy of North Carolina.

These young people have shown a better grasp and understanding of the full meaning of Christianity than either their parents or their clergy.

A Puzzling Omission

The Ford Foundation has given $15 millions to the Fund for the Republic, an independent agency of the foundation established last year to fight free of civil liberties and civil rights.

Paul G. Hoffman, retiring chairman of the foundation, announced the change in the new fund's board of directors. On the board are 14 members representing many segments of the population.

But missing is a representative of America's largest minority. This is indeed puzzling. To be truly effective, all elements of the population should have a voice in shaping the campaign ahead.

Who could be more enthusiastic about fighting restrictions on freedom than those who daily are the principal victims?

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

Dr. Frazier Off To Africa

PARIS — Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, on leave from Howard University and now here on the UNESCO staff, left recently by air on an extensive fact-finding tour of Africa. Stops will be made in Liberia, Sierre Leone, Uganda and Egypt, among other places. Mrs. Marie Frazier remains in Paris.

The trip is far from being a pleasure jaunt. It is understood officially that Dr. Frazier will take on the spot studies of "tension areas" for UNESCO — and Africa at the moment has no less than half a dozen, from South Africa to Tunis. The mission may take months to complete.

February brought another man on a mission to Paris, Dr. U. G. Dailey, of Chicago, was here overnight and flew with his wife to India where he will address a meeting of the International College of Surgeons.

Then he, too, will make a tour of Africa, studying health conditions and visiting hospitals. Dailey, who is a native Hoosier, goes back to Paris to wait for her husband to finish his survey.

'Porgy And Bess' Comes High

Inflation: Porgy and Bess is already down in the books as the most expensive show ever brought to Paris. The theater director who brought the show here from London says he had to pay 18 million francs ($54,000) on the line for a 15-day run, and only a packed house at every performance could keep him from coming out in the red. P.S.: The house was packed!

John Riley, of Chicago, who has been polishing up his big bass-baritone voice at the Conservatory and with private teachers for more than three years, finally took the big plunge on February 21. He appeared in a concert at Salle Gaveau. Had a good crowd and was very well received. Plans European tour now.

Orchestra conductor Dean Dixon who recently directed the Conservatory Orchestra of Paris in a concert of the old masters, has announced that he was offered; and will accept, the position of resident conductor at Gothenburg, Sweden. He has his family with him and plans to live in Europe.

'Tom's' Anniversary Observed

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" (by Harriet Beecher-Stowe) was published 100 years ago this week—and to celebrate this famous anti-slavery book, French Minister of Education Andre Marie addressed a gathering of celebrities at the Sorbonne which included Senate president Gaston Monnerville and U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn. "After the Bible, this work is the most widespread in the world," declared Minister Marie.

The brother of a Washington AFRO newsie was in town this week. He's Pvt. Otis Daniels, 415 "A" st., ne, Washington, D.C., who is stationed in Miesau, Germany, with the 60th Ord. Ammo. Co. Accompanied by M/Sgt. Lonnie Fields, St. Louis, Mo., Daniels says he lives with his oldest brother, Willis, in Washington, and his younger brother, Eddie, sells the AFRO.

Basso Moses LaMarr, of Atlanta, a Morehouse man who has the role of "Lawyer Frazier" in Porgy and Bess, was sitting in the restaurant of another Morehouse man (Leroy Roughhouse Haynes) when he related to me how he got the part in a movie with Douglass Fairbanks Jr. in London. Fairbanks saw the show, then sent two of his associates to sign up the man with the big voice. Picture is called "The Scream."

Lives In Springfield Gardens

LaMarr now lives in Springfield Gardens, N.Y. He studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, spent four grim years in the South Pacific during the war, and more recently appeared in the show "Lost in the Stars."

While on the subject of show business and money, I wonder why we in these parts never get a chance to see Nat (King) Cole or Billy Eckstine? Often I have been asked this question, and I usually say I suppose it's a question of money — but I could be wrong.

Tour Of Europe Helps

It is definitely true that by American standards, musicians and show people are paid not so good in Europe. But if stars like Hazel Scott, Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong, the Nicolas Brothers and the Peters Sisters find some help to their careers in a tour of Europe, there must be something else besides money that counts in the long run.

Thirst: The British exported 11,520,564 gallons of Scotch whisky last year—and Americans drank more than half of it, consuming a total of 6,300,000 gallons. The price tax on this belly-warming brew was $52,080,000!

WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

'I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.' — Voltaire on Helvetius

PROPHET JONES' MINK

Boston, Mass.—I think it was a disgrace for the AFRO to carry on its front page the photo of Prophet Jones modeling that white mink coat. I thought page one was reserved for important news.

(Mrs.) EARL JACKSON

Detroit—Those Chicago teachers who are straining to make ESCO monthly payments on a mink coat for Prophet Jones need to see a psychiatrist. They must be crazy.

JOSEPH BROWN

Milwaukee — How simple can you get? I think Missus Evelyn and Esther Jackson reached the bottom in stupidity. The idea of giving any preacher a $13,000 mink coat is positively preposterous.

DEACONESS ANN

Baltimore — The $13,000 mink coat for two daughters given Prophet Jones for restoring their mother's health is cheap compared to some of the bills the regular doctors charge. And often their patients die anyway.

JAMES PARSONS

INCOME TAX ARTICLES

New York—I think the AFRO is performing a needed service in its publication of articles on how to save money on income tax.

The government doesn't want you to pay any anymore than you owe, but through ignorance many people do.

RUSSELL MICKENS

Philadelphia — The question and answer method used by the AFRO is the best way I've seen to simplify the complicated business of figuring your income tax.

(Mrs.) DOROTHEA RAINES

Baltimore—Now if the AFRO would only tell us how to get some money to pay that income tax . . .

BERNARD SMITH

Hartford, Conn.—The first article in the AFRO's income tax series doesn't tell me how to work the 1040 long form. Where could I get that information?

SELMA BARBER

Editor's Note—Check at the office of the U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue. Assistants there will be glad to help you.

'TIME FOR LEADERSHIP'

New York—I agree with the AFRO editorial of Feb. 28, it's time for Eisenhower to begin displaying that leadership he promised during the campaign.

SUSAN DEAN

Los Angeles — An FEPC bill is now before the legislature which is in session. Like the Bricker amendment, it gives the Ike group a big turn on the leadership "steam."

We'll need it badly out here where Ike's loud supporters are fighting it tooth and toenail.

(Mrs.) CHARLOTTE FOSTER

Harrisburg, Pa. — Eisenhower had better hurry up with that leadership fuel. Governor Fine is running out of his.

It's the manufacturers and businessmen who were strongest for Ike, who are FEPC's hottest foes here.

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Wilmington, Del.—Hurrah for the AFRO editorial, "Time for Leadership." It bares the emptiness of Eisenhower's civil rights pledges.

Most of the legislatures are now in session. FEPC proposals are before many of them. What is Ike waiting for? When is he going to crusade forth with that promised leadership?

WILLIAM S. JONES

Baltimore — Eisenhower has been in office only a month. Why doesn't the AFRO put away its hatchet for awhile and give him a chance?

EX-FAIR DEALER

DR. M'MILLAN'S BOOK

Dayton, O.—I read in "News In Tabloid" where Dr. McMillan's book was to make parents lose confidence in the great private schools of our state, thus increasing the enrollment at S.C. State College.

Allen, Benedict and Claflin in still militancy in our children. Some people are so easily beaten down to accept meekly the status quo in racial relations.

Governor Byrnes must have paid him well for this nasty bit of hatchet work.

ERNEST J. ROBINSON

Spartanburg, S.C. — I read Cliff Mackay's mention of a new book on higher education in South Carolina in his "News in Tabloid" of Feb. 21.

I certainly would like to secure a copy of this highly controversial volume. How much are they and where can they be obtained?

BENJAMIN JOHNSON

Editor's Note—"Negro Higher Education in South Carolina" by Lewis K. McMillan, Ph.D., may be secured directly from the author at S.C. State College, Orangeburg. They are $5 each.

MRS. VANN'S JOBS

Boston — The AFRO's Louis Lautier has really had a merry time guessing where Eisenhower will place Mrs. Jessie M. Vann.

At various times, he's had her a civil service commissioner, alternate delegate to the UN, District commissioner and taking over Thomasina Norford's job in the Labor Department.

Now he says she definitely will be named ambassador to Haiti. Why doesn't he confess he doesn't know? It's possible that Eisenhower will give her nothing.

SIMON H. CARTER

Richmond, Va.—Is Louis Lautier trying to fool somebody or is he merely indulging in wishful thinking?

He's been Eisenhower naming colored Republicans to all sorts of jobs for the past month. Yet nothing seems to happen.

DONALD MURRAY

New Haven, Conn. — If the AFRO says Louis Lautier for that propaganda he writes, it certainly is being cheated. Lautier's check obviously should come from the Republican National Committee.

PEARL MADISON

WORLD'S NEWEST FAITH

New York—How happy I was to read Ebony's article on the Baha'i faith in the AFRO Magazine of Feb. 14. The layout, pictures and text together with the novelty of the headline were 'excellent.

KEITH De FOLO

NOTE TO FATHERS

Frankfurt, Germany — Fathers of German brown babies should be ashamed of themselves. Mothers of these children are doing all kinds of things trying to support them.

I wonder how these men feel knowing that a part of them is still in Germany not knowing if it will get a meal each day. Why not try to get one of these babies and give it a home?

(Pvt.) SHERMAN J. FORD

HUGHES' NEW BOOK

New York — Thank you for the review of "The First Book of Negroes" by Langston Hughes which appeared in your magazine. We especially appreciate reference to the difficulty *writing juvenile literature.* So many people think it easy.

(Mrs.) HELEN H. WATTS

THINKS AFRO TOPS

New York—So many of our colored newspapers and magazines are not worth two cents in Chinese money.

There is only one great newspaper. That's the AFRO. It has good writers like Ollie Stewart, Cliff Mackay, Sam Lacy and James L. Hicks.

BERT JOHNSON

LACY LAUDED

Raleigh, N.C. — The AFRO's Sam Lacy is unquestionably the tops in his field. I look forward with interest to his annual spring coverage of the baseball training camps.

JOE DANIELS

WANTS OLD GUIDE

Guttenberg, N.J. —I am a collector of old Beach and Spalding baseball guides. I wondered if an AFRO reader would sell me a copy of Sol White's Negro Baseball Guide of 1907?

WILLIAM PUCKNER

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
March 4-5—partly cloudy, windy
March 6, 7—fair and frosty
March 8, 9, 10—rain or snow.

MARCH 1953

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MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter—March 5, 1:24 p.m.
First Moon—March 13, 6:06 a.m.
Full Moon—March 22, 8:18 a.m.
New Moon—March 29, 7:34 a.m.

SUN RISES AND SUN SETS

Wed., March 4	6:30 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Thur., March 5	6:29 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
Fri., March 6	6:27 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Sat., March 7	6:26 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Sun., March 8	6:25 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
Mon., March 9	6:23 a.m.	5:59 p.m.
Tues., March 10	6:21 a.m.	6:00 p.m.

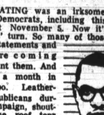
Voters' Vineyard

By James L. Hicks

Powell For Mayor A Capital Idea

THE QUIET OF New York's George Washington birthday was broken by the TV announcement of Congressman Adam C. Powell that he is "available" as a candidate for mayor.

Although every newsman here has serious doubts that Mr. Powell will send up as a candidate for mayor, the turmoil which Mr. Powell could cause in New York politics if he decide to run, made newsmen leave their drinks on the bar and sent them scurrying to their typewriters.



Mr. Hicks

This reversal of form happens to know that Mr. Powell actually has his hands in the pockets of the New York City Council, a position now held by Mr. Rudolph Halley.

But the possibilities of what might happen if Mr. Powell does run makes interesting conversation.

Would Set Precedent

First and foremost it would mark the first time certainly in modern history that a vote getting colored man of stature had made a bid for the second highest job in the world—the mayor of New York.

And "Why not?" this column asks. The lineup in the crowded room where I heard the announcement told one one thing — a colored man of stature running for high office would give white colored people like they have never been united before.

This in itself would cause turmoil in New York politics. In order to do anything in New York, politicians know that they must deal with Harlem.

But up to now they have successfully followed the old policy of "divide and conquer" and the result is that Harlem in politics is like a chicken with its head cut off — never to be totally feared in an election—but still something which might get a politician's suit bloody if he approached the floundering headless chicken from the wrong side.

He Has A Chance

Powell would put a head on the floundering chicken of Harlem. It would not be because Powell is that popular or is looked upon as such a great leader by Harlem. It would be more because Powell is a colored man who has a chance to win—and one whom colored people would not be ashamed of if he took the seat in city hall.

Harlem is race conscious. It's proud. It also likes a winner. Powell has been a winner up to now. For these reasons Harlem would get behind him and shout down all who came to Harlem to oppose him.

Powell's candidacy would also clear the air relative to many white "liberals who have used Harlem over the years as stepping stones to greater things. For instance, how would our Jewish friends in the bronx line up in such a race?

Question For Bronx

For years Harlem and the Bronx have been married politically as two minorities supporting liberal candidates. But in the main the candidate has always been white. Would the Bronx go with us if the candidate was colored?

Frankly, this writer thinks it would. Of course Queens County, Richmond and the West Side of Manhattan would line up almost solid white against him. This would shove the real basics to Brooklyn. And it would really be a hassle.

No one could say who would win. But no matter what the outcome, colored people would not lose anything.

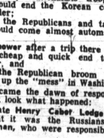
Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

DON'T KNOW what's going on in the price control world these days, but whatever it is—Hurrah!

Guess the American butchers got a little jealous of all that New Zealand beef flooding the country. At any rate, old John Q. Public got a chance to renew his acquaintance with steak.

So did ol' Hodge. Went into the supermarket last week with half of the pay check after Uncle Samuel gets his cut. Following my usual custom, tackled the meat section first.



Mr. Matthews

Didn't even swerve when passing the counters where choice cuts of porterhouse and sirloin steaks were displayed. Force of habit, I guess.

Slowed down in front of the delicatessen department, and noted with disinterest that cold cuts and hot dogs had gone up a penny in price.

Started to duck one of those reckless women, cart drivers and found myself staring straight at one of the most beautiful porterhouse steaks outside of a jewelers window. Had a moderate fright.

Nearly dropped dead when I sneed at the price. The steak was cheaper than the hot dogs. At last my children's food question is nearly complete. They now up knowing what steak tastes like. Had serious doubts for a while there.

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

A lot of folks who hold on to mates because there are no grounds for divorce, don't hold on to affection . . . because there are few grounds for marriage, too.

You can't expect to plant weeds in a garden intended to be a paradise. There's no law, of course against not cultivating your roses, but if the cultivating isn't worth the work, it seems of little value to me to continue to pay the mortgage on the plot.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

The only thing to be done with "race prejudice" is to bury it. No compromise with it at any if it is right it ought to triumph if it is wrong it ought to be given the black eye.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
June 4, 1898

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackey

Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

. . . And Then Came The Dawn

CROW EATING was an irksome task for many Democrats, including this columnist, last November 5. Now it's the Republicans' turn. So many of those glib campaign statements and promises are coming back to haunt them. And after only a month in power, too. Leathe-lunged Republicans during the campaign, shouted from the roof tops and yelled from coast to coast that:

1. The Korean tragedy was really a Truman's war;

2. Yalta and Potsdam engineered by Roosevelt and Truman were evils concocted in secret to betray the American people;

3. 'Spendthrift' Harry Truman's budget could easily be slashed by 10 billions or more;

4. If Acheson and Truman would only unite the hands of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek his bloodthirsty Nationalists troops on Formosa would end the Korean conflict in short order;

5. Elect the Republicans and tax reductions would come almost automatically;

6. Eisenhower after a trip there would produce a cheap and quick end to the Korean war, and

7. Only the Republican broom squad could clean up the "mess" in Washington.

And then came the dawn of responsible reality. Just look what happened:

1. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge tells the UN that it was the Russians, not Harry Truman, who were responsible for Korea;

2. Eisenhower offers a resolution to congress admitting there was no intent in the signing of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements by Roosevelt and Truman; the only thing evil was Russia's violation of these treaties;

3. Defense Secretary Charles Wilson says that only minor cuts could be safely made in the Truman budget; certainly not the 10 billions promised in GOP oratory;

4. Chiang Kai-shek's hands were untied only to discover that he doesn't have the 600,000 men Republicans had claimed were so eager to fight in Korea;

5. There will be no pie-in-the-sky tax cuts as pledged last fall despite the shadow boxing of New York's Dan Reed, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

6. President Eisenhower, after his trip to Korea, announced there was no quick and easy way to end the conflict, the same thing Adlai Stevenson said throughout the campaign.

7. The "mink coat mess" in Washington has been replaced by a more sordid McCarthy, Nixon, Jenner financial messes.

Who said the people couldn't be fooled at least one time?

On The Civil Rights Front

FEPC has become EOM in Minnesota. It becomes a reality in Minnesota. Defeated in three previous tries, the bill this year was signed by Governor Orville Freeman