Baltimore Afro-American

"We are Americans and, as Americans we would speak to America."
—Frederick Douglass

OUR CREED

We believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and equal rights. Having no man, fearing no man, the Colored Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ask yourself constantly: what is the right thing to do?
CONFUCIUS

What The AFRO Stands For

A seat for every child in a modern school building that is not overcrowded.

A teacher for every 35 pupils.

The right of every child to attend the school closest to his home, if there is room.

The right of every child to secure instruction in any course which is offered in the curriculum of Baltimore public schools.

Why You Must Vote

Every Maryland citizen who is interested in the proper discharge of his or her government will vote Monday, June 28, in the primary election.

That is every citizen will vote who has registered either as a Republican or as a Dpmocrat.

Those who will discharge their responsibilities as voters will decide who is to run for office in the general elections this November. The winners in the general elections are the men who will serve you as public officers.

Candidates for both parties are entered in the primary elections seeking the privilege of being their party's representatives in November.

It is your duty, be you Republican or Democrat, to cast your vote on Monday. To shirk this duty is to fall behind in accepting your responsibilities as a citizen.

Now's the time to find out

Some of those who were in U.S. District Court this week were disturbed by the line of questions.

Before the court was the NAACP suit to enjoin the city and state from enforcing racial segregation in public beaches and swimming pools.

It is our experience that very often you can not tell what a judge's decision is going to be by the questions he asks.

What we know is that the Supreme Court on May 17, declared that the 14th Amendments prohibits any state from enforcing laws discriminating against individuals on the basis of color.

In the case of the public schools, the Court ruled that segregation deprived colored people of the equal protection of the laws.

In the District of Columbia case, the Court found that segregation there deprives colored people of their liberty in violation of the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.

And the High Court said that the separate but equal theory no longer applies to public schools.

On May 24, the High Court sent a number of cases dealing with segregation in swimming pools, public parks, golf courses, junior colleges, and colleges back to the lower court with instructions to rehear those cases, taking into account its decision of May 17.

If anybody thinks that the Supreme Court, in its decision last month, meant to reserve some small areas in which the state could have involuntary segregation of the races, it is time we found that out.

We do not believe there is any such area.

Either we are first-class citizens in all the areas of human liberty, or we are not.

This is the time to find out.

We congratulate the NAACP in raising this issue immediately.

To the average layman it is inconceivable that the state can be enjoined from separating children by race in public schools and public housing, and cannot be restrained from separating individuals according to color in public swimming pools or on public beaches.

91 golden years

This month marks the retirement from Baltimore schools of two veteran teachers, who together have spent 91 years in the system.

Miss Lottie Chase, English and civics teacher, completes 47 years, 38 of them at Dunbar High School.

P. D. G. Pennington completes 44 years, all of which have been spent as a teacher of biology at Douglass High School.

Both Miss Chase and Mr. Pennington have been honored at receptions and presented gifts by fellow teachers and pupils, who have told them how much they have meant to our schools.

We could not begin to describe those contributions here. But we rejoice with Miss Chase and Mr. Pennington that they have given 91 golden years to public education.

They are among the pioneers whose contributions will not soon be forgotten.

We are happy that they both enjoy fine health and may now turn their attention to other activities which will provide them a measure of relaxation they could not find in a classroom.

He's our boy

Just in case you missed the news accounts in this newspaper and others — the Art Bragg who won the 100 - yard dash championship at the National AAU Championships last week in St. Louis is our boy.

He's the same Art Bragg who formerly was captain of Morgan State College's track team.

He's Baltimore born and bred and we're proud of him. We're also proud that during the St. Louis meet he was chosen "the outstanding performer."

Baltimoreans who have followed his athletic career closely will cheer this additional honor to a hometown boy.

OK'S SITTING JUDGES

Walter V. Harrison, president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City urged this week in a television address that the voters of Baltimore City elect the judges now sitting on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. The judges who are being presented for election are Judge Joseph L. Carter, Judge James K. Cullen and Judge Emory H. Niles.

In Monday's primary election three associate judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, Judge Joseph L. Carter, Judge James K. Cullen and Judge Emory H. Niles, will appear on both the Democratic and Republican ballots.

Each of these men is a sitting judge, which means that at least since appointment by the Governor, he has served at least a year with dignity and integrity and deserves to be retained by the voters.

The AFRO endorses these judges for re-election because we believe they are demonstrably better than the candidates who oppose them.

On Monday, we urge our readers to mark their ballots accordingly.

Be sure to vote for sitting judges

Summer warning

The Baltimore City Health Department has issued a warning which every parent should consider carefully.

Checking its figures for the period, 1950-1953, the department points out that during the summer season additional risks of accidents and deaths for the young are especially prevalent.

"A significant increase in accidental deaths, particularly from drowning, was noted for the summer months," said the report.

Every parent should be well aware of the dangers of swimming without the proper supervision and should caution the young of these dangers.

Admittedly, Baltimore's city fathers have more or less ignored us when planning for outside swimming facilities. However, that lack of consideration is presently being fought along other lines and eventually will be remedied.

We are concerned now with what is available:

The Health Department is urging both parents and children to take advantage of the Red Cross swimming courses conducted free of charge at various locations in the city during the summer months.

Such courses are available at the Druid Hill Park Pool No. 2 and at the Chick Webb Recreation Center in East Baltimore.

We hope this advice is taken seriously.

This year we do not wish, as it has been our sad duty in past summers, to find stories of drownings within our pages in each edition.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Since the politicians have been blowing up the land these past eight weeks, making all sorts of promises and throwing around charges as wildly as Rex Barney used to do for the Dodgers, we might as well get our little two cents in on the matter.

Mr. Walker writes:

So far, it looks like in spite of all the noise the professionals have been engineering for the primary elections next week, the average voter on the street isn't any too excited over who goes into office.

But although the situation in Baltimore City is apathetic, you certainly can't say that for Baltimore County where every nobody's upset over charges and countercharges on everything from "the gambling element" to "racial strife."

Out Turner Station way the forces of the Blue Ticket (Pine-Byrd) and the White Ticket (Birmingham-Mahoney) are at each other's throats as the time draws nigh for the voters to head for the polls.

Just like the bitter Byrd - Mahoney battle is opening statewide wounds which may take a long time to heal, so does it go on a smaller scale in Turner Station.

Whether this is good or bad is another matter. Fact is though the folks are down right interested in the primaries.

Politics is a rough game and that old cliche says all's fair in love, war and politics. Still sometimes it causes one to wonder just how some folks can labor long and hard for a candidate who they know within themselves cares as little for them as he does for the rack on which he hangs his hat.

A promise with some politicians is something to make during a campaign and something to break afterward. That's something which it would do well for every voter who enters a booth on Monday to remember.

And riding the winner's horse doesn't always mean YOU'VE won. Sometimes it depends on who owns the horse whether or not you share in the winnings.

Our main interest on Monday will be watching to see what support the eight colored candidates running for major offices receive.

We are ready now, aren't we?

TEEN-AGERS — Speaking of politics, a construction worker by the name of George Kirk has organized a 16th Ward Boys Democratic Political Club in his basement in the 3000 block of Brighton St.

He says he organized the group to "get the boys off the street" and to "get them interested in politics" at an early age.

Mr. Kirk says he already has 15 charter members, all teenagers. He's now looking for some adult to "take over."

Are Takers?

BAD BOYS — Local histrionics have had to get rid of a group of musicians who, he says, went for the "weed" during working hours and even turned his wife out when she warned 'em it was time to return to the stand.

Such actions do not do anyone any good.

GETTING OLD DEPT. — I'm still surprised when I see little girls around six and seven hanging on the corners at 11 p.m. doing the "skate" and singing "So Good, So Good."

And you don't know what I'm talking about you're getting alone, too.

PATERNITY WARD — Two weeks ago in Washington a stepfather was arrested for allegedly beating his wife's baby boy because the child looked too much like his father.

The man was released this week when the wife refused to prosecute.

What makes it hurts in Baltimore is that the baby's Dad lives here and swears the stepfather has never seen the child and doesn't even know what he looks like. Why?

WE AIN'T READY DEPT. — When are some of these folks who're always being embarrassed when their mixed grams foist affairs in areas where they're barred going to wake up and make 'em schedule those shindigs where they can go?

And when are the persons who're always "surprised" that these places bar us and who always promise "it'll never happen again" going to wake up to the fact that we're wise to them?

The time is right—NOW!

The Primary Candidates

Democratic and Republican Primary Elections are Monday, June 28. Polls open 6 a.m., close 7 p.m. Take this ballot into the voting booth with you.

For Governor

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Byrd over Mahoney	McKeldin

For Congress

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
4th Cong. Dist.	Koger over Sherwood

For State Senate

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
4th Leg. Dist.	Cole over Gill
5th Leg. Dist.	

For State's Attorney

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Goodman	

For Sheriff

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Sodaro	
O'Donnell	
Duke over Deegan	

For Assoc. Judges Supreme Bench

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Carter	Carter
Cullen	Cullen
Niles	Niles

For House of Delegates

DEMOCRAT	2nd Leg. Dist.
Samuel Stewart	
	4th Leg. Dist.
Truly Hatchett	
Ernest L. Perkins	
	5th Leg. District
U. Theodore Hayes	
Thomas A. Pitts	

For Delegates to Democratic State Convention

William B. Dixon
Lloyd Randolph
William R. Boykin

For Democratic State Central Committee

W. C. Flippen

Republican Candidates For Ward Executive

4th WARD	11th WARD
Joseph Jones	Roosevelt Aaron
Magruder Jackson	William Contee
	Daniel Richards
14th WARD	15th WARD
Ulysses Callis	G. Hayes Buchanan
George Douglass	Charles Dorsey
	Ernest Franklin
	Lewis Mickle
	George Parrish
16th WARD	17th WARD
Robert Crow	Arthur Rogers
Mary Hawkins	Helen Woodland
Thomas Mickle	
William Turks	

Speak Your Piece

Only letters signed by the writer will appear in this column.

SODARO ON ADAMS CASE

CON

Dear AFRO:

When the Supreme Court sent the Willie Adams case back to the lower courts in Baltimore and found that Maryland had made a mistake in using Mr. Adams' testimony before a congressional committee to find him guilty of a numbers conspiracy, what did Anselm Sodaro, States Attorney, do?

Did he accept this reversal?

No. According to his own public statement, Mr. Sodaro's office called in a number of witnesses to see whether they would change their testimony or offer new testimoiny and so provide grounds on which to retry Mr. Adams.

One report is that two or more such persons were brought in from prison...

Why should any witness who has once offered testimony under oath be asked to perjure himself?

Mr. Sodaro must have wanted Mr. Adams' scalp very badly in order to resort to such tactics.

ARTHUR TWINING

PRO

Dear AFRO:

I do not believe States Attorney Sodaro sought to get out a new indictment for Willie Adams.

When the Supreme Court acted he had no case. He called in witnesses seeking to strengthen what was left of the state's case. Besides, the two-year statute of limitation applied.

Willie said he got out of the numbers business in 1950.

(Mrs.) THERESA BROWN

MR. MURPHY

Dear AFRO:

When the Board of Managers of Boys' Village of Maryland met at the School, Thursday, April 29, a period of study was stared for evaluation of services. We had in mind our 300 boys with their problems and achievements.

Outstanding in this discussion were the splendid services rendered our school by all State agencies and departments. However, through it all we were mired