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The Redevelopment Commission plays chess

Is there a progressive displacement of colored families in Baltimore City with no new housing being made available?

Is the City Redevelopment Commission responsible for this displacement despite previous commitments it has made to build housing?

All indications point to some validity in these questions and if they are true it is high time that the citizens of Baltimore wake up to what is happening.

The situation, disturbing to say the least, has appeared recently in both Northwest and East Baltimore in the following manner:

1. In the East Baltimore Broadway Redevelopment Area near Johns Hopkins Hospital, 955 colored families were dislocated in the slum clearance program. Original plans for redevelopment called for 178 garden-type apartments to be built tnere for colored and 479 for white.

Now a new plan has been proposed by the private contractor to substitute a playground or recreational area on this land at Central Ave. and Monument St. for Dunbar High School and a shopping center but no housing for colored.

2. In the Redevelopment Area No. 12 in Northwest Baltimore, 919 colored families in the area near the Fifth Regiment Armory are being displaced to make room for the State Office Building. Original plans called for roughly some 150 apartments to be erected here.

New plans have been proposed, however, which call for the erection of a federal civic center around the State Offie Building with no housing to be constructed.

In each of these instances there is a parallel. Under the guise of city planning, colored families have been dislocated with the promises of the Redevelopment Commission ringing in their ears that new homes will be erected for them.

After they have been removed however, the door is slammed shut, barring their return.

This chess game with people's homes had its origin with the Waverly project when colored and white homeowners were displaced but only 321 new units were built and they were for white residents only.

THE proposed changes for the Hopkins redevelopment project are offered under the contention that Dunbar High School needs play space.

Everyone concerned admits this. But the new proposal to construct this playground at Central Avenue and Monument Street has been met with disapproval of residents and civic leaders represented by the East side Community Committee, the Urban League and the NAACP.

The committee contends that this would mean the abandonment of School No. 102 at Jefferson and Bond Sts., and construction of a new building at Central Ave. and Monument St.

Which would mean the city would be transferring present property from land it already owns to entirely new land which would have to be purchased.

Location of a new school at Central Ave. and Monument St. would also assure a school with an almost entirely colored enrollment.

This seems at opposite ends of the school board's policy of school integration and borders on the edge of school districting by race.

Yet, the school authorities seem to favor this plan.

All these problems can be placed at the feet of the Redevelopment Commission, a body which has never included colored representatives, although its decisions have terrific impact on our housing problems throughout the city.

It would be well for every AFRO reader to remember that in our 1955, an election year.

The first vacancy on this commission will occur in May, 1955. We should urge and urge strongly that Mayor D'Alesandro appoint a colored member to every important city agency.

While on the subject of the Mayor, we would like to quote from his Fourth Annual Report to the people of Baltimore for the years 1950-1951.

Speaking of his slum clearance program, and especially the 11-block area near the Johns Hopkins grounds at which we spoke earlier, Mr. D'Alesandro had this to say:

"There also will be provided 178 garden apartments for colored residents."

Well, Mr. Mayor?

Liquor Bd. changes

In the State of Michigan last week the State Liquor Control Commission decided to recognize that state's Civil Rights Statute and announced a get-tough policy against licensees who would refuse service because of race.

It is a pity Maryland has no such statute which our Board of Liquor Commissioners would be impelled to enforce.

Instead, in Maryland we find the Liquor Board, unbound by any state statutes, rigidly forcing the separation of the races in licensed taverns and night clubs.

Under board policy (and this is board policy alone), any outlet serving alcoholic beverages is designated for white or colored patronage upon the issuance of the first license.

And the board holds that patronage must be limited for on-sale consumption to the patron for which the license is granted.

When white patronage insists on attending colored clubs, the board insists that such clubs provide separate toilet facilities for the patrons.

But in this day and age, such facilities are not only outmoded but would appear incongruous, especially in a colored establishment.

There is a lack of consistency in such a prerequisite, too, when one considers the fact that white artists are appearing regularly in our clubs and colored artists have always appeared in downtown establishments.

To further pinpoint this inconsistency remember that licensees at Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Memorial Stadium and Pimlico do not need separate facilities although they serve all races.

The AFRO thinks the time has come for the Liquor Board to change its tune.

Its policy requiring segregation of patrons of taverns and other licensed outlets has been washed away in the wake of daily changes in our customs and habits.

Unless the board does change its rules it might even find itself in an embarrassing position in the near future.

Consider, for instance, the fact that the Housing Authority is now mixing its projects. What would the Liquor Board insist on for the neighborhoods where these mixed projects are located. Separate establishments for the tenants in these projects?

Such a situation would appear untenable.

Since the Liquor Board is not bound by state law to its arbitrary ruling, it would seem quite simple for it to dispense with it.

And since the board members are appointed by the Governor it would seem appropriate that he now insist that they do dispense with it.

For the governor it would be consistent with his drive to open the doors of the city's hotels to every citizen.

And if the board continues with its obsolete ruling, it would seem that it is impelled by other motives which at present we are unable to discern.

The present board is composed of Frank J. Hanson, chairman and Commissioners James A. Gary Jr. and Irvin Kovens. Joseph Van Collom Jr. is executive secretary.

We would think it time a colored member was named a member of the board.

We agree with commissioners

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober has been quoted as saying he is opposed to policemen accepting "any kind of small gifts" from housekeepers or merchants at Christmas time.

Commissioner Ober says he agrees with Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams of New York City who has asked New York businessmen to cease giving gratuities to police.

In this instance the AFRO agrees with both police commissioners. While admitting that a policeman's salary is not the best nor the highest in the world, the practice of accepting gifts by members of the department can open doors which would best be left closed.

Everyday one reads of cities where corruption in the police department has been uncovered either by zealous citizens or alert newspapers.

A gift to a policeman, given in all honest intent, could, to quote the New York police commissioner, "be the beginning of corrupting a fine and honorable man."

On this instance we think Colonel Ober is correct in remembering the adage that big oaks from little acorns grow.

'S-D Day'

A 24-hour period free of any traffic accidents throughout the country? Sounds impossible, doesn't it?

Yet, that's just what President Eisenhower's Action Committee for Traffic Safety hopes occurs next Wednesday, December 15.

"S-D Day," or "Safe Driving Day" will be observed in every community in the country. It's primary purpose is to show that motorists and pedestrians can eliminate traffic accidents by their own actions.

Last year, 38,500 people were killed and over 2,150,000 persons injured on America's streets and highways.

But figures have proven that safety campaigns carried on by the various states can lower the death rate on our highways and streets.

Only this past summer the highway safety campaign carried on by 24 states, southern and northeastern, including Maryland, showed a 12.2 percent reduction in traffic deaths, representing a saving of 594 lives.

Maryland, however, did not contribute to this reduction in the death rate. Our state showed an increase of 2.8 percent over the 1953 deaths.

Now comes "S-D" Day next week. Here we have an opportunity to prove that motorists in our state can eliminate traffic accidents by their own behavior. And once they prove they can do it, it will be an easy habit, we think, to continue.

Yule trees

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, December 18, 12,500 Christmas trees will go on sale in Memorial Stadium Parking Lot.

The money from the sale of these balsam fir trees will provide funds for the Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

The Workshop, located at 601 N. Fulton Ave. employs 130 blind persons, giving them an opportunity to earn money in spite of their handicap.

It also provides services to blind persons throughout the state and has established practical aid clinics for persons with limited means.

Among the 56 organizations sponsoring this 5th annual community-wide Christmas Tree sale are the NAACP, Archdiocese of Maryland, Big Brothers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA and the Trial Magistrates Association.

Since the cost of the trees is scaled at a fair price, since everyone here at Christmas tree for the Yuletide and since the funds derived from the sale will help those more unfortunate than us to help themselves, the AFRO urges its readers to make this year's sale an early sellout.

Not Again

The Bureau of Engraving is making sure that this Yuletide season will end in no fantastic episode such as set the city on its ears about a year ago.

Last Twelfth Night found practically everyone in Washington talking about the daring theft of $100,000 in crisp, new $20 bills from the Bureau.

Bureau faces were red and grew redder when it developed that the money had been sneaked out of the building at 14th and C Sts., SW, under the very noses of armed guards and other personnel charged with security measures.

Matters reached an almost-hysterical climax when — after officials had combed the entire Bureau building in search of clues — the man apprehended in the theft led Secret Service agents to an upstairs room, right in the Bureau, where he had stowed away some of the cash.

From then on the $20 bills popped up in all kinds of places in and near Washington. Some were even reported floating in a Baltimore sewer. Some — about $25,000 worth — haven't been located yet.

"Not again" in effect says Henry J. Holtzclaw, now director of the agency.

He has announced that there won't be any Christmastide relaxation of security rules this year to permit the toting of gifts or out of the Bureau. Only parties will be few and restrained and sates of cards and other items will be strictly taboo. Employees won't even be permitted to bring Christmas greetings to work to mail at drops in the building.

It sounds a little hard on the Christmas spirit, but, all things considered, you can't exactly blame Mr. Holtzclaw.

Think of the nightmares he could be having!

Something wrong here somewhere

With interest we noted the list of persons the State released from Maryland penal institutions in October.

There were 101.

Out of that 101 persons paroled only one had been convicted for lottery.

There were, however, persons convicted of assault, assault to murder, murder, robbery, larceny, violation of narcotics laws and negligence of minors. And such persons were profuse in number.

But only one person was released who had been convicted for lottery.

There appears something wrong here somewhere. And it worries us.

As we watch the daily convictions in the courts of persons convicted for participation in lottery, our worry increases.

Heavy fines and sentences are the order in the wake of daily changes in our customs and habits.

Only last week a father of five children received a 5-month sentence in the reformatory on a numbers conviction.

Yet, in many cases involving adult men convicted of molesting children, those low characters too often get off with suspended sentences.

Since the law rules lottery illegal we do not condone it.

But neither do we condone what appears to be an unbending attitude towards those caught in the numbers web while others who have transgressed in far more repellant crimes are given every consideration.



Only 13 more shopping days until Christmas.

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Dislikes decision

Dear AFRO:

I read the article about "Peace Is Wonderful" and I am very disappointed with the decision of the judge.

I think the judge was very unfair and Dr. Robert W. McDaniel is wrong in wanting to park in front of Mrs. Spence's door.

If he can drive as far as Mrs. Spence's house and park, I am sure that he can drive a little further and park in front of his own house. Since he doesn't have a special permit to park in front of Mrs. Spence's house, then his garage is waiting for him to use it.

I don't call this "Peace Is Wonderful." I call it "Leading To A Tragedy."

(MISS) VALERIA GREER

Wants council

Dear AFRO:

I would like to make inquiry concerning a guidance counselor or equivalent whom I could consult regarding my vocational fitness.

I attended college for three years and a major problem confronting me is where, if at all, do I fit into the vocational pattern.

I don't know where to go from here. I feel I am too old to return to college, yet without a college degree job possibilities are certainly limited. I am twenty-seven years of age.

(Mrs.) WILLIAM A. BOSWELL

Editor's Note: We would suggest that the writer contact the Urban League at 2404 Pennsylvania Ave.

Wants bingo

Dear AFRO:

The following letter is a duplicate of one I wrote to the governor. Will you please report it in your AFRO-AMERICAN?

"My dear Governor McKeldin, "I recently read accounts in the local newspapers in which it again stated that conditions in the State Mental Hospitals are not what they could be if your help and aid could be enlisted.

"Patients in the various State hospitals are in dire need of absolute necessities and can, of course, use many of our everyday luxuries, like television sets, for instance.

"I suggested to you several years back that GIANT BINGO GAMES be held at the 5th Regiment Armory at regular periods during the year and thus we could raise large sums of money and fill the needs of hospitals in one mighty sweep.

"You never did anything about this constructive suggestion. Perhaps, it doesn't appeal to you.

If it doesn't appeal to you—will you please come out publicly and state your reasons.

"I am sending copies of this letter to the Mental Hygiene Society locally and nationally also, so that the suggestion can be spread throughout the nation.

"I am also sending a copy of this letter today to a certain party who is BIG in the political field and whose opinion carries weight.

If he okeys it—nobody else will be able to turn it down—however, I would like Baltimore, my home town, to be FIRST to start the ball rolling—that's simply a matter of civic pride with me.

Will you please make a public statement via the newspaper route stating your opinion and reaction to the aforegoing plan?

BETTIE WYNER ALTSHUL

Clinics scheduled at two county centers

Chilli Health Clinics will be held at two centers next week according to the County Health Department.

On Wed., Dec. 15, the Chase Health Clinic at the Moses Lodge Hall, Chase, Md., opens at 10 a.m. On Friday, the Sparrows Point Health Center at Fourth and D Sts., Turner Station will open at 10 a.m.

Attendance at both clinics will be by appointment only and on the recommendation of private physicians.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

Man-bites-dog comment...

The usual is for a dog to bite a man, so it is rarely news. The unusual is for a man to bite a dog.

The usual is for a hospital patient or former patient to complain of poor treatment. The unusual is for a hospital patient to sing the praises of a hospital which more than likely confines him past the time when he thinks he should be out.

For that reason, the letter I received in the mail this week from a patient just discharged from Provident Hospital is of the man-bites-dog variety.

Here are excerpts from the letter which is signed by Miss Margarette Haynes of the 1700 block McKean Ave.:

"I have just been released after seven weeks, nine hours and 42 minutes in Provident Hospital. During my stay, I received 35 back rubs, the best of food, much loving care from sight doctors, eight technicians, five persons of the maintenance staff, six members of the dietetic staff and 27 nurses—registered graduate, undergraduate, practical, nurses' aides and nurse supervisors, God bless them all!

"After the crisis of my illness passed, an exasperatingly slow period of recovery started. For the next 10 weeks or so, I seemed to take two steps forward and one back. Yet, everytime, I sank a little, there was a hand to help me, hold me and urge me on.

"As long as I live none will ever make a derogatory remark to me about Provident Hospital unless I raise the roof with protests.

"Everyone, from the lowest paid to the highest has a helping hand out to you if you show you want it and many times it stays out to you even if it is bitten.

"I personally was petted and spoiled outrageously and I loved every minute of it.

"The experience of having been in the hospital is becoming for me, not a memory of sickness and pain, but a cherished memory of devoted care.

"These are my true feelings about the hotel. I was one of many in the ward and unless my fortunes change considerably, this small tribute will be all I can give those good and wonderful people of Provident Hospital —Sincerely yours, MARGARETTE HAYNES."

'I was very well put out...'

People from the British isles and England speak English. It is always a pleasure to meet folks from Bermuda, Jamaica and other West Indies islands.

Their mellojuet voices and manners are relaxing — Whenever I'm around them, I find myself slowing down my hurried American-ese and listening in rapt attention as they talk.

I did just that this week as Marguerite Place, who hails from Pembroke, Bermuda, explained an embarrassing incident at one of our downtown theatres. Here's what happened:

Last week when she was released from Johns Hopkins Hospital where she underwent a successful throat operation, Her husband, Brownlow Place, flew up this week to accompany her home.

On Tuesday, they went sightseeing, purchased some gifts for their three children on Howard and spied a Humphrey Bogart movie at the New Theatre on Lexington St.

Just as they moved to the ticket window, the manager suddenly appeared on the scene and — well, let Mrs. Place tell it— "He was very polite. He said, 'I'm sorry. We have movies on Pennsylvania Ave. for you people.'

"I was very well put out. I told my husband we had better go home. We go to all the theatres in Bermuda. — Not long ago, I sat four seats away on the same row with the Governor. I was very well put out."

This is Mrs. Place's second visit to Baltimore and she explained that she thought things had changed in America.

Her husband, who has made three trips here, added, "Judging from the newspaper accounts, and from my recent visit to Washington, where you can go anywhere, I thought Baltimore had become civilized." Sad to say that is not so.

"Everything was so nice for her at the Hopkins Hospital. It is a shame this had to happen. Sad to say Baltimore is not so nice everywhere..."

I'm sad to say Baltimore is "not so nice everywhere" too. Maybe the next time the Places come to visit us they will not be "very well put out."

If enough of we Baltimoreans—white and colored—get to feeling indignant or "very well put out" about our town, it will be a better place and "very darn soon." (my English)

The Places, by the way, are name shakes in their native Pembroke, which is on the outskirts of Hamilton.

He is a contractor — employs eight persons — is busy building those coral homes for which Bermuda is famous.

She is the daughter of John G. Bassett, who is the Seven - Up Bottler in Bermuda. She works at his secretary.

During the war we first met Mr. Place when he came to the states to study photoengraving here in our plant.

This and that of many things...

Happy pre-Christmas reunion was held at the Gardners' home on May Ave. in Towson this week. Father, Cpl. Thomas W. Gardner, was home after 19 months with an Army unit in France, gets discharged this weekend.

Happiest member of the family: Seventeen-month - old William Stanley Gardner, who had never seen his dad. Other members of the family: Son, Thomas Jr., 2 years old, and mother, Mrs. Harriet Gardner.

NO NEWS HERE—The AFRO City Desk received three news tips Friday afternoon within minutes after Mrs. Roberta H. Norris had died at Coppin Elementary School No. 132, where she was principal.

The teacher who answered the phone when an AFRO reporter called to verify the reports, answered, "I'm sorry there's no news here."

This conversation followed:

Reporter: But isn't it true that Mrs. Norris has just died there in school.

Teacher: I'm sorry, there's no news here.

Reporter: But I don't understand — we've received three calls.....

Teacher: I'm sorry there's no news here—the doctor is right here. I am told to say there is no news here.

P.S.—The AFRO carried the story of Mrs. Norris's sudden death in the last several thousand copies of the edition then on the press.

It was news — tragic news — that a well - liked, Baltimore teacher had died at her post.

Woodley Lawrence, the realtist, who died here this week, happened to come to Baltimore 25 years ago purely by accident. Here's how:

He was attending high school at Hampton Institute when an Army truck knocked him down and ran over his right leg. His family sent him here to Johns Hopkins Hospital after the leg didn't seem to heal. He lived, if you remember, at Mrs. Annie Hitchens' on McCulloh St., and stayed on here to finish Douglass High in 1926.

The leg never seemed to get right and Woodley kept a limp the rest of his life.

He didn't let the leg stop him though. He finished Howard Law School, was an active salesman, first for an oil company, then North Carolina Mutual and later his own realty firm. He was a pleasant, active person who got out of life.

Dr. Arthur Johnson flew home from San Jose, Calif. for the funeral. Woodley was his brother-in-law.

Anybody who lives in a neighborhood where parking is at a premium because every resident in the vicinity has an auto — sometimes two — can sympathize with Dr. Robert McDaniel and his Wolfe St. neighbor, Mrs. Janet G. Spence.

Their testimony in Northeastern court Saturday on what happened when he parked in front of her house and she parked in front of his house was hilarious. (Don't tell me you missed that in Tuesday's AFRO!!) It's classic—look it up.

Preston Brunson, a 14-year AFRO carrier who lives in the 500 block Brune St., wants it known that his name was omitted from that list of turkey winners two issues ago. The prize birds were given by a group of Pennsylvania Ave. merchants.

Delta Sigma Theta sorors journey to Barrett School for Girls on Dec. 18, 3 p.m., with Yule gifts and goodies.

And don't forget the Hillbilly Jamboree the Tots Social Club is giving tonight to help make Christmas happy for patients at the Bar-Wil-Ba Convalescent home. It's at the Odd Fellows Hall, Erma Widgeon is president.

FAST WORK—A local business firm recently displayed an offensive advertising placard in the window of a bank on Washington Boulevard had it removed within 24 hours after members of the 22nd Ward Civic Club protested. The sign had a caricature of colored people on it> Augustus D. Knox is president of the club which protested.

What gives? Authoritative sources say that some employees at Crownsville State Hospital are quietly pressuring to keep feeble minded children there from moving to Rosewood.

James M. Dougherty, the caterer, is in a new location, 3013 Mondawmin Avenue.

Some Poplar Grove St. residents are boycotting a neighborhood grocery which puts a $1.65 a pound price tag on lamb chops.

And Mrs. N. E. Carrington is happy as can be. She enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, John and Bea Myers — making her first real trip out since that illness bedded her down nine, long months ago.

Thoughts of the week...

"Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until night fall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life really means." — Robert Louis Stevenson

If selfish people try to take advantage of you, cross them off your list, but don't try to get even. When you,try to get even, you hurt yourself more than you hurt the other fellow. — Anon.

Logan Pearsall Smith said these wise words: "There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second."

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: Civil Aeronautics Administrator F. B. Lee predicted this week that air traffic in 1960 will be twice as heavy as in 1952.

That will pose quite a problem for Henry Barnes if in 1960 he takes another air ride over Memorial Stadium to study the ground traffic situation.

Even a traffic expert has only two eyes.

Reporters' Report To The People

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

If you should happen to think for one minute that police in the Northeastern District are not trying to solve the slaying of Mrs. Florence Williams, the minister's wife who was slain at her home, forget it.

Captain Julian Forrest and four of his officers have been pushing themselves hours on end since the case broke a week ago.

At the funeral Sunday, one officer commented on the fact that the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were popular in their community. From the tone of his voice one gathered that he alone was about ready to concoct a one-man campaign. He's that upset about the slaying.

The case is being handled by Lt. John Griffin, Sgt. William Adams, Sgt. Henry Grimm and Officer Howard Mueller.

BALTIMORE'S interest in golf appears to be growing. Attended a meeting of the YMCA golf committee Tuesday night where plans were discussed for the coming season.

Classes will start on Jan. 10 and will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week from 8 to 10 p.m.

To take part, a man must be a full-fledged member of the YMCA. For women, 18 years old and above, they must also be members of the YWCA and fork over $2.50 in addition. Registration has been scheduled for Jan. 2, 4, and 5 from 8 to 10 p.m.

The golf committee is in need of floor carpeting which they intend to use as putting greens. Persons about to discard their floor carpets should first contact George Poe at the "Y."

Although the election fever, for the present, is a thing of the past, folks on the streets are still making cracks about politicians. One philosopher this week described a politician as an unusual man due to the fact that he is able to sit on the fence and still keep his ear to the ground.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

One of the most active workers in the recent campaign of Senator-Elect Harry Cole was automobile salesman Royal Weaver, who disregarded his own health as he was soaked to the skin twice before he could wing home from door to door asking people to vote.

Still on the election subject is the story of one gentleman who has been living at the same address for over 20 years and was informed at his usual polling place on election day that his polling place had been changed.

The gentleman hastened to the Board of Election Supervisors where he was informed that the change had been made on the basis of a letter from the, voter which notified the office of a change in address.

The voter almost blew his top, for he had never seen the letter before. He finally went to the new polling place, but it is believed that there were a number of persons who found themselves in the same position and who did not bother to go to this trouble.

OFFICER CHARLES OWENS had himself a busy week, what with playing an important specialty of breaking into schools, just for the "h—— of it."

There are indications that the state will tighten up its alcoholism laws to prevent certain abuses which have become widespread enough to attract attention.

One of these abuses revolves around the treatment of foster children, many of whom would be better off in an institution than in some homes where the adults take the money supplied for the child's care and lead the child a dog's life.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

For the past month I have forbidden anyone to so much as think about Christmas in my presence, but now it looks like there's nothing I can do about it.

The Yuletide days are almost here and I'm just going to have to gather up my energy and face that insane crowd downtown. I tried to get a little shopping in early this week, but gave up before I had even started.

Things are getting mighty rough when a girl can't even step off a bus without being shoved into the Lexington Market before she can turn around.

Just can't tell you, Mary, how somebody have a football helmet or a catcher's mask they aren't using right now?

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LAST WEEK, a reporter from a daily newspaper and I were rehashing a movie we had both seen at the Playhouse Theatre on Charles and E. 25th St.

And bless my soul if the fellow didn't offer me two passes to a downtown theatre this week.

He wasn't joking. He offered them in all sincerity. It's just that he forgot there are still a lot of narrow minded theatre managers in this town.

And speaking of theatres, rumors are flying fast and furious downtown that "South Pacific" is due at Ford's early next year.

BY THE WAY, understand that several Baltimore Kappa men plan to take full advantage of Washington's open door policy when the conclave meets there in a couple of weeks.

They're reserving rooms in the once all-whites hotels over there.

Wake up Baltimore! You've lost sight of half the 20th Century already.

ROTC cadet airman wins commendation

WASHINGTON—At a review, Thursday in Catholic University stadium, Richard J. Harvin, of 1320 Harlem Ave., Baltimore, was selected as one of the five best uniformed freshmen of the university's Air Force ROTC.

He was given special commendation by Lt. Col. Joseph S. Magrath Jr., professor of Air Science. Cadet Airman Harvin is a graduate of Douglass High School and is majoring in aeronautical engineering.

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Final Crownsville tag reports Thurs.

Auxiliary urges all to send in monies by Dec. 16 meeting

All persons holding monies due for sale of Crownsville tags are urged to report at the final meeting Thursday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. at the hospital when members of the Auxiliary will make their concluding reports.

The sale of five-cent tags was opened on Nov. 1 and ended Dec. 3. However, because many tags are still unreported for, the final report date has been extended.

The Auxiliary announced on Thursday that to date $1,022.34 has been collected from the tags but it is hoped that additional reports will swell this total.

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PROCEEDS of the sale will be used to pay for equipment in the hospital's new canteen which patients have been using since June.

Persons unable to attend the Auxiliary meeting this coming Thursday are urged to report their monies to the auxiliary member from whom they received tickets or to the registration desk of the Madison Ave. YWCA or at the AFRO office.

Mrs. Roy Hamilton, publicity chairman of the Auxiliary, said this week that the workers are pleased with response received from all quarters. She pointed particularly to support given by the Governor who purchased the first 200 tags and from those citizens who bought or sold 100 or more tags.

"In fact," Mrs. Hamilton said, "We thank each and every person who has anything. Names of clubs and individuals which reported over 100 tags will be placed in a permanent file of the hospital, according to Mrs. Vashti Murphy, chairman of the Auxiliary. She urged that workers make complete reports by the Thursday deadline so that a press release may be prepared listing contributors.

JOHN (JUNKY) WOOD TAKEN TO HOPKINS FOR OBSERVATION

John (Junky) Wood, principal of School 131, Druid Hill Ave. and Orchard St., entered Johns Hopkins Hospital for observation, this morning (Friday). He was taken ill at his desk on Monday and has been confined there since.

AMEZ Bishop named in suit

Row over property involves Medford

WASHINGTON

AMEZ Bishop Hampton T. Medford and his real estate firm at 1421 U St., NW., were named in an action filed in U.S. District Court, Monday, seeking conveyance of property, or $25,000 damages.

Mrs. Gloria Donahoo, 1702 Webster St., NW., filed the action, which she said involved failure of the bishop to convey to her property at 1411 Varnum St., NW., in accordance with an agreement between them.

She says in her complaint that she entered the agreement with Bishop Medford and paid him $182.50 on March 26, 1953. She said he agreed to convey the property to her "as of Dec. 16, 1953."

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LATER, MRS. Donahoo says, she paid on the first and second trusts of the property, real estate and water taxes, and that the property has not been conveyed to her.

Instead, she alleges, the property is about to be conveyed to the firm proper, known as Hampton T. Medford Properties Inc.

She asks the court to order specific performance of conveying the property to her, with $5,000. If this is not done, she asks for 125,000 damages with interest and cost of the court action.

Laborer charged in assault case

Carroll C. Wilson Jr., a 23-year-old laborer charged with assaulting a teen age girl on the steps of a school at Fairmount Ave. and Broadway last May 6, was ordered held without bail in Northeastern District Court Thursday.

The girl, who resides in the 1200 block E. Fayette St., told police Wilson picked her up near a lunchroom and forced her to walk with him to the school yard a block away.

Wilson, who entered a plea of not guilty, testified that he had been going with the 17-year-old girl for about a month.

Presiding at the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Samuel Gaboff, the teenager refused to take the case be, dropped. When asked why, she would not reply.

Four arrested in lottery raid

Three women have been ordered held for action of the grand jury on lottery charges and a man has been fined $50 and costs for possession of a revolver as the results of a raid Thursday morning by plainclothesmen from the Northwestern district.

Held on Thursday afternoon in Northwestern police court on lottery charges were:

Miss Mozella Rogers, 28, of the 1300 block N. Fremont Ave., $2,500.

Miss Naomi Jones, 33, of the 1300 block of Whatcoat St., $2,500.

Miss Virginia Montague, 43, of the 1300 block of N. Fremont Ave., $3,500.

James Jones, 48, of the 1300 block N. Fremont Ave., was the man fined for possession of a revolver.

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SGT. JOSEPH HAGGERTY testified that when police entered the house they found 53 suspected lottery slips containing $46.91 in plays and a number of dream books, plus Miss Jones, Miss Montague and James Jones.

While the officers were in the house, Sergeant Haggerty said Miss Rogers entered and handed Officer Leroy Moody several numbers on a slip. She was also arrested.

The defendants entered not guilty plea. The highest bail was set for Mrs. Montague as she was identified as the tenant at the house. Jones said he had the gun for "protection."

JAILED IN THEFT

William H. Skipworth of the 1700 block Mosher St., was sentenced to 90 days in jail on C. Herley, of the 1800 block Wednesay in Northwestern Police Court, on a charge of stealing $92 in cash and a .32 calibre pistol, from the home of Milbert Mosher St.

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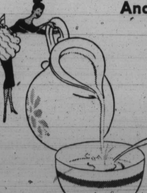
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