'I thought they wanted to murder me'

People in the Fayette-Fremont vicinity could hardly believe their eyes Wednesday morning, when they saw a man flying down the streets wearing only shorts with a bed sheet draped about his body.

The man, a 25-year-old mental patient at University Hospital was quoted as saying, "I thought they wanted to murder me." Hospital authorities explained that he was suffering from a persecution complex.

The man escaped from the accident room, on the first floor, where he was being examined, and ran as far as Fayette St. and Fremont. Ave., into the arms of a policeman.

Hospital officials comforted him and returned him to the hospital. He had been admitted to University Hospital Tuesday night and was awaiting transfer to Crownsville State Hospital.

Veteran's death is probed by doctors

Funeral services for Earl T. Ford, army veteran, who died in his room at 1336 Argyle Ave., April 4, were held at the Russ Funeral Home, Wednesday.

Mr. Ford, 48, whose cause of death is yet to be determined by the medical examiner's office, was buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

According to police reports, Ford's body was discovered by his landlord, Lemuel King, at 6:30 p.m. on April 4. Mr. Ford was pronounced dead on the scene and taken to the city morgue.

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MR. KING told the AFRO that Mr. Ford had recently lost his job at a bag factory, and had been despondent. He had been confined to bed for two or three days, he said.

"I think he had a stroke because he never said anything (when he was found)."

Nephew, uncle will handle Anthony estate

The estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony, who died in Union, N.J., Feb. 8, will be administered by Winifred Jones, 1333 Argle Ave., nephew; and Truly Hatchett, 2058 Druid Hill Ave., an uncle.

The estate, valued at approximately $2500, includes one half interest in properties at 1333 Argyle Ave. and 1120 Stockton St.

A husband, Frank Anthony, now in prison, also survives.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT
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OF THE
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Capital paid up $15,000.00
Changes in Policyholders' Surplus For The Year 1955

Net loss from operations before dividend to policyholders and refunds to members	$ 9,549.89
Less policyholders' dividends	None
Net capital loss	4,024.60
Decrease in mandatory security valuation reserve	$5,525.29
Other items	152.16
Decrease in surplus for the year 1955	$5,373.13
Surplus as regards policyholders to end of prior year	194,779.48
Surplus as regards policyholders December 31, 1955	$189,406.35
Conditional reserve [illegible]	$152,546.55
Amount at risk, December 31, 1955	$2,555,737.35
Insurance issued and paid for in Maryland during 1955— (Industrial)	$ 203,315.00
Premiums in Maryland in 1955 (Industrial) Ordinary)	$ 10,157.54
Insurance in force, 12-31-55	$8,251.54
Losses paid in Maryland in 1955 (Industrial)	$4,441.77
(Ordinary & Health)	4,391.44
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27 day of March 1956	
Office of the STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT	
Baltimore, Md., March 1st, 1956	

I Hereby Certify, That the above is a true abstract taken from the Annual Statement of the Southern Life Insurance Co. for the year ended December 31, 1955, now on file in this Department.

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FAMILY MEETING — Holding Kevan Kennedy in his lap, Baltimore's Mayor D'Alesandro welcomes the Francis Kennedy family of New York to the city. They are shown here with the Algernon Prestwidges of 1518 N. Pulaski St. Ten-year-old Barbara Prestwidge and Mr. Kennedy, a New York fireman, won the $25,000 prize on "Name That Tune" CBS-TV show, recently.

'We did it,' says youths in robbery

"We admit that we did it." That's what four teenage boys told Northern District Police when questioned about the theft of 259 packages of cigarettes and $22 in cash Tuesday.

Charged with breaking into a luncheonette operated by Miss Eloise Winfield in the 2100 block Greenmount Ave., on April 3, bail for the following was set at $1,000 each:

Leroy Jones, 16, 400 block E. 21st St.

Leroy A. Thomas, 19, 400 block E. 22nd St.

George P. Brown, 16, 500 block E. 22nd St.

William A. Faison, 16, 500 block E. 22nd St.

Addressing Magistrate Henry L. Rogers, Faison asked: "Can we pay for the damage?"

He was told: "No, I don't like to do this to young people when their parents are not here to help them, but burglary is this serious."

Mrs. Lincoln takes over Barrett reins

Grenfell Prior, superintendent of the Barrett Training School for Girls, is scheduled to be discharged today (Friday) from the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Ft. Howard.

He was admitted on Feb. 21 for a physical examination. In his absence, Mrs. Sarah Lincoln, assistant superintendent, has been running the institution.

Mrs. Lincoln said on Thursday that Mr. Prior has not indicated when he will return to the school.

Baby dies

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the home and Charles Williams Funeral Home for Marva Brown, 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Efrid Brown, 730 George St.

The baby died of a hemorrhage Monday at Provident Hospital. The Browns have two other children, a girl, Elaine, 7, and a boy, Efrid Jr., 9.

'You have a lovely home . . .' Kennedys tell Prestwidges

"Oh you have such a lovely home . . ."

This was the first comment of the Kennedy family as they entered the neatly furnished home of Barbara Prestwidge at 1518 N. Pulaski St., on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Prestwidge, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kennedy, his wife, Margaret, and seven children; Frances Jr., Patricia, Gerard, Gail, Thomas, Billy and Kevan, of New York.

The visit climaxed a six-week appearance on "Name That Tune," CBS-TV show in which Barbara and Mr. Kennedy, a fireman, shared in the $25,000 grand prize on the Golden Marathon Feature of the program.

And, following an afternoon of ceremonies and social events, arranged by the Prestwidges, the Kennedys remarked in amazement, "We don't know how to thank you. You've gone out of your way to do so much for us."

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HIGHLIGHTING THE Kennedys' motor trip to Baltimore was the visit with Mayor D'Alesandro who presented keys to the city to 10-year-old Barbara and Mr. Kennedy.

In midst of the informal ceremony, Barbara's eight-year-old brother, Billy, and Mr. Kennedy's son, Tommy, took turns occupying the mayor's chair while the city official made the presentations.

And Mayor D'Alesandro, jovially "cooperated" with his two "substitutes" seeking their advice on new jobs in the city.

In presenting the key to Mr. Kennedy, the Mayor, remarked with a smile, "I see you kept your word about coming to Baltimore."

Also witnessing the event were members of the Baltimore Fire Department, John O'Malley, executive secretary; Capt. Edward G. Sullivan and Raymond C. Fogerty.

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A SMALL reception followed in the Prestwidge home.

Among the guests were Councilman C. Lyman Schueler, (D-3rd) vice president of the City Council; Father Richard Swift, rector, St. Monica's Catholic Church; Father and Mrs. Cedric E. Mills, rector St. James PE Church; Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Swann, Mrs Vivian Alleyne and Mrs. Lena K. Lee, attorney and principal of School No. 136.

Mrs. Kennedy received an orchid corsage from Barbara's relatives, and the Kennedy family was gifted with a thermos jug and bathroom scale, from the Prestwidges.

Undertaker charged with tax evasion

A South Baltimore undertaker accused of failure to pay income tax on $25,531 gross earnings for 1953, and 1954 was released in $1,000 bail set by Federal Judge R. Dorsey Watkins, Tuesday.

The undertaker, Charles A. Rice of 661 W. Barre St., will be arraigned on the tax-dodging charge April 20.

Mr. Rice refused to comment on the case when reached by the AFRO Wednesday.

"I don't care to talk," said Mr. Rice.

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THE INFORMATION alleges that Mr. Rice "received a gross income of $11,494.66; that by reason of such income he was required by law after the close of the calendar year 1953 and on or before March 15, 1954, to make an income tax return."

The second information charges that Mr. Rice "received a gross income of $14,086.82" for the year 1954 and failed to file a return.

Leland D. Ivenson, Internal Revenue Service agent, conducted the investigation, which led to the charges against Mr. Rice.

Newest voters number 5,702

The last week of registration before the May primary election saw a total of 5,702 voters affix their names to the registration books at the Board of Election Supervisors.

They represented residents who had never voted before, voters whose names had been removed from the books for failure to report changes of residence, and new residents in the city.

On Wednesday, election officials were still tabulating the complete list of voters who will be eligible to participate in the primary.

The last day of registration was on Saturday, and as might be expected, it was the heaviest day of the final week.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. a total of 3,294 voters registered, and from 4 until 9 p.m. more than 800 registered before the books closed.

Registration for the general election in November, will open May 17, and run to September 1.

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Baby Moses case hearings underway

CAMBRIDGE — Ten Cambridge residents, including three well known business and community leaders faced arraignment today (Friday) in what State's Attorney C. Burnam Mace described as "the biggest lottery operation in the history of Dorchester County."

Keen interest has been shown throughout the Eastern Shore for the past 10 days since every store and a Baltimore city policeman swooped down on the homes and business places of the defendants in five coordinated raids which netted more than $2,000 in cash as well as lottery paraphernalia.

County law enforcement officials estimated that the alleged ring did a $500,000 annual business.

The initial Cambridge raids which took place "Wednesday, April 4, were made on the homes of Hansel Green, Martha Young, Durham Clash, as well as on a filling station operated by Mr. Clash, and a grocery store operated by Zd St. Clair.

A sixth raid in neighboring Queen Anne's County Thursday resulted in the arrest of Mrs. Gertrude Meridith at her home in Grasonville.

This Wednesday the scene of operations shifted to Easton in Talbot County where officers picked up Clarence E. Johnson on a warrant sworn out by State's Attorney Mace following the earlier raids.

FACING PRELIMINARY arraignment today before Trial Justice J. Otis McAllister are only those arrested in the first series of raids. They are:

Hansel Green, 73 St. Clair and Durham Clash, all members of the Pentecost Church and both prominent in the business and social life of the community and outstanding in the political life of the Eastern Shore.

Also Mrs. Linda Clash, wife of Durham Clash, Mrs. Norman Lee Baynesum, housewife, Carroll Hall, clerk in the St. Clair grocery; Albert P. Young, Edward J. Marine and George F. Corkran, both employed in the Clash filling station.

Originally before the hearing was scheduled Mr. Mace said that he had a "good solid case" against the defendants, all of whom are under $5,000 bail on charges of conspiracy to violate the lottery laws.

Mrs. Meredith and Mr. Johnson will be arraigned at later hearings, the State's Attorney said.

Asked whether the 12 arrests would be followed by others or whether he felt that the numbers operation had been cleaned up in the county, Mr. Mace said that it was "still under investigation" and that other arrests "may follow."

If the case is sent to the grand jury following today's preliminary hearing which was set to begin at 2 p.m., it will be acted upon when the jury convenes on April 30.

The actual trial of the defendants, in the event that they are indicted by the grand jury, will be held in the next term of circuit court which begins the second week in May.

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Too nervous to view slain wife

James H. Brown, 19, of the 1100 block of Etting St., asked for permission to leave his jail cell to view the remains of his estranged wife, Catherine, whom he is accused of stabbing to death, but when the request was granted he was too nervous and upset to go.

Mr. Brown is charged with fatally knifing his 19-year-old wife last Thursday. (April 5) during a dispute at Mulberry and Pine Sts. At the time of her death, Mrs. Brown was living with her parents in the 600 block of Lexington St. The young couple had four children.

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"Second, Mahoney Contracting Business: In this business Mahoney employs colored workers as laborers only. He does not employ a single colored man or woman in his office or on his engineering staff. The colored laborers he does employ are compelled to accept sub-standard wages as Mahoney operates a non-union organization entirely."
"Third, as owner and operator of Bay Shore Park: This amusement park on the Chesapeake Bay was purchased from colored owners by Mahoney who immediately improved and set it up as an all-white park where colored people were barred from admission. He did not employ colored workers at this park even in menial or custodial jobs."
"Fourth, the present Mahoney campaign headquarters (Court Square Building): The Mahoney faction does not employ a single colored clerk, typist, stenographer or secretary in its downtown headquarters, but has set up a 'Jim Crow' office for colored people in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue."
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APRIL 14, 1956
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What the courts are for

"The man in blue is a friend to you.

This is a simple line to learn, but seemingly a difficult statement for some persons to understand.

Baltimoreans must begin to think along these lines if the number of so-called "police brutalities" are to be reduced, and eliminated.

There is little doubt that policemen, in some cases, resort to unnecessary force in making arrests.

There are some police officers who have not learned how to be courteous, how to avoid abuse and act like gentlemen when upholding the law or making an arrest. By their very manner, they fail to command respect.

It is also true that too often citizens forget that a policeman is sworn to uphold the law, and is paid to protect all citizens. He has a job to do.

A man in a double-parked car gets a bloody shirt; a teen-ager in a street fight says he was beaten at the call box; a minister's son creating a disorder is carried from his home by five policemen; a discharged veteran, disorderly in a tavern, fights arrest.

These are all unnecessary incidents on police records. But the simple truth is that all followed violations of the law.

If you are wrong, and violate the law, expect to be arrested, and go along peaceably with the officer.

If the policeman is discourteous or himself violates the law, take it at the time, and report him promptly to his superiors and the court.

If you are right when a policeman seeks to arrest you, tell the officer and then go quietly to the judge. If he insists.

A public place, a public street, is no place to settle a disagreement with a policeman. That is what the courts are for.

And, by the way . . .

While on the subject of policemen.

Last month, a Northeastern District patrolman charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer" was ordered to work the late shift for one year, deprived of 20 days' leave and transferred to the Northwestern District.

We hope shifting men to Northwestern District will not be the regular punishment for infractions of departmental rules. Northwestern, the largest police district in the city, has enough trouble maintaining its status and reputation without he added responsibility of being a place of punishment.

School Board hailed

Mayor D'Alesandro deserves an enthusiastic salute from all citizens interested in Baltimore's progress for renaming Walter Sondheim Jr., to a new six-year term as president of the school board.

And the renominations of Dr. Bernard Harris and Dr. Roger Howard, dean of the University of Maryland Law School, are of equal importance to the community.

These men, who during a difficult period have given unstintingly of their time, comprise one of the best school boards in the history of the city.

Certainly it has been forward-looking.

It has been firm when the occasion arose demanding firmness.

And above all it has been fair.

The mayor correctly calls them a b l e, distinguished, dedicated and efficient public servants.

We can add one other sentence:

"Yes, they were all of that, Mr. Mayor, and they were positive and uncompromising when principle made it necessary to be positive."

Absentee ballots now legal

Governor McKeldin last week signed into law a new measure which for the first time permits ordinary citizens to cast absentee ballots.

Heretofore this privilege has been narrowly restricted to members of the armed forces.

The new law will be effective to the forthcoming May 7 primaries. It becomes effective for the Presidential election in the fall.

Under the statute, any qualified voter who is unavoidably absent from the state, may make application for a ballot and vote 20 days in advance of the election.

There is also a provision permitting persons who are disabled or who cannot come to the polls because of hospitalization cast their ballots by mail.

Hospitalized voters, in order to make their votes valid, to have their votes count, must have their physician file an affidavit, ten days in advance of the election.

Certainly this is a wise and forward step in the right direction. Both the legislature and the governor are to be commended for taking it.

But we hope the legislature will take at least two other long-needed steps.

The law should require the board of election supervisors to place registration books regularly in the public schools in all sections of the city so that in order to register, voters would not have to go to the courthouse in the traffic-clogged heart of the city.

Secondly, the legislature might well put some teeth into the election law under which "ghost" voters could be jailed for fraud.

"Ghost" voting, an all too prevalent evil in some Baltimore precincts, is the conspiracy of persons continuing to vote in districts where they no longer reside.

Equality of excellence

Governor McKeldin's plea for keeping the Supreme Court's anti-segregation amendment out of the presidential campaign represents a praise-worthy goal, but one virtually impossible of attainment.

Right-thinking persons will agree with the State's Chief Executive in his declaration that segregation should never be used "as an issue to attract votes, as a racial appeal, or for campaign treatment."

However, clear-thinking persons will be equally quick to agree again with the governor when he says that "the reckless demagogues . . . always have been noisy and always will be."

Alarm is voiced by Governor McKeldin over the possibility that "slow and silent discouragement" may creep upon those southern l e a d e r s . . . "whose work of a lifetime is threatened with destruction."

Vigilance on the part of right-thinking American people everywhere, in the North and in the South, will go far to avert such destruction.

The most significant statement in the governor's speech, delivered Wednesday in Philadelphia, was:

"Equality is not an end in itself. Equality may be attained as readily by pulling down the excellent as by raising the inferior. The end is excellence and equality is desirable only to the extent that it is a means of attaining excellence."

It may not be possible to silence the demagogues, but any "slow and silent discouragement" can be averted as long as the final end and goal remains the equality of excellence.

A disheartening act

Proposed plans of the Fourth District non-partisan voters' organization to hold a $25-a-plate fund raising dinner, struck a sour note Sunday.

Hardly had the proposal been offered before one of the office holders took the floor to jump, haw and quibble over the purchase of tickets.

It was a disheartening act.

It would seem to us that those who have benefited by getting jobs from a political organization should be last to make an issue over subscribing to an effort designed to get more voters registered for the next campaign.

If the organization had failed and the candidates they were supporting had not been elected, he would not now be enjoying the fruits of that victory.

We submit the time has passed when a man can think he can get a political appointment purely on ability and through his own individual efforts.

He gets it only because of his affiliation with a successful organization.

And when that organization is successful and especially when he has been rewarded he ought to be the first to talk up and put his money on the table.

Across City Desk

By FRANCES WOOD

"I don't know what it takes to break up these robberies but when the cases come before me, I am going to deal with them severely."

This warning statement by Criminal Court Judge Joseph Carter has resulted in severe sentences up to 20 years for persons convicted of armed robbery or attempted armed robbery.

Judge Carter turns a deaf ear to pleas by attorneys for leniency declaring, "The public must be protected."

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CRIMINAL COURT Judge James Cullen evidently agrees with Judge Carter . . . . he gave five teen-age boys 10 years for armed robbery making no difference between those, who actually committed the offense and those, who stayed outside as "look-outs."

All, Judge Cullen ruled, were equally guilty, since they all split the $10 loot. . .

"We need more judges like these two. While it is hard to imagine a boy headed for college will spend 10 years in jail for a mistake, it is equally hard to imagine a city where residents can't leave their homes without fear of being robbed.

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FEWER YOUTHS would get into trouble if they could talk to some of the men, who have served their "time."

Take the case of the 27-year-old man I talked to Wednesday.

He has been in and out of all the city and state jails and prisons since he was 12 years old.

He's from a hard-working family and 11 of his sisters and brothers are now either attending schools or married and in their own homes.

"I know I can go straight, if I can get a job.

"I was a decent kid . . . that's what got me in trouble. I was a good student and running with a bad crowd of boys.

"I'm tired now and want a job and a home like my other brothers and sisters.

"My sister has stuck by me all these years . . . she would do anything for me.

"I tried to get a job at the Prisoner's Aid and the employer said, 'Come back when will hire you . . . I'm tired, I want to go straight.'"

But before we leave this crime and punishment, there's one question many citizens are asking. "Suppose Brooklyn, N.Y. men can find a gambling joint in Baltimore, and our cops can't, why don't the policemen pass it by?"

Mrs. Lee Gorsuch, supervisor of branches of the Enoch Pratt Library, expressed surprise this week that "there was undue noise and talking" at the North and Pennsylvania Ave. branch. She's investigating.

Thanks from PALMA

Dear AFRO:

The Pennsylvania Avenue-Lafayette Market Association is grateful to this paper for its outstanding publicity alerting your readers to the Pennsylvania Avenue Easter promenade.

The thousands of men, women and children who crowded the Avenue, came from all parts of Baltimore. We had proof of this from the hundreds of cards filled in by contestants for the cash prizes which were given away. Since the AFRO was our main medium for "Spreading the news" about the promenade we wish to thank you for the help you gave our association to make this the dignified, old-fashioned event that it was.

Although other communities are letting traditions like the Easter promenading die out, we look forward to a bigger and better one on the Avenue next year.

Sincerely,
HERMAN KATKOW, Pres.

Worth a try

Dear AFRO:

I notice that your editorials, special articles, etc., stress the fact that your people have been discriminated against, denied jobs on account of color and discrimination all around.

But I have never seen any constructive attempt to educate your readers on the very important subject of human relations, human behavior, etc.

Other minorities have been fostered by discrimination, but have risen above such petty tyranny.

I doubt very much that you could reach the element that causes all the unrest and crime; but it is worth the try.

Maybe the mothers and fathers, spiritual leaders, etc., may read and try to pass it on.

You do a disservice to your people by showing sympathy for the imagined wrongs done criminals (white criminals are treated the same) and never attempting a series of writings tending to show these Crownsville and jail recruits that crime does not pay, regardless of color.

A great public service would be done if only a few were saved from a life of crime, it's worth thinking over.

A WHITE READER

Cooperation appreciated

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, I wish to thank you and the staff of the AFRO-AMERICAN for the very excellent coverage given our association during the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale.

Now that the books have been closed on the campaign, I'm sure you'll be interested to know that the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale was the most successful ever conducted in Maryland. For the first time in our history the campaign exceeded a half-million dollars.

In Baltimore City $178,963.90 was raised, while our affiliated county associations raised $335,069.52, for a grand total of $514,037.52.

We feel that your cooperation in informing your readers of the TB problem in Maryland and the tuberculosis control program supported by their purchase of Christmas Seals played a direct part in the success of the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale.

Very Sincerely,
PAUL H. NEFF
Director Public Relations

Let's try helping

Dear AFRO:

I went to the opening of the annual AME conference. As a result, I think that our conference is going down. I think that if our preachers stopped fussing each other, things would be much better.

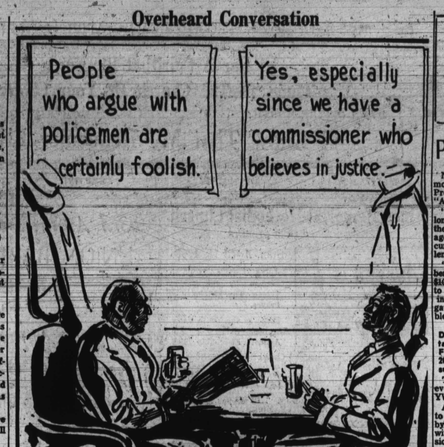
We don't need to go over into other countries to try to build schools. We need someone to teach us how to treat our brothers in the pulpit.

Do something for your brother in the pulpit and then you will have something to crow about.

I was ashamed and surprised when I attended the conference. In a way it was just like the U.S. Congress. The preachers laying each other out. Let's all pray for ourselves.

Disgusted AME.

Overheard Conversation



Speak Your Piece

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The Reporters Report To The People

Tidbits Sightseeing

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Where men get the gall to walk boldly up to an unescorted western Station agent, is beyond me. Within the past month, I have been approached twice by male males.

In the Station Hotel lobby in Washington, one whom I had went to attend a press party given by the Association of Negro Public Relations Association.

I had just entered the lobby and was headed for the elevator when a distinguished looking, well dressed man, slightly intoxicated, approached me with a big smile, grabbed my arm and said, "Oh, so you're late too."

Well, I was an hour late, and figuring he was headed for the same affair, I readily answered him.

One thing led to another in the conversation and before I knew it, the "gentleman" was seeing a midnight date.

Now, in high school I could run the 100-yard dash in 11.3 seconds. But I'll bet anyone that I cut the record in half when the elevator door opened, and I ran away from my proposition.

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THE OTHER incident happened in New York while I was in the Penn Station, on the "Pullman" TV shows.

I had left the Taft Hotel to buy Barbara Prestwidge and her brother, Billy, some fudge at a nearby candy store. Just as I was entering the shop, a stranger walked up to me and said, "Going to buy some candy, huh?"

I hesitated him coldly and went inside to make my purchase. As I stepped outside and started up the street, he took it upon himself to join me.

His conversation (I said nothing but 'um huh' and 'uh uh') included everything from how Friendly Americans were to Italian immigrants like himself to the weather in Broadway.

And when he offered to wait outside the hotel until I returned, I thought he knew in no uncertain terms that Americans are not as friendly to immigrants as he would like them to be.

He may be spring fever that affecting these men, but I'm certain that Grandma's hat pin can put an end to such inhuman seekers.

Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

We have grown accustomed to associating Africa with things primitive, with wild life, and recently with Mau Mau terrorism.

Certainly, no one can approve wholesale murder whether the victims are black or white.

However, the natives of Kenya are entitled to more consideration than the Western press has given them.

For the most part, they are primitive people, but that doesn't necessary to be an Oxford Fellow to know that you are being mistreated.

The similarity of the plight of the historical American Indian and the native African is, in many instances, obvious.

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THE SIMPLE question is, What right has the European to go around the world dispossessing non-European people of their ancestral homes?

To say that they are uneducated is the European sense of the word "educated," is hardly a reason to mistreat and abuse them.

While so many people were being afflicted or indifferent when Jomo Kenyatta was exiled, they might better have been gravely concerned. Here was a man whose crime was the dedication of his life to the freedom of his people.

All that Jomo Kenyatta and his followers wanted initially was grazing land so that they would not starve. European settlers had driven them from their ancestral homes and forced them into the near barren regions.

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ERNEST HEMINGWAY could well write "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" depicting a white man's paradise.

"Is land for my people, land that rightfully belongs to us, too much to ask?" Jomo Kenyatta asked the British.

"Yes," came the thunderous reply.

Can less than active conflict be expected under such conditions? Especially, when the native Kenyans have so little voice in their own government.

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Noteworthy Along the way

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Some women say they don't gab, or to be more specific, gossip.

Have been told by one woman that she would go to the ends of the earth to avoid such a thing.

I wish that person could have been with me at the session of the AME's meeting Sunday at Bethel.

While waiting for services to get under way these were some of the remarks I overheard:—

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Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

Have you ever suffered unanswered prayer? If so, this story is not as prevalent as it used to be, but the recent publicity given two New Brunswick, N.J., brothers started me to thinking. Reminded me of a little adventure in Wyoming last summer when I had the bug.

Vernon and Alvin Gatling let fly the rumor not long ago that they'd stack $5 million uranium ore given them.

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Meantime, I was anxious to get out in the rolling hills and to make a filling with more seasoning than Gloria Lockerman took

If You Ask Me

Mrs. Phillips

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things...

Note taken from the Sunday morning bulletin of the Knoxing Presbyterian Church; entitled "A Good Example":—

"A certain gentleman who belongs to this church called at the pastor's home a few days ago and paid up his pledges for current expense and benevolences for the whole year.

"He gave $1 per Sunday for benevolence and in addition $10 for men's day rally and $1 to help defray the cost of printing our offering envelope. He gave $115 altogether. May his blessed tribe increase." K.

Members of the Recreation Department staff will entertain in honor of Mrs. Max E. Folkes, who is retiring after 20 years service as district supervisor.

The event is set for Saturday evening at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Applications for examination to fill the post being vacated by Mrs. Folkes may be filed with the City Service Commission between now and April 28.

The Harry Cole home at the corner of Druid Hill Ave. and MaDonald St. is a dream.

Its regal blue living room is tastefully furnished with semi-modern furniture.

The mahogany furnishings in the dining room and bedroom are the last word. Ditto the white and grey unit kitchen and beauty parlor in the basement, latest modern decor.

It's fit for a bride. Wonder if the state senator is publishing whether the state senator is put up her leg when he says he has no wedding plans.

Edward (Ship) Shipley says that although he is working nights at Sparrows Point, he is still very much in the real estate business, and he has many bargains he'll gladly show prospective buyers any day!

Dorothea and Bill Marchant were trying out their new black and white Chevvie Saturday evening on the rain-soaked Pulaski Highway when the car in front stopped suddenly.

Grill work on the front of their new car was badly damaged. Bill, their daughter, Jackie, and two-month-old William Jr., who slept through it all, escaped uninjured. Dorothea ended up with a scratch over her eye.

The Caribbean Club is honoring Dr. C. Mansfield Lawrence, the physician, at a testimonial April 17, at Douglass Methodist Church.

Dr. Lawrence joined the Caribbean Club in 1926, the year after it was organized, and it was he who set up the club's board of directors and served faithfully until he resigned this year.

Under his administration the club has paid and paid for its Stricker St. clubhouse.

The Caribbean Club, by the way, is composed of some of this city's most distinguished citizens. Membership is restricted to persons of West Indian decent and their families.

About this and that...

Mrs. Zora Baysmore, the well known East Baltimore musician, has been Mrs. Milton Eliickson since December. Her husband is a former New York undertaker who is now associated with her.

Miss Elizabeth V. Anthony, the Douglass High School librarian who died suddenly while addressing a B and P meeting in New York Saturday, was recognized as a first-class librarian.

She organized the Dunbar High library and also the one at Douglass where she had been assigned since 1945.

A close associate, Mrs. Daisy Bailey Jones, was among the 50 B and P members who witnessed her shocking and sudden death. She recalled:

"She seemed in the best of spirits and she was giving such a fine report of her work on the sewers when she suddenly stopped and fell, showing the awards her committee had gotten up.

"Then she walked back to the front of the room and then continued her report. The committee was acting on each section of the report—then she just fell out. When I reached her side and tried her pulse, she was gone, just like a match goes out. I never want to see anything like that again . . ."

The Rev. James Matthews of Baltimore was among four ministers who officiated at funeral services in Winnsboro, S.C. last week for Jesse Byrd.

Mr. Byrd was president of the Rion NAACP branch, and for 40 years headed the Fairfield Community Improvement Club, also president of the Mutual Benefit Society.

He also sang several pall-bearers, including James W. Byrd, Jr., and Lindsay Byrd of Baltimore. Another Baltimore survivor is a sister, Mrs. Lula Gaskins.

The April 1st issue of the Seventh Baptist Church, North Ave. and St. Paul St., carried a front page picture of Albert Moore and a tribute. The tribute said in part:

"For 35 years, Albert Moore was janitor at Seventh Baptist. His work is good and faithful. Moore was more. He was a loyal friend, a friendly philosopher, a philosophical wit, and a fine Christian gentleman . . ."

Notes on my cuff...

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While in the city, he visited with our Redevelopment Commission officials and relaxed before train time with old friends at the Jim