—Warden
(FROM PAGE ONE)

called before the Advisory Board to answer questions developed by the Board's investigation into the allegations.

Arnold W. Weiner, chairman of the Board of Advisors, issued a statement on Thursday to the effect, "The Board has thoroughly investigated these accusations and have found none of them to be true and we further would welcome any and all persons with information regarding this matter to bring it to our attention."

Mr. Weiner also pointed out that the Board of Advisors is willing to give full cooperation to investigators representing the Grand Jury or the Legislature.

Mr. Williams, himself, the first black warden to head a maximum security institution in this State told the AFRO: "It's pretty much the same situation they started up last year when the same people made the same kinds of complaints."

Mr. Williams cannot identify who "the same people" are, but he knows that "there are several guards at the institution who resent me because I'm black and the kinds of programs I've brought to the institution."

On the charges which these unidentified persons have brought against him Mr. Williams went down the list for the AFRO and answered them one at a time.

"The newspaper story said that a guard reported having seen some inmates snip through a wire fence and walk off," he began, "that did happen but it was in November of 1964, eight years ago and six years before I came to the institution.

"It lists daring escapes. Since January 1 of this year there have been 34 walk-offs. The differs from an escape in that those men were on minimum security work details outside of the institution and they just walked off.

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"There have been no riots here at all and the in-though disruptive, nowhere c i d e n t last week was, though disruptive, nowhere near the proportions the news stories indicate."

The claims that there are some 480 knives among the inmate population Mr. Williams calls "ridiculous."

He points out that the job of a correctional officer is to enforce the rules, "there is a rule against an inmate having a weapon if an officer sees a weapon it is his duty to confiscate it.

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"The some goes for the allegations about inmates having dope in the cells. These officers are derelict in their duty if they see something like that going on and fail to do anything about it.

"Their job is to police the cellblocks."

Possession of narcotics is a violation of State law and a $2 fine for the offense occurs at the institution it is turned over to the State Police at the Waterloo Barracks.

Lt. W. M. Bohler, of the State Police at Waterloo told the AFRO: "Narcotics traffic has not been a great problem at the institution. There have been some instances with something like a few pills but nothing in a great number."

The correctional officers who claimed to have knowledge of heavy narcotic traffic in the institution and who fail to turn the information over to the State Police because they are afraid "is ridiculous."

Lt. Bohler points out that violation of narcotics laws "is the business of the State Police in this area" and guards need have nothing to do with it but supply the information, the State Trooper concluded.

During her investigation, Senator Welcome visited the Maryland Penitentiary where some 65 men, allegedly involved in last week's disturbance at the Maryland House of Correction are now confined.

After interviewing several of the men taken to the Penitentiary for disciplinary action resulting from the incident, Mrs. Welcome told the AFRO:

"Those men got involved because they were concerned with the well being of a fellow inmate. A racist guard had put out the rumor that the man in question had gotten sick and because they failed to get him medical attention, he died.

"The rumors," Mrs. Welcome declares on information gleaned from her interviews, "were started because some guards are anxious to see a riot but it didn't happen because the inmates themselves don't want a riot."

Senator Welcome calls the allegations that knives and weapons are all over the institution "an absolute lie."

It was just about a year ago when a local daily newspaper printed stories which carried the same allegations against Mr. Williams and Commissioner Cannon.

Mr. Cannon recalls that period and told the AFRO: "It is almost unbelievable that a responsible media would print a headline story without checking a single fact."

"The most important issue," Mr. Cannon declares, "is that these guards who are dissatisfied with the way we're running things and who claim that their lives are in danger because the system has failed to use the facilities designed to bring these things into proper focus.

"On both occasions they went to the press and to local politicians and completely by-passed AFL-CIO and the Maryland Certified Employees Association.

"The unions could have added weight to their complaints, they could have been checked out and documented. The men themselves didn't have to be exposed and if they felt their complaints had any real credence that's the way they would have handled it."

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The correctional officers who supplied the information are all allegedly "unidentified" because they were afraid Warden Williams would fire them, according to the news stories.

Mr. Cannon says, "that's so unbelievable it borders on stupidity.

"Those men," he explained, "are certified State employees. They were hired on the Merit System and nobody can arbitrarily fire them.

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"It's just impossible, the Department of Personnel simply would not stand for it. Charges have to be brought against the individual and a whole course of action is already outlined for the procedure."

"All we're trying to do down there is put together a correctional program in this division, which is complimentary which reinforces custody and control and at the same time benefits the inmate for his return to society."

Warden Williams, 40, who assumed his post in April 1969, has followed the philosophy that 'you don't treat a man in jail like an animal,' and has worked to improve facilities and correctional methods.

BLACK INMATES at Maryland Penitentiary say false rumors of riots at this institution for males are designed to discredit first black warden, Ralph Williams, who has instituted modern penal methods since he took over in April, 1969.

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If You Ask Me
BY BETTYE M. MOSS

Curly Byrd, people, things

The name of Dr. Harry Clifton (Curly) Byrd, dead this week at the age of 81, is a familiar one to older AFRO readers.

Today's college students might find it hard to believe but there was a time in our state when black students had to go to court before they could enroll in the University of Maryland, a state-supported institution.

But the facts are that in June 1935, the late and beloved NAACP attorney, Charles H. Houston and his protegee, now Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and William L. Gosnell, still a Baltimore attorney, filed such a suit on behalf of Donald G. Murray, an Amherst graduate who wanted to study law in the state where his parents and great-grandparents had lived.

The late and beloved Judge Eugene O'Dunne, sitting in Baltimore City Court upheld the NAACP's contention and ordered Mr. Murray admitted to the University's law school.

Shortly after the court ruled, Curly Byrd, a football great at the university, became president succeeding Dr. Raymond A. Pearson.

Immediately, he involved himself in court litigation seeking to overrule the new admission policy.

AFRO files show that instead of promoting integration at the university (which he said was good), he sought to improve Morgan State and Princess Anne and limit our enrollment to the university.

At one point, the AFRO quoted him (Aug. 24, 1935), as saying in a 'wicked' petition to the Md. Court of Appeals that admission of colored students may "embarrass two thousand white students, 500 of whom are girls."

AFRO editorials as late as 1947-1949, pointed to quota systems for Jewish students at U. of Md., and similar devices used to exclude colored applicants.

Even though the university's reputation on race relations was poor under his administration, Curly Byrd appealed to black voters after he left the university to run for Governor.

AFRO files show that black voters rejected his candidacy overwhelmingly (7 to 1), in favor of Theodore R. McKeldin (1954).

Fortunately, Dr. Byrd had a long life. He lived to see his predictions about separate education proved wrong.

He lived to see some of the black law students he sought to keep out of the University's law school move to positions of leadership in the community.

It is ironic that the same week Dr. Byrd died there was announcement of a mayoralty boom for George H. Russell Jr., class of '54.

It is noteworthy that the same week election returns from the 4th Legislative District show renomination of Delegates Calvin Douglass, class of '40, and Lena K. Lee, class of '51.

Plus, renomination of Supreme Bench judges Harry A. Cole, class of '43; and Robert B. Watts, class of '48;

And, appointment of W. Emerson Brown, class of '47, as examiner and master in chancery of the Circuit Courts of Baltimore, a $40,000 a year plus post;

And, nomination of William H. Murphy Sr., class of '47 and John R. Hargrove, class of '50, as municipal judges; and nomination on a citywide ticket of Milton B. Allen, class of '48, as state's attorney for Baltimore city.

Aside to Dr. Wilson Elkins, currently president of the U. of M. : demands of black coalition students for greater integration at your school should be given prompt attention.

History should not record that in the 1970's we operate at horse and buggy rate.

The black students the university has trained so far are not inclined to move at a snail's pace to enjoy the rights and privileges they want and deserve NOW.

The U. of Md. should be on the move.

More about people and things

Honors went a week back to two Baltimore Catholic lay leaders. Pope Paul VI conferred them.

Dr. Rebecca Carroll, the public school area director, received the Pontiff's Pro Eccles Et Pontificae for outstanding work.

Charles Dorsey, the lawyer, was made a member of Knights of St. Gregory.

Cuff note: Mr. Dorsey is the same Mr. Dorsey who is associate director of the Legal Aid Bureau. This is the organization which is involved in the new legal aid program for the poor.

It's called The Public Defender. Headquarters are at 351 N. Calvert St. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone, 752-7455.

What this means: If you are a defendant in a municipal court case and if you have no funds to defend yourself and if you need legal advice, the Public Defender's office will help you free of charge. The office is supported by an $80,000 grant.

More good church music: At St. Gregory's Catholic Church this past Sunday, the music was saying something, particularly the rendition of 'Amen,' under the direction of Matthew Fraling.

Get well cards, please, to University Hospital for John L. Bailey of N. Carey St. Many know him as the longtime Union Station employee.

And, please continue prayers for W. Meredith Birche, the longtime music specialist in our schools. He remains critically ill at Md. General Hospital.

His sister, Mrs. Estellena Shower of Cleveland, is at his bedside.

The Thursday morning death of Mrs. Charlotte W. Mason serves to remind this column she has been a childhood friend of longstanding.

AFRO readers know her as the good neighbor columnist. Her 'On the Eastside,' which pays tribute to good neighbors is a favorite column in this newspaper. . .

Charlotte had major cancer surgery a month back but she refused to let her illness get her down. Up until the end, she laughingly said, 'Oh, I'm all right,' and went ahead gathering material for her column.

Charlotte grew up in Montebello Terrace in Morgan Park. Her father, the late W. Llewellyn Wilson was the popular music teacher in Douglass High. Remember?

Charlotte's regular job was as teacher at Elementary School No. 116. Her second graders delighted her and they loved her.

She was a woman full of vim, vigor and vitality—the kind of outgoing person who never took no for an answer when she went on her NAACP-membership campaign, was involved in a neighborhood or school project or any of the dozens of other community endeavors which occupied her interests. She will be missed.

Dialogue and more people

People being kind to others: The Sunday evening testimonial at the Hilton for Milton L. Holmes was a moving one. He's the project director of the Target City Youth program.

Highlights for this writer: Singing of the national anthem, 'Lift Every Voice,' led by Mrs. Delores Conway, a lovely housewife with an equally lovely voice.

Also, loved the way the honoree paid tribute to his wife and family. 'Any success I have had in helping others is because of my parents, my wife, and my children' support. They have been the driving force within me. . .'

And this. . . 'I am only one, but I am one, I can not do everything, but I can do something and what I can do by the grace of God I will do. . .''

And, loved the way his wife, Louise, gave credit to her husband: "It has meant a sacrifice for me and my children. I am proud he has dedicated his life to the cause of black people."

She added this: "I thank God that He has given me strength to carry on and work with my husband and at his side."

Isn't that a beautiful tribute!

More on Target City's Youth Director: Under his leadership, young people, whom many would write off, are learning basic skills and becoming important cogs in the community wheel.

Cuff notes: The testimonial was sponsored by Council for Recognition of Blacks of which Anthony Ward is president.

Hats off to him and to Mr. Holmes' friends in the National Alliance of Postal Employees who co-sponsored: Clifton Harris, John White Jr., who was toast master, and Joe Dixon et al. They're tremendous.

AFRO was first to honor Mr. Holmes. Back in May he was one of those named to the AFRO Honor Roll for distinguished public service without thought of gain during the year 1969.

More cuff notes: Mr. Holmes grew up in Turner Station.

His Dunbar High School classmates were among banquet guests.

Absent was his 80-year-old father who is ill. The Holmes' five daughters were present. They make a handsome family.

Moving moment: When six-footer Father Phillip Linden came to the microphone to offer the benediction.

He is the committed black priest. There was a hush as he said, "we must continue to give ourselves for others."

Right on note: Banquet speaker, Morgan's Dr. Carl Franklin is employed as professor of business administration at Morgan State College, but he has talent as a public speaker.

Commenting on the projected black majority in the city, he said, "some people don't like to live with you, but we're going to make it right here in Baltimore and we're going to say to every brother we see, come, brother, walk with me. "Right on!

Visitor met: Jim Sexton of Washington where he is deputy assistant director of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Later Sunday, we had an opportunity to look in on Brice's Hilltop Inn, the new restaurant and club (see advertisement in this edition), now open at Reisterstown Rd. and Rogers Ave.

It is a spacious and colorful place and the music was saying something. Decor makes this an intimate place to meet and greet.

Sunday evening musicians were Trudy Pitts and Mr. C. Trio. Very tuneful.

So you say you like good places with good food and entertainment right in your own neighborhood, then Brice's Hilltop should get your business, right now!

Continue get well cards to Milton Gardner, the veteran police officer. He's in Maryland General.

Visitor with sunshine in her voice and face was Mrs. Matlie Harston of Buffalo, who called to say she knew our sister there and later dropped in our office.

In Buffalo, Mrs. Harston is employed as a county clerk. She and her husband, Walter Sr., have three children.

Their daughter June is Mrs. Jack Dennis of Beaumont Ave. here in Baltimore.



AFRO Line

HAMPERED BY LAW, these eager young men tried to register to vote but were turned away because the law lowering the voting age to 18 has not yet been passed by the state of Maryland. Shown with an AFRO reporter are (left to right): Steven Moody, 18; R. W. Bellamy, 19; Kenneth Tory, 18; Gregory Williams, 18; and AFRO reporter.

QUESTION: How many 18 year olds will be eligible to vote if Maryland passes the law to lower the voting age to 18?

ANSWER: According to statistics obtained from the office of Dr. Robert Farber, Commissioner of Health for Baltimore City, figures show that as of July 1, 1969, there are 15,936 city residents in the 18-year-old bracket. Of this number 8,201 are black.

QUESTION: I work at Morgan State College. There is no parking place so I park on Hillen Rd. If I am there after 4 p.m., I get a ticket. The same thing is true on Cold Spring Lane. Why can't the people in the area of Morgan State have parking facilities? Can't the college provide them? —F. D.

ANSWER: We asked Morgan's business manager, Dr. William Proctor, what the problem is. He advises that about 600 parking spaces are available on campus on a first come basis.

Last year, Morgan faculty and students voted to keep the spaces open except for 11 reserved spots, which are open to all after five p.m. He added that Hillen Rd. is a city thoroughfare, over which the college has no jurisdiction, but parking is available daily.

After nine a.m. cars can be parked on the right side into the city and cars can be parked on the left side going north until four p.m. when it is kept clear for the heavy afternoon traffic leaving the city. All available space on campus is being used so no future plans for more parking can be made at this time.

QUESTION — Are American casualties in Vietnam on the decrease? How many U.S. servicemen have died over there? — G. F.

ANSWER — Latest figures (as of Sept. 19), show 43,674 Americans have died in Vietnam since Jan. 1, 1961. Some, 1,423 are missing in action. Last week's casualties, 333 wounded and 52 killed, are comparatively low. This is the twelfth consecutive week the number of American dead in Vietnam has been below 100.

QUESTION: I am concerned about poor service on the Number 1 line as compared with service on Numbers 5, 8, 15, 19, 20.

On the following dates I waited on Fayette near Howard for the westbound Number 1: September 10, 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

September 11, 4:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; September 16, 4:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

My children waited for southbound service on the Number 1 line on Riggs Avenue as follows:

September 14, 8:02 a.m. to 8:28 a.m.; September 15, 7:55 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

Mr. Sloan wants a reply from Mr. Headley to publish in the paper as to what happened and what corrections have been made.

ANSWER: Metropolitan Transit Authority reports that in checking the No. 1 line service between 4:40 and 5:45 p.m., it was found to be running on schedule. However, schedule adjustments have been made on the line between 7:50 and 8:10 a.m. in order to correct the conditions complained of.

QUESTION: I read in the AFRO that an ambulance and police car had an accident at the Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St. intersection. Who ran through the red light and if it was the police did he have the siren on? What was the name of the fireman who was driving the ambulance? —B.B.B.

ANSWER: As the AFRO reported last week, police reports show that the accident happened Tuesday night when Ambulance 4, carrying Firefighter Lawrence S. Burch, 40, 2800 block Reisterstown Ave., and Lawrence R. Cavey, 22, of Nunnery Lane, was responding to an emergency in the 1000 block of Eutaw Place. While crossing the intersection with their siren blasing, they met Officer Donald P. Smith, also responding to an emergency going south on Druid Hill Ave. The impact smashed the right side of the police car and overturned the ambulance. Traffic Investigation officers charged the police officer with failing to grant the right of way to an emergency vehicle and the driver of the ambulance was charged with reckless driving.

TOGETHER
Irresponsible Evasion

By PARREN J. MITCHELL

Every campaign, no matter how hard fought, has its lighter moments. In my column last week I mentioned some of the many people who have helped sustain my campaign—among them I listed Baltimore street-Arabs (pronounced "Ayprabs") whose horse-drawn carts have long been a familiar part of the Baltimore street scene.

Apparently, some people thought I had reference to a group of Middle-Easterners who go by the same name. I confess that I had to smile — the confusion simply never occurred to me.

The Vice-President of the United States, on the campaign trail, plowing Republican ground and sowing national division, last week attacked the Presidential Commission on Campus Unrest for indulging in "scapegoating."

The scapegoat he had in mind, strangely enough, was the President of the United States.

Mr. Agnew accused the Commission of "irresponsibility" for suggesting that the policy pursued by the President of the United States might have something to do with the unrest among America's young.

Has Mr. Agnew forgotten that the campus disturbances of last spring were a direct result of the President's unilateral decision to extend the unpopular Vietnam War into Cambodia? Is Mr. Agnew suggesting, by calling Mr. Nixon a "scapegoat," that the President now claims no responsibility for that decision?

It is interesting to note that in his speech Mr. Agnew continually referred to the Commission as the "Scranton Commission." Not once did he give it its proper name — "The Presidential Commission on Campus Unrest," so named because all of its members were appointed by Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Agnew seems to be in the unfortunate position of the man who was unable to throw his old boomerang away.

But no amount of evasion, or of abusive rhetoric, can keep responsibility from returning to the hand to which it rightfully belongs. Indeed, it would seem that it is Mr. Agnew who is guilty both of irresponsibility and scapegoating.

Since a scapegoat is characterized by its innocence and its powerlessness, and refers to persons or groups within a society whose inability to retaliate makes them favored and false targets for popular wrath—by no sfretch of the imagination can the leader of the world's most powerful nation, keeper of its vast arsenal, and director of its policies, disclaim responsibility for his decisions by pretending to the role of scapegoat.

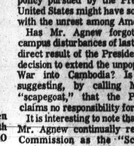
Mr. Agnew's remarks are an evasion of the Administration's responsibility in their attempt to discredit the Presidential Commission by characterizing its report as "more poblum for the permissivists."

The suggestion in this cleverly turned phrase, which recommends itself more to the ear than to the mind, is that the President's critics are both weak and. infantile.

Yet, the report refuses to condone desperate actions, while intelligently seeking for the causes of that desperation, in hopes of removing them.

And a major cause lies in the fact that the devastation of Vietnam and the death of 50,000 American soldiers has been a tragic waste to which other young men do not wish to add their lives.

To confront this hard truth is the painful necessity of our leaders, and it is to this duty which the Commission, in all good faith, but apparently unsuccessfully, has tried to call them.



It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE

As reported in this column several weeks ago, the tragic plight of domestic workers demands the urgent and concentrated commitment of women.

Few states offer domestic workers the benefits of major protective legislation.

Many household workers in this city are unaware of some protection they should have.

This relates to social security payments which should be reported by the employer for the worker.

One bright spot is the trend toward establishment of household service cooperatives and companies.

These firms hire household employees at wages above the prevailing rate for day-work, offer intensive training programs and then offer standardized services to housewives at fixed rates.

The employees thus obtain such fringe benefits as sick leave, holidays, and vacations and coverage by workmen's and unemployment compensation, as well as a regular schedule of work.

Equally as important, this arrangement abrogates the traditional master-slave relationship which has prevailed.

Village Maid, a for-profit corporation in Chicago, and the National Committee on Household Employment, a not-for-profit organization in Washington, are two institutions working toward this goal.

The former was established by Anne Rodger, a black woman, several years ago.

Based on the growth of the Chicago operation, she hopes to franchise Village Maid across the country.

The NCHE was founded in 1965 but was relatively inactive until a recent Ford Foundation grant boosted its operations.

NCHE concluded that the best model was the household firm owned by workers themselves and operated as a cooperative.

Caught in a circle of discrimination, women are constantly put in the position of exploiting each other.

Thus, as the numbers of working women increase, so increases the need for domestic workers to do both housework and childcare.

This exacerbates the differential status of white and black women.

William Raspberry, black columnist for the Washington Post, was quick to seize on this point.

In a recent column, he castigated the President's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities, "saying," it balked at urging extension of minimum wage provisions to cover household workers on the ground that the subject was "too complicated."

As a result, the task force appears to be seeking the release of middle-class women from the drudgery of housework by urging poor women into maids.

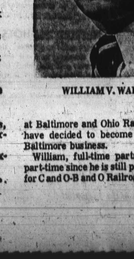
Mr. Raspberry strongly endorses the household services cooperatives described here in this article.

(Information used here was gathered from "The Spokeswoman," an Urban Research Corporation Publication, Chicago, Illinois.)

In the Spotlight

William and Earl Walls believe in togetherness.

Both brothers were born and educated in Westchester, Pa., served in the U.S. Army, moved to Baltimore, have been employed at Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and now have decided to become partners in a Baltimore business.



WILLIAM V. WALLS

William, full-time partner, and Earl, part-time since he is still personnel officer for C and O-B and O Railroad, opened their Penn-Jersey Auto Parts Store this week at 4244 Reisterstown Rd.

The brothers talked things over and decided it would be a "sound investment."

"We've both always been mechanically inclined and have always liked working with automobiles, so we feel right at home in this business," Earl said.

Both agreed their aim is to provide good service and they intend to satisfy their customers.

The two brothers and their families have been living in Baltimore eight years.

William is married to Mrs. Irma Walls. Their four children are, Keith, 12, William, Jr., 11, Steben, 7, and Monica, 3.

Earl and his wife, Mrs. Velma Walls, have two song: Albie, 11, and Bobby, 8.

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Let's Rocket To The Moon

By MARION TAYLOR

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Or maybe, they'll be no trees at all
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