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"I am a man of peace. God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for Freedom. Fighter. Kossuth

Prayer For The Week

Our Lord, we are grateful for this good and for the care and planning that hath gone into its preparation. We pray that this house as we break bread together.

Thou hast promised the Kingdom of Heaven unto those who are persecuted for the sake of right.

Take into Thy care the sit-downers and pickets who are arrested and imprisoned in their fight for first class citizenship for all Americans.

Strengthen their faith, O Lord, that they may be worthy friends of those who are persecuted everywhere and give them the victory. Amen.

Sands Of Time

Douglas Sands resigned because Governor Tawes named a member of the Interracial Commission, or promoted as director of the body in which Mr. Sands serves as secretary.

Mr. Sands' pique is understood. He evidently thought he wouldn't be human if he didn't aspire for this promotion.

But the Governor makes the appointment because he thinks the appointee is better fitted for the post than Mr. Sands.

Mr. Sands has resigned and Governor Tawes named into the family which publishes this newspaper. That could be a handicap.

The Interracial Commission needs more dynamic leadership. Mr. Smith can give it. The Governor should appoint him.

Read Before Signing

"Read before you sign."

This is the simplest of advice, but to our sorrow, it is advice that often falls on deaf ears.

Hundreds of families in Baltimore have seen the material things that took a lifetime to accumulate, swept away in a few moments.

And all because they signed a contract without bothering to read what it said.

A case in point is that of a veteran, who last week, watched with helpless terror as the sheriff moved to evict him from the home he faced the prospect of beginning his life all over again.

His mistake, according to his own story, was that he signed for an improvement to his home.

When he discovered he had agreed to buy the improvement at a price to which the contract failed, and lost his home.

Nothing can guarantee that you won't be caught in the same squeeze as the veteran, but at least, following these rules will reduce the chances to a minimum.

To avoid this, we offer the following suggestions:

1. Read every contract carefully before you sign it. If in doubt about anything, consult a lawyer. Remember, more dynamic leadership, Mr. Smith can give it. The Governor should appoint him.

2. Never sign a contract that contains blank spaces. Draw a line through blank spaces to prevent anyone from adding to the contract after you sign.

3. If you are given a number of papers to sign, examine EACH one of them. Never sign papers that are covered up with other papers. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING.

4. Ask for a copy of each paper you sign. Never sign for an improvement without getting a copy of the contract.

5. If you have any question about your rights, contact the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, 518 Light St. VErnon 7-8900. They always deal with reputable merchants.

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Playground Or Dump

Residents of the unit block of Warwick Avenue of northwest Baltimore complained that the space behind their homes, which should be a playground, was a dumping ground for trash and garbage.

This is a city property. Residents declare that when they complained to the proper city agency to clear this lot for while children. And the city responds that that was probably true being shown in this matter by 5th District Councilman William Adams.

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EOC Membership

Still unsigned on the desk of Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin is the appointment of Dr. Daniel M. Chaisson to membership on the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Unlike other appointees, which are clearly spelled out in the new measure, there is no requirement that Dr. Chaisson be a member of a particular political party, or that he be a member of a particular race.

Perhaps the addition of a new duty, that of enforcing the city's equal accommodations law, will require the appointment of a Democrat and a Republican. This is for the Mayor to decide in the interest of bi-partisanship.

Dr. Chaisson is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was in the top fourth of his class when he earned his law degree at Harvard.

How Old Must A Judge Be?

If the nomination of Charles T. Duncan to be associate judge of the Supreme bench of Baltimore is confirmed, as has been expected, it will be the first time that the District's principal assistant U.S. Attorney is too young and inexperienced for the post.

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Mr. Duncan's erudition is unquestionable. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was in the top fourth of his class when he earned his law degree at Harvard