—10 million

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comes are low may still have the comfort of modern conveniences at a price which they can afford to pay," Dr. Kearse said.

Ronald E. Creamer, of the law firm of Weinberg and Green, counsel to the sponsoring Corporation, stated that, if approved, this would be the most extensive apartment development in the United States sponsored under Section 221 (d)(3) of the Federal Housing Act.

Mr. Creamer noted that the proposed development would cost approximately $10,000,000, would contain 1,000 units and would provide housing for about 4,500 individuals.

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DR. KEARSE indicated that, "our primary consideration is to see that decent and challenging accomodations are made available to the people whose needs for such houses are apparent.

"In my opinion, the need for such housing is so great that even a development of this magnitude will not be sufficient to meet the needs of all of the families desperately needing such housing.

"The proposed development will contain 100 one bedroom units at a monthly rental of between $55 - $60, 600 two bedroom units at a monthly rental of between $65 - $70, and 300 three bedroom units at a rental of from $75 - $80 per month; Dr. Kearse said.

Cornerstone Church has formed a mortgagor corporation, Cornerstone Housing, Inc., to deal with the federal government.

Members of the Board of Directors of Cornerstone Housing, Inc., in addition to the pastor of the church, are Walter Henderson, Carlen R. Woodhouse, Mrs. E. W. Dixon, Mrs. Marjorie Chatman, Mrs. Isadora C. Kearse, Dr. James A. Priest, Lawrence Oliver, Samuel Daniels, Dr. Barnett Rhetta and Claude Loung.

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Schools Get Warning

(An Editorial)

Two NAACP attorneys, joined by a lawyer for the Baltimore Neighborhood, Inc., gave the Baltimore School Board a stern warning yesterday.

Progress in desegregation of schools, they say, has been too slow.

There was enthusiastaic applause from the 100 spectators who crowded the School Board room as the attorneys gave documentary proof of their charges. The NAACP lawyers, Juanita J. Mitchell and June Shagaloff, and Baltimore Neighborhoods' Melvin J. Sykes, detailed their allegations of discrimination in redistricting and transfers and promotions on which they said the School Board is dragging its feet.

On two other occasions the NAACP was prepared to go into court on a discrimination question, but the School Board at that time granted their request and the necessary relief.

The present School Board's continuing discrimination in pupil and teacher transfer and assignment and physical accommodation is evident for all to see.

There seems to be no need to get the School Board into court this time to disprove it.

—New vice pres.

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ecutive Secretary of the Marian, Ind. Branch of the National Urban League; Boys Work Secretary, Hallie Q. Brown Community House, St. Paul, Minn.

And, Group Specialist, Fort Wayne, Ind. Urban League; Cottage Supervisor, Indiana Boys School, Plainfield, Ind.

During the war he was a specialist in the physical training division at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Born in St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Wilson was educated in the public schools of that city and at the University of Minnesota.

He is married to the former Miss Genevieve H. Horton of Memphis, Tenn. They have been married seven years. There are no children.

Mr. Wilson succeeds D. Arnett Murphy, former Vice President and Director of Advertising, who retired in July, 1962, after 53 years of service at the AFRO.

Mr. Murphy retains his position as a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the AFRO - AMERICAN Co.

School Board suspends action on appointments

"Action on school jobs, promotions and assignment usually taken at this time of the school year, was postponed by the Board. The entire meeting was devoted to racial problems.

Members of the Board are Eli Frank Jr., president; Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, John R. Sherwood, John J. Sweeney Jr., J. Percy Bond, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Phillips, Dr. William S. Stone, Dr. William D. McElroy, and Sidney H. Tinley Jr.

All members of the Board were present at Thursday's session except Mr. Tinley who was attending his son's graduation at Dartmouth.

The AFRO learned that the Board will hold a special committee meeting this Saturday morning, ostensibly to discuss the citizens' complaints.

-School Board

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violate the legal and constitutional rights of colored citizens.

• the great number of colored pupils in Baltimore are deprived of equality of educational opportunity because 83% of all colored elementary pupils still attend segregated schools as do 73% of all colored high school students.

• there has been discrimination in the districting of both elementary and secondary schools, in the bus transportation policy of the Department of Education that contributed to racial segregation in Baltimore by transporting colored pupils only to other segregated schools.

• the Baltimore city schools have discriminated against colored students in regard to part-time instruction; 79% of the pupils on part-time are colored.

• the school system's program for building new schools has discriminated against colored pupils as most of the elementary schools built since the 1954 desegregation decision of the Supreme Court have been either "90% white or more than 90% colored."

• the Department of Education has failed to provide graduates of all-colored Carver High School with the same "equality of opportunity" afforded graduates of 98% white Mergenthaler who make more money and work more regularly.

• the Department of Education has "misconceived the legal duties and powers" and its "normal obligations" in regard to bringing about school integration in Baltimore.

"This explosive and sweeping condemnation of school system policies was made by Melvin Sykes, attorney for a group of 28 parents of both races whose report on eight years of desegregation provided the basis for his indictment.

Mr. Sykes' report was received with loud, enthused applause by audience.

The School Board, in a move interpreted as seeking to satisfy some of the demands and suggestions made by the parents committee, then approved a report by five of its own Commissioners which called for the end of school districting.

As soon as the School Board announced its new policy, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, secretary of the Baltimore NAACP legal redress committee rose to tell the School Board:

"This new school board policy is not acceptable to the Baltimore branch NAACP."

Mrs. Mitchell then said: "the policies and practices of the Board of Education which have resulted in . . . racial segregation in public schools . . . violate the legal and constitutional rights of colored citizens."

Mrs. Mitchell's eloquent indictment of the Department of Education stirred listeners to a second, prolonged ovation.

Then the local NAACP official introduced Miss June Shagaloff, attractive young New Yorker who heads up the NAACP Northern Desegregation campaign. Miss Shagaloff off for 13 years a researcher for Thurgood Marshall, now chief NAACP legal counsel, then addressed the School Board.

In cool measured tones, the national director urged the Commissioners to:

1. Adopt a policy recognizing the educational undesirability of public schools segregated in fact and to "unequivocally commit" itself to achieving "amximum desegregation in Baltimore public schools."

2. That the board take all necessary steps to change restricting administration practices pertaining to race.

3. That the board formulate and implement a long range city-wide plan to achieve maximum desegregation in all schools.

4. That immediate steps be taken to raise educational standards of children in areas so heavily segregated as to housing that integration is not immediately possible to give the "educationally deprived" children, stable teaching staffs, remedial reading programs, smaller classrooms and licensed teachers.

5. That the board reassign teachers to assure the placement of colored teachers and administrators throughout the school system on a non-discriminatory basis.

Miss Shagaloff concluded her quietly delivered recommendations to the board with the statement:

"Unless the Board adopts the policies and demands we make, if you hedge or delay, we will call for a mass protest including school picketing, sit-ins, and other demonstrations and also take the necessary legal action."

Her closing remarks set off the most prolonged applause and cheering of the emotion-packed hearings.

Board chairman Eli Frank thanked the three spokesmen for their presentations and promised that the board would absorb "these new viewpoints" as fast as it could but could not promise that the demands could or would be met within the time limits set by the NAACP lawyers.

"That would be impossible," he said.

Some minutes later, School Board Commissioner John Sherwood, who in 1954 made the motion that the local schools desegregate voluntarily, was heard by an AFRO reporter as he emerged from a private session of the board to say "we'll just have to play for time, that's all."

Outside the hallway, Mr. Sherwood told her he was "sorry" she had presented the civil rights organization's demands as she had "but if that's the way you want it, well . . ."

Tomorrow (Saturday) the School Board, it is reported, will meet in special session to study the charges and recommendations made by the parents' group and the NAACP.

—NAACP

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the Baltimore commissioners that they were not alone in the "de-segregation problem." Other cities in the North and West, she explained were also having to face up to this grave issue.

She told the board the NAACP stood ready to help it implement such a program as other cities were beginning.

Continuing, she said: "The problem that exists here are the same problems existing in other Northern communities. Our appearance here today signals the extension of our efforts to Baltimore where segregation exists in fact and as such the first of two border cities to come under the NAACP Northern De-Segregation Drive."

"We don't expect a total reorganization of the Baltimore school system by September 1st."

Miss Shagaloff bluntly told the School Commissioners that in Baltimore "De-Segregation never took place to begin with." She observed that all that had been done was that it had been formally declared in effort but was in truth, just "token de-segregation."

She told the board that segregation in Baltimore elementary schools was extensive and " the extent of segregation in secondary schools is just as rigid."

In dismissing Department of Education explanations that non - integrated schools in Baltimore were the result of segregated neighborhoods, she said "Segregated housing enables school systems to contain colored children in colored areas, white children in white areas" with the result that "the evidence clearly shows that segregation is harmful to white and colored alike."

She then cautioned the Commissioners that the NAACP would not accept segregation in housing as "an excuse" to continue segregated schools and urged them to seek alternative public schools here.

The NAACP school expert also objected to the Department of Education's definition of what comprises an integrated school. "If a school is designated as a "white" school it doesn't matter. "Such a situation she said, implied that inequality existed and thus was legally wrong.

As Mrs. Mitchell had done previously, Miss Shagaloff also objected the School Board's new policy on school districting.

"The committee dealt with everything (in this report) except the basic problem to wit, what can the School Board do to reduce segregation to an absolute minimum. I concur with Mrs. Mitchell in rejecting the report of this committee.

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Mrs. Mitchell also recalled that when the NAACP pushed to de-segregate schools locally "some of our own people were not with us. They felt they would stand to lose everything professionally if segregation was ended."

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Here the issue of jobs for colored Department of Education employees was raised.

"We have found considerable bitterness among your colored professional staff members about the failure to promote them in the basis of merit rather than race."

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Mrs. Mitchell also told the board that "those who expressed to you their feelings have suffered penalities."

The NAACP legal secretary then introduced to the board representatives of other concerned community organizations including the National Postal Alliance, the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, the Democratic Women that were supporting the parents and the NAACP in the de-segregation campaign.

"We hope we wont to have to go to court without Baltimore school board again," she concluded.

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In addition to Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Shagaloff, other NAACP lawyers attending the School Board session were: Calvin Banks, national program director who has been helping Cambridge, Md. residents with a school desegregation program and George Smith, assistant to Jack Greenberg, director of the NAACP's legal defense fund.

Miss Shagaloff, a Columbia U. grad, is director of the NAACP's Northern School Desergregation Programs.

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The complete text of Mrs. Mitchell's remarks on behalf of the NAACP follows:

Statement, Baltimore Branch NAACP
Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Secretary, Legal Redress Committee
June 6, 1963

"The Board of Education of Baltimore City under the law of the land is charged with providing equal educational opportunity for all of the children of this city.

"The policies and practices of the Board of Education which have resulted in de facto racial segregation in public schools, whether by design or not, violate the legal and constitutional rights of colored citizens.

"Segregated education is unequal education, which inflicts irreparable psychological damage on colored and white citizens alike, is educationally undesirable, actually impermissible, socially unrealistic and blocks the attainment of the goals of a democratic society.

"The existence of racial imbalance, as is irrefutably established by the report of concerned parents presented to this board, requires prompt and immediate action by the Board of Education which will result in the elimination of racially segregated schools.

"We fully support the findings in the report and the recommendations made.

"In addition, we wish to present the following specific complaints and recommendations:

"Complaints have been received by us that the pupil assignment plans for the limiting of the admissions to City Leaders and Western High Schools, and as already applied at Polytechnic High School are in violation of the best educational principles as established by the Maryland State Department of Education and as set forth in a policy published in 1956 and by nationally recognized educators, such as Dr. James Conant.

"Further the complaints are that the plans will result in de facto racial segregation in these schools.

"Therefore, we urge the immediate reconsideration by the Board of these plans. It is our considered opinion that if these plans are executed in their present form, they will be subject to challenge in the courts for failure to comply with the continuing mandate of the U.S. Supreme Court in the school desegregation cases.

"The citizens of Baltimore and throughout the nation were gravely concerned over the racial disturbances which reached riot proportions last summer when the Bureau of Municipal Recreation instituted its learn to swim programs at the city's pools in Riverside Park for children at the South Baltimore Playground.

"Complaints have been received that the elementary schools in the area surrounding this city school are in fact all wite, although many colored families live close enough to these schools to have the neighborhood concept of elementary schools apply to them.

"Whether by design or not, this de facto racial segregation which has contributed to the psychological impairment of white citizens and which erupted in the racial intolerance in the area over the use of the pool by colored children.

"The Board of Education cannot escape its responsibility, along with other municipal agencies and the citizens, for the shameful happenings at Riverside Pool.

"We, therefore, request an immediate review of the policies and practices which have perpetuated racial segregation in the schools of this area and demand the elimination of racial segregation at both faculty and student levels.

"Complaint has been made that there is flagrant violation of merit employment, where colored personnel are concerned in the appointment and promotion of the staff. Although qualified colored staff members have applied, they complain that white personnel with lesser training and experience are appointed as a rule.

"For an example, The Bureau of Research and the Business Division have no top level colored administrative or supervisory personnel. Only until a few weeks ago, when one colored specialist in personnel was appointed, the Division of Personnel had never had any. The Division of Supply and Placement, until the appointment of one specialist in this school year, had none in the Division of Special Services, which has many top level supervisory or administrative posts open.

"It is complained that the predominantly colored schools have white principals, but no predominantly white school has a colored principal. For example, it is alleged that the Administration of predominantly colored schools, Nos. 61, 202, 203, 78, 79, 80, and 81 are all white principals.

"We wish to make the position of the NAACP clear in this respect.

"We do not encourage any assignment of colored principals to colored schools, but we do demand that policies and practices which have resulted in the restriction of promotional opportunities of qualified colored staff members to do facto racially segregated school environments.

"We call upon the Board to live up to the pledge made in 1954 that personnel assignments will not be made on the basis of race. We envision within the next few months the picture of a truly democratic school system in which principals, faculty AND maintenance personnel and pupils will be so integrated throughout the school system that adults and children alike will come to know and respect each other as human beings of infinite worth, rather than on the basis of race.

"Objection of citizens to the appointment of Mr. Weiss to the 900 per cent colored Lemmel Junior High School should not be maintained.

"The objection is NOT because Mr. Weiss is white. The administration has said he is qualified and has worked at Lemmel as vice principal.

"The objection is that the administration seems to have a pattern of placing white administrators (principals, vice principals, unit heads, etc.) in predominantly colored schools, but NOT placing colored qualified administrators in predominantly white schools.

"If there is a colored principal of a 100 per cent white school where is he or she? We do NOT class a predominantly white school as one with mixed enrollment in a changing neighborhood where the population of the school will soon be all colored. We mean in a 100 per cent white school, which is likely to remain white for some years.

"Therefore, we recommend that there be a reassignment of top level administrative and supervisory personnel so as to eliminate what is complained of to be the deliberate, calculated exclusion of qualified colored staff from certain categories of occupations in the school system.

"We strongly concur with the emphasis of the parents that pupil assignment plans be immediately revised to eliminate the racial imbalance especially apparent in the elementary and junior high schools.

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"We request a review of the textbooks currently being used in courses in history and social studies, which do not recognize the historic development, needs and aspirations of our total world community, and which especially present a biased and non-objective picture of the contribution of the colored American to the progress of our nation.

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"We call for the appointment of a special staff committee to review present texts and to substitute texts which include valid reference to the contributions of minority groups to American history and our political, social, and economic life.

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Boy of the Year awards made at annual banquet

Edward E. Taylor, Jr., of 1209 South Hanover Street, a member of the Southern Police Boys' Club, was selected "Boy of the Year" at the annual awards dinner of the Baltimore Police Boys' Clubs on June 3.

A $500 scholarship and silver cup were presented to the youth by James J. Lacy, Jr., acting chairman of the award selection committee.

Seven other boys were presented with major achievement awards for outstanding performance in Police Boys' Club activities.

They were Thomas Lovett, 1355 N. Calhoun St., Western Club, for swimming; George Southern Club for Basketball; Arthur Shiflett, 331 E. Hamburg St., Southern Club, for rifle marksmanship; Joseph Re, 140 S. Ann St., Southeastern Club, for football; Charles Smith, 332 Ballou Court, Southeastern Club, for boxing; Brian Jackson, 1164 Sargent St., Southwestern Club, for baseball; and, Tyrone Adrian Reid, 734 W. Fayette St., Western Club, for shopcraft.

The "Boy of the Year" award is made annually to the boy who excels in character development, athletics, scholarship and outside interests. The selection committee was composed of E. Everett Lane, James J. Lacy, Jr., Herbert Myerberg, Charles P. McCormick and Elkan R. Myers.

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COMPTROLLER'S APPOINTEE—Miss Florence Wilkinson is shown here discussing her new job with Hyman A. Pressman in his comptroller's office. Mr. Pressman appointed Miss Wilkinson, now a Morgan senior, to a clerical post in the city's Accounts and Disbursements Bureau. She resides in the 300 block N. Franklintown Rd.

Pressman signs 1st city check to pay his own salary

Hyman A. Pressman, who long has been a self-styled "civic watchdog" particularly over the expenditures of city funds, dipped into the city treasurer and paid himself a salary this week.

It was all quite legal though, for Mr. Pressman is now city comptroller.

Part of his job is to sign checks to pay city employees, of which he is one, and this was his first salary check since taking office.

"I told the lady at the bank," he said to the AFRO, "the city check made out to me was all right, even though I had signed it."

JUNE 14

Captain Hugh Mulzac, skipper of the "Booker T Washington," appears at the Mt. Labanon Baptist Church, Reisterstown Rd., and Orem Ave., at 8:30 p.m. Public invited to meet him.

JUNE 14

Citizens' Committee Testimonial dinner honoring Charles W. Fletcher, retiring Sollet's Point School principal, 7:30 p.m., Alcazar Hotel.

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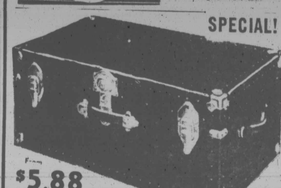

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Race commission hits rights bill petition

The petition by segregationists attempting to block enforcement of Maryland's already weakened public accomodations law came in for harsh criticism this week from the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, the state agency which will administer the law.

"... the petition further humiliates the American nation and jeopardizes this country's effort to both sell and safeguard democracy," said Commission Executive Secretary Parren J. Mitchell in a statement issued Wednesday.

Mr. Mitchell, for the Commission, also said: "The Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations has labored for three years seeking a public accomodation law, and therefore is sorely disappointed that a petition blocking the Law has been filed.

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"LET US emphasize that this petition will only temporarily delay the implementation of the Law. The petition is most unfortunate in three major respects. First, it runs counter to the progressive actions recently taken in North Carolina, Georgia Tennessee and for that matter, throughout the, entire South."

"Thus, for the moment, it leaves Maryland trailing behind sister states in the area of providing public accomodations for all citizens.

"Second, it comes at a critical time when State and National leaders are pointing up the vulnerability of America in the eyes of the world because of segregation, and discrimination against colored citizens.

"Third, and most importantly, the petition violates the basic concepts of human rights and human dignity as set forth in Judeo - Christian teachings and which are inherent in the American democracy.

"We believe the petition will be invalidated and the State of Maryland will again join in step with the rest of the nation in providing public accomodations for all citizens."

Dr. Clift takes job in New York

Dr. Virgil A. Clift has resigned his position as professor and head of the Department of Education at Morgan State College to become professor of education at New York University.

The noted educationist is the first colored to be appointed to the rank of full professor in the university's education department. His resignation becomes effective August 31; he assumes his new position in September.

In announcing Dr. Clift's resignation, President Martin D. Jenkins, said, "We certainly regret Dr. Clift's leaving. He is a distinguished educationist and has made a significant contribution to this college."

Dr. Clift joined the Morgan faculty in 1948, coming to the college from North Carolina A and T College in Greensboro, N.C.

JUNE 15

The Levey H. Husketh Music Guild will close its annual scholarship drive today.

JUNE 17

Testimonial honoring Miss Hermoine E. Wharton, principal of Lemmel Junior High, retiring after 44½ years in public school system. Lord Baltimore Hotel.

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ENTER THE COCA-COLA BOTTLERS'
$250,000 GO AMERICA SWEEPSTAKES
Coca-Cola

C. Dorsett 16' Runabout
D. Evinrude 75 HP Starflite V Motor
E. Super Gator Trailer
B. 1963 Ford Country Sedan Station Wagon
A. 1963 Thunderbird Convertible by Ford
F. 2 Pair Cypress Gardens Water Skis
G. Wenzel Camping Equipment for four
H. Coleman Camping set
I. Pflueger "Feenspeed" Spinning Kit
J. Pflueger "Junior" Fishing Set
K. Spalding Sports Chest
L. Kodak 8 MM Movie Outfit
M. Kodak "Starmite" Camera Outfit
N. $1,000 Oil Company Credit Card
Win all this, plus $20,000 in cash
First Prize total value: $33,000!

2nd PRIZE: $10,000 Cash • $500 Oil Company Credit Card • PLUS: All merchandise listed in the First Prize, except the Thunderbird.
3d 4th PRIZES: Dorsett 16' Runabout with Evinrude 75 HP Starflite V Motor and Super Gator Trailer • Cypress Gardens Water Skis
5th PRIZES: Kodak "Starmite" Camera Outfit.
LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL "AMERICA" CAPS
Look for the Coke or Sprite caps with the shield on top!
Dunk the liners
and mail the liners . . . or acceptable substitutes (see rule 2) TODAY!
Fishing Set • Cypress Gardens Water Skis • Spalding Sports Chest.
4th PRIZES: Pflueger "Feenspeed" Spinning Kit • Pflueger "Junior" Fishing Set • Cypress Gardens Water Skis
5th PRIZES: Kodak "Starmite" Camera Outfit.
DO NOT MAIL METAL CAPS
There are 102, different illustrations under caps with the shield on top. They represent points of interest from all over America. Collect them all while you enjoy refreshing, ice-cold Coca-Cola or tart and tingling Sprite!
So look for the Coke and Sprite caps with the shield on top. Discover all the famous American landmarks. And remember, your entry may win one of the many fabulous prizes in the $250,000 Go America Sweepstakes.
IT'S EASY TO ENTER . . . ENTER AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE!
Bottled under the authority of Coca-Cola Company by: COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. OF BALTO.
Sweepstakes Rules — Read Carefully.
HERE'S ALL YOU DO TO ENTER:
1 On an official entry blank or a plain piece of paper, hand print or write clearly your name and address along with the name of your favorite retail store. Mail to: Go America Sweepstakes, P. O. Box 514, New York 46, N. Y.
2 Enter as often as you wish. Each entry must be mailed separately. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 1963 and received by July 8, 1963
3 Each entry must be accompanied by the inner core or plastic from 3 caps from Coke or Sprite (caps with the shield on top) or 3 pieces of paper 3" x 5" on which you have duplicated the design (if caps are placed in warm water) Do not mail metal caps.
4 Winners will be selected in random drawings conducted by the D. L. Blair Corporation, an independent judging organization. Decisions with respect to all phases of the Sweepstakes will be final. Only one prize to a family. No substitutions will be made for any prize offered. All entries become the property of The Coca-Cola Company and none will be returned.
5. Sweepstakes is open to residents of the United States, but open to employees and their families of The Coca-Cola Company, Coca-Cola Bottlers, the D. L. Blair Corporation or their advertising agencies. Offer void in Alabama, Florida, Missouri, Wisconsin and wherever prohibited by law (residents of these areas are eligible to enter a special contest—free entry blanks and rules from stores where Coca-Cola and Sprite are sold).
6 Winners will be notified by mail approximately 30 days after final drawing. For a list of prize winners, send separate stamped, self-addressed envelope to Go America Winners' List, P. O. Box 24, New York 46, N. Y. Do not send this request with Sweepstakes entry.
MAIL TO:
Go America Sweepstakes
P. O. Box 514, New York 46, New York
Name
Address
City State
Store where you shop for Coca-Cola and Sprite
Address