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The kick - off rally will be Friday, June 21, 10 a.m., Willard Allen Autdiorium Masonic Temple.

Experienced Clean Blockers are needed to help train and direct the work of hundreds of new recruits.

The Willard Allen Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Pl. is easy to reach by AFRO Clean Blockers coming from all sections of the city.

Clean Blockers riding the No. 28 bus should get off at Lanvale St. and walk two blocks west. Those who ride the No. 7 bus should also get off at Lanvale St. and walk east.

Youngsters boarding the No. 19 bus may get right off in the front of the door at the corner of Eutaw Place and Lanvale St. Remember the big kick - off rally will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Friday June 21.

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LAST YEAR'S Clean Block Queen, Stephanie Roberts of 2000 Walbrook Ave. is being presented 15 top recordings by Rockin Robin of Station WEBB.

Listen every Saturday 9:15 a.m. for AFRO Clean Block news with Bob Matthews.

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THE 1100 blk. W. Franklin St. was first to register in the 1963 Clean Block Campaign. Sandra Hawthorne is captain. Mrs. Pauline Linthicum, Mrs. Alice Lucas and Mrs. Susie Adams are advisors.

Members: Michael Linthicum, Suzette Mitchell, Linard Miles, Gary Stevenson, Betty Hawthorne, Michael Gross, Juanita Jennings, Karen Jennings, Saundra Alderman, Cornelius James;

Franine Alderman, Yvonne Wainwright, Darryl Wainwright, Frank Alderman, Kim Gwarnety, Gary Boswell, John Allen, Faye Mitchell, Elizabeth Sanders, Vernesa Sanders and George Mae James.

Local tribute scheduled Sunday for Medgar Evers

A group of civic organizations have combined forces to present a memorial program on Sunday, June 16, 5 p.m. at the War Memorial Plaza in tribute to Medgar Evers, the NAACP leader slain this week in Mississippi.

The brief program will be non-denominational and and persons interested in the fight for human rights have been invited to attend. There will be no collection and no solicitation of funds from the public.

Groups which so far have listed themselves as sponsors include the NAACP, CORE, CIG, Fellowship House, Maryland Masons, ADA, American Civil Liberties Union, National Alliance of Postal Employees, Womanpower, Inc., Colored Women's Democratic Club, the Rev. Marion Bascom and Counsel.

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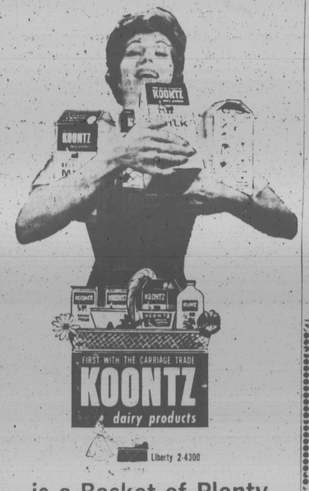

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AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN.

APPLICATION BLOCK

I would like to be captain of my block and I pledge to help keep our block clean and beautiful it with flowers and paint.

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Register now for AFRO Clean Block

Children who wish to enter the AFRO's 29th Annual Prize - Winning Clean Block Campaign which officially opens on June 21, have only to secure the names of workers and either mail them in or bring them to the AFRO Clean Block Office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

The office is located on the second floor of the AFRO Building, which is at the corner of Druid Hill Ave. and Eutaw St.

Rules, regulations, registration blanks, window cards, arm bands and captain flags will be given all registrants.

Captains, advisors and secretaries will be required to attend the weekly meetings held each Friday, Willard Allen Auditorium, Lanvale and Eutaw Sts. at 10 a.m.

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HERE ARE some simple rules to follow in your block organization:

1. The captain must get as many persons in his block to sign up as he or she can.
2. A meeting is called by the block captain to elect a president who will act as senior advisor. Elect a secretary who will write down what is done at meetings and send such reports to the Clean Block office. Elect a block inspector who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block. Elect a Marshall who will call out the clean - up crew at a definite time each day, so that all workers work together at the same time.
3. Submit a complete list of all workers in your block to the Clean Block office.
4. Be dedicated to making their community a cleaner and healthier city.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 14

The Travelers' Club will tour Gettysburg National Military Park, Battlefield and Museusms. Adults and children are welcome. Contact Betty J. Wilson, 2320 Mosher St. until June 14th (947-0479)

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Cherry Hill Methodist Church sponsors a bus trip to Coney Island.

JUNE 16

The Courtesy Club of Jones Tabernacle, Fremont Avenue near Washington Boulevard, will observe its 14th anniversary at 3 and 8 p.m. The Rev. Albert Holbrook will be guest speaker at both services.

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Golden Harvest Civic Club invites you to a fashion show and tea at the Harvey Johnson Center, 1219 Druid Hill Ave., 5 to 7 p.m.

JUNE 17

Day nursery operators and the Governor's Commission on Day Care meets 8:15 p.m., Druid Health Center.

JUNE 19-24

Arena Players presented "Come Back, Little Sheba," at th Arena Playhouse Downtown, 406 Orchard St., 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 18

Malcolm X, No. 2 man in the Black Muslims, and author James Badlwin, in a one - hour "Hot Debate" at 8 p.m. in Muhammad Mosque No. 6, 514 Wilson St. Admission 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children.

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A call meeting of the members of the 1959 class of Carver Vocational High School on 8 p.m. at 2631 Edmondson Ave. Plans for Hay Ride and party following meeting. Call 566-5748 for information.

JUNE 20

The Harlem Park Neighborhood Council's third annual Health Fair in Harlem Park from 1:30 to 8 p.m. A parade precedes this on June 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

JUNE 22

The Baltimore Council of Auxiliaries of the American Medical Center at Denver will hold a bazaar at Mondawmin Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

JUNE 23

The First Musical Tea-O-Rama at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, 2 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the WSCS, Miss Willie Mae Cheatham, president.

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The 57th annual Men's Day will be held at Mt. Arrarat Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls and Longwood St., at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League.

British town stops hiring race drivers

LONDON (NNPA) — The town of Walsall has decided to stop employing colored bus crews. But this was "not a color bar," according to a Walsall Corp. transport department official, L. B Parkes.

"We have found that colored workers' perception is not as quick as that of white employes," Parkes said. Another difficulty, he added, is that "you never know when return to their own homes."

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Auto goes, shopping minister, customer in store injured

Three persons were injured Thursday morning when an auto southbound on Hanover St. rammed a grocery store at Montgomery St., in an attempt to avoid collision with another vehicle.

The injured, all treated at South Baltimore Hospital and released, are:

The Rev. Fred Moore, 53, unit block W. Hill St., proprietor of the store, bruised arms; Sherman Gross, 15, 900 block S. Hanover St., a customer in the store, hand injuries; Steven Versace, 23, 500 block Aizelle Ave., a passenger in the auto, head and arm bruises.

Police report the accident occurred shortly after 8 a.m. and said the operator of the auto was Daniel Garrett, 100 block Simonton Ave.

Considerable damage was done to the front of the store and some inside fixtures.

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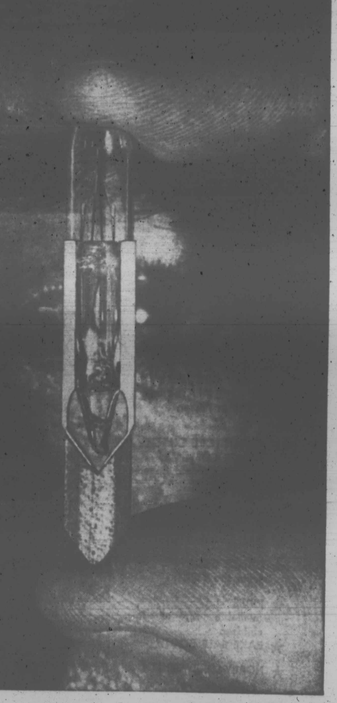

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Schools

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dug up all the facts necessary to nail the Department of Education to the wall as an institution still maintaining segregation.

If you accused the Department of Eucation of speaking with a forked tongue on the question of racial discrimination in schools, you would have accurately sized up the situation.

Colored parent's recognize that these conditions exist. Many parents who have sent their children out of the ghettos to less crowded, better equipped "white" schools know what a painful experience it is to encounter white officials who thwart, resent and if possible, reject their children.

One of the great open secrets regarding Baltimore's public schools is that many white "pre - integration" principals and teachers have dealt unfairly with colored children entering their schools.

This reporter has listened to many accounts from sensible parents and pupils who have encountered this segregationist attitude from supposedly humanitarian educators.

This evidence will be the subject of an future article.

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THE MERE fact that Baltimore has a great many schools still considered "white" or "colored" indicates the Department of Education has failed to effect anything approaching other known tokenism in de-segregation.

The winning argument of the NAACP in the 1954 school suits was that segregation was of itself damaging to children and thus assured inequality of education if practiced.

When confronted with the extent of continuing segregation last Thursday, school top brass denied that this was so. They blamed racially segregated neighborhoods."

The NAACP has cautioned the School Board that this excuse will not hold water.

Just because neighborhoods are segregated does not give a school system to sanction segregated schools, the attorneys said.

School officials here and elsewhere balk at this position because they are unwilling to do something they call "race mixing" by force.

Thus the battle lines are drawn. The NAACP says speed integration or face court action, and the Baltimore School Board resists, saying it already has.

Unless the Baltimore School Board and the NAACP find some common ground for solution within the next 90 days, new court action will begin.

By September, the school integration problem Baltimore deceived itself into thinking had been solved, may very well explode as the gravest civil rights crisis in this city's history.

Parents and civil rights grounds promise not only court action but massive demonstrations.

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WHAT COULD blow the whole business sky - high would be the School Board's refusal to take the NAACP and the thousands of colored parents it represents seriously.

There is evidence that some white Board members are not fully aware of the extent of the colored citizen's anger.

School Board Commissioner John Sherwood after the hearing on the segregation issue was heard by this writer to say "We have to play for time."

If Mr. Sherwood and some other Board members fail to see that the same spirit that caused Birminghamians to face police dogs and fire hoses, drives colored parents to do away with racial segregation in schools locally, then we are in for a stormy autumn.

There was the beginning of the parents revolt at Thursday's School Board session, but just as important, is the beginning of the teachers' revolt.

Let me explain it this way: a long - time Baltimorean came up to me some weeks ago and said "With all this civil rights activity, where are our teachers, our professionals, they must think they have it made?"

But in the wake of Birmingham, the AFRO City Desk began to get a flood of letters protesting racial discrimination against colored teachers in Baltimore schools.

Some of this correspondence was from school teachers, some from citizens or friends of school teachers.

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THE ISSUE came to surface Friday when local ministers who took up the colored teachers cause for more promotions and better assignments collided head-on with Dr. Houston R. Jackson, ranking colored school system official.

The ministers charged that Dr. Jackson had called colored teachers "inferior", Dr. Jackson denied this. A published statement attributed to Dr. Jackson had him telling the ministers there were not "so many eminently qualified" colored teachers as they believed.

In this public debate between the ministers and Dr. Jackson the real issue threatened to become lost.

The real issue was not what Dr. Jackson said or did not say, but whether colored teachers were treated unfairly.

To get the colored ministers squabbling with a colored administrator (the only colored administrator) seems to this writer a familiar gambit of white officials, get the blacks fighting among themselves to confuse the issue.

No one in particular spark ed this since the Department of Education brass is all - white anyway, save for Dr. Jackson, but the responsibility is Dr. George Brain's first, and the School Board's finally.

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ON THE issue of whether the Department of Education smothers any qualified colored personnel from rising to to higher echelon jobs in the administration, the facts are this:

Dr. Jackson is the only colored person with superintendent's rank, Clarence Gittings, who is an assistant to Dr. George Brain, is also close to the center of things.

Except for these two men and perhaps one or two more such "token" appointments, the Department of Education administration is strictly a white ladies and gentleman's club.

It was this way before integration, it remains that way and no explanations from Messrs. Brain, Jackson et al will erase the fact that the school system is rigidly segregated and as colored personnel are concerned still operates like a plantation.

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THE DEPARTMENT of Education piously explains that it appoints, upgrades, assigns personnel on the basis of merit alone.

By whose standards?

Since personnel procedures are controlled by whites, since whites head everything in the Department of Education and since most of the whites who head these sections were around when the schools were segregated, the question smoldering among colored teachers and taxpayers remains "merit" by whose standards?

This writer simply does not trust the Department of Education to be fair in making appointments that are not racially influenced.

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NOR HAVE I found any school workers, except a small hard core of colored professionals who have been brain-washed by white superiors from the days of that arch - segregationist, the late superintendent David Weglein, who put much stock in the Department of Education's ability to appoint, promote, upgrade fairly.

Nor do many colored teachers respect the Department of Education's policy as regards teacher's transfer. White personnel are indulged, spoiled, molly - coddled and permitted by the school system to escape their responsibilities as teachers.

Whites receive preferential treatment and again, if Dr. Brain and staff can justify this it would be worth hearing.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES special treatment for whites? This is one type of situation by way of example:

When a school in changing neighborhood turns from white to black in population, the white teachers who were there to begin with, request schools further out.

Most of these transfers are granted by the Department of Education. White officials can sympathize with white teachers who just plain do not want to be in a classroom teaching situation which requires them to teach colored kids, many of whom bring problems brought on by economic and racial oppresion to school with them.

The white teachers leave and are replaced usually by young inexperienced colored teachers. Thus, the children in such a school are punished for being themselves and the white teachers who did not have the guts to do what teachers are supposed to do, "teach," are rewarded by the Department of Education with a transfer to a white school, where the children are possibly better behaved.

What I am saying is — is that the Department of Education rewards white teachers who run away from the challenge of having teach the children who need teaching most by transferring them to "safe" schools.

By the same token, a colored teacher who feels the need for a change of school and atmosphere is either transferred to another colored school or to an "integrated" school that will be all colored, as soon as the white in the area get mortgage money enough to move further away from reality.

But seldom if ever is a white school where the children know "better" (presumably) and present fewer problems (presumably).

The colored teacher is just shifted from one part of the ghetto to another or to the fringe schools.

Editor's note: In Tuesday's AFRO, this exploration of race and schools continues. To be included will be Who Does Dr. Brain Listen To On Job Appointments? The White Only Department of Education Policies, The Plot To Keep Colored Teachers Out Of Higher Grade Jobs and the Teachers Revolt.

SCHOOL BOARD ON SPOT — Photo made at last Thursday's meeting of Baltimore's Board of School Commissioners. Melvin J. Sykes, attorney for group of parents, and NAACP Lawyers Juanita Jackson Mitchell and June Shagaloff detailed charges of continuing segregation in the schools and threatened court action if relief is not granted before Sept. 1963. Board members left to right, John J. Sweeney, Jr., John R. Sherwood, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Dr. William S. Stone, partially hidden. At foot of table, Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent. Next to him, Eli Frank Jr., president of the board. Other members clockwise, Dr. William D. McElroy, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Phillips, and J. Percy Bond. Vacant seat between them is usually occupied by Sidney H. Tinley, Jr. In rear left, assistants to the superintendent, Miss Mary A. Adams, Edwin Stein and Dr. Houston R. Jackson.

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Top Meharry graduate plans missionary career

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Clive O. Callender, a 1959 graduate of Hunter College, received the M.D. degree at Meharry Medical College Monday, receiving the Charles Nelson Gold Medal and the Merck Award for being the ranking student in the class.

While at Meharry, Dr. Callender was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Upper Tenth Honor Physiology Society. During his senior year, he served as president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

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HE ALSO received the Hoffman La Roche Award as the outstanding sophomore medical student, the Chi Delta Mu Award and the Alma Wells Givens Award for being the ranking sophomore medical student. Since being at Meharry, he has also received the Joseph Collins Scholarship, the Orlons Scholarship, the Jessie Smith Noyes Scholarship and the National Medical Association Scholarship.

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