"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 peace."
—Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth.

Prayer Of The Week

Help us not to spread ourselves too thin and thereby become too shallow.—Amen.

Let's Get To The Bottom Of The Young Case

Trial of several persons charged with conspiracy of attempt to assassinate State Senator Verda Welcome should accomplish two things:

(1) Punish those who sought to kill Senator Welcome.

(2) Expose all of those who plotted and planned the attempted murder.

The position of a state senator is important in politics. We have only had three in the history of the state. But even under the rule of the worst bosses of a half century ago, the city had no such gangsters as we find abroad today.

The nearest to them was the post-slavery mobs of the 1860's which were wiped out by Union troops.

Let's put the conspirators in jail for quite a while. But let's get all of them.

If a state senator still has to be protected by a body - guard after all the trials are over, we have not made much progress.

The police and the state's attorney by now should know who was the big brain behind the attempted murder of Mrs. Welcome.

Salute To Frank Ellis

We have been so accustomed to racial discrimination that we hoped that a modified Plan X for revamping the Baltimore Councilmanic Districts would have been approved by the voters at next month's election.

The Federal Courts, however, have ruled modified Plan X off the ballot because it is a makeshift and is based on the number of registered voters in the area rather than upon the area population.

Under such a proposal, the Fifth District was to get an extra councilman. The original Plan X, as proposed by Dr. Harry Bard, would have met the court's approval we think. But the city's bosses rejected it and made up their own.

Frank Ellis, through his attorney, Archie Williams, rejected the Council's action and asked federal courts to grant him relief.

We salute both Mr. Ellis and his counsel. They demonstrate again what happens when civic responsibilities are taken seriously.

A Short Step Away

Lyndon Johnson, cool, calm and collected, continues to campaign for re-election as President of the United States.

Barry Goldwater, acting more like a ward politician, harangues the people who have already made up their minds.

The Presidential election is just a few days away. The worst thing that can happen is overconfidence which will lead some AFRO readers to believe that the President has enough votes to bury Goldwater and "does not need my vote."

He does need everybody's vote. President Johnson must get such a large majority that no candidate of the Goldwater type in the country can believe he has a chance to use similar methods as stepping stones to the White House.

We Remember Hoover

Teddy Roosevelt was a President saved by the 9th and 10th Cavalry (colored troops) at the Battle of San Juan Hill in the Spanish - American War. He was also a President who refused clemency when members of the 24th Infantry shot up a Texas city which had treated them meanly.

Howard Taft began his term at the White House by saying he would not appoint a colored postmaster if a Southern town objected to his holding the office.

President Woodrow Wilson called World War I a battle for democracy abroad which he had no intention of applying to us at home.

But we remember Herbert Hoover, not as an orphan who became an engineer and fed the starving of Europe after World War I.

We recall Mr. Hoover as a President who would not speak up for an anti - lynching bill and was discourteous to Mrs. Mary Bethune when she and other members of a delegation to the White House urged him to take a stand openly against lynching.

That capped the climax. There was no need to be compassionate to Mrs. Bethune. There was no reason for Mr. Hoover to pose for photographs with colored delegations which visited the White House.

His racial prejudices drove the colored voters out of the Republican Party where Franklin D. Roosevelt received them gladly.

Mrs. Bethune and her women's organizations became especial beneficiaries of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's favors.

The marriage of Democrats and the colored voters continues until this day.

In fact, the relationship of Presidents Taft, Wilson and Hoover to minority groups like ours was so different in that day that we marvel that they could have been elected to the presidency.

Since Hoover's days in the White House, we have acquired two assets:

1. In A larger number of registered voters.

2. A larger number of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and labor adherents who stand with us for civil rights.

President Hoover sought to humiliate Mrs. Bethune. President John F. Kennedy sent Mrs. Martin Luther King a telegram of sympathy.

President Johnson names many women to positions of dignity they have never received before.

Dolly Hodge

Adolph (Dolly) Hodge, 77, was a baseball player of renown on Howard University's baseball team 55 years ago.

Later he became a teacher in the public school system of New York and retired to become a director of summer tours. For years he carried many to see the beauty spots of Europe and America. Three weeks ago he died and his remains were interred in California.

Jay Clifford, 78, who held the track record for the mile at the same time, was heard from this week in Paris and London as a socialite attending what he terms a gala in honor of the Prince Sovereign and Princess Grace of Monaco.

Their college class books predicted no such careers for Howard graduates a half century ago.

Cancer In The County

Unlike its blood brother, the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens Council frowns on cross burnings and overt terror, and prefers to operate on a more sophisticated level with intimidation and pressure as its principal weapon.

Headquartered in Jackson, Miss., the council has reached out its slimy tentacles into many areas of this country to spread its vicious poison.

Different in tactics as it may be from the more violent-racist groups, the council is every bit as dangerous and every bit as un - American. It would subvert the principles of democracy in a fraitful effort to maintain a discredited system of white supremacy that has brought no peace to this country, only misery and depravation.

Not content to spew forth its venom in the South, the council is now eying the North and the border states. One of the areas selected for attention is Montgomery County.

Under the direction of Joseph Mitchell, the former city manager of Newburgh, N.Y., efforts are underway to recruit reactionaries who see in this evil group an opportunity to halt the racial progress that has been made in the area.

Were the plans to succeed, the county and any other place that the council sets up shop, would be turned into a swampland of hate and bigotry, where people would be set against people, and where the seeds of violence would grow with the rapidity of an odious weed.

By its very nature, the Council inspires acts of violence. It is a racially oriented hate group, which deliberately exploits the basis of prejudices and fears to achieve its dishonorable goals.

First the colored people, then the Jews, then the Catholics, and where does the hate stop? This is the way it is with hate groups.

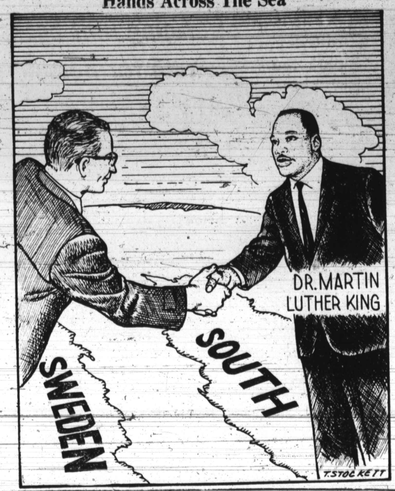
They begin by hating one people, but hate feeds upon itself and soon they need someone else to hate, and eventually there is no one left not to hate, except those within the group.

It is important that the people of Montgomery County recognize the cancer that has started to grow in their community, and raise their voices against this shadow that would blot out reason and justice.

Only when a disease is recognized and attacked, can it be eradicated.

And make no mistake, the White Citizens Council is a disease that no civilized community can afford to tolerate.

Hands Across The Sea



What Our Readers Say

College Football

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Dear AFRO:

In your recent editorial captioned "College Football," you deplore the fact that there are no integrated football games between Howard University or Morgan College on the one hand, and Loyola, Mount St. Mary's Catholic University and Georgetown University on the other.

The very obvious reason for this situation is that Loyola, Mount St. Mary's, Catholic University and Georgetown University do not have football teams. Loyola College dropped football in 1931, Catholic University dropped football in 1951 and Mount St. Mary's and Georgetown have not had varsity football teams for over ten years.

The editorial was extremely unfair and outrageously inaccurate. A few minutes' investigation, or even an inquiry of your own Sam Lacy, would have disclosed that your statement that "James Crow is still present and a controlling factor" was totally erroneous. A few of the facts relating to these schools might be of interest:

1. On Feb. 12, 1952, Loyola College was the first college south of the Mason-Dixon line, not predominantly colored, to play Morgan College in basketball. Loyola has played Morgan in other sports since that date.

2. Mount St. Mary's first home basketball game this year is against North Carolina College, an all-colored institution.

3. Georgetown University and Howard University play each other almost annually in baseball and soccer and engage in many other inter-school activities.

4. Catholic University plays Howard University in a variety of sports each year. This year, for instance, they are playing Howard in wrestling, basketball, tennis and track. Other sports engagements in the past with Howard include soccer and swimming.

I trust that you will correct your editorial in a space as prominent as the original editorial itself.

JOHN J. SWEENEY JR.
(A. B. Loyola College 1947
LL.B. Georgetown University 1949)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The editorial remarked on the absence of football games between Morgan, Maryland State and Howard against a number of schools including Hopkins, Western Maryland, George Washington and the schools mentioned above, which as Mr. Sweeney mentions above, have no football teams.

Against New Tax

Dear AFRO:

I shall like to go on public record in opposition of the fanatical "Earnings and Corporation Tax Plan," of Mayor McKeldin. I wholeheartedly support City Council President Thomas J. D'Alesandro, who is greatly opposed to this ridiculous upset in our present tax structure.

Therefore, it is my opinion if Mr. McKeldin's proposed tax plan is passed in the City Council and should become effective, it will not only wreck our local economy but will also jeoparidze the existence of industry and business in our great city.

I say let's review the budget first, make the necessary reductions in our NOT SO essentail sreves and then expedite a sound and safe budget.

CHARLES N. PERRY

Wants Changes

Dear AFRO:

In reference to Ralph Matthews' recent article on the so called Black Bourgeois, I wonder, or should I ask, can colored persons as members of the emerging black middle class, can he claim anonymity, can he turn his back on the sordid conditions existing among the black masses? The answer is no.

Although full participation in American life may be desirable, it will not materialize unless the basic assumptions of our society are first challenged.

Colored citizens will never be fully accepted until the value structure, which has so long denied him, is itself overhauled.

Until then he will be given partial concessions only; just enough semblance of good faith to pacify the gullible or tired.

The inequalities of American life affect all persons regardless of color. And it is time that the underprivileged and poor of all classes, colors and backgrounds recognized their kinship.

In summary I suggest an alliance of some type which would unite the American underclasses in a concerted drive to acquire power in the name of making fundamental changes in our society.

The dictum that power respects power is as true on the domestic scene as of our foreign cold war.

A2C EDWARD D. HENSON

Time Is Ripe

Dear AFRO:

I look forward to reading with enjoyment Ralph Matthews' "Mainstream" each week; for, seldom has it failed to provide interesting and provocative commentary. As a sensitive observer and critic of the sociocultural forces which affect all our lives, I believe he has few peers.

In the column of Oct. 17 entitled "School War II" I agree with his presentation of the several dilemmas faced by the culturally disadvantaged child. I recognize, as he does, the inevitable conflict that occurs when those who are charged with shaping his life attempt to blindly measure him by middle class oriented standards, especially when more immediate needs of the child and his family are ignored.

I would hate to see the onus for helping those of our children who face such overwhelming socio-culturo-economic odds placed entirely on the shoulders of the educators. To do that will perpetuate the very conditions which we would like to have ended: since it would likely produce guilt, resentment and more frustration in those singled out for their responsibility.

Instead, I would like to see a widespread, organized, cooperative effort involving those in several fields of endeavor; for example educators, mental health workers, businessmen, the clergy, to mention a partial listing.

These would meet to decide immediate and most practical goals and means to help such children and their families move out of their cultural blight.

I believe the time is ripe for this kind of planning which would be a most worthwhile complement to the gains made by our valiant and tireless civil rights workers.

DR. GEORGE P. BROWN SR.
Director of Pediatric Psychiatry
Liaison Service
University of Maryland

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Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices, race prejudice or compromise.

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Sightseeing

Senator's Unexcited About Space Feat

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The U. S. Congress has adjourned, but still in Washington is our old enemy and pipeline to the mainstream of southern fried thinking, Senator Hiram P. Mugglewump, the most unreconstructed of all unreconstructed rebels.

Under normal circumstances, the senator would have returned home, but he's been so busy celebrating the defeat of the Yankees, he's missed several trains.

In view of the many important news developments that have taken place in the past few days, we thought it wise that we get a view from the halls of Congress, and what follows is a result of that thought —which in retrospect, we wished we never had in the first place.

REPORTER — Senator, we'd like to get your views on the feat of the Russians in sending three men into orbit at the same time.

SENATOR — Gosh mighty, son, I don't see nothing to get all het up about. Shucks, down home on a swinging Saturday night we're apt to have half the population of the town in orbit.

R — That isn't exactly what I meant.

S — Then why don't you say what you mean. I don't know why you northerners don't learn to talk good English like us do back home.

R— LET'S get back to the question of the Russians in space.

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S —WELL I'd like to see more of them Russians in space. In fact I'd like to see them all in space and I got a couple of Americans I'd like to see out there too.

R — Such as?

S — How's Roy Wilkins for openers

R — Would you like to make a comment about Martin Luther King winning the Nobel prize.

S —I'd like to, but unless you work for a dirty newspaper, you wouldn't be able to print it.

R —I take it then that you aren't too happy about the selection

S — For a newspaper reporter, you catch on right fast. Now I ask you, what has that boy ever done for good old-fashioned peace.

Things was fine down home until he comes along with all that "We Shall Overcome" razz - a - mataz, and the next thing you knows I sneaks down to the shacks on the plantation one night and peeks through the cardboard that covers the windows, and there is all my happy - go - lucky, peaceful, contented and segregated colored boys and girls getting up a petition saying they want some of that stuff called freedom, that's going around.

I'm telling you true, son, it like to nearly broke my po' heart plumb in two. Nice as I been to them colored folks, as soons as I turn my heard for a minute, they hauls off and stabs me in the back with the N double ACP.

Son, it got me right down where I live and tears was just about ready to start flowing from the old lovable senator's eyes, when one of them uppity boys jumped up in the middle of the floor and says they was all going on a strike and wasn't going to work no mo' a 'tall, until they got some money for what they been doing.

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R — WHAT did you do, senator?

S — Son, I got so danged mad I almost had me a coronary — that's fancy for heart attack — right there by that little bitty old shack. If there's one thing I sure can't stand, it's a colored boy asking me for some money after I done give him the privilege of working in my fields.

Shucks, colored folks don't know what to do with money. They just spend it on something foolish like food, shoes or bus tickets up north.

R — Did you tell them how you felt?

S — Not then and there I didn't. There was only one of me and a whole lots of them, and I really didn't know how non- violent them non-violent colored folks was, so I went to town to see my lawyer — Judge Tucker is his name. We call him the Hanging Judge.

R — Why do you call him that? Does he like to hang people?

S — Shucks a Betsy son, no. We call him that cause you can always find hang hanging over the bar in the livery stable, which is where the boys start to go into orbit every Saturday night . . . but I already told you about that.

Well anyhow, I' tells the judge about how my colored help is getting persnickity, and he pulls out this book that got the Constitution in it, and he starts reading this one called the 13th Amendment, all about involuntary servitude.

Then he tells me that I been getting away with murder for years, and if I got the sense of a rooster I'll start paying them folks something on account . . . on account of it don't that d— - Justice Department is liable to put me under the jail.

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R — YOU mean you didn't know about the 13th Amendment?

S — I sure as shooting didn't, son. The boys up on the Hill must have passed that one while I was in the Cloak Room. Lord knows if I had known that was coming up on the floor, I would have been filibustering yet.

R — But the amendment was passed 100 years ago.

S — Now don't that beat all. I got to start reading the Congressional Record a little closer.

R — Now that Congress has adjourned, what will you be doing?

S — I got me a little sideline going on, and before you jump to conclusion it ain't no conflict of interest involved.

R — So what's the sideline?

S — I'm pushing credit cards for the Ku Klux Klan. We call them the 5 K's for Men Who Think White. You know, Kredit Kards for the KKK.

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R — WHAT are they good for?

S— Any number of handy things. Sheets, axe handles, dynamite, ropes, trees with strong branches. . anything you'd like to have in you do - it yourself lynch kit.

R — I don't see much future in it.

S — It really ain't been too good, but we' all is going to start giving away trading stamps and that should help.

We' all is going to have the only white on white trading stamps in the world.

OPINIONS AND COMMENTS

People, places, things

God does not promise blue skies and sunshine all the time. . often there are cloudy and painful days. . .

No one knew that any better than Myrtle Clarke Burns. Hers was a heavy cross to bear, but she bore it with courage.

Even though an ugly cancer had damaged her body, she kept her spirits up.

She had faith that her hospital visits would restore her to health.

In fact, she pulled herself together to return to her school duties at the beginning of September.

Her death last week ended a dedicated teaching career.

At Bragg School No. 175 she was the language art teacher (reading writing and spelling).

Children loved her . . . she had unusual patience, a co - worker confided this week.

At Nutter Funeral Home on Friday evening, relatives and friends gathered to sit with Myrtle who was surrounded by dozens of floral tributes.

Her mother recalled, 'she was a steady AFRO reader. . even when she was real sick, she asked me did I remember the AFRO. She never missed your column. . She liked people and wanted to know what was going on. . .'

Bragg School faculty (headed by Edward Williams), praised her as a devoted co - worker and friend, noting, "our own experiences have been enriched by having her as our colleague . . she was an instrument of peace, patience, kindness and warm understanding which radiated to the many children who came under her care and teaching.' . . . Isn't that a marvelous tribute!

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New York visitors here over the weekend with Mrs. Maude Cheeks: Her brother and sister - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Smith of Homer; and Mrs. Ethel Niles of Utica.

They were here for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Green. He's from Norwick, N.Y. Mrs. Green is the former Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Baltimore.

Mr. Smith was best man.

Also here: Miss Dorothy Evans, Rhodesdale, Md., Mrs. Ada Mae Foster, Macon, Ga., and the Bauldins of Grasonville, Md.

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Gwynns Falls Elementary School No. 60's PTA meeting on Tuesday evening was late starting because the guest speaker Dr. Furman Templeton, was late.

But parents did not fret, they sat quietly awaiting their guest and after 20 minutes began a substitute program.

They forgave Dr. Templeton when they learned he had a very rough schedule. He rushed from Annapolis, where he attended a religion and life institute, to give their PTA talk.

And, the very next morning he was off to N.Y., for a meeting. Whew!!

Cuff note: 'Miss Mary' is now 'Mrs.' That's right. Miss Mary Hamilton, the pretty CORE worker who was plaintiff in that Supreme Court courtesy case is now Mrs. Walter F. Young, wife of the New Orleans dentist.

Remember she figured in the 1964 case in which the High Court said colored women are entitled to be addressed as 'Miss' or 'Mrs.' in courts.

The case grew out of a trial following a sit-down arrest in Alabama. Remember?

More people and things

Morgan State College's new Carter-Grant - Wilson Administration Hall is a $594,000 - plus dream. It was dedicated on Friday and honors the late Dean George Grant, the late James H. Carter, assistant to the president; and Dr. Edward N. Wilson, registrar emeritus.

Cuff note: All three are Morgan alumni and all finished with honors. Together, they served their alma mater 118 years!!

The dedication convocation was held in the Carl Murphy Auditorium.

It featured talks by state officials, campus leaders and a marvelous tribute to the honorees by Dr. Howard Cornish, director of the Morgan Christian Center.

Dr. Cornish described the honorees as "dedicated administrators."

He said they were dedicated to Morgan ("To many who have passed through these halls, Morgan was Carter-Grant-Wilson");

Dedicated to their work ('No day was too long, no task too difficult and no problem too complicated for their untiring effort')

And dedicated to others ('They were men of broad sympathies and large hearts . . . a student was never just a statistic to them . . . they loved people.')

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Dr. Wilson, sole surviving honoree, was equal to the occasion.

Even in the face of a standing ovation from the audience, he stood straight and tall. ('No administrative officer at any college has as rich a heritage as at Morgan . . . we recall what we achieved without facilities. . my former colleagues are alive in our hearts and memories. .')

And wasn't that an impressive tribute Dr. Wilson paid Dr. Cornish! Recalling how he came to the college in 1922 in 'rural attire and then to hear him give this wonderful address and see what a miracle has been wrought. . the distance of Morgan has been gratified if it had only one graduate, Howard Cornish!'

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There are more tributes, of course, like Director of the Department of Public Improvements Albert P. Backhaus who noted that since 1947 Morgan has received more than 12 million dollars and since 1959 an additional three million more through the "wisdom and foresight of your chairman and president."

He forewarned a campus 'on the move' up Herring Run drive on land the college already owns.

Trustee chairman Murphy, long Morgan's lay architect, noted that Department of Public Improvement Backhaus's office has received Morgan officials with 'unfailing courtesy' through the years.

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In addition to the families of honorees, there were others present for whom the new dream building has special meaning: Mrs. D. O. W. Holmes (Alverta), widow of the beloved president - emeritus; and Lucien Gaudreau, senior member of the architect firm which has built several campus buildings and been a faithful member of the campus improvement team.

Comptroller Louis Goldstein, always a popular speaker, drew the greatest applause ('under your stewardship and leadership the state's money is well spent.')

Other speakers: —Faculty member, Dr. Ruth Brett ('They (the honorees), earned these facilities for those who will now use them. . .'); Student Government President Reginald Kearney, ('We appreciate most of those who have gone the academic way . . in honoring them we do honor to ourselves. .') and Trustee vice chairman Richard Emory who recalled that beautifying the campus and building structures took a lot of hard, dedicated work.

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Orchids to Mrs. Patricia Spaulding, the talented executive secretary to President Martin Jenkins.

She picked the drapes which blends in beautifully with the decor of his office in the new administration building.

Cuff note: Amid the modern furnishing in President Jenkins' office is an old mahogany desk.

He is using it. It is the same one used by Presidents Spencer- and Holmes. It goes well with the modern furnishings.

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Pleasant lady met this week: Remember Vera Page, eldest daughter of Thomas Page, the longtime Lafayette Market produce man?

She is now Mrs. Steve Wilson. She lives in Aberdeen with her husband, an Army sergeant. She teaches here in Baltimore at Carver High.

There are two Wilson children: Bronwyn, a Md. Institute of Art student; and Alan, an eighth grader at Harlem Park Junior High.

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Old friend spied marketing on Tuesday: Mrs. Ell Lofton, widow of the beloved Methodist minister. She looks well and reports she is happy in her church work.

Children and grandchildren also keep her busy.

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Interesting editorial comment from Oct. 16 edition of Catholic Review is entitled 'Heaven and Earth: Open Occupancy:' —

A few weeks ago Dr. Martin Luther King visited Pope Paul and received from him an expression of sympathetic approval for his non - violent efforts on behalf of civil rights. This Sunday the Pope will add twenty two colored saints to the Catholic calendar when he canonizes the heroic Uganda martyrs of 1886.

'On the eve of this occasion another type of world honor for the colored race comes in the announcement that Dr. King has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

'These two events, happily coincidental, demonstrate that the halls of heaven as well as the halls of earthly greatness have a policy of open occupancy."

Political Notebook

Ballot Outlook

By MAX JOHNSON

Just 11 days hence on Nov. 3—eligible citizens will flock to the polls to vote in the all-important Presidential election.

These voters nation - wide will decide whether to keep President Johnson at his White House desk in these times of new international uncertainties — or to change horses in the middle of the stream, so to speak.

This is the national picture—shared, of course, by Maryland voters.

There will be other important matters to vote on also.

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LET'S REVIEW, then, what else will be on the ballots in Maryland—more specifically at first, Baltimore City.

City voters will face a short ballot candidate - wise — but a lengthy one in respect to the questions to be voted "For" or "Against."

There are just five categories of candidates, two of whom carry no opposition—and 19 questions on Baltimore ballots.

The candidates are choice of Democratic or Republican for: (1) U.S. Senate; (2) congressman at large; (3) congressman for the congressional districts —except the 3rd where the Democratic incumbent is unopposed.

The two categories which carry no opposition are confirmation of full 15-year terms for three judges of the Supreme Bench — and four Municipal Court judges.

All are primary winners running on the Democratic and Republican lines unopposed for three Supreme Bench posts — and four Municipal Court judgeships.

SO FAR — the city ballot is quite simple.

In addition to choice of the Presidential ticket — there is choice for the U.S. Senate, congressman at large and congressman in the 4th, 7th and that Curtis Bay portion of the 5th Congressional District which is in Baltimore.

There is no opposition to the incumbent congressman in East Baltimore's 3rd District — nor to the judgeships.

The 19 questions on Baltimore ballots may, quite understandably, present a more complex picture — unless pre-election day consideration is given.

FOR CLARIFICATION, the first 15 — Question No. A through Question No. O — deal with city matters only, and appear on the top line.

The remaining five — Question No. 1 through Question No. 5 — are proposals requiring state - wide voter approval or rejection, and appear on the second line.

Of the top line 15 city questions—12 are proposed loans for agencies constructions and/or improvements covering schools, urban renewal, parks and recreation, Friendship Airport, etc.

These are the first 12 — Question No. A through Question No. L.

The remaining (three alphabetic top line questions concern proposed City Charter amendments —to be voted "For" or "Against."

QUESTION NO. M, if approved, would make lawful the holding of dog shows on Sunday — and Question No. N which would have asked approval or rejection of the new councilmanic districts set by the City Council last year has been removed by the courts.

Question No. O, the final in this category, if approved, would change municipal elections from May to November, set the city's fiscal year to begin July 1, rather than the now Jan. 1, to conform with the state's—and among other things remove City Hospitals from jurisdiction of the Department of Public Welfare.

The state - wide Question No. 1 through Question No. 5 are four proposed Maryland constitutional amendments — and one referendum.

The first two deal with revision practices involving county charters and Orphans' Court judges in Montgomery County.

Question No. 3, if approved, would allow holders of public office to hold notary public commissions — and Question No. 4, if approved, would set General Assembly sessions yearly at 70 days each, with a $600 salary hike for legislators, to $2,400 annually.

QUESTION NO. 5, the final of the city ballots, deals with acceptance or rejection of the state - wide public accommodations law — passed early this year by the General Assembly.

This is the Act forced to referendum through sufficient opposing signatures of petitions gathered by the Maryland Petition Committee.

A vote "For" would keep this state law applicable to all of Maryland — should this be in the majority.

A majority vote "Against" will leave the 1963 enacted state law in effect —which applies to Baltimore City and 11 of Maryland's 23 counties only.

However, President Johnson's National Civil Rights Act of 1964 will apply in the 12 previously exempted counties — should the "Against" vote prevail.

But — a big blotch would appear on Maryland's sheet of human rights progress.

So — questions as well as candidates are important considerations in this Nov. 3 election.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

Send congratulations

Birthday greetings for Mrs. Annie K. Thomas, 1675 North Ave., on Oct. 23.

Mrs. Lauretta Jones, 1802 N. Carey St., will celebrate her birthday Oct. 24.

Oct. 28, will great George G. Kelson, 1349 N. Calhoun St., Funeral Director, with many birthday cards and wishes.

Labor-Business

Debt pooling

By STERLING A. PAIGE

Agreement between United Auto Workers Local 678 and Chevrolet plant here was reached early Wednesday. Claude Pereira, 678 representative left for a Friday meeting in Detroit for ratification of UAW-GM contract on the national level.

Meeting here has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday for all members of Local 678—UAW at the NMU Hall, 8 N. Broadway.

This meeting, following Mr. Pereira's return from Detroit, is expected to result in a back-to-work vote that could send workers back to Chevvy plant Monday.

AS OF AFRO press-time, negotiations are still under way between UAW Local 239 and the Fisher Body plant with sessions going around the clock in a feverish attempt to come to an agreement on local issues.

Hopes are that agreement may be reached in time for national ratification meet in Detroit Friday so that both Baltimore locals could return to work next week.

Settlement formula, closely akin to that closed with Chrysler Corp. leads me to expect price increases in the cost of cars for three years beginning with the 1966 model. Increases will probably amount to three to five percent on '66 models with about two per cent rises the next two years.

Fear of all types of tax increases on national, state and local levels presents another reason for organized labor's drive to secure "fringe" benefits. Modest wage increases are sought while the hard drive is toward more of these benefits, which promote the security of workers without their shelling out tax dollars for them.

ABOUT BUSINESS

The Board of Directors of Advance Federal Savings and Loan has been invited by Bethlehem Steel officials to make a tour of the Sparrows Point plant next Wednesday. The invite includes lunch.

Tour will start in the morning and end in the early p.m., marking the first time the board of a business with colored management has been invited by Bethlehem Corp.

The $125,000 bid by Parks Sausage for land in the Camden Industrial Park (downtown) area marks the beginning of an all-out Parks plunge into the processing and marketing field. 40 pages of details are now being gone over by Urban Renewal to determine outcome of high bid.

With land cost of $125,000, total expenditures for new plant and equipment could well reach the million dollar mark.

DEBT-POOLING companies (Are you loaded with debt? Let us consolidate them for you.) will be prohibited from operating in the city beginning Jan. 1, 1965.

Operation of such companies will be terminated as of this date through Ordinance No. 102 strengthened by Ordinance 666, signed into law by Mayor McKeldin two weeks ago. The new law will also outlaw the extension of such services to city residents from points outside Baltimore.

Which means that hard-pressed people can then go back to not paying their own bills instead of having a "front" do it for them.

It would seem that a part of anti-poverty programs could well be aimed at protecting the meager incomes of low income families from exploitation from seemingly legal businesses whose functions only serve to plunge them even deeper into the rut.

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MANY BUSINESS owners as well as other citizens are in a huff about the controversial proposed new "license tax" on payrolls and gross receipts.

Chief objection of John Q. Citizen is that tax on earnings is inequitable in that it would nibble away at the already insufficient income of many families. Without exemptions, tax would be imposed on everyone without regard to their income or ability to pay.

Business protests point out lack of exceptions and exemptions of proposal which would be based on gross earnings of a business regardless of its size or net earnings.

Study of tax bill shows that, while business tax would be scaled down from 1 percent according to profit formula of the business, no business would be exempted from payment of the minimum one-tenth of one per cent scheduled for those with net profit ratio of not more than 20 per cent of gross receipts.

With Mayor McKeldin claiming a desire to shield property owners from increase in property taxes, fact is that proposed payroll "license tax" would bite harder into property owners than would the alternative.

According to the mayor's figures property tax increase necessary would be 40 to 50 cents. Which would mean that person with property assessed at $5,000 would pay an additional $25 tops per year.

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THIS SAME person, if earning a salary of $5,000 a year, could save the above $25 by paying the new tax of $50 per year, based on proposed one per cent of earnings.

And if you have two or more people in the same house working. . .

Thought of the week — A failure is a man who is unable to cash in on his experiences.

PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS

About this and that

Orchids to Dennis Crosby, the Dunbar High teacher. He chaired the committee which arranged the annual fall conference and luncheon of the Baltimore Teachers' Union on Thursday.

Luncheon tables were set up on the patio at Sheraton - Baltimore Inn. Luncheon music was by Norman Ross, pianist; and Robert Smith, violinist. Both are Dunbar teachers.

Milton Goldberg, Teachers' Union president, reviewed highlights of the year's work. It was noted in passing that, thanks to the group, teachers no longer are required to send stamped addressed envelopes to get their pay checks at the end of the year.

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Cuff note: As of Nov. 1, the Teachers' Union will occupy new quarters at 4704 Harford Rd.

Luncheon speaker was Dean Verl Lewis of the U. of Md. School of Social Work. He advised that education is in a crisis and that one step to solve the problems of urban education (inner city et al) is to find dedicated teachers.

Seen in the audience: Mrs. Gilbert Banfield (Marian), the brilliant civic and social worker.

It was good to see her looking the picture of health. . . she had major surgery a month back, but you'd never suspect it.

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Cuff note: Also home after surgery at Lutheran Hospital is Miss Helen C. Thomas, longtime English teacher at Dunbar. Cheer to her at 2435 Calverton Heights.

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Success story: A Sunday **ago, Caterers** James Dougherty Jr., and James Dickens invited the public to view their new Forest Park Ave. headquarters.

Guests were treated to a sample of tasty food (oh, la! la!), and taken on tour of the spacious dining and kitchen area, ideal for parties and club meetings.

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VACATIONERS: Frederick Bailey Jr., his wife, Vivian, and their three children are back in Okinawa after a vacation with Mr. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bailey Sr., 2238 Denmore Ave.

Mainstream

Fake Women

By RALPH MATTHEWS, JR.

When Walter Jenkins, dismissed last week as a White House aide, was trapped in the lavatory of the D.C. Young Men's Christian Association by morals squad detectives, he posted bond and never faced trial.

Not so with those unlucky enough to be caught not only wrong but broke.

I mention this after study of a letter received in this office last week just as the President's aide became the storm center of an international scandal.

Here, verbatim, is that correspondence:

"Dear AFRO:

"We female impersonators would like to file a complaint about Baltimore city jail. When we go there—they take our personal clothes and wigs and burn them up. Would you please help us if you can? Most of the wigs cost anywhere from $50 and up.

"We have lost wigs, shoes, leather coats, dresses and winter coats. At the time of our arrest, most of us are held for disorderly conduct. We are not held for female impersonation. We look forward to seeing something in the paper about this."

The note is signed "All the female impersonators of Baltimore City" but no names were given and we were left with no idea of how many men in town are in the habit of dressing up like chicks.

Left completely unexplained, also, is why men would want to dress like women in the first place.

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MAYBE IT is none of our business and maybe the female impersonators are right in asking our help to protect their civil rights without explaining their motivations for being impersonators in the first place.

On the face of it, the City Jail authorities seem extremely vindictive. It is understood that once a civilian is convicted and jailed he or she no longer has civil or property rights the State is any longer bound to respect.

Just the same, if what the letter writers report is so, it seems downright mean to destroy property because the jailers feel personal repugnance at the sight of men who dress like women.

If the men who ran the local bastille were versed in modern psychology they would know that tearing up the garments of impersonators is no more going to correct whatever compels them to dress or act like women than the problem of narcotics addiction is solved by throwing junkies in the slam.

If jailers are capriciously destroying property for no other reasons than their own ignorance of behavioral science and modern penology, then the Jail Board had better look into the matter.

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SO MUCH for the civil rights of female impersonators.

As for female impersonators themselves, they seem an increasing breed. What they are symptomatic of can only be guessed.

We cannot even consider all of them homosexuals. Those of us who have been on the wordly terrain of big cities called everywhere simply The Street know that there are some very hardened types of men who dress like women after dark for one reason — crime.

They stand on corners at late hours waiting for a pick-up, some poor nut in a car looking for a woman or if sick enough himself, ready to settle for something that "looks" like a woman.

The mark pulls to a halt, the fake female gets in and as soon as circumstances are right, the mark finds himself not holding a chick in his arms but a man with a gun.

Such robberies are seldom reported because most marks, being "respectable" family men (except when their impulsions are unchained) are hardly about to dash off to the police complaining that the "girl" they picked up turned out to be a man.

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THE LARGEST share of female impersonators are men who get some pleasure from dressing like women on occasion or in the language of this sexual underworld, "going drag."

And then there is a hard core of men who dress, talk, walk, look, sound so much like women that except for certain handicaps they might as well be women.

These are the overt and completely committed homosexuals who have rejected their masculinity. These are in street argot, "queens" or "Miss Things."

Psychiatrists have not yet completely unraveled the reasons for such deviations from the norm.

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OF MOST interest to those of us interested in solving the often horrible conditions that many black Americans must live under is a new breed of female impersonator.

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Their usual uniform is the tight stretch pants girls wear, a massive wig and bulky sweater. They prowl the streets at night, some enter department stores by day and their operations or reasons, at least, are not clear either to cops or psychologists.

One behavior expert told me: "We just don't have accumulated knowledge about this type. We know the exhibitionist homosexual, the one who wears slacks and affects women's fashions and gestures, but here you have really hard teen - age boys who dress and look like girls but observing them they make no attempt to act feminine. They walk just as hard as if they were in masculine attire, they have nothing to say, they just put on girls' clothes and hit the streets."

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Only In America

Seven Days In May Has Fulsome Talk

By HARRY GOLDEN

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