"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

Dear God, give us courage to face the future with the faith that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.—Amen.

Uncle Sam Gets Tough

Under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title VI, racial discrimination must end in state, federal or local agencies getting federal monies.

These include hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, any agency under the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

There can be no distinction in use of space, operating rooms, drinking fountains, waiting rooms, in-or-out-patient clinics, employment or promotion of staff doctors, nurses, interns, workers, no separate wards or wings, not even temporarily.

The "no discrimination" rule will apply not only to those institutions not receiving money, but loan of radium or supply of vaccine.

A state welfare department cannot rent space in a building with racially segregated dining facilities.

Any person or organization may file a complaint to the Federal Government or the state or the agency receiving federal funds. It is best to do it with all three. Make it specific and clear.

Uncle Sam will make an investigation and if he finds your complaint valid, the agency will get no more federal money until it abandons its discriminatory practices.

What To Do With Pickets

Roy Wilkins, doctor of social science, Morgan State College, and executive director of the NAACP, has directed marches, picketing and demonstrations in hundreds of cases.

Quite recently, he got a dose of his own medicine.

Thirty-five young persons asked for an audience, and when it was granted, immediately staged a sit-in, taking possession of his office, sitting on the floor, and on his desk and singing, "We Shall Not Be Moved."

They demanded that the NAACP support the New York public school boycott.

Mr. Wilkins talked himself out of the sit-in after four hours without calling the police.

To all this there are two morals.

No. 1. How else could Mr. Wilkins know firsthand what a sit-in does to others?

No. 2. If you can present a convincing case of cooperation, pickets can be persuaded not to picket.

The Good Samaritan

The most bitter feuds can develop among relatives.

Look at the Egyptians and Hebrews next door neighbors for 3300 years during which they inter-married and offered each other asylum when persecuted.

Jesus made the Good Samaritan the subject of his parable because Jews and Samaritans normally had no peaceful dealings with each other.

Samaritans were descendants of Joseph, a Jewish lad sold into slavery in Egypt. Joseph was dark - skinned enough to be taken for one of them. He became the right hand man of the black Pharaoh and ultimately moved his whole family from Palestine to Egypt to settle permanently.

If only we can find Josephs and Good Samaritans today strong enough to bring peace to Israel and its next door neighbor, Egypt.

Newest conflict is an Arab-Israeli air fare rate war.

Now you can fly New York to Cairo for $404. (21 day excursion rates.) This means $341.50 to Amsterdam, Holland, where a subsidized United Arab Republic charter flight moves you to Egypt for $153.

40 For Law School

Harvard University is looking for colored college presidents in the South to nominate 40 undergraduates or recent undergraduates for a special 8-week summer program at the Law School.

Financed by the Rockefeller Fund, it is proposed to do something about the urgent need for more colored lawyers.

Mornings, each student will attend a college course of his own choice. Afternoons will be spent at the Law School in special law courses.

The 40 will share living, dining and outside activities with the summer school.

A faculty of 7 will evaluate their innate aptitude for a law career.

Social programs, daily teas and formal dinners will enable the visiting 40 to meet distinguished colored lawyers, judges, and other members of the bench and bar.

Flora Benton

She is a migrant worker who earns $657 a year in her work in the fields across the nation.

Home is a succession of shacks lacking lights, garbage collections, refrigeration, running water and ventilation.

Her child is born on the floor of an old bus. It will get two or three months of schooling a year if it survives starvation, rickets, diarrhea and worms.

There are two million people like Flora.

Truman E. Moore, writes about them in a new book, "The Slaves We Rent," Random House, May 19, $4.95.

Senator Williams wants Congress to do something about migrant workers such as $1 an hour wage rates right now, compulsory education for children and collective bargaining for farm workers.

No More Executions

If you have ever seen an execution at the Maryland Penitentiary, you will never forget a rope's whine and snap as it breaks a man's neck and the pendulum - like swinging of a body after the fall.

Sweat pours from the faces of tense reporters called to witness the hanging, electrocution or gassing. Some lose their meal, some become desperately ill.

Executions — carrying out the death penalty for criminals — is a relic of barbarism and the Dark Ages.

They violate the fundamental concept of "Thou shalt not kill," when there is no reason to do it.

Life imprisonment is a reasonable alternative.

Life Magazine recently noted that only the poor, friendless, and uneducated are executed.

For example, of 3,885 persons executed since 1930, 54 percent have been colored.

315 convicted criminals are now in death row in U. S. prisons. 19 of them are in the Maryland Penitentiary.

We haven't executed a convicted prisoner since 1961.

We haven't executed a white prisoner since 1954.

In our picketing and demonstrating against that which is barbarous and morally wrong, let us not forget to put capital punishment on our list.

There should be no more executions in Maryland.

Best Story Of The Month

Best story in Washington recently began with an auto collision.

The taxi driver jumped out of his cab and shouted at the driver of the other car, "You black S.O.B., where do you think you are going?"

The driver did not answer. But an acid voice came from the back of his car from Teddy Roosevelt's daughter, Alice Longworth, "You white S.O.B., where do you think you are going?"

The sequel occurred right here in Baltimore during a similar accident.

It ran like this. "You white S.O.B., where do you think you are going?"

Answer: "I am not white."

Reply: "Well, I call you whatever kind of S.O.B. you are."

March On Boston

Dr. Martin Luther King needed no state or federal troops when he led 15,000 persons on a three-mile march to Boston Common this week. Some say there were 25,000.

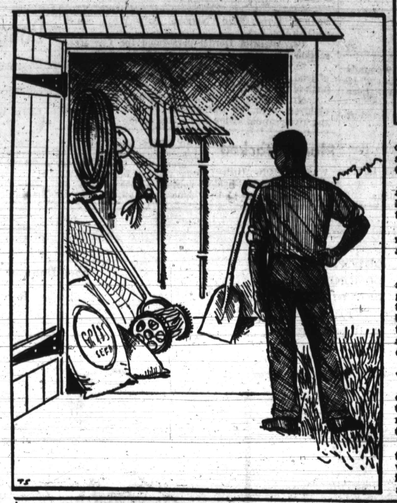
The Boston School Committee has refused to desegregate some 45 schools, predominantly colored, although colored kids are only 23 per cent of the enrollment.

Dr. King says busing would be an inconvenience but "our white brothers should be willing to suffer some inconvenience to rectify a social situation far greater than inconvenience."

2,822 children are being bused in Baltimore City to decrease school segregation and overcrowding.

Other Dr. King "march" programs in the north are scheduled for New York and Philadelphia.

It's That Time Again



Our Readers Say: Thoughts On U. S. Policy

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures 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:

I'm never happy to find myself disagreeing with American Policy.

I do so now after honest and impartial consideration of the issues involved.

Best results for our posterity, I believe, can be achieved by appointing statesmen to represent truthfully and intelligently the interest of all the American people.

There are too many rabbie Dixiecrats in the position of power.

There are too many generals, such as former Army General Edwin Walker.

There are too many businessmen, such as a certain candy manufacturer.

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THESE ARE the type of so-called statesmen and leaders who should never be allowed to exercise, in the name of our government, their influence in high positions of power.

To win a "Cold War" calls for cold facts and the old "we love everybody" policy is as slanted as the tower of Pisa and as deceitful as the kiss of Judas.

I will fight to protect the principle the United States, but to go beyond our own boundaries with this principle is wrong.

We, as Americans and those who represent us, should be reminded that in some countries our form of government is unwanted, unnecessary and often impractical.

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FOR CENTURIES, capitalists have bled Asia and one must be blind not to realize that they resented it then as they do now.

If we have a spiritual reason for being in Asia, I say send preachers.

If we have an industrial interest, send businessmen.

If we have differences in procedure, send emmisaries.

But the presence of armed forces shows that there shall be no talks, no appeasement and no attempt at a solution.

PAUL D. MCALLISTER

Mrs. Moss Praised

Dear AFRO:

It was gratifying to see the excellent coverage of the CORE march and sit-in in Friday's AFRO-AMERICAN, April 9. It was responsible and complete.

I was pleased further to read the statement that Board Member Elizabeth Murphy Moss made to the AFRO, supporting CORE demands, asking that the capital improvement plans be re-examined and agreeing that the word "basic" be removed from diplomas.

Thank you for your support.

REV. ROBERT S. CLARK
East Baltimore Methodist Parish
Co-Chairman, Education
Committee Baltimore CORE

I Want To Be A Man

Dear AFRO:

I believe in our New World. I want to be the man who comes home from war and can purchase a home under the G.I. bill anywhere I want to live.

I want to be the man to vote and have as much say in electing the proper man for office as anyone else.

I want to be the man to help my children get a good education at any school I want to send them.

I want to be the man who, if I qualify for a job, may be considered on my merits and not my race, or the color of my skin.

I want to be a man.

RICHARD PEAMON

AFRO Creed

A newspaper cannot because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself:

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has an other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

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

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

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

Labor and Business

By STERLING A. PAIGE

Sales Facts

This column has often pointed out that most colored-owned businesses must now be geared toward a broader market for survival and growth. They must become more progressive and competitive, basing their appeal for patronage on equality of product, service and price—rather than on race.

Competition for dollars of colored communities has steadily increased as white businesses try for the bonanza to be reaped in this market. Unlike 20 years ago, many of the larger and more prosperous companies dealing in hair straighteners, color-tone cosmetics and other so-called "colored" products are white-owned and operated. But they employ colored salesmen.

Last week at the regional meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. in Baltimore, a prominent Atlanta broker and president of the national organization, Q. V. Williamson, advised realtist members to gear themselves to this new day by up-dating managerial policies.

First of all, he recommended forming strong local boards. Next he stressed destroying the image of the colored real estate broker — "One to see when it is desirable to buy or sell property in what are considered colored or changing neighborhoods."

"Our realtists are getting only a small percent of the total market," the NARER, Inc. president said. "We must get into the 100 percent market if we are going to prosper."

To accomplish this, whites must be stopped from running every time a colored person moves into the area, he told this column. He urged realists to sacrifice to put an end to this running.

A concerted and concentrated effort must be made by realtists to put colored families into every area of the city —then stabilize the neighborhood and open the total market to realtist brokers, he told the members of the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia conference.

"Realists must see the wisdom and necessity for hiring white salesmen to help get into the 100 percent total market. White brokers long ago realized the importance of hiring colored salesmen in order to get more of the market. As a result, they can sell in the total market, Williamson said.

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ACME MARKETS, INC., fourth largest super market chain in the nation, is set to introduce a new and ultra-modern market design in the Highlandtown area next Wednesday.

The new, peak-roof air-conditioned store is located at 515 S. Haven St. and will feature a new heat-recovery system that will purify heat generated by the store's refrigeration equipment and, mixed with outside air, distribute it into the store's sales areas.

General superintendent of the grocery department is Clifford Bowen. Ralph Killmer will head the meat department.

Pin-Point

The Big Voice Hushed Forever

By GEORGE COLLINS

It is rare when a face in the crowd feels a sense of profound personal loss when a world figure joins the inevitable march to the grave.

The untimely demise of a young and dynamic President on that dark November day is, of course, one of those rarities.

For one of those in the faceless mass of humanity this week marked another one.

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IT ALL began in the long ago when a young boy found the only saving grace of the static-ridden radio was that it served as the conveyor of a booming baritone voice which came through with clarity, distinction and authority the likes of which was never heard before nor since.

There is doubt here that it ever will be again.

What magic powers the big voice carried which drew young ears to-the-radio at a certain hour each evening is not known even now—a quarter of a century later.

Perhaps it was the patent calm that permeated the smooth delivery whether the event was the christening of an infant child or detailing an all - engulfing holocaust. . . . .

Or maybe it was because there was always the assurance that whatever the solution — good bad, or indifferent — a honest, accurate and detailed account was being given.

Perhaps, too, despite pending doom wrapped neatly in a package of destruction which was part and parcel of World War II, somehow a ray of hope could be found in the staccato delivery which suggested that at least there's one man in the world who is not beset by danger, destruction and death.

Courage, — implied or actual—is contagious.

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SO AMONG the many virtues of the Big Voice it taught the uselessness of of fear—even when its owner was never seen.

The revered awe for the Big Voice, developed in the marvelous yesteryear of youth was carried over into the electronic age and along with the Big Voice came an image.

Like the voice itself, the image, too, was impressive. The "bird dog" eyes; the high forehead, and the brooding countenance of a man who saw a lot wrong with the world in wrich he lived convinced one man that he cared enough to do what he could to right it.

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"THE Harvest of Shame," and the brilliant surgery he performed on Mad Man McCarthy were fruits of this concern.

So was the decision to walk out on a job that paid nearly a half million dollars yearly to take up the task of projecting the image of America for what to him, must have been a pittance.

Despite these compelling considerations the hope lingered that at another time and place the now legendary refrain, "This . . is the news," would be heard again?

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THAT hope was permanently dashed this week because the Big Voice was stilled forever.

Edward R. Murrow is dead.

There can never be a more fitting epitaph for him than the one he himself gave a touch of mortality:

"Good night . and good luck!"

TV Programs In

Dear AFRO:

Since the AFRO is the only major newspaper being published in Baltimore at this time, why not do the public a great service and publish a listing of the local television and radio programs?

It would only be one more great service to the public for which the AFRO is so noted.

I, and I am sure thousands of others, will be forever grateful. Thank you for your cooperation.

MRS. LEROY A. GREEN

EDITOR'S NOTE — The TV programs for all the local stations are appearing now in the Tuesday and Friday AFRO.

Political Notebook

Election Laws

By MAX JOHNSON

One of the more controversial of the bills passed during the recent session of the General Assembly is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Tawes on Tuesday—despite considerable protests.

It is designed to clamp sharper restrictions on future candidates for public offices—and their campaign procedures.

The whole thing looks fairly good on paper—but nobody knows to what extent it will accomplish what it's supposed to.

The measure is known as Senate Bill No. 11—and its enactment by the Assembly, even in this much watered down version of its original form, surprised a lot of people.

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ONE OF the highlights of this bill is that it prohibits all paid campaign workers on an election day—except those on salaries at campaign headquarters.

This means an elimination of walk-around money for a lot of folks on election day—no more payments to the many, many others to distribute ballots outside polling places.

This new law does not say these activities must be halted—but that all such activities must be on an unpaid basis by volunteers.

This is one I can hardly wait to see in operation.

It's my opinion there will be as many such workers out under the guise of "volunteers" come next election day as in previous campaigns, if not more.

If somebody is going to be so naive as to think such "volunteers" aren't going to be paid—he ought not to be silly enough to say so out loud.

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ANOTHER PROVISION of the soon-to-be new election laws is aimed at discouraging the perennial, muddy-up-the-waters candidates.

These are those individuals who consistently file with little support, if any, outside their immediate family—who are in the thing hoping for some sort of deal with somebody.

The bill says, in effect, if a person is going to be a candidate for public office—he's going to have to act like a bona fide one.

Each candidate will have to appoint a campaign treasurer—and file his name with the Circuit Corut of his area.

The Secretary of State's office is going to give each candidate and his campaign treasurer a lot of paper work that must be done—whether he wins or loses.

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THERE WILL be a special form of a campaign contribution receipt that must be filled out in some detail and given to all contributors of $10 or more.

Campaign contributions and expenditures will have to be reported, also in detail, in a lengthy form that resembles in point of inquiry a long form income tax statement.

All such forms, including a copy of the latest election laws, will be provided each candidate when he files—to eliminate any plea of ignorance if violations are detected.

And violations could bring up $5,000 in fines for each offense—or imprisonment up to three years.

For the more prosperous candidates—ceilings now range from $2,500 in city districts and counties under 250,000 population to $20,000 for state-wide office and U.S. Senate the amount he can legally spend of his own funds.

Also, no individual can legally contribute more than $2,500 to any one candidate's campaign, a party or political organization in a campaign.

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THESE ARE just some provisions of the Assembly's enacted election restrictions bill Gov. Tawes is expected to sign into law Tuesday.

When the thing does become law—nobody knows how successful will be its implementation.

There will be agreement, however, some efforts have been made to Clean up the mess that accompanies election campaigns.

As I see it, though—they overlooked a very essential point.

There ought to be a law to screen the candidates themselves.

It's quite ridiculous that so many of the so-called candidates still impose themselves on the public — lacking sensible qualifications.

Poet's Nook

CREDO

I believe in the ultimate justice of Fate;
That the races of men front the sun in their turn;
That each soul holds the leaven of infinite wealth
In fee to the will as it masters itself;
That the heart of humanity sounds the same chord
In impious jungle or sky-kneeling fane.
I believe that the key to the life-mystery
Lies deeper than reason and further than death.
I believe that the rhythmical conscience within
Were adequate guide for the conduct of men.

GEORGIA DOUGLAS JOHNSON

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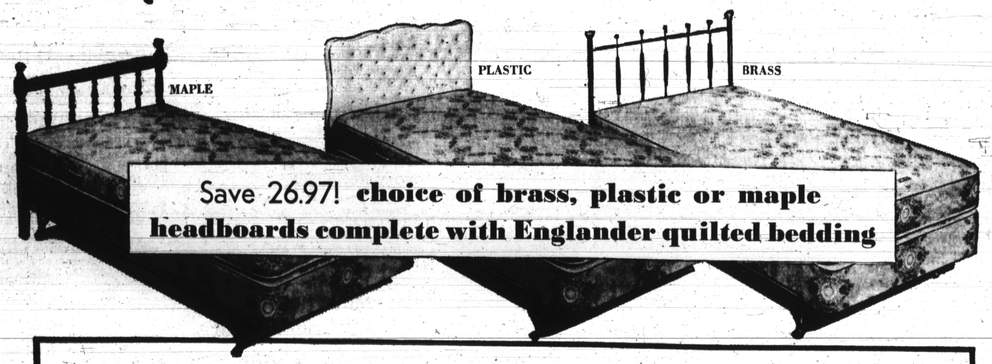

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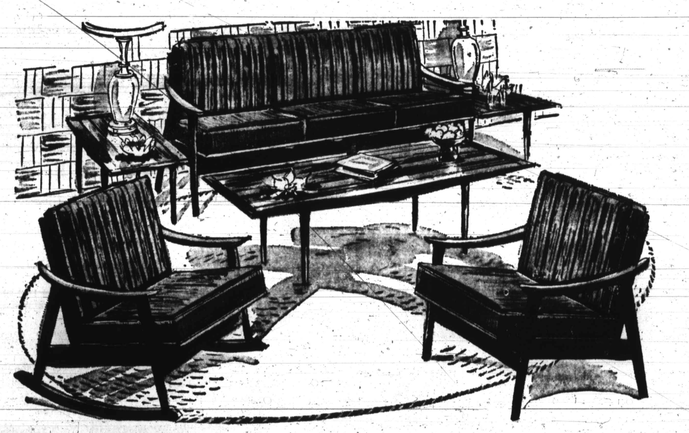

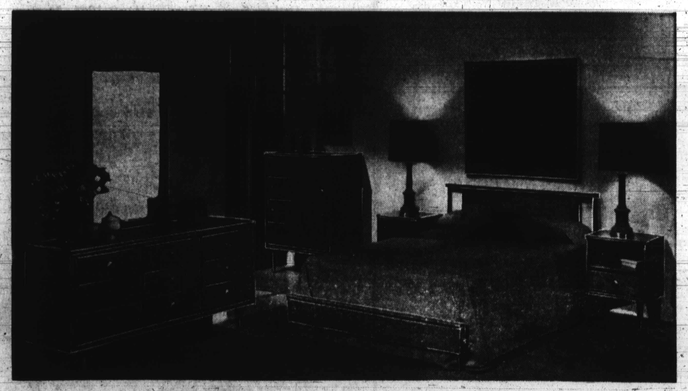

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