Baltimore Afro-American

"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.

MAY 21, 1966

Prayer Of The Week

We ask Thee not for knowledge of what will come, but for a simpler and more fearless confidence in Thee, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Who Will Trigger A Riot?

When CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality) chose Baltimore for its summer test operation, question arose whether or not we would have a race riot.

Since CORE's test cases are based on non-violence, the question is who will trigger the violence.

There are three likely sources:—

The police, the courts or the segregationists.

When police in their best voice call pickets "boy," "girl" names or worse, that is provocation. Then follows the use of the club, seizure of the picket who is going nowhere in the first place, and then a prod or shove when the prisoner gets into the patrol wagon.

A temperate policeman who keeps his hands and club away from prisoners and his mouth clean, can prevent a riot.

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IN THE Shelley vs. Kraemer case (Restrictive Covenant) the Supreme Court said that the 14th Amendment banned discrimination on account of race and the courts could not be used to enforce discrimination.

Whenever the courts, despite this clear injunction, do enforce discriminatory practices they set the stage for violence.

Police are not the law. Courts are not the law.

They are not even a substitute for law.

In instance after instance it has been shown that CORE lawyers are better acquainted with the law than some judges or lower courts.

Courts contribute to racial unrest when they permit themselves to be used to preserve the status quo.

Some judges have held that closed housing laws do not violate interstate regulations.

However, private housing is built, financed and operated by agencies across state lines.

NOW LOOK at the segregationists themselves.

What a sight in Baltimore to see a bed-sheeted Ku Kluxer with weapon and police dog attempting to frighten CORE picketers from demonstrating before Horizon House.

Acting Police Commissioner Gelston promptly barred KKK weapons and dogs. Can you imagine what would have happened if friends of CORE brought out their dogs and weapons?

General caution leads us to remind the city that we do not play CORE cheap.

All pickets may not wear a coat, necktie, socks or go clean shaven, but they are quite bright and you misjudge the situation completely if you think CORE pickets are dummies.

Moral Obligations Of Pastors

Isn't there somewhere a young minister — colored and/or white — with courage enough to challenge the law against intermarriage of the races?

Maryland statutes prescribe a fine and/or jail sentence to any clergyman who marries a colored and white couple.

The law is unconstitutional. If the legislature were an honest body it would repeal the law without urging.

The only way this law can be repealed is to test it in the courts.

The test is to violate it. It seems to us that where an unlawful prohibition is placed upon the clergy, it is up to them as well as the laymen to lead.

They should announce publicly that any interracial couple wishing to marry need only to apply to them and the marriage will be performed.

It is not enough to condemn sin and unconstitutional law. That kind of law must be looked in the face and violated.

The NAACP, CORE, Student Non-Violent Movement and a half a dozen youth organizations would do this in a moment.

But is all protest to be left to them? Are our Fathers in God without an obligation to say I will not obey this law?

We think there is that moral obligation.

One strong colored or white priest or pastor or any combination of them acting together to challenge this stupid and hateful law and announcing in advance it is a test, can give this city an example of Christian courage that it has not had since the March on Gwynn Oak Park.

The white clergy should be happy to make this a joint venture. In fact, they should insist upon it. The Godless law comes from their side.

They should not be able to sleep nights until they have done something about the wrong on which they have kept silent.

A Praiseworthy Action

We are always glad to see governmental agencies unbuckle a bit and take account of human factors in these days of too much bureaucracy and over - standardization.

We are particularly glad when this flexibility is displayed in connection with the poverty program, which as a supposedly revolutionary approach to the problems of the poor should be as free from preconceptions and impersonal regimentation as possible.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that we note that ten Neighborhood Youth Corps group leaders who were in danger of being released because they scored too low on a Civil Service Commission on its far - sightedness be given a chance to save their jobs and take an oral test which others who scored higher on the original exam already have taken.

These group leaders were admittedly among the most efficient and dedicated on the NYC staff, and it would have been an absurdly and destructively rigid application of the rules to let such able and well - trained people go.

Another ten group leaders, who flunked the written exam completely, still face an uncertain future, but it seems they may get a chance to take the Civil Service test over again this summer.

The director of the NYC has emphasized how cooperative the Civil Service Commission has been in trying everything possible to help the NYC keep these good workers.

We congratulate the Civil Service Commission on its far - sightedness in stretching its procedures some, what to strengthen the NYC program, which is one of the best and most - praised of the Poverty War projects.

Cause To Wonder

At times there is cause to wonder if people ever learn anything through experience. All through the history of the colored man in White America, he has been a pawn in a game, cunningly contrived to keep him in his place, to keep him flat on his back.

When slavery was in full bloom, the game was to turn the slave who worked in the house, against the slave who worked in the field, and the one who worked in the field, against the one who worked in the house.

Listen, said the massa to his slave of the fields, you don't want to have anything to do with that boy up at the house. Stick with me and I'll treat you right.

To the slave in the house he gave the same message. And then while both of them went for the other's jugular vein, he clapped his hands in glee, saying to himself that as long as I can keep them fighting among themselves, I've got the world on a string and the string around my finger.

The game hasn't changed much in the years since then, it has grown more subtle, more refined, but the results are the same. The more divided we are, the easier we are to conquer.

Each time a difference of opinion arises in our community, it is seized upon as an example of a deep rooted cleavage. Attempts are made, particularly in the press, to intensify these differences, to magnify them to such an extent, that even the participants, who should know better, find themselves sucked up and made part of the scheme to divide and conquer.

In Washington, this has happened repeatedly and perhaps this is why our city has never been able to build a really strong sense of togetherness. An example of this was provided this week when the morning newspaper attempted to persuade its readers that there was serious disagreement over whether the plans for the Shaw area redevelopment, had not been taken over by the middle class colored people, to the exclusion of the less affluent colored people.

If the groups involved in the Shaw area, are thus persuaded that they should begin fighting among themselves, the whole thrust of the program would be lost. Instead of being a project controlled by this community, it will slip into other hands while we are busy carving each other up.

Our strength, the only real strength we have, lies in our combined efforts. Without this, we can be picked off one by one. When we learn this, we will have taken a long step down the road toward being the masters of our own destinies, the captains of our ship.

POET'S CORNER

KU KLUX KLOWNS

Flowing satin robes, and dunce caps,
Race hate visable on ominous faces,
Lips that curse Congress, and damn
the Judiciary,
And carry a century old banner, that
traitors conceived,
In a back stabbing vendetta, that
even Hitler couldn't duplicate.
Hell will be a busy place, and a
troubled place,
As these sick creatures will come, in
future time,
The bombers, and the bigots, the
Supremacists and the hate mongers.
How will one fiery furnace suffice
such a multitude,?
The devil will surely defect to Antarctica
Patrick Henry must surely reverberate in his tomb,
My God, is this the home of the
brave?
Where flouncing men in the regalia
of minstrels,
Cry to the populace, "The world is
flat," and a Russian serpent
Stands behind every suggestion of
justice . . .

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Our Readers Say:
Welcome Supported

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:

On May 12, I read the letter, "Intention Important," by Anne S. Cantler, which was in reference to the recent letter by Sen. Verda F. Welcome concerning the congressional redistricting by the Federal judges.

The Cantler letter ended by saying, "I wonder if Senator Welcome should not be censured for perpetuating segregationist thinking."

The words were trying to reflect on these of Sen. Welcome; "Whether or not this is intentional is not the question," which was in reference to the possibility that the court was guilty of gerrymandering. The words of Mrs. Welcome were good and strong.

These words from the Cantler letter are true, "So long as a citizen of this country is thought of as a colored citizen, an Irish citizen, a Jewish citizen, an Oriental citizen — so long as any racial or creedal labels are perpetuated — we cannot live in harmony and with respect for all." I think that these words were the "key" to the Welcome letter.

I believe that no one wants to be segregated against, but all do it oftentimes in various ways. Why do so many whites fail to vote for a colored person? Why? If the colored people do not get the voting power to put colored people in political positions, which is fairness, who will put them in?

In order to get "harmony" with respect for all, man must draw up his plans that way.

REV. G. S. McGUIRE

Safety Commission

Dear AFRO:

The government and the committee thank you for your participation on the panel discussion of the annual Governor's Safety Health Conference and Exhibit. We are very grateful to you for joining "Those Who Care."

If ever there was a time we need all the best brains and thinking to help the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission carry out its thankless task it is now.

PAUL E. BURKE
Executive Director
Md. Safety Traffic Commission

Youth Corps

Dear AFRO:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the recent coverage you gave us for our recruiting campaign in the Greenmount area. With this assistance we were able to reach a vast number of people.

Again, many thanks.

DAN D. ZACCAGNINI
Director
Neighborhood Youth Corps

Children's Theatre

Dear AFRO:

As the 1965 - 66 season draws to a close, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the AFRO-AMERICAN, for the support and publicity given to us this past year.

As I am sure you know, an organization such as ours cannot survive without the support of the communication media. All our efforts to provide live theatre for young people, both as entertainment now, and as education for discriminating appreciation of adult theatre later would be lost if we had no effective way to let people know what we are doing.

We realize that the courtesies extended to us are merely a reflection of the AFRO - AMERICAN's continuing interest in all the cultural and community activities in the Baltimore area. We are nevertheless sincerely grateful for every line of copy you have printed.

RUTH C. MAYNE,
Publicity Director
Children's Theatre Association

Political Notebook
Voter Education

By MAX JOHNSON

Voter registration campaigns are again swinging into high gear — seeking to place as many new voters as possible on the books for the fall elections.

And again in the overall picture — little attention is being given to voter education.

Voter education is the process of enlightening a new voter on how to look for certain candidates on the the city's ballot casting machines — and then correctly pull the levers to vote for those of choice.

This is not quite as simple a matter as it may sound.

LLOYAL RANDOLPH, assistant chief clerk at the Supervisors of Elections, commented recently that a surprising number of veteran voters can't vote a full ticket.

Mr. Randolph put it this way.

"We conducted a test some time ago for polling place judges on voting, and we discovered that a lot of them couldn't intelligently vote a complete ticket."

Polling place judges are election day officials — who supervise the casting of ballots at precinct polling places.

If such is the case with many veteran voters such as these — what can be expected of the newly registered voter?

THIS NEW voter being put on the books today, remember, will be casting his ballot for the first time this fall.

He will be facing an operation completely new to him — in a setting quite understandably prone to induce nervousness.

Nervousness more often results in loss of the voter's real intent of selecting a complete ticket of candidates — and thus loss of exercise of his full voting rights.

This hurts his desired advancement toward gains.

His lack of the use of full voting rights hurts organized alms of his community — though he may intend to help.

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SO — REGISTER to vote campaign leaders face some serious questions.

1. Just how effective, really, is this registration operation — in the light of desirable results?

2. **Don't ultimately desirable results call for new voters — who vote?**

3. **Is the registering, then, of a new voter really the chalking up of a new vote?**

4. To what extent is voter education an intrical part of current register to vote campaigns?

THESE CONCEPTS of the registration picture demand attention of community leaders — seeking full authority of the registered voters.

They are almost as equally important as getting new voters on the books.

Mr. Randolph has revealed that **voters this fall will face 46 selections on the ballot — making it a lengthy one.**

Campaigns are gathering steam to back colored candidates for Supreme Bench, Orphans Court and Municipal Court judges —and some court clerkship head posts.

These are usually far down on a ballot — as will be some other posts which will be pressed for in organized drives.

THE NEW voter — and some veteran ones, too — might not get to them in the casting of his ballot.

This could well be the case with the confused, uninstructed voter — though he wants to support a full slate of candidates.

Here is a prime example of what I have been talking about — in this matter of voter education.

Back in 1962 — Judge Robert B. Watts lost his first elective bid to a Municipal Court post with a polling of some 40,800 votes.

The man who beat him — Judge Joseph L. Broccolino Jr. — won with some 42,400 votes.

Yet at the time — there were over 118,800 colored citizens registered as eligible voters.

They had registration all right — but somebody forgot voter education.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds 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 slums to provide jobs for everybody.

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

—JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1920

Sightseeing
Naming Of Groups Can Cause Problems

By James D. Williams

A crisis of no little magnitude is at hand. With new groups springing up all the time, involved in such pressing problems as civil rights, Viet Nam, the bomb and LSD, a shortage of acronyms is threatened. Acronyms are formed by taking the first letter in each of a series of words and forming another word.

Thus the Congress on Racial Equality becomes CORE; the Associated Community Teams become ACT. Acronyms form an easy method of identification, so that even if the full name of the group is unknown, the combination of letters probably is.

The shortage of suitable acronyms became apparent last week when a new group sprang up in Washington calling itself, CRUST — standing for Community Rehabilitation Under Security and Trust.

Not only is that more than a mouthful of words, the acronym CRUST is a tempting target for bad jokes. Like "the crust of CRUST," or "how do you like your crust, toasted?"

With causes all over the place and new groups springing up all the time to handle, the time is not long distance when suitable names are going to be at a premium, and one group might adopt a name, have stationery printed and the door of its office decorated with that name, only to find there is another group already using the name.

To bring order out of chaos, a central records system is eventually going to have to be set up to keep tabs on the names. Once a new group is organized, instead of the organizers wasting time kicking around ideas, they have only to check with the records center to find a name.

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A FELLOW walks into the center and tells the Ph.D in charge that he wants a name for his organization.

"What does your organization do?" asks the Ph.D.

"Nothing really. Our main purpose is to stamp out the Watusi."

"I think that's a pretty bloody thing. Why do you want to stamp out the Watusi? As far as I know they are in Africa minding their own business, and disturbing nobody but maybe a few more Watusis."

"I'm not talking about that kind of Watusi. I'm talking about the Watusi dance. That thing that Bill Moyers did and got in hot water with the Baptists about."

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"I DON'T mean to throw cold water on your organization, but that's a mighty limited goal for an organization," says the Ph. D.

"That shows how much you know. The Watusi is all over the place, on television, in magazines. You go to a dance and everybody's doing it, and something's got to be done unless we are to breed a generation of Watusi - maniacs who will go through life as if they had the St. Vitus dance."

"So now you want a name?"

"Yes, we do. We tried the Society Against the Watusi, but it came out SAW, and that didn't seem to have any zing to it."

"You're right about that," says the scientist. "You've got to have a name that's going to capture the imagination and get your message across.

"Your group wouldn't by any chance be against garlic?"

"Not that I know of."

"That's a shame. I worked up this name for a group of people who couldn't stand being near other people who had eaten garlic, but they never came back for it. It's a good name — AGE — it stands for Abolish Garlic Evermore."

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"THAT WASN'T exactly what we had in mind. We had a discussion about using the name — PAW — Parents Against the Watusi."

"No," said the scientist, "I don't think that will work. You would probably get some feedback from a group of Indians out West who are using the same initials . . . People Against Westerns in which the Indians always lose.

"How about DING?"

"What does that stand for?"

"We made it up for a group of Beatniks who were seeking a new identity, but they wouldn't take it. DING stands for Dreamy Individuals Turned Toward Outer Space . . . You like it. You can have it."

"No, I'm afraid you still haven't given me anything we can use. We want a name with character, a name with dignity, something that will stand out."

"How about GAP."

"That sounds good."

"To be truthful, the people who ordered this name, never got around to using it. GAP stands for Goldwater Again for President."

"It looks like I'm just wasting my time here. All you've done so far is to give me names I can't possibly use."

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"LET'S NOT rush off the deep end," advises the Ph.D. **"Before I was only talking off the top of my head. Now we'll put the problem to the computer and see what it suggests."**

"You use a computer to get names?" says the name seeker in surprise.

"Of course we do. We're very scientific here. We've got our computer programmed for social changes, Supreme Court decisions, shifts in the wind, everything that could possibly have any relevancy on the overall picture, and when we ask for a name, the computer weighs all these factors and gives us a winner.

"Now if you will just give me the important data about your organization—the number of members, the meeting dates, the balance in the treasury, its purpose, its credit rating — we'll get under way."

The information is provided and fed into the machine. A whir of gears, a few clinks and clanks and out comes a name.

"Forget it."

"Is that the name?" asks the representative of the embryonic group.

"I don't know," admits the Ph.D. "let's ask the machine."

The question is fed into the computer, which replies with no hesitation . . . "not a name stupid, advice."

It could be that before any new group is permitted to operate, it should have to go before a computer . . . Some of the groups may thus die aborning, but it's hard to believe they would be missed.

Labor and Business

By STERLING A. PAIGE

Fight Looms

How would you like to be on the receiving end of some of the following things:

A 50 - 75 cents per hour pay raise; a day's wages for staying home on your birthday; free medical and dental care; a share of your company's profits; a $100 - $200 Christmas bonus;

Double time for all overtime work; additional paid holidays; a shorter work week, maybe 32 - 35 hours; a 10 - 20 week vacation with pay every 4 or 5 years;

Increased pensions and insurance; a guaranteed annual wage if you work on a per hour basis?

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SOUND LIKE a dream? Well these things are among the dreams of many union leaders who intend to try to make them come true.

As existing union - management contracts expire, the move will be on to enter drastic worker benefits into the negotiations.

United Auto Workers' Walter Reuther, at the UAW constitutional convention in Long Beach, Calif., told the delegates, among other things:

"We do not intend to sign a basic agreement (next year) unless it contains a guaranteed annual salary."

His description of hourly wages as "historically obsolete, economically unsound and morally indefensible" sounds fair warning to industry of things to come.

1967 already looms as the year of intensified and unrelenting effort to secure these gains for the working man.

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UAW IS but one of the unions that is adopting a get tough policy. Already the International Union of Electrical Workers has confronted General Electric with the "new front."

Labor, having lost two important legislative aims — repeal of 14B and lifting of secondary boycott restrictions — can ill afford to lose on the negotiating front.

Industry and management spokesmen are already preparing to bombard the public with statements about spiraling prices due to increased labor demands. "Inflation," "unreasonable demands" and "hold - the - line formulas" are terms that will be used liberally.

What will not be mentioned is the fact that industry has historically added profits to increased labor cost. This is to say that a wage increase of — say — 10 cents on a given product has meant a price increase of more than that passed on to the public.

Which means that industry, already making a fair profit, intends to make, also, a profit on the wage increase.

Original profit formulas have been abandoned and profits have thus spiralled.

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WORKERS — who are also consumers — thus have been forced to "kick - back" through increased prices some of their wage increases to support the higher profit formula.

Again, the ever - burgeoning use of automation and cybernation — leading to more production at less cost — has not reflected into price reductions.

Labor force reductions have resulted, however.

1967 promises to be the year of confrontation between labor and management in labor's determination to remove these inequities.

Elmer Harris represents city at GOP NNRA confab

Colored Republicans are holding their first national convention today (Friday) through Sunday in Detroit, to solidify aims in the coming elections.

The organization is the National Negro Republican Assembly (NNRA), and will be the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Elmer O. Harris, secretary, Baltimore City Republican Committee, and 15th Ward executive, will present the city at this confab.

Mr. Harris told the AFRO special attention will be given to support of those candidates with constructive programs for the race's advancements.

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HE LIVES at 3025 Wolcott Ave.

MICHIGAN'S GOP Gov. George C. Romney and Jackie Robinson are featured speakers scheduled to address the convention.

Gov. Romney is seen as a top prospect for the presidential nomination in 1968.

The NNRA was founded in 1964, as a result of an indirect response to the debacle at the national GOP convention in San Francisco, where colored delegates were insulted by the nomination of Barry Goldwater for President.

The host organization in Detroit is the Wolverine State Republican Organization.

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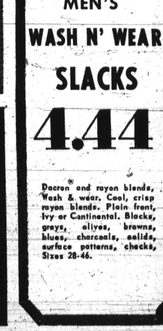

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