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OPINION

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PHCC

Another senior professional has left a job at the Park Heights Community Corporation charging PHCC has committed grave errors in management, failure to deliver needed services to the community, harassment of staff and general incompetency.

It is not the first time such allegations have been aired.

Indeed it seems the same old story.

Marietta Allen, PHCC housing director, who has pulled the covers off the agency this time, makes charges that are potentially political dynamite.

She charges that PHCC leadership had some staff members devote salaried time to helping a consumer boycott of the Coldspring Lane McDonald's fast food restaurant.

PHCC supposedly threw its troops and resources against the Big Mac.

At issue was whether the black owner of this McDonald's could retain his franchise.

Said black owner, Ron Thomas, has been one of the powers at PHCC since its inception. He has served as president of PHCC in 1977, 1978.

Whatever the McDonald's-PHCC connection if there is any basis in fact that resources of a non-profit public corporation were used in a dispute with a private company then that is certainly an issue that demands keen legal scrutiny.

More to the point, PHCC has been allocated $22 million over the years for the redevelopment of Park Heights and the improvement of life for its 50,000 plus residents most of whom are black.

Beside internal warfare, questionable projects and many hidden agendas we do not know what quite to make of PHCC.

We invite its "new leadership team" to publicly explain what is right and what is wrong with PHCC.

This troubled agency could erupt with a full-blown political scandal that cannot help anyone.

The prof and the governor

Dr. C. Vernon Gray and Governor Hughes have made their peace on the issue of whether the Morgan State professor intends to run for office after serving as a commissioner on the Advisory Commission on Legislative Reapportionment.

We doubt there would be any need for the governor and the political science instructor to have such a meeting until a daily newspaper suggested in a news story Dr. Gray was rearranging Howard County voting districts to enhance his own chances when seeking public office later on.

Dr. Gray insists he has been impartial in his service on the reapportionment commission.

We doubt that any commissioner, Dr. Gray included, who is not a political creature.

We doubt that Dr. Gray influenced his fellow commissioners unduly nor did they unduly pressure him.

Trade-offs are the rule in a such a sensitive matter as deciding or re-deciding political districts and as a political scientist, Dr. Gray knows this well.

What just might have happened is white folks woke up to find an articulate black who just might be a viable candidate in Howard County. That is Dr. GRay and we do not think the governor is all that concerned about the professor's partisanship and personal stakes.

Vernon Gray is a loyal Democrat. He is correct on most issues affecting our community is developing a good political base in Howard County.

We think this was all the fuss was about and we fully expect Gray to become even more active politically, reapportionment or not.

Help fight crime

The Citizens Coalition on Crime is having a public meeting on crime prevention in our community, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Christ Temple Church, 2117 Pennsylvania Ave.

Citizens are urged to come out and make known their feelings on crime, its causes and its cure.

Representatives of the police department, local merchants, religious and civic leaders also will be on hand.

Increased protection for those who attend has been arranged by law enforcement officials.

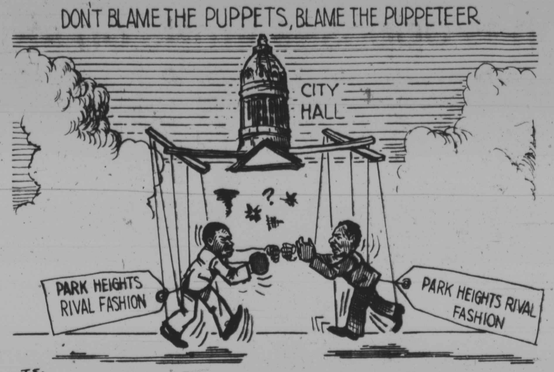
It is a problem involving all of us. Show up and speak out.

On another front, the Baltimore branch of the NAACP is in the process of developing specific programs and a platform to combat crime in our community.

NAACP officials estimate this blueprint should be completed by Nov. 17.

They hope it will be a "single-voice" plan, stressing unity and partisan politics de-emphasized.

This is a most important step. It deserves the support of well-intentioned citizens.



MADELINE MURPHY

Internal security

The recent uncovering of the remnants of the Weathermen, as well as the Black Liberation Army, should give us pause when we hear government officials raising to hysterical proportions the fear of terrorism. Because as happened during the 1950s, we again are on the verge of witchhunts that do more to curtail freedoms than to uncover subversive elements.

Therefore, the following Bill of Rights Brief from the American Civil Liberties Union should make us ponder, what they call the campaign to re-establish an "internal security apparatus" in this nation:

"Since the election, conservatives inside and outside the government have begun to press for 'internal security' agenda. In the name of combatting 'world wide terroism' — the new metaphor for the world wide communist conspiracy of the 1950s — the far right has called for the removal of 'restrictions' on the FBI and the CIA and the creation of internal security committees with broad investigative jurisdiction.

"Once again the target is far more likely to be those who dissent from government policy at home and abroad.

"On April 24, the new Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism created by Sen. Strom Thurmond and chaired by freshman Senator Jeremiah Denton, began a round of hearings to publicize theories the Soviet Union supports and directs a network of international terrorist organizations and may support such operations in the United States.

"The Subcommittee also seeks to document Soviet efforts to shape western public opinion to its advantage by conducting large-scale 'disinformation' campaigns through agents in the media and private organizations. There are numerous unofficial reports the subcommittee may be monitoring groups in the United States.

"By September, 150 members of the House of Representatives had become co-sponsors of H. Res. 48, a resolution to resurrect the House Internal Security Committee (HISC) formerly the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), to conduct broad investigations of Communist, terrorist and other subversive activities affecting the internal security of the United States...

"H. Res. 48 would give this committee the power to subpoena individuals and documents and would provide for the return to Congress of the 754,000 files on organizations and individuals which had been collected by HUAC-HISC and sealed in the National Archives when HISC was abolished in 1975.

"The Attorney General has announced the Department will soon propose major changes in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), including possible broad exemptions for the FBI and the CIA.

"This year, the CIA is proposing a total exemption for itself. Hearings on the FOIA are underway in the Senate Judiciary Committee Constitution Subcommittee, Orin Hatch (R-Ut), chairman and the Subcommittee on Information of the House Government Operations Committee, Glenn English (D-OK), chairman.

"The most important task now facing defenders of civil liberties is to prevent those who are seeking to get the government and the Congress back in the business of investigating and penalizing dissent from achieving their goals.

"A major campaign must be mounted to warn members of Congress about the grave danger to civil liberties posed by the resurrection of any House Internal Security Committee similar to HUAC.

"The 'HUAC' resolution has been referred to the House Rules Committee, but there are no plans to hold hearings or debate it. For this reason, its sponsors, Reps. Larry McDonald (D- (D-Ga) and Dan Crane (R-Ill) are seeking to obtain the 218 co-sponsors necessary to stage a floor vote on the issue.

"Although they only had 50 signatures by June, more than 150 members signed the measure by September. By one count, the resolution could already have 200 supporters in this Congress.

"EVERY REPRESENTATIVE must be contacted and urged to pledge not to support H. Res. 48, or, if already a sponsor, to withdraw support immediately.

"A strong and continuing effort must be made to prevent the Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism (SST) from obtaining political support, funding or authority to conduct internal security-type investigations ('Exposure for exposure's sake') or hearings which would violate civil liberties.

"Contact Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md), chairman of the Rules Committee, and urge that the Rules Committee not appropriate funds for internal security-type investigations by the subcommittee.

"Contact Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del), ranking minority member of the SST and Senate Judiciary Committee and urge that he make every effort to block investigations into political beliefs and associations.

"Save the Freedom of Information Act. The FBI and the CIA have not made a strong case for broad exemptions from the Act. Secrets have been maintained. Investigations have not been jeopardized. The FOIA is both a deterrent to misconduct and a means of holding the agencies publically accountable.

"Contact your representative and senators and urge them to protect the FOIC."

As poverty deepens, as unemployment soars, as prices escalate, it is no wonder the Reagan administration would prefer, for its own security, a stern fascistic crackdown on civil liberties.

PARREN MITCHELL

Has much changed?

I recently read a truly disturbing article by Lerone Bennett in which he cited the disquieting parallels before the Post Reconstruction Era and the current year 1981.

After reading that article, Dr. J. Clay Smith, Acting Chairman of the Equal Employment Commission, shared with me the remarks made by Jesse S. Heslip, in 1932 when he was president of the National Bar Association.

Both of these readings forced me to write the following letter to all 435 Members of the United States House of Representatives:

Dear Colleague:

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1981, I made a one minute speech on the floor. Attached is a copy of what I had to say. Before you retire to bed tonight, please take a few minutes to read the attached statement.

After you have done so, ask yourself the question "what has the 97th Congress done to make circumstances for black Americans change?" Then, ask yourself a further question, "what have I, as a Member of the 97th Congress, done?"

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Nov. 4, 1981 statement made to the U.S. House of Representatives by the Honorable Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.). Black Americans 1932 - Black Americans 1981:

My Colleagues:

In 1932, Jesse S. Heslip, then President of the National Bar Association, spoke to a convention of black lawyers meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. He made an incredible statement, a portion of which follows.

"The average citizen of these United States, a few months ago, looked upon this panorama with a sense of security from the agitation and distress which he saw in other parts of the world. With our statesmen, editors and bankers declaring God-like fashion that 'prosperity was just around the corner' this average citizen felt himself God's selected saint.

"The United States boasts that it is the wealthiest and most enlightened nation of the family. Yet hardly any other nation, blessed with America's facilities, could so fail and neglect to provide ways and means of relief from these economic and political burdens as miserably, miserly and ignorantly as our Federal Government.

"With bank failures as common as daylight; with no sound and safe economic program proposed by either of our major parties; with farmers and urban homes staggering under unprincipled mortgage plan; with diseased parents and undernourished children uncared for.

"With smokeless factories, rusted machinery, and bankrupt business, and with approximately 12 million unemployed, the United States offers only bread lines and soup kitchens as its relief to its distressed and tormented citizens.

"Unemployment is the rule of today. And with unemployment, selfishness and intolerance have increased to the point where substantial numbers of the American people are on the brink of extinction...

"Along with this economic upheaval, there is an increasing racial prejudice. We find race prejudice in America greatly intensified and extending to almost every phase of our life. It is firmly believed that our economic condition, causing unparalleled unemployment, has given rise to more selfishness and more intolerance...

"The Negro occupies the lowest and most unsafe position in America's economic program. We are the first wards of the public charity, as a rule, because we occupy a very insecure economic position.

"What can the Negro business and professional man expect in the way of economic safety and prosperity with any reasonable degree of permanency when he is primarily dependent upon Negro labor for patronage and support?

"All about us we see Negro women falling under the crash of

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LETTERS

Is OPM above the law?

The recent contention by Attorney General William French Smith that the courts have overstepped their powers appears to be subject to serious question based on questionable compliance with the law by the Executive branch itself, and particularly those agencies having enforcement authority in areas in which they violate the law.

We make specific reference to just two examples, both involving flagrant abuse or refusal to comply with the law by just one agency, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). On Oct. 31, the Washington Post carried an article headlined "Federal Workers' Benefit Cuts Ruled Illegal," in which it was pointed out that for the second time in one month a Federal court has ruled that OPM Director Donald J. Devine has acted illegally when he tried to cut back (on his own authority) on Federal employee health benefit plans.

Similarly, the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN of Oct. 24 ran a lead editorial questioning the equity of OPM's application of disability retirement standards to Black Federal employees who are forced for health reasons relating to high blood pressure and hypertension to leave their jobs. Hypertension is considered a lethal disease for Blacks.

The AFRO editorial specifically cited the case of a black official of OPM itself, Clinton Smith, who has held two extremely stressful jobs from 1970 to 1979, but who, upon becoming disabled in early 1979 was denied disability retirement and continues to be harassed with repeated procedural roadblocks. Smith served as executive vice chairman, Interagency Advisory Group and director of Equal Employment Opportunity with OPM. His troubles apparently stem, at least partly, we have reason to believe, because he on several occasions ruled the agency was in violation of its own regulations as applied to employee complaints. He was only following the law, but he has been forced to pay dearly for it.

In sum, it seems more appropriate, at least in these two instances, to ask the independent Congressional oversight bodies, such as the General Accounting Office, to investigate compliance by Executive agencies with Congressional mandates, rather than to attempt to tamper with the appeals jurisdiction of the courts as Attorney General Smith suggests.

Moreover, this newspaper believes it would be a worthwhile effort for Congressmen Fauntroy and Mitchell, who have shown immense interest in this type of activity, or perhaps the Congressional Black Caucus as a whole, to demand a GAO investigation of these Federal employees health related programs and policies administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

Reagan policies hurt blacks

Dear AFRO:

The following letter was sent to Rep. Peter Rodino, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, on Oct. 22, 1981.

Dear Congressman Rodino:

While the Reagan Administration has the right to fail on its own merits, I do not believe it has the right to carry out its "scorched earth" policies as they relate to blacks, women, and the poor.

Could not the Reagan policies be so devastating to the poor, aged, infirmed and black persons that they constitute impeachable offences? I raise the question in all seriousness for the following reasons:

1. The economic policy of the Reagan Administration is beyond logic by any standard. No one can cut both taxes and the budget, increase military spending, and end up with a balanced budget, jobs, low inflation and reduced interest rates.

The "trickle-down" theory is a myth in that private enterprise will not provide federal enforcement of civil rights laws that have been systematically weakened.

The bottom line is taking from the poor to give to the rich to hope they will create jobs. Does Reagan have the right to gamble with people's lives in this manner?

2. When I look at the massive cut-backs in such social programs as food stamps, aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), health maintenance, CETA, and the wholesale returning of these programs back to the states—back to states' rights which I fought in Mississippi—there is no doubt in my mind that the cumulative effect of the Reagan policies will be hunger, starvation, unemployment, poor housing, sickness and death for those who need and cannot help themselves.

3. The unconscionable attacks on affirmative action, busing for integration, voting rights and regulatory policies, constitute the waging of a vicious war on everything most black people support and for which some black people died only a few short years ago.

Mr. Reagan's policies will lead to changes that will cause us to fight and die for what already had been won. The very thought is chilling, a bite and death situation.

Must society kill a Medgar Evers or a Martin Luther King over again for us to regain social ground already taken?

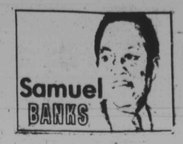
4. Add to the above the terrible expense for military and nuclear buildups, at the peril and denial of the poor, and the reckless talk about a contained nuclear war in Europe, what we have is a very dangerous man in the White House. The sooner he leaves the better off we will all be.

As region VII director of the NAACP for Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, where the Reagan policies will cause severe hunger, joblessness, crime increase, and death due to denial, thus causing a social revolution wherein no one will be winners, I call upon you to initiate hearings to determine if Ronald Reagan has committed impeachable offenses against the general welfare of the nation.

EMMET C. BURNS
Regional Director, NAACP

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.



Samuel BANKS

Blacks in public education: Swimming against the tide

Historically, black Americans have had to swim against a tide of opposition and pervasive calumny in terms of their efforts to gain entry into the socio-economic and political mainstream of the United States.

Nowhere is the opposition more severe and hostile than the field of public education.

The view that is perceived and internalized by the nation in regard to education has been a powerful catalyst for all Americans. However, the correlation between educational achievement and advancement is terribly deficient in terms of application for 31 million black Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

Dr. John Kenneth Galbraith, professor emeritus of Harvard University and a world renowned economist, in a survey conducted a few years ago about the percentage of all jobs in the private sector paying $15,000 or more were held by white males, 96 percent of all jobs in the federal government paying $15,000 or more were held by white males.

It is highly significant Drs. Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams, Gloria Toote and other black apologists of the Reagan Administration are aware of these data. Nonetheless, they continue their self-serving grandstanding and apostasy.

In spite of the dreadful and pulverizing inequality between educational attainment and job opportunities, the overwhelming majority of black Americans remain firmly wedded to the professional and vocational possibilities and opportunities inherent in strong and sound education.

Today, in the midst of the frightful and saturnine consequences of Reaganomics, more than 1.1 million black students are enrolled in our nation's colleges and universities and more than 11 million black youngsters are enrolled in the 16,000 school districts that comprise our public schools.

Their collective persistence, drive, stamina and determination in spite of a national disinclination to provide equality of educational opportunity is an inspirational saga in American and world history. To be sure, there are those who have lost the way and lost faith, given the factor of virulent racism and absence of job opportunities, but the preponderant number continue to press forward.

This, too, is remarkable given the stark statistic of the average black family income approximating 60 percent of the average white family.

The reality is black children and youths and their parents, in all phases of American life, have to endeavor to make more with fewer human and monetary resources. This state of being is consonant with the exuberant and remarkable history of 31 million black Americans: A MAKE DO PEOPLE OCCASIONED BY EXTERNAL FORCES.

The emphasis on education by the overwhelming number of black Americans, in spite of institutional racism and exclusion, vituperation and opposition, is a highly legitimate and proper focus.

This strategy linked with economic and political involvement and action, will bear fruit if we do not capitulate to selfpithy, despair and hopelessness. We must continue, now more than ever, to insist on the highest quality of instruction for our children in schools that challenge them in spite of the socio-economic odds.

In short, in coalition with other racial groups of goodwill who share similar interests, we must, as Frederick Douglass reminds us, be our own advocates.

There are, in my view, 12 "MUSTS" black parents here in Baltimore and across the nation must undertake immediately in order to effectuate demonstrate educational excellence to save their children:

1. Make it your first priority to become actively and directly involved in the full range of activities in your child's school. Make it a point to know, beyond the usual PTA meetings and ceremonial open house observances, your child's teachers and the building principal.

2. Develop an understanding of the goals and objectives of the school system for the year. Arrange to meet with the principal and your child's teacher in an individual conference to discuss how your child's school is addressing the instructional goals and objectives.

3. Take a lively and sustained interest in the work of your child in all of his subjects. To what extent is your child being challenged and stimulated in all of his or her classes?

Does your child discuss the day's events at home with you? Review with your child each day what happened in his or her classes.

4. Immerse yourself fully in the curricula, i.e., Math, English, Social Studies, science, art, health, music, etc. - being taught to your child. What are the systemwide and schoolwide goals and objectives for each subject?

How does your child respond to the instruction? Arrange, in concert with the principal and teacher, to visit your child's classes periodically and to support the school.

5. Involve yourself fully in the activities of your Parents-Teachers Association or Parents-Teachers Organization in order to give tangible support for demonstrable excellence for your child.

Make sure textbooks, supplies, equipment and support services - i.e., programs for remediation and enrichment, counseling, etc - are in place to serve your child.

6. Make every effort to encourage your child to express himself in standard English. You, too, should encourage older siblings to do so also and to assist younger siblings, i.e., brothers and sisters.

7. Work with your child in terms of developing the "reading habit." Read with and to your children and accompany them to the library to borrow books. You, too, should get in the habit of borrowing books when you accompany them. The most effective teaching is by example.

8. Work with your child in terms of learning and using, at least two new words daily. A procedure of this type, over time, will improve significantly your child's speaking vocabulary. Keep a dictionary available for looking up the sesquipedalians, i.e., big words.

9. Accompany your children to municipal sites of interest, such as the Walters Art Gallery, Druid Hill Zoo, Fort McHenry, the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History, the Maryland Historical Society, the Lillie Jackson Museum, the Baltimore Museum of Art and other sites.

10. Insist on your child putting forth his or her best effort in school and is in school each day to do so.

11. Involve yourself fully in the political process by voting for and supporting public officials who assign a high priority to education. Demonstrable excellence is costly and cannot be achieved by extravagant rhetoric.

12. Praise your child for his successes in school and the community and work to develop within him a feeling of "specialness." A positive self-concept is most important in motivating a child to work at his or her optimum level.

The 12 MUSTS I have cited represent only a starting point in the long and life-long effort to help your child and or children to achieve genuine educational excellence and personal fulfillment. Now is the time to begin in earnest as the socio-economic and political storms intensify within the body politic.

The late Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, in his potent book, The Mis-Education of the Negro, published in 1933, provides a challenge for all of us who care about high quality education and rational and responsible action:

"No systematic effort toward change has been possible, for taught the same economics, history, philosophy, literature and religion which have established the present code of morals, the Negro's mind has been brought under the control of his oppressor."

The problem of holding the Negro down, therefore, is easily solved. When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and stay in it.

You do not need to send him back to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary.

We must now, as the socio-economic tides rage and become more obdurate, commit our minds, resources and talents to the kind of educational excellence that fosters excitement, productive growth and untrammeled freedom.

If we believe this and work, as in the past, we shall surmount towering socio-economic and tides not of our making.

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

For all we know

N. M. CARROLL MONTH opens with the Monday, Nov. 9, 2 - 4 p.m. Open House Tour, arts and crafts exhibit and refreshments. 701 N. Arlington.

NOV. 17 is the 2nd annual N. M. Carroll Anniversary Dinner 6 p.m. to 8.

LOOK AT THIS tasty menu 8 Cornish Hen with wild rice stuffing, glazed carrots, broccoli spears, tossed salad, pound cake with blueberry sauce, hot rolls All for $4.50.

LISA GREEN, and 11th grader at the Roland Park Country School, has been named to Gov. Hughes' Youth Advisory Council. Congratulations.

Mrs. Eugene [illegible] and Mrs. Sampson Green JR., Gr. Wabash Avenue.

CENTER STAGE has a real hit on its hands with Shakespeare's most sophisticated comedy MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING as the best you ever seen yet. You'll love it.

COSTUMES by Bob Wojewski are fabulous, turn of the Century mode and the most fascinating ever on stage. The ladies dresses are soooo beautiful and the men's wear really something else. What an artist Bob is.

THE STAGE CREW built that big, tall tree an amazing thing from which hangs the swing. All that setting is marvelous. We're going again on Nov. 10, just gotta go.

SALLY LIVINGSTON is the dynamic director of public relations.

POINT CLEAR, ALA. WHEREVER THAT IS. THE MEETING OF THE Sub Committee for Consumer Protection and Del. Frank Conaway is attending. Nov. 5 - 7 guests of the Southern Legislative Conference the Sponsors.

BY THE WAY, catch Conaway's scorching TV program Sunday at 1:30 p.m. when he and St. George Crosse square off.

PAMPHLET AVAILABLE.

A pmaphlet published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor instructs participants in private pension and welfare funds how to file claims for their benefits and what to do if their claims are denied.

For a free copy of "How To File A Claim For Your Benefit," write: U.S. Dept. of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room N-5641, Washington, D.C. 20216. Attention: Wayne Parkinson.

NOV. 10 — The Upton Youth Development Corporation and the president and Board of Upton Youth Enterprises Incorporated cordially invite you to join them in an preview and tour of the newly constructed Our Supermarket Nov. 10, at 11 o'clock Pennsylvania Ave. and Hoffman.

It's under the auspices of the Corporations for Youth Enterprises Institute for Economic Development and in partnership with Mayor Schaefer and The Department of Housing and Community Development.

CHANGES IN MEDICARE BENEFITS

Changes in Medicare benefits contained in the recent Social Security legislation include increases in the deductibles for both parts of Medicare and a restriction of the open enrollment period under medical insurance, among others.

BRIEFLY THE NEW LAW WILL:

Increase the medical insurance annual deductible — Starting January 1982, the annual deductible will increase from $60 to $75. The deductible is the amount a beneficiary must pay for covered medical services before Medicare can help pay for such expenses.

ELIMINATE THE MEDICAL INSURANCE "CARRYOVER" PROVISION — Beginning January 1982, medical bills for covered services received during the last 3 months of the year that could be used to meet the deductible for that year can no longer be used to meet the deductible for the next year.

RESTRICTED OPEN ENROLLMENT — The law repeals the 1980 change which provided for year - round enrollment in the medical insurance program. If a person chooses not to enroll during his or her initial enrollment period or drops the coverage, he or she may enroll only during the first three months of the year, Coverage starts the following July 1.

CHANGES THE BASE FOR DETERMINING HOSPITAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE — Starting January 1982, the law raises the base amount used to determine the hospital insurance deductible from $40 to $45.

FOR $2,645 you may visit Camelot — With members of Walters Art Gallery.

May 4 — You take a bus from the Walters Art Gallery to Dulles Airport for the overnight flight to London, and to King Arthur land.

From a shadowy British chieftain of the sixth century to the legendary hero of the Middle Ages King Arthur lived and still lives in the minds of the romantic at heart. Participants in the 1982 tour will search for this remarkable hero and his kingdom, Camelot.

ALONG THE WAY, we'll enjoy the countrysides of Devon, Cornwall, and Wales, with their castles and cathedrals, quaint towns and picturesque inns, and cornish pastries and cream teas. You're invited to join the party.

All this and more awaits you in the Gallery's 20th Anniversary tour.

The price of $2645 includes bus transportation from the Walters to Dulles Airport, and back. Round - trip air fare, private motorcoach transportation from arrival to departure from Heathrow, twinbedded rooms with private bath or shower (a single room is an additional $130). English breakfast and one other meal each day; 16 light lunches for full - day excursions; a medieval banquet at Ruthin Castle on May 21; tips to hotel porters, service charges and taxes, entrance fees; local guides where necessary and a guide - escort for the entire trip, two representatives of the Walters Art Gallery; and a $200 tax - deductible contribution to the Gallery.

LAS VEGAS WEDDING

Mrs. Rosetta Bourne Williams announces the marriage of her daughter, Adele Williams Dotson, to Franklin James Terrell Jr., on October 25 in Las Vegas.

NEWLYWEDS Mr. and Mrs. Franklin James Terrell will be at home after the 1st of November at 9527 Mt. Finish Road, Spring Mill.

NOV. 7 — The Baltimore League of Women Voters presents a theatre party fund raiser Sat., Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Arena Playhouse on Mt. Wolfe. The Arena Players will be featured in the musical, It's So Nice, to be Civilized, by Micki Grant. For tickets call 889 - 3353.

NOV. 16 — The Mechanic's next production is the new musical adpatation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," entitled "Penny By Penny."

Richard Kiley stars as Ebenezer Scrooge in this collaboration between two giants of the music industry, Sheldon Harnick, who has written the book and lyrics and Michel Legrand who has composed the score.

"Penny By Penny" will be presented at the Mechanic Theatre in a special holiday engagement, Nov. 16 through Dec. 5.

"Penny By Penny" is making a limited holiday national tour. The Broadway production is scheduled for next season. We are delighted to host this new musical here in Baltimore, the only city, curiously, where the show goes under the title "Penny By Penny."

Please plan to join us for what promises to be an exciting new version of perennial holiday favorite.

NOV. 11 — Mayor William Donald Schaefer and The Art Commission of Baltimore invite you to an opening and reception for the new exhibit "The Neighborhoods Gift to the City — Their People." An exhibit of our neighbors' portraits drawn for the 1980 Annual Report by Baltimore artist Dennis Simon! Saturday, Nov. 14, 4 - 6 p.m., refreshments served, City Hall Courtyard Galleries, 100 N. Holliday St.

HO! HO! HO!

BELLS WILL TINKLE, lights will blink and Christmas music will be in the air when the Maryland Science Center greets Santa Claus on Friday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m. to open the first Inner Harbor Christmas parade.

Once Santa arrives on the west shores of the Science Center, he will be presented with a Christmas gift membership to the Maryland Academy of Sciences. To show Santa the new technology behind his sophisticated toys of today, he will also be greeted with a unique display of gift items from the Center's Science Store.

LIQUID CRYSTALS — that respond to the temperature of the body, real lead jewelry with no two alike and prisms and radiometers demonstrating the conversion of light to heat to motion are just some of the variety of gifts to be found. Gifts range in price from 50 cents up to $10.

WHEN THE PARADE ends, the holiday spirit continues. Science Center visitors will enjoy the Davis Planetarium's popular Christmas show, "Star of Bethlehem," beginning Nov. 20.

Al Saunders of TV - 13 narrates the show, which explores the various scientific explanations behind the celestial object that Magi might have seen that led them to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

This prophetic night many centuries ago is brought to life in "Star of Bethlehem," a special holiday presentation not to be missed.

SURROUNDED BY a small pine forest Harborplace Workshop is home for Santa and Christmas Eve. He will be seen on his leather chair at his [illegible] desk waiting to visit with children of all ages Monday [illegible] Saturday from 10 a.m. to [illegible] and Sundays from noon to [illegible] p.m.

[illegible] elves are busy building wooden toys and [illegible] along Santa's Christmas [illegible] workshop is right outside the door to the Workshops and offers a direct route to the North Pole.

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Tony Brown's Journal

Atlanta: a racist city

Andrew Young will soon start what is almost certain to be an eight-year reign as Atlanta's mayor. And the city that spends so much of its energy promoting an image of progressive racial relations as the "City too Busy to Hate" just flunked its most serious test.

Young's first promise as mayor was to heal the deep wounds caused by the mayoral contest between himself and white State Representative Stanley Marcus that pitted blacks against whites.

None of this, however, surprises me. I have always maintained Atlanta's public relations about a race-free city was more fiction than fact — that racism was as deeply embedded in Atlanta as in the rest of the country. And when the chips were down, racism won.

A friend told me in Atlanta on election eve: "I'm not impressed with Andy. He's simply the lesser of two evils. But in a showdown between a black and a white, I go with the black."

Although this kind of logic got him elected, Young denounced such people as racist. "There are some racists in this city on both sides who see this city in racial terms"

Belying his own words, Young's campaign workers, knowing the racial realities, placed signs in the black neighborhoods warning the blacks that the whites across town were outvoting them.

During the campaign, Young accused Marcus of "tricking" poor blacks out of their homes. Young's chief supporter attacked blacks who did not support Young. Mayor Maynard Jackson singled out blacks who supported Marcus as "traitors" to the civil rights movement.

Jackson called them "shuffling, grinning Negroes" and compared them to slaves who refused to leave the plantations after the Emancipation Proclamation. And Reagan's "slick-talking Negroes," the out-going mayor asserted, were waiting for scraps from the table.

Some "Negro voices are the voices of the new selfishites ... that has forced some Afro-Americans into the corner of racism," he said.

Marcus, who had the white vote in his pocket, but needed a black crossover vote to win in this city that is 66 percent black, naturally called America's standard racist-politics "racist and divisive."

"The politics of panic used by Mr. Young shows he's willing to destroy our city by manufacturing racial tensions and distrust rather than lose an election," the white liberal said in all the innocent indignation he could muster.

But while the racial issue easily overshadowed the economic issues confronting the city, Young's election puts the reality of a racist society right on Atlanta's doorstep.

As mayor, he will carry the stigma of having disrupted the city's racial harmony, in effect, the flaws of this so-called racial harmony are beginning to show through the grease paint.

In the election, blacks voted for the black and whites voted for the white in the city's heavily segregated precincts. And Marcus' blank check from the downtown white business leaders will not be transferable to the new black mayor. Young's promise to offset this benign neglect with African money looks doubtful, at best.

Another tough reality is a stable poverty rate of 25 percent of those who live on an average family income of less than $7,000 — mostly blacks — untouched by Atlanta's "racial harmony" and social and economic progress which provides a $20,000 a year-per-household income for the middle class.

"It is the face of failure, by the city and by each of us who is a part of it," admitted the Atlanta Constitution's associate editor in a front page commentary.

"It has shown us that, nearly two decades after President Lyndon Johnson's celebrated 'War on Poverty,' poverty in this city remains perhaps Atlanta's most serious problem — and that the gaps between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' are wider than ever, and growing wider," Bill Shipp wrote.

A glut of office space downtown is a symptom of the racial overtones that Atlanta's ruling class tries to bury. Business executives say whites want work in the inner city because crime has "increased alarmingly."

Atlanta also has experienced a 14 percent decline in population in the last 10 years and the race-conscious election will only exacerbate white flight. Local taxes will have to be increased to support the social services for the black underclass.

And a mayor linked to the Carter administration is not likely to have many friends in the Reagan White House or get any serious help from Washington.

A new challenge also will rise. Marcus accused a clique of well-off blacks of benefitting from a black mayor. If the black middle class continues to prosper and the underclass continues to grow, the potential conflict between these two groups could make poor race relations look like the good old days.

If Young is smart, his focus will be on helping poor black people, not denying the reality of racism in Atlanta or America.

I said Young was an eight-year mayor although he was elected to a four-year job, because he can always be re-elected by running as a black against a white opponent — in the "City Too Busy To Hate."

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the judicial hammer at foreclosure sales; we witness Negro families scattered and broken by reason of poverty forced upon them through the inability of the chief bread winners to sustain them by decent labor.

"We find otherwise respectable Negro men and women sitting upon bootlegging and prostitution as means of livelihood, not by choice, but economic scheme.

"The Negro church, school and home are the background of our social life. With these institutions devastated by poverty may not the Negro business and professional men reasonably anticipate their own collapse?" Id. at 66, 69.

The question for this Congress is — how much have circumstances really changed for black Americans? Black adult unemployment is twice the rate of white unemployment in 1981; how much has changed?

Black youth unemployment hovers around 50 percent; how much has really changed? Black businesses still get less than two percent of all federal government contracts.

The Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups are on the upsurge in America in 1981; have circumstances really changed for us? If they have not, and I do not believe they have, what does this Congress intend to do to bring about the desired changes?