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OPINION

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Kurt makes it clear

Candidate Kurt Schmoke who is running against incumbent States Attorney William Swisher is already bringing much of his considerable intelligence to bear on getting the correct issues before the public.

In a front page news report in this AFRO edition, Schmoke has given a specific set of procedures whereby he will, if elected, deal head-on with the narcotics addiction and trafficking problem which causes so much crime and deprivation in this city.

Dope knows no color lines and Schmoke is talking as a knowledgeable Federal prosecutor on how the challenge should be met.

Kurt knows dope harms our kids, all kids potentially, and he is willing to take a hard stand on this issue.

Swisher, on the other hand, has during his incumbency manned the States Attorney's office haphazardly. We doubt if he has a specific set of prosecutors concentrating on the narcotics problem in cooperation with the police and Federal drug agencies.

We doubt if Swisher even knows how to put together a strike force such as his challenger has set forth as a needed component in the States Attorney's office.

Swisher speechifies — Schmokes deals in specifics.

We welcome a candidate who thinks about constructive solutions to community-wide crime and related problems and comes up with answers.

This is what Kurt is doing and it is an effort long over-due.

Detector inspections

The Baltimore AFRO applauds the aggressive campaign the Schaefer administration is undertaking to make all families sensitive to the dangers of house fires.

These conflagrations take a terrible toll in human suffering each year.

Free and low-cost smoke detectors are one important preventive measure and the city is correct to urge all citizens to comply with this new ordinance.

The matter of home inspections for smoke detectors, however, got our hackles up.

Too often officials, cops, not to mention criminals enter our homes, invade our privacy and threaten our persons.

To make sure that the smoke detector home inspection does not lead to citizen-authority confrontations and, just as bad, to block the criminal element from masquerading as inspectors to commit mischief in our homes, we put the question directly to Pete Flynn, the top fire official.

His answer to the AFRO's question was forthright: "Make them (firemen) show you their I.D."

If someone wants to check your smoke detector, make them show you official Fire Department credentials before you open your door.

And do not put off purchasing or applying to the city for a smoke detector device. This is a city with many old, sub-standard homes and rental units and every preventive measure must be taken to defend against fire.

More on sickle cell

Sickle cell anemia has long been a cause of major concern to many parents because its devastating effects can cause great damage before its detection. The disease occurs when red blood cells contain defective hemoglobin that cause the cell to become sickle - shaped when deprived of oxygen. Victims often find it's difficult to lead a normal life although treatment in recent years has been able to reduce pain and suffering when it recurs.

Scientists have said the disease disporportionately affects black persons, although other races and ethnic groups have also been affected. So far few scientists have been able to explain how an individual first inherits this debilitating disease, although many ardent medical personnel have devoted considerable time and energy in the area for years.

One pioneer in this field is Dr. Roland P. Scott, a dedicated local physician who has studied the problem for some forty years. He is a recognized authority in the field and along with Professor William Hansberry, a deceased anthropologist of Howard University, often traveled extensively in Africa and other countries consulting other experts — trying to find answers to this troublesome problem that has plagued powerless individuals and baffled many other reputable scientists.

In this country Dr. Scott and Professor Hansberry often urged large and prosperous foundations to provide grants so they could carry on further research, but their appeals often fell on deaf ears. Finally Howard University received a grant for the purpose of further exploration and Dr. Scott is currently located at the sickle cell center of Howard University.

Recently scientists from several prestigious schools announced advanced prenatal tests that would let future parents know if their child would have sickle cell disease or possibly carry the trait and stand a chance of passing it on to their offspring. The technique is updated and refined, but a step in the right direction in tackling a serious problem, according to Dr. Scott and other knowledgeable experts concerned with the problem.

The method has been used for many years, but if it can be improved upon and will help prevent misery and suffering, then its benefits will be far reaching. In fact Dr. Scott indicated that he believes the just announced method is safe and he would endorse it for use by consenting parents.

Dr. Scott and others like him have toiled long and hard in their respective fields and at times without favorable monetary rewards. They dedicated themselves to a particular field because of their sincerity and a profound belief in themselves and their work that often went beyond the proverbial call of duty. Scientists like Dr. Scott, however, are gratified to see their recognized methods used by other scientists and improved upon in this era of modern medical science. The end result is always rewarding because a healthy child has a chance to develop into a normal and productive adult who in turn can make his contribution to his generation.

Politics 1982

Over 700 Marylanders have filed to run for one office or another. An impressive array of young black candidates has surfaced to do battle with the Old Guard, particularly in the metropolitan Baltimore area.

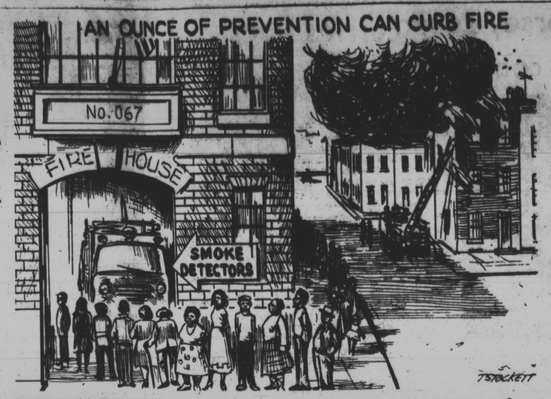
In our political round-up last Friday, we inadvertently did not report that Ralph Hughes, a candidate to the House of Delegates in the 40th district on the Troy Brailey ticket, had long ago officially filed.

Patrycia Duncan, House of Delegates candidate, 39th District, has officially filed.

Frank Conaway, incumbent 40th district delegate, has decided to seek to retain his present seat and not run against incumbent Sen. Verda Welcome. Del. Conaway has managed to keep himself center stage as the voters wondered until the final hour whether he would run as a delegate or senator.

Veteran legislator Lena K. Lee is stepping down. Young attorney Elijah E. Cummings gets her nod as her successor.

The only real surprise as the filing deadline arrived, was the entry of black attorney Kenneth Montague as a candidate for State Senator in the 44th district. Montague is an ally of Del. Dennis McCoy. Montague also seeks a seat on the State Democratic Central Committee.



MADELINE MURPHY

Enlarging, sensitizing the women's rights movement

There was a popular tune in my youth "Three Little Words" ending with the refrain: "that simply mean 'I love you.'"

There were three little sentences in the Equal Rights proposed 27th Amendment to the Constitution, whose rejection meant quite the opposite. Only three more state legislatures were needed to pass the amendment, which they failed to do.

But, what had the Phyllis Schlafly followers in such a tizzy are the three simple sentences that read:

(1) Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

(2) The Congress shall have the power to enforce by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

(3) This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

The opponents, men as well as some women, who profess love of one another obviously have equated love with subservience and subordination.

This don't-rock-the-boat mentality keeps women overworked, underpaid, without equal rights, in many states, to buy property, to obtain credit, or in the case of divorce, to get credit in property settlements for the money they had contributed to the mortgage.

Moreover, men who control the business and institutional arena, are not too thrilled paying men and women equally as clerical workers, computer specialists, editors, reporters, engineers, lawyers, nurses, physicians, sales workers, elementary school teachers, waiters; because that makes quite a dent in the profit margin.

Exploitation, after all, is free enterprise.

Further, the Reagan administration, no lover of ERA, has eliminated the $500 million set aside for child care in the Federal budget; suspended stronger affirmative action regulations for businesses receiving government contracts; and withdrawn wage discrimination and sex segregation guidelines for federal contractors.

But with the increasing number of women now more politically aware, who comprise 52 percent of the population — perhaps the new emphasis on state and congressional elections, especially in those states where ERA had been so recently rejected, might develop a force to be reckoned with.

The National Organization for women (NOW) has a splendid opportunity here in Baltimore to support black women candidates running for state legislature and various positions in the courthouse including Georgia Goslee running for Supreme Bench judge.

But here is the rub. To be effective, NOW must include black women and Hispanic women, both as candidates, as well as part of the inner circle of strategy and power within the movement.

Much has to be done to democratize the women's movement; to sensitize its membership on the basis of what Frederick Douglass many years ago warned — that unless women banded together to defeat racism — feminism would not succeed its goals.

Prophetically, this has become the case.

By not including blacks and Hispanics until 1980, by not trading with them in supporting their more pressing problems of racism, for example: the Voting Rights Act, they ensconced themselves in merely the form of the black civil rights movement, forgetting or ignoring its substance.

Moreover, coalitions are about the business of inclusion on the highest policy levels, where one saw few black or Hispanic women in ERAmerica; in the offices as paid workers, or on speakers platforms exhorting the cause.

As we have seen in the Dunbar High School contract, a wide schism was developed between white women and the black working class, because the loophole of sex discrimination took priority over race discrimination, using it to award the sub-contract to a white woman rather than to a black minority firm.

We blacks know all too well the price we pay for racial discrimination.

The price that causes single parent homes, crime, juvenile delinquency, as a result of the exclusion of black men from job opportunities, from training programs, apprenticeships, from myriad skill producing experiences, from developing their own businesses.

These are the differences between a strengthened or broken black family structure. These are the kinds of issues that are not sensitively addressed by NOW, and that in the final outcome alienate many black women as well as black men.

ERA and NOW has to support their alliances and coalitions, broaden their narrow, elitist perspective, give—in order to get — love instead of hate — cooperate rather than compete, so that those three little words and those three little sentences can ultimately be mutually interchangeable!

LETTERS

Reaganomics is a national disaster

Dear AFRO:

A few months ago, budget director David M. Stockman conceded to a reporter that Reaganomics was nebulous and illogical. Stockman was reprimanded by President Ronald Wilson Reagan and rebuked by a slew of political commentators.

Some even called for his ouster.

Stockman's views have been vindicated. There is cogent testimony Reaganomics is not energizing the national economy and restoring prosperity. Reagan's economic stratagem was simplistic.

He abandoned the Keynesian monetary approach and converted to supply side economics. He was either too stubborn or senile to have taken a clue from his conservative counterpart across the Atlantic.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher adopted the same spurious economic policy when she came to power in England. She has led her country down the path of disaster.

Reagan's economic progress report is cause for concern for all Americans. Inflation is galloping along at nearly 25 percent. Personal income has only increased .04 percent since 1980. Real interest rates are astonishingly high. The dollar is steadily declining in value.

The housing industry is on the verge of collapse. Factories are only operating at 60 percent of their productive capacity. Bankruptcies and home foreclosures remain at heights not seen since the Great Depression.

The overall unemployment rate is 9.4 perqent and expected to worsen. State and local taxes are threatening to wipe out the benefits of federal cuts.

The jobless rate for black Americans hovers around 20 percent. Masses of people are eking out a precarious living on welfare, foodstamps and help from relatives.

According to Pollster Lou Harris, in a TV interview June 10, "there is an air of desperation in America." Approximately half of the American people polled believed the country is in the throes of a depression.

Harris also said research back to the 1930s evinces there has never been a "plurality or a close majority who since the Great Depression admitted they thought they were in one, so this sets the record...there is very little optimism (in America) today."

Reagan has coaxed Congress into passing a budget calling for further reductions in domestic spending. These cuts will wreak havoc in the black community — already in the state of pathetic despair. In fact, Reagan has become so callously insouciant toward blacks that he has been criticized by one of his own appointees.

Civil Rights Commission chairman Clarence Pendleton, a conservative black, said Reagan's penuriousness represents "a new low point in a disturbing trend of declining support for civil rights enforcement."

Reagan was a lousy actor when he was in Hollywood. At the rate he is going, he will continue his sorry legacy as the President of the United States.

WILL MANNING
Director, Eager Work Release Center-O'Brien House

Only passes the buck

Dear AFRO:

Several South Baltimore residents have banded together to propose alternative revenue sources to fund capital improvements so as to free the City General Fund for essential services.

Now is the time for the Department of Education advocates to open their minds to the consequences of the New Federalism.

The Federal government burdens the state with decreased funding for education and the state passes the burden to the City. This has forced Baltimore City to fund the bulk of the education budget through property taxes.

The absurd increases in property assessments and the notorious city tax rate is causing city property owners to make another great exodus to the suburbs.

Despite the horrified cries over the recent budget cuts, there is still a tremendous need for improved efficiency in the school system.

DENIS LAMDIN

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NAACP carries fight to birthplace of liberty

The NAACP's decision to meet in Boston, given the fierce opposition to school busing in South Boston and Dorchester, provides a luminous and heartening example of a firm refusal to capitulate to the forces of hate, irrationality and bigotry in Boston and across the nation.

The NAACP, since its founding in 1909 as a bi-racial organization, committed to full freedom and civil rights for all citizens of our nation, has been unrelenting, persistent and courageous in chipping away at the encumbrances or barriers to a cherished American ideal: EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS.

The 73rd annual meeting in Boston gives stark and doleful evidence that the gap has widened between the national ideal and practice.

The crushing levels of unemployment which continue to bedevil and sap the energies of record numbers of black youths and adults; the wretched and deplorable state of the black elderly and the poor on fixed incomes; the overall feeling pervading 31 million black Americans that the nation, once again, is turning its back on their fundamental human and civil rights.

Reaganomics, in fact, has become an American nightmare for blacks and the poor.

In view of this troubling state of affairs, it was highly reassuring and encouraging that the message of some of the principal speakers (Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hooks, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Sen. Edward Kennedy, former Vice President Walter Mondale, etc.) was one of hope, determination and optimism, in spite of the adversities, for the future.

A centrality of their collective message was: the struggle for freedom and social justice must go forward. Over 8,000 delegates to the national meeting gave their resounding and unequivocal support to this emphasis.

The national leadership of the NAACP, in my view, was wise, to focus on two specific objectives: the ballot and jobs. Black Americans, as is indicative of other ethnic and racial groups, must come to understand fully the positive correlation between a potent and informed electorate and jobs.

Education, too, is essential for substantive vertical mobility and advancement in our society. The NAACP is keenly aware of the necessity of an educated electorate making full use of the ballot to acquire jobs, equality of opportunity and parity in the American body politic.

Angry and empty rhetoric will not provide critically needed jobs — but the ballot — judiciously applied, will create job opportunities. The NAACP is right on target in its emphasis on jobs and the ballot.

It is ironic that 73 years later, the venerable 450,000 member NAACP, still biracial in its membership and the nation's oldest civil rights organization, continues to persevere and struggle for the very survival of Black Americans and their just entry, belatedly, into the socio-economic mainstream of our nation.

It is to the great credit of the 8,000 NAACP delegates, that they started afresh, within the framework of our nation's ideals and system of jurisprudence, to affirm their unswerving belief in the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all 231 million Americans.

It is pointless — as the NAACP leaders understand — to engage in polemics as to whether President Ronald Wilson Reagan is a racist or not.

The reality is that the socio-economic programs of his administration have a fracturing, withering and lamentable effect on black Americans and the poor. In terms of unemployed this summer, in selected urban areas, approximately 150,000 youths are unemployed in Chicago; 160,000 in Detroit; 50,000 in Baltimore; other urban centers depict similar disastrous levels of unemployment.

The latest Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics report shows the known black unemployment at 52.9 percent. It is a horrendous situation.

The nation has a constitutional, moral and ethical duty to join hands with the NAACP in order to expatriate a scandulous socio-economic Frankenstein which frustrates and destroys the nation's most precious investment — its children and youths.

Color and class must be rejected as passports to success in our nation.

The hope, tenacity, determination and lofty resolve of the NAACP in Boston call to mind Sterling Brown's (i.e., renowned professor-emeritus of Afro-American literature at Howard University- poem, "Strong Men":

Sam Banks - The NAACP in Boston: Elevating Possibilities

"They bought off some of your leaders; You stumbled as blind men will...

They coaxed you, unwantedly soft-voiced... You followed a way; then laughed as usual.

They heard the laugh and wondered; Uncomfortable; unadmitting a deeper terror...

The strong men keep a-comin' on; Gitting stronger...

What from the slums; where they have hemmed you; what, from the tiny huts they could not keep you; what reaches them; Making them ill at ease, fearful?

Today they shout prohibition at you: 'Thous shalt not this' 'Thou shalt not that,' 'Reserved for whites only.' You laugh.

One thing they cannot prohibit — The strong men... coming on; The strong men gitting stronger. Strong men...

STRONGER...

The NAACP's Boston meeting carries an insistent and urgent message to black America: BE STRONG. Above all, BE STRONG, and make full use of the ballot, at all levels, for full freedom and social justice for all. The time for action is at hand.

Tony Brown's Comments

Kennedy 'fools some of the people'

"You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time," my music teacher at all - black Garnet High School in Charleston, WV. always reminded us.

Senator Ted Kennedy (D - MA), the trumped - up white liberal, made it real at the 73rd annual convention of the NAACP in Boston. He was prolific in his denunciation of favors for the rich and racial bigotry. It was sheer hypocrisy.

"I reject their cruel and unfair theory of government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich." Did this pious little rich boy ever reject any of the privileges of wealth?

He cheated on his exams at Harvard and was expelled, only to be elected to office by his family's often questioned wealth. And when he was elected to the U. S. Senate, he had no prior job experience in any field.

If a poor white or any black had played his role at chappaquiddick Island, he would be doing life in prison. Even when running for president, he fumbled over the sordid aspects of the party and the death of Mary Jo Kopechne on July 18, 1969. "Irrational and indefensible and inexplicable," he called his actions.

You might also use that definition to describe racism — or his mother's behavior in a Paris fashion salon when she refused, on two occasions, to judge a dress if a black model wore it. A personal friend of mine wears Mrs. Kennedy's racial scorn for life.

Kennedy, however, preferred to push his demagoguery in front of the NAACP by diverting attention to a proven scapegoat. "Bigotry is not the message of Jesus Christ. In reality, Bob Jones University is nothing more than a Jim Crow University . . ," he said, "and tax exemptions must not be granted for racial prejudice in segregated schools or colleges."

In another instance, a black Kennedy campaign worker and her husband found themselves, along with the black maid and butler, the only Afros at a Kennedy soiree.

In a brief 15 - minute speech at the NAACP convention, Kennedy was interrupted 25 times by applause. There is not one Afro - American man or woman who could have come close to his record in front of that black audience. And that's a shame.

It's really more telling than anything else. This disciple of tired, outdated politics who has never sponsored a successful bill in congress with a more than questionable ethical background, has successfully superimposed himself as the leader of black people's rights.

His solo voice - over, with the blacks singing chorus to "We Shall Overcome," was a disgraceful display of poor taste by the Chappaquiddick Kid, described once as "a playboy, millionaire, womanizer with a wife whose emotional problems are due to his moral weakness."

For those blacks who need a white leader — and there are a lot of them — they should find one better than Kennedy.

The 35 applause - interruptions should have come, instead, for Earl Graves, who always specializes in common sense. The publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, warned the blacks that, "We must learn to be more dependent on ourselves, economically and politically. We know by now that as black Americans we cannot depend solely on government. We cannot depend on anyone or anything outside ourselves to provide real economic opportunity and justice.

"When we look at the way things are today, we realize that we have been standing in the same station: waiting for economic opportunity, watching train after train pass us by," he said.

A 35 applause - interruption would also have been more meaningful if directed to Joseph E. Madison, the NAACP director of voter education: "Before it's over, we will know we are not going to find our strength in the Republicans, we are not going to find our strength in the Democrats, and we won't even find it in Independents. We will find our strength in each other."

Tony Brown's Journal, the television series, can be seen on public television Saturdays, on Channels 22 and 67 at 6:30 p.m. Please consult listings.

You can make it if you try

Dear AFRO:

I read with interest the AFRO article dated June 26, on the Alexander Tours and Transport Service.

I successfully operated a sightseeing tour in Baltimore in 1979.

I personally researched, lectured, owned and operated the business seven days a week and received no financial assistance from the Small Business Administration or any other financial institution.

On February 6, 1980, I was seriously injured as a passenger in an automobile accident, otherwise, I would still be in the sightseeing tour business on a daily basis. I currently lecture tours for groups.

One of my most recent lectured tours was for the "National Newspaper Publisher's Association," for the AFRO-AMERICAN.

The problems Mr. and Mrs. Alexander allege are procedural. I wish them every success.

BERTHA N. RHODES
BERT'S HISTORIC TOURS

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER
City Editor

For all we know

Fireworks; Satan in the Pulpit author is coming to town

STAUNTON E. SMITH PERKINS of Rocky Mount, NC, the much - talked about author of the much - more talked about book, SATAN IN THE PULPIT, will be in Baltimore for a Sunday - Live TV program Sunday, Aug. 1.

At least, that is the schedule Lillian Smith, the promotion official, phoned me from Chicago last week.

AND, according to the great array of comments echoed around the nation after his appearance on a nationwide program recently, Perkins will get plenty feedback from Baltimore's clergymen.

KNOWN as Tommy Perkins, the young author first became involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the early 60's and has since then served on organizational boards and spent a number of years in broadcasting from merchandising and radio to becoming promotion director and TV producer.

He has owned seven companies over the years and has served as president of four corporations at the same time.

His commitment to help better the total lifestyle of his black sisters and brothers is deeply rooted.

His corporation is SES Development Corp., P.O. Box 6121, Rocky Mount, NC 27801.

SATAN IN THE PULPIT was copyrighted in 1981.

His strong assertions about the black church result in his conclusion: "We must recognize that we have no alternative but to find that the gathering place (the church) must, in the short run, consolidate and preserve what we have now against the onslaught of the mean streak that is rising in this country and in other places over the globe against the poor, the underdeveloped and generally dark-skinned peoples."

Perkins declares, "From the black churches must arise a new consciousness of the critical importance of the church community that each member is a part of. There must be a greater awareness of the present day importance of positive and active involvement in revitalizing the church and putting a wealth of resources to work for the salvation of the whole community." (Page 78.)

He says that instead of sitting in church "waiting on the Lord" and staying in one spot anticipating "the word by and by", Sundays and holy days, there should be greater community involvement all during the week now.

He claims that there is a decline in the image and effectiveness of the church. And, "now is the time of urgent need for consolidation of the black community and it is in the church that this can most effectively begin.

"From the pews must now come a new commitment to make the church the vibrant organ that it has to be today and in coming years."

EDITOR'S NOTE — The book is well - filled with his message, calling on the church to assume a wider role in curing the ills of the black community.

Perkins is quite able to answer his critics who are literally MAD at him for claiming Satan is in the pulpit.

He's sharp as a tack. Certainly he has aroused enough interest to cause some soul - searching, fuming and gnashing of teeth.

EVERYONE WHO HEARD Perkins on national TV remembers that he said the two kinds of persons who have big cars are pimps and preachers.

If Perkins' aim is to get attention, he certainly does.

STAUNTON SMITH PERKINS
author, Satan in the Pulpit

LOOK AT THIS

Perkins' statements on Page 19 have caused a great rise in ecclestical blood pressure: (HE SAYS)

"The church must open its storehouse to save her flock.

"She is worth $10 billion plus in real estate alone, not counting other assets and cash flow.

"She (the church) is the depository of that portion of the $145 billion earned by the black nation.

"What does the church do with all this wealth?

"Practically nothing in terms of enhancing the economic growth, development and strength of the black community.

"Instead, she remains in a state of stagnation, ignorance, backwardness, narcissism, misdirection and isolation — with her multi - billion dollar self.

"And, her people continue in growing damnation." (Page 19)

PERKINS has chapter neaos that leave ministers spitting fire: "Stealing in the Name of The Lord" and "The Church is the No. 1 Rip - Off of the Black Community."

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT

How about us donating blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank? That's critical and we must!

WHY? Because we, most of all, need blood, what with our many, many emergencies, those frequent times when blood means life or death. Get what we mean?

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

During the summertime, blood supplies always decline for a number of reasons. Usage by area hospitals remains high, yet fewer people donate blood due to vacations and other scheduled summer activities.

Economic factors are also having an impact on Red Cross blood collections, as layoffs, work slow - downs, and plant closings cause a decrease in the numbers of donors at our regularly scheduled bloodmobiles.

600 PINTS A DAY

On an average day, the Red Cross must collect 600 pints of blood in order to meet the needs of patients in 41 area hospitals. All blood types are needed, especially type O - postive and O - negative.

The Red Cross is asking the help of individuals, businesses, and community groups to ensure an adequate blood supply for area hospital patients this summer.

Any organization interested in sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive is encouraged to contact the Blood Donor Center, located at Charles and 27th Streets, open Monday through Saturday, including some evening hours.

RED CROSS DONOR CENTER
2701 N. CHARLES STREET
BALTIMORE, MD. 21218
467 - 9905

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 12 NOON - 8:30 P.M.
SATURDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

Call 467 - 9905, weekdays for an appointment. Healthy persons age 17 to 66 are eligible to donate. Minimum weight 110 lbs.

COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE VISITS

July 12 — Morgan State University — 9:30 - 3:30
July 19 — Memorial Episcopal Church, Belton & W. Lafayette — 8:00 - 3:00
July 21 — Johns Hopkins University — 8:45 - 2:45
July 22 — Fifth Regiment Armory — 9:00 - 3:00
July 29 — Reisterstown Road Plaza — 1:00 - 7:00
Aug. 17 — Enoch Pratt Library, Coldspring Ln. & Loch Raven Blvd. — 2:00 - 7:00
Aug. 24 — Diamond Press, Gay & Preston — 9:00 - 2:00

—The NAACP needs active people

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money on broken plates.

The White Tower employee protested that he had to serve blacks, but he didn't have to wash their dishes.

Oh, he was moved.

The recollection of my days with the youth NAACP group brought back the fact that in Ben Hooks, the national director, in his retrenching efforts made a move to get rid of his youth staff recruiters. Some prevailed and the youth movement of the NAACP goes on.

The youth group at the recent Boston convention provided the liveliest of meetings. They have an agenda and the future of the NAACP rests on their continued interest.

The national NAACP's "Fair Share" program is not aimed for the man in the street. Hooks, showed the elitism that permeates the association, when he says the target among industry is to get blacks on the boards of directors of the larger corporations.

That has been Urban League technique to get on the business boards and collect the monthly fees for attending meetings and keeping quiet on racial issues.

As one black board member of a corporation confessed: "I just can't bring up the racial issue at the meetings."

Out in Montgomery County, my good friend, Roscoe Nix, displays an example of same black elitism. The board of the NAACP has gone on record in support of one of the cable television bidders.

One thing is to insure that blacks are involved in all of the cable biddings and another is support a single bidder. Some eyebrows began to be raised over such an action. Because, the cable right in an area such as Montgomery County is worth millions.

However, before the National NAACP convenes for its 74th annual convention in New Orleans, will you be on board with your membership card?

Roy Wilkins, the late leader of the NAACP, used to say "Freedom was not free."

Those words were not original with Wilkins, but they are true.

While the Boston meeting of the NAACP had probably the lowest in attendance in recent years, it was probably the most optimistic.

While the membership hasn't regained its all-time high of better than 500,000, it has been gaining to over 400,000 mark. It sank to less than 300,000 a few years ago.

Thanks to the Supreme Court's decision to reverse the Mississippi multi-million dollar liability suit because of an economic boycott against merchants in Mississippi, it thawed some million dollar-plus funds that has been held in escrow awaiting the final court decree.

Thanks to labor and several other public-spirited groups the NAACP rounded up funds to meet the lower court edict that threatened to wipe out the organization.

Look back during the lean years of the NAACP, which were not too far back.

During the late 50s and through the 60s, the NAACP was upstaged by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

During the Black Power era, Stokley Carmichael, the Black Panther, Malcolm X, as one of the moving forces in the Black Muslim movement, among others put the moderate tag on the NAACP.

The newer and activist groups said the methods of the NAACP were passe. CORE, SCLC, SNCC and the rest have faded.

While the NAACP was having its smallest national attendance in years, the skeleton of the SCLC staged a march on D.C. to set up modern version of "Resurrection City." The small NAACP Boston conference was many, many times larger than the SCLC march on D.C. during the same week.

The NAACP has survived. It is on the upbeat again. And because of its long history will continue to survive.

But, it is up to the black supporters to get into the NAACP and change the meaning of the NAACP as the National Advancement of Certain People, to a people's organization.