

The Governor Speaks Out

ONE THING WE LIKE ABOUT GOV. Agnew is his determination to put the blame where it belongs, with no pussyfooting circumlocutions and no whitewashing evasions. Many may not agree with him, but our governor is a man with the courage of his convictions.

Since the beginning of Baltimore's sixty hours of shame last Saturday night, the governor has never hesitated to express his indignation at the lawlessness nor has he shown any inclination to compromise with lawbreakers, no matter what the climate or the provocation.

Last evening Gov. Agnew met with 100 leaders of Baltimore's Negro community and he told them in terms that have seldom been heard in this era of civil rights:

"Look around you and you may notice that every one here is a leader — and that each leader present has worked his way to the top. If you'll observe, the ready-mix, instantaneous type of leader is not present The caterwauling, riot-inciting, burn-America-down type of leader is conspicuous by his absence

"Some weeks ago, a reckless stranger to this city, carrying the credentials of a well-known civil rights organization, characterized Baltimore police as "enemies of the black man." Some of you here, to your eternal credit, quickly condemned this demagogic proclamation . . . you recognized immediately that it was an attempt to undermine lawful authority You knew it was false and was uttered to attract attention and inflame

"But when white leaders openly complimented you for your objective, courageous action, you immediately encountered a storm of censure from parts of the Negro community. The criticism was born of a perverted concept of race loyalty

"And you ran. You met in secret with that demagogue and others like him—and you agreed, according to published reports that have not been denied, that you would not openly criticize any black spokesman, regardless of the content of his remarks"

At about that point in the governor's speech, half of the Negro leaders present walked out in angry protest.

The governor was undismayed. He continued to pinpoint the cause of the disturbances. The fires were not lit in honor of Dr. King, nor were they lit from a sense of frustration and despair, he said. "They were kindled at the suggestion and with the instruction of the advocates of violence."

Following the reading of his statement, the meeting became raucous and disputatious, but out of it all there seemed to emerge some understanding. At least the Negro leaders knew what the governor thought.

Perhaps, as some believe, the time had not yet arrived for such frank appraisals. Certainly it would appear many leaders of the Negro community are not ready to condemn such preachers of violence as Carmichael and Brown.

But we compliment Gov. Agnew for trying. His motives were sound, even though he may have picked the wrong time and the wrong place.

And Now, A Word From . . .

MAYOR D'ALESSANDRO HAS LOOKED upon television and he has found it good.

So good, in fact, that reporters from other media which lack potential for his histrionic displays, have found themselves almost completely cut off.

Newsmen from newspapers and radio are understandably indignant. In covering the rioting and its aftermath, they have found it impossible to get the mayor's ear. Press conferences have degenerated into television "spots," with no questions permitted and, consequently, no important information going out to the public, which does, after all, comprise the mayor's constituency.

Please, Tommy D., say a few words for our harassed news reporters.

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No, Governor

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Governor Agnew yesterday summoned to the State Office Building a large group of those Negro leaders, official and civic, who for the past two dangerous years have been exerting every influence they could against black radicalism, and through the past shocking week have worked courageously to help prevent radicalism's taking over — and then, in seeming deliberate calculation, the Governor insulted them. He accused them of a failure of leadership, and of letting themselves be intimidated by radicals. Many of those in the meeting arose and left. In dignity, they could hardly do otherwise. It may be said that Mr. Agnew has been under extreme strain, as indeed he has, and until yesterday he had handled himself well. It may be said that he lapsed, overwrought as he was, into temporary irrationality. These are the charitable explanations. But they are explanations only. For a Governor of Maryland, they cannot serve as excuses. *The Sun* emphatically disagrees with Mr. Agnew, and urges upon him a sober second thought and an effort to mend as best he can the damage he has done.

The Governor may well reflect on the Negro leaders' response last night. For guidance, he may consider Mayor D'Alesandro's plea for general conciliation and an end to inflammatory outbursts by anybody.

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Wrong Note

"Let us begin to rebuild now, to rebuild our city," Governor Agnew was saying yesterday. "Let us work together—not as black and white—but as responsible citizens of Maryland who uphold the law."

In the circumstances, it was the right note to strike before a group of Negro leaders. It was conciliatory, healing and seemed to reflect sympathy for the painful wrenching of loyalties—one pull toward law and order, an opposite pull to their own people—which these leaders have undergone in the past week. There was only one difficulty. By the time Mr. Agnew struck this right note, most of his Negro listeners had walked out on him.

The wrong note was struck earlier when the Governor accused the assembled leaders, in effect, of cowardice. He recognized them as genuine leaders: then he deplored their "silence," as he put it, in the face of inflammatory accusations by racial demagogues.

"You ran," was Mr. Agnew's observation.

Thereafter, of course, the Governor was speaking to a roomful of departing backs, and the quite reasonable sentiments he had saved for the end were wasted on empty air.

Whether or not Mr. Agnew had a shred of truth on his side is debatable at best and beside the point anyway. The point is, it was a speech rightly taken as insulting and unlikely soon to be forgiven. Doubtless the Governor wants to "reduce tension," as he says he does, and he may even have thought his talk to the leaders would help do so. It was a sad miscalculation, for he seems to have accomplished just the opposite.

Perhaps these Negroes were not all as effective as they might have been in quieting the uproar in the Negro areas. What Mr. Agnew fails to grasp is that they did try, that without their efforts the rioting might have been worse than it actually was and that, for the future, they still represent the best chance Baltimore has for restoring the now embittered relations between the races.

The Governor should have started his speech with the last, wise part. He should have left out the first, foolish part entirely.

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Ware Criticizes Agnew's Remarks

Most Negroes Denounce Governor

By Michael Weiss

The only Negro on Governor Agnew's staff today said the Governor's remarks to an assembly of Negro leaders yesterday were "regrettable."

About 80 prominent Negroes among nearly 100 present walked out and convened a black caucus yesterday after Mr. Agnew said they had broken and run when "intimidated by veiled threats" from militants.

Dr. Gilbert Ware, the Governor's program executive for human relations, said he believes Mr. Agnew also "realizes the exodus was regrettable."

Had No Hand In Speech

Dr. Ware, the first Negro on the staff of a Maryland chief executive, said he did not agree with much of what Mr. Agnew wrote himself in longhand.

Dr. Ware said he had no hand in preparing Mr. Agnew's speech, which the Governor wrote himself in longhand.

When it was shown to him, however, Dr. Ware said he had advised Mr. Agnew not to deliver it. The advice was rejected.

"I think perhaps it was too all encompassing," Dr. Ware explained.

He would not itemize his objections, he said, because "there is enough acrimony engulfing him (the Governor) now. It would not help."

Support For Agnew

But many white persons spoke out in favor of Mr. Agnew's stand.

Typical were the three Democratic members of the House of Delegates from Anne Arundel county who sent the Governor a telegram stating:

"We wholeheartedly endorse your position. We believe that the responsible Negro leadership of the State must renounce the criminal element if they realis-

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REPLIES TO AGNEW—Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., Fourth Baltimore) tells the Governor, "You talked to us like we are children," after his remarks provoked a walkout of most Negro leaders at meeting. "So few white people understand black people," she said.

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Ware Deplores Agnew's Remarks; Other Negroes Are Also Critical

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tically hope for the full support," of whites.

It was signed by Delegates William J. Helms, Jr., Jerome F. Connell, Jr., and William J. Burkhead.

A spokesman for the Governor said 125 calls have been received since the speech, all but 3 praising Mr. Agnew for "saying what had to be said." Stacks of favorable telegrams have also arrived, he added.

Criticism of the Governor's speech, which had been distributed in advance to some news media, was expressed by Mayor D'Alesandro and most of the twenty Negroes who remained, as well as those who protested by departing.

The Mayor called the remarks "somewhat inflammatory," and said, "we should be emphasizing reconciliation and harmony, not divisiveness."

Agree With Mayor

Flanking the Mayor as he made his statement before television cameras were:

William Boucher 3d, director of the Greater Baltimore Committee; Francis D. Murnaghan, president of the city school board; Francis X. Gallagher, attorney for the Baltimore Archdiocese; Robert Levy, chairman of the board of the Hecht Company; James W. Rouse, a developer, and E. Clinton Bamberger, prominent local attorney.

All of them concurred in the Mayor's reply to Mr. Agnew, a spokesman for Mr. D'Alesandro said.

A spokesman for the black caucus also maintained that Mr. Agnew had tried to "divide" the Negro community, and added that "Agnew's actions are more in keeping with the slave system of a bygone era."

At a news conference following the turbulent meeting, Mr. Agnew said he had "no apologies or regrets."

"If they had all walked out, I would simply be faced with a situation where I would have to find other Negro leaders," Mr. Agnew said.

Under questioning, he explained that he would not attempt to pick Negro leaders,

but would wait until the Negro community chose leaders who were willing and able to communicate with him.

Black People's Meeting Church Reaction

In other reaction, Wilmer Bell, president of the Maryland Council of Churches, said that the "urgent need" is to "eliminate root causes which create and nourish discontent," and to avoid divisions between the white and black communities.

And a group of 28 Catholic priests in parishes with predominantly Negro congregations issued this statement:

"Governor Agnew's intemperate lecturing of the moderate Negro leadership hurts us deeply because it is an affront to men and women who have labored for many, many years to rid Baltimore of the evil effects of racism."

Meanwhile, the Rev. Frank J. Williams of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, said there would be a second black people's meeting later today to "further address ourselves to the situation and set forth positive steps for rebuilding."

Mr. Williams was among those who stalked out of the gathering, Anger and disbelief were also expressed by those who remained.

"You talked to us like we were children," said Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th Baltimore). She however praised Mr. Agnew for being an honest politician.

Lively And Gant

The Governor reportedly had been advised by a member of his staff to invite Walter H. Lively, director of the Urban Coalition and leader of the Union for Jobs and Income Now and Danny Gant, director of the Congress of Racial Equality.

But he did not invite him and asserted that "I do not communicate with lawbreakers."

"The caterwauling, riot-inciting, burn-America-down type of leader is conspicuous by his absence," Mr. Agnew said.

"No Accident"

In a clear reference to Mr. Lively, he added that "Those fires were kindled ... with the

instruction of the advocates of violence. It was no accident that one such advocate appeared at eight separate fires before the fire chief could get there."

Mr. Lively was taken into custody during the riot, but released without charges being placed against him.

Asked if he had evidence that Mr. Lively had set fires, and if he would press for a prosecution, the Governor replied that a decision was up to law enforcement officials and the Baltimore State's attorney.

Carmichael In Baltimore

He also noted that Negro militant Stokely Carmichael had spent the day in Baltimore April 3, and had also appeared in Washington just before its riot began. Mr. Agnew called this "a very unique coincidence."

His information on Mr. Carmichael's presence here was supplied by the FBI. The report, read to his press conference, claimed Mr. Carmichael had met with local black leaders and consorted with known criminals.

Denied By Editor

But George W. Collins, editor of the Baltimore Afro-American, said Mr. Carmichael "didn't meet with any of the so-called militant spokesmen."

Mr. Collins, who talked to Mr. Carmichael while he was in Baltimore, said he visited with a girl friend and then stood on Pennsylvania avenue greeting passers-by.

Mr. Lively answered today that, "Governor Agnew is the only outside agitator around. He has been exploiting the disorder in Baltimore, just as he did in Cambridge last year."

"If anyone should be locked up, it's Governor Agnew."

Earlier, Mr. Agnew announced he would hold further meetings to open up lines of communication. "All this comes from my heart," he said.

And at his press conference, the Governor said he believed the first step toward meaningful communication between himself and the Negro community had been taken.

Agnew's Riot Stand Praised By Callers, Deplored By Clerics

Telegrams

By GENE OISHI

(Annapolis Bureau of The Sun)

Annapolis, April 12 — Telegrams and telephone calls began pouring into the State capital today, and an overwhelming majority of them commended Governor Agnew for taking an "honest" and "courageous" stand in his confrontation with Negro leaders yesterday.

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From White Citizens

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Callers Back Agnew's Stand

By GENE OISHI

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Most of the telegrams were from Baltimore city, but there were hundreds from other areas of the State and several from as far away as Michigan and Texas.

The Governor's office said last night that the telegrams were coming in at a rate of about 100 an hour.

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Mr. Agnew they would vote for him "next time." One couple wired the Republican Governor, "We're proud to be Republicans."

"A Leap Forward"

One Severna Park, (Md.) Republican said, "It was exhilarating to be entertaining several Democratic associates when you delivered your address and I can assure you that your popularity has taken a tremendous leap forward."

Considerable bitterness was expressed by those opposing the Governor's statement. One Rockville man resorted to sarcasm, saying:

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From Ocean City, Md., came the message. "Thankful to hear that the white people still have a strong voice in government."

And a National Guard lieutenant colonel said, "People in our circumstances only hope that you'll continue to feel this way towards the civil rights disturbances."

"Tie Your Hands"

One man sent a telegram, which said in part, "Next time don't bother with Federal troops. They just tie your hands. Do nothing and make it last longer."

But this type of message was an exception. Most expressed admiration for the Governor's "act of courage" or for the Governor's "saying what every American hasn't had the courage to say."

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Priests

By WELDON WALLACE
[Religion Editor of The Sun]

Nearly 30 Catholic priests from predominantly Negro churches issued an open statement yesterday in which they asserted that Governor Agnew had "insulted" the Negro people by attacking their trusted leaders who had worked for years "to rid Baltimore of the evil effects of racism."

The priests represented ten Catholic parishes in the city.

Their statement, which concerned the speech the governor had delivered to Negro leaders Thursday, read as follows:

"Governor Agnew's intemperate lecturing of the moderate Negro leadership hurts us deeply because it is an affront to men and women who have labored for many, many years to rid Baltimore of the evil effects of racism; because our people have been insulted by his attack on leaders who have been trusted."

"White Inaction"

"It goes without saying that we condemn burning and looting, but we demand that, if any assignment of blame is made, white inaction over a long period of time must top the list.

"We commend the restraint and the responsibility of the military leadership, and we heartily second their decision to place human lives above property values."

The letter was signed by the following:

The Rt. Rev. Martin J. Gamber and the Revs. Robert E. Hiltz and Neil McLaughlin, St. Martin's parish.

The Revs. Edmond J. Stroup and Joseph R. Wenderoth, St. Vincent de Paul parish.

The Revs. Walter A. Cerbin, S.S.J., and John F. O'Connell,

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AGNEW CHIDED BY 30 PRIESTS

Clerics Charge His Remarks Insulted Negroes

By WELDON WALLACE

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S.S.J., St. Francis Xavier parish.

The Revs. James F. Kerins, C.S.S.R., and James M. Forrest, C.S.S.R., St. James and St. John parish.

The Revs. Paul Downey, S.S.J., and Robert Mulligan, S.S.J., St. Pius V parish.

The Rev. Daniel Casidy, S.S.J., St. Veronica's parish.

The Revs. Herbert R. Jordan and Edward T. Hill, St. Edward's parish.

The Rev. A. Thomas Baumgartner, Catholic chaplain at Morgan State College.

The Revs. Henry J. Offer, S.S.J., William McKenna, S.S.J., John Harfman, S.S.J., and Philip F. Berrigan, S.S.J., St. Peter Claver parish.

The Revs. Joseph M. Connolly and Theodore S. Rowan, St. Katherine's parish.

The Rev. Robert A. Reed and Deacon Richard T. Lawrence, St. Gregory's parish.

The Revs. William F. Burke, Paul F. Hettel, Thomas T. Polk, and Thomas J. Penn, St. Ann's parish.

The Revs. James Cronin and Clinton Beck, St. Bernardine's parish.

Governor Rebuked

By Negro Minister

A Negro minister who was an aide to Governor Agnew during the last gubernatorial election accused Mr. Agnew yesterday of being "profoundly ignorant concerning the fact that the black man will not tolerate divisiveness or the choosing of his leaders by others."

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold of Grace Presbyterian Church said he was "greatly disappointed" by the Governor's speech to Negro leaders Thursday.

"This is a time for cooperation, not chastisement; preventive action, not punitive measures; reconciliation, not retaliation; togetherness, not toughness," Mr. Newbold said.

"In the interests of bringing the races of this State closer together and opening more lines of communication and understanding between all men of goodwill, I call upon the Governor and the members of the white power structure to really listen to counsel from those black and white advisers who are knowledgeable and sensitive to the hopes and aspirations of deprived and depressed people," he said.

Dorf Bids Negroes, Agnew Renew Talks

State Senator Paul A. Dorf (D., 5th Baltimore) called yesterday for reestablishment of "basic lines of communication" between State government and Negro leaders, noting that "now is the time to prevail upon both sides to sit down again" and talk.

He said he would have State Senator Verda Welcome (D., 4th Baltimore), Senator Clarence M. Mitchell 3d (D., 4th Baltimore) and other Negro leaders who heard out the Governor Thursday lead the effort for new talks.

But, he added, militant Negro leaders, who were turned away from the Governor's conference, should be invited to any new meeting.

Valle Urges Agnew, Pressman To Resign

Francis J. Valle, unsuccessful candidate for city comptroller in the Democratic primary last year, urged Governor Agnew and Hyman A. Pressman, the city comptroller, to resign from their offices yesterday because of their statements concerning the rioting.

In terse letters to each of the officials Mr. Valle accused both of "lack of leadership."

He said the Governor's action Thursday at his meeting with civil rights leaders had "divided and inflamed" the community, and termed Mr. Pressman's comments "inflammatory and irresponsible."

Rights Attorney Says Governor Is Aloof

Gerald A. Smith, an attorney for the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has charged that Governor Agnew had refused to deal "with anybody—whether militant or moderate."

Specifically, Mr. Smith said that he had sought the Governor's assistance on March 18 in efforts to improve job conditions for Negroes at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's plant at Sparrows Point.

"He has not even acknowledged receipt of my letter," the N.A.A.C.P. attorney said. "He's not dealing with anybody."

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SHEET, BULLWHIP LEFT FOR AGNEW

Negroes Call Them Symbols
Of Klan, Slave Master

By STEPHEN J. LYNTON
[Annapolis Bureau of The Sun]

Annapolis, April 14—A group of Negroes led by civil rights organizers who were active in the early 1960's left a white sheet and a bullwhip on the metal railing surrounding the Governor's mansion today.

Leo W. Burroughs, Jr., a member of the recently-formed Maryland Action Groups and a leader in the Maryland Civic Interest Group in the early 1960's, said: "The white sheet symbolizes his (Governor Agnew's) movement toward the
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Sheet, Whip Left For Agnew Symbolize Negroes' Protest

By STEPHEN J. LYNTON
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Klan. The bullwhip symbolizes the slave-master posture."

Governor Agnew was reported to be in Baltimore on official business today and was not at the mansion.

The white sheet and bullwhip were removed shortly after the one-hour demonstration ended at 5.15 P.M., apparently by a plainclothes policeman.

The Negro protesters distributed leaflets to passers-by during the sunny Easter Sunday afternoon. The leaflets said: "We demand that the Governor make a public apology to the black community for his disgraceful conduct."

The reference was to Mr. Ag-

new's speech Thursday in which he told moderate civil rights leaders that they had given in to the views of militant black-power advocates.

Bowie Action Scored

Maryland Action Groups also criticized Mr. Agnew's "punitive response" to students protesting conditions at Bowie State College earlier this month.

And the group added: "Agnew's preoccupation with Stokely Carmichael and [H. Rap Brown] leaders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee borders on monomania and has resulted in his acquiring an outside-agitator complex."

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Balm Sought In Agnew-Negro Rift

The Community Relations Commission managed to sandwich a brief public session between two long secret meetings yesterday and decided to have its chairman and executive director try to mediate the "rift" between Governor Agnew and moderate Negro leaders.

The split occurred a week ago when the Governor met with some 100 Negro leaders and accused them of abdicating their responsibilities for preventing the violence that rocked the city for four days beginning April 6.

About 70 of the Negro leaders stalked from the meeting and later held one of their own at which they produced a statement condemning the Governor's speech. Among those who left was David L. Glenn, commission executive director.

Repercussions from the session have echoed ever since and there have been many expressions of belief the Governor's action may cause polarization of feeling between the white and black communities that would prevent unified action against future disorders.

Mr. Glenn said that if he were involved in efforts at reconciliation it would be as an "interpreter" rather than an active mediator. That role would be up to the commission chairman, he said.

"I think the best situation that could prevail would be harmonious relations to exist between officialdom and the black community," Mr. Glenn said, "but that does not mean harmony at any price. Harmony at the price of accepting insults would be too great a price."

He said the best chance for reconciliation will be if the Governor understands the "misgivings of the group," which he said he would interpret, if such meetings were arranged.

2 Secret Hours

The commission went into its monthly secret session about 1 P.M. yesterday and did not go to public session until 3.05 P.M., although it had been scheduled for 2.30 P.M. At 2.40 P.M. the group announced it was going back into closed session to meet with the School Board. That meeting was still going on at 5 P.M.

Joseph H. Purdy, commission chairman, said the session with the School Board would be secret "because no conclusions will be reached."

The decision to attempt mediation was made informally after Mr. Purdy asked what role the commission should take in minimizing the possibility of future riots.

Mr. Glenn said he observed a

"holiday attitude" among both looters and spectators. He said appeals made during the rioting to the masses on the streets were "completely ineffectual."

Negative Attitude Cited

However, Mr. Glenn added, the attitude of the Negro community toward the disorders was "almost completely negative." "I did not hear anyone say that what they [the rioters] were doing was productive," he said Mr. Glenn said he heard many people shouting for the looters and burners to stop and go home.

Mr. Glenn particularly praised the Police Department for an "effective, commendable job" and said the "extreme restraint" police showed was responsible for the level of violence being held down and the ending of disturbances after four days.

He said the intervention of Federal troops made a change in efforts to stop the rioting, particularly the strict curfew enforcement. However, Mr. Glenn mildly criticized Lt. Gen. Robert H. York, the Federal commander, for being "unavailable and not reachable by local people and officialdom." He said, the general spent most of his time in his 5th Regiment Armory command post and that lower echelon officials had no access to him.

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AGNEW PLANS NEGRO TALKS

Governor Says He Is Upset
Over Bigotry Charges

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more police commissioner should have called for troops earlier to control looting and arson in the city, replied that he would not "second guess" the commissioner.

He gave "public commendation and approbation to the work done by the Baltimore city police and the firemen who certainly did a fantastic job of containing a very difficult situation—and to the State Police and National Guard."

Refuses To Speculate

He refused to speculate on the chances for further unrest in Baltimore this summer, saying instead that he hoped "that through the concentrated efforts of all those who are interested in avoiding other outbursts of violence, we will be able to contain it."

Governor Agnew took exception with Chicago Mayor Daly's call for shooting of looters and arsonists.

"I think it's an over simplified reaction and an over simplified approach," he said. The Governor added that professionals on the scene must make a judgment at any given moment.

The Governor said that shooting a 12-year-old seen near a building with matches, for example, would be "the height of complete callousness," but that he would not hesitate "a minute" to shoot a man seen hurling a Molotov Cocktail into a building in which there were people.

"Like Killing Ant With Axe"

On looting, the Governor said "It would have to be a pretty extreme situation" before he would urge shooting. "I think it's like killing an ant with an axe," he said.

Mayor D'Alesandro's comments criticizing his speech last Thursday has not divided them, the Governor said. "I continue to have great regard and respect for the Mayor. I'm interested in doing whatever I can to make his Administration a success."

Pressed on whether he would make the speech to Negro moderates if he had it to do over, the Governor said he would stand on his prepared statement.

Agnew Plans To Reestablish Contact With Negro Leaders

[Annapolis Bureau of The Sun]

Annapolis, April 18—Governor Agnew said today he is moving to "reestablish communication" with leaders of the Negro community in the wake of a controversy over statements he made last week.

In a prepared statement, the Governor said he was disturbed by charges that he is a bigot.

Pointing to a record of "unprecedented action" to assure equal rights, he again denounced those who work outside the law.

The Governor said he has scheduled "many meetings," but refused to say with whom or at what time.

At a meeting last Thursday, the Governor denounced moderate Negro leaders for failing to denounce the advocates of violence during the riots. Some 70 Negroes walked out of the meeting claiming they had been insulted.

Governor Agnew said today

that he is "profoundly grateful" for the "overwhelming number of thoughtful letters and telegrams" he has received supporting his lecture of the Negro leaders.

"Hold No Rancor"

"I hold no rancor from the criticism and invective heaped upon me," the Governor said.

He added that he is willing to meet with leaders of the Negro community who are willing to dedicate themselves to lawful efforts, but not with those militants who support violence.

He went on to say that being such a militant "does not forever preclude" a person from "coming into communication with this Administration."

"If these people will recognize that the way to orderly change is through the law and will frankly come and ask for meetings with me . . . I would not let the fact that they have previously stepped over the line interfere with my communicating with them," Governor Agnew added.

The Governor said a series of steps to aid small business men burned out during recent disorders in Baltimore will be made by the State Government, but refused to disclose at this time details of the actions.

The Governor, asked if Donald D. Pomerleau, the Baltimore

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Negro Leaders Take Step To Heal Week-Old Rift With Governor

Negro leaders took a significant step today toward healing their rift with Governor Agnew whose critical remarks a week ago caused many of them to angrily walk out of his office.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called for a joint meeting with both the Governor and Mayor D'Alesandro to discuss

programs aimed at avoiding future racial violence.

Step By Agnew

The request was the first public attempt by Negroes to meet with the Governor since he accused them of refusing to repudiate militants who he said may have instigated Baltimore's recent four-day riot.

At a press conference yesterday,

the Governor disclosed he also is attempting to "reestablish communication" with leaders of the Negro community.

The Governor indicated some meetings have been scheduled, but refused to say with whom.

Since criticizing Negro leaders, Mr. Agnew has received a great deal of praise from white middle class citizens. But Negro organizations and individuals have called him everything from a bigot to misinformed.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, State chairman of the N.A.A.C.P., said today that "We believe the Governor has learned that he cannot deal with us as unequals."

She had praise for the Governor's refusal to accept Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's get-tough statement for looters and arsonists, which calls for shooting them on sight.

Mrs. Mitchell also credited

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the Governor for legislation sponsored and passed by his Administration in the field of civil rights and equal opportunity.

But she emphasized the needs put forth in the resolution seeking the meeting with Mr. Agnew and the Mayor. The resolution was adopted Wednesday by the Baltimore branch headed by Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson.

Reaffirms Commitment

It reaffirmed "our commitment to law and order" and deplored "breaking, looting, burning and vandalism."

The resolution continued: "This is not the way to lasting peace and justice. On the other hand, the continued robbing of our children and their birth-right to freedom and human dignity cannot be tolerated."

Mrs. Mitchell added today that the proposed meeting would be an effort to bring about hasty programs in employment, housing and education for deprived and impoverished Negroes.

"... Across The State"

She said that Baltimore is not alone in problems, but there are "pockets of trouble across the State."

The civil rights leader also warned of growing bitterness among Negro middle class citizens in State and municipal jobs who she claimed cannot receive promotions because of discrimination.

"Negroes are still treated as if they are down on the plantation in some agencies of State Government," she admonished.

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Ill-Advised

Gov. Agnew's remarks April 11 to the Negro leadership of Baltimore were ill-timed and ill-advised. I, and other Negro physicians and citizens, worked unceasingly for his election. We gave unstintingly of our time and money to make Mr. Agnew governor of Maryland.

In contrast, I worked vigorously against the election of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, but I was mistaken because the mayor has been lending every effort to building a good city—a united city.

The governor is making the mistake of trying to appoint the leadership of the black people. The black community is fully capable of choosing its own leadership. We are appreciative of Roy Wilkinson, Whitney Young and others, but must insist we be permitted to make our own assessments and choice.

Now is the time to do what we can to heal the wounds and make very sure this will never happen again. Let's not fan the flames of hate and division.

DR. JOHN E. T. CAMPER

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Agnew Scores Riot Evil

Atlantic City, May 9 [Special]. Governor Agnew said today that riots in American cities were "caused in all too many cases by evil men and not evil conditions" and condemned national leaders for their methods of dealing with black militants.

In a speech delivered at the convention of the New Jersey Federation of Republican Women, Mr. Agnew charged that the policies of Democratic administrations have been shaped by expedience.

Must Face The Evil

The Democratic leadership, he said, has not been quick enough to condemn civil disobedience until it led to civil disorder.

"We must confront the evil conditions and the evil men that exploit them," the Maryland Governor said.

"Too often and too long our nation's intellectual, spiritual and political leaders have countenanced, condoned and even counseled with such men."

The highly political speech dealt primarily with national politics, but this one portion was reminiscent of Mr. Agnew's speech to Negro leaders in Baltimore last April 11.

In the Baltimore speech, he

chastized the Negro leaders for conferring with "advocates of violence," who, he said, were to blame for the Baltimore riot. That speech resulted in a walk-out by most of the Negro leaders attending the meeting.

In his speech tonight, Mr. Agnew said: "The Republican party reflects reason and profound concern over the future of society so permissive it has pointed our nation towards anarchy."

Cites Campus Strife

"Campus rebellions are symptoms of this permissiveness run rampant—where students demand and faculties capitulate."

Governor Agnew also criticized the American press, television and radio for what he called "the overexposure of the self-proclaimed civil rights leader."

He quoted Whitney Young, of the Urban League, as saying that Stokely Carmichael's following consists of 50 Negroes and 50,000 reporters.

Mr. Agnew also cited the case of James William Webb 2d, the Baltimore coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who was arrested recently by FBI agent.

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