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Good Intentions Not Enough

Promises by the State parties, a group of outside experts authorized by the State Legislature to study the State's needs, and a report by its findings sometime next month.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas G. Pullen, according to State Senator Lansdale G. Sasscer, chairman of the State Planning commission, the Governor, the legislative council and later to the Legislature for action.

Further, he doubts that we would want to subscribe to such a basic of race and color, persons serve on committees solely on

This line of argument is an evasion of the fundamental issue. It is only that it is highly unrealistic. It is unrealistic because it is not the practice to place Negroes on committees with white members. It is unrealistic because it is not enough to equalize teachers' salaries, but that equalization must extend to school buildings, textbooks, school busses and every State-supported educational facility.

If the Maryland State Board of Education begins to think as rapidly as the people of Maryland and as much time, for instance, they will be able to equalize their educational facilities.

It is significant, too, that now the NAACP has the money to support such cases.

The Grand Jury Problem

For the first time in Baltimore, not a single colored person is serving on the Criminal Court Grand Jury, which is empowered to return indictments against persons charged with crime.

Four were named by the Supreme Bench, but were excused because they showed that service would have been extremely burdensome and, in some cases, might have meant loss of their jobs.

Grand jurors must devote at least five mornings a week for a period of three months. In addition, there are frequently occasions when they must work in the afternoon.

So, what these citizens don't know are those few times the recent civic and civil rights organizations have called on the Grand Jury to investigate charges against municipal officials and police officers.

Quotations relative to the Grand Jury, which is empowered to return indictments against persons charged with crime, are taken from the Grand Jury Manual, which lists the qualifications for service which are eligible colored citizens possess and which would make them good Grand Jurors.

Grand jurors must be able to read and write the English language and have the intelligence and good quick judgment and sensible. The way it looks from this corner the Grand Jury Manual is a good one to follow in selecting persons for service.

How Haneke Can Please Us

The news that August B. Haneke, general manager of the Baltimore Consolidated Telephone Company, has been elected president of the Baltimore Transit Company gives us little cause to rejoice.

We have nothing against Mr. Haneke as an individual, we know nothing against Mr. Haneke as an executive, but we see no hope for the transit company's new chief executive.

Baltimore's employment policy under his administration, for instance, will be a real hardship, the court excuses him from service will be a real hardship, the court excuses him from service.

Civic organizations can help improve the situation by submitting names of persons who would be good jurors. Persons who would be good jurors should be willing to serve the public in this capacity, should be interested in the welfare of the community and should be willing to support such cases.

Will the Truth Set Them Free?

A LIGHTER NOTE: An internal three-cord memo came into the office of the Baltimore Afro-American, May 15, 1948 from the Baltimore Transit Company. The first two sentences read: "They have relatives living and they are potential voters." Something is obviously wrong with either the two sentences or the two people who are referred to in the memo. Perhaps the first two sentences should read: "They have relatives living and they are potential voters." Perhaps the memo should read: "Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones are Negroes." Perhaps the memo should read: "Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones are colored