Turners Station Leader Says Mixed Force Vital to Section

Policemen should be a part of the community where they work and have the confidence and good will of the people, Dr. Eugene D. Byrd, Turners Station dentist and civic leader, said in a letter to the AFRO.

Assailing the recent decision of the Baltimore County Board of Commissioners not to hire colored foot policemen in the Turners Station area, Dr. Byrd declared that the confidence of the people cannot be gained by occasionally cruising through the community in a radio car.

Dr. Byrd was among the Turners residents who conferred with Baltimore County State's Attorney John Turnbull early this year in an effort to have colored policemen assigned to the area.

Held Important Factor

After the conference and some investigation of his own, Mr. Turnbull recommended that the suggestion be carried out. He wrote to the commissioners, giving his reasons for urging the appointment of colored policemen. The commissioners studied the proposal for two months then decided against it.

In his letter Dr. Byrd said: "I cannot agree with Turnbull that the presence of qualified colored foot policemen would prove an important factor in reducing crime and juvenile delinquency in this community.

"I also note that the suggestion made by Mr. Turnbull was considered radical and not feasible at this time.

"If that's the case, many Southern cities have been 'radical' for some time. It is most regrettable that our board is ultra-conservative (or is it just plain stubborn-ness?).

"Exclusion of men from the police force, supported by tax money of all the people, should be based on ability alone and not color."

235 Births Against 5 Infant Deaths in Week

There were a total of 240 births, 235 of them colored babies, reported to the Baltimore City Health Department for the week ending June 12.

Infant deaths totaled 14, five colored, while aggregate deaths for the week were 198 persons. Thirty-nine were colored.

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Swimming by persons with a cold or with diseased tonsils may lead to ear injuries, it was pointed out.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN 'TONY': Beautiful Jean Parks Freed on Dope Count

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Eleanor Jean Parks, Broadway showgirl charged with the possession of opium, was freed on the charges against her in Special Sessions Court here on Thursday when attorneys for the prosecution failed to establish a prima facie case against her.

Justices Alfred J. Hoffman and Nahan D. Perlman voted to grant a motion that the case be dismissed when Mrs. Sara P. Speaks, Miss Parks's attorney charged that the prosecution had failed to prove that one and one half ounces of opium found in Miss Parks's apartment at 634 St. Nicholas Ave. on April 3, belonged to her.

Justice John V. Flood voted against granting the motion.

The tall glamorous torch singer was jubilant over her freedom. Angered at previous news stories concerning her arrest she told reporters, "Put that in your paper."

To Work as Model

Later she said "Now I can go to work" and added that she will continue to work for a while as a model.

Miss Parks did not take the witness stand to testify in her own behalf last Thursday.

Detective James Hooey, the arresting officer, testified that on April 3, he had gone to Miss Parks's apartment on orders and that he had found there a small case resembling a cosmetic case concealed in a closet. On police examination it proved to contain one and one half ounces of opium.

When the case was first offered as evidence Mrs. Speaks objected on the ground that the prosecution had not proved that the case belonged to Miss Parks, but she later withdrew the objection and actually used it to help win her case.

Man Called 'Tony' Involved

In her cross-examination, Mrs. Speaks forced Hooey to admit that a she did not know Tony further, nor did she know how to contact him.

Mrs. Speaks then asked Detective Hooey to examine the case and read to her what he found inscribed on it.

He told the court that the case had the words "Livery," "Eddie" "Prince" and "No 4478" written on it. When the bench verified the inscription on the case, Mrs. Speaks concluded her argument and a few minutes later made her motion that the case be dismissed. No other witnesses testified.

The striking Miss Parks, whose beauty never failed to create a stir on each of the five times she appeared in the court before her case was finally heard, left the courtroom immediately after the motion was granted.

She had been free in $500 bail since her arrest on April 3. The case had been postponed four times and once when she failed to appear in court on time a bench warrant had been issued for her arrest.

Appearing on time last Thursday, her case was not called until noon. At that time it was switched from Part One of the Court to Part Six where is was immediately heard.

Several Calls Made

Throughout her entire period of waiting for trial Miss Parks had appeared in court alone and when the verdict was announced Thursday she was still alone.

After each day's postponement she had made several phone calls and a few minutes after the decision Thursday she went to a phone booth.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Miss Parks is 24 years old, was formerly a USO entertainer and once conducted her own band. She was one of the first colored entertainers to appear on Broadway at the Club Ebony.

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