Man Found Dead on Sidewalk Here

The Baltimore Police Department and the Missing Persons Bureau, on Monday, sought to establish the identity of a middle-aged man found dead at Laurens and Brunt Sts. earlier the same morning.

Officer Frank A. Rick of Northwestern district, found the man lying on the sidewalk and ordered him removed to Provident Hospital where he was officially pronounced dead. There were no visible marks of violence, police reported.

Relatives Sought

No cards of identification were found on the body. Police released the following description in an effort to locate relatives:

He was about 40 or 45 years of age, five feet, eight inches tall, weighed 150 pounds, was tall, dark complexion, with short hair, and wearing a blue shirt, blue cotton trousers, a dark gray pin-stripe coat, light blue tie and an Army belt.

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Blind Delegate and 'Buddy'

George Jackson, blind college student from Montclair, N.J., who sold a pint of blood for five dollars to travel to Philadelphia and attend Progressive Party Convention, gets a description of action on the floor from Irvin Klein, of Newark, his constant companion and "eyes" during the sessions. Both were delegates to the Youth Convention that followed the regular meeting of the Progressives. Jackson said that the pint of blood was a small price to pay "to sit in on history."

VIRGINIA SCHOOL DILEMMA:

Court Injunctions May Force Mixed Classes in 2 Counties

By NAT TURNER

RICHMOND — "Unless these Virginia school boards and superintendents change their attitudes, colored and white children will be attending the same high schools in September," Martin A. Martin, NAACP attorney, told the AFRO in an interview Saturday.

Mr. Martin, who is associated in the case with his law partner, Oliver W. Hill, city councilman-elect, both members of the firm of Hill, Martin and Robinson, made the statement during an interview on the order issued Friday requiring equal school facilities in King George and Gloucester Counties.

The order, issued by Judge Sterling Hutcheson in Federal District Court in the form of an injunction, restrains the two county school boards from continuing after schools open in September their practice of discriminating against colored children.

It requires that the school boards of the two counties provide equal educational facilities for children of the two races, including buildings, equipment, and facilities. These facilities include plumbing fixtures and transportation provided at county expense.

Order Effective in Sept.

The fact that the order is effective with the opening of the schools in September makes it almost impossible for the boards to comply with its requirements, except by opening all of the schools in the county to children of both races. That neither board intends to do.

Instead, officials of both counties are seeking other methods by which they may stave off the inevitable. Among these are closing all of the schools until such time as they may be equalized, children of both races using the buildings by periods and dividing the total facilities between the two races.

The easiest and most obvious method by which the boards may comply with the court's directive is plainly the most distasteful to them. Nevertheless, they must by some means meet the requirements set up in the order or face possible jail terms for contempt.

Warns Other Counties

Although Mr. Martin insisted that suits in these counties and the investigations now being conducted in more than 60 others are not aimed to bring about mixed classes in Virginia schools, he indicated by his conversation that that may yet be the end result.

He pointed out that he and his associates were reluctant to take advantage of their opponents, now that they are "over the barrel," but cited the fact that attempts had been made over the years to get these officials to do something about the shameful condition of their colored schools.

"They arrogantly refused to do anything," Mr. Martin said. "They would not co-operate with us then," he dashed, "but now will charge us with being very unreasonable if we refuse to co-operate with them." Mr. Martin said he is "promising nothing" on the question of co-operation.

Will Talk With Goolrick

Although he is not committing himself, Mr. Martin said he would agree to "discuss" the matter of the King George schools with State Sen. O'Connor Goolrick, attorney for the board in that county, but indicated he would refuse even to talk with the county superintendent.

As to the situation in Gloucester, Mr. Martin said he is "not going down there," and added that he will not discuss the county's plight with the "contumacious attorney" for the school board. They will have to bring their solution for the problem to Richmond.

Continuing, Mr. Martin said: "It is not our intention or aim to close colored children in the so-called white schools of Virginia, but unless these Virginia school boards—all of them—change their attitudes, colored and white children in Virginia will be attending classes in the same school in September."

School "Invasion" Planned

"Unless these two school boards—King George and Gloucester—submit plans for equalization of educational facilities in those counties by Sept. 1, we shall march colored children to the so-called white high schools and demand that the principals enroll them.

"We have nothing to do with the methods by which equalization is brought about. We are interested only in educational equality. The parents of children in those counties have asked for it and the court says they are entitled to it. How the counties achieve it is their business."

The school boards of both counties are scheduled to meet in emergency sessions within the next fortnight to set on plans and devise means through which to carry out the orders of the court. Officials of both admit, however, that at present they see no way out.

King George Is Hurdle

Two proposals, it is reported, have been advanced by the King George board. One is to transport colored high school pupils 25 miles to Fredericksburg, the other, to erect a high school in the county for these children.

According to T. Benton Gayle, superintendent, the first would hardly be acceptable to colored citizens because of the distances their children would have to travel to school and the second would be financially unsound due to the small number of colored high school pupils.

Although Mr. Gayle points out that there are only 77 colored high school pupils in the county, he said nothing about the reason for their being so few. No high school is available, so those who attend high school are the offspring of the more wealthy citizens.

Few Children in School

The small number of colored high school pupils in the county is not due to a dearth of children of high school age. Nearly half (greater than 41%) of King George County's population of school age (7-19, inclusive) is colored, but it is only 20% of the enrolled school population.

The county has a total school population of 1697—882 white, and 815 colored.

According to the 1946 (September) report of the State superintendent of public instruction, enrollments in King George schools was as follows: White secondary, 137; colored secondary, no figures; white elementary, 228; colored elementary, 46; white primary, 294; colored primary, 111.

King George employs 32 white teachers and 15 colored teachers. 10 of the whites being high school teachers and 8 of the colored. The county has invested in white schools the sum of $129,404, while its colored school investment totals $35,083, or 21.5 per cent of the total.

Gloucester Figures Cited

Officials of Gloucester County, which already has two high schools for whites, one of them with modern plumbing and the other with septic tanks, while it has only a so-called high school, with outdoor lavatories, for colored children.

Both Gloucester high schools for whites are modern structures, but Mr. Martin indicated that if no agreement is reached by the September deadline, colored pupils will seek enrollment in Botetourt High School, near Gloucester, most modern of the two.

That county has $123,675 invested in white school property and only $43,650 in colored property. The school census (1946; ages 7-18, inclusive) shows 1974 white children and 1607 colored. The county employs 45 white teachers—30 elementary and 15 high and 28 colored—19 elementary and 7 high.

To Address Isis Convention

Mrs. Ercelle Harmon Moore, Buffalo, N.Y., deputy imperial commander of the Daughters of Isis, auxiliary of the Shriners, and co-ordinator of its affairs will address the national organization in annual convention at St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 15-20. Mrs. Moore is former YWCA secretary in Buffalo. Prior to becoming affiliated with the local YWCA she was in the business office of Tuskegee Institute. In addition to her assignment in the Isis she is a columnist.

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Patterson instituted a suit against the company resulting from his removal, under protest, from one of the Carrier's trains when he refused to be jim-crowed while traveling interstate through Virginia. At the time of the incident, Patterson was jailed at Charlottesville, Va. and fined $5.

Legal action was started in the United States District Court, 7th District, at New York and a jury trial was requested by Patterson through his attorneys. His lawyers from the law firm of Delson, Levin and Gordon of New York argued in conferences with the Railroad attorneys, that the Virginia law requiring racial segregation was null and void at its enactment.

Refuses to Move

In 1946, the United States Supreme Court in the case of Morgan versus Virginia declared this law to be unconstitutional. Therefore, the Company settled the suit out of court, because of the weakness of its case.

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Widow to Direct Coasey Estate

Mrs. Mattie L. Coasey, widow of Dr. John L. Coasey, was named by the Orphans Court to administer his estate, this week.

Mrs. Coasey will serve jointly with W. A. C. Hughes, attorney. Listed as heirs to the physician, who died in April without leaving a will, were:

Mrs. Coasey, the widow; Mrs. Elotia Hughes of Spartanburg, S.C., a sister; Mrs. Laura White, 2513 Madison Ave.; Mrs. Bertha Miller of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Christine Williams, 2513 Madison Ave., and Mrs. Louvile Franks of the same address, nieces;

Three Nephews

Jennings Coasey of East Baltimore, Nathaniel Franks of 202 Fremont Ave., and William Franks of Princess Anne, Md., nephews.

John S. Hampton, attorney, has been named to administer the estate of Miss Mary H. C. Bragg.

Health Experts Going to Liberia

NEW YORK — Dr. George W. Harley, a Methodist medical missionary, and Dr. Stanley J. Leland, a former lieutenant colonel of the Army, have been appointed consultants on public health for the Liberian Foundation. Dr. Edwin R. Embree, president, announced last week.

The Liberian Foundation will assist the Republic of Liberia in the development of a broad health, education and public welfare program. It was set up last fall by the Liberia Company which is headed by Edward S. Stettinius Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Leland sailed for Africa July 30 and Dr. Harley, who was here for conferences, left by air for the West Africa Republic Aug. 5.

Memphis Group Seeks Policemen

MEMPHIS (ANP) — The 30-member AME Ministers Council which met here Tuesday dispatched a recommendation to the city administration asking that colored policemen be placed in local service immediately. The resolution condemned what it termed "policy brutality."

The council also asked that all citizens be given the protection due them regardless of color or nationality, that a more thoroughgoing instruction be given policemen in training; and that a higher type of officer be secured, exemplifying more Christian qualities.

Among the ministers present was the Rev. D. V. Kyle, director, AME Goodwill Service Center, 13th Episcopal District, Memphis.

Employee Under $3,000 Bail in Theft Series

An employee of a W. E. Baltimore St. loan company, Tuesday, was placed under $3,000 bail for the grand jury on charges of taking $1195 worth of miscellaneous items from the store over a three-year period.

He was arraigned in Northwestern police court as Boykin McFail, 34, of 218 E. Chase St. Hezekiah Davis, 34, and Lee Patterson, 29, both of the Chase St. address, were cited as State's witnesses.

Baby Carroll James Dies at New Brunswick Home

NEW BRUNSWICK — Funeral services for baby Carroll James, who died at his home, 129 Nelson St., Monday, were held Tuesday with the Anderson Funeral Home in charge. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Linden.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett James; five brothers, Everett Jr., Ernest, William, Harry and John; three sisters, Vivian, Barbara and Constance.

MISS SAMUEL VISITS PARENTS IN CHARLESTON

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Welcome addresses at this time will be extended by Gov. W. Preston Lane, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and Dr. Willard W. Allen.

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Tuesday will be devoted as Educational Day including a motorcade to the Naval Academy in Annapolis by way of Fort McHenry.

The business program on Wednesday will be followed by a moonlight beatride, and the closing session on Friday, by an au revoir party.

Host organization for the convention is the Colored Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association of Maryland. George Kelson is president, William I. Chapman Jr. secretary; James A. Hayes, treasurer, and Johnny Johnson, general chairman.

25 Begin Training at Baltimore General

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