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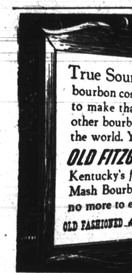

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'RATHER DIE ON OUR FEET':

More Baltimoreans Laud Hicks' Showfolks Expose

Reprinted in earlier issues this week were excerpts from some of the hundreds of letters the AFRO received after publication of the James Hicks article, "Some of My Best Friends Are Show People, But . . ." (Nov. 3).

In the famous exposé piece, Mr. Hicks took to task entertainers who are willing to sell their souls for a "break" in show business, kick the backs of whites and come around to colored people and want to be treated as celebrities.

The article particularly lashed out at bigotry in the entertainment field' who play parts on the stage, radio and in the movies which ridicule colored people, and big "name" entertainers who will appear in jim crow clubs and halls from which colored people are barred.

The article was occasioned by the Josephine Baker insult at the Stork Club in which some colored entertainers lined up against Miss Baker and took the position that Walter Winchell and other whites could do no wrong.

Steele's Position Played on

Here's what some other Baltimoreans had to say about it:—Mrs. Josephine Martyn, 1815 Wheeler Ave., writes:

"I particularly liked Mr. Hicks' article on show people and am glad that he was not afraid to speak his mind, and he certainly gave them something to think about.

"I know that I speak for millions of colored people when I say we need more writers like Mr. Hicks.

"I was quite disappointed in the actions of Larry Steele. He should be ashamed.

"Keep up the good work, Mr. Hicks, and I'm sure you'll have progressive-thinking colored people behind you 100 pac cent."

Not "Great" to Him

James House of 424 S. Paca St. asserts:

"I am sorry I can't find words enough to thank you for exposing some of our peo.le in show business. It is a shame the way they carry on and still expect to be called 'great.'

"I had respect for Marian Anderson until she yielded to bigotry in Richmond, Va. Now, the only time I will regard her as 'great' is when her mouth is closed and her singing days are at an end.

"If some of these people in show business are your friends, you have nothing to lose by losing their friendship. You have everything to gain by smoking those rats out into public attention like you did in Tuesday's issue."

Rap Ames 'N Andy

"You (Mr. Hicks) are the kind of a reporter we need. You tell the truth, regardless where the axe may fall. Larry Steele, Ethel Waters and the rest of the two-faced Uncle Toms should have weights tied around their necks and should be cast into the sea.

"It is a shame Amos and Andy and their kind are too lazy to get a decent job and go to work so they will stop making our people look like fools. Just how low can some people sink for their own personal gain?

"I hope Miss Baker and her friends will fight out the Stork Club incident to a successful end. Tell her to keep up the fight!"

Restores Her Faith

Thelma J. Estep of 1202 Jefferson Court writes:

"Mr. Hicks' article was one of the most forthright pieces of writing I've ever seen published. It restored a bit of my faith in human nature (colored human nature that is).

It is deplorable the way our people who have attained some degree of prominence immediately forget that the majority of us would much rather die on our feet than live on our knees in gratitude for the few crumbs the great white fathers see fit to hand out to a few to keep us in line.

I don't believe you will lose any friends because of your article, but I do know that you have gained one admirer. I'm referring to find a reporter who will write such an article and a paper such as the AFRO that dares to print it. One can feel that maybe there is some hope after all.

Degradation Unnecessary

I do not know Miss Baker (or any of the others mentioned). I have seen them all perform at one time or the other, but I certainly

Wins NAACP Trip

The Rev. Mrs. Lillian Thompson of St. Ann Spiritual Temple in South Baltimore who brought the first 100 membership in the recent NAACP campaign and therefore won the top prize of a free trip to the annual conference to be held next summer in Oklahoma.

agree that if Miss Baker was invited to the Stork Club and she was suitably dressed which I know she was, then she should have been allowed there.

"Word for word, your article voiced my sentiments exactly. I believe that if you have ability and "know how" it is unnecessary to degrade yourself and your race for recognition. The white race does not respect us because we don't respect ourselves. We sell our birthright for a bowl of porridge.

As for Larry Steele and others —!!! Mr. Hicks, I am so crusade-mad I do think that now is the time when we should be willing to stand up and be counted; and as Harriet Tubman once said, all of those who are not with us, we'll take to be counted as being against us.

"When I think of Ray Robinson and his gentleman's agreement with Winchell not to go into the Stork Club; of Joe Louis' attitude, who admittedly does not recognize segregation (she travels in Europe to escape it); of Hattie McDaniel and the Beulah Show, words fail me!

"Why do they have to use their talents to degrade their race and maintain the stereotypes in the mind of the people of the world.

"I am only one person, but if I could better the race relations in my own country I would gladly die on my feet for that cause. Keep up the good work God Bless You."

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Fight for Renovations Won by Douglass PTA

Broken seals in the Douglass High School auditorium have been replaced, the boys' and girls' toilet rooms have been modernized and the cafeteria, at last, is sound-proof.

These improvements were cited in a report before a recent Parent Teachers Association meeting at that school, given by Father Cedric Wills, rector of St. James Church and Douglass PTA officer.

Modern Kitchens

In detail Father Mills reported stated that modern kitchens and washing machines were installed for home economics students.

The library has been renovated. New furniture and more books brought in. Sanitary conditions at the school have been improved.

All improvements were the result of recommendations made to the Department of Education by the Douglass PTA.

At the meeting, the parents announced plans to a campaign for the transportation for students to and from athletic activities and relief of Douglass' over-crowdedness.

Student Concerts Approved

Douglass students entertained the parent assembly. The school's modern dance group, directed by Mrs. Edith Showes performed. The Assembly Choir, conducted by Mrs. Georgeanna Chester, also appeared.

In a separate meeting, the PTA Advisory Council, with more than 100 parents attending had a supper. Food was prepared by the Home Economics department.

Mrs. Charlotte Shervington was appointed PTA program chairman for the school year.

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To Plan Socials for Aberdeen

A group of four women from Morgan State College and the Baltimore YWCA will visit Aberdeen Proving Ground, Friday, Nov. 16, to study entertainment plans for the servicemen.

The delegation, responding to an invitation from the Special Services Division, will confer with entertainment specialists on post coordination of entertainment both on and off post for Proving Ground soldiers. Particular emphasis will be placed on dances, socials, and special events at camp and in Baltimore.

Formal Dance Set

The group includes Mrs. Araminta Ford and Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs of the Morgan faculty, and Mrs. V. L. Cole and Miss Olivia King of the YWCA staff.

A formal dance will be held at Service Club No. 2, Sunday night, Nov. 12, in honor of the first visit to the service club of hostesses from Morgan State College. Some 37 girls from the college will be present.

OPEN HOUSE AT SCHOOL NO. 107

School No. 107 in conjunction with 25 Municipal and private agencies will hold an open-house exhibition in the school building on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 8 to 10 p.m.

The children and faculty extend a cordial invitation to the public to see the displays and demonstrations.

School No. 107 is located in the 1300 block of North Gilmor Street near Laurens.

Bengasi ABC License Set for Hearing

WASHINGTON

The Alcoholic Beverage Control board announced this week that a hearing would be held Nov. 15 on the application of the Club Bengasi, 1300 block of 12th St., NW for a retail, Class C, liquor license.

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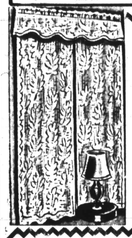

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Mixed Jury Warned as DuBois Trial Gets Underway

Selection Takes Most of Day; Trial Recessed to Tues.

8 Colored, 4 White Jurors Picked; Ordered to Report Comments on Case to Judge

A predominantly colored jury, whose selection consumed most of the opening day, on Tuesday will begin hearing testimony in the trial of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and his four white co-defendants in the criminal division of the District Court.

Before he excused the eight colored and four white jurors on Thursday afternoon, Judge Matthew F. McGuire cautioned them against discussing the case during the recess.

He further admonished them to

DuBois Jurors

The following jurors were selected Thursday to hear the case against Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and his four white Peace Information Center associates:

Carlton H. Brooks, 328 K St., SE., Bureau of Standards employee
Lena S. Davis, 3009 11th St., NW., Bureau of Engraving and Printing employee
Ephram Harris, 729 Princeton Pl., NW., Senate sergeant of arms
Thomas J. Davis, 232 V St., NW., Potomac Electric Power Co., messenger
Beulah Synder, 2815 N St., NW., Bureau of Standards employee
Carter Jenkins, 1145 42nd St., NE., Government Services Administration employee
Margaret I. Johnson, 616 Orleans Pl. NE., Bureau of Engraving and Printing employee
Hattie J. Hill, 650 F St. NE.

White Members

Almonda H. Nosella, 918 C St., NE., Veterans Administration employee
Louis L. Hall, 1802 35th St., NW., laboratory inspector
James A. Fowler, 5049 Eighth St., NE., baker
John F. O'Lone, 3483 23rd St., SE., meat cutter.

report immediately to him anything said to them about the case by anyone.

No More Motions

The likelihood of further delay in the much-postponed trial was dispelled by Judge McGuire when Vito Marcantonio, chief defense counsel, attempted to make some preliminary motions.

Judge McGuire ruled that all preliminary matters had been disposed of, and the case sent to him by Chief Justice Bolitha Laws for trial.

Following a brief conference at the bench, the jury was excused until 10 a.m. Tuesday, when the announcement that the Government will then make its opening statement.

Mrs. DuBois Crowded Out

The noted scholar's wife, Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois, along with several members of the weekly press, were crowded out of the court room during the Thursday morning session because the 150 prospective jurors on the panel took up all available seats.

F. Kirk Maddrix, a special assistant to the Attorney General, outlined to the panel the two-count indictment against the defendants.

Charges Outlined

The first count charges that the Peace Information Center was the publicity agent for foreign principals, and that as such, failed to register as a foreign agent as required by the Foreign Agents' Registration Act of 1938.

The second count charges that the three defendants, as officers of the center, were under an obligation to see to it that the center registered.

22. Gov't. Witnesses

The Government expects to call twenty-two witnesses, including several special agents of the FBI and O. John Rogge, who formerly was active in the Communist "peace" offensive.

Selection of the jury began at 10:15 a.m. and was not completed until 2:06 p.m.

Judge E. C. Hayes, one of the eight defense lawyers, questioned the prospective jury panel for the defense.

Klansman Excused

In response to a question of whether any of the prospective jurors were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Columbians and the Ku Klux Klan, one prospective juror, Jane Hagen, said she was a member of the Klan.

Justice McGuire excused her from the panel.

Robert E. Taylor, another prospective juror, replied to a question asked by Government counsel that he was acquainted with Mr. Hayes.

When Judge McGuire asked him whether his mere acquaintance with Mr. Hayes would prevent his giving an impartial verdict based solely upon the evidence in the case, he replied there was a possibility.

Judge McGuire excused him permanently from jury duty.

Marcantonio Delayed

The cancellation of a New York to Washington flight transporting Vito Marcantonio, chief counsel for Dr. DuBois and associates, caused a one-day postponement of the trial on Wednesday.

Dr. DuBois, attired in a black-and-gray striped suit, entered the court building about 9:30 Wednesday morning accompanied by his wife, the former Shirley Graham, noted author, followed by about 15 well-wishers from New York, Connecticut, District of Columbia and Ohio.

Among the Dr. DuBois supporters were Dr. R. A. Simmons, of Boston; Mrs. Pauline Taylor, of Youngstown, Ohio and Emmett Scott of Washington.

Meet With Judge

In the absence of Mr. Marcantonio, George E. C. Hayes, George Poe, Harrington Parker, Gloria Agrin, Bernard Jaffe and Stanley Faulkner were closeted with Justice Department attorneys in Judge McGuire's chambers for pre-trial instructions.

Defense Committee Active

Meanwhile, the National Committee to Defend Dr. DuBois and Associates has been attempting to stage last-ditch efforts to prevent the Federal prosecution of the 83-year-old sociologist.

Insisting that "Peace is not a foreign idea," the committee declared on the eve of the trial date that "it is a monstrous miscarriage of justice to punish free Americans for doing their duty and exercising their legal right."

Affiliation Cited

Dr. DuBois, along with Elizabeth Moon, Sylvia Soloff, Abbott Simon and Kyrle Elkin, all white, are alleged to have been officers a

On Way to Trial Postponement

Dr. William E. B. DuBois, noted sociologist and anthropologist, as he entered District Court on Wednesday morning to face Federal charges of "failing to register as an agent of a foreign power." A morning shower that forced the cancellation of an airplane flight carrying his chief defense counsel, Vito Marcantonio, from New York City, led to a one-day delay in the opening of the trial that has stirred international interest. Dr. DuBois is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois, well-known author.

of the Peace Information Center, which the Federal Government charges was advocating a foreign principle.

In the indictment handed down by a District Federal grand jury on Feb. 9, the Justice Department charged that the information center: (1) "acted as;" and "held itself out to be a publicity agent for." (2) "reported information to," and (3) "acted as the agent of, the Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace and its successor, the World Peace Council."

The Indictment Contends

The indictment contended that the defendants failed to register as "foreign agents" with Attorney General of the United States as required by the Foreign Registration Act of 1938, sometimes referred to as McCormick Act.

Their Answer

The committee to defend Dr. DuBois and Associates answers the indictment with the statement:

"The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right to advocate peace by word and act. The fact that other foreign persons, organizations and governments agree in this fight against a third world war is no proof that Americans who engage in such a struggle are their agents."

On Monday of this week, a statement on behalf of Dr. DuBois, signed by 74 citizens was sent to President Truman and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Their Statement

The statement read:

"We, the undersigned colored Americans, do not believe that Dr. W. E. B. DuBois is or ever was a 'foreign agent'; and we fear that his prosecution for alleged violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act is designed to intimidate into silence other leaders of our people who speak out boldly for full democratic rights for colored citizens.

"When Dr. DuBois denies the 'foreign agent' charge and declares that he and his associates in their work for peace through this (Peace Information) center were acting as Americans for America and that the work was supported by funds raised solely in the United States, we accept this statement as completely valid.

"Integrity Established"

"The integrity and loyalty of Dr. DuBois have been firmly established during his more than half-century of public life. However we may differ with some of his opinions, we do not and cannot question his honesty and loyalty.

"We have long been proud of Dr. DuBois as an able leader of colored people and as a scholar with few peers in our country.

"Moreover, we admire his courage and defend his right, now at the age of 83, to continue to speak out for the democratic rights of oppressed people and for world peace as he has been doing for many decades.

Called Unjust Prosecution

"It is our considered opinion that the indictment and prosecutions of Dr. DuBois under the Foreign Registration Act constitute unjust and cruel persecution of one of our very best citizens and one of the greatest scholars the United States has produced.

"We, therefore, respectfully petition you to drop the 'foreign agent' indictment against Dr. DuBois and to call off the unwarranted trial scheduled for Nov. 1.

"This action by our Government, especially at this time, would do much to uphold the requirements of justice and the democratic traditions of our country."

Minister Heads List

The list of signers was headed by Dr. William H. Gray Jr., also among the signers were:

Mrs. Minta A. Alvis, Springfield, Mo., president, Women's Musical and Literary Club; Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry, Tacoma, Wash.; Augustine E. Austin, New York; Arthur Barnett, Mt. Philo, Md.; Rev. Leon H. Battle, Philadelphia; Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop, New York, N.Y., Rector, St. Philip's P.E. Church; Robert C. Black, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Joseph A. Beavers, D.C., Business Agent, Local 366, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, AF of L.; Leon Beverley, Chicago; Dr. Aaron Brown, Albany, Ga., president, Albany State College; George W. Brown, Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. James Brunswick, New Haven, Conn.; Theodore Cable, New York; Dr. Ulysses Campbell, Orange, N.J.; John E. T. Camper, Philadelphia; Rev. Samuel M. Carter, Philadelphia; Mrs. Frances Chappell, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Alice Chappell, New York; Charles A. Collins, New York;

W. M. Collins, Tillotson College, Austin, Texas; Rev. E. Luther Cunningham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Earl R. Dickerson, Chicago, president, National Lawyers Guild; Rev. Elijah J. Echols, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lillian Elder, Philadelphia; Dr. Arthur Huff Fauset, Philadelphia, former Public School principal; William Fauntroy, Philadelphia; Edward E. Fisher, Washington, D.C., president, Local 471 Clerks' Employees Union; Dr. Eugene Fair, Washington, D.C.; Rev. John B. Gardner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. C. E. Gibson Sr., Chicago, Ill.; president, Negro Industrial Commission; Mrs. Ruth Gaines-Shelton, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. W. H. Gray Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., Editor, Christian Review; pastor, Bright Hope Baptist Church; Dr. Benjamin L. Green Jr., Waco, Texas, president, Paul Quinn College; Edward Gonzales, Houston, Texas; Joel Gustafson, president, Workers of America; William Harrison, Washington, associate editor, Boston Chronicle; Rev. Elder C. Hawkins, New York, pastor, St. Augustine Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Cecie Henry, Dover; Eugene T. Hinson, MD, Philadelphia; Dr. Eugene C. Holmes, D.C.;

Rev. Leon H. Ingram, Philadelphia, executive secretary, Armstrong Association; Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, Brooklyn, N.Y.; F. W. Jacobs, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Ethel Jackson, New York; Dr. Charles S. Johnson, D.C., dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Fisk University;

Member Jones, Worcester, Mass.; Marshall W. Lee, Conshohocken, Pa.; Rev. E. Theodore Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa., pastor, Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church; H. F. Lazar, MD, New York; Larkin Marshall, Macon, Ga.; Rev. Leon Lee, Philadelphia; Rev. J. Ed. and Mrs. Jesse McDonald, Albuquerque, N.C.; Carlton Moss, Hollywood, Cal.; Howard H. Murphy, Baltimore; Miss Florence Murray, New York; Mrs. Estelle M. Osborne, New York; Mrs. Mae Owings, Chicago, Ill.; W. Parrish, Philadelphia;

Rev. Henry Patten, Philadelphia, secretary, Committee to Support Ministers Conference of Phila. and Vicinity;

E. L. Powell, Philadelphia, Pa., district manager, Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co.; Phila. Office; James F. Ramsey, MD, Philadelphia; Willard B. Rankin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Louis Redding, Wilmington, Del.; Thomas M. Reed, Philadelphia; Rev. Leon Sullivan, Philadelphia, activist and pastor, Zion Baptist Church; Rev. Leon Sullivan, Philadelphia, pastor, Zion Baptist Church; Samuel Rosenberg, MD, Philadelphia; A. Rogers, New York, columnist, Pittsburgh Courier; Rev. T. R. Royal, Ferndale, Mich.; Harvey M. Schmidt, Philadelphia; Rev. E. V. Scott, Buffalo; James E. Scott, D.C., chairman, American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born; Rev. Sylvester Scott, Columbia, S.C.; Landon Smith, Springfield, Mo.; president, Springfield, Mo. Branch, NAACP;

Rev. William P. Stevenson, Philadelphia, pastor, Nicholas Cathedral AME Church; Dr. A. A. Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., dean, Fisk University; Samuel T. Thomas, Philadelphia; Harcourt J. Tibbs, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Furcha G. Whord, Philadelphia; Dessey A. Wilkerson, New York; Oliver D. Williams, Brooklyn; Rev. Simon Williamson, Baltimore; Rev. W. C. Williamson, Philadelphia, pastor, White Rock Baptist Church; Charles Wright, Philadelphia.

The principals in the Dr. DuBois and Associates trial, which was postponed for one day on Wednesday by District Court Judge Matthew McGuire, dined with 21 supporters at Wing's Chinese Restaurant at 624 H St., NW, the heart of the District's Chinatown at noon Wednesday. Shown in the above photo from left to right are Abbott Simon, a defendant; Sylvia Soloff, a defendant; Stanley Faulkner, attorney; Mrs. Shirley Graham DuBois; Mrs. Yolande Williams of Baltimore, daughter of Dr. DuBois; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Mrs. Gertrude Evans, chairman of the District Progressive Party; George A. Parker, attorney; Bernard Jaffee, attorney; Gloria Agrin, attorney, and Thelma Dale, Philadelphia.

Mrs. DuBois at His Side

Mrs. W. E. B. DuBois, wife of the celebrated scholar, accompanied her husband to Washington this week and will be at his side throughout his trial.

His daughter, Mrs. Yolande Williams of Baltimore, was also present as Dr. DuBois and the four other defendants appeared for court proceedings on Wednesday.

They lunched at the Cathay Restaurant with about 35 sympathizers of both races, many of them from out of town, and the legal team for the defense.

At Cafeteria Workers Union

Headquarters for a local unit of the National Committee to Defend Dr. DuBois and Associates are being established at the Cafeteria Workers' Union, 1015 M St., NW. Miss Thelma Dale of Washington is in charge.

Following postponement of the opening of the trial Wednesday morning, the group met at the Cafeteria Workers' Union and discussed the case informally.

Out-of-Towners Report

Mrs. Pauline Taylor of Youngstown, O., was among the out-of-towners who reported on what local units of the National Committee are doing.

Also heard was Dr. Willard Uphaus of New Haven, Conn., co-chairman of the American Peace Crusade and acting chairman of the Inter-Faith Committee for Peace Action.

Dr. DuBois and Mrs. DuBois also spoke briefly.

Dr. DuBois Retains Calm as Trial Opens

By LOIS TAYLOR

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois is calm and composed over the trial which may net him five years in prison and/or $10,000 fine, his wife said here on Thursday.

Mrs. DuBois is the former Shirley Graham, well-known writer. She was one of about 30 persons who waited outside Judge Matthew McGuire's courtroom Thursday morning while a jury was being selected.

Reporters' Seating Delayed

Several newspaper reporters, including this writer, also were among those kept out of the courtroom because potential jurors filled every seat. We were able to gain entry only after a direct appeal to Judge McGuire's chambers during the 11 o'clock recess.

One of the judge's attendants then escorted us to the courtroom where extra chairs had to be placed near the already overflowing press table.

However, there was still no room for spectators—not even Mrs. DuBois.

Wife Chats in Corridor

Wearing a dark blue pin-striped suit with matching weskit and a beige felt hat, she chatted at length with friends and sympathizers in the hall of the courthouse.

She said that the celebrated scholar, whom she married about a year ago, spent Wednesday evening quietly relaxing in the home of friends. With them was Dr. DuBois's daughter, Mrs. Yolanda Williams, of Baltimore, who came to Washington for the scheduled opening of the trial on Wednesday.

"He is very calm, very composed," Mrs. DuBois related, "and I realize more than ever his true greatness. He has a real historic sense.

'Privilege of Service'

"He said to me last night, 'We are in a great historic struggle and I am privileged to serve in that struggle. If I go to jail, that is only part of the struggle—what we pay for the advancement of the human race.'

"If he expresses any concern, it is always for someone else, not himself, who is involved in the case. But he doesn't worry about himself for one moment."

Usual Scholarly Composure

As the jury was being empaneled Dr. DuBois sat composedly with his co-defendants, exchanging comments occasionally with with Mrs. Elizabeth Moos, who sat next to him.

Wearing a black and gray striped suit with light shirt and multicolored tie, he was as serene looking as if he were attending one of the scholarly gatherings in which he has been a prominent figure for so many years.

DEEDS RECORDER SPEAKS:

Minority Issue Is World's Big Problem — Shepard

The race question is the biggest problem the world faces today and America will have to solve it if she is to maintain her position as leader of the democracies, the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard declared Wednesday.

Addressing 125 persons at the second anniversary dinner meeting of Turner Station Branch YMCA, the newly-elected recorder of deeds in Philadelphia said the United States is the "land of opportunity, but in many ways it is not a Christian country."

He continued:

We Need Friends

"How are we going to maintain our place as world leaders unless we do something about this vital problem. If we ever fight Russia we are going to need allies. We will need bases in Africa and India. Two-thirds of the world's people are colored, we'll need those people on our side."

At the beginning of his talk, the Rev. L. Shepard apologized for "coming to Baltimore exhausted." The previous night he concluded a strenuous campaign that resulted in his electionby a 116,000-vote margin.

Of the election, he said:

"America is the only place in the world where I could have been elected to a high office in a large city on a city-wide vote."

The dynamic minister said that white people are not the only ones who are prejudiced. "There's a lot of work to be done on our side too," he admonished.

Widely known as a politician, the Rev. Mr. Shepard resigned his position as recorder of deeds in Washington to campaign for a similar post in Philadelphia, where he is pastor of Mount Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Editor, Christian Review

He is chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, associate editor of the "National Baptist Voice," and editor of the "Christian Review."

George C. Grant ofthe Morgan College staff, was master of ceremonies at the dinner meeting. Other speakers included W. Gordon MacGregor, general secretary of the Baltimore YMCA; the Rev. David B. Banks, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Turner Station; Charles R. Law, Baltimore and Turner Station mortician; the Rev. Carlton O. Cooke, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Sparrows Point; the Rev. James H. Carter, pastor of St. Matthew Methodist Church; Joseph E. Lee of Druid Hill YMCA, and Seth Hartfield of the Baltimore YMCA.

Woman Board Member

Rudolph O. Wheeler is executive secretary of the Turner Branch Y which was given full branch status at last year's dinner meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a certificate to Mrs. Lavinia Claston of Turner Station, first woman to become a member of the management board of the Y there. Under a recent ruling, women are eligible for participation in work with the YMCA.

Turner Gets New Nursery School

The first private nursery school in the community will open in Turner Station on Monday, Nov. 12, at 620 Avondale Road, it was announced this week.

Mrs. Nellie Cole is teacher in charge.

The nursery school and its facilities have been approved and licensed by officials of Baltimore County Headquarters at Towson. The school is sponsored by Mrs. Lettie Y. Wilson and Mrs. Mildred A. Williams of the Baltimore County school system.

Special Study

Mrs. Williams is a graduate student at New York University in the field of Early Childhood Education, and is a member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority. Mrs. Wilson is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Application blanks may be secured by calling Dundalk 3569-W and Dundalk 2592-W.

Waxter to Address Adult Guidance Unit

The Adult Guidance Council of Baltimore will hold its meeting at the American Red Cross Headquarters Building, St. Paul and 23rd Sts., 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter, director, Department of Public Welfare, will speak on "The Counselor's Role in CIVIL Defense." A discussion period will follow.

The voluntary membership of the Council is made up of representatives from 30 agencies which offer some type of adult counseling as part of their services.

The Council is soliciting new memberships which may be taken through its secretary, Mrs. Hildreth S. Laubert at the Department of Education, 3 E. 25th St., Baltimore 18.

Legionnaires Set Armistice Parade

Officers and members of twelve veterans' organizations have been invited to participate in the Armistice Day Parade and celebration, November 11, of the American Legion.

Under chairmanship of Andrew Hoedsten, the Legion committee has announced that the parade will form at Lanvale and Madison Ave. at 2:30 p.m. on Armistice Day.

Posts Invited

Invited to participate are: Walter Green Post No. 14, Federal Post, No. 19, Robert H. Brooks Post No. 165, Blackwell-Davenport Post No. 125 and Thompson-Miller Post No. 9527, VFW, all of Baltimore;

Bel Air Post No. 55, Bel Air, Md., William P. Larkins Post No. 112, Frederick; Balnew Post No. 101, Sparrows Point; Cook-Pinkney Post No. 141, Annapolis; William Francis Smith Post No. 235, Murkirk; William E. Crowell Post No. 204, Towson, and Harps-Chase Post No. 187, Westminster.

NEXT WEEK: The Second in a Series of AFRO Neighborhood Visits. Don't Miss It!

NAACP Goes to Court to End RR Union Bias

The Baltimore Branch NAACP filed suit this week in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to end segregated locals in railroad unions where union membership is necessary to keep jobs.

Three employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Camden Street warehouse in Baltimore, are the plaintiffs in a class suit against the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company asking a declaratory judgement and an injunction restraining the defendants from discharging the complainants because they are not members of the union.

James P. Taylor, 118 W. Henrietta St., Howard Taylor, 117 W. Henrietta St., and Charles Blake, 1202 W. North Ave., complain that they have been denied membership in the white local No. 811 and ordered to join the segregated Local No. 6057 under condition of keeping their jobs.

Provision Bans Condition

The suit is brought under Public Law 314, 81st Congress, enacted January 10, 1951, which amended the Railway Labor Act to give permission to unions and railroads to enter into agreements that would require as a condition of continued employment that all members and employees of a given craft shall join and maintain membership in the union representing the craft.

As a result of the testimony of Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director of the Washington Bureau NAACP and Joseph Waddy, labor attorney, before the Congressional Hearing Committees of the House and the Senate while the bill was under consideration, calling attention to the rampant segregation in railroad unions, the provision was added that such a condition of continued employment should not apply in case of any employee to whom membership is not available on the same terms and conditions as are generally applicable to any employee.

Messrs. Taylor and Blake state that Local No. 811 posted a notice at the Camden warehouse ordering all employees to tender their applications and joining fees. These men complied but were told that they must join segregated Local 6057 or be fired.

Kappa Fraters Meet Saturday at Kleeco

Members of Baltimore Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will meet Saturday at 8 p.m. in the club room of the Kleeco Club, Prestman St., near Caroline.

Principal business of the meeting is the election of officers for 1951-52; plans for entertaining delegates to the AKA Bottle, and hearing a report of the fraternity's program committee.

E. Robert Umphreys is polemarch.

Homecoming Queen at Illinois

Attractive Clarice C. Davis, 20-year-old co-ed, who, has been elected homecoming queen for this weekend's celeb