—Jets, Bombers

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sonable to expect that working conditions would be governed by their employment practices as laid down by the Government.

Martin Co. Private Concern

On the other hand, the Glenn L. Martin Company, while subject to some Governmental regulations due to the classified military work it performs, is essentially a private corporation serving both the Government and private industry.

Thus, one might expect to find the Martin Company operating under the "list to be hired and first to be fired" principle in dealing with its colored employees, which is so applicable to private industry today.

It is a pleasure to report that this is not the case at the Martin Company.

Wash Rooms An Exception

As a matter of fact, with the exception of segregated toilet facilities (without colored and white signs), it was found that conditions at the Martin plant were just as good for colored employees as those found at the Federally-operated Signal Depot.

It should be stated at the outset that prior to the visit to he two installations, this reporter, a former Army captain, had been concerned with an evaluation of the integration of military personnel in military camps around the nation and that this was the first installation where all the workers involved were civilians.

Reports Good to Terrible

It should be further stated that prior to visiting the plants, the writer had received reports concerning colored workers at the plants ranging from "good" to "terrible."

While not claiming to be a labor relations analyst, a personnel expert, or an employment counsellor, it is believed that the writer's experience, his tour of the two plants, his talks with both management and workers, the actual check of personnel records and follow-up "home" talks with certain workers, assure this report of being a fair and accurate summary of conditions at the two installations.

Here Are The Facts

Here are some facts which are common to both the Army Signal Depot and the Glen L. Martin Company plant.

1. Colored workers are hired on the basis of skill and previous experience and, in the case of the Signal Depot, their qualifications on Civil Service examinations.

2. They work side by side with white people performing the same skills and there is no hesitation on the part of management when a colored worker is entitled to rise above a white worker on the basis of seniority.

3. They are employed in all phases of the work being done, ranging from custodial to highly secret and classified duties in the Signal Depot, but in the Martin plant they are not employed as clerical or office workers—so-called "front offices."

Cafeterias Mixed

4. Cafeterias are mixed and there is no regulation requiring colored or white occupy certain tables during lunch hours, though many colored people sit in groups alone to themselves, and instances were reported of some whites moving when colored persons sat down beside them.

5. All possible combinations of interracial work are found in both plants with colored, both male and female, supervising the work of others according to their skill or position.

6. Employment counselling is available to all without regard to race.

7. Workers are classified and graded according to their skills and there is a standard wage rate applicable to all for certain types of skill.

8. Promotions Offered To All

8. Promotions are offered to all either through competitive examination or seniority.

In the Glenn L. Martin plant, several colored women were found who were eligible for promotion but, who had not received them because they admitted they could not yet read blueprints, required in the higher positions.

9. In many cases, many unskilled colored workers are being trained and given skilled positions in jobs which were not open to them in civilian life.

Examples

Examples: The Signal Depot is training colored men in telephone work. In civilian life, the Western Electric Company is said to bar them from such skills.

Record Speaks Say

No matter what statements are made by the writer, the best examples of conditions can be found in remarks of the workers themselves.

In a tour of the Signal Depot, I talkded with the following persons concerning their jobs and no one of them reported any unhappiness due to working conditions or lack of opportunity for advancement:

Andrew Noulin, 1631 N. Barnes Street, Baltimore, projector repairman; Daniel Blanks, Baltimore, supervisor in camera shop; Mrs. Harriet King, Baltimore, worker in radio shop;

Mrs. Geraldine Spriggs, 804 Whitmore Ave., Baltimore, a calibrator of precision instruments so highly classified they cannot be named in this article. She reported "no trouble whatever." James Joyce, 1612 Delano Port, Baltimore, her co-worker, made the same observation.

Wins Position on Merit

James. Carter, 1615 Rutland Ave., Baltimore, and James Williams, 1022 Calhoun St., Baltimore, were found working in the machine shop. They had no complaints.

Shelly Shirer, listed as a top tool and die maker, was cited by William S. Kintzel, personnel officer for the Signal Depot, as an example of an employee winning his position on merit.

Kintzel stated: "So far as I'm concerned, the best man gets the job! If he does the job well, he gets promoted in due time."

Other workers interviewed included T. J. Patterson, canvas and leather worker, 734 Dolphin St., Baltimore, and Mrs. Ida Murray, shaft supervisor in the Crystal Shop, one of the most highly classified operations in the Signal Depot.

Supervises Work of 42

Mrs. Murray, who lives at 1525 N. Monroe St., has been at the Signal Depot since it first opened. She began as a mechanic helper, advanced to a crystal helper, a crystal technician, and once served as an official inspector in the department.

She now has 42 colored and white workers under her performing a highly classified operation which requires them to measure one-millionth of an inch by hand in an operation which seems to be more a sense of feel than anything else.

Radar Section

In the radar section of the Signal Depot, there are seven supervisors. Of this seven, five are colored men.

They are Joseph Gomillion, 2332 Madison Ave., Earl M. Bolden, 2125 N. Smallwood St., Thomas E. Montgomery, 605 N. Avondale Rd., James A. Roach, 1614 Division St., and Bernard Klash, 1925 W. Mulberry St., all of Baltimore.

Thousands Work on Assembly

The Glenn L. Martin Company has thousands of colored employees serving as assembly workers, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, machine operators, production planners, maintenance workers and office workers.

Without violating security regulations, it can be said they are employed in all phases of the company's work in producing everything from commercial airplanes to the Navy's new Martin P5M-1 flying boat, designed expecially for detection and destruction of enemy submarines and termed one of the most completely electronically-equipped planes every built.

Pilotless Bomber

They also are working on the Air Force's pilotless bomber, the Martin B-61 Matador and a high altitude rocket which has set a new altitude record of 135 miles up into space and has reached a top speed of 4,100 miles per hour, climbing upwards 25 miles in 75 seconds.

Among the employees interviewed here were, Miss Doris Pollard, 2406 Brentwood Ave., Baltimore; Mrs. Geneva Thompson, 1911 Lauretta Ave., Mrs. Francis Graves, 136 Oak Ave., who was the first colored woman hired by the Martin Company in 1942.

When the war ended, she left the company where she was employed as a personnel counsellor and now, with the stepped-up activity caused by Korea, she has returned and been given a desk job.

Mrs. Murray told me: "I think colored employees here have an opportunity equal to all other employees."

Randolph Barnes, 1635 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, who makes $1.32 an hour in the cowling section of one department of the plant, expressed satisfaction with his working conditions.

Just Do Your Job

Miss Irma Woody, 4234 Evans Chapel Rd., Baltimores, said "I've found if you do your job here, you will have no trouble getting along."

Mrs. Madie Allen, 310 Pressman St., who has been with the Martin Company "off and on" for nine years, began as a helper at 60 cents an hour. She is now a good welder making $1.49 an hour, classified as a second-class worker.

She could be promoted to a first class worker if she learned to read blueprints. Mrs. Allen was trained by the company from a helper to the position she now holds.

After World War II, workers were retained on the basis of seniority and since most of the colored employees were new on the job, many of them were dropped first.

However, in the hiring of additional personnel, it appears that colored workers are accepted not "last" but on the basis of their skill.

Segregated Toilets

I asked Martin officials whether or not they had ever given consideration to eliminating the segregated toilets in their plant.

They replied that they had given the matter consideration, but said "this one item more than any other has given us trouble between colored and white employees."

No trouble of any kind was reported from the use of non-segregated toilet facilities at the Signal Depot, which is located just a few hundred yards from the Martin plant.

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TROPICAL BEAUTY JUST A VENEER:

How A Reporter Feels Covering A Bomb Slaying

By RUFUS WELLS
AFRO Staff Reporter

You hop off the train at Orlando, Fla., "the city beautiful," and wonder how a State blessed with tropical beauty could be so filled with hate and prejudice.

Your mission is to cover the bomb killing of the Florida NAACP president, at Mims, some 55 miles away. The Orlando railroad station, a spotless white, Spanish style building, shimmers in the brilliant sun amidst towering palm trees.

A porter politely tells you to walk to the FAR end of the blocklong station for your cab, and thus saves you some embarrassment.

(The taxis nearest the station are "white" taxis; those at the far end are "colored" cabs; and in Florida it is against the law for a colored person to ride in a white cab, or vice versa.)

On West Church St., Orlando's main stem for colored people, you leave the cab and begin looking for a place to stay. You check in at the Florida Hotel, then walk back to Church St. and go to work.

Hot Weather at Christmas

Strolling along Church St. in your shirt sleeves, you bask in the balmy weather and think of your friends in Baltimore, burdened with heavy overcoats and gloves.

The street is decorated overhead with holly and bright colored lights. Christmas trees can be seen in store windows and in homes above the stores; but somehow you can't get into the yule spirit with the temperature approaching 90 degrees.

You've associated the holiday with cold weather for so long, that it just doesn't seem like Christmastime.

At 573 W Church St. you see the Orlando Colored Chamber of Commerce in the Riley Building and you drop in to talk with Z. L. Riley, the executive secretary and manager.

Newspaper Publisher Talks

Later you are glad you did, because Mr. Riley, a diminutive, bespectacled man, who runs a tailor shop, is active in the Florida NAACP. He worked on the infamous Groveland case and was a personal friend of Harry T. Moore, the slain NAACP official.

An hour later, you walk across the street and chat with R. D. Brown, editor publisher of the Florida Sun-Mirror.

Newspapermen usually know what is going on in their community; and Mr. Bowden is no exception to the rule. He gives you additional background information and offers you the use of his office facilities.

New Bikes Plentiful

You thank him and leave. Walking along Main Church St., you step aside frequently as children race by on shiny new Christmas bicycles.

Between these evasive actions you enjoy looking at the palm trees and other tropical vegetation that abounds in the Sunshine State.

The next morning, you meet Paul C. Perkins, Orlando NAACP attorney, and with Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, begin the drive to Mims, scene of the bombing.

About half way, you pass through Sanford, Fla., where the Dixie Clients formerly did their spring training.

A famed winter resort, Sanford is also known as the city where Jackie Robinson was denied the right to play baseball.

You stop at Fernald - Laughton Memorial Hospital in Sanford and talk with Mrs. Ha Moore, the slain leader's wife, was seriously injured in the Christmas night bombing.

Why Did They Do It?

A strange feeling passes over you standing there in the Jim-crow ward, listening to this refined school teacher cry over the loss of her husband and home.

"Why did they do it, why?" she asks over and over.

"I don't care much if I live. My home is wrecked. My children are all grown. Others can carry on. The next day was to have been our 25th wedding anniversary," she sobbed.

You leave the hospital and resume your journeyto Mrs. Moore's bombed home in Mims, Fla.

As the car speeds along the straight, but narrow highway, past miles and miles of fruit-laden orange trees, you wonder if the day will ever come when the contintional rights of all American citizens will be protected.

Curiosity Seekers Aplenty

The car pulls off on a dirt road. You ride for about two blocks on a narrow dirt road between rows of orange trees and arrive at a clearing where the bomb - demolished house stood.

You notice about a dozen cars parked in the clearing and later learn they belong to police, newspapermen and curiousity - seekers.

A rope is strung around the debris of the yellow and green frame house to keep morbid spectators from trampling clues.

Jeff J. Elliott, Governor Warren's special investigator, introduced himself and takey you on a "tour" of the house. Debris is scattered everywhere. The first thing you notice are the Christmas cards and gift boxes, many of them still unwrapped.

Hundreds of membership cards for the Progressive Voters League are scattered on the ground inside the house and out.

Knew Moore's Movements

You get the impression that the person who set off the bomb was familiar with Mr. Moore's habits. The bomb had been placed under the Moore's bedroom window; and it went off exactly 20 minutes after the last light was turned off in the house.

Brevard County Sheriff H. T. Williams stands sullenly by. He doesn't say much and you wonder what he is thinking about.

There are scores of personal letters and a Bible, and a child's school book bearing the notation: "The world is still a healthy place when your heart is full of love."

But it is hard to think of love in a place where hate destroys the life and home of a man who sought his constitutional rights as an American citizen.

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—Weeping Jim

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of his wrists.

According to the assistant superintendent of the prison, William J. Ruch, the suicide was carried out between 10:45 p.m. and 11:30.

His prey estimates told officials that when he awoke during the night to go to the bathroom, he saw Weeping Jim hanging from the window bar and called for help.

The victim's feet were touching the floor and he was unconscious. He had tied one end of the sheet around his neck and fastened the other end to the window bar.

Guards say that they checked the cell at 10:45 and all was well. An autopsy is being made to ascertain whether Copeland died of strangulation or not because they found his wrists had been slashed in the hanging since his feet were not hanging free of the floor.

Prediction Comes True

Shortly after Weeping Jim was given a court hearing, Det. Clarence (Sparky) Jones of the homicide squad predicted that Copeland would either commit suicide or force an officer to shoot him because he was so vicious.

Copeland listed his mother of Norfolk, Va., as the next of kin. Committed to the prison here on Nov. 25, he had remained in a mental ward until Dec. 12 when he was put into the cell with the other two men.

Meant to Kill Her

After his arrest, he sobbingly told police, "I meant to kill her (Mrs. Embry). If I hadn't, I would have returned home (Nassawadox, Va.) and killed her mother and sister.

Mrs. Embry's husband, M/Sgt. Homer Embry, was stationed in Alaska at the time and Mrs. Embry was scheduled to join him there within two weeks.

$7,500 Injuries Suit

A $7,500 personal injuries suit was filed, this week by Miss Sadie Smith of 881 Tyson St., who was involved in a taxicab-streetcar accident on July 1.

Filed in the City Court, the suit charges that Miss Smith was a passenger in the taxi when a streetcar at Fremont Ave. and George St. She sued both the cab company and the Baltimore Transit Co.

—Revision

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ic drugs are not covered. Sgt. Joseph Carroll, head of the police narcotics squad, and Boyd Martin, chief of the narcotics bureau, pointed out that these synthetics have the same effect upon a user as marijuana or heroin.

Man Went Free

They added that recently a man was acquitted on a dope charge simply because there was nothing in the law to prosecute him for having synthetic drugs which were not a derivative of opium.

Anselm Sodaro, State's Attorney, agreed with Judge Sherbow that the law should give presiding judges more use of discretion in handling cases.

Mr. Martin asserted, however, that although the present law may be harsh in some cases, it should remain as it is.

Need Far Beds

At another point, Jude Sherbow stressed the need in Maryland of beds for dope addicts.

He declared, "It's a crying shame that we don't have in our system one bed for a drug addict!"

He added that if the program were set up in the State, less than 50 beds would be needed. But, the judge ended, the program is strictly a State responsibility.

The Legislative Council committee was urged to make the needed revisions "emergency measures" so that they may be presented to the State Legislature which convenes Feb. 6 for a five-week session.

—Shocks Bride

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what he wanted done, that the boys on his job said that their wives met their demands for unnatural sex practices.

"This took me with great surprise because at first I had no idea what the man was saying to me. When I realized, I told him that I was a Christian woman and never intended to do such filth.

Others Available

"He then told me to get out of the house, that he could get a girl friend or a housekeeper to do what he wanted, and if they did not he could put them out."

Mrs. Hall said that he became so abusive that she was forced to move out and to go to the home of a daughter to live. She further

—Governor Calls

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guilds, the NAACP during the six-year campaign, has worked hook-ings into Ford's Theatre so that larger name-shows have chosen to

charged him with excessive drinking and failing to support her. She added that he always kept a gun in his room, thus causing her great fear.

She was given a divorce, permanent alimony of $18 per week, which the Judge ordered him to pay through the Probation Department, and a $75 fee for her attorney. Mr. Hall will also have to pay the court costs.

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WOMAN KNIFED ON HAND

Sarah Brown, acting as a peacemaker in a family fight on New Year's Day, was cut on the hand when she tried to stop a fight between Henry Shipley, 42, and his wife.

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Liberian Ambassador King To Quit Post

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Charles D. B. King, Ambassador of Liberia to the United States, will soon retire from public life after four years of diplomatic service in America.

The 74-year-old Ambassador sailed from New York on the Queen Elizabeth Saturday. After arriving in France, Jan. 3, he spent one day in that country before flying to Liberia. He arrived in Monrovia Jan. 5 in ample time for the inauguration of Liberia's President.

He expects to tender his formal resignation to President William V. S. Tubman soon after the inauguration. He said he hopes to retire to his "little rubber colony."

Former Chief Executive

After having spent 17 years in retirement from political life, King again entered public service in 1947 when he was invited by President Tubman to establish a Liberian legation in the United States.

Accepting the appointment on a temporary basis, King, a former Liberian statesman and executive for 15 years, arrived in this country in 1948 with his elevation to ambassador, May 12, 1949, when President Truman advanced the legation to an embassy.

The Liberian Diplomat is a native of Monrovia, Liberia. He received his education in the British Colony of Sierre Leone, West Africa.

He entered public service at about 19 years of age when he accepted a position as transcribing clerk in the Liberian Department of State. Later he was elevated to chief clerk.

After studying law in Monrovia, King was appointed prosecuting attorney, a position he held eight years.

At Peace Treaty Signing

Under the administration of President Arthur Barclay, King was invited to serve as attorney general. Under the regime of President Daniel E. Howard, he was appointed secretary of state.

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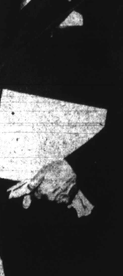


Ambassador King

While serving in this capacity, he headed the Liberian delegation to France to witness the peace treaty signed after World War I. While on this mission, he was elected President of Liberia, serving three terms.

After his retirement from the presidency in 1930, King lived a quiet private life until his appointment to the United States 17 years later.

Since America and Liberia have established a diplomatic relationship, there is evidence that a much better understanding exists between the two countries.

Stay In U.S. "Pleasant"

When this friendly relationship was credited to the ambassador, he said modestly, "It only tried to acquaint the American people with the Liberians and to interpret the Americans to the Liberians."

He said that his stay in the United States has been most pleasant. The government relations have been most cordial and his personal acquaintances of both races had been most pleasant.

The ambassador made his first visit to the United States in 1919 upon the invitation of President Wilson, whom he had met during peace negotiations in Paris. He again visited this country as president of Liberia in 1921.

He said on his return to America, 26 years later, that he found great improvement in the relationship of races in this country.

We're "Forging Ahead"

"The colored people have made remarkable progress," he stated. "They have had a great struggle, but undoubtfully they are forging ahead."

Ambassador King is the father of four children. Charles T. King, administrative assistant in President Tubman, Mrs. Ellen King Houston, Mrs. Rachel King McCauley of Sierre Leone and Cecil King, who is serving in the Trusteship Division of the United Nations.

The three former are the children of the ambassador's first wife who was Miss Janie E. Scott before marriage. Cecil is the son of his second wife, the former Miss Cecelia Adeline Cooper.

Educated at Morgan State College and Howard University, she died in December, 1950, and her body was buried temporarily in a Washington cemetery until February, 1951, when it was carried to Liberia for a permanent resting place.

Fight Renewed On Transit Co. Hiring Policy

Baltimore Decision Starts New Pressure From U. S. Agencies

WASHINGTON

The announcement of the Baltimore Transit Company last week that it will hire colored bus and streetcar operators has stirred groups in the District to feverish activity to press the Capital Transit Company here to do the same thing.

The AFRO learned on Thursday that labor and manpower officials have taken renewed interest in the Washington situation in view of the fact that the Capital Transit Company is constantly pressuring them for bus and streetcar personnel too.

Several meetings were held this week to map strategy for an all-out campaign, it was also ascertained.

Labor Crisis At Stake

The Baltimore Transit Company officials stated that they were hiring colored employees in this category because they find it increasingly difficult to recruit enough manpower for these jobs.

Although CTC is always short of manpower and has put out nationwide advertising for such help, reported to using women and practically every other means, they have hired but one colored operator back in 1944 and he lasted only a short time.

CTC has consistently refused to employ minority group operators on the grounds that white workers would go on strike.

The president of the BTC local union, when asked how his group would react to the company's proposal, stated that it was none of his organization's business whom the firm hired.

E. C. Giddings, vice-president of CTC when told of this attitude of BTC and its union, said neither he nor his company is commenting on the Baltimore announcement.

"Position Not Chaned"

When asked if his company planned any forward action toward integration this year, Giddings stated "We have not changed our position so far. I have no comment on what we might do in the future."

When last contacted on the subject in January, 1951, Giddings made the statement "Conditions are no different now than they were when we tried it in 1944, when the President's Fair Employment Commission forced us to do so.

"Then we had a work stoppage and we are not inclined to risk disrupting our service to the people of Washington for the sake of integration. We don't think the time is right and we won't try it again at this time unless enough pressure is brought to bear to make us do so."

Conferences Held

This is the attitude which Giddings said his organization still had. The AFRO told him then and reiterates that position now that "We will endeavor to supply the pressure."

In spite of Giddings's opinion of his company's position, Louis E. Wolfson, majority stockholder of Capital Transit Company, had several conferences with Government labor and manpower officials and expressed willingness to work something out whereby colored operators could be hired.

NAACP Joined Fight

The NAACP entered the fight along with the AFRO and other organizations in a spirited campaign in January and February. Softening up some sources that previously could not be reached, recruiting numerous new organizations and individuals in the fight, were accomplished but CTC has not yet been cracked.

Quietly negotiations have gone on throughout the tyear, but no results have been accomplished yet.

When the Baltimore announcement came out new hope and increased vigor in the District became apparent immediately.

Labor Department officials are reluctant to talk about their activities for fear publicity might be embarrassing to them as negotiators and harmful to whatever result they might accomplish.

Numerous conferences have been held by labor and manpower officials with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric and Motor Coach Employees of America, Division 689 AFL, the union that represents CTC employees.

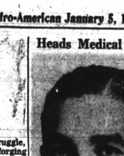
The union's executive committee met on February 13, 1951 at which time it is alleged to have passed a resolution opposing the employment of colored bus and streetcar operators.

Proxy Out Of Reach

All efforts to reach Walter Bierwagen, president of the local, since the BTC announcement, have been unsuccessful. The executive committee, according to the secretary of the local, is scheduled for January 8.

Giddings admits that no effort has been made by CTC to educate its personnel to admit colored operators. The company employs 4,200 workers of which only 450 are colored.

Heads Medical Group



Dr. Edward C. Mazique, 1007 Monroe St., NW, who was recently elected president of the D.C. Medico-Chirurgical Society. The election was held Thursday, Dec. 27 in the Medical School at Howard University.

Mixed Couple Arraigned On Bad Check Charges

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, interracial couple, pleaded innocent, Thursday, when arraigned before Judge Joseph Sherbow on a series of bad check charges.

A third defendant, Miss Rusty Dorsey, white, pleaded guilty to false pretenses in connection with four of the check charges. All three will be tried at a later date.

Under Heavy Bail

Mr. Johnson has been in jail under heavy bail since his arrest. His wife, Alice Mae, whom he married when stationed in California, was arraigned on bail.

Mrs. Johnson said local police harrassed her with questions about her marriage to a colored man during their investigation of the case. She said their insinuations led her to call one officer "an ignorant rebel."

The Johnsons live in Baltimore with a relative of the husband's. They are represented by Robert Watts and Milton B. Allen, attorneys.

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