". . . No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States . . ."
—14TH AMENDMENT, U. S. CONSTITUTION.

OPINION

A great man is always willing to be little.
EMERSON

Dewey's Weak Case

Governor Thomas Dewey is trying to make political capital out of the white rooster and words, "white supremacy" on the Alabama Democratic ballot.

He would lead a statewide television audience to believe that the Democratic nominees Adlai Stevenson and John Sparkman must be held responsible for this ugly hangover from Reconstruction days.

We don't think many people will be fooled by Mr. Dewey's frantic efforts on the behalf of General Eisenhower.

If Governor Stevenson can be blamed for the 1901 Alabama ballot symbol, by the same token General Eisenhower cannot escape responsibility for the whole page advertisement which appeared in the Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont.

The ad, inserted by 'Volunteers for Eisenhower,' read in part: "Eisenhower and the Republicans are opposed to the civil rights program which could hire people, not now considered, for the jobs in our mills, offices, etc.

"This means that nearly 20 per cent of white workers in Greenville County could conceivably lose their jobs by government order under Stevenson."

Certainly, General Eisenhower cannot be held reponsible for this vicious South Carolina appeal to race prejudice.

Neither can Governor Dewey be charged with the ugly Peekskill riots or the brutal Yonkers massacre.

In justice to Governor Theodore McKeldin, he cannot be blamed for the refusal of Baltimore Hotels to accept colored members of Eisenhower's press party just as Governor Stevenson had nothing to do with the refusal of New Orleans hotels to accommodate the three colored members of his press party.

By the same argument Governor Dewey makes a very weak case indeed when in political desperation, he attempts to assess blame to the Democratic nominees for something that has been on the Alabama ballot for half a century.

A Lot Of Poppycock

George Sokolsky, the syndicated columnist, who like Westbrook Pegler, spends most of his time fighting the ghosts of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins, took time out the other day.

He made a dismal attempt to discuss the question of how colored Americans will vote on November 4, acknowledging the fact that their vote might well be decisive.

Mr. Sokolsky, of course, is for Eisenhower.

He argues;

(1) That only colored Americans vote in a bloc;

(2) That bloc voting is un - American.

Following this argument to Mr. Sokolsky's usual Pegler - like conclusion, you gather that to him colored Americans are subversive because a majority of them will vote for candidates whom they think are sympathetic to their aspirations for first - class citizenship.

This a lot of poppycock for two reasons.

(1) Colored Americans no more vote in a bloc than do Democrats in Georgia and Mississippi, or Republicans in Maine and Vermont.

(2) Voting for your own self interest is not un - American. It is simply exercising political common sense.

And Mr. Sokolsky, being a Jew, should know it.

Too Little, Too Late

Republican campaign schedule makers have made a hasty revision in their plans for General Eisenhower. Instead of speaking in the normally Republican upstate New York districts, on October 29 and 30, he will concentrate on Harlem.

The reason for this is clear. Voters of Harlem could decide which party will win New York's big chunk of 45 electoral votes.

But Ike's bid, we believe, will be another case of too little and too late.

President Truman, whose forthright position and action in the civil rights field, is worth more than a thousand belated Eisenhower promises, spoke there last Saturday.

Too, what can Eisenhower say to win these voters at this late hour.

Too sharply focussed in their minds are pictures of Ike cuddling up to such bitter enders on racial matters as Byrnes of South Carolina, Byrd of Virginia and Talmadge of Georgia.

They Can't Take It

The GOP old guard pretends to be incensed over the rough, but truthful language used by President Truman on his recent whistlestop tour.

One wonders what they expected. After all, it was General Eisenhower and his hatchetman "Poor Richard" Nixon, who started the muck raking.

In speech after speech, they hurled with reckless abandon such words as "bungler," 'crook," "thief" and "Communist - lover" at Mr. Truman, the Democratic party and its nominees.

Did Ike really think he could dish it out and not have it returned in kind? How naive can a five - star general running for president be?

Memo To High Court

Some 3,093 colored children left behind by American troops are posing a school problem for the West German Federal Republic.

Between 600 and 700 of those youngsters became of school age this year. The first thought was to follow the U.S. practice of segregation.

In fact, this was suggested by some of the American advisors helping the new nation with its social welfare problems. Former Nazis, still poisoned with Hitler's race superiority preachings, quickly seized upon this as a solution.

But to the credit of wiser Germans and to the discredit of prejudiced American advisers this idea was quickly rejected.

The Bavarian Ministry of Education in its instructions to school authorities laid down the stern rule that "there shall be no segregation or discrimination."

A policy of segregation, it was argued, would make them children "apart" and only help to strengthen a feeling of inferiority.

Everything must be done, decided the Bavarians, to integrate these children with the others.

Other school districts quickly followed the Bavarian lead.

The United States Supreme Court, which soon will be called upon to decide this issue in America, would do well to follow the sound and reasonable approach of the Bavarians.

An Important Decision

Important judicial history was made in San Francisco the other day.

Superior Judge Melvin I. Cronin declared unconstitutional the "neighborhood pattern" policy which excluded colored occupants from six of the seven low-cost housing projects.

The effect of the decision is that all such projects must be opened on a first come, first admitted basis, without regard to the applicant's race.

Judge Cronin based his decision on a 1949 ruling of a New Jersey court holding that housing segregation is a clear violation of the federal Constitution as well as contrary to state laws and public policy.

Judge Cronin rejected as an illusion the "separate but equal" doctrine behind which supporters of segregation have hidden since the Plessy case back in 1866.

That is what we have been saying all along.

He said he accepts as "sounder and fairer the principle of granting to our colored citizens all that they are entitled to — genuine equality of treatment under the law."

We want no more. We will never be satisfied with less.

Is It A Coincidence?

A year after it happened, a series of bombings which cost the lives of an NAACP leader and his wife, and served to terrorize Jewish, Catholic and colored residents of Miami, is finally being investigated by a federal grand jury.

More than 40 witnesses, including 12 Ku Klux Klansmen, have been summoned to testify.

Left to the grand jury is the decision of whether there is sufficient evidence to return indictments for violations of federal civil rights statutes.

Could it be more than coincidence that the grand jury was hastily summoned two days after the AFRO in an editorial severely criticized the Department of Justice and the FBI for its apparent failure to get results in these cases?

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay
Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

An Act Of Desperation

SUPPORTERS OF General Eisenhower from key Northern states have been driven to political desperation by Ike's cuddling up to Dixiecrats. And their Congressional candidates find themselves facing certain defeat in these states because Eisenhower has stubbornly refused to abandon his dinosaur-like attitude on civil rights.

Mr. McKay

A first - class example of this desperate clutching for straws was Governor Thomas Dewey's loud exhibit of the 1901 Alabama ballot. Above the rooster symbol are the words, "white supremacy." Dewey frantically attempts to fool his hearers into believing that Stevenson and Sparkman had something to do with framing this ballot.

If Stevenson and Sparkman can be blamed for the Alabama ballot, Dewey can be blamed for the Peekskill riots and the Yonkers massacre of two brothers by a bigoted policeman. Nobody would charge Dewey with responsibility for these black marks on New York's civil rights records. By the same token, Governor Stevenson, nor his running mate can be held responsible for the antiquated Alabama ballot symbol.

The best answer to Dewey's twisted charge lies in the fact that more than 50,000 colored Alabamans will cast their votes under this symbol without hesitation. Many of these voters were Republicans before they were pushed out of the party by Hoover's lilywhite scheming. The white primary went unchallenged by Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. It remained for a Democratic administration to smash this undemocratic evil forever.

Governors Dewey and Driscoll and Senators Irving Ives, Henry Cabot Lodge and H. Alexander Smith fought a losing battle trying to get Eisenhower to shift to a more liberal stand on racial matters. In fact, Ike has switched on just about everything from foreign policy to social security. But, with an eye on Dixiecrat votes, he has stood firm against federal civil rights legislation. These more progressive Republicans know they can't sell Ike's states rights doctrine to voters in such key states as New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Governor Stevenson's forthright position in support of an enforceable federal FEPC is in such marked contrast to Eisenhower's "leave-it-to-the-states" argument, Dewey and his followers are actually frightened. That is why they are being driven to such ridiculous lengths to find something they hope will cut down the unquestioned popularity of Stevenson over Eisenhower among colored voters, who hold the balance of power in these states.

Of Politics And Politicians

There was a story behind the failure of Senator George Smathers to introduce Governor Stevenson at Tampa, Fla., last week. Daily newspapers supporting Eisenhower suppressed it. Smathers was invited by the Democratic National Committee to introduce the presidential nominee. But Smathers, who defeated Claude Pepper, with GOP money, said he would do it only under one condition. He wanted to make clear during the introduction that he did not agree with Stevenson on civil rights and FEPC. Governor Stevenson promptly rejected the offer. Smathers was forced to take a back seat.

Raymond Lynom rode in a car near General Eisenhower when Ike visited Memphis Oct. 15. The honor came after Lt. George Lee protested the fact that no colored Republicans had been represented on the reception committee . . . W. C. Erwin, Paine College business manager, is candidate for the Augusta, Ga., board of education . . . . "Poor Richard" Nixon, GOP vice presidential candidate, will appear at the civil rights matinee at Chicago's Conrad Hilton hotel Oct. 19. Wonder if he'll explain that racial covenant on his $41,000 Washington home?

The Only Issue Before The Voters

WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

AFRO AND ADLAI

New York — The AFRO is to be congratulated for its forthright front page editorial, "Stevenson Is The Man." Although I have voted the Republican ticket for the last three elections, I, too, think it's time for a change, and will vote for Governor Stevenson.
PAUL JOHNSON

Pittsburgh, Pa. — I was happy to see that the AFRO places principle above party and is supporting Governor Stevenson I think you really stated the case in that brilliant editorial when you said: "To us he looks like a president, thinks like a president, talks like a president, and acts like a president."
WAYNE STANLEY

New York — I am in agreement with your editorial, "The weight of the evidence is in favor of Governor Stevenson"
MARGARET AIKEN

Atlanta, Ga. — How could the AFRO come out in support of Governor Stevenson, a Democrat? Have you so soon forgotten that it was under the Republican party that President Lincoln ended slavery?
ORLIN SMITH

Charlotte, N.C. — Don't you know by supporting the Democrats, that if they win again, the same old Dixiecrats will continue as chairmen of important House and Senate committees? I'm for Ike, who is the only man who will get rid of that mess in Washington
RICHARD GARVIN

Birmingham — I just finished reading the AFRO editorial announcing support for Governor Stevenson. I am curious about the failure to even mention his running mate, John Sparkman. Are you ashamed of him?
GEORGE ALLEN

EDITOR'S NOTE — No, we are not ashamed of John Sparkman, who unlike Richard Nixon, the GOP vice presidential candidate, has a liberal record on such things as price and rent control, public housing and social security. Reader Allen, a resident of the south, should know that all Southerners are not bigots. We feel Mr. Sparkman has the potentialities of becoming another Hugo Black

Atlanta, Ga.—Today, I am a happy person because the AFRO will support Stevenson. And because you indicate you know of the progress of the millions of Americans during the past 20 years.

I am grateful for benefits gained under Democratic administrations.

By the way, census reports show 32,635 colored persons born in N.C.; 22,855 born in S.C.; and 43,935 born in Virginia now live in Maryland.
R. A. THOMPSON Jr.

Madison, Wis.—Just read the Associated Press release that the AFRO has come out in support of Stevenson. Congratulations!

As a graduate of Tuskegee, Talladega and the University of Wisconsin, and a worker in the field of labor education for the past 18 years, your support for the Stevenson - Sparkman ticket strikes me as a public service of major importance.
HILTON E. HANNA
Feature Writer,
Butcher Workman, AFL.

Camden, N.J. — In your editorial supporting Governor Stevenson, you cite President Truman's record on civil rights. But you didn't tell the whole story. Not a single piece of civil rights legislation has been passed by a Democratic Congress.
SAMUEL GRANT

EDITOR'S NOTE — Reader Grant apparently forgets that it was the 80th Congress, controlled by Republicans, which saddled the Senate with Rule 22, making it virtually impossible to end filibusters. Has he also forgotten Republicans controlled Congress for 16 years before Franklin D. Roosevelt and refused to pass even an antilynching law?

Baltimore — I congratulate the AFRO for its endorsement of Adlai Stevenson. I believe that a vote for Stevenson is a vote for Civil Rights. It follows, naturally, that it is also a vote for democracy (real democracy—that is).

We cannot afford to take a backward step, ever again, if we would achieve first class citizenship.
U. THEODORE HAYES

Baltimore — I too believe the best interests of the average citizen will be served by the person (Stevenson) your papers endorse.
DR. L. H. W.

Richmond, Va. — "Stupendous" is the word which more accurately describes Stevenson. In his Richmond appearance he tore into the minority group situation without gloves.

He made no apologies and he made no retreat, but told his southern audience that he stood firmly by the civil rights plank in the platform.

The candidacy of such a man as Stevenson for the presidency is almost too good to be true. His is a new voice for the new age.

If colored people will turn some of their admiration for the man and his message into votes in November he will be overwhelmingly elected.
(Dr.) GORDON B. HANCOCK

JIMMY HICKS

New Orleans, La.—The owner of the Roosevelt Hotel here is an Eisenhower supporter . . Don't blame Adlai if colored reporters were refused permission to ride in the bus chartered for the press or stop in the hotel. Dixiecrats are out to embarrass Stevenson in every way possible.
CHARLES COHEN

FROM KLANSMAN

Pulaski, Va. — With Eisenhower and Nixon on our side, the Klan has nothing to fear regarding FEPC legislation. Both have made it clear that they are against this Communist proposal. It will be a sad day for our organization if the Democrats win again.
'KLEAGLE' SAM

NUNS AND MONKS

Baltimore—I have often wondered why nuns and monks cling to heavy robes, veils and bonnets designed for them centuries ago when we had no steam heat, street cars, autos or airplanes.

The order of His Holiness, the Pope, to mother superiors to modernize their dress is timely.
PETER McNEAL

THEY LIKED SPREAD

Cleveland — I want to thank the AFRO for that beautiful spread on the National Association of Real Estate Brokers in the Oct. 4 issue.

I am sure others read the fine article as I did, and will impress many to come to our convention on Oct. 15.
J. ROY TERRY

NIXON'S COVENANT

Washington — The AFRO must employ an excellent staff of detective - reporters in ferreting out that racial covenant signed by "Poor Richard" Nixon, who carries only $4,000 in life insurance.

Great work. You should send a copy to the Columnist George Sokolsky in order that he be advised that he is included with colored Americans, Armenians and Syrians
J. H. JENKINS

ON NIXON'S COVENANT

Northport, N.Y. — The AFRO is in error regarding Nixon's covenant restriction. Your story said that restriction of sale of property to colored people and Jews has been held unenforceable.

Two methods have been found to get around the court decision and the Nixon contract makes use of both. Get up to date.
SAMUEL E. LESSERE

HOLMES-HARRISON CASE

Brooklyn, N.Y.—If Rev. Harrison is on the right hand side of God he would not need to go to court. He would take care of that baby if the court says it is his child. Look at the baby, she looks just like him.
Mrs. H. S.

Annapolis—Miss Holmes is not iron. When a man is kissing and going on you don't know what will happen. I am for Miss Holmes.
A READER

THROW THE RASCALS OUT

Washington — Latunde Odeku, medical student at Howard from Nigeria, W. Africa, wants the British to get out of his country now.

Ervine Anderson, former British diplomat, speaking on the Georgetown University forum Sunday, says his country is willing to get out when Nigeria is ready for self government, but he doesn't know when that will be.

When one fellow goes into another fellow's house and refuses to leave, he should be thrown out. That is what India did.
ROY DRUBA

Washington — That Odeku will make a first - class statesman as well as a doctor. I like the way he speaks up for Nigeria.
(Mrs.) ELLA SMYTHE

Philadelphia — What right has England in Nigeria or the West Indies? Imagine them taking over Bermuda and erecting hotels, clubs, and restaurants for which they exclude the natives in their own country.
EUNICE ARNOL

ON HOSPITAL STAFF

Goldsboro, N.C. — I read with interest the AFRO article concerning discrimination policies at the State Hospital here. I think your paper is doing very fine work along these lines.

I thought you would like to know that there is one colored staff member at State Hospital. I was appointed last March as chaplain and religious director, the first ever to be named to a position of this type.
J. S. BROWN

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
October 15, 16, 17 partly cloudy and unsettled
October 18, 19, 10 fair and pleasant.
October 21, 22 rainy

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MOON PHASES
Full Moon October 3 7:15 a.m.
Last Quarter October 10 3:23 p.m.
New Moon October 18 5:43 p.m.
First Quarter October 25 11:04 p.m.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Wed., Oct. 15	6:10 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 16	6:11 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17	6:12 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18	6:13 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 19	6:14 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 20	6:15 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 21	6:17 a.m.	5:13 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS
October 19 Laymen's Sunday — (Protestant) Sponsored by the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World. Laymen throughout the nation speak from the pulpits of their churches in application of Christian principles to practical affairs.

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

Fate is a capricious dame, but not without charm and a certain sense of fairness.

So, if she slaps you to your knees today, she drops a plum into your lap tomorrow that lifts you to the skies.

The moral being, Sabina, that no matter how ghostly the dark is tonight, peep from 'neath the blankets early tomorrow morn, for the sun is likely to be extra bright.

My Favorite Quotation

I have absolute confidence in the ultimate triumph of right.—S. H. Weaver.

Submitted by Mrs. Erma W. Shamwell, Washington, D.C.
(Next week's quotation by John E. Cumberbatch, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Capital Spotlight

By Louis Lautier

WASHINGTON

Residents of the District of Columbia are telling other people how to vote, but they themselves have no vote.

The Elks are Indian givers. At their 1951 convention they voted to give the late J. Finley Wilson, the grand exalted ruler who built up the order, $10,000 toward his hospital and medical expenses. They never paid the donation while Finley was living, nor have they given it to his estate since his death.

Mr. Lautier

Rufus G. Byars, public relations director of the District Theaters, is regaling friends in the U street sector of his experiences in Europe, including hobnobbing with a real baroness.

Byars saw Adelaide Hall, the actress, and her mate, Bert Hicks, in London. Adelaide is doing a vaudeville skit, using a guitar, in English music halls, and her husband is running her night club, where royalty flocks.

Jay In Paris

In Paris, he renewed an old friendship with Jay Clifford, a native Washingtonian, who was a New York customs inspector before he moved to France. Wherever you see a gang of good looking girls, says Byars, look in the center and you'll find Jay.

He also saw the Lem Graveses in Paris, Babe Wallace with the Folies Bergere, the AFRO's Ollie Stewart, who keeps open house for Americans who drop in, and Bob Grier, who is with the American Express Company in Paris.

Rufus made the trip with his sister, Mrs. Fannie Byars Robinson, head of the Court of Calanthe (Knights of Pythias' women's branch) of Texas, and his brother-in-law, J. E. Robinson, who is vice supreme commander of the American Woodmen in Denver. They visited England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Holland, and Austria.

State Department Missions: Rafaela S. Coello, a United States Public Health Service nursing specialist here, will be a clinical instructor on a Point 4 health mission in Liberia. She has a B.S. degree from Catholic University, and attended Puerto and Howard unversities.

Nurse In Puerto Rico

Mrs. Coello served as staff nurse for the Government State Insurance Fund of Puerto Rico, and Freedmen's Hospital here. Her mother and daughter will go with her to Monrovia.

Robert W. Kitchen Jr., of Charleston (West Virginia) — he was professor of business administration at West Virginia State—will serve as administrative officer on a Point 4 mission in Liberia. He has A.B. and M.S. degrees from Morehouse College and Columbia University, respectively. He also has been a public accountant and management specialist. His wife will accompany him.

Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

Men of America, beware!

If you have any chronic ailment, such as an old sprained back or sore arms, now is the time for these handicaps to come to the fore.

Mr. Matthews

In the event you hadn't noticed, the season is upon us that drives housewives a trifle berserk.

Fall weather — leaves changing color, children trudging to school, football games, frost on the pumpkin — and oil bills.

There's a occupational hazard that crops up during this season —the little matter of summer rugs — they've got to go!

Plot Is Brewing

Even now, a diabolical plot is brewing in thousands of homes by thousands of housewives . . . a plot to inveigle husbands into taking up the summer rugs.

Now the rugs in themselves don't present too much of a problem. It's just the knickknacks that go along with the job.

Naturally, after the summer rugs are taken up the floor needs washing, or maybe waxing. Then there's that little detail of putting down the winter rugs.

'Course the winter drapes have to be hung to harmonize with the rugs, which brings up the little detail of the windows which always need washing.

Screens Come Down

Washing the windows will, in all probability, suggest screens, which means, of course, they must be taken down

Once they're down, up must go the storm windows and doors.

You'd assume by this time, the old homestead would be ship-shape and you'd be allowed to rest.

Not a chance! By now, the little woman has discovered a new arrangement for the furniture. It just has to be shoved around, And, worse luck, the first arrangement is never satisfactory.

Men beware! Now is the time to take that hunting trip, or be called out of town on business.

Just wish they'd warned me in time — got caught last week.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

There is something wrong with a cause that needs so much bolstering to keep it up. A good cause will take care of itself.
John H. Murphy Sr.
May 15, 1910

VOTERS' VINEYARD

By James L. Hicks

I HAVE NEVER TRIED TO FOOL myself and I do not intend to start trying on November. 4.

That is why I am going to cast my vote for Adlai Stevenson and then utter a silent prayer that Stevenson will remain alive and healthy for the next four years. The vote will be cast for Stevenson because I am convinced that as president he will work to the best interest of all the people of America and that when he says all the people he means colored Americans too.

Hicks

And my prayer that Stevenson will stay alive for the next four years will be uttered because I never want to see Senator Sparkman become President of the United States.

Can't Buy Sparkman

I'm facing it. I'm not trying to fool Jimmy Hicks. I can't buy Sparkman anymore than I can buy Eisenhower and Nixon. If I could vote for Stevenson and not vote for Sparkman I would do so. But that is not possible under our present system.

For weeks, while traveling with both candidates I have observed them carefully from close up. I've talked with them and watched them talk to others. I'm an independent voter who thinks a lot of his vote. I struggled with myself in an attempt to be fair.

I've gone over Stevenson's record with a fine toothed comb, I've tried to find something in him or in his record that I could not buy. Maybe this was not fair—but I tried it. I ended up with only admiration for him.

The Evasive

I started out with Ike, and despite the humiliation and shame which I suffered under him as a colored soldier, I made up my mind that I would keep it open and measure him as candidate Ike and not General Eisenhower. I argued with him on civil rights at Denver, person to person. He evaded every fair point I could raise.

I submitted him a written list of questions on his train—questions I felt I and my people were interested in. He never bothered to answer. I saw him desert his friends like General Marshall and embrace enemies of America like Talmadge and Senators Jenner and McCarthy. And he left me cold with contempt.

I then turned to the company that Stevenson keeps. I looked at the Sparkman record. I found that he has been against everything that I hold dear.

I didn't try to fool myself. I can't buy a record like that.

Nixon's Record Poor

Then I looked at Nixon's record. It was virtually the same as Sparkman's. I didn't try to fool myself. I can't buy his record either.

But both Sparkman and Nixon were offered to me as a "package" deal along with Ike and Stevenson. It reminded me of the war days when you had to buy a bottle of cheap rum in order to get a good bottle of Scotch.

As a colored American, trying to be a good American I know I should vote on election day. It's the American thing to do.

That is why on November 4 I am going to vote Stevenson—and along with him take Sparkman with a prayer that Stevenson lives a long time.

I hope my prayer is answered.

But if it is not, I will not be fooling myself!

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

PARIS — Death of an idea: It seems almost incredible that the Franco-American Fellowship should offer so much and die so soon. It died, as a matter of fact, while being born — despite the efforts and money put into it by Richard Wright, Ligon Buford, William Rutherford and a half dozen others.

Ollie Stewart

Two years ago, Franco-American was being hailed in Paris as the NAACP of France. Organized to combat the extension of American-type racial prejudice in France, and dedicated to the promotion of friendship between French and Americans along cultural lines, the organization seemed sure of a long and popular existence.

Meetings were held every other Sunday afternoon and were attended in large numbers by white and colored, French and American, male and female. A constitution was drawn up and adopted. The French government was asked to grant a charter. An office was found and stationery printed.

The Roof Falls In

Then something happened. People stopped coming to the meetings, and the roof fell in. Debts piled up. The office was lost. Officers wrangled among themselves. Original objectives were lost sight of, as outsiders were brought in to promote Saturday night dances — which lost money like mad.

A year ago, the long - awaited charter was granted. But Franco-American was dead.

That, briefly, is what happened. But nobody (including me) can explain why and when the Fellowship jumped the track and cracked up.

It must have been a good idea to have found so much support in the beginning. I, for one, still believe that such an organization is needed here. Deserving young artists should be sponsored. American firms are still hiring on the basis of color. The American Hospital hasn't changed its policy of discrimination. The French and the Americans could stand a lot more friendship than they have for each other.

Need Greater Than Ever

And with the Army pouring more soldiers into France every month, there is now a greater need than ever for somebody to be on the alert.

Speaking of soldiers, it was reported here this week that the Army wants to put U.S. military police on the streets of Paris again. Service men are said to be drinking too much and causing disturbances. Last week a GI died in a Pigalle hotel from dope. French authorities, however, don't like the idea of MPs, and insist that they can handle the situation.