Dr. Byrd To Give U. Of Md. Opportunity To Dull Students

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Dr. Harry C. (Curly) Byrd is of the opinion that all high school graduates should be given opportunity to attend the University of Maryland, regardless of their scholastic grades.

This was what he had in mind, he explained, when he told a Senate committee in Annapolis on Thursday that from now on all high school graduates who apply will be admitted to the institution of which he is president.

Asked if this includes colored high school graduates, he said "Why, they are admitted now."

Scholastic Records

So that his suggestion that university admission standards be relaxed to admit all high school graduates dealt with scholastic records, not with race.

Dr. Byrd explained that the present standards are so high as to give consideration only to pupils in the 75 per cent upper level of their high school classes and to only about half of that group.

Because of these high standards, pupils who maintain scholastic records in the lower quarter stand no chance of entering the university.

New Opportunity

Dr. Byrd thinks that an opportunity for study at the university should at least be made available to these not so bright pupils.

But such a condensation would not lower the quality of work expected from a university student, he pointed out.

He said that the idea will be discussed by the university board of regents, but he declined to venture a guess on the board's attitude on the subject.

703 Births, 34 Deaths Recorded In Baltimore

For the week ending Feb. 19 in Baltimore and the county a total of 703 births, 334 deaths, and 25 infant deaths were recorded by the City health department.

Of that number, there were 93 death among the colored population, 171 births, and nine infant deaths. For the week ending Feb. 14, a total of 541 births and 246 deaths were reported in Baltimore.

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Action On The Beach

Boatswain's mate third class, Howard Chennault, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chennault, Route 1, Tignall, Ga., receives message from chief boatswain's mate, Thomas J. Kress, 139 East ave., Baltimore, during beach operations in recent NATO amphibious landing.

School Fire Investigated By Incendiary Bureau

John S. Knoerlein, chief of the Incendiary Bureau of the Fire Department, is conducting an investigation of the cause of the recent fire at School No. 144, Mosher st. and Wheeler ave.

"I think some mischievious child was the cause of it," Chief Knoerlein told the AFRO, Monday.

The fire, which broke out in a second-floor bookroom between 3 p.m. and 3:20 p.m., Friday, caused little damage, according to Mrs. Marion C. Johnson, principal.

A section of the book shelves, some audio-visual pictures and a few books were charred, she reported.

Pupil Discovers Fire

Ronald Kimball, 11-year-old pupil, in charge of audio-visual aid, discovered the fire at 3:20 p.m. while returning some of his equipment to the room and immediately contacted the office. Ralph Green, 500 block of Cumberland st., who transports pupils in the school in his station wagon, had extinguished the fire with an automatic fire-extinguisher, by the time the fire department arrived.

He was in the office when the report came, waiting for his passengers to be dismissed from school.

The building was evacuated Mrs. Johnson said. "Everyone remained very calm during the incident," she asserted.

Father Won't Sign, Girl Tries Suicide

Because her father would not sign papers permitting her to join the navy, an 18-year-old girl attempted to commit suicide, police testified at Pine st. Women's court, Monday morning.

Miss Carolyn Bynum, 2900 block Round rd., who allegedly tried to take her life by cutting an artery in the upper portion of her right arm, Saturday was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge when she attempted to refuse medical treatment at University hospital.

Mrs. Gergiana Bynum, mother of the despondent girl, testified that this was her daughter's third suicial attempt because "the father will not sign the papers."

Mrs. Bynum has been unofficially separated from her husband seven years. Although he lives in Washington, he has refused to come to Baltimore upon repeated requests by his daughter.

According to law, he still has custody of Carolyn and his permission is necessary for her to join the WAVES until she is 21 years of age.

Magistrate Charlotte Main dismissed the case, advising Mrs. Bynum to seek legal aid in the matter.

Unkind Words Start Trouble

William D. Suggs, 27, 2500 block Francis ave., was given a suspended fine and jail sentence, a year's probation, and ordered to pay for a wrecked radio-phonograph combination and door Monday as a result of unfriendly words passed between him and a family in the 1200 block of Division st.

Suggs was charged with striking Mrs. Ruby Gray, 2900 block Walbrook ave., for which he received a suspended $35 fine, and disorderly conduct, for which he was handed a suspended 60-day jail term.

A third charge of striking William Booker of the 1700 block Madison ave. was dismissed.

Friends At First

The disagreement occurred after Suggs and Booker had been drinking together across the street from the Division st. house where Mrs. Gray's and Booker's mother lives.

One word led to another, accorded to court testimony, and Suggs ended up breaking into the house and slamming the combination across the room it was claimed.

Building Construction Classes Now Underway

A building construction course that is completely new, is now being offered by the Division of Vocational Education with special classes continuing each Monday throughout March.

Registrations for the special course are accepted in room 17, 3 E. 25th st. from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The new building construction course has been designed for the person who plans to seek employment in the construction field or for the individual who would like to start a small contracting business of his own.

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Knowledge of electrical, heating and pumbing requirements in modern building or home construction will be covered in discussion periods.

While the course is planned to cover a two year period, an individual with previous experience or special aptitudes can complete it in one year.

Courses included in the overall program have been approved by the State Department of Education and the Veterans Administration.

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League Campaign Set To Promote Training

NEW YORK — "The Future Is Yours: Plan and Prepare," is the theme of the 1953 Vocational Opportunity Campaign of the National Urban League. Carried on nationally during the week of March 15-21.

Citizens And NAACP Protest Sudden Rash Of Minstrel Shows

More than a dozen citizens and the NAACP have filed protests with a local television station and the Fred Astaire Dance Studio following a Saturday morning telecast in which the studio's pupils performed in blackface.

Protests have also been sent to a national television hookup and to the sponsors of the Fred Waring show which also presented a minstrel show on Sunday night featuring black-faced performers.

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OPINION

One seldom overtakes success when pursuing pleasure.

E. B. BIRKENBUEL.

What About It, Ike?

There's no question about it, our new President has talked boldly and with considerable vigor on the civil rights issue.

"Racial or religious hate and discrimination are spiritual acts of treason," Mr. Eisenhower said in a recent message during Brotherhood Week. "Such acts invite the scorn and mockery of the despot."

A week before Election Day, in outlining his 10-point credo, he said:

"I pledge to devote myself toward making equality of opportunity a living reality for every American. There is no room left in America for second-class citizenship for anybody . . ."

Speaking at Wheeling, W. Va., during the campaign he said:

"In no operation of the federal government is there a place for discrimination of any kind."

South Carolina's James F. Byrnes was seated on the platform at Columbia when Mr. Eisenhower declared:

"We will move forward more rapidly to make equality of opportunity a living fact for every American. Neither at home nor in the eyes of the world can America risk weaknss which inevitably results when one group of our people is treated politically or economically—as second-class citizens."

In New York, deep in the heart of Harlem, he exclaimed:

"I have no patience with the idea of second-class citizenship . . . there must be an end to the indignity of discrimination . . . to such segregation as still remains in the armed forces."

In Chicago, he pledged to Congressional Candidate Edgar G. Brown that, if elected, he would make all appointments even to his cabinet solely on the basis of qualification, without regard to color.

And it was in Cleveland, in response to a query by Congressional Candidate Lawrence O. Payne, that Mr. Eisenhower said:

"Your taxes, Mr. Payne, go into the money that is expended in that District of Columbia. As far as I know, there will never be anything done to discriminate against you in any possible way.

"So far as the authority vested in me is concerned, it will be exercised with the belief and the conviction that you are not only equal but that I do not protect and support your rights, I will lose my own.

"Possibly I should have been a bit more specific. I believe we should eliminate every vestige of segregation in the District of Columbia."

Since taking office, President Eisenhower has continued to serve up words and more words on the issue that will not die—civil rights.

We do not doubt the president's sincerity and integrity in what he says and the pledges that he has made. At the same time, we are convinced the time for talking has passed.

It's time for action. It's time to convert nice-sounding platitudes and meaningless verbal pats on the wrist into definite programs and enforceable legislation.

What about it, Ike?

'South Pacific' In South

Two Georgia legislators are unhappy over the fact that the road-show version of the Broadway musical, "South Pacific" is attracting such large crowds during its Atlanta appearance.

They contend the play is "offensive" to the South.

They are indignant about the implications of the Oscar Hammerstein song, "You Have to be Taught."

In this tune the lyrics are, "You have to be carefully taught to be afraid of people whose skin is a different shade."

Pompously, the Georgia Dixiecrats chorused:

"We in the south are a proud people and have pure blood lines. We want to keep it that way."

Come now, gentlemen! You can't be serious!

Do you mean to say you are unaware that it has been the accepted practice for generations for "pure white" southerners to fraternize with "pure dark" maidens, in most instances against their will?

How else explain the present day scarcity of maidens real dark in color?

Or that 100,000 or more of their offspring each year cross over proud southern lines to become "pure white" people?

Mack Ingram Freed

Mack Ingram, who at one time faced two years on a North Carolina road gang for having glanced at a white girl 75 feet away, is now a free man.

The state's supreme court held that no one could be convicted of a criminal offense "solely for what may have been in his mind."

Chief Justice William A. Devin, in handing down the opinion, sensibly held that it was physically impossible for anybody to be assaulted by a look, however frightening.

We are cheered by the fact that Mr. Ingram, after two terror-stricken years and the expenditure of much money, has won his freedom.

The real frightening thing about the whole case is that there were two law enforcement officials in North Carolina who thought it important enough to be carried to court in the first place.

Russell Still Pouting

Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia is still pouting over his rejection last summer as the Democratic standard-bearer.

No other interpretation could be placed on the purely sectional address he made during a Jefferson-Jackson dinner at Raleigh, N.C., last week.

He accused "self-styled liberals" of trying to drive the south out of the Democratic party.

Further, he warned, that unless the party bows to southern demands on such touchy issues as civil rights, it faces disastrous defeat in the 1954 Congressional elections.

Obviously Senator Russell is not up on his history.

The Democratic party remained in power 20 years only because it concerned itself with the needs and aspirations of all the people, not a sectional few.

It will never win another national election if it follows the provincial advice of Messrs. Russell, Byrd and Byrnes.

Crawling into a crowded conservative corner already occupied by reactionary Republicans and states rights Dixiecrats is the surest way for the party to commit suicide.

Only by inaugurating an inspired, no-holds barred fight for a hard-hitting liberal program can it hope to recapture the confidence and the support of a majority of the people.

Two Disturbing Orders

We are disturbed over the implications of new orders just issued by the State Department.

Jumping each time Senator McCarthy cracks the whip, the department has ordered its overseas information service to no longer use material from the works of liberal writers like Howard Fast.

It has gone further and threatened to cancel export licenses of all book publishers bold enough to fill any foreign demands for Mr. Fast's work. This is unfortunate.

No contemporary historical novelist has contributed a more to racial understanding as has Howard Fast.

His brilliant novel, "Freedom's Road" brings to life the long buried story of the difficult but heroic Reconstruction Era in South Carolina.

His "Citizen Tom Paine" performs a similar needed service in throwing new light on the contributions of men of color during the Revolutionary War period.

No one can read these volumes without gaining a broader understanding of all that democracy (with a small d) means. They are not subversive. To the contrary they are documents in defense of everything for which communism stands.

The State Department, amid all the hysteria created by the Wisconsin senator artist, has blundered in issuing these orders? We hope that Mr. Dulles on second thought quickly withdraws them.

Those 3 Appointments

The Republican platform pledged appointment of "qualified persons, without distinction of race, religion or national origin, to responsible positions in the government."

Thus far the executive branch, embodied by President Eisenhower, apparently has been unable to find any qualified colored persons to appoint to responsible positions.

With an eye to important Congressional elections coming up in 1954, the legislative branch has moved a little faster.

Without looking very far, it has come up with three appointments of qualified persons to the "responsible" positions of doorkeepers of the House of Representatives.

Of course the trio that landed the jobs is happy. It's questionable, however, that these minor jobs are likely to win many friends or influence millions of colored voters to embrace the Republican cause.

CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT

By Louis Lautier

OTHER PASTURES always seem greener. That is why other newspaper men look at the assignment of a White House correspondent. All he has to do is sit around in the lobby of the White House and chin with other correspondents, wait for someone to come from talking with President Eisenhower, and then ask him what did he say to the President and what did the President say to him.

Covering the White House, of course, has its moments. It gives you a chance to say the President and ask him questions once a week. The questions usually are based on domestic and international problems in which the Chief Executive is dealing.

Mr. Lautier

The Eisenhower press conferences have drifted pretty much into the routine that followed by former President Truman, except Eisenhower is more cautious in his answers. Where Truman rushed in flailing an opponent, his gander up, Eisenhower treads softly.

He Move Cautious

For example, Eisenhower was asked whether he felt the executive branch of the Government should make loyalty files of federal employees available to Congressional committees.

Senator Joe McCarthy, chairman of the Permanent Investigations subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee, is insisting that he done.

The Truman reply to demands for such files was a flat refusal. But Eisenhower answered the question by saying the reporter had brought up a technical question that has been bothering administrations for a great many years.

There are certain types of papers that cannot be exposed, he said, but whether loyalty files were in that category he did not know. He added that the subject has been under study since his inauguration.

Not covering the White House is not just attending the President's press conferences. The week starts off with the visit to the White House of the Republican Congressional leadership. After their two-hour conference with President, Speaker Joe Martin and Senator Bob Taft brief the newsmen.

He Filibuster On Hawaii

The chief topics discussed at the conference last week were Hawaiian statehood and reorganization of the Federal Security Agency. The Republicans expect to complete Congressional action on Hawaiian statehood within three weeks.

Every informed source he thought a filibuster would develop when Hawaiian statehood is called up in the Senate. Hawaii is a melting pot, and the civil rights issue is involved in the fight over statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska. If Hawaii is given statehood, it probably will mean two votes against the filibuster.

Taft said there would be a lot of talk but not a filibuster.

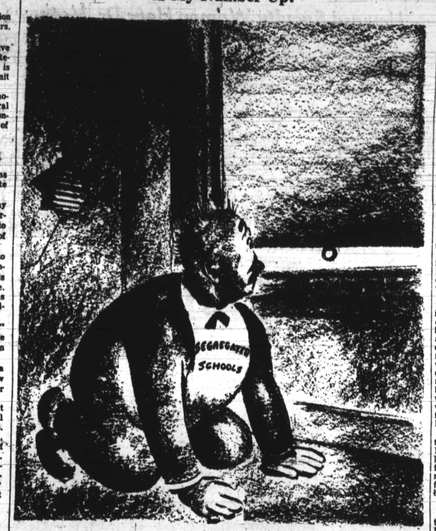
Every newsmen at 10:30, reporters troop into the office of James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, for a press conference. At one of these conferences last week the following colloquy occurred:

"Mr. Hagerty, can you give us (the press) any idea why Albert M. Cole was appointed Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance agency when he has a record of consistently opposing public housing?" asked.

Hagerty gave me the brush. He said he did not know that Cole had such a record. "But the Congressional Record shows he has," I spoke up.

Hagerty then answered the question by saying he did no, information why Cole had been appointed.

'Is My Number Up?'



WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

'I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.' — Voltaire on Helvetius

'SOUTH PACIFIC' PROTEST

Augusta, Ga.—That protest of two Dixiecrat legislators about the presentation of "South Pacific" in Atlanta provided me with the laugh of the week.

They said: "We of the south are a proud people and have pure blood lines." Are they kidding? Where have they been the last 300 years while the white man was forcing his unwelcome attentions upon colored women?

(Mrs.) SARA MARTIN

Athens, Ga. — If the south's blood lines are so pure, why is it that you can't tell the difference between colored and white people in Washington-Wilkes county, Ga.?

NON-PURE GEORGIAN

Tallahassee, Fla.—These Georgia legislators must be nuts if they can't see that colored people are very much in the south. Some of those "pure blood lines" had to spring a leak for this to happen.

GEORGE KAUFMAN

Atlanta — Legislators David Jones and John Sheppard are just 300 years late if they want to keep the south's blood lines "pure."

They sure would have a tough job trying to unscramble all of the mixing that has been going on since the first slaves landed at Jamestown, Va.

(Dr.) MATTHEW MOORE

DIVINE AND TURNPIKE

Philadelphia—Now that Father Divine has put a curse on the New Jersey Turnpike, I predict the Jersey boys will be killed on it than ever.

S. K. B.

Newark, N.J. — It looks like Father Divine has created his anger on the wrong person at the wrong time. He should have made his chauffeur slow down and all of that unpleasantness would not have happened.

JAMES BREWER

New Haven, Conn. — Father Divine's curse that his excessive speed on the New Jersey Turnpike only cost him $60. It could have cost him his life.

GERTRUDE MURRAY

New York — I'm glad they caught Father Divine's speed age as it was speeding down the New Jersey Turnpike.

Just because his life is "eternal," he has no right to endanger the lives of us mere mortals.

BUSTER SAMSON

BRITISH BLAMED

London, Eng. — If Mau Mau methods and ideas are extended in Kenya, it will be the fault of the British administration.

Every man, woman or child killed, maimed, tortured or penalized is an additional and urgent reason for ending colonialism now.

A. J. SIGGINS

HUMAN RIGHTS IN WEST

New York — The practice of discrimination against human beings in public places is the greatest single problem facing the western states. With the increase in minorities, the problem grows more acute.

Two of these states have no civil rights laws. The immediate passage of civil rights acts in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and North and South Dakota is the personal responsibility of every person.

CORA T. WALKER
Chairman
Committee on Human Rights

THE REAL THREAT

Richmond, Va.—Walter Rausenbusch, who lived and wrote at the turn of the century, must have been inspired. He is easily the Isaiah of modern times.

He not only accurately set forth the current social crisis, but made it clear that when the crisis came it would be a moral crisis with dangerous implications.

Even the most casual observer must see that a moral crisis is upon the earth and it is this crisis rather than the atom bomb that threatens mankind with destruction.

(Dr.) GORDON B. HANCOCK

BYNUM SENDS THANKS

New York — The AFRO has again been a strong ally in our campaign for Bynum support. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is grateful for this assistance.

Please convey to AFRO staff members the sincere expressions of thanks of the thousands who will share in their gifts of time, talent and money.

CHARLES H. BYNUM
Director,
Interracial Activities

WORD FROM CANADA

Windsor, Ont.—I read with interest the AFRO Magazine article on outstanding Canadians. I since have been flooded with many letters and telephone calls from friends in Virginia, Maryland, New York, as well as Detroit.

I had no idea my favorite newspaper was so widely read. I always get the AFRO because it is the best way to keep up with my friends along the Atlantic Coast from Massachusetts to Florida.

R. PERRY, D.D.S.
Member, City Council

SENDS $50 CHECK

Rome, Italy — I read in the Rome Daily American about how the AFRO and Mrs. Oscar G. Grammer is helping find homes for German war babies.

This story of a person going to the trouble of writing officers, out of the goodness of her heart, and taking a personal responsibility finding a home and for some organization to do it, seems to me so typically American that I would like to share in her effort.

I hope you can accept my check for $50 (enclosed) and find a way to use the money to help Mrs. Grammer in her work.

B. L. E.

HE BLAMES US

Phoebus, Va.—Since the AFRO and James Hicks who carried Bishop D. Ward Nichols into newspaper prominence, the AFRO and Hicks should tell him the facts of life.

The civil rights fight passed with Truman and is seeing President Eisenhower about this issue, he's just 20 years too late. The Dixiecrats and Shivercrats elected Ike.

The good "bish" will have to clear with Shivers, Byrnes, and Byrd before he can revive Mr. Truman's good works on behalf of all the people.

GEORGE E. WASHINGTON

DIXIECRATS PAID OFF

Mount Vernon, N.Y. — Politics being what they, are there has to be a payoff for the Eisenhower victory. The Republicans have already settled with the Dixiecrats by voting to keep the present senate rules.

Taft Republicans furnished the majority of the votes against changing the rules which favor filibuster. These senators knew that they were voting to make civil rights legislation almost impossible, which is exactly what the Dixiecrats want.

ALFRED BAKER LEWIS

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

There is one unchangeable law of life . . . the things most important to our happiness are always attained by giving them to someone else.

The freedom we seek, the love we must have, the peace of mind and happiness, and respect of others are breads that always come back from being cast upon the waters of unselfish regard for our fellowmen.

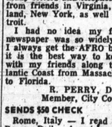
Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

Now that March is here with its winds and spring-like days, seems like as good a time as any to pose a question that's been running around in my head.

Who is it, that a person can sit in a football stadium in the dead of winter—snow on the ground icy winds blasting all around them—and don't complain.

In fact, they even pay for the privilege of being exposed to frost-bite while watching 22 men maul each other around for a couple of hours.



Mr. Matthews

Now take these same spectators and place them in a cozy room, temperature around 75 degrees, with the outdoor temperature about 65 degrees.

Make sure they're occupied—watching television, reading a book, etc., then surreptitiously open a window a half-inch. No more, just half an inch.

Within five minutes time, someone will be sure to pipe up:

"Must be a window open someplace. I feel a draft."

To make matters even worse, these same people during the hot summer months will park directly in front of an electric fan for hours at a stretch.

Have first-hand information on the type of draft that begins with the reception of a letter whose first word is "Greetings," but what is this draft that people are always feeling.

Voters' Vineyard

By James L. Hicks

IF A READER of this column can present argument to prove that civic leadership is a separate and distinct field from political leadership this writer will gladly take back all the words appearing in this column and eat this page of the AFRO in Macy's front window.

Since the column is convinced that no such argument can be presented we'll go right ahead with this criticism of our civic leadership from a political point of view.

Mr. Hicks

We're speaking of the civic leadership of the local and national NAACP here in New York and how it appears to us that both the local and the national offices missed the boat, or caught the wrong bus in the controversy over whether New York police made a "deal" with the Justice Department which in effect would allow the cops to pistol-whip Harlem citizens without fear of investigation from the FBI.

It's not our intention to attempt to take anything from Mrs. Ella Baker head of the local NAACP in New York, or from Walter White, head of the national office. Both of them performed some service in the battle.

Strength Divided

What we do intend to do is to criticize both Mr. White and Mrs. Baker for permitting their respective offices to become involved in a jealous, petty hassle which divided NAACP strength at a time when it needed its greatest show of unity.

We also have criticism for the apparent ineptitudes of leadership they showed in failing to throw their strongest force at the weakest spot in the enemy line when it appeared that the enemy line was about to break.

Let's look at it. New York is a Democratic stronghold and has been over the years. The Republicans are willing to take any steps short of murder to break this stranglehold which the Dems hold on the world's largest city.

When a white daily newspaper broke the story of the deal made by New York police, the Republicans saw in the deal an opportunity to deal the Democrats a smashing blow and make a grandstand play for Democratic support here.

Let Photographers In

So what happened? So here's what happened. The Republicans came in here, called the mayor in on the spot and then proceeded to drag Monaghan the offender before the bar of justice in one of the most humiliating hearings this reporter has ever seen.

They took him in a federal courthouse from which photographers are always barred. But they waived the rules and let photographers come in and take the picture before the bar of justice.

They threw open the courtroom to the public in a hearing which they could have held in secret. They did everything but send out printed invitations to colored people saying "Come on in and see how we will go to bat for you."

But what happened? While all this was going on, the NAACP's local branch and the national office became involved in a fight among themselves as to who should get the credit and the publicity connected with the investigation.

And by the time the investigation reached the hearing stage in the courthouse, both sides of the NAACP had got into such a huff that neither side, but for a single exception showed up at the hearing.

Committee Disappointed

This reporter sat through the entire hearings. During and after the hearings, I talked with members of the Keating committee. I can report not that the committee was highly disappointed and deeply puzzled over the fact that NAACP officials failed to show at the hearing with a large number of their membership.

I can also report that reporters at the press tables expressed amazement that colored people did not attend the hearings in great numbers.

And I'm firmly convinced that if that courtroom had been filled with colored people when Monaghan brazenly rose while on the witness stand and pointed his finger at Adam Powell and called him a "liar," Chairman Keating would have cited Monaghan for contempt right there on the spot.

The mistake was ours. Whether we support the Democratic machine here or not, Monaghan had proved to be a cancer in that machine and the Republicans had come here to cut out that cancer.

Caught The Wrong Bus

But our failure to even give them left-handed support brought about the age old conclusion of one group not being interested in the welfare of another group if that group is not interested in the welfare of themselves.

After the hearings were over and the committee had gone back to Washington the colored people of Harlem and the NAACP staged a big rally protest in Harlem — AFTER the hearings.

And I say, to Mr. White and Mrs. Baker: It was like buying a ticket to Atlanta—and getting on a bus heading for Chicago! You caught the wrong bus!

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

Let us make war upon our extravagant and expensive habits and utilize the results in things of material value.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
August 21, 1925

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay

Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

Of Politics And Politicians

THE MAN WHO pledged to make all appointments without regard to race has finally made his first colored selection. The honor goes to one **Willis Parfect** of Augusta, Ga., who is neither a Republican nor a Democrat. In fact, he's not a registered voter. **Eisenhower** picked **Mr. Parfect**, whom he gave the odd nickname of "**Cemetery**," to be the official presidential caddy during his brief vacations at the National Golf Club, Bobby Jones' swank joint in Augusta. The president has made no other appointments of colored or Jewish Americans.

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An ironic twist will soon develop in the Senate. Northern foes of the filibuster are expected to lay a vote on surrendering federal ownership of rich-oil tidelands to four states. Southerners are gleeful. It will set a precedent for them when they begin filibustering the Hawaiian statehood bill. Dixiecrats fear two new senators from racially-mixed Hawaii would mean two more votes for civil rights legislation . . . Three Howard U. professors are slated for a grilling by Rep. **Harold Velde's** Un-American Activities Committee, now probing Communists in education.

Adlai Stevenson, during his visit in Washington, left unhappy when advised to soft-pedal any talk about FEPC for the present . . . **Percy Greene**, editor and Mississippi Democratic leader, has come out in support of jim-crow schools. Tch, tch! . . . Canadians have hopes of adding Jamaica as a province, but Jamaicans are not enthusiastic . . . **Raymond C. Baugh**, 19, of Philly has been appointed to West Point by Pennsylvania's Rep. **Earl Chudoff**, the first of the new Congress.

I Wonder Why Department

Most puzzling is why a modern magazine like Life continues to resort to ancient stereotypes about colored people. In the current issue **Marshall Smith** can think of nothing better than "cruiser-like feet," "egg-shaped head" and "spelike arms" to describe **Reece (Goose) Tatum**, world's highest paid ($40,000) basketball player. . . Why would the Saturday Evening Post select a writer like **Wolfgang Langewiesche** to do a story on Gold Coast Prime Minister **Kwame Nkrumah**? His distorted picture of this brilliant African leader is a journalistic disgrace. "He went to office directly from jail," he concludes **Langewiesche**. He apparently never heard of **Mahatma Ghandi**, who did his most effective twisting of the British lion's tail from behind bars .

Our Parade Of Personalities

Joe Louis and **Reba Moreno**, ex-U.S. women's table tennis champion, opened up a comedy table tennis tour at St. Louis Saturday . . . **Hilda Simms** back from London to play the role of **Marva Louis** in the film story of Joe's life . . . **Chicago** betting odds rate **Rocky Marciano** 3½ to 1 over **Jersey Joe Walcott** . . . **Mrs. Walter White** is the new food editor of House Beautiful . . . **Dr. W. H. Jernagin** leaves Washington, March 28 in time to conduct Easter services in Korea. He's guest of the Air Force . . . **Lillian Randolph**, the radio TV actress, has called it quits with her 32-year-old husband, **Edward Sanders**.

Mattiwilda Dobbs makes not one, but four appearances with the La Scala Opera Co. at Milan, Italy this month. She's also booked for a command performance at **Queen Elizabeth's** coronation . . . **Harry Belafonte**, new folk-singing discovery, has charmed audiences at Los Angeles' Cocoanut Grove club. He's finished a movie role in "Bright Road," all-colored film, out around April 15 . . . Philly's **Booker T. Blocker**, 7, wants to go to Denmark for an operation like **Christine Jorgensen's** so he can become a she .

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

PARIS— Hilda Simms (of "Anna Lucasta" fame) may or may not get the part of **Mrs. Louis** in the film "**The Joe Louis Story**"—but if she does, you can remember that you saw it here first

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that she has the inside track. Hilda said this week, just before leaving for the States, that she expects to play the part of Marva, and she didn't say maybe.

A Washingtonian, Capt. Ulysses B. Fortune, 1361 Perry pl., nw., dropped in to say hello a few days ago, during his three-day leave in Paris. He's a company commander with the 94th Eng. Cons. Bn., stationed at Chateauroux, France. Says he would like to bring his family over but can't find suitable quarters.

Another Washingtonian, Pfc. William Branch, stationed in Nurnburg, Germany, back in town this week with a new play based on the life of Frederick Douglass, which he placed in the hands of co-producer Breen (of Porgy and Bess) for possible production in the USA. Branch learned while in Paris that his last play, "A Medal for Willie," is now being presented in California.

Parade Of Artists Visit

Is this Paris or New York? Reason I ask is that while the 60-person cast of Porgy and Bess was still strolling the boulevards between shows, Diazy Gillespie and his combo blew into town for several days before touring France and Germany. Diazy had a full hour on the French radio, and appeared in a concert.

The same day Porgy closed Mezz Mezzrow presented a group of all-star performers in two concerts (March 1) at the Champs Elysees Theater. Included were Taps Miller, Buck Clayton, Gene Cedric, Big Chief Moore, Red Richards and Kansas Fields. The same week-end Sarah Vaughan blew in from London with her husband.

And two days later (March 3), the Jazz-at-the-Philharmonic cavalcade added still more entertainers to the Paris scene. Among others, this group brought Ella Fitzgerald, Willie Smith, Ray Brown and Flip Phillips.

Add these to what we've got already—June Richmond, Babe Wallace, Don Byas Bill Coleman, Marian Bruce and Peanuts Holland—and you wonder if show business is so tough in the USA that entertainers have to come over here to hem up a buck.

My Favorite Quotation

Let friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.
—Fuller.

(Submitted by Anjou Payne, Washington, D.C.)

(Next week's quotation by Albert Terhune, Newark, N.J.)

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
March 11 - rain or snow
March 12, 13, 14 - cold, partly cloudy, high winds
March 15, 16, 17 - stormy, rain or snow

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MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter - March 3 - 1:28 p.m.
New Moon - March 11 - 6:06 a.m.
First Quarter - March 19 - 3:09 a.m.
Full Moon - March 26 - 7:53 a.m.