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"We are Americans and, as Americans, we speak to America."
—Frederick Douglass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Half-finished work generally proves to be labor lost. — ABRAHAM LINCOLN

What The AFRO Stands For

A seat for every child in a modern school building that is not overcrowded.

A teacher for every 35 pupils.

The right of every child to attend the school closest to his home, if there is room.

The right of every child to secure instruction in any course which is offered in the curriculum of Baltimore public schools.

More trained folk needed in Baltimore

Mrs. Jane Morrow Spaulding, assistant to the Secretary of Public Health, Education and Welfare, offered some interesting information to the Baltimore citizenry when she spoke here Sunday at an NAACP rally.

Her data on the employment situation of colored men and women on the local scene showed a disturbing dearth of professional and technical workers.

Among the facts presented by Mrs. Spaulding was the item that of 64,230 employed colored males in Baltimore, only 1,498 are professional and technical workers.

Of the 64,230 employed males, 20,322 are service workers and half that number — 5,423 — are janitors, porters and char workers.

For women the situation is even more embarrassing.

There are 38,131 employed colored women in Baltimore, according to Mrs. Spaulding. Of that number only 1,941 are professional and technical workers and 1,274 of that group are teachers.

Particularly distressing was Mrs. Spaulding's report on the number of young women enrolled in the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Her statement was that according to information she received in September, not one colored girl enrolled in the school this term.

The NAACP waged a long and costly fight to open the University of Maryland graduate school, but with evidence such as this before us, we are tempted to ask "for what?"

With only 173 colored registered nurses in Baltimore, we would seem that more interest would be shown by our young ladies in this highly needed and well - appreciated profession.

On the contrary, Mrs. Spaulding pointed out that of the women employed in the city, 17,000 are household workers and 3,000 are classed as laundry workers.

Neither Mrs. Spaulding in her speech nor the AFRO here is demeaning non - skilled or semi-skilled work. All work is honorable.

But, as the lady from Washington so clearly brought to our attention, the areas in which the majority of Baltimore's colored citizens are employed are in low paying jobs with small opportunities for advancement.

The fight against discrimination is aided and abetted by the strengthening of the economy of the colored population.

More professional and technical workers are needed in our city.

We need more accountants, bookkeepers, architects, draftsmen, electricians, masons, painters, plasterers, plumbers, dentists, pharmacists, glaziers, physicians, and nurses.

Trained folk are needed to break down the present economic barriers—barriers which will continue to exist until we have someone skilled enough to challenge them.

The time is ripe for such people right now.

Civil rights indictment

The indictment of an Annapolis policeman this week by a federal grand jury on charges of illegally beating a colored man marks a new era for the state of Maryland.

The indictment is the first civil - rights prosecution in the history of the state. The violation carries with it a maximum penalty of one year's imprisonment, a fine of $1,000, or both.

The same jury which indicted former Patrolman Henry W. Trott Jr. returned no true bill against two Northwestern District policemen who were accused of violating the civil rights of a Baltimore housewife by illegally arresting her.

The cases of all three policemen reached the federal grand juries through investigatory work by the local agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The fact that the two separate cases reached the federal grand jury and one resulted in an indictment should effect a new awareness both among the citizens of Maryland and law enforcement officers.

Regardless of the outcome of Mr. Trott's case, the effect the indictment will have on the populace should surely be salutary.

No longer will the citizens of the state — white and colored — feel that charges of alleged brutality they make against law enforcement officers will be considered routine, and probably ignored.

It is noteworthy in the Trott case that the officer had already been dismissed from the Annapolis police force after being found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

The former patrolman has stated that he is being used as "a scapegoat to cover up some things that are going on in Annapolis."

If this be the case, it should surely come out when he has his day in court.

Meanwhile, the panel which indicted Mr. Trott last week criticized receive praise for a new awakening among the citizenry.

Park Board and suspended rules

The Park Board chose recently to suspend one of its long standing rules when it voted to permit the sale of beer at the stadium during the major league baseball season.

The rules say no alcoholic beverages may be sold or consumed within any city park.

The explanation given the public was that the sale of the St. Louis Browns baseball team to a Baltimore group was contingent on the sale of beer at the stadium.

We are certainly not against the sale of beer during baseball games. The two are almost synonomous.

But we are wondering why the Park Board can ignore its rules in this case and cling so stubbornly to other onerous rules whenever colored citizens attempt to get equal swimming facilities in the city parks.

Barrett School and grand jury

The Anne Arundel County grand jury last week criticized the expenses at the Barrett School for Girls.

The grand jury, in a nine-page report, charged that the cost at Barrett per inmate was $3,000 while at Crownsville it averaged $1,000 a patient and at the House of Correction $600 per inmate.

The jury was critical of the amount of money spent on food, clothing and lodging at the school.

A report, however, issued by the State Department of Public Welfare which operates Maryland's four training schools revealed that Barrett's expenditures between July 1, 1952 and June 30, 1953 were less than any of the other three state institutions.

During this period total expenditures for the Barrett school was $108,007.43. The Montrose School for white girls had an expenditure of $248,290.03.

Both Boys' Village and the Maryland Training School for Boys had expenditures more than twice that of the two girls' schools.

Mrs. Margaret McGane, superintendent of Barrett, told the AFRO that "rehabilitation is an expensive process."

We agree. Girl's committed to the institution have need of special services more costly than services needed in possibly other state institutions.

Rather than reduce the expenditures at Barrett it would seem to us better to raise the expenditures at the other institutions which the grand jury compared with the girls' school.

No amount of money spent which guarantees the rehabilitation of a young girl, returning her to society as a useful citizen, is wasted money.

It is hoped that when the matter is referred to the state legislature for study that the lawmakers bear this fact in mind.

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: A convention of ear, eye, nose and throat specialists was told last week that women have raised the pitch of men's voices.

The speaker contended that women have high-pitched voices because their main adult contacts in childhood were their mothers and women teachers.

So now, women are to blame for men's voices.

Men in our crowd say the same thing, only they pronounce the word, "voices."

Board, league deserve praise

The Board of Fire Commissioners and The Baltimore Urban League deserve a vote of thanks for the appointment of 10 colored men to the fire department.

And now that the men have begun training another milestone has been crossed in the ream of human progress. Baltimore joins other enlightened southern cities.

Here, however, the hope remains that the Fire Board does not stop just with the hiring of the men

What, we mean is that there will be no segregated fire company set up once the men conclude their training.

Their training period will naturally be integrated. So should their service.

Fires, the object of their attention from now on, draw no color line.

Now that the Fire Board has broken down the barriers of discrimination within the department, let's hope it goes all the way.

Unequal justice on ticket 'fix'

After a state trooper complained recently about requests by the Prince George county state's attorney to "fix" traffic tickets, a check was made on the records for the county during the past nine months.

Newspaper reports revealed that at least 56 traffic violations were nol - prossed, or otherwise not prosecuted, during the nine months.

But statistics taken from the Maryland State Police records and issued by Col. Elmer F. Munshower, superintendent, show that 73 traffic cases were nol - prossed or stetted in Prince George's county from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 in 1952.

The AFRO is interested in this matter not only because there is evidence of favoritism of duty on the part of some state officials.

It is interested because of the 56 nol - prossed cases publicized in the newspapers none is colored.

Here is a gailing example of unequal justice. Some people can get their traffic tickets fixed and others cannot.

What gives?

Indian summer

Our almanac tells us that the season now upon us is autumn, or if you wish, fall.

One dictionary tells us that the fall season is the time each year between summer and winter.

Our experience tells us that in the fall the days become shorter, the leaves begin to fall and the temperature drops.

Usually our thermometer bears out the contentions of our almanac, our dictionary and our experience.

But this fall our thermometer is telling us it is still summer. The temperatures which have hovered in the seventies all week seem to substantiate the fact that it is still summer.

Not to forsake our dictionary entirely on the subject, we asked it what kind of summer is this we're experiencing. And we were told it's Indian summer, a period of mild weather occurring in the autumn.

But temperatures in the upper seventies do not remind us of mild weather. To us, it's been hot.

Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

Will some reader please tell me the best way to curb racketeering instincts in a seven-year-old?

Don't know whether to lay it to an innate business acumen or just plain racket boss tendencies — talking about Number One Son.

Seems the Sunday school he attends is having a popularity contest. All of the school children were given votes to sell at five cents each.

Now there's nothing wrong with that. It's a common practice to raise funds for a noble purpose by holding popularity contests.

Number One displayed the tickets he was to sell and asked permission to solicit around the neighborhood for purchasers.

Thought this was a good way to break him in to the hard facts of life. Let him find out the hard way that people don't give up nickels as easily as his pop does.

He trotted out (even washed his face without being told) and stayed about three quarters of an hour. Returned home beaming and proudly announced that he had sold all of his tickets and had a pocket full of nickels and pennies.

Found a box for him to keep his change in and forgot the matter. During the rest of the week, each day he would come in from school and deposit a few more nickels in the box.

Finally had to ask him where all the money was coming from. He isn't allowed to leave the block and I was quite sure he had canvassed the entire block on the first day.

The little rascal had passed out his tickets among all the older kids in the neighborhood. All he had to do was sit on his front porch and wait until the kids reported in with the money.

The crowning touch was the next Sunday when one of his playmates was overheard telling her mother,

"Didn't put my nickel in Sunday school. I bought a ticket from Number One."

Racketeer or businessman?

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Often wondered why the corner at Laurens and Carey sts. is always crowded with husky men dressed in overalls early in the morning and again later in the afternoon.

Now comes the revelation that most of them are longshoremen and the corner is an unofficial meeting place where they gather to exchange news on the latest jobs, swap gossip and make up crews for work on the docks.

Incidentally, longshoreman work pays high wages, but George you have to sweat to make a dollar, and some weeks you might as well stay in bed for all the loot you bring home.

Organize Club

The regular residents of the Y have organized a dominitory club with Robert Taylor as president; Chiles Peecher, vice president; Lloyd Taylor, secretary; Franklin Johnson, treasurer. First item to attract their attention is a devotional period on Sunday morning with coffee and cakes to follow.

Business was a little better than usual on the avenue over the week end—thanks to the teachers' convention and the bucks they spent. . . . Added note—Maybe it's old age but the teachers seem to get prettier and younger every year.

Best and choice around town —"From Here To Eternity," is whale of a picture. The strange and wonderful music of the Sauter-Finegan band heard on some of the city's juke boxes. The warm organ technique of Bill Doggett . . . The sad but where they serve draft beer in ice cold glasses . . . The signs that warn you Christmas is on the way.

Quite a ruckus at Gilmor and Baker sts., the other Saturday night. A little lady standing all of four feet five was using a board with telling effect on a six footer. All he did was yell while the crowd watched in amazement.

Latest story concerns the playboy who came out of dance, dressed fit to kill with a vision floating on his arm, only to discover that while he was tripping the light fantastic, the finance company had abducted his car.

At last reports he was still trying to convince the lady that it was not the fickle playboy that lifted the car, but a low down automobile thief.

Little Things

By JESS WALKER

An awful lot of people are scurrying around digging up information on a minister who is this once "very prominent" in this town.

Seems the reverend had to leave the city some years back by demand after he ran afoul of the city codes.

But the reports come in from the midwest that the same gent who raised such a storm here then, is now attempting to get settled in the Windy City.

Naturally, the folks out that way want to know about the reverend's past and they sent queries back here to various persons, asking that they be supplied with the pertinent information.

That explains the present scurrying.

AND SPEAKING OF MINISTERS, there's one on a local scene who, having been voted out of his last charge by his parishioners, has made a comeback.

'Tis said this reverend is building again. What's more in the same area in which he came out a loser the last time.

Thus to the gent about town who, while his wife was vacationing, took it upon himself to get a new auto. The little lady hasn't taken (not in the least) to the new chariot and there may be a trade-in soon on a trade in. . .

CHARITY NOTE: There is an elderly fellow by the name of George A. Roberts, who sits every favorable day at the corner of Caroline and Orleans sts.

What makes Mr. Roberts' case unusual is the fact he's sitting there in a wheel chair, as he incidentally which is coming apart at the seams.

Mr. Roberts, who lost both legs as a result of an undisclosed illness, would like to have a new wheel chair. It's a little thing which would make him feel "big."

MISCELLANY: Herbert N. Butcher, 3215 McTeague st., lucky fellow. Assigned to U.S.S. Iwo Jima, he was on home to brother's wedding when ship had explosion killing 36 . . . Toilet in 100 block N. Amity st. due to be inspected by mayor on Sunday. . . . Slaying of 13-year-old Claudine Richardson reminds that the slayer of barmaid Emily Friday is still on the loose. She was slain six weeks ago . . .

Baito, night life really picking up . . . It's also said that that upper Pennsylvania ave. spot recently turned over to colored but shuttered since, will begin operation soon.

Reporters' Report To The People

Fancy Free

By LOUIE ROBINSON

This corner missed the television production of William Shakespeare's "King Lear" on Sunday. It was a shame, because I was just beginning to understand and appreciate the immortal bard, having recently viewed "Othello."

But TV is a marvelous entertainment medium. If you cannot find what you want on one channel, you can flip to another. If you miss a dramatic presentation one night, you can try for a similar one the next.

So, having lost out on a good bit of acting in "King Lear," I decided to try the next best thing—the Tuesday night wrestling matches.

Now some folks say that wrestling is a lost science and refer to the present-day brand as "wrassling" and "the mangy art of self-defense." A rose by any other name smells just the same.

Men Differ

While I did not catch the names of Tuesday's performers, I did catch the odoriferous performance. It was clear from the start that these were two men of different temperaments and techniques.

One participant was an eye-gouging, hair - pulling, hard-cussing ruffian. The other was a man capable of great suffering and so sensitive he trembled in rage at the methods of his opponent. But not once did he raise a foot or a pair of brass knuckles in retribution.

And though the referee shook his finger sternly in chastisement and lectured to the offender on the benefits of doing good and abiding by the rules, it was to no avail.

Outcome Predictable

However, the characteristics of the villain and the good guy having been so firmly established, there was never any doubt what the final outcome would be. Good would triumph over evil in the end, and the nicest wrassler would win.

And, although having his brains mauled out all the way through the match, he did.

All this is not to say that wrestling compares favorably with Shakespeare for dramatic appeal. But if you like acting. . .

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

The ways of mortal man are at times confusing as well as amusing.

After witnessing the movie "The Moon Is Blue," I'm as confused as the next man as to why the state board of censors banned the hit here in Baltimore.

Just this week I was told that the "Moon" was too "suggestive." So was "From Here to Eternity" but it's still with us and frankly, I enjoyed seeing both.

Damsel In Distress

In the "Moon" censors raised a howl over the fact that a "gent" hired a young damsel into his apartment.

In "Eternity" not only is there furing on a grand scale but there are hints of infidelity, corruption, murder, the goings on in a house of ill repute and, in general, plain old h-- raising.

Understand that certain branches of the service banned both shows from their reservations. If fact the Navy claims that "Eternity" was an insult to a sister service.

Who's Joking Now

Now was that supposed to have been a joke? There has never been any love lost between the three branches of service. Or, maybe unification has really gone farther than we realize.

Anyway, I know of some things that went on in the islands during the war. Maybe the James Jones classic of "Eternity" stepped on someone's toes.

Although there are many Baltimoreans who will never see the "epic," they are buying the book like mad. Makes interesting reading, too. In fact, it's better than the pic.

This fact still remains. Don't see how the state could permit the showing of one without banning the other. Will somebody explain it to me? Not that I'll change my opinion but I'll listen.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

The constitution states emphatically that all men are created equal.

From this, one would naturally take the I-can-do-anything-you-can-do attitude. Evidently such isn't the case.

Sunday, at the Calypso Carousel (pronounced Carowsal, I was quickly informed) at Poly-technic, over 20 Caribbeans cavorted across the stage wriggling and twisting their sleek bodies in an amazing fashion.

The rhythmic beating of the rumba drums gradually swelled in the blood of the audience. One, by one, each viewer began to sway Calypso style. But there was one handicap . . . the seats.

Swing Of Things

So-o-o, after the affair, a group gathered at a friend's home to really get into the swing of things.

They had the music, the space and the rhythm. Only the gay colored costumes were missing, so they thought.

The first record was played. A couple ventured to the center of the floor and the dance began. After a minute, the breathless duo gave way to another pair and so it went for about 15 minutes.

Aching Backs, Legs

By the time three records had been played, their muscles began complaining. The "dancers" could barely make it home.

The said each step brought unbearable screeches from the aching backs, arms and legs.

And by the next morning, few were able to move at all!

Now, the entertainers danced for over two hours and when they were finished, they looked as if they could have continued all night!

Something must be missing somewhere, but the constitution says . . .

TOO OLD

A six-year-old, complaining about her early bedtime to her mother:

"The reason why you won't let me stay up after 9 o'clock is because you're too old to enjoy 'I Love Lucy.'"

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

TWO VISITORS

The little man who shuffled into the newspaper office — like so many others — had a problem. His concerned a brother who is presently serving a long term in the penitentiary for burglary.

The visitor didn't hesitate to mention his brother's whereabouts nor the nature of the offense, but he plaintively asks that you listen to his story before making any snap judgment.

It seems the brother in jail was stricken with cancer about two years ago. The dread disease has passed into the final stages and many of the man's vital organs have been eliminated as a result of extensive surgical operations.

The operations were done in the prison infirmary and now, although on his feet again, he is in a serious condition and death from the incurable disease is not many months away.

Meanwhile, he has served 10 years of a 20-year-term. When the brother who visited the office tried to get the sick man released from prison on parole, he reports, the parole was denied.

James Hepbron, our new State Parole Director, has consented to review the case. Tremendously relieved at even this little ray of hope, the AFRO visitor, no longer shuffling, went back home — to wait.

G.I. MIRACLE

Another fellow, resplendent in a sharply creased soldier's uniform, came into the office to tell of a W. J. McCarthy who had been on a long vacation in Europe and had just returned to town.

The man said Baltimoreans would remember "W. J." because, and I quote "of his many exploits in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of McCulloh st."

Quite impressed with the story gent who could afford a European jaunt and who also created such a stir on McCulloh st., this humble writer politely inquired just who was W. J. McCarthy.

My man stuck out his hand, beamed a wide smile and said: "That's me, Jack!!

Speak Your Piece

Medicine report

Dear AFRO:

Please accept my thanks for the favorable publicity you gave "The medicine with the 'hasty taste' in your valuable paper recently.

We have had fine comments to end, which prompts me to say the AFRO really "gets about" and the people really read it.

Best wishes for continued success.

T. H. KERR

Teachers' convention

Dear AFRO:

Please accept our heartiest thanks for the wonderful coverage that you gave the Maryland Educational Association in your Tuesday paper that went into the counties and the city and also your Friday paper.

Many thanks for the wonderful job done by your reporter, Miss Ruth Jenkins.

I received many compliments from the teachers and friends from the state. The credit goes to your outstanding staff.

EUGENE L. KING
1st vice-president, MEA

NAACP slogan

I think the following slogan is appropriate for the NAACP to inspire community support during its current membership campaign:

"We are the NAACP of the nation, fighting hard to get rid of racial discrimination."

Mrs. ANN KERBER

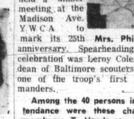
POLITICS:

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

A doctor, before treating his patient, will first examine the body and diagnose the illness. This is done to ascertain what he should prescribe to cause the patient to respond properly to treatment.

There are other types of illnesses which can affect us. These we describe as social illnesses. However, like the illnesses of the body, in order to determine what will cure the community, there must be some examination and diagnosis.



Mr. Cole

It is gratifying to learn that here in Baltimore and the state of Maryland, where social diseases of every kind and in varying intensities plague the community, that a real and practical step is being taken to find a proper cure.

Self-Survey Plan

Under the leadership of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations and the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations a self-survey is to be conducted to determine source of social problems and to offer scientific but practical programs for their solution.

The unique characteristic of this project is that it will draw upon every element of the community for participation.

In fact, its very success is predicated upon the idea that people will be thrown together on the solution of common problems, thereby helping to promote understanding among groups.

Everybody's Problem

This is not a program which sets out to solve a "Negro Problem." Social and community illness is everybody's problem and the members who shall direct this project have been careful to realize this fact.

It is equally significant to note that, thus far, the plan has been endorsed by the governor and the mayor.

More than that, it has been agreed that the detailed analysis and diagnosis will be directed by one of our most outstanding scholars in this field, Dr. Herman H. Long, director of the race relations department, Fisk university.

Movement Welcome

Each one of us can heartily welcome this development and give it our earnest support. We should send in our suggestions and offer our time to help.

We should work so hard and so diligently that it will be highly improbable that the "work" shall be well done, specific recommendations are made but the report is shelved for posterity.

The true success will be treating the illness after the diagnosis is made.

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

FIRST SCOUTERS MARK ANNIVERSARY

In October, 1928, a group of adults and youngsters met at Sharp Street Methodist church to form Boy Scout Troop No. 275, the first scout unit in the city.

On Saturday, some of the original members of that first troop held a dinner meeting, at the Madison Ave. Y.W.C.A. to mark its 25th anniversary. Spearheading the celebration was Leroy Coles Sr., dean of Baltimore scouters, and one of the troop's first commanders.

Mrs. Phillips

Among the 40 persons in attendance were these charter members: T. Henderson Kerr, Jr., John and Emmith Holt, Allen Collick Jr., Charles Hynson, Elbert Carter, Bert Hall and Evans Fernando Jr.

School Principal Milton Statuley, present scoutmaster, was one of the troop's earliest members.

Actually, that day in October 1928, was a red letter day for scouting. From that first unit, Boy Scouts have grown to 39 cub packs, troops and explorer units with over 1,946 members. We have chartered scout executives working on a fulltime basis: William Rand heads the Monumental Council, Jack Golden, the South Street District.

Yancey Whitaker has headed the Chesapeake District since 1946, but he resigned last month to take a teaching post.

The scout district office in Philly, and the personnel office in New York, are looking around for a successor.

Applicants must be college trained, have some scouting experience, and a real interest in the program. Starting pay for person with no experience is $3,200. Applicants with experience start off at a higher rate.

Incidentally, Roy Scott, who is preparing for "D-Day," which is Saturday, November 14, During this week of November 2, scouts will leave "good turn" bags at your home. You are urged to fill them with old clothing and shoes and have them ready to be picked up at 10 a.m. on the 14th.

The scouts will take the bags to a pickup station, which sends them on to Goodwill Industries where the contents will be converted into wearables by handicapped persons.

You can help a scout do a good turn as well as help a handicapped person learn a trade and make a living by cooperating in this program.

WANT A BABY? LOCAL AGENCY CAN HELP YOU

Some prospective parents who have attempted to adopt a baby through the local agencies will tell you they gave up because of red tape.

To avoid the red tape, they arranged for adoptions through out-of-state agencies.

But, good news! The Family and Children's Society of Mrs. W. Lanvale st., Baltimore 17, now has babies for adoption, and is anxious to find good homes for them.

The children range in age from 3 months to 2½ years. The agency's former policy of placing children only in homes where the mother gave up her job has been relaxed.

You can make application in person or by writing to the agency. Phone number is Madison 3-7332.

Clark L. Mock is executive secretary of the society; Miss Marjorie Embrey is supervisor of adoptions, and Mrs. Flozella Clark, is case worker.

Heretofore, adoption applications with the society usually were handled promptly. But today, if you can qualify, you might have an adopted child in your home within a couple of months.

There is no charge for the service Family and Children's Society renders. Only fee prospective parents must pay is for a lawyer to complete adoption papers in court. This rarely exceeds $50.

To help the agency find suitable homes for children, a ministers' advisory committee has been organized to recommend prospective parents. The Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, is chairman.

WHY DO MINISTERS RELY ON BOOKS?

CBS - TV has just concluded an interesting program entitled, "Bride And Groom."

Couples were married in front of them on Sunday, and on Monday trimmings and loaded with gifts for the honeymoon and new home.

Not many of the ministers officiated without reference to their prayer books or Bibles. Wonder why?

Seems to me a minister who makes a living at performing marriages and officiating at funerals ought to know the services by heart, especially if he's been in the business any length of time.

The late Rev. Frederick Douglas, founder and pastor of Douglas Memorial Community church never had to use a book when he officiated at such services.

Neither did the Rev. George F. Bragg, for many years rector of St. James P. E. church.

Because they did not have to depend on a book, they put feeling and warmth into their words.

The listener could get much comfort from them because he had the feeling he was being talked to by a friend who knew directly at him and was not a slave to a book.

THIS AND THAT ABOUT OUR TOWN

Just dibbling over with happiness is NW worker Vera Cole, who has promised Mel Gibson, of the Baltimore Colts that she will be his wife come December.

She tells me the event will take place at her parents' home in Indianapolis, and that they'll probably live in Los Angeles.

Vera says she is taking her boy to meet her hubby, 1st Lt. Alfred E. Johnson. Will go by train to California, and by ship to the island.

Dr. George Adams, local physician, who has been wearing a neck brace because of a painful spinal condition, entered University Hospital on Tuesday.

Drop him a card. He's in Ward D.

Suzanne Sanford, steward on the S. S. United States, visited here last week with his wife, Mildred, and daughter, Betty Lou.

He was a frequent visitor to Baltimore during the war when he was steward on merchant ships which docked here.

Mrs. Anna Douglas, membership secretary of Harper Lodge of Elks, can testify that young lawbreakers are getting bolder.

She was set upon by two teen-agers at Pressman st., near Pulaski, Sunday afternoon. They made off with her purse which contained glasses, door keys and NAACP memberships.

AFRO's Jimmy Hicks did a piece earlier this month on Westinghouse Co. in which he presented finding no colored white collar workers.

But, it is a fact that Westinghouse has such employees. The management was probably reluctant to discuss them because they are at work in restricted areas.

One is Winston Hunt, who is in the engineering department. He has been employed for over a year, has his own desk, etc. Another is Daniel Hamm. There is a third white collar worker in the chemistry lab.

THOUGHT OF WEEK

The Rev. Archibald Carey, Chicago alderman and AME minister, is credited with the gem on what the American colored man wants:

"Nothing special, just what everybody else wants, nothing less and nothing more. We don't want special jobs saved for us or withheld from us.

"We don't want any special cars in which to ride or special schools in which to go. We don't want any special houses or blocks in which to live, or special cops of the armed forces from which to fight for freedom.

"We don't want any special favors to put us ahead, but we don't want any special agreements to hold us back.

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EYES DC JOB DISCRIMINATION:

Little FEP unit takes no action

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts held a brief session at the Labor Department Monday, but reached no conclusion as to whether the District will abide by Mr. Eisenhower's executive order calling on all federal agencies to obtain compliance with the non-discrimination provision of government contracts.

Existing executive orders require government contracting agencies to include in their contracts a provision obligating the contractor not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion or national origin.

The District government has taken the position that it is not a federal agency and is not required to abide by this provision.

Roosevelt Heads Unit

But President Eisenhower's Government Contract Committee set up a subcommittee on District of Columbia affairs, headed by John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

As a result of a luncheon meeting behind closed doors at the Mayflower hotel, recently, with Samuel Spencer, president of the board of commissioners, the General Accounting Office has been asked for an informal opinion as to whether the anti-discrimination provision may be included in District contracts.

The contract committee was given a lift when James P. Mitchell, the new secretary of labor, designated himself to succeed Lloyd A. Mashburn as the representative of the Labor Department on the committee. Mr. Mashburn recently resigned as under secretary of labor, leaving a vacancy on the committee.

Experienced In FEP Work

As revealed exclusively in a NNPA news story last week, Mr. Mitchell had wide experience with fair employment practices during World War II when he was personnel director of the industrial relations division in headquarters of the Army Service Forces.

It is the first time that a person of that rank has represented the Government on any fair employment practice committee or commission.

Indicative of the committee's determination to push the District compliance to bring the District in line with federal agencies was the announcement at the close of Monday's meeting that George Meaney, AFL president, and Walter Reuther, CIO president, have been added to the District of Columbia affairs subcommittee.

Others On Subcommittee

Other members of the District subcommittee are Mr. Roosevelt, Rogers Redd, chairman of the board of the New York Herald Tribune, and William Mitchell, general counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Jacob Seidenberg, executive director of the committee, declined to say what action, if any, the committee took with respect to the District of Columbia. All he would say was that the committee had discussed the District and that it is still under consideration.

Mr. Seidenberg said that other subcommittees at work include the contract clause and compliance program committees, liaison committee to work with non - governmental interest groups, the educational program committee and the personnel committee to pass on applicants for employment with the full committee.

Mitchell At Monday's Parley

The new secretary of labor was among the members attending the committee's meeting Monday. Others present included Charles S. Thompson, assistant secretary of defense, representing the Defense Department; James C. Worthy, assistant secretary of commerce, Commerce Department, and George C. McKibbin, General Services Administration.

Ernest J. Wilkins of Chicago, vice-chairman of the committee, presided in the absence of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who is on a 16-nation good will trip in the Pacific area.

The committee made public a letter Mr. Nixon sent to the heads of 28 government agencies, asking them to advise him of the steps they are taking to comply with the government's policy of non-discrimination.

Nixon Letter Quoted

"I am certain that you must share my desire to co-operate to the maximum extent in implementing the president's non-discrimination policy," Mr. Nixon wrote the agency heads.

"The vice president directed their attention to the section of President Eisenhower's executive order which calls upon the head of each contracting agency to:

"Take appropriate measures, including but not limited to the establishment of compliance procedures, in carrying out his responsibility for obtaining compliance with non-discrimination provisions of contracts executed by his agency."

The Nixon letter was sent to the heads of the:

Agriculture Department, Power Commission, Trade Commission, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Office of Foreign Operations, Selective Service System, State, Department, Interior Department, Railroad Retirement Board, Commerce Department, Post Office Department, Federal Communications Commission, Defense Department, Tennessee Valley Authority.

Health, Education and Welfare Department, Veterans' Administration, Central Intelligence Agency, Treasury Department, Atomic Energy Commission, Federal Civil Defense Administration, General Accounting Office, General Services Administration, Government Printing Office, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Panama Canal Company Justice Department, and Labor Department.

CARIBBEAN LEADERS COMMENT:

Accuse Britain of taking backward step in Guiana

KINGSTON, Jamaica (ANP)—Blue steel bayonets and old model rifles brandished in British Guiana's Georgetown this week following the withdrawal by Queen Elizabeth II of the new sub-governing constitution granted that colony a few months ago.

Political and social advancement of the underdogs and the majority of the populace, mostly colored, has thus been thrown back another 50 years, said Caribbean political pundits and historians.

So far, up to the time of mailing, no clashes had ensued between military forces and civilians.

Lily-white Security Force

Orders from London to dispatch the white Royal Welsh Fusiliers from this island to B.G., has drained Jamaica dry of white troops, some of whom had been billed to assist in the guarding of Queen Elizabeth during her visit this November.

To fill the gap, the British government, it is reported, will take no chances and has issued secret orders for 500 Devonshire troops to rush to the Caribbean on the war craft Implacable.

Deep inside sources said that arrangements are being made to foil any plots which might be contemplated by Communist adherents. As such, there might be variations in plans for the queen's visit.

JC Guard units parade for Ike

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the guest of honor here Oct. 17, at Jackson Quare, where he observed the re-enactment of the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

Seated in the reviewing stand with more than 40 diplomats from foreign countries surrounding him, President Eisenhower saw jim crow at its height as company after company of the Louisiana State National Guard filed by as strictly "lily-white" units.

The only signs of integration were the colored bearers, an integrated unit which represented all branches of the service and a naval unit. There was also a colored unit from Camp LeRoy Johnson and two colored Army bands.

The colored service man was also conspicuous by his absence from such military units as the Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines.

Howard U dean on DC board

WASHINGTON

Dr. Lewis K. Spaulding, dean of the Howard University school of engineering and architecture, was named Wednesday as a member of an advisory board of the D.C. Engineer Commission by Brig. Gen. Lewis Prentiss. The board is to advise General Prentiss on matters affecting the National Capital Planning Commission with respect to the District proper.

Georgia attorney general predicts court will abolish public school segregation

ATLANTA (NNPA) — Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia last Friday predicted that the United States Supreme Court will outlaw racial segregation in public schools in the five school cases which are set for further argument Dec. 7.

But, he said, he believes it will be "twenty-five years or longer" before integrated public schools are accepted in Georgia.

In a speech before the Atlanta Veterans club, Mr. Cook, who is president of the National Association of Attorneys General, said he believes the high court "will give ample time" to the 17 Dixie states which now have dual school systems to comply with its ruling.

Agrees With Talmadge

He said he and Governor Herman Talmadge think that the opponents of segregated public schools will have to bring separate suits in each county in the state to enforce compliance with an order outlawing such schools. His prediction that the court will outlaw segregated schools, he said, represents a reversal by his earlier thinking. He said he and the executive committee of the National Association of Attorneys General "have the definite impression" that the new Chief Justice Earl Warren will come down with what we call an adverse decision."

Supports Talmadge Plan

"It was our thought that Chief Justice Vinson would have gone other way," he added.

Mr. Cook said he also supports Governor Talmadge's plan for abolishing public school in Georgia if the Supreme Court outlaws segregation. Under Talmadge's plan, individual children would receive direct grants from the state to pay their tuition to schools they could attend "private institutions," which would take over the public schools.

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