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Advancement unit has some ambitious plans

By Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON

"Because colored people are now represented by the NAACP, we have incorporated a new organization in Delaware to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of White People."

This is the statement of B. W. Bowles, president of the NAAWP, in an exclusive interview with the AFRO Monday.

He gave this interview in what he calls the national headquarters of this newly-organized group, Room No. 1007, Dupont Circle Building, 1346 Connecticut ave., nw., Washington.

Seek One Million

Mr. Bowles says he will recruit one million members at $2 a head to fight for segregation of the races.

The application blanks show that it was originally proposed to make the joining fee $5, but this has since been reduced.

Mr. Bowles is tall, 33 years old, born in Florida and said he just returned to Washington after a two-week tour in the South seeking memberships.

Cites Aims, Purposes

During the hour interview, Mr. Bowles talked freely and willingly about the aims and purposes of his organization.

The writer had gone to the Dupont Building office on the tenth floor not knowing exactly what to expect.

Upon arrival, the writer found Joe Miller, young business and social relations student at the University of Maryland, who has taken a year's leave from his studies to act as a campaign director for the organization's membership drive.

Welcomes Writer

Mr. Miller shook hands warmly and invited the writer to a seat. He then explained the absence of the president, but said he would be there in 15 minutes if the writer cared to wait.

When the invitation was accepted, Miller began to give the writer information about the organization. He presented the charter showing that the corporation was set up under the laws of the state of Delaware last December.

He then showed the writer an application blank for membership, which said, "I do hereby apply for membership in the National Association for the Advancement of White People for the enclosed sum of two dollars for one year. My address is (there was a blank for the address in full).

Text Continued

Then this paragraph followed: "I am white, above the age of 21, and a citizen of the United States. I have never, nor do I intend to ever become a member of any organization that advocates to overthrow the Government of the United States.

"It is understood and agreed that after becoming a member of this organization that I reserve the right to vote as I please, worship as I please, or do as I please as long as I feel that it is rightful;

"But I do believe in segregation with equal facilities provided for people of any color." (A place for the signature follows).

Supports Segregation

Mimeographed literature put out by the organization supports segregated schools and segregated residential areas.

The word "negro" is spelled throughout with a small "n."

The literature ends with an appeal which says, "There is plenty we can legally do to achieve our aims, but lawyers have to be paid—even then be has to have people, and plenty of them backing him and your small membership fee will enable us to help."

Nothing To Hide

By the time I had finished reading this Mr. Bowles arrived. He, too, greeted me warmly, told me to pull up a chair and stated that "We have nothing to hide. We treat all the press the same."

I asked Mr. Bowles to tell me about his membership campaign through the South. He said he had just returned from Memphis, where he had set up a "mid-South" office which will serve as a regional office from which other southern branches will be formed.

He said he is aiming for a million members and that the response which he had received in the Memphis and the response which Mr. Miller had received in an organization drive in Richmond indicated to him that he could not have much trouble getting them.

Seeks Northern Members

I asked him if he felt he would get many members above the Mason and Dixon line. He said he expected to get a large number of members from the north.

I asked him whether the aim of his organization was to turn the nation back to complete segregation or whether it would seek to maintain the status quo, leaving integrated places still integrated and keeping segregated places as is.

Mr. Bowles said his organization doesn't attempt to "change people" and therefore it will not try to change communities already integrated.

Do Not Convert

"You can't reverse people," he said. "We do not try to convert anybody. If we find people opposed to our views we tell them we are busy, but we don't argue with them."

Mr. Bowles claimed that before setting up his organization he had "canvassed" as much among colored people as among whites. He did not say where he had canvassed but he said it was "all over."

He said he had found that, "Your people are proud of their race and they want to keep their race just as white people want to keep theirs."

No Colored Advisors

I asked him if he ever contemplated calling in colored people as advisors or consultants as the NAACP does. He said he did not contemplate such a move, but he said he might interview some colored people at local scenes of certain trouble spots.

As I prepared to leave, an older man said to me, "It's a good organization. We'll get you in it before long."

"I didn't know I was eligible to join," I countered "We'll get your support then," he said. I did not answer.

Leading Question

As I neared the door, he asked me, "Now why would you want to go to a school with white children?"

I counted up to ten and back down again. Then I gave him the best summary I could give him of the crux of the NAACP's legal argument in the Sweatt case, and when I finished he said:

"Well, you may have a point there." Then he came up with a statement entirely unrelated to what I had just said:

Unrelated Response

"But you know," he said, "colored people can never win race riots because there are more white people than colored."

I walked out of the door of the National Association for the Advancement of White People.

PARENT COMMITTEE AIDS NAACP—Mrs. Lula B. Smith, second from right, treasurer of the Parent-Citizens Committee on Education, hands a checks for $627.24 to Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of the local branch NAACP. The money is to be forwarded to the national office to aid the school segregation fight. Others shown are Mrs. Gilbert L. Banfield, second from left, secretary; Mrs. Edward L. Murray, extreme right, chairman of the door-to-door campaign; and Mrs. Francis M. Stafford, extreme left.

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—Coming events

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Sixth anniversary, Men's Advisory Council of Emmanuel CC church, Lanvale st. and Carrollton ave., 8 p.m.

"WANN Night" at Gillis Memorial Community church, Calhoun and Mulberry sts. Ward Gospel Singers, WANN staff members to be present, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23

Morgan State College Alumni Executive Committee meeting, YMCA, 8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24

Feb. 1, 1929 Class, Douglass High, reunion planning meeting, Urban League, 2102 Pennsylvania ave.

Feb., 1934 Class Douglass High, reunion planning meeting, York Hotel Blue Room.

FEBRUARY 26

Capping of Provident hospital nurses, Unity Christian church, Edmondson ave. and Stricker st., 8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

Dr. Margaret Butcher speaks at Women's Day services, Madison ave. Presbyterian church, 11 a.m.

—16 Sworn in

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especially commissioned to serve in it are 2nd Lts. Cosco Williams and Lloyd G. Henderson Jr. and Warrant Officer (jg) Jesse Peaker.

When the first group was activated, the officers stated they were joining a jim-crow outfit to keep alive a name which had so much tradition.

The activation of the groups, however, strengthens the boast made by Maj. General Milton Reckord, state adjutant, that he would be able to find men willing to serve in jim-crow units.

Before 231st Men

General Reckord made his boast when he turned down the request of the officers of the 231st that they be allowed to enlist men of all races into their unit.

Since they have been on inactive status the former members of the 231st have lost the pay they would have received if on duty. While out they are also losing their seniority to other officers who continue to serve.

Shortly after the first jim-crow unit was formed Governor McKeldin promised to confer with General Reckord about the situation.

Such a conference was held but what decisions were made have been kept secret. Unless, of course, the inauguration of another segregated unit is to be considered the governor's answer.

Meanwhile, the NAACP has shown interest in the situation. It is expected that a court case will eventually result from the situation.

FAILURES REDUCED

BATON ROUGE, La.—Dr. J. W. Lee, head, biology department, Southern university, announced last week that the staff has reduced the number of failing freshmen 50 per cent.

—3 Firings

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workers, the total now stands at 14 colored and 12 white.

When informed of Mr. Mullens' reason for firing the girls without any notice, Mr. Edwards expressed complete surprise and gave assurances that such action was not in keeping with the company's policy.

"No employee who has given faithful service should be fired without a notice or because of his race," Mr. Edwards said.

Speaking from Forest Park, Ill., the company president said that he intended to contact Mr. Mullens at once and learn his reason for ordering the firings.

Any further action will be based on the results of this investigation, Mr. Edwards said.

Familiar With Baltimore

"I am familiar with our operation in Baltimore and it has always been our policy to employ a large number of colored workers. We have always enjoyed harmonious relationships with them and I know of no complaints against them," he added.

The three girls, who had been employed at the restaurant for periods ranging from eight months to over a year, were dismissed when they reported for work on the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift on Monday.

The girls said that they had received no prior warnings that they would lose their jobs. They were told to return today (Friday) to pick up their salaries.

They also said the only reason given for their dismissal was a statement from W. B. Molloy, the local manager, that he had received orders from Mr. Mullens to remove the colored employees from behind the service counters where they would come into contact with the customers.

Decline Jobs

Mr. Molloy said that he offered the girls jobs in the kitchen but they refused to accept such work.

Each of the girls received a recommendation from the management praising them as "loyal, honest and efficient."

When asked why the girls were fired if they were worthy of such recommendations, Mr. Mullens dodged the question

Meeting on Wednesday to plan reunion of D. H. S. Feb. '34 class

Members of the February, 1934 class of Douglass High school will meet Wednesday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. in the York Hotel Blue room to complete reunion plans.

Persons who can not attend the meeting are urged to call or write the following and leave their current addresses:

Mrs. Melvina Thornton Jackson, 2639 N. Monroe st., (phone: MA. 3-7120); or Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines, 2106 Whittier ave., (phone; LA. 3-5256).

—NAACP

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Nabrit's talk, an open forum will be held.

President 19 Years

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson has been president of the local branch for the past 19 years.

The NAACP Ways and Means Committee will serve tea at the celebration. Music will be offered by the Sanctuary Choir of Knox Presbyterian church, directed by Mrs. Mercedes Douglas.

The All . Girl's chorus of Douglass High school will sing under the direction of Mrs. Georgiana Chester. The Holiman student orchestra, James S. Holiman director, will also appear.

There is no admission to the celebration.

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—Murder

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Whitbeck alive is believed to be her mother, Mrs. Naomi Frye, of 537 N. Carrollton ave.

Mrs. Frye told the AFRO on Thursday that Mrs. Whitbeck and Mr. Wells had visited her early Tuesday and that both had appeared to be happy and had given no indication of any difficulty between them.

Mrs. Frye said that her daughter was to return for another visit on Wednesday and that she did not know why the appointment wasn't kept until police came to her home at 4 a.m. Thursday and told her of the slaying.

Funeral services for Mrs. Whitbeck have been set for Monday at 1 p.m. at her mother's home. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn cemetery.

Native Of N.J.

Mrs. Frye said that her daughter was born in Elizabeth, N.J. but had lived in Baltimore since she was one year old.

The mother also said that her daughter married Aaron Whitbeck when she was 16 years old and that they had been separated for some time.

Mrs. Frye said that the couple had one child who died when he was six months old.

The mother said Mr. Wells and Mrs. Whitbeck had been "sweethearts" since last fall and that she knew of no quarrel between them.

She also said that Mrs. Whitbeck was employed as a domestic while Mr. Wells was employed as a porter in a downtown store.

Up until late Thursday police had advanced no motive for the slaying.

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27 AGENCIES REPORT ON INTEGRATION:

District 'FEP' reports show progress is being made

By TREZZVANT ANDERSON

(Last of Two Articles)

Last week the AFRO carried "progress reports" from a number of District government agencies on their compliance —or non-compliance—with the Nov. 25, 1953 non-discrimination order.

A total of 27 agencies had reported. Last week we covered 10 of them. Most showed some progress. We continue:

Dr. Daniel L. Seckinger, director of Public Health, told the Commissioners that employment in his department was not affected by the order. It was already being followed.

'In Complete Compliance'

With regard to facilities he said "the department is in complete compliance in its Public Health officers and the D.C. General Hospital."

Glenn Dale hospital is complying, he said, and "integration of patients on the wards is progressing in an orderly manner."

Archie G. Hutson, director of buildings and grounds, reported his employment ratio was 412 white to 408 colored. J. N Robertson, director of Highways, said his agency had already adhered to the order "and will continue."

D. V. Auld, director of Sanitary Engineering, reported the policy is being adhered to and "no complaints has been made on this subject within the memories of any of the Division supervisors."

Paul Lanham, superintendent of the Water Operations Division, reported having 209 white employees and 129 colored.

Reports On Toilets, Lockers

"Toilets and locker rooms for all are maintained on the first and second floors at the pumping station," he reported. Toilets outside are used by both white and colored, and those on the first and second floors are used principally by the white office forces employed in the respective offices," he said.

"No signs or notices are used to bar use of any toilet room to any employee," he said.

Proper modern toilets, shower and locker space are now being installed in more conveniently accommodate the higher percentage of colored help employed in the basement area, he reported.

D. H. Hudson, department of administration officer, reported no complaints of violations of the order received so far.

William A. Xanten, superintendent Division of Sanitation, reported his employment ratio as 84.4 per cent colored and 15.6 per cent white.

"There has been no single instance of grievance or complaint in over 30 years," he told the commissioners.

Young J. Wright, superintendent, Construction and Repair Division, Sewer Operations division, reported "facilities not restricted in any way; wages, employment and promotions are in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules."

K. G. Fernald, acting surveyor, said vacancies in his agency "are filled through the Civil Service register regardless of race."

Coroner's Office

Coroner A. MacGruder MacDonald's office reported that "it follows the provisions of the order but has no vacancies "and all positions are filled with employees with from 3 to 20 years service."

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board members James O'D Moran and H. E. Schollenberger reported a staff of 20, with three being colored.

ABC Changes Policy

"All work together on problems without friction," the ABC said. They report the ABC Board "had sent a colored inspector on jobs in colored areas, but since the order the board has stopped that practice."

Robert F. Cogswell, director Department of Occupations and Professions reported "no discrimination in this department."

Vets Center Positive

Waldron E. Leonard, director of the Veterans Service Center said: "We follow the policy that we are an organization to serve all of our citizens, for which the service was intended. Employees are selected under the same principle."

Civil Defense Director John E. Fondahl reported his office has 16 employees, 3 of them colored. One is an executive assistant at Grade GS-11, one janitor is CPC 3 and one janitor-messenger is CPC 3.

Cumbersome Wording

The Department of Licenses and Inspections reported this: prior to the order the administration "reallocated one messenger position to GS-2 storekeeper which is encumbered by a colored man and promoted another colored messenger to GS-2 microphotographer."

Col. Giles L. Evans, jr., acting director, reported the department has 248 posts, 13 filled by colored, with four in GS-2 and the rest in CPC status.

Colonel Evans' office said the messenger changes were promotions in jobs, taking men out of the crafts, protective and custodial classification and bringing them into the clerical or administrative General Services classification at higher pay.

This department is now in the process of reviewing all its positions for proper classification.

Albert F. Jordan, superintendent of insurance, reported he has held discussions with his staff "for full understanding of the order as to necessity for full and immediate compliance therewith."

End On Bright Note

It is fitting to conclude with a report which has a very bright note:

George E. Keneipp, director of Vehicles and Traffic, reports his agency has "fifteen colored employees working side by side with white employees, all using the same facilities and services. There is no knowledge of any friction or problems within this department relative to the subject policy."

Let's Follow 'Em Up

There you have the reports given to the Board of Commissioners. We have refrained from comment, and we suggest that workers in any of these agencies who find the actual facts to be different from these reported should let the AFRO know about it.

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Increase reported in measles cases

The number of measles cases reported this week in Baltimore is 210, a slight increase compared with last week's report of 177 cases.

From Jan. 1 to Feb. 11 of 1954, 864 cases of measles were reported compared with 12 cases for the same period in 1953.

Measles is frequently considered an unimportant illness. Actually, it can be dangerous in children under three years old.

While measles itself seldom causes death, it may be followed by pneumonia, laryngitis, or encephalitis. Impaired hearing and poor vision have also been traced to this disease.

The City Health Department advises that if a child between the ages of six months and three years has come in contact with a person who has measles, he should be taken to the family doctor for an inoculation of gamma globulin as soon as possible.

This inoculation may either prevent measles or modify its effects. After the eighth day the globulin is not likely to be effective. Measles in older children is rarely serious.

IMPROVED DWELLING

A two-story brick apartment building with one car brick garage at 1713 N. Calhoun st., will be sold at an auction on March 10 at 3 p.m. A cash deposit of $500 will be required at the time of sale. The improved dwelling is subject to an annual ground rent of $66.

Death waits for driver who forgets safety rules

"Ten Seconds To Live" was written by Ray Eastman, former Public Information Director of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. This article, is being publicized in the interest of Highway Safety by the Department of Maryland State Police.

He pushed his sleeve back, held his wrist close to the lighted speedometer, squinted to read the time. A little after nine. Five, ten minutes after. Ought to be home in a half an hour.

If he'd known he had only ten seconds to live, he might have checked the time and weather conditions more closely. He might have done several things differently.

Ten seconds to live. He massaged his eyes with thumb and middle finger, trying to rub out some of the sand.

Eight Hours Gone

Nine seconds to live. He'd driven almost eight hours since lunch and was beginning to feel it. It's getting colder and starting to sleet.

Eight seconds to live. Lousy driving in the rain, just beginning to freeze. Light from your headlights just seems to soak in along the rain and snow.

Seven seconds to live. Probably need a new windshield wiper blade. Old one just spreads the water around instead of wiping clean. Get one tomorrow, or next time it rains.

Six seconds to live. It's really getting slippery now. Road is a stretch of glare ice. Should slow down and put on tire chains.

Start Of The End

Five seconds to live. He gripped the wheel tighter, striving to maintain control. Car starting to "fishtail."

Four seconds to live. At only 20 mph, a car without tire chains sticks over 200 feet on glare ice, after putting on brakes. At 30 mph about 450 ft., and at 50 mph over 800 ft.

Three seconds to live. Something looks wrong through blurry windshield. A jam at the brakes starts skid. Forgets to pump brakes, goes out of control as he finally sees a truck ahead.

Two seconds to live. Panic moved in. Turn to the left. No, car coming. Headlights too close. Can't stop. Turn to the right. Skidding out of control.

One second to live. Horror numbed everything into slow motion. He was floating through the air. He opened his mouth to scream.

Dad, 85, freed in murder case

James Quickly, the oldest man ever accused of murder in Maryland was given his freedom Wednesday.

In a hearing at Cockeysville, the 85-year-old church sexton who was charged in the death of his son was set free on grounds of self-defense.

Father of nine children, Mr. Quickly was charged with fatally shooting his 40-year-old son, Lloyd following an argument.

He told police that during the dispute his son picked up a stick of wood and he was afraid that his 85-year-old wife might be injured.

Mr. Quickly went outside with his son. The older man was carrying a gun. His son was shot when the argument continued on Blenheim rd.

The elderly Sweet Air, Md., man, known to neighbors as (Uncle Jim), is employed as a grave digger. An autopsy report at the time showed that his son had been drinking before the shooting.

AUCTION SALE

A two-story brick dwelling at 1400 N. Bond st., will be sold at an auction Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. Ground rent for the store front building is $42 annually. A deposit of $500 will be required at the time and place of sale.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

A two-story brick apartment building at 1446 N. Mount st., will be sold at a trustee's sale Feb. 24, at 2:30 p.m. A deposit of $500 will be required of the purchaser at the time of sale. An annual ground rent of $72 is required.

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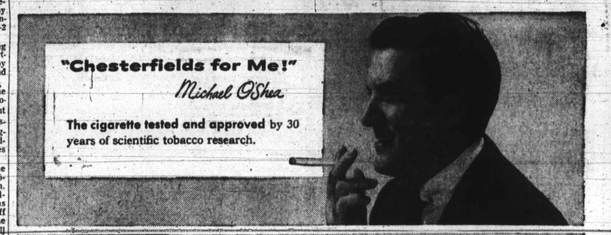

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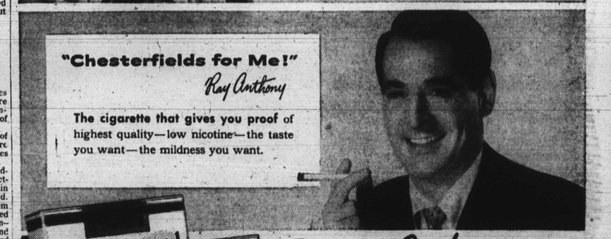

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