Council Chambers Packed At FEPC Hearings

Ordinance 1839 praised by many

Opponents to proposed bill to be heard from Tuesday

Over 200 colored and white citizens packed the City Council chambers, Tuesday afternoon, to hear civic, business and religious leaders stress the moral injustice of segregation in employment.

The proponents for FEPC in Baltimore spoke at the first open hearing on Ordinance 1839, the bill, introduced recently to the council, prohibiting discrimination in jobs.

The four-hour meeting, scheduled to continue next week, was conducted by the Legislative and Executive Appointments committee where the proposal has been referred for consideration.

The opponents will state their views of the bill, Monday, at 1 p.m., in the Council chambers. On Thursday, May 6, the committee will hear rebuttals from both sides.

Chambers Invaded

Minutes before the Tuesday hearing, an opponent invaded the chamber, passing around hand bills which charged that an FEPC law would eventually "produce slavery for both white and colored."

The opponent, Harry F. Kline, insurance man, explained on the mimeographed sheet that the ordinance would give authorities power to tell employers who to hire or fire.

"The next step would be to tell us for whom we must work," the sheet read. "Regardless of whether we are white or colored, we are all workers of one kind or another, and we are all free citizens. Therefore, we all must oppose such liberty destoying laws."

Local leaders and visiting spokesman from Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where FEPC is now in force, strongly challenged this theory.

Dr. Leon Sachs, executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Council, emphasized the fact that the ordinance merely gives the employer the right to screen his employees on merit alone.

"He must take the best qualified person for the job," Dr. Sachs said.

"A firm which deliberately hires a person of color for the job violates the ordinance. He is denying another more qualified person for the position."

Discrimination, Treasury

His associate, Morris Lieberman, chairman of the steering committee, denounced discrimination, contending that it is "treachery against God."

"To divide America is to weaken America," he said. "Discrimination is treachery against our country. It's anti-American."

Rabbi Israel Goldman, vice-chairman of the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations, said, "To deny people the opportunity to obtain a livelihood is a moral injustice and bad for business."

Speaking along the same lines, the Rev. Charles Coughlan, of the Catholic International Council, pointed out:

"There's a tremendous loss in business because people are deprived of the equal right to develop their abilities."

The bill will promise good morality, he said, stressing the idea that discrimination against color is "definitely immoral."

Progress Increase

Progress in the Urban League will increase if the ordinance is passed, William Passano, president of the organization, said.

"The bill will encourage colored youngsters to take more training in schools," he explained.

A spokesman for the Catholic War Veterans pointed out that persons of all races, colors and creeds had shed the same red blood for America during wartime and they deserved the right for equal job opportunities.

As City Council Heard Proponents of FEPC Measure On Tuesday

A decided change in integration in employment was disclosed by the Rev. Edwin Ross, representing the Council of Churches.

Admitting that his group had been guilty of segregation, he explained that in 1952 the Methodists passed a resolution ordering the church to employ staff members on quality alone.

"To discriminate against a person solely on race is unfair and unchristian," he charged. "Protestant leaders now agree that the time is ripe for this kind of legislation to eliminate segregation."

The Advantages

Further advantages and accomplishments of FEPC were revealed by visiting leaders.

Frank Baldau, executive director of the FEPC commission in Cleveland said that there has been an increase in the employment of colored since the bill was passed.

"And there has not been the slightest evidence of decrease in sales or resignations," he added.

He pointed out that FEPC is not the type of legislation that solves things over night, but, he explained, "There are several thousands of colored employees in jobs where they were never permitted before."

Cleveland had "tried to work out a voluntary FEPC program for a year, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, but it never worked, he said.

Since the passage of the bill, Jan. 30, 1950, the commissions have handled over 200 cases all of which have been settles by conference, consultation and persuasion, the committee learned.

Provisions Needed

Punitive provisions are needed to make an FEPC ordinance effective, William G. Gilman, Cleveland industrialist told the committee.

"We found in Cleveland that without enforcement powers a reluctant few employers will never be brought into line with our way of thinking," he said.

Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia manufacturer, testified that he had found fair employment to be a great asset to his business.

He explained that of 3,200 employees in his plants about 300 are colored. Citing survey figures of wholesale employment discrimination in Pennsylvania, he expressed hope that a state FEPC law would soon be enacted.

Mr. Daroff insisted that fair employment is not only beneficial to minority groups. He told the committee it also helped the community at large.

Benefits Everyone

When all segments of the community are given an equal opportunity, he pointed out, there is an automatic lessening of crime as well as a reduction in slum areas.

Frank Coyle, vice president of the Philadelphia Central Labor Federation, revealed that it is now difficult to find any employer in the Quaker City who would oppose FEPC.

Philadelphia has had an enforceable equal job opportunity ordinance since 1948.

Both labor and management, he said, are now in complete agreement that FEPC has been a blessing to the city.

Satisfactory Agreements

George Sherman, director, Human Relations Commission of Philadelphia, explained that of the 3,172 cases his agency had processed, satisfactory agreements had been reached without public hearings.

In most instances, Mr. Sherman testified employers do not understand the purpose and intent of the law.

When this has been explained, without exception they have changed their employment policies without hesitation.

Fred C. McKee, chairman of Pittsburgh's newly created FEPC commission, was the final speaker, Tuesday.

Trying to allay the fears of opponents of FEPC legislation, Mr. McKee pointed out that of 5,000 cases processed by commissions in 12 states and 31 cities, only four defendants ended up in court.

The threat of a public hearing, the Pittsburgh commissioner said, has been all that was needed to make reluctant employers and hiring discrimination.

He revealed the budget of his agency was about $25,000 annually.

Several Benefits

Mr. McKee recited several benefits the FEPC ordinance has brought Pittsburgh.

It has helped employers by widening the number of persons from which competent workers can be selected, he pointed out.

It has sharply reduced the city's relief load, cut the crime rate and lessened the number of slum residents, he said.

Among the civic groups which publicly announced their approval of the ordinance were:

Monumental Bar Association, Linwood Koger, president; Monumental Democratic Club, Dal Raisin, president; Monumental Elks Lodge No. 3, Loyal Randolph, grand trustee and exalted ruler and the Progressive Party of Maryland.

Moderator for the meeting was the Rev. Edward V. Casserly, pastor, St. Peter Claver's Catholic church.

Ike still hopes states pass own FEPC measures

By LOUIS LAUTIER (NNPA) WASHINGTON

President Eisenhower declared Thursday that he hopes and expects that the states will move in an enlightened and forward looking way on race and religious job discrimination.

The question came up at the President's press conference when he was reminded that during the 1952 presidential campaign, in a speech in Atlantic City, he had promised to take up with the governors of the several states the matter of Fair Employment Practices.

Since the governors of all the states had held a three-day conference here this week, Mr. Eisenhower was asked whether any thing along that line has been done.

No Formal Talk

The President replied that he had not addressed the governors this time except most informally. He said the governors had attended a dinner at the White House but no specific thing had come up.

Mr. Eisenhower said he did not know whether the matter of Fair Employment Practices had been taken up by the governors at this time.

But implicit in everything he had said, he added, is the hopes and expectations that the states will move on fair employment in an enlightened and forward looking way.

The President, who has made it plain that he views FEPC as a state matter rather than a federal one, indicated that his hope is that FEPC laws will move forward in the states.

RETAIL PRICES ADVANCE

Consumer prices in Baltimore advanced 0.3 percent between December 1953 and March 1954 according to U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Higher prices for food and other goods and services were responsible for the quarterly advance.

Barrett School girls get gifts

Gifts of toiletries were presented to girls of the Barrett School, Sunday, by the Benevolent Committee of the Missionary Society of Macedonia Baptist church.

The gifts were presented by Mrs. Lucy Mack. A program featured as main speaker Mrs. Evelyn Clayton, wife of the Rev. W. L. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia.

Other participants were: James Diggs, J. Moore, Miss Arlene Clayton, Mrs. Rose Holly, Carolyn Taylor and Edward Robinson.

Mrs. Annie C. Johnson was program chairman, Mrs. Catherine Bagwell is president of the group.

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Cleveland hotels have 'grown up,' admit tan guests

Baltimore can take lessons from Cleveland on FEPC and in the matter of hotel accommodations, it was pointed out Tuesday.

William H. Gilman, an industrialist, testifying on Cleveland's successful experience with FEPC legislation, was interrupted by Anthony Dominico, 2nd District, chairman of the City Council committee on Legislative and Executive Appointments.

"Do Cleveland hotels admit colored guests?" Councilman DiDomenico asked.

"Why certainly," replied the astonished Mr. Gilman, "You see, we have grown up in that regard."

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'Marriage' May Bar Midshipman's Graduation

Mayor escorted to City Council to take oath of office.

Student mayor keeps hectic pace

Official business spurts him between mayor's desk, council

By RUTH JENKINS

On Thursday, the first of his two-day reign as mayor of Baltimore, 18-year-old Calvin W. Parker Jr. got up at 6:45 a.m., "anxious to get an early start." He kept up that pace throughout the day.

He arrived at City Hall before 9 a.m. and a few minutes later was in the 3rd-floor City Council chambers attending to official business.

This included a number of consultations with municipal and school sponsors of the Model Youth City Council. It also included such details as making two changes in his cabinet.

At 9:15 a.m., he led his 14-member cabinet of commissioners downstairs to the mayor's office where they spent the next 1½ hour discussing the pros and cons of the 64 ordinances which will come under Youth Council consideration.

Advisors To Mayor

This conference will help him decide which of the bills, if passed by the council, he should sign and which he should veto.

Presiding at the meeting, the Carver Vocational High School student wore a blue suit, a red striped tie and an expression of serious concentration on each issue. Frequently, while listening, he rubbed his nose. He gestured with a long yellow pencil.

Taking active part in this discussion were the city commissioners including:

Cadman Owens of Douglass, the city comptroller; Milton Showell of Dunbar, traffic director; Rodney Douglass of Douglass, director of recreation and parks; Shirley Thomas of Southern, Paul Berman of City College, David Arnold of City, Donald Nippard of Poly;

Millie Korn of Forest Park, Harry Ostrow of City, Janet Thomas of Patterson, Nadine Martin of Mergenthaler, Eleanor Brown of Eastern, Carol Eliner of Eastern, and Nelson Ellis of City.

Mayor Applauded

At 10:45 a.m. a committee from the Youth City Council escorted him back to the council cham-

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WHEN MAYORS MEET—Acting Mayor Arthur B. Price and Student Mayor Calvin W. Parker Jr. leave mayor's office.

Flash

Youth City Council passes FEPC bill by vote of 31-15

In a close vote of 31-15, the Model Youth Council Friday morning passed an FEPC bill for Baltimore.

A Merganthaler student who had voted against the bill said later, "the regular City Council is same to pass it now that they've seen what we have done."

Like most of the opposition, the student was in favor of the principles of the bill but not its practice.

When's time for FEPC?

Question brings battle of ages

By SHIRLEY KYLE

When is the time ripe for FEPC in Baltimore?

That was the key question volleyed back and forth between proponents and opponents of FEPC, Thursday afternoon, at City Hall.

The speakers were giving their final views at the rebuttal session on Ordinance 1839, the bill pending before the City Council to prohibit discrimination on local jobs.

Basically, the question revealed a disagreement between the younger generation and the diehards.

Time Is Now

The proponents insisted that the time is now.

The opponents urged that a little more patience be used. The time will come, they promised.

Logically enough, the proponents constituted a group of 13 young men and women, the majority of them in their mid-thirties and forties, and parents of at least three school children.

The opponents consisted of two men and a woman, all 60 years of age, or better, two of them parents of grown children and one of them a retired worker.

Those in favor of the ordinance argued that Americans do not practice what they have been preaching and teaching about

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'Listen to your mom'—Bishop Love

Mother's Day Message by prelate based on experience

Twenty-eight years ago, the Rev. Edgar A. Love, then pastor of the Methodist Church in Annapolis, Md., was thinking of deserting the ministry.

But his mother told him, "No, son, don't leave the church. It's too big an organization and it means too much to you. Some day you may be bishop."

650 Churches In Area

Today, it is the Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church. His area covers 650 churches in Md., Pa., Va., W. Va., N.J., Del., N.C. and D.C.

Bishop Love's Mother's Day message to young people is based on his own experience:

"Always listen to the advice of your parents, especially your mother. Our mothers have intuitive wisdom others do not have.

"As I look back now, I'm very glad I listened to my mother."

She Died In 1936

Bishop Love's mother, Mrs Susie Love died in 1936. His father, the Rev. Julius C. Love, died in 1929, after serving as a Methodist minister for 41 years.

His mother's advice was given him when he felt discouraged that he was being named to a church in W.Va., even through he had completed three successful years at the Annapolis Church and added 153 members and a young people's choir.

Faith Baptist's ceiling is okey

Members of Faith Baptist Church will be able to hold their Sunday services in the main auditorium as usual, the Rev. Simon Williamson said Thursday.

Last Sunday, 1,000 worshippers were forced to leave the auditorium when 12 feet of plaster fell from the ceiling. The Rev. Mr. Williamson said inspectors found vibration caused the cement in that area to crack but there is no further danger. The church is located at Bond St. and Ashland Ave.

Ford Co. at AFRO's home show

Two $1,000 War Bonds, television sets, 350 food baskets and hundreds of other prizes awaited Baltimore housewives at the AFRO's biggest Cooking School and Home Show in 20 years.

The dates, Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 19 and 20, with a Thursday matinee; the place, the Coliseum.

Special features include a $40,000 demonstration by the Ford Motor Co., magic cooking by Hallie Carper, nationally known food expert, and spectacular films on new ways of keeping house.

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Suit Alleges Fraud In Home Repairs

Widow calls $650 charge, 'trickery'

Says she promised to pay firm only $325 for repairs

A 60-year-old widow, who claims that a mortgage for $650 worth of repair work on her home was obtained through "trickery," filed suit against a home improvement company Tuesday in Circuit Court.

Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, 1740 E. Preston St., charges in her action against a W. North Ave. home improvement firm that she has no knowledge or recollection of signing a mortgage or agreeing to pay $650 for the work done.

Mrs. Coleman said that she did agree, however, to pay a $325 home repair bill at the rate of $1.25 per week.

Made Bill In November

She made the bill last November, she said, when she had a sink installed on the second floor of her home, her yard and cellar cemented, and an electrical wall socket installed.

In a petition filed by the Brown, Allen and Watts law firm, Mrs. Coleman claims that the company instituted foreclosure proceedings on her property last April 26.

Mrs. Coleman denies that she delivered to the Home Improvement Company a mortgage on her property which was purported to have been executed last November.

Agreed To Pay $1.25 Weekly

It was at that time, she declares, that she signed a contract with the company on the condition that she pay $1.25 per week.

Later, the petition charges,

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385 Residents Must Vacate Housing Project

Tenants uncertain on where to move

Sollers Point Homes to take some from Turner Homes

Tentative plans for the transfer of 91 Turner Station families to the Sollers Housing project by May 31 were made Thursday by the Public Housing Authority. Affected are approximately 385 parents and their children.

According to Robert Moyer, public relations head for the agency, families within the area will start moving immediately.

Final arrangements for the operation of the Sollers project as a private concern were completed Wednesday by Federal Housing officials.

400 Units

It was announced that 400 government housing units would be turned over to the Sollers Point Company for operation as a private enterprise after June 1.

Arrangements for turning over the property to the company were also made on Wednesday.

According to Bernard S. Melnicove, attorney for the company, the Turner Station Homes will close down June 1.

Notified Feb. 1

Families within the area were given notices Feb. 1 telling them the area would have to be vacated by May 31.

At Wednesday's meeting the company was represented by Jacob Shapiro.

In a meeting with the Balti-

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more County Commissioners, Council fails to enact the necessary ordinance, we are going ahead with petitions to put it on the ballot in November.

House To House Canvass

Third, to conduct house to house campaigns to register more voters and to get them out to vote for Dr. Byrd.

E. Brooke Lee, Byrd campaign manager, told the leaders, "Dr. Byrd is the strongest candidate ever to run for Governor in this state.

"We had hoped to carry 20 counties at first but it now appears that is a conservative figure. In November, we will carry the three Republican strongholds of Charles, Montgomery, and Prince Georges counties."

"People over there have lost their jobs during this Republican administration and they don't like it.

"He will deal fairly with all the people of the state.

"You can come directly to him with your problems and requests."

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'Marriage' may be bar to graduation

Secretary of Navy now holds fate of Ill. midshipman

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The fate of Midshipman John Dempsey Raiford, 25, a candidate for graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in June, is in the hands of the Secretary of the Navy, Charles S. Thomas, this week.

On the eve of becoming the fourth colored Naval officer to finish the academy, Midshipman Raiford faced probably being dropped from the Academy because of "a marriage," which he failed to report.

According to Lt. Commander Walter Ellis, information officer at the Academy, there is a regulation that no midshipman who is married or ever has been married can enroll at the Academy.

If a midshipman marries while at the Academy he is automatically dropped from the rolls, it was explained.

Married At 15

In Midshipman Raiford's case, it is reported that he was married briefly when he was 15 years old. The marriage was reportedly annulled, an Academy source said.

However, the Academy is leaving the legal interpretation of whether the midshipman is guilty of violating the regulation up to Secretary Thomas.

Raiford reportedly had a rating of 728 in a class of 854 at the end of his third year. He was appointed to the Academy in 1950 by the Secretary of the Navy.

His appointment followed a competitive examination given to members of the regular Navy and Marine Corps annually. A total of 160 midshipmen are appointed yearly from this source.

Midshipman Raiford is believed to be the first colored midshipman to be selected from the list.

The Navy Department source emphasized that Midshipman Raiford was not being expelled for scholastic or deportment reasons.

Frank Reeves, a Washington attorney, has appealed to Secretary Thomas on behalf of the midshipman. Reeves contends that technically the midshipman was never married and has filed a memorandum with the Navy Department to support this view with legal citations.

The midshipman is the son of George Raiford of 2153 Missouri Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill. His parents were unavailable for comment Thursday.

AFRO ideal mom due here Wednesday

Mrs. Julia M. F. Ferguson, AFRO Ideal Mother of 1954, is scheduled to arrive in Baltimore Wednesday, May 12.

A host of activities and honors are planned to honor this Fayetteville, N.C. mother of four.

479 DAYS
since transfer of feeble-minded children from
CROWNSVILLE to ROSEWOOD
was recommended by the State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene

Dems endorse Curly Byrd

Gets support for June 28 primary

By ED SMITH

Twenty-five leaders of eight Democratic clubs meeting at the York Hotel Wednesday night endorsed Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd for Governor.

"He is the man. He will win the Democratic nomination." J. Calvin Douglass, acting as chairman of the city meeting outlined three objectives.

First, to work solidly for Dr. Byrd;

Second, to work for a new 7th District in Baltimore City. If the

Provident doctors to pay; $1,000 in

The executive committee of the Provident Hospital Board of Trustees met on Wednesday with representatives of staff physicians.

It is learned that during the meeting there was a promise that staff physicians would make good pledges made in the fund-raising campaign, three years ago.

No Comment

After the meeting, the AFRO was informed that the group had authorized a resolution for publication but it was not available.

Last week, this newspaper revealed that the trustee board has been "continually embarrassed" and "concerned" over failure of citizens to pay a total of

INSIDE

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Daughter witness in Gilkes divorce

Mother slept with her when denied physician's bedroom

The 11-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Evan Gilkes helped her mother win a divorce from the physician this week.

Mrs. Emma Gilkes testified that her husband ordered her out of their bedroom on Dec. 5, 1951, and that since that time she shared a room with the little girl.

The daughter's testimony substantiated this fact. She said:

"We have twin beds. Mother came to sleep in my room the Christmas before my baby brother arrived.

"Father sleeps in the front room except when he goes down to the country on weekends."

Asked how her parents got along with each other, the little girl said, "They argued a great deal of the time." Dr. Gilkes moved away from the house in January of this year.

$200 Monthly Payments

He has agreed to pay Mrs. Gilkes $300 a month for the support of the children. They are Mae, 11; Evan Jr., 9; and Fred, 2.

Mrs. Gilkes testified that in 1951 "our relationship had become very strained." She said

"I was laboring under quite a nervous condition due to the fact that there were many quarrels and difficulties, and he ordered me out of our bedroom."

Wife Not Invited

She said their quarrels concerned the physician's Anne Arundel county property.

"He had purchased the property seemingly for himself and his

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AMEs exped many changes

By JAMES E. WILLIAMS

Several ministers are slated to be shifted to new positions in the Baltimore Conference of the AME Church.

Bishop L. H. Hemingway made this statement on Thursday in answer to pegislatent rumors that the Baltimore Conference's line-up of ministers will undergo major changes that will affect at least three large churches.

The bishop said the specific changes would be made public on Sunday night at the concluding meeting of the annual session of the five - day conference now being held at Bethel Church, Druid Hill Ave., and Lanvale St.

Most Discussed

The possible new assignments has been one of the most discussed issues since the conference opened Wednesday with 200

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The AFRO visits the weatherman

Aching joints, sharp eye no gauge of the weather

By HERB MANGRUM

One of the chief topics of conversation anywhere is the weather.

In view of the fact that it plays an important part in what people do, and even how they do it, it's not hard to understand why the subject is so important.

For some, the weather may simply mean a pain in a rheumatic joint.

Sixteen meteorologists on duty at Friendship Airport, however, will tell you that it takes more than a sharp eye and a sensitive toe to tell what's going to happen weatherwise tomorrow.

24-Four Forecast

From their third - floor perch atop the airport administration building, the U. S. Weather Bureau can tell 24 hours ahead of time whether it is advisable to hang out the family wash tomorrow or stay indoors.

Fact is it has been said that the weather service reaches more people in this country every day than any other federal operation with the exception of the postal service.

C. N. Brancato, meteorologist in charge of the Baltimore bureau, will tell you that in order for his staff to give worthwhile service, it must combine sensitive toes with sensitive theory.

Over 100 Instruments

With more than 100 instruments scattered around the airport area, the staff collects records of monthly, seasonal, and yearly variations in pressure, temperature, cloudiness, precipitation, wind, and other weather elements.

From this data, the staff charts the various climates of the country by drawing up charts, then interpret the charts in the light of a number of factors.

The factors include the distance of the locality from the equator, the elevation and slope of the surrounding land, the proximity of sources of moisture such as oceans and lakes, the flow of currents, and the prevailing wind direction.

Barometer Most Useful

The most useful of all devices in determining the weather is the barometer. A barometer reading alone is not a good indication of tomorrow's weather, but when many readings covering a large area are entered on the weather map they are of great value.

In all, it requires about two hours from the time observations are taken until they are distributed and weather maps completed for use in forecasting.

According to Herbert Alkire, principal assistant at the bureau, Baltimore prepares surface weather charts four times daily. They are made at 7:30

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The Weather

Friday
Fair and Mild
Saturday
Partly cloudy, warmer
Sunday
Uncertain
A two-F weekend:
Fair but fickle.

$ $ $ $ FOR NEWS TIPS—Phone AFRO City Desk, MUl 5-6015, and win money for your news tip. The matron who notified the AFRO on Sunday of plaster falling at Faith Baptist Church is $5 richer this week.