WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

—2,000-a-day

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sang freedom songs as they marched.

DICK GREGORY, noticing all the workers at the windows, said: "Those people inside might get fired, they're slowing down production by watching us. No one is getting much work done in there right now."

The demonstration went off as planned despite enormous pressure from administration officials and some local leaders who were opposed to the march.

Administration brass began a campaign to halt the demonstrations in the final days before the picketing.

Last week, as a first step to block the protest, the SSA workers' union which represents some of the employees, sent out a letter opposing the march.

This was joined by a statement from Dr. Furman Templeton of the Urban League and Clarence Mitchell III, the state lawmaker, who served on an advisory committee that had been studying charges of racial discrimination.

These two men opposed the March and urged that the SS administration be given time to act on their proposals.

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ON TUESDAY, Social Security Commissioner Robert Ball called an assembly of Social Security Workers and in a speech which was carried over the agency's public address system, reviewed progress in equal opportunities thus far at his 30,000 - worker agency (nationally).

Mr. Ball coupled this review of job progress with a statement that he felt any demonstrations would be ill-advised.

On the day before the demonstration, the local NAACP chapter brought its government workers' committee, reviewed its record of accomplishment in a letter to employees and also called the picketing ill-timed.

"They know everything they had at us," said Walter Carter, CORE official who co-ordinated the March, "But it still went off beautifully.

"This was a wonderful beginning and we hope it gives assurances to those workers who did not participate that we have delivered and will step up the tempo until the Federal government makes meaningful changes in job policies that still frustrate equal opportunity."

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COMMISSIONER Ball had never recognized the SSGWC leaders and had not heard their grievances.

But in a last-minute, last-ditch effort to curb the rally, he met personally at midnight in his Woodlawn offices with SSGWC leaders, John Burleigh and Albert Hawkins, and Baltimore CORE officials, Ed Chance, Walter Carter, and new chairman James Griffin.

Neither side yielded ground at this Wednesday session and the demonstration went off as originally called.

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IN ADDITION to resistance from some community leaders, the March was minimally covered by the daily press.

John Burleigh, chairman of SSGWC, as the demonstration was ending Thursday afternoon, said "I am much encouraged. We have the support of the authentic action groups in this city and this is a splendid beginning."

PROTEST AT SOCIAL SECURITY — Portion of the 200 non-violent demonstrators protesting racial discrimination in Social Security Agency hiring and up-grading at the Woodlawn headquarters on Thursday afternoon. Here they sing freedom songs.

hope this will begin to focus attention on our grievances."

Comedian Dick Gregory before leaving for Cambridge, also told the group that he would return as many times as he is needed.

"The Federal government has been giving us one job here, one job there, t h i s is the first big step in whipping the Federal government along the line," he declared.

Mr. Burleigh said that SSGWC was having a review rally this Wednesday at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Washington and Liberty Heights Aves at 8 p.m.

"We will report on the next phase of our program at that time."

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AN INTERESTED observer was Cambridge civil rights leader Mrs. Gloria Richardson who accompanied Mr Gregory.

She said: "We are quite interested in this struggle. Cambrige and Federal hiring are not seperate issues but part of the same overall problem. We'll give any help we can."

Civil rights leader Stanley Branche also arrived from Chester, Pa. He is director of that city's Freedom Now group. "We'll bring all the troops you need to get Hindered squared away here," he said.

Commissioner Ball said: "I felt the marchers were very well-disciplined and well - behaved and I appreciate their holding off until after the memorial program."

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INTERNATIONAL-LY-KNOWN humorist Dick Gregory, in a parting sally wrongs."

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Montgomery Ward slashing prices, offering prizes for Bargain Carnival

Monday, June 1 marks the start of the most spectacular sales event ever to hit the Baltimore area! Montgomery Ward and Company is slashing prices on thousands of items in every department of every Wards store in and around Baltimore!

Monroe Street, Glen Burnie, Towson and Essex Wards have joined forces to literally by out the entire stocks of many factories and warehouses for this gigantic Bargain Carnival!

In fact, the purchases for this event are so tremendous that every Wards store will erect huge tents on their parking lots to hold the merchandise that could not be squeezed into the stores.

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ON SUNDAY, May 31 at 2 p.m. Montgomery Ward and Company will release 4,000 helium filled balloons over Baltimore and every balloon will contain a valuable prize.

The grand prize will be a certificate worth $1,000 in cash! So bring your entire family, bring your car (for balloon chasing) and come to your nearest Wards Store. All Wards stores are participating. 1,000 balloons from each store.

And that's not all, keep your eye on the sky Sunday for even more surprises. Be sure and watch your papers, watch your TV screens, tune in your radios for the full story on the thousands of bargains going on sale Monday at every Montgomery Ward store in Baltimore.

Good news for Essex area residents — for this gigantic sale furniture, floor coverings and bedding will also be offered by Essex Wards Store.

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The Interracial Commission noted that the two colored employees assigned to the Tidewater Fisheries Department work in the capacity of steward and cook.

When the AFRO asked Commissioner Davis in what capacities the five non-white employees in his office worked, he answered:

"I don't know how many and in what category. We have no racial designation on our applications."

A major finding of the Commission was that "gross inequities in employment remain" and that "the non-discriminatory clauses in State service do not enjoy maximum implementation."

The Commission's survey found that although colored workers comprise 20 per cent of State agency personnel, almost 35 per cent of them are in "service" jobs requiring few skills and which pay little.

These service jobs include maintenance workers, hospital attendants and aides, food service workers, chauffeurs, laborers and laundry workers.

Colored workers hold 3,390 out of a total of 5,388 such jobs.

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COLORED WORKERS make up only 13 per cent of professional workers for the State in agencies employing more than 100 people. In this category are included accountants, administrative officers, engineers, architects, teachers, attorneys, case workers, physicians, counselors, managers, nurses, public assistance professional workers etc.

There are 4,687 state professional workers in agencies of 100 workers or more. Only 638 are colored.

There were 355 colored clerical workers in the large agencies out of a total of 4,424. In the clerical category are clerks, clerk - typists, stenographers, key punch operators, stock clerks, secretaries, receptionists, cashiers.

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IN AGENCIES with less than 100 employees percentages of colored workers were even lower.

A further finding was that most colored professional workers are confined to eight of the 28 agencies.

"Interestingly these eight agencies," the commission reported, "are ones of public service and deal largely and directly with a significant portion of the non-white population."

The Commission said because of this most colored professional workers are mainly social workers, teachers, counselors and consultants dealing most usually with colored residents.

These positions range from $4,540 to $6,280 annually.

The Commission report took issue with agency heads who "defend this picture by declaring that it is due to the failure of colored residents to apply for and qualify for certain jobs."

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COUNTERING this explanation the Commission said "there has been a failure of adequate communication channels through which colored Marylanders may learn of opportunities for employment."

The Commission said the Commissioner of Personnel had taken several measures to improve the racial hiring and promotion. But these measures will not, for example, alter the structure of the Maryland State Police which has only one non-white trooper out of a total of approximately 800

After Presenting these findings, the Commission recommended that the Governor take remedial action.

"We suggest that the Governor and Commissioner of Personnel immediately schedule a conference with all agency and department heads, calling for the most strict compliance with the spirit and letter of the non-discriminatory legislation."

ALSO, THAT "it is our impression that the non-discriminatory policies are not subverted by the top echelons of state service but that such subversion takes place at the lower supervisory levels . . . to end this practice it is recommended that rigorous measures be instituted immediately to insure that supervisors who hire, train, recommend for promotion, or evaluate State employees are adhering strictly to the non-discriminatory policies."

The Commission recommended that violations of the State law be prosecuted immediately.

Other suggestions by the Commission included:

1. A recruitment drive to bring more qualified colored persons into State service as vacancies occur.

2. That colored State workers be a part of all recruitment, testing and grievance panels.

3. That experience requirements for certain State jobs be reviewed. "Historically, colored persons have been denied access to certain occupations in the private business world. However the State position may require two or three years experience in an occupation he would be almost impossible for a colored person to have gained such experience."

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THIS BEING so the commission suggested . . . experience requirements should be adjusted to fit this historical denial of opportunity.

The survey was prepared for the Commission by Its Telegram Relations Representatives Barry E. Greenstein and Jerome Mitchell under the direction of Parren Mitchell, executive secretary to the Commission.

Howard's baccalaureate set Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON

San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, singer Marian Anderson, and former National Urban League head Lester B. Granger will be among the featured speakers during Howard University commencement week programs next week.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley president of Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, will begin the week-long activities when he delivers the annual baccalaureat sermon before so 1,000 candidates for degrees Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m.

U. S. Information Agency Director Carl T. Rowan will deliver the 96th annual commencement address to the graduates Friday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Both exercises will be held in the upper quadrangle of the campus, facing Frederick Douglass Hall, and are open to the public.

Mr. Belli, the attorney who defended convicted killer Jack Ruby, will speak at the 21st Annual Dinner of the School of Law Tuesday, June 2, at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Hall, Fourth and College Sts., NW.

Miss Anderson will be the principal speaker at the opening ceremonies Sunday, ing the 50th anniversary of the School of Music, a division of the College of Fine Arts.

Mr. Granger, now a visiting professor at Dillard University in New Orleans, will speak at the School of Social Work Alumni Luncheon, Tuesday, June 2 at 1 p.m. in Baldwin Hall.

Service award made to George A. Diggs

A 69 - year - old chauffeur for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture has been presented a Superior Service Award by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

He is George A. Diggs who entered Government 30 years ago as a worker in the Treasury Department and transferred to Agriculture in 1936. He will retire on May 1. The Secretary's Office is planning a retirement reception for him.

During his 26 years in Agriculture he has served mostly as a chauffeur for the Secretary and members of his staff. Since 1961, he has been assigned to Under Secretary Charles S. Murphy.

Mr. Diggs was cited during ceremonies on the Washington Monument Grounds last Tuesday.

His citation reads: "For providing exceptional service to the Under Secretary of Agriculture, and for performing his regular and special duties for the Under Secretary in a sustained and outstanding manner."

The honoree was born and reared in Washington, attended Armstrong High school, and served in the Army overseas during World War I. Prior to entering Government, he worked for a furniture company.

He has one daughter and two grandsons. One of his grandsons is a musician and the other is studying engineering at Howard University. Mrs. Diggs, his wife, died three years ago. He lives at 38 R Street, NW.

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Isaac S. Coates

Isaac Spratt Coates, 69, 2900 Keyworth Ave., a World War I veteran, died Sunday at the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home. Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mr. Coates was a construction worker and worked part-time as a chef before his illness.

A native of Shelbyville, Tenn., he was the son of the late Daisy and Davey Coates.

His wife, Mrs. Elsie L. Coates, a step-son, Henry Mack, and a step - daughter, Mrs. Vivian Ballard, all of Baltimore, and a brother, John Coates, Shelbyville, survive.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

JOYNER - ISLER — Lessie T. 25, 2318 Walbrook Ave., factory worker, Barbara A., 18, 2318 Warwick Ave.
HUGGINS - PORIER — Lee, 41, 1604 Macon St., Brooklyn, N.Y., truck driver, Carolyn, 39, 409 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
TRAVIS - ADAMS — Abraham, 49, 722 N. Gilmor St., steel worker, Ella, 48, same.
CLAIBORNE - HALEY — Isaac, 32, 221 E. 33rd St., Register, Sentinal Technicians, Cynthia R., 21, 711 E. 33rd St., student.
LEMON - MARLOW — James, 20, 901 Leadenhall St., machinist, Sandra Lee, 18, Pettesville, N.C.
JONES - CLARK — Edward A., 60, 811 Druid Hill Ave., doorman, Ella Mae, 58, New York City.
DORSEY - JOHNSON — Charles, 23, 1815 Franklin St., unemployed, Brenda, 20, 218 Mosher St.
ALEXANDER - DAVIS — Harry, 40, 1601 N. Bentalou St., [illegible], Mary Ann, 34, 1604 Mosher St.
HARE - BASCHALL — Samuel I., 30, 1228 N. Decker Ave., [illegible], Mary Ann, 34, 1604 Mosher St.
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JOHNSON - EVERETT — Howard, 21, 1208 McCulloh St., [illegible], Carolyn, 20, 2204 Mulberry St.
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BUSHAM - BROOKS — Samuel, 20, 907 Lincoln St., Brooklyn, N.Y., clerk, Johnie Mae, 18, 1[illegible] Potomac St.
OGLESBY - MILLER — James F., 21, 2[illegible] N. Fulton Ave., operator of sympathy shown during their recent bereavement.
TRAPP - BROWN — Joseph, 48, 829 N. Fulton Ave., custodial, Ruth A., 40, 2[illegible] Federal St.
WALTON - COLE — Vernon C., 22, Indian Head, Md., engineer, Barbara A., 20, 5[illegible] Normount Ave.
FLEET - HALLEY — Harold, 21, 2030 N. Fremont Ave., furniture mover, Katie M., 22, 1409 Mosher St.
HILL - WALLACE — Ellsworth E., 21, 3900 Oakland Ave., domestic worker, Ethel M., 20, 3[illegible] Mosher St.
BELL - [illegible] — Ernest, 21, 1[illegible] Ave., [illegible], Ann, 21, 1[illegible] Ave.
[illegible] — Jerome