

EDITORIAL COMMENT

U. of Md. Admits It Has Been Lying

The University of Maryland this week admitted for the first time that color is the real reason it has refused to admit qualified colored applicants to College Park.

All pretense of any other reasons which for years have given us the runaround was dropped when university officials were required to testify under oath before Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith in the case of Miss Esther McCready, who has been denied admission to the university's nursing school.

As long as we send delegations to see them, university officials insist that they are not keeping us out on the ground of color. But when we yank them into court, they blandly admit that they have been lying all along.

So, we have at least scored an initial victory by making a liar out of the university administration, the regional school plan people and those who support the out-of-State scholarship awards.

In upholding the denial of admission to Miss McCready, Judge Smith acted upon the flimsy theory that the previous decisions of the Maryland Court of Appeals and of the U.S. Supreme Court involved admission to law courses only. This, we are certain, won't hold water.

But it is the kind of delaying tactic that we expect in a fight that has been going on as long as

this one has. Nevertheless, we are so certain of victory when this case goes to the Maryland Court of Appeals that we don't believe it will ever have to go the Supreme Court.

We believe that the opinions in the Missouri and Oklahoma cases were meant to apply to all phases of education, not just legal education alone. It was not intended that it should be necessary to file separate cases covering every course offered by a State university. The opinion concerning one school should be controlling in all of them.

Further, we believe that a victory in this case will settle once and for all the whole question of regional education in the South.

We believe that the court will say that all departments of the University of Maryland and of all other State institutions must be open to all qualified citizens at one and the same time.

Unfortunately, we are dealing with some of the remnants of the old slaveholding class which would like to extend the privacy of their homes and clubs to public institutions. Such thinking is out-moded in a democracy.

Fair-minded citizens of both races will rejoice when they learn that this democracy, of which we hear so much, has finally come to Maryland for an extended stay.



"A Civil Rights Law Will Give These Words Meaning."

Reporter's Row

Goodwill Girl from San Antonio Robeson and the Mayor's Letter

By Samuel Hoskins

Few Baltimoreans have heard of Mary Ann Rector. But the entire city should be hearing of her soon. Mary Ann, who is 5 years of age, in a few days will be visiting here.

It won't be a pleasure trip, though. She comes as a patient to Johns Hopkins Hospital where she will attempt to win her long fight against a strange malady called Staphylococcus—cataract of the eyes.

She is blind in one eye, almost blind in the other. And with her, it's really a fight against time.

Mary Ann's story is one of the all too few human stories, made more so because its setting is the Deep South.

It, the story, stems from a housing project in a colored section of San Antonio, Texas, where the separation of the races is a three-way affair—colored, Mexicans and whites.

But where Mary Ann's story is concerned there is no black, no brown and no white. You see, all of these came together in a common cause and raised over \$1,000 to send the child to Johns Hopkins where it is hoped an operation will save her sight.

All rallied to the child's aid after the editor of a daily paper published her picture and story in an appeal for help.

The announcer of a radio station acted as collector of the funds. Contributions came from individuals, groups and schools, not only from San Antonio, but from towns in south Texas, from children digging into their piggy banks, from other handicapped people, irrespective of race, creed or color.

The little Goodwill Girl is being brought to Baltimore by her mother. The mother is looking for a nice room near the hospital. She wants to be near her daughter during her stay here. She is not asking free lodging, but wants to pay her way.

Any Baltimore citizens living in the vicinity of Johns Hopkins who is willing to rent this mother a room will be contributing to this child's valiant fight for sight.

Persons with offers are urged to send them to this column, c/o the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, 628 N. Eutaw St.

A Neal Or an O'Neill

Last night Paul Robeson sang before an enthusiastic audience in Washington. Many persons from Baltimore were present.

So far as is known there were no acts of rowdiness as greeted the singer in New York State, no indignant letters such as the one Mayor D'Alesandro sent three weeks ago, all of which brings us to belated comment about the Mayor's hot words.

We do not see why Mr. D'Alesandro got so hot under the collar. He must have known that Paul's letter was a circular which was sent to any number of individuals; and the type that many colored people get regularly and throw in the waste-basket.

For example, there is hardly a colored family with the name of Neal or O'Neill who does not get literature asking aid for Catholic causes in this country and abroad. The writers assume that all O'Neill's or Neal's are Catholic.

Colored Baltimoreans get regularly circulars from downtown department stores like Hutzler's, O'Neill's and May Company (formerly Burnheimer's), although these stores do not welcome colored patronage.

Now and then we even get an invitation to join the Ku Klux Klan, or the Mount Royal Improvement Association.

So, really, there was nothing for the Mayor to get indignant about. And if and when Robeson comes to Baltimore, he (the Mayor) should be careful not to let off unnecessary steam.

Over the Desk

The Mental Hygiene Society of Maryland states little has changed since Howard Norton (Sun reporter) wrote the series on "Maryland's Shame."

"It is still 70 per cent overcrowded and tragically understaffed."

Wednesday night the society is holding a meeting at 8 W. 25th St., where there will be a discussion of the needs of the 1800 mental patients at the hospital. People who care and are willing to help organize a program of social therapy which help patients are urged, to attend.

At its next meeting the board at Boys Village (formerly Cheltenham) will have before it charges and counter-charges submitted by the institution's superintendent and one of the teachers.

The charges may lead to a court fight. Edward Kaplan, manager of the Maryland Theatre, which recently reversed its segregated seating policy, is in New York in an effort to contract for plays which would bring both Canada Lee Sr., and Canada Lee Jr., here.

The company building the annex to the Druid Hill YMCA, won't hire colored bricklayers, carpenters, etc. When the whole story is told, most people will be shocked.

Don't tell anybody, but even Curley Byrd, University of Maryland president, who set into motion the factors which actually led to filing of the units against the university of colored students, was shocked at the flimsy excuse used by Judge Conwell Smith in dismissing the petition of Esther McCready.

WORLD'S LARGEST

The Norfolk, Va. naval base was commissioned Oct. 12, 1917, and now is the world's largest.

FARM WAGES DOWN

Farm wage rates averaged about five per cent less on Oct. 1 than a year ago, the Agriculture Department reports.

COLOR CHANGE

A group of radio parts manufacturers told the Federal Communications Commission this week that they can easily produce equipment to change a black-and-white television set into one that can project color.

\$104,000,000 MORE

The Veterans Administration estimates that the law signed by President Truman will increase disabled veterans' benefits by \$104,954,000. The law liberalizes compensation benefits for veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries.

ODDS AND ENDS

Because of short crops, prices of many fresh vegetables probably will be higher this fall than last year, according to the Agriculture Department.

Motor vehicle owners in the United States paid the highest special tax bill in history—a total of \$3,272,000,000 in 1948.

The Government has banned all political parades in London, England for the next three months.

The common house fly transmits at least 20 human diseases.

Under a new civil code, divorce on any grounds will be abolished in the Philippines in 1950.

Among choice items auctioned off in a disposal of unclaimed parcel post matter in Boston, were a horse collar at \$3.50 and an illuminated barber pole at \$9.

The Pulse Beat of the Public

Letters should be short, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name and address must be signed, not necessarily for publication. The AFRO reserves the right to condense.

CONTEST WINNER GRATEFUL
Dear Editor:
Please accept our sincere thanks for the magnificent prize we received in the AFRO-AMERICAN'S Lawn and Garden Contest. We are delighted.

Beautifulizing our lawn and garden is our hobby. We are now preparing for next year. We are trying to get ahead of the beetles, as they destroyed our roses.

Your contest is a great incentive and next year you will have more participants than you can handle.

ROBERT WILLARD MORGAN
EDITH S. MORGAN
WASHINGTON

NEW SUBSCRIBER WON
Dear Editor:
Just a few lines to thank you and your staff for choosing me as one of the first prize winners of "The Garden and Lawn Contest." I am very happy and grateful to you and your staff.

I hope to remain in your contest in the future. I would like to be a subscriber to your outlet.

Guest Editorial

Numerous Baltimoreans continue to berate downtown department store owners for their continued jim-crow policy.

This treatment has rankled for some time and now that there is a national hue and cry for civil rights, it is worse than ever.

At one time it was considered more advisable to have a white committee tackle the merchants than to have an interracial committee do it. This group, used the humanitarian angle.

Other groups have pointed out the financial losses the stores are suffering by the boycott.

Since both the financial and humanitarian appeals of a few select groups have failed, the solution to the problem rests with the entire colored population.

This brings us around to the matter of voting again because a civil rights provision on the Maryland statutes is the answer to the problem.

To get such a law requires State Legislators who have the interests of all the citizens at heart. To get such lawmakers, it is necessary that all eligible persons vote wisely and then continue to prod their representatives to keep plugging for liberal laws.

Audrey Theaster

newsbeat

By Rufus Wells

Mayor D'Alesandro is scheduled to speak in Cherry Hill next Friday, on a program designed to foster "community good will."

Maybe it is pure irony, that the Mayor, who has done little to improve race relationships, should be speaking on such a subject at this time.

His address, coming shortly after he re-appointed two of Baltimore's top racists to the Park Board, should do much to show the city's 250,000 colored residents just where the Mayor stands.

His speech will take on added significance because the jim-crow policy of D'Alesandro's administration has caused race relations to deteriorate to the point of violence.

The Mayor will probably use all of the platitudes and abstract terms that usually characterize his public addresses. He may even go so far as to tell the residents and voters of Cherry Hill that he is representing their best interest at the City Hall.

But if the Mayor were sincerely interested in fostering community good will, he would abandon his flowery speeches and replace them with some constructive actions:

Like ordering the jim-crow policy of the park board rescinded; and insisting that the stadium and municipally owned golf courses be open to all citizens without asinine restrictions.

standing Washington AFRO-AMERICAN for a year.
(Mrs.) BETTIE WILSON
WASHINGTON

If You Ask Me
By B. M. Phillips

In all my adult life, I can't remember a time when so much pressure was exerted on people to BUY. Hardly a day goes by that there isn't a salesman at the front door or on the telephone urging that his product be given a trial.

My personal philosophy about buying was radically changed some years ago when I was confronted by people who wanted me to buy their wares but who were not impressed when the talk turned to the fair employment policies—hiring all qualified workers, regardless of race.

In recent months, it has been my creed not to buy any place where colored people are not given the opportunity to work. This attitude has brought about some interesting reactions.

Last week, for example, a white salesman for a storm window concern was showing me the wonders of his product. When he was finished, I asked about his plan's employment policy. "If I'm qualified for a job at your company, would I be hired?" I asked him. He hedged for a moment and then admitted that the answer would be no.

"Then," said I, "when I get ready to buy storm windows, I'll buy them from one of the firms which hires colored salesmen." This was a new twist to him. He didn't understand or didn't want to understand.

Later, he called me by telephone to say that in his home a colored seamstress was employed, proof that he had "no prejudice." He added that his windows were superior to those of other companies and for these two reasons I should give him my business.

What he still doesn't comprehend is that his so-called lack of prejudice and the superiority of his product are not important to me. I'm interested in something bigger—how much money will my purchase put in my own pocket—how many colored people will benefit.

For example, if his firm employs colored people, they in turn will buy the AFRO which pays my salary. The question of superiority of product is secondary to me. Most storm windows are about the same anyhow and my concern here is are they fairly priced and reasonably efficient.

Now maybe this one-woman philosophy won't bear a lot of fruit, but I'm convinced a buy-where-you-can-work attitude should pay dividends in the long run. Too long have we spent our money where it meant nothing to us in dollars and cents and I for one am sticking to my policy and urging others to do likewise.

Outstanding Libraries

Of the eight outstanding special libraries on colored persons, two are located in New York, one in Washington, one at Yale, one at Hampton Institute, one at Atlanta University, one at Fisk University, and one at Tuskegee.

WEDDING LAYOUT HELPFUL
Dear Editor:
The Kastle Park Nursery School is very grateful for the full page of pictures given for the Tom Thumb Wedding. We had hoped for a few to be shown, but never dreamed your interest and generosity were boundless.

Needless to say our parents were loud in their enthusiasm and expressed their praise of AFRO Photographer Oscar Williams's skill with the camera. Your showing of the photos contributed greatly to our feeling of success in this venture.

(Mrs.) DOROTHY WILLIAMS
Director
WASHINGTON

birthdays

Out upon Time! it will leave no more
Of the things to come than the things before!
Out upon Time! who forever will
But enough of the past for the future to grieve.

—BYRON

The AFRO extends congratulations to these persons who celebrate birthdays:

Oct. 16—Dr. Herbert Mosely, 2034 Madison Ave., Matthew D. Laws, 2337 McCulloch St.

Oct. 17—Mrs. Lillian G. Dixon, 2023 Druid Hill Ave.; Mrs. Margaret Fordman, 1018 Lavale St.; Mrs. Alice Dixon, 2021 McCulloch St.

Oct. 18—Mrs. Nancy Parham, 1404 W. Lavale St.; Mrs. Patricia S. Taylor, 2111 Westwood Ave.; Mrs. Ethel B. Perkins, 1139 N. Carrollton Ave.; Miss Ernestine Hopkins, 593 Oxford St.

Oct. 19—Miss Venzella Waller, 1831 N. Caroline St.; Viola E. Cooney, 3424 Annapolis Ave.; the Rev. Norman M. Brown, 1713 Westwood Ave.; Enoch Wilson, 334 W. Preston St.

Oct. 21—Mrs. Edith G. Wilson, 1328 McCulloch St.; Mrs. Marie E. Payne, 1536 McCulloch St.

Oct. 22—Mrs. Mildred Pierson, 329 N. Calhoun St.; J. Nelson Fortune, 1806 Madison Ave.; Miss Margaret Burke, 514 Gold St.

poet's nook

The Final Man

This is the final man:
Who lives within the dusk,
Who is the dusk
Always.

To know birth and to know death
In one emotion,
To look before and after with one eye.

To see the Whole,
To know the Truth,
To know the World and be without a World:
Is this light that is no light,
This time that is not time to be,
And to be free:
This is the final man,
Who lives within the dusk,
Who is the dusk
Always.

—BASIL McFARLANE

The Kiss

It was just a brush of his lips against her own,
It was just a smile which said much yet meant little;
It was just a meaningless kiss but it was the fire,
That burned and destroyed a love that desired to live,
Although it was destined to die,
I cannot say he cared; for every one knew that he didn't;
Yet, his kiss was so full of warmth and tenderness.

If I were "Judge" I'd say he should be condemned for the kiss, But the girl . . . how about the thoughtless girl—
Tell me, should she be scorned because she could not resist?
—FRANCES XAVIER LOGAN

Frustration

Woman, woman fine,
Stole into this heart of mine;
Woman, woman, woman divine,
Don't treat this love unkind.

Man, man, I need that girl!
She sends me to another world,
If I don't get her 'fore I die
I'll go to heaven askin' why
—MACEO T. HOWARD

The Maryland Theatre

Last Saturday afternoon a policy of non-segregated seating went into effect at the Maryland Theatre. The change was announced by Edward Kaplan, manager, following a meeting with members of the Committee For Non-Segregation in Baltimore Theatres.

It was the second time that such a policy has been adopted since last April when racial bars were let down during the appearance of an all-colored cast in the Broadway play, "Anna Lucasta."

Later, Hazel Scott appeared in a recital before a non-segregated audience, and early this fall an amateur group staged a pre-season show in the theatre.

The season really got under way with "Let Us Be Gay," starring Kay Francis. But it was this play which marked the end of the non-segregated seating arrangement. With the opening of "The Heiress," the theatre went back to the jim crow policy the theatre started out with 46 years ago.

This policy endured during showings of "The Heiress," "At War With the Army," "Glass Menagerie," and all but the last two performances of "The Corn Is Green."

Thus, since last April, eight shows have been staged at the Maryland. Three have been open without discrimination during all performances and two others during part of the performances.

During the period dating from the first opening of "Anna Lucasta," incidents revolving around the theatre situation here seem to have run their course. Various groups and individuals have met with show people from every phase of the business, including individuals from actors to lawyers representing the owners.

Issue and principles have been weighed and debated. Picket lines have marched. And now, at last, we are back to the policy of non-segregation so loudly hailed when first adopted.

In announcing the theatre's return to this policy, the manager stated: "We have been for non-segregation all along." He was reluctant to discuss the factors which caused the reversal to segregation. But he hinted that there were such factors.

There may be those who are skeptical, who are inclined to belabor the point. But we are willing to give the manager the benefit of doubt. The important thing is the fact that now a policy of non-segregation is in effect. The management promises that it will continue.

It is also important in our overall fight against jim crow that any policy based on democratic principles succeeds, no matter how or why that policy was first established.

We have stated before, and now we repeat, that there is a need in Baltimore for a legitimate theatre operated on a democratic basis. The Maryland Theatre has returned to the point where it can begin filling that need.

Two Kinds of Slums

This week a class of 125 teachers of the Board of Education's Community Workshop visited the slum area of Western District. Reactions, according to reports, were intense.

One of the teachers is credited with looking up at the hovels in one street and murmuring, "Caught—like in a trap. How can anyone get out of this environment?"

Such excursions to slum areas can be constructive. Eventually they can lead to elimination of slums. But unless the Board of Education sees to it that these excursions to slums take in all the humbler areas, white and foreign-born as well as those of colored people, they can cause a lot of harm.

Too frequently some people get the idea that slums are only in colored sections. When this happens, slum effect spreads to more than the physical aspect of the community.

Some cities have a slum spirit, slum mind and even a slum soul. In such instances, where there isn't poverty, oppression, prejudice and intolerance prevail.

English Actor

In England, the famous Robert Adams, co-director of the London Negro Repertory Theater, is recognized as the leading colored movie actor.

The Spingarn Medal

The Spingarn Medal awards, granted each year for achievement, were instituted in 1914 by the late Joel E. Spingarn, then chairman of the NAACP board of directors.

First winner in 1915 of the NAACP Spingarn Medal for achievement, was Ernest E. Just, head of the Howard University department of biology, for his research work.

Wartime FEPC

The Fair Employment Practices Commission was set up by Presidential Executive Order on June 25, 1941, "to receive and investigate complaints of discrimination" in war industries.

Six Billion A Year

Unofficial sources place the annual purchasing power of colored persons in the United States at approximately six billion dollars. This figure is based on an estimated one fourth of the national income.

The Rev. Mr. White

Presently Providence Baptist Church is observing the 20th anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. E. W. White. The celebration period will extend through October, which is an indication of the depths of the congregation's feelings for their pastor.

It is also a tribute to his leadership, which dates from Oct. 17, 1929, when the clergyman came here from New Orleans.

Under his administration the church cleared two mortgages and made renovations costing over \$10,000. The membership totals 1500, and its Sunday school is believed to be one of the strongest and best organized in the city.

The Rev. Mr. White, however, has not confined his activities to the realm of religion, nor limited his contributions to his congregation. His interests have been city-wide, even State-wide.

During his 20 years here, and even before, he has been a staunch supporter of the NAACP. He played a leading role in the Civil Rights March on Annapolis several years ago.

Among other worthwhile contributions, he has served on the NAACP executive board and legal redress committee. Always he has opened the doors of his church for civic group meetings. He has urged his members to register and vote.

Interviewed this week by the AFRO, the esteemed clergyman and civic leader said that the church has a definite place in politics. He feels that Christian leaders are needed to purify politics. He believes that in addition to Christian responsibilities there are civic responsibilities which must not be overlooked.

He intimated that these responsibilities are so closely related there cannot be, in the true sense of the word, one without the other.

This, we believe, along with the NAACP, is "upholding the torch of brotherhood as a light for all men to see," and also preaching and living the social gospel of Christ.

All Baltimore, all Maryland, even, should join in paying tribute to the Rev. Mr. White. We need many more ministers like him.

Disturb Whose Peace?

Attorney General Hall Hammond said that an interracial tennis tournament in Druid Hill Park July of last year could have started a full-fledged race riot.

He is asking the Maryland Court of Appeals to uphold the conviction of several white persons on a charge of conspiring to disturb the peace.

The case involves an interracial tennis tournament at Druid Hill Park. The tournament was begun but never finished because police interfered.

It would appear that the only peace disturbance was that of the police and, as often pointed out in criminal court cases, the law is designed to protect the public peace, not that of a policeman.

Hall Hammond is a decent fellow — "a good egg"—and we are rather surprised at his allegation that interracial sports in Public Parks will create a riot.

Interracial sports take place in 32 of the 48 states in the United States without riots.

Time was in Baltimore when we had interracial tennis.

The AFRO remembers quite well when tennis courts were open to all citizens alike and the parks remained that way for many years until there came into this city a group of misguided individuals bringing with them the idea that they have a right which they are entitled in their homes and in their private clubs.

We propose to make Baltimore a place where the parks, the golf courses, and all public recreational facilities are open to all. A white person who does not want to play with us, doesn't have to. If he objects to playing on the next court to us, he can stay home, but we certainly demand the right to enjoy any public facilities for which we are taxed.

It is significant that while the city and the State direct Mr. Hammond to keep us out of the Public Parks, President Truman's City Solicitor, Philip Perlman, went into the U.S. Supreme Court this week urging an end to all segregation and declaring that the equality guaranteed by the Constitution is equality to the individual and not racial equality.

Mr. Perlman's brief demands an end to segregation because it embitters colored people, because it gives white people a feeling of racial superiority, and because it makes our claim for democracy untenable abroad.

Most Versatile Fruit

The apple is one of the most versatile of all fruits. It can be eaten fresh, out of hand, or used in salads, or with cereals in fresh form.

It can be served as baked apple or apple cobbler, as fried apples, as apple pie, apple sauce, apple pudding, apple butter and apple jellies.

The use of the various varieties for specific purposes is governed to some extent by the individual's preferences and likes or dislikes in taste and texture.