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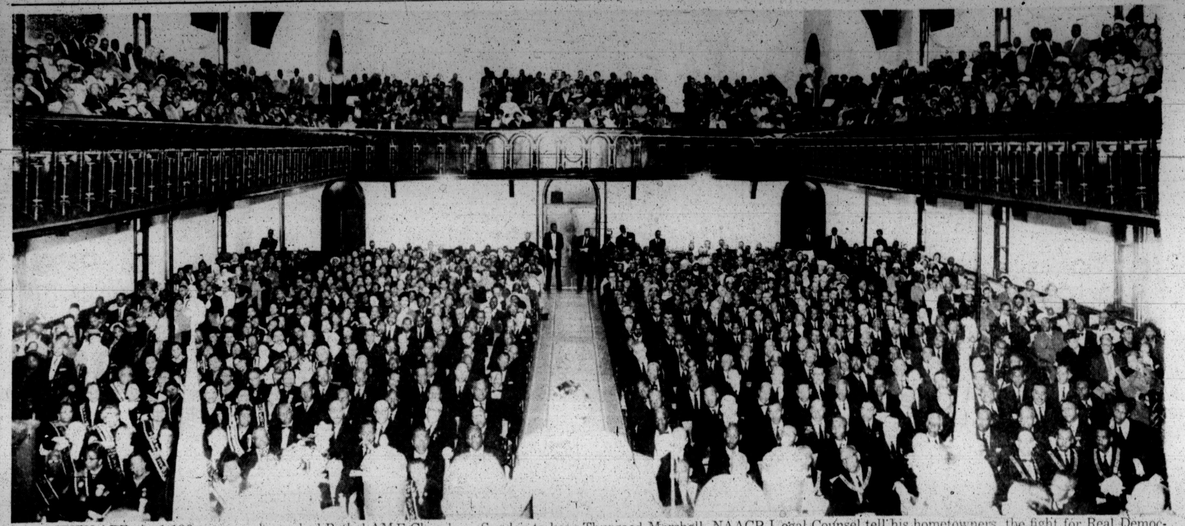

HERE THEY ARE, the 1,198 persons who packed Bethel AME Church on Sunday to hear Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Legal Counsel tell his hometowners, the fight for Real Democracy must go on. Occasion was 95th Emancipation Proclamation Celebration sponsored by Prince Hall Masons, headed by Dr. Willard W. Allen.

What Thurgood Marshall said at 95th Emancipation

Printed below are highlights of the talk delivered Sunday at Bethel AME Church by Thurgood Marshall, of New York, chief legal counsel of the NAACP.

He was speaking to the 1,198 persons in attendance at the 95th Emancipation Proclamation celebration sponsored by Prince Hall Masons headed by Dr. W. W. Allen. Every seat was filled at 2:15, fifteen minutes before the program opened, and 125 persons stood to hear the Marshall talk, portions of which follow:—

Grandmaster Allen, brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen:

It's good to be home again.

I thank Senator Cole for that background — concerning myself and it wasn't easy — I might make that stick. If what he says is true, I'm in bad shape — it's take about 100 years to do all of that—it's just a job that has to be done.

And I for one — and I think Americans should be indebted to the Judge of Maryland Court of Appeals, Judge Allen, who, once a year, gives at least 2 minutes of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Forty-five years ago, we were told that it was unreasonable to hope that every one in 1 — while — that's the only way we know it — would be free. We were told that the United States is the melting pot of the "world"—the colored people either did not get into the melting pot or he didn't get melted down. I think that is true. I'm going to try to put this whole problem as we can understand it — because there's much confusion.

THERE'S JUST as much confusion about the true import about the spirit of Emancipation in Arkansas as there is confusion about the South generally and up there living in Arkansas in outer space.

People tend to get hold of them out of the necessary perspective from what they actually mean.

For example, on this Sputnik business — here sent the little dog up. People felt a little sorry, not too bad, and the hundred of thousands of human beings that the Russians have killed and the most recent killed third and hunger — they've killed thousands.

But when the Russians take one life, the message is sent to Sputnik, they thought the most horrible thing in the world had been committed. That's getting things out of context.

That's through getting around with our Jurisprudence. And no one looks at the hundreds of thousands of human beings that the Russians have killed. And