MANY IMPORTANT ADVANCES MADE

Capital Proved Pivot of Race, World Affairs During 1947

By WOODY L. TAYLOR

The Year 1947 in many respects, has been one of the most eventful for minority groups in modern times. Colored Washingtonians have been in the midst of a whirlwind that has swept through the nation, to make this, the capital of the world, a citadel of democracy in the true sense of the word.

Sought Court Relief

Their fight has gained the support of right thinking people in the nation.

They have gone to the courts with cases to secure their rights in the eliminating a dual school system, in breaking restrictive covenants that would deprive them of the right to a happy home, and have sought redress in the nation's tribunals for the privilege of attending a movie, stage show, or to dine wherever they choose, the same as any other American citizen.

The events as they took place from month to month in the Nation's Capital are as follows:

Open With Covenant Fight

JANUARY: The beginning of a 12-month fight to end the undemocratic practice of white landlords attempting to keep colored people from purchasing property where they choose. Negro lawyer William L. and Mrs. Josephine Sweeney answered a suit entered by whites to keep the couple from occupying premises they had bought at 6246 N. Capitol St.

The couple had bought the home from Mrs. Florence Trexler, 1630 Webster St., N.W. in Sept., 1946. Shortly after they moved in some 14 white families in the block entered suit to prevent them from occupying the premises.

The whites claimed that all persons previously living in the block had signed a covenant March 23, 1946, to convey their property to none other than whites, for a period of 21 years.

The Sweeneys charged that the covenant had already been broken, that it was a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Police Brutality

Howard Maxwell, a local mailman asked the Police Trial Board to prosecute and dismiss from the force two officers who he said beat him severely, Dec. 24, 1946. Police Pvt. George E. Chappelle, white, who is alleged to have wielded the nightstick, and his companion, were later exonerated.

The National Negro Congress charged the police department and Gallinger Hospital officials with criminal negligence in the death of Charles W. Scott, who died in his cell in the District Jail here last January.

A coroner's jury however, exonerated the police department of Johnson, executive secretary, who was on leave as assistant to the Selective Service Director.

Pupils Forced Out

Many of the pupils from nearby Arlington, Va., attending schools in the District were forced out because of inability to pay tuition fees assessed non-resident pupils. Most of those forced out were attending Francis Junior High School.

This action was the forerunner for a suit to compel the Arlington County School Board to give the Arlington pupils the same facilities provided white pupils. Confiance Carter, one of the evicted pupils, later entered suit.

Richard R. Atkinson, local attorney, and civic leader, was named along with four whites, to the newly created Slum Redevelopment Agency. The appointment was later confirmed by the Senate.

Families Ousted

Nine families on Sheriff Road in Northeast Washington were notified by the District to vacate their premises to allow for the widening of Sheriff Road. One family residing at 4726 Sheriff Rd., the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, had lived at their location for 50 years.

The Council of Social Agencies Racial Committee made a famous report exposing flagrant discrimination and segregation in the capital and recommending such practices be abolished immediately.

38 Families Evicted

The National Capital Housing Authority forced 38 families whose income had reached $3,000 or more out of low rent housing projects. These people were living in 1,700 projects, eight of which are colored.

Louis R. Lautier, head of the NNPA News Service in Washington, became the first colored newsman to be admitted to the Capitol Press Galleries.

Clement E. Atkinson was elected to the unexpired term of his brother on the D.C. Barber Board.

Richard Allen, a veteran, gave up the post when he was named to the Slum Redevelopment Board.

Rep. Walt Horan, chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee, introduced a bill that would prevent the Recorder of Deeds Office from colored leadership.

Set Up Third Party

The first move in the District to begin a National Third Party was begun by Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge, USA retired, head of a group known as "The People's Party."

A House investigation committee called for the evacuation of the Receiving Home for children. When the investigators made their report to Rep. Walt Horan (Rep., Wash.) it furnished sufficient grounds for a severe Congressional rebuke of District officials.

The War Department bent a nationwide pressure initiated by the AFRO against the "old policy of segregation" when orders were made public a "new" policy Apr. 23, stating that there are to be no more segregation graves in the future. In existing cemeteries, however, where there are separate graves, they will be completed in this manner.

Establish Civil Service Register

The first post-war clerical examinations to establish a permanent Civil Service register were held Apr. 27. Some 28,000 took the tests.

A Browne Junior High School pupil, Miss Marguerite Daisy Carr, 4233 Clay St., N.E., petitioned the Board of Education to equalize educational opportunities to those provided for white children in the District or transfer her to a school where she may get proper training.

The petition was filed by Leon A. Ransom and Austin L. Fickling, attorneys for the girl's father, James A. Carr Sr., and was read to the Board by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins of Howard University.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to officially order the cancellation of Karla Galarza as a pupil at M. M. Washington Vocational School. The motion was made by John Wilson, local attorney, and concurring in the action were George E. C. Hayes, also a lawyer and Mrs. Velma C. Williams, the three colored members of the Board of Education.

Marzani Convicted

MAY: Supporters of Gerald Day Care Centers appeared before the Senate District Subcommittee the first week in May to press for continuation of the 12 centers operated under the Welfare Department for another year.

Congress received a bill that would raise the salaries of District teachers.

A jury composed of nine colored jurors, after an 11-day trial, convicted Carl Alda Marzani on 11 charges that he failed to inform the United States Government that he was a member of the Communist Party at the time he made application for Federal employment. Marzani was an employee of the State Department.

A colored New York detective and two former "Comrades" testified against Marzani.

Edwin B. Henderson filed motion opposing a Dismissal Mojion entered by National Theatre Lawyers.

Shepard is Recorder Scrap

JUNE: Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, recorder of deeds, vigorously opposed House Bill 3045, that would place his office under the control of the District Commissioners at a hearing before the Judiciary Subcommittee conducted by Rep. John J. Allen Jr. (Rep., Calif.)

A delegation from the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America engineered the introduction of a bill in the House to extend the application deadline from Sept. 1, 1947 to Sept. 1, 1948. The measure was later passed in the first session of the 80th Congress. They contended that a large percent of the 1,200,000 colored veterans, particularly those in the South, had not been given an opportunity to make application because of prejudice and other reasons.

Barbers Against Lower Prices

Barbers in the District voiced their opposition to any move that would cause a reduction in the present price of their services. They held that if anything, they would seek an increase in the prices. Haircuts in Washington at that time, and still are, $1.

Dr. Hobart Corning, superintendent of schools, asked the committee on finance of the Board of Education for permission to seek a loan of $50,000,000. The present pay-as-you-go plan will never accomplish the needs of the school system, he contended.

A move to end part-time instruction in District Schools was made with the introducing of the 1948 Budget Bill (HR 4106) by Rep. Walt Horan, chairman, District Subcommittee on Appropriations.

Approximately $2,000,000 of the $3,219,230 requested for public school construction to extend the D.C. schools would go to Divisions 10-13.

JULY: Marcus Ray, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, resigned to go back on active duty in the Army, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, as a "troop advisor" on the staff of Gen. Lucius Clay, commanding general of the European Theater. James C. Evans, Ray's assistant, was elevated to acting civilian aide until a successor could be named.

Religious Groups Embarrassed

A group known as the Interracial Workshop which opened in the District July 1, embarrassed the Methodist denomination when it exposed discrimination in the Methodist Building when colored members were refused service and likewise drew attention to prejudiced practices of the Central YMCA, which also refused service to non-whites in the party.

The Recorder of Deeds opposed a move to let the District Budget Auditor make a pre-audit of the books, a move he believed would put the control of the office, through power to hold up check of the Recorder's appointees in the hands of the District Auditor.

Congressman Adam C. Powell appeared before the House Committee on Armed Services and opposed the Universal Military Training Bill HR-1968.

The War Department announced that there was a total of 57,587 colored soldiers in the Army as of May 1.

The House District Judiciary Subcommittee knocked out provisions in the ball HR-2045 that would put the Recorder of Deeds Office under the control of the District Commissioners.

Welfare Services Cut

AUGUST: The Board of Public Welfare, suffering $272,530 cut in appropriation, approved six recommendations of its staff committee designed to bring welfare activities in line with decreased appropriations. Among the curtailments was denial or discontinuance of assistance to an individual in a one person case or when only one of a household in a family case is employed full time; a recipient who is eligible for unemployment compensation; and a recipient who is eligible for old age assistance.

BADGE OF HONOR—Nathaniel Carter, youngest member of Newark's Morton St. School safety patrol, receives an arm shield from Benjamin Schwartz, director, at the annual patrol party. From left to right are: Nathan Bregman, William Lewis, Mr. Schwartz, Carter, and William Lyons, attendance officer.

Memphis Police Win $3,000 Damage Suit Alleging Brutality

MEMPHIS (AMP)— Aldelaid Hudson, 23, lost her suit for $3,000 against two Memphis policemen whom she charged with beating her brutally without cause after arresting her some week ago. The two white policemen, W. L. Williams and L. S. Lawrence, claimed Miss Hudson was insulting and abusive and defied them to arrest her apparently indicating these were sufficient reasons for beating her.

A jury heard the case in circuit court and found for the policemen. The local NAACP had collected money to enable the suit to be filed, as part of an effort to halt the vicious brutality of Memphis police.

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Freedom Train Visit

The American Heritage Foundation announced that Freedom Train would be in Washington Nov. 27-28.

The United States Civil Service Commission listed 70 types of jobs for which there will be no preference may apply.

It was announced in the AFRO, Oct. 18, that "a fast deal to turn Slowe and Carver Halls over to private interests operating the Dunbar Hotel Apartments was in the making. They posted $10,000 but later lost it by default.

Supreme Court Gets Covenant

NOVEMBER: The United States Supreme Court decided to consider eleven covenant suits in Detroit, St. Louis, and Los Angeles. The Court also had before it two Washington suits. This marked the first time since 1926 that the Court has agreed to consider the ruling on such suits.

The District School Board voted on Nov. 19 five school buildings from Divisions 10 to Divisions 13 to be effective Dec. 1. Transfer of the schools, Blow, Webb, Hayes, Langston and S. S. J. Brown, met with considerable opposition from white and colored parents.

The move was designed by the school board to take over 2,000 children off part-time schooling and place them on a full-time schedule.

Startling Education Report

The President's Committee on Civil Rights released its famous report which proved to be an explosive rocking people out of discrimination and segregation throughout the country and particularly in Washington in all phases of life. It recommended the immediate outlawing of segregated schools and severely criticized part-time education of 7,000 colored children here.

James Evans, acting civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, was designated "advisor" to Secretary of National Defense, James Forrestal.

The National Bar Association met here Nov. 28-30, and named a Washington its president for 1948. During the sessions, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark announced he would introduce legislation to set up a Civil Rights Division in the Justice Department and for an Assistant Attorney General to head it. Prosecution of criminal cases and others depriving Americans of their civil rights in violation of the U.S. Constitution, would be under his direction.

Students Go on Strike

DECEMBER: Five schools from Divisions 10-13 were officially transferred and into operation for pupils in Divisions 10-13 by the Board of Education. Blow and Webb were designed to remove, with 613 of 1830 pupils from part-time schedules at Browne, S. J. Browne was to put all of Randall's 1375 pupils on full time.

Lenox would house pupils from the condemned Lincoln School, and Hayes was to alleviate partime at Crummell, Payne, Cook and the Vanness Schools.

Parents Picket

Parents of Browne pupils opposed the use of the Blow and Webb schools and pulled their children out of school. At the same time set up picket lines around the three schools. For a while they allowed the children to attend none of the schools, later permitted them to go to Browne but forbade the youngsters to attend Blow and Webb. Finally, seeking a solution to the problem, the parents asked for the Eliot, School or Eastern High School in preference to the Blow and Webb edifices, which are elementary buildings.

This could not be done they asked to send their children back to Browne on the part-time schedule. Free law library in a public building.

Abraham Lincoln papers made public this month revealed that a great influence on the Emancipation of the slaves was due to clergymen and religious organizations. The papers were the Robert Todd Lincoln collection of the Civil War President's private papers and were on display at the Library of Congress.

Urban League Maintained

The Urban League and the Council of Social Agencies were maintained as Community Chest agencies over protest of several white civic groups, including the biased Federation of Citizens Associations.

The United States Civil Service Commission launched the President's Loyalty Program.

Clark Pledges Covenant Probe

SEPTEMBER: Attorney Gen. Tom Clark made it known that he would probe into charges that Washington Real Estate Board is practicing monopoly in forbidding a white neighborhood to colored people.

The Justice Department was already in the midst of investigating other monopolistic practices of the Washington Real Estate Board and others throughout the country.

Unification of Community Chest and Council of Social Agencies Boards was urged by the respective boards of the organizations involved. The new group would be known as the Chest-Council.

Col. Campbell C. Johnson officially resigned as executive secretary of the Twelfth Street Branch YMCA to continue as assistant to the director of Selective Service Records.

The D. C. Recreation Board refused requests of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and various other local groups to change its policy of segregated playgrounds under any circumstances.

The Civil Service Commission ordered Lawrence Oxley reinstated to his previous position in the Labor Department. He had been forced out during a feud with Thomasina Johnson, director of the Minority Group Section, where Mr. Oxley worked. He had thought he should have given the position by reason of seniority when Mr. Johnson was appointed.

The National Technical Association, in conference here in its 15th Annual Convention, recommended that Technicians be placed on Howard University's Trustee Board.

Over 9,000,000 veterans, 58,200 in the District, were eligible to cash their terminal leave bonds Sept. 3. District veterans had about $12,571,200 worth of bonds.

Seek Parkview Playground

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