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"The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none." —CARLYLE.

Mr. Garrett Should Resign

Robert Garrett should resign as chairman of the Board of Recreation and Parks.

His decision that sixth of Baltimore's population which is colored and, in our opinion, offends a great number of the other five-sixths who do not share his reactionary views.

He can hardly be called a representative guardian of the public interests.

Mr. Garrett was born of wealthy parents. As a hunter, he gave him more leisure than the average citizen, he has been pampered and indulged in his sport by a fawning press.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that because of his wealth, position and increasing years, Mr. Garrett is now too far removed from the public to know its wishes.

He has become a public servant in an end. His record does not command him a public servant in a means.

As a member of the YMCA board of directors for many years and as its chairman, Mr. Garrett had been a party to that Y policy of not allowing colored citizens as much as a piece of pie in its cafeteria.

As chairman of the Board of Recreation and Parks, he has not allowed the Negro citizens of Baltimore equal time on the golf courses, colored athletic organizations to play golf together either indoors or outdoors.

Mr. Garrett is a product of the Jim Crow era and should understand and sympathize with those who want to see Negroes get a fair deal.

We will not support for mayor any candidate who would continue to call upon him to misdirect city bureau or board.

The action of the Board of Recreation and Parks this week in refusing to allow Negro athletic teams to play golf together is indefensible.

Baltimore thus deprives the youth upon which it will depend for healthful recreation and progressive days the opportunity to develop healthy competition.

We might well have begun to cut away the yoke of prejudice with a favorable decision by the Park Board. We shall miss an opportunity for which it is to receive the Russell Colgate Cup.

Since it appears that he does not, he should retire to private life, where his traditionalism will not affect public practice.

"Big Bill" Has Protectors

The AFRO talked some weeks ago about how various transit companies in other cities had been forced to do away with the "Jim Crow" system of operation on their buses.

We pointed out a case in Buffalo where motormen of streetcars were exempted from provisions of law governing segregation.

We have a similar case in Baltimore this week in which the transit company's police officer, Lt. Thomas Cole, is reported to have ordered a Negro woman who had been injured in an automobile collision young woman who had been injured in an automobile collision young woman who had been injured in an automobile collision young