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— Frederick Douglass

Lynching in Miss.

Drama, unbelievable race prejudice and terror characterize the trial of two men accused of lynching a 14-year-old boy in Sumner, Mississippi this week.

The youngster's crime: whistling at a woman clerk in a country store in Laflore County.

Before the trial began, it was announced that the entire panel of jurors would be white, because the jury list is made up of voters only. No colored person, for fear of his life, may qualify to vote despite the fact that the population is 60 per cent colored.

The state appointed a special prosecutor and the defense hired five lawyers, the entire number in this small town.

The sheriff ruled that spectators and news reporters would sit in separate sections, and U.S. Congressman Charles Diggs was assigned a "special" seat at the Jim Crow press table.

All persons in the courtroom were searched for concealed weapons.

Apparently, little investigation of the details of the lynching were uncovered by the state, for it was newspaper reporters, who uncovered the fact that the lad was kidnapped in one county (La-Flore), lynched in Sunflower County and the trial was being held in a third county, Tallahatchie, where the body was recovered.

Moreover, they found that the man included more than the two men arrested.

By the time newsmen spilled their findings to the special prosecutor, key witnesses to the lynching were said to have disappeared or been done away with, and the court hurriedly recessed to determine whether they can be located.

If these witnesses are found, they will hesitate to testify because after the trial they will have to flee to safety outside the state.

Defense lawyers say openly they expect the prisoners to be acquitted. The accused have previously admitted the kidnapping and denied the lynching. They say they released the victim when the store clerk could not identify him.

The atmosphere of the mob lies heavily over Sumner, a community where terror and oppression rule and the law is mocked.

The situation is critical.

The Rev. George W. Lee, a local NAACP official, was murdered in Belzoni, Miss. May 7.

Lamar Smith was shot and killed on the courthouse lawn at Casdyville, Miss., August 13 for voting in the August 4 primary election. He had received letters threatening his life if he voted.

For those like Dave Garroway who ask how can these things happen in our country 100 years after the Civil War, our answer is that they do happen every day in backward areas of Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.

It is only the newspapers outside Mississippi, which single-handedly expose its primitive terrorism, which rivals that of Russian brainwashing and Chinese prison camps abroad.

Coppin and Towson

The Maryland State Planning Commission has turned down a requested appropriation of $600,000 for a new building, housing gymnasium, lecture hall and classrooms at Coppin State Teachers College.

The commission, apparently is not convinced that the state should build up a small colored teachers college in Baltimore and a larger integrated teachers college at nearby Towson, which this year opened its doors to both races.

The action of the commission was inevitable.

Baltimore City abolished its separate white teachers college over three decades ago and sent its students to Towson.

Coppin students would have been transferred to Towson at the same time but for the state law requiring separate schools for the races.

That law was overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court last year and Towson accepted its first colored students last week.

With an enrollment of fewer than 300 students, the state can not justify the added expense of building new structures for Coppin, when some of its students can be accommodated in existing buildings at Towson.

Moreover, Maryland teachers will teach from now on in mixed schools. Therefore, they should be trained in mixed teachers, colleges, where at the student level the two races will work together.

State Superintendent Thomas G. Pullen's view is that Coppin's 300 students can not be immediately transferred to Towson because there is not room for all of them.

On the other hand, Towson has admitted five colored students and will admit all qualified applicants who apply without discrimination.

Towson is an accredited teachers college. Coppin can not meet national standards until it gets an acceptable library, gymnasium, etc.

Because of non-accreditment, Coppin graduates who enter other colleges to study for higher degrees find themselves required to make up 10 to 14 credits before they are accepted.

This is not true of graduates of Bowie or Towson which are recognized as standard colleges.

As Dr. Pullen sees it, the State Department of Education has need for both Towson and Coppin and will continue for the present to operate both institutions.

This decision appears to be wise.

In our opinion, however, the State Planning Commission is along solid ground in refusing further appropriations for new buildings at Coppin.

If additional teaching college facilities are to be built, they should be erected at Towson.

Now! Not too little, too late

We have seen any number of Congressional investigations in recent years. These have dealt with crime, agriculture, the armed forces, commerce, industry and even a stockpile of hamburgers.

We saw the ridiculous spectacle staged by Dixiecrat James C. Davis, purportedly into the integration of the Washington fire department.

We almost witnessed the making of a President as a result of Senator Estes Kefauver's investigation of the criminal elements and their influence upon American politics.

No Congressional investigation caused as much concern as those handled by the Senate Committee on Government Operations when it was headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

A wave of hysteria swept the nation.

The McCarthy influence extended into government unions, and even social organizations. A new concept of justice was coined "guilt by association."

It is against this backdrop that the Senate voted to create a Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

The committee has announced that its first series of public hearings, which will begin on Oct. 17, will deal with the state of the nation's observance of the free speech and press clause of the Bill of Rights.

This week, the committee circulated questionaires to interested citizens. The purpose is to learn their views on issues in the realm of free speech and press.

One of the questions is:

Is there anything in the First Amendment of the Constitution that differentiates freedom of speech and press during time of peace and the time of war?

Another question is:

Do you feel that freedom of speech and of the press should be abridged, only when a specific type of utterance creates a danger so imminent that there is no time to counteract it by free discussion or dissemination of information?

And still another question deals with whether in periods of war or public danger, Congress and the President should abridge or suspend these rights to whatever extent they deem necessary.

There is also a question which deals with the denial to Communists freedom of speech and press because they use these liberties as sanctuaries from which to carry on operations for the destruction of democratic government.

These are questions on which every American should make himself heard.

The great progress that has been made in the field of human rights is due to the freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Every citizen should clarify his own thoughts on the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. Failure to express our beliefs to this committee could conceivably lead to curtailment by forfeiture of these rights.

Write now to the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, U.S. Senate, Washington 25, D.C. and ask for a questionnaire.

Consider the questions. Weigh them carefully. Then submit your answers.

Ione proves to be phoney

The Maryland area was all ready, Monday, for a hurricane that didn't happen.

School children were dismissed from classes early and many state and federal employees were permitted to leave their desks before the usual quitting time, in order to escape the 150-mile gusts of wind and the torrents of rain which were expected to flood the state.

Many a shopkeeper also taped his big glass windows to avoid damage during the threatened storm.

But nothing happened.

With the unpredictability often attributed to her feminine gender, Ione changed her mind and decided to move out over the ocean, far from this area.

No one is sorry about Ione's change of mind, though, and the fact that she bypassed us does not affect in the least the wisdom and soundness of the measures taken for her reception.

It is better to be prepared for a hurricane which doesn't arrived than not to be ready for one which does.

Across The City Desk

By FRANKIE WOOD

Took a three-hour tour of Baltimore on Wednesday with AFRO photographer Hoxie Phillips. The sun was shining brightly and most persons were in a happy mood.

Up in the 1100 block of Gilmor St., I talked with Mrs. Ella Moore and Mrs. Mary Mabel, both housewives, who were interested in the new church-like building across the street from them.

The attractive Roman Stone structure at 1118 N. Gilmor St. is the parsonage and church yet unnamed for the Rev. John Randolph and his wife, Dorothy and their eight children.

Mrs. Randolph tells me that for the past three years her husband has been working on the building.

A construction company dug the foundation and he did the rest of the building by himself. The outside is now completed but inside there is a lot of work to do.

The Rev. Mr. Randolph, who **is owner of the Stock and Waste Paper Co., preaches from church to church. He was ordained "years ago" by Bishop Milton E. Lee.**

He hopes to complete his new church by next year and then he will give up "everything" for the ministry, Mrs. Randolph said.

Their eight children are Lula Mae, 3; Ernest, 7; Charles, 8; Edward, 9; John III, 11; Shirley 14; Arthur, 15 and Jerome, 16. Asked how she feeds all those children, Mrs. Randolph said, "We manage someway."

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UP THE street at the Gilmor Project we stopped to talk with Willie Sanders, of 1207 Madison Ave. and Lawrence Burnett, of 918 Fremont Ave., who were having difficulty getting their Rolls-Royce to work.

A Roto-Tiller is a power machine which a man guides as it cultivates the soil. They were preparing a lawn for sod, but everytime Mr. Burnett got the machine started, the motor quit.

AT THE Pratt St. pier we watched a mixed group of longshoremen unload the Aztec, which brought to Baltimore hundreds of huge plastic bags of green bananas from Honduras.

Across the street from Dunbar High School on Caroline we watched the children play, through the weeds on the vacant lot, where someday a new housing project will stand. The weeds were as tall as the children.

The city arrests you and me if we let our weeds grow on vacant lots.

There was activity in the 1300 block of N. Dallas St. Here two men, on their day off, were building painting.

One was Newell W. Wilmore of 1305 who has six children and 11 grandchildren. He and his wife, Ada, have been married 30 years.

Mr. Wilmore was painting his porch chairs and flower boxes a pretty yellow and white.

THE OTHER painter was William Curry, of 1319 N. Dallas. He was putting varnish stain on his screen doors.

When I told Mr. Curry that I wished I could get a paint brush in my husband's hands again, he laughed and said, "I don't do this often but it is such a pretty day, I thought I would make the house look pretty."

At Eden and Preston Sts., I had a chance to yell, "Hello" to Police Guard Esther Knight Cole, a former classmate of mine at Dunbar High School.

I'M REMINDED by one of the days when there were three Whartons teaching in East Baltimore—Mother Pauline (music at Dunbar), Mrs. Pauline Wharton Bond, (elementary School No. 101) and Miss Hermoine Wharton, English at Dunbar.

And if these three didn't teach you manners and discipline, Miss Lottie O. Chase and Cato Anderson finished the job.

We caught Mrs. LaNita Thompson, of 3238 Gwynn Falls Parkway, as she was leaving School No. 129 at Robert and Pennsylvania Ave., with an armful of books and packages.

She tells me she has two children, Charles, Jr. 7 and Renee, 6 and that her husband is in the Air Force in Massachusetts.

SITTING IN A chair resting his broken leg on a pillow at the corner of Division and Laurens St. was Aurelius Henry of 528 Laurens. He said he was hit by a car last year and that his "old bones" are having a hard time healing.

In the 2100 block of Division St., a refrigerator and two stoves, on the sidewalk, caught our eye and we stopped to investigate.

We remembered all the stories we had heard about children suffocating in old ice boxes and since there were a lot of children in the block we tried the refrigerator door—it opened easily.

We talked with Mrs. Leona Carroll, 1110 Etting St., Mrs. Virginia Wader, 1811 Division St. and Miss Ruby Pinkston of 1810 Madison Ave. who were en route to work from the 800 block of Division St.

Mrs. Waddy is employed at the Alhambra and Miss Pinkston, the Comedy Club. All three chimed in laughing to say that Mrs. Carroll is "Job hunting."

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DON'T LET anybody kid you that women gossip more than men. I sat in the Met Theater Wednesday night, one of the few women among those hundreds of men, and I heard more gossip during the fight then I had heard all week.

During each round, the men talked so loud you couldn't hear the announcer. Of course, the audience declared Rocky's blows were so powerful that it looked like Archie was on his last leg. Then you should have heard the all wise "I told you so"—

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God of grace and God of Glory, when we resent having so many choices to make, may we remember that good character is the habit of choosing right from wrong.

"My husband doesn't back talk me any more since I started wearing this rosary."

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Wonders about sign

Dear AFRO:

I am glad Gloria Lockerman was treated so royally at that department store. But please tell me if that large sign "White Only" was taken from the rest room door or was she sent to the basement along with other colored customers?

ELLEN M. STEWART

(Editor's Note: The sign remains on the door in the store mentioned but representatives of the store tell customers to ignore it.)

Convicted man's wife

Dear AFRO:

I am writing to you with faith in my heart that through some way you can help me.

I am 20 years old. My husband is 21 and we have a small son 5 months old. We have been married nine months and trouble has been knocking at our door constantly. The worst came on June 4, 1955.

At that time my husband and I were sitting on my mother's front porch happily talking when all of a sudden the yard was full of policemen.

They put my husband in the car and walked past me as if I was not there. When I finally got someone to talk to me I found that a white girl had been assaulted with intent to kill and raped.

I asked why they came to my home. They answered me by saying, "as long as we have a yellow card, who cares?"

I live in Whitehall which is eight or 10 miles to Towson. They stripped my husband, beat him brutally and tried to make him confess to my high kill him.

They even beat some sort of signed confession out of him. For a long while he was a nervous wreck.

My husband did not have a fair trial but if I can get the money his case will be appealed. I need $320 within the next 15 days in order to save my husband.

They said in court on Friday that the boy must be executed. He has had no justice throughout the whole case. They even broke up his car.

My lawyer told me to stand by him and work with him in order that he can save my husband. If there is any way you can help me make up this money I will be ever grateful.

Anything you can collect will help. Your prayers are needed also.

(Mrs.) MARY JACKSON
C/O Percy Thornton
Whitehall, Md.

(Editor's Note: Robert Jackson, the correspondent's husband, was convicted of assault and stabbing a 12-year-old girl last Friday in Baltimore County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to hang for the crime. Mrs. Jackson's letter has been brought to the attention of the Baltimore Branch NAACP.)

The big fight

Sports writers are said to have voted 66 to 6 that Rocky Marciano would keep his light heavyweight title this week. Betting odds were said to favor Rocky 3 to 1.

Archie Moore was confident that he would bloody his opponent's plastic nose and make his breathing difficult so as to sap his strength.

Rocky Marciano declared that if his challenger could not be hit on the head, he could be put out of business by hitting him on the arms.

There was talk during the week that Archie could not possibly win because no heavyweight champion had ever been dethroned in the Yankee Stadium. That Archie was an old man 38 years or more, and that he talked too more than he fought.

All of this chatter goes along with a heavy weight championship fight.

The important thing is not whether Archie won or lost, but that he earned the right to get in the ring with the champion and find out which is the better man.

Old Harry Wills chased Jack Dempsey all over the country when Jack was the champion and never got a chance to fight him.

To that extent, Archie Moore was indeed fortunate and so is every other colored person who gets an opportunity to prove his ability and his excellence without the handicap of color.

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

No doubt you have heard or read about the effect the recent Mississippi lynching has taken on our foreign neighbors.

Well, just for the record, I queried Miss Elizabeth Kolom, of Dutch Guinea who is visiting here, on the subject, and here's what she said:

"The lynching has caused many people in my country to be afraid of the Americans."

Furthermore, Miss Kolom pointed out that Dutch Guineans associate the evils of prejudice with the Americans. In 1863, she said slavery was abolished in her county and the people there have maintained COMPLETE integration since then.

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THE ONLY segregated place in the area is a small community built up by a group of American businessmen who insist on practicing discrimination.

And if you want to learn about conditions here in this country, don't miss the NAAACP meeting at Sharp St. Church when Dr. T. R. M. Howard, NAACP leader of Mound Bayou, Miss. tells you the facts behind the scene.

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HEY GUYS, you had better look out from now on. Time was when you could get fresh with a young Miss and wind up with a mere smack on the cheek.

Now you can get slapped with a law suit!

Seems that in a northern city a store clerk grasped an attractive woman's hand as he gave her change for her money.

The woman stalked out of the store and went straight to her attorney charging that the man had sprained her wrist. Today he's faced with a suit alleging assault and battery. And heaven knows what will happen "tomorrow" when wifey finds out.

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GUESS EVERYONE'S glad Hurricane Ione changed her mind about us. You know, after Diane went on her rampage through the New England states several taverns and package stores were forced to dump their stock.

In one place, $125,000 worth of whiskey and beer went down the drain cus authorities said the stock was contaminated. Now that's what they said they did with the beverage.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Just as women often do, Hurricane Ione changed her mind, whirled off in another direction and left the town saying good riddance to a bad affair.

It never fails. Whenever storm warnings go up there is a rush on the candle counter in most five and dime stores, especially out Catonsville way where I live.

I learned from the first hurricane that it's best to keep a supply of candles handy. Power lines in Catonsville have a way of going out often.

How do you feel when your TV set goes on the blink? Feel lost? I did. Never realized that radio could still be so entertaining.

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PARKING WITHIN the city limits is a problem to be sure. The thing that gets my goal all the time is to find a parking spot that has been blocked off by kitchens, chairs, trash cans and the like. Sometimes I wonder, are the streets really public?

To the gentleman who called THE AFRO Saturday with information that an Eastside bartender had just bought himself a '56 Lincoln: Sir, I'm afraid you'll get nothing for that tip.

High school youngsters who hang out on corners in East Baltimore are in for a rough time.

Magistrate Simon Schenfield laid down the law to three Dunbar lads this week and told them to pass the word along. He's going to be rough.

The Mississippi Story, as told by Dr. T. R. M. Howard will highlight the NAACP's program at Sharp Street Methodist Church this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Dr. Howard, NAACP leader in Mount Bayou, Miss. will comment on the death of Emmett Till.

Special features of the program will include the appearance of Gloria Lockerman and music by the Northern Male Chorus under the direction of John Spencer.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

If Commissioner Hepbron is sincere about running the numbers racketeers out of town he might start by questioning one of his plainclothesman who have an intimate knowledge of the lottery business, having earned a few bucks in the illegal pastime.

He might also find that the big numbers backers are no longer to be found on the Avenue. They have slipped and abandoned the field leaving the pickings to the men from the two downtown syndicates who are using the Avenue's small timers as their front men.

The commissioner might also find it interesting to inquire why there aren't any colored officers riding around our city in radio or patrol cars. It should be instructive to learn why when a radio car is short an officer, the colored patrolman on the same squad will be ignored.

INSTEAD, A white officer will be pulled in from another squad —anything to keep a colored officer out of the precious vehicle. And why is it that when a colored officer has to take a policewoman somewhere or transport a person to such an institution as Crownsville, he will always be given an unmarked car—leaving out the police department seal?

Maybe he could also learn why certain areas of the city are "Verboten" to colored officers and why they are never assigned to them. He might also learn how disgusted the colored policemen feel about the whole mess.

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AMONG THE charming new students at Morgan State College are Anne Whiting, Marian Patton and Vera McPhaul of Baltimore, and Frances Jones of Wetepquin, Md.

With school in session, the the gangs of roving young hoodlums have started gathering about the buildings to the annoyance of teachers and pupils.

From direct observation it appears that the teachers and principals are just wasting time when they ask the boys to move. It seems that the only thing that impresses them is a taste of police court.

Missouri, A; Maryland, B-

Maryland made only a grade of B minus while Missouri received a grade of A in a special Time Magazine report card on the progress of 17 southern and border states in complying with the Supreme Court's order to enforce desegregation.

Five states rated a flat F for failure; eleven others were given passing grades ranging from A minus (West Virginia) to D (Florida).

The five states where there has been little or no move at all to integrate schools are: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Ratings of the other states:

GRADE A: Missouri. State education authorities estimate that 50,000 (80 per cent) of Missouri's colored children are now studying alongside 550,000 whites; there has been no friction.

GRADE A MINUS: West Virginia. About 35 of the state's 55 counties will begin to integrate this fall.

GRADE B PLUS: Kentucky, where 20 of 224 school districts will integrate this fall; and Oklahoma, where at least 98 out of 1,802 districts will integrate, along with all 18 state universities and colleges.

GRADE B MINUS: Maryland, where eight of 22 counties with mixed populations plan to integrate this fall.

GRADE C PLUS: Texas — More than 60 of the state's 2,000 school districts begin integration this fall; Arkansas will integrate four of the states 228 interracial school districts, with this fall; intend to integrate; TENNESSEE, which intends gradually specific dates for others in 1957 and 1958.

GRADE C: Delaware — 14 out of 20 school boards in New Castle County (Wilmington, where 13 city schools will integrate to integrate all six of its state-supported colleges. Oak Ridge is the only integrated school system but Chattanooga recently voted for integration.

GRADE C MINUS: North Carolina — Despite threats to close schools, some industrial cities (Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham) have appointed committees to

GRADE D PLUS: Virginia — State officials fighting to prevent integration; Norfolk (pop. 213,513) proclaims that it intends to uphold the Supreme Court decision, but state law forbids it.

GRADE D: Florida—State law prohibits the mixing of races in schools, but on the three bases of the 7,5 Air Force, white and colored schools will integrate this fall.

REPORTER'S ROW:

'South' of law and order

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

WASHINGTON

The following report is from Sumner, Miss., Sept. 20, scene of the so called "Wolf Whistle" murder trial:

"White spectators watched silently as Mrs. Mamie Bradley sat down, Sheriff (H. C.) Strider, after he had walked through the crowd, handed her the subpoena, saying: 'You are now in the state of Mississippi. You will come under all rules of the State of Mississippi."

This statement by the sheriff raises a question:

In the area of race relations, what are the rules of the State of Mississippi?

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ONE OF THE rules called for a jim-crow press table in a courtroom where justice is supposed to be dispensed, fairly and with no respect of race and color.

But when the colored reporters questioned the arrangement, Sheriff Strider curtly dismissed the discussion with: "We don't mix down here."

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ANOTHER ONE of the rules of the State of Mississippi calls for separate (and consequently inferior) schools for colored and white people.

Public school segregation has been outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

But the official position of the state government is in favor of maintaining the rules of Mississippi and defiance of the law of the land.

Another of the rules of Mississippi is that the non-white element of the population be kept in its place.

In practice, this means suppression of colored and dominance of whites.

It means living in separate sections of towns and cities.

It means jim-crow public transportation.

It means employment discrimination and limitation.

In short, the sum total of all the rules of Mississippi — race-wise—spells out "white supremacy."

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THIS IS WHAT the business down there is all about.

This is what the proponents of "white supremacy," including the U.S. congressmen from that state, the governor, the governor-elect, state legislators, the courts, sheriffs, citizens councils, as well as the Roy Bryants and J. W. Milams, are fighting to maintain.

They are waging their battle from the Executive Mansion in Jackson, from the political platforms, from the halls, committee rooms and chambers of the Capitol, through the press and over radio and TV.

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THEY PREACH racial hate like Frank Sullens of the Jackson Daily News.

They declare and execute a scorched-earth brand of economic warfare like the citizens councils—for example, by jacking up prices to where a loaf of bread goes for $1.

This are the rules of the State of Mississippi.

What about the "good Mississippians (white)" who deny that these are their rules, too?

All right, what about them?

They are neither blind, deaf nor dumb.

They know what goes on. Yet, they sit idly by in apathetic do-nothingism, mouthing empty and idle slogans of "progress," "freedom" and compromise.

So, no matter what we call it: states rights, home rule or rules of the State of Mississippi, the time has come for a forthright answer to an all - important question:

When are the southern states going to be called upon to regard the rules of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal Constitution:

When is the executive branch of the Federal Government going to decide to enforce the law in the lawless South?

St. Louis By A Head; Washington Coming Fast on Inside; Baltimore Two Lengths Behind

The following editorial is reprinted from the ST. LOUIS AMERICAN :

There are two major cities that long have been rivals of St. Louis as borter municipalities where jim crow ruled with a heavy hand, though all three cities were not in the South proper.

These two sisters are Baltimore and Washington—the same size in population as well as being along the same geographical parallel as St. Louis.

The 1954 Supreme Court decision declaring segregated public schools unconstitutional put St. Louis, Baltimore and Washington in a special race to which would come up to the Court's mandate first.

This week the report comes from Washington, which should be "the favorite" in the race because it is wholly under Federal year round control. But public schools will open for the first time Monday, September 12, on a completely mixed racial basis.

The Washington report points out: that colored people now eat in any restaurant, stay at any hotel, attend any movie or theatre, swim in any public pool, visit any governmental centers, golf on any public courses.

It further mentioned that colored (Cubans) were playing on the Washington Senators baseball team, but have not played with the Washington Redskins football team.

That the National Press Club has admitted its first colored member that its transit system (under the same control as our St. Louis system) has finally hired a few colored operators. That of the 24 public housing projects for low income families, 19 are open to all races.

Thus comes an upstanding report from the Nation's capital city . . . . But on the record it seems that St. Louis is out in front by a good head in the race. (Baltimore is conceding the race.)

The St. Louis public schools were integrated a week earlier than in Washington, and the preliminary steps of integrating the high schools last January was done with a minimum of friction, while in Washington there were strikes that seriously threatened the project.

On the matter of eating places and roasters, Washington has the advantage in that "all" such places are opened. Here in St. Louis, thanks to the persistent work of CORE and the assistance of the Human Relations Council, more of the "best" eating places are opened and now all of the major theatres.

The major hotels are open on a "minimum scale" which can be called fluid but not absolute, if mere words can describe the situation . . . . . .

In the matter of the recreational centers, St. Louis is ahead of Washington by six or seven years. Also in professional baseball and football—colored are in both sports here; the old St. Louis Browns were second only to Cleveland in playing colored in the American League of which Washington is a member.

(A side incident is that back in the early forties before colored players had been admitted to organized baseball, the Washington Senators used to come here with several Cuban players, some of them with dark enough skins to be classed as "colored." They were an especial attraction to colored fans at the time . . . . Incidentally, the only advance the Senators have made is now it hires some brown Cubans . . .)

St. Louis has a Press Club that is interracial—but it is not clear if the local Writers Guild has opened its door on 12th Street? The bus and streetcar system here has had integrated operators for nearly three years.

The public housing situation in St. Louis is quite some behind Washington. Only two projects here have been declared interracial.

But in this matter Washington is a Federal city and more than one-third of the population is Colored. In St. Louis it is not fifth . . . which of course, should have nothing to do with a policy of integrated public housing . . .

As the stretch is entered we naturally will call it: "St. Louis by a head . . . Washington coming up fast on the inside. . . . And Baltimore two lengths behind but running strong . . . ."

1956 Ford top AFRO show prize

- Pearls worth $140,000 now on display
- $10,000 in valuable gifts await winners

WASHINGTON

A 1956 Ford, a free trip to Nassau in the Bahamas and 50 crisp new $1 bills are among the many fabulous prizes awaiting AFRO followers at the 16th annual Home Service Show opening at Uline Arena today (Friday).

The new customline Ford sedan will be awarded by the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper Company at the last show, Saturday night.

COOKING SCHOOL PRIZE—This 1956 Ford automobile is one of the big prizes to be awarded at the 16th annual AFRO Cooking School. The model is

Miss Gladys Stroman of the Rett Corri Charm School. The photo was taken at Stuart Motors, Sixth St. and New York Ave., NW.

paying all expenses from Miami, Fla.

Doors will open at noon daily. The first 50 women to enter the show following the ribbon-cutting ceremony will receive $1 prizes.

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THE GIGANTIC school will be opened by the Emma Rogers model, Dorothea Towles, along with leading city dignitaries, including Commissioner Samuel Spencer and a White House representative; also presidents of local civic groups.

Miss Towles, will model the world's largest pearl — a collector's item valued at $100,000 on the Uline stage during the Friday and Saturday night shows.

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THE PEARL, obtained for the show by Kay-Franc Jewelers, weighs 1,100 grains. It was once the property of the Empress Dowager of Japan.

The gem will also be displayed by Pecola DeVoe, outstanding District Charm School manager in the Kay-Franc Jewelers booth.

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MISS TOWLES, who has been presented at world famous houses in France and the U.S., will also model on stage the world's most expensive handbag made of 6,000 cultured, genuine carved rubies and 12 carat baguette diamonds set in platinum worth $40,000.

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THE PEARL and handbag are being sent to Washington by the Imperial Pearl Syndicate of Chicago and New York to be displayed in the Kay-Franc Jewelry Stores on both of the two big days.

Special detail of police officers from precinct 9, and detectives from the Burns Detective Agency, will guard the pearls during both shows.

JOE LOCO (Mr. Mambo), Tito Puente, the sensational new mambo maestro and lovely Tony Roman will be among top entertainment personalities who will appear.

These three artists are stars of the giant Mambo festival which opens today on the Howard stage for one week.

Pick Temple, top TV star, will also be on hand giving 15 minutes shows from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, in the Giant Food Stores' booth. You can also hear him at 1 p.m. on the AFRO stage. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

The 1st Army Band, directed by Arthur E. Smith, will be in concert in the lobby of Uline Arena preceding the noon opening show, Friday.

The Gas Appliance Center, Rudy Fairfax, owner-manager is giving away a Servel gas refrigerator, valued at $289.50, to anyone holding the winning ticket who has registered at the company's booth.

AS MANY as 300 odd baskets worth $1,500 will be given away at each show. The rich food products are all name brand quality products from advertisers whose booths will be at the Cooking School.

Also, the Potomac Electric Power Company is awarding two brand new Hotpoint Deluxe automatic electric ranges — one

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GIGANTIC contests, totaling hundreds of dollars in prizes, will be climaxed when the winning beautiful, honeymoon couple and cake-baking champions walk away with their awards.

Housewives are invited to learn to cook from new recipes as demonstrated by Mrs. Florence Duncan, director of Let's Eat, on a local TV food show. She will be seen in a model of the 1955 all - electric kitchen from the Potomac Electric Company.

CONSTANT entertainment will be the keynote during the two big days.

For the first time, the Cooking School presents the Bertice Hammond Dancers, who will give a program of "Modern Dances" and "Pete Kelly's Blues." The interpretive group dancers have been trained by Miss Hammond, a leader in the dance field for 15 years. Also appearing with group is Teddy English, Theodore Green), interpretive dance instructor.

Miss Doris Patterson, of the Doris Patterson School of the Dance will also feature her talented dance group who have appeared in previous AFRO shows.

FOUR FASHION shows will be given by Morton's Department Stores, featuring the Rett-Corri models, directed by Miss Loretta Holmes.

Hostesses for all shows will be from the Housewives' League.

AMONG PRODUCTS included in baskets are:

Bond Bread, Quaker Oats, Aunt Jemima Pancakes, Esko Shortening, Phillips Soup, Louisana Hot Sauce, Schneider's Sunbeam Bread, Gunther Beer and Ale, National Bob Beer and Ale, Washington Flour Mixes, Ballantine Beer and Ale, Wonder Bread.

Snow Crop Frozen Orange Juice, King Fluff, Heidi Bread, Uncle Ben's Rice, Seven - up, Pepsi Cola, Schweppes, TV Popcorn, Land O'Lakes Butter, Carnation milk, one pound Nucoa, Hellman's Mayonnaise, Hellman's Mustard, Miller High Life, Wesson Oil, Formula B Deordorant rug cleaner, and wall cleaner, The Shingle, Eggs are donated by Giant Food Stores.

Rules governing the awarding of grand prize Ford auto

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1. No person under 18 years of age may win the car.
2. No male person may win the car unless accompanied by his wife.
3. A person cannot win the car unless he is present at the cooking school when his or her name is called.

Admission to the school on Saturday night is free to adults and children, except that all children under 12 years of age must be with parents and remain with them during the show.

20,000 persons witness Elder Michaux's baptismal

WASHINGTON

The annual baptismal services of Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, the "Happy Am I" radio evangelist, was attended by 20,000 persons at Griffith Stadium, Sunday.

One hundred and fifty candidates were baptised by Elder Michaux and his assisting elders, Raymond B. Mills George Matthews, James Taylor and George Printis.

The baptismal ceremony, which was conducted amidst enthusiasm of the congregation, took approximately in 40 minutes.

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THE CEREMONY was conducted in a huge portable pool which was placed in the center of the diamond.

PRIZES

- Housewives will collect baskets full

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The following prizes await lucky winners at the AFRO Home and Service Show:

GRAND PRIZE
FRIDAY AFTERNOON
NATIONAL BOHEMIAN Beer will present an automatic aluminum perculator.

STAGE PRIZES
THOMPSON'S DAIRY, a basket of Thompson's Products;
BOND BREAD, a five-pound decorated cake;
PEPSI-COLA, a Pepsi-Cola picnic cooler;
SCHWEPPES, a cooler bag;
WILKINS COFFEE Company, five one-pound jars, instant coffee;
GIANT FOOD STORES, a half dozen donuts, coffee cake, a package of green beans, and an eight-inch pie;
KITTS MUSIC Company, a certificate for free organ lessons;

GRAND PRIZES
FRIDAY NIGHT
NATIONAL BOHEMIAN Beer, an infra-red Broiler Grill;
POTOMAC ELECTRIC Power Company, a Hotpoint Electric Range;
THE HILTON-HILL Company, represented by Melvin Johnson, a free trip to Nassau;
THE JOHN G. Webster Company, an automatic Hot Water Heater;
7-UP COMPANY, A 7-Up cooler;

STAGE PRIZES
WILKINS COFFEE, five one-pound jars instant coffee;
CASSIDY COMPANY, a white 3 x 6 inch stock size Modern-fold door;
SCHWEPPES QUININE Water, a cooler bag;
PEPSI-COLA Company, a Pepsi-Cola picnic cooler;
BOND BREAD, a five pound decorated cake;
THOMPSON'S DAIRY, a basket, Thompson's Products;
GIANT FOOD STORES, two pounds Iced Dinner, two pound package cookies; a decorated cake;
KITTS MUSIC STORE, a certificate for free organ lessons;
7-UP Company, a picnic cooler;

GRAND PRIZE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
NATIONAL BOHEMIAN Beer, an automatic aluminum perculator;

STAGE PRIZES
THOMPSON'S DAIRY, a basket, THOMPSON'S products;
BOND BREAD Company, a five-pound decorated cake;
PEPSI-COLA Company, a Pepsi-Cola picnic cooler;
SCHWEPPE, a cooler bag;
WILKINS COFFEE Company, five one-pound jars, instant coffee;
GIANT FOOD STORES, a half dozen donuts, coffee cake, a package of green beans, and an eight-inch pie;
KITTS MUSIC STORE, a certificate for free organ lessons;

GRAND PRIZES
SATURDAY NIGHT
WASHINGTON AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, a 1956 Ford;
POTOMAC ELECTRIC Power Company, a Hotpoint electric ranges;
BOND BREAD, A 10 - pound decorated cake;
NATIONAL BOHEMIAN Beer, an infra-red broiler grill;
7-UP, a cooler;
GAS APPLIANCE CENTER, a Servel Gas refrigerator;
SINGER SEWING Machine Company, a steam iron;
WILKINS COFFEE Company, five pound jars of instant coffee;
CASSIDY COMPANY, one white 3 x 6 inch stock size Modern-fold door;
SCHWEPPES, a cooler bag;
PEPSI COLA, a pepsi cola picnic cooler;
BOND BREAD, a five - pound decorated cake;
THOMPSON'S DAIRY, a basket, THOMPSON'S products;
GIANT FOOD STORE, a half dozen donuts, coffee cake, a green beans, and an eight-inch pie;
KITTS MUSIC STORE, a certificate for free organ lessons;
SEVEN-UP, a cooler.

Other grand prizes include:
SOUTHERN DAIRIES, Lazy Susan large fowl carving board with folder cassette with swing handle and coffee warmer; sugar and creamer on copper stand;
GLOBE DISTRIBUTING Company, Ace Kitchen Equipment tool set, 1956 model Detecto Scale, seip-on Lincoln Copper 14 quart disposal pail and a banister canister copper and white kitchen set; also a metalaid step stool;
WARFIELD PRINTERS, name imprinted Christmas cards.

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