—Opponents

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of attack is to claim that they have talked to a number of colored citizens and learned that they are against integration.

They are never able to provide the names and addresses of the persons who have given them this information, but they know "positively" that colored children like to stay in segregated schools.

After exhausting this line, they usually introduce some cloudy statistics from some cloudy source which they offer as "proof beyond a shadow of a doubt," that colored children are mentally inferior to white children.

On this stand they will hook no interference. They will not listen to the opinion of trained social observers or to their reputable findings — instead, they insist loudly, longly and wrongly, that the color of a child's skin has something to do with his thinking process.

Finally, when all else seems to be failing, they get their cards on the table and admit that they just don't want any part of integration, that the decision outlawing educational segregation was a "Communistic device" to sabotage the country, and that if it hadn't been for the NAACP in the first place the colored citizens would have gone right on taking anything they could get.

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BEHIND THIS tiny group of opponents stands a large group composed of persons who were recruited by the rock-ribbed anti-segregation element.

Now these citizens are a little embarrassed about the whole thing. The first thing they do is to make it known that they sympathize with their colored fellow citizens, and indicate by such deathless statements as "I was raised around colored people and I know them."

A remark like this very seldom impresses any colored person within earshot, but the speaker believes he has demonstrated his sincere concern for brotherhood, and he goes on to say, "I have nothing against colored people, but—"

In most instances the "but" usually takes the form of a suggestion that if everybody just waits, say maybe 10 or 20 years when his children are all finished school, it will be fine to start integration.

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HE USUALLY knows this suggestion is going to be rejected, so quick as a whip he strikes while the iron is hot and suggests that the white citizens get together and dig up enough money to make the colored school equal to the white school and then everybody will be happy—including him.

When all his other ammunition is used up, he suggests that maybe integration is all right, but "Please Mr. School Official, don't we start it in some school in which we don't have an interest?"

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PERHAPS THE largest number of citizens is to be found composed of befuddled and confused persons who don't know how they got mixed up in the thing in the first place, and only wish that there some way they could go home and forget the whole sorry mess.

Usually their determination to keep their children out of integrated school lasts about three days, at which time they discover that their children aren't learning anything by staying home in protest.

This last group is the first to leave the field, and shortly after school officials indicate that they aren't changing their minds, and the police show a firm stand, the other two groups accept integration as a fact. No longer arrest for keeping their children out of school and for disturbing the peace.

As far as the children are concerned, if they are young they don't know what the fuss is all about in the first place. If they are older, they may find amusement in the antics of their parents and a chance to cut school, or else they are embarrassed by the spectacle of their elders conducting themselves in such a fashion.

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IN THE FOUR Maryland school disputes this reporter has covered, he has seen these three groups of citizens emerge in every instance.

Their faces were different and the locations were different, but the words have been the same—in fact before they opened their mouths you could almost tell what they were about to say.

—Lynching

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examined his body he impounded, produced as evidence at the trial to clinch identification of Emmett's body, then returned to Mrs. Bradley.

The ring, Mr. Huff said, was bequeathed Emmett by his father, Mrs. Bradley's former husband, who died while in the Armed Services of the U.S. Government during World War II. Mrs. Bradley's prime function at the trial would be to identify the corpse (sheet) as her son.

The attorney, in the second letter, also repeated his request that Mrs. Bradley be subpoenaed for the trial and that every guarantee of full protection be offered her in Mississippi.

MEANWHILE, James L. Hicks, crack AFRO correspondent, is en route to the lynch town of Money, Miss., to give on-the-spot coverage of the trial to AFRO readers. Look for Mr. Hicks' first dispatches from Mississippi in Tuesday's edition of the AFRO.

MRS. McKAY CELEBRATES 82ND BIRTHDAY

WEST SOUTHPINES, N.C.—Mrs. Nannie McKay recently celebrated her 82nd birthday at a dinner party given in her honor by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David McRae.

—Geo. Wood

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knew him and crowded their way into the church — and that, too, was just the way George Wood would have had it.

Despite the touching words of the Rev. Mr. Monroe, pastor of the church, there was very little breaking down and hysterics in the church as George's eulogy was preached prior to his cremation.

For the legions of people who knew and loved George Wood are generally not the crying kind.

LIKE GEORGE WOOD, who could face the realities of life with the best of them, they seemed to view his death as the turning of one more page in the fascinating chapter of the thing called life.

Jimmy Hall, popular bartender at the Red Rooster, broke down and fainted as he entered the church and Miss Zemorrah Wood, George's sister, who was the apple of his eye, cried throughout the services.

But on the whole, the huge crowd took it like George Wood took life and after the funeral they crowded into the Red Rooster for what many of them insisted on calling "The Real Wake For George."

ALTHOUGH WOOD'S funeral did not compare in size to that of the great Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, what it lacked in size was more than made up by nationally known personalities of social and economic prominence who flew here or drove here from distances of more than a thousand miles to pay their respects to him before hopping a plane back home.

For example Dr. R. D. (Bobo) Miller of Helena, Ark., hopped a plane for New York as soon as he heard of Wood's death. He was closely followed by Dr. John Coleman of Los Angeles who also flew here especially for the funeral.

Led by popular Sam Owens, Richmond businessman, the Richmenders turned out en masse.

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OWENS, ON hearing of the death of his longtime friend, immediately reserved the entire eighth floor wing of the Theresa Hotel and it became a headquarters for out-of-towners who flew here or drove here for the funeral.

Among the first arrivals of the Richmond contingent were Owens, Dr. Albert Graves, Fred (Zip) Brooks, Stephen Jones, undertaker A. D. Price, Wilbert Foster, Coleton (Choke) Lewis, attorney, and Scott Henderson, the AFRO'S Roving Photographer in Virginia.

They were followed by others from Richmond.

THE RICHMOND group arrived in New York long after midnight Monday but, because of their closeness to George and due to the fact that Mr. Price had to return immediately to Richmond, Rodney Dade, undertaker in charge of funeral arrangements, in an unprecedented move opened his funeral parlor at 2 A.M. so that George's hometown buddies could view his body.

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Washington vied with Richmond in paying its last respects to the Red Rooster owner.

William (Turkey) Thompson, attorney, led a Washington delegation of Guardsmen, sportsmen and friends to the Big Town which included:

Contractor Edgar Fisher, gas station owner William Brown, newsman Joe Sewall, Mr. and Mrs. Dalzelle Hugh, Desandre Smalls, Chauncey Thomas and Washington's No. 1 bartender Adolphus (Babyface) Wiggins, Earl McDonald, Herb Saunders, Billy Simpson of Club 630, Fred Brown and Roger Johnson.

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THIS WAS ONLY the vanguard of a host of other Washingtonians too numerous to mention attending the funeral.

Other Washingtonians now living in New York also headed for George's bier. Among the first names on the visitor's list which this reporter noticed was that of Mrs. Lois K. Alexander, formerly of Washington and now a federal employee here.

The body was on view from 4 p.m. Saturday up to a few hours before the funeral and an official of Rodney Dade Funeral Home estimated that during that time more than 10,000 persons passed and view the body.

The body, in a mahogany casket, lay in state in a chapel filled with flowers on historic Seventh Avenue a few doors from the Red Rooster, which George made famous.

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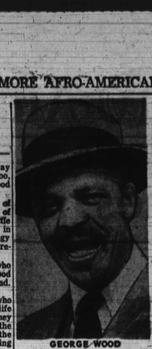
A LIFELONG GIANT fan, who died the day after his arch rivals, the Dodgers, clinched the National League pennant, George had his favorite ball players with him to the very end.

For despite the fact that they were engaged in a battle for third place with the Milwaukee Braves and could not be there, one of the most prominent wreaths which surrounded him bore the simple inscription "Monte, Willie and Hank," signifying the last best wishes of giants players, Willie Mays, Irvin and Hank Thompson.

But the most eye catching floral design of all was a huge four-foot-tall red rooster made entirely of flowers sent to George by Mal L. Wright and Wesley E. Stitz, salesmen for Ballantine beer.

THE RED ROOSTER was the



GEORGE WOOD

floral creation of Lucille ag Thapaw hap/mugl Change, florist of 135th St. at Seventh Ave.

The honorary pallbearers list read like a "Who's Who" of the eastern seaboard, including Borough President Hulan Jack, Judge Vernon Riddick, Harold Stevens and Francis Rivers, Fred Robeson, State Sen. James (Skits) Watson Jr., Judge Harold Delaney, Frankie Dee, Charles Buchanan and Ed Smalls.

Active pallbearers were Dr. Clarence (Big) Hogan, Alfred Pollard, Sol Johnson, Dr. George Cannon, Wyatt Tee Walker, Theos Smith of Washington, Dr. Wayman Coston of Wilmington, Ted and Dennis Simpson of Washington.

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THE QUESTION of the fate of the Red Rooster was on the tongues of Harlem even as George was buried. Few people knew it but George was a 50-50 partner in the business with Al Douglas, owner of the Douglas Hotel and the Glenna Hotel here.

The blow was especially hard to Douglas who recently lost his wife after a lingering illness. At funeral time he had no statement as to what he would do with the popular night spot.

Other Richmonder seen at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. George Pollard, Mesdames Ida Scales, Alice Woolridge, Vilma Rogers and Josephine S. Washington.

Baltimore Guardsmen Warren Weaver, Boz Harris and Biddy Wood, and Wilson (Dimples) King and public relations man Bill Alexander attended the services.

Among the Philadelphians were John Lloyd, Herbie Hardin, Yock Bryant and John Thomas.

—Dudley

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to the Domestic Relations Court bench.

Both Justice Pollier and Mr. Delany were appointed to the Domestic Relations Court by the late Mayor Florello H. La Guardia. Both established reputations as liberals.

The Bar Association gave the two its top ranking endorsement as "outstandingly qualified" on the basis of performance.

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THE DOMESTIC relations court committee of the New York County Lawyers Association lauded the "outstanding work" of the two Justices. The Citizens Union described them as "two of the foremost leaders in the introduction of modern methods in handling of domestic problems and problem children."

"My disappointment with the mayor," Dr. Tobias said, "grows out of reappointment or appointment of a judge—such is clearly his right—but out of the way in which the case was handled.

"The opponents of Judge Delany were given an opportunity of stating their case against him but so far as I know he was given no opportunity to state his own case. Such a procedure seems one-sided to me."

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THE NAACP board of directors had on Monday issued its strong indorsement of Judge Delany, although Mr. Dudley, was a member of the NAACP legal staff from 1945 to 1948, when he was appointed ambassador to Liberia by President Truman and since 1953, when President Eisenhower appointed the late Jesse Locker to replace him. Justice Delany is a member of the NAACP board.

Justice Delany said he was "shocked" by Mayor Wagner's statement. "On June 20 the mayor told me he would reappoint me," he said adding:

"Rumors of opposition to my appointment from an unnamed source and based upon unverified allegations were carried in the press.

"I could not then and do not now like to believe that any responsible executive would on that basis make a determination and in response we without first revealing both the nature and source of whatever allegations were directed against me."

He added: "I am an American first and before all else, but if a colored American in public office cannot speak out for civil rights and against second-class citizenship without being stricken down for his courage in defending the American way of life it is a sad day for all minorities in our country."

He said groups which supported him did not receive "the courtesy of a reply to their requests for a conference with the mayor," and he himself had been denied a hearing but "I am not discouraged." He would continue to fight for civil rights, he said.

Mr. Delany is a Republican and Mr. Dudley, a Democrat.

ADMITS 3 FORGERIES

Alvin A. Floyd, 22, 1600 block Madison Ave., was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction, Thursday in Criminal Court where he pleaded guilty to eight charges of forgery. Judge John T. Tucker imposed 18-month terms in each case, but ordered them to run concurrently.

—Attend trial?

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would go. I'd do everything I could to see that there was a fair trial. If anything went wrong, I would get up and make a speech right in the courtroom.

"I know colored people do not have much of a chance down there, but I'm certain there would be someone who would sympathize with me and listen to me."

William Young, Leonardtown, Md., freshman: "Of course I would go. This could have happened to my mother, colored or white."

Gloria Finney, Pocomoke City, Md., freshman: "I would want to be sure to see that sufficient punishment was given those two boys. And if the trial weren't fair, I'd hire a lawyer to investigate the case."

Carter Robinson, Baltimore, freshman: "Yes, I'd go. I'd be interested to find out what go on down there are thinking. I'd like to know if they think the crime was as bad as we think it was."

Agnes Glass, Baltimore, freshman: "I'd go particularly to see the type of boys who would do a thing like that. I'd also want to see how the trial was conducted."

John Henry, Baltimore, freshman: "Yes, I would go because the grounds on which the boy was killed were not human. Impostors had little regard for him as an individual."

Ella Leak, Baltimore, freshman: "I would want the defendants to see me and to see what they have done."

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LUCILLE TOOMER, Baltimore, freshman: "Yes, I'd go. I'd be interested in seeing that justice is done."

Ashby Hobson, Asbury Park, N.J., senior: "I would go but I really don't see the good it would do. I wouldn't be allowed to say too much."

Robert Bagley, Baltimore, sophomore: "Maybe my presence at the trial would help to bring about justice."

Garrett Bagley, Baltimore, freshman: "I think it would be to the parent's personal satisfaction to know first-hand as to the outcome of the trial."

Marvin McCoy, Norfolk, Va., junior: "Definitely I would go. I think the parent should be there because her presence might have a bearing on the verdict in the case."

Lionel White, Baltimore, senior: "I would be at the trial because something might come up in the testimony which could be used later in proceedings if justice was not done at the trial."

John Eagle Jr., Yeadon, Pa., senior: "I would go. The mother might be able to help in some way to see that justice was carried out."

Mrs. Lucille Rheubottom, 414 Cummings Ct.: "In the interest of her son she should be there. The way her son died was a terrible thing. If we would take more interest in things like this we could stop them. If it were my son I would go."

Mrs. Sadie Hairston, 425 Cummings Ct.: "She should go because it was her son and she should be there to speak for him."

Richard Minor, 1042 Fayette St., shipping clerk: "If she went it would show that someone cared. Very often in these cases there is no one present and people think that no one is interested."

Samuel Williams, 700 Madison Ave.: "Yes, indeed, she should go. As his mother it is her duty to be there to see that justice is performed."

J. E. Carey, 412 Orchard St.: "She is his mother and there should be no question about her going."

Frank Collins, 4222 Falls Rd., engineer: "Unless she was advised by counsel I would not go. I can't see where it would gain her anything to be present."

Gladstone Bennett, 1208 Madison Ave., mechanic: "It was her son and she should go."

The Rev. Andrew Scott, 418 Oxford Ct.: "Yes she should go. Personal appearances have an effect upon the human mind. Those who sit as judges and jurymen are human and she should be present."

Charles Robinson, 2200 Semmary Ave., Richmond, salesman: "I don't see why she shouldn't go. Not because she is colored but because she is an American mother and if she was a member of some other race there would be no question about her going."

A woman of the 1000 block Argyle Ave.: "I don't know. It would depend upon her financial condition and her emotional condition. Then, too, you have to take into consideration the atmosphere in Mississippi. I have never been there but it seems to be a different type of State."

Mrs. Louise Harris, 1611 E. Biddle St.: "By all means I would go. I would take any chance to attend the trial. I feel that it would be worthwhile for me to be there."

Mrs. Estelle Ferguson, 2536 Madison Ave.: "Certainly I would go to the trial. It would be my duty as a mother to be right there on the scene."

Miss Beatrice Ringgold, 6108 Old Frederick Rd.: "I'm sure just my presence there would have some influence on the decision of the case."

Mrs. Anna Crosswaith, 2726 Tivoly Ave.: "I would feel as how I think it's the parents' duty to be there."

A lady at 311 Wilshire Ave.: "There are always two sides to a situation like this and naturally a mother should go to find out what happened."

Mrs. Catherine Allend, 522 Northrick Rd.: "I presume if I were the mother I would attend the trial. Regardless of race, color or creed, the mother should go especially to see the people who would do such a dastardly thing."

Herbert Brown, 2812 Auchentoroly Terrace West: "Yes, I would go. I think Mose's death presence would have some bearing on the case."

George Barrett, 1359 Moreland Ave.: "I would definitely be there. It's the parent's moral responsibility to follow the line of justice."

Mrs. Henry Ringgold, 6108 Old Frederick Rd.: "My presence alone would demand justice in the case. And if I had a chance I would be heard.

"Even if it endangered my life, I would also attempt to get other persons, colored and white, to go too."

Mrs. Henry Ringgold, 6108 Old Frederick Rd.: "I feel I would be doing justice to my child. Any mother who thought anything of her child should do everything she could to get justice."

A gentlemen in the 1500 block McCulloh St.: "I wouldn't go from the standpoint of the mother's emotions. And what justice there will be will be done whether or not she is there."

Miss Joyce Williams, Chase, Md.: "Yes, I would go to see that persons who did this are punished to the fullest extent."

Mrs. Wilhelmina Shipley, 1114 Whitlock St.: "I think I would go if the state of Mississippi would offer me protection. The feelings of people down there may be high and I could be hurt if I weren't guaranteed any protection.

Mrs. Dowell-DeRench, Govans, Md.: "I would go mainly to see how the trial is conducted. After all, it would be my child."

Mrs. Grace Skinner, Govans, Md.: "Yes, I think I would attend the trial at least to show my love and devotion to the child and try and find out why he was treated that way."

A lady in the 2600 block Druid Park Ave.: "No, I wouldn't go. Down there in Mississippi I would have no say. I wasn't there at the time it happened. It would only make things worse for me if I went and I wouldn't want to go through that."

Mrs. Hilda Bynum, 2226 Druid Hill Ave.: "That's hard to say. I guess I would for the simple reason I would want to know why they treated the child like they did."

Sidney Brown, 2509 Arunah Ave.: "No, I wouldn't be there. It seems to me it's more important to prove a case of murder than to have me down here."

Julius Wilson 3rd, YMCA: "I'd go if I were protected. But I'm afraid that any honest intentions of being down there would be to get revenge."

Mrs. Dorothy Delano, 2016 Gwynns Falls Pkwy.: "Whether or not I would attend the trial would depend on how I felt at the time of the hearing. It might be that I wouldn't be in condition to stand up under the mental strain."

Mrs. Virginia Thompson, 2712 Elliott Driveway: "I don't think that she should go unless she is given protection. I think she should get protection from the state as well as from the federal government."

Gary Hicks, 2810 N. Fulton Ave.: "No, I don't think she should go. It would be better for the mother to stay away from the trial."

Mrs. Herman Jones, 1030 N. Appleton St.: "Yes, I would go. It's hard to say whether anything would happen to me, but I would still go."

Theodore Clay, 1000 Pulaski St.: "I really don't know. I don't think so. There will be a fair trial."

NEW JUDGES

Induction ceremonies for the two new judges, Cornelius F. Mundy and Reuben Oppenheimer, will be held, Monday, noon in the large Superior Court room 400 of the Court House. The oath of office will be administered by M. Luther Pittman, clerk of Superior Court.

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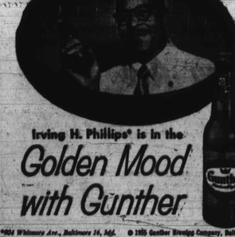

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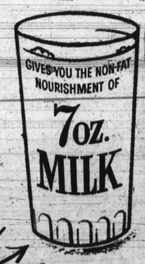

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