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Segregation Law To Commission

Richmond, Va., Dec.—The ordinance providing for residential segregation, which has been pending in the Richmond City Council, has been referred to a commission of nine, including three city officials and six citizens, one of whom shall represent the interracial Committee, and two of whom shall be colored. The commission was instructed to investigate the situation thoroughly and report their recommendations to the council by May 1. This decision was reached after a prolonged hearing on the proposed ordinance, in which the various viewpoints were presented before a mixed audience of 250 people.

The opposition to the ordinance was led by R. W. Carington, representing the Interracial Committee, who contended that the measure would work a hardship on a great many people and tend to disarrange the existing cordial relations between the races. He was followed by a number of representative Negroes, each of whom ably supported the argument. Among these were attorney Joseph E. Pollard, Rev. W. L. Ransome, L. A. Reid, M. A. Norvell, and W. A. Jordan. The action of the committee in recommending postponement and further study was evidence of the effectiveness of their arguments. The final result will be awaited with interest.

Rosenwald To Start Building

From the St. Louis Argus.

Chicago, Dec. 12—Final steps to insure an immediate start on the Julius Rosenwald housing project were taken Monday when a subcommittee of the City Council approved the vacation of an alleyway at Forty-sixth street and Michigan avenue.

Building Commissioner Chris Paschen subsequently was authorized to issue a permit for the \$2,750,000 apartment experiment which has been made possible through the gift of Mr. Rosenwald.

The building will cover the entire block bounded by Wabash and Michigan avenues and Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets. It will house 420 model apartments, which will be occupied by race tenants.



Democracy Impossible Without Negro Vote

Washington, Dec. 20—Democracy is going to be impossible in America until the country faces the problem of Negro disfranchisement in the South, declared Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking yesterday afternoon before the National Interracial Conference. "Of all the questions which come before the National Interracial Conference, that of political power on the part of Negro American citizens, occupies, to my mind, the key position," said Dr. DuBois. "There was a time when a study of health and population was necessary in order to prove that the Negro race in America was not dying out or was not of a peculiar and unusual physique. Between the years 1890 and 1910, the right of the American Negro to modern education had to be established upon a scientific basis.

"The present problems of Negro occupation, housing, and recreation,

THE OLD, OLD, STORY.

"The Bedouin Shepherds on the hill
Beheld the town of Bethlehem.
The ancient tale will tell you still,
As it was handed down to them—
Of a wolf and a Nubian shepherd lad,
A lamb, a wolf, and Aboul Feraad,
And yet one other, and will swear by
crook
The wolf still prowls by hill and brook
On Christmas eve—hunts ferociously,
Yet never tender lamb slays he."

all depend upon political power, and not, as many seem to assume, upon philanthropy. In the same way we are going to abolish mobs and lynching and have a more equitable administration of law and justice, clearer citizenship rights, and more normal race relations, only if we can establish in the United States a Democracy upon the fundamental truth that every group of those governed should have a voice in its own government."

This was part of the masterful address given by Dr. Du Bois, in which he outlined so well the conditions at present and what must be in the future.

Industry Makes The Races Interdependent

Washington, Dec. 20—The rising tide of economic activity throughout the world is showing that no race is economically self-sufficient, declared Professor Herbert Adolphus Miller, of Ohio State University, speaking yesterday afternoon before the National Interracial Conference, in the Auditorium of the Department of the Interior Building.

"Racial competition is exactly like national competition," declared Professor Miller. "Economic interdependence in both cases is real and increasing, but in the case of nations there is a patriotic delusion of self-sufficiency.

"We can only wait until the economic organization makes itself so obvious that exaggerated nationalism will become absurd.

"In the same way, races that try to be exclusive are both the producers and the consumers of each other's goods. The competition of laborers, however, seems immediate and threatening. However, with a rising tide of economic nativity, no race is self-sufficient, and the organization of interracial labor will be just as easily demonstrated and just as necessary as is international banking.

"The next step is the formulation of programs both for creating an awareness of how far things have already gone, and the promotion both through conference and organization for working out horizontal relationships just as is being done in international affairs. This is in part the job of labour unions, and in part the job of Chambers of Commerce, with new economic and political theory following to lay down the principles."

*A Merry Christmas
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To All !*