

Air Force Integration Not A Problem In Europe

Integration, which is still a burning issue in America, is no longer a major problem in the United States Air Forces in Europe, according to the March issue of EBONY Magazine.

In Germany and France, the magazine reports, Negroes are commanding white men and white men are commanding Negroes without friction or fuss. In the churches, which are at least 20 years ahead of civilian churches, Negro chaplains are administering to predominantly white congregations.

A Negro, EBONY reveals, is one of the top four officers in the USAFE (United States Air Forces in Europe) command. Major General Benjamin Oliver Davis, former commander of the famed 99th Pursuit Squadron, is deputy chief of staff for operations. He is the highest-ranking Negro officer in armed services history. As operations chief, Major General Davis supervises the heart of the USAFE command, the combat arm. Should war come USAFE fighters, bombers and missiles will bear the brunt of the West's defensive and offensive efforts. It is Davis' job to prepare USAFE for its mission. No other Negro in American history, the magazine says, has been entrusted with such a heavy responsibility.

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Says Forms Ignore Law

LANSING, Mich. — The Fair Employment Practices Commission has started an investigation of questionnaires sent by school boards to prospective teachers, Director Frederick Routh disclosed last week.

Routh said the commission will try to determine whether discrimination is practiced in hiring of teachers.

"We have noted a considerable number of forms issued by various school districts which ask for photograph and the race, religion and place of birth of the teacher applicants," he said.

"These questions are in violation of the Michigan Fair Employment Practices Act."

Routh said the commission is urging boards of education, superintendents and others engaged in teaching placement to "bring their application forms into conformity with the law."

Suggests Daily Break To Enjoy Laughter

Do you take time off from "striving to make a living" to have a good laugh each day?

A sense of humor has to be cultivated, according to Jeanne S. Moehn, extension family life specialist with the University of Maryland. Most children are able to laugh but many adults take themselves and life too seriously.

There are many things to laugh about in the ordinary day — at yourself, things that happen, a slip of tongue, a good story — either read or spoken.

Learn to laugh at yourself — not at others unless they too can share in the fun.

If the barber or hairdresser gives you a too short hair cut, can you laugh or are you irritated?

Can you take good natured teasing even when you're the butt of the joke?

A sense of humor makes the "funnies" funny or silly.

Laughter can be within you. You don't always have to laugh out loud.

There are times when it's necessary to be serious. However, we should be able to lay aside everyday drudgeries long enough to laugh some each day. Many persons let their sense of humor diminish

to the place that they miss funny things in life.

It's important to learn how to laugh, when to laugh and with whom to laugh.

A laugh a day might keep the doctor away. At any rate, you'll be more fun to yourself, members of your family and you'll have more friends.

Times have changed... It is not we who are concerned over catching up with the economically highly developed countries, but they who are concerned over not lagging behind us.

—Frol R. Koslov, Soviet First Deputy Premier.

Count Basie Comments On Lunch Counter Row

Count Basie stepped out of his role as a jazz band maestro for a minute last week to comment on current racial issues.

Referring to the apparent pressure wave that is being forced upon colored leaders and college students, the Count said, "They are trying to knock us down but we get right up again."

Speaking of the college students who have been demonstrating against segregated lunch counters in the South, Basie said it's a "beautiful"

movement. "They are starting a real move and I am 100 per cent for it."

He spoke of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, now being tried for alleged income tax irregularities, as "tops" when it comes to leadership. He feels that Powell will come out all right because "he is able to take care of himself."

Basie was in Washington as feature attraction in the "Jazz Jubilee" held at the Presidential Arms, which attracted more than 1200 persons.

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