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Jackie Robinson Talks Prejudice

Some time ago, in answer to a number of queries, I wrote concerning what I feel the average person can do in combating prejudice.

I pointed out that I thought the place to start was with ourselves—to make certain that in our every-day dealings we think and speak and act toward other groups of people in the manner in which we would wish our own group to be treated if the shoe were on the other foot.

Since then, a number of people—colored and white—have asked me to air my views on what colored people themselves can do to speed the decline of racial bias. Just the other day, for instance, one reader wrote:

"A vicious assault on police officials by a wild Harlem crowd of hooligans is an illegal act and should be treated as such even if it entails calling out the National Guard. I see no distinction between a mob of colored people yelling 'Kill the cops' and a lynch mob with a rope down South . . ."

Basketball Pros Meet New Boy

Basketball's pros, like their colleagues in other sports, like nothing better than to cut the latest college sensation down to size. Last week, in a benefit game for Cincinnati's Maurice Stokes (stricken with a paralyzing brain disease), the pros got their first chance at the most loudly touted of them all — Wilt ("The Stilt") Chamberlain, the 7-ft. 2-in. Negro from Philadelphia who will join the Philadelphia Warriors as a rookie this fall.

To the pros' astonishment, Wilt lived up to his clippings, and then some. Matched against Detroit's Walter Dukes (7 ft.), Chamberlain blocked shot after shot, traded elbow for elbow. Although he played less than half the game, he still scored 20 points, snapped 14 rebounds from such oldtimers as the Celtics' rugged Jim Loscutoff, helped his team win 85-61. Even with the Celtics' great Bob Cousy on the floor, Chamberlain was named the game's most valuable player. Said Syracuse's perennial all-star Dolph Schayes: "Fantastic!"

Drive carefully — an accident could make your vacation permanent.

Police Seek Sex Fiend In Colored Boy's Death

CHICAGO — Chicago police are searching for an apparent sex-fiend in the killing of a five-year-old Edward Johnson, whose half clothed, beaten body was found in the New York Central Railroad freight yard last week.

The colored youngster was the son of John Johnson, a press operator and Mary Johnson.

The Johnsons, who have three other children, reported the child missing Thursday evening after playmates told them that a man had led

"I would like to ask Jackie Robinson and the NAACP why acts of violence and lawlessness by members of their own race should not be considered their number one problem, and what, if anything, is being done to remedy this situation."

Agree

I fully agree with this reader that violence and lawlessness cannot be condoned and must be eliminated, no matter who commits it or where.

Regardless of the very real and recognizable frustrations of living in a less than democratic society, colored people must seek redress of grievances through legal, peaceful means and the 50-year history of the NAACP shows it has constantly stressed this.

I cannot agree, however, that violence and lawlessness should be considered our number one problem, for the simple reason that these acts—just as those among any other group—are an infinitesimal part of the total picture.

The overwhelming majority of the 19,000,000 or more colored people in this country are just as peaceable and law-abiding as anyone else. As for the few who aren't, crime—like poverty—knows no color line.

People who are poor or deprived or desperate, no matter what their race, are more likely to erupt than those who aren't. And thus our number one problem—America's—should be to seek elimination of the crippling forces of bias and prejudice which result in poverty, crime and despair.

To correct the effect, we must eliminate the cause.

Undoubtedly, however, we colored people ourselves do have very great responsibilities in the fight for equality. And I can point out to this reader that a great deal is being done about it, both through organizations and by private citizens at large.

In the July issue of Ebony magazine, for example, an excellent editorial, entitled, "What You Can Do," discusses at great length the individual colored man's responsibilities in aiding the cause of democracy for all. Says the magazine:

"Racial advancement is not a private problem to be solved between white liberals and black leaders, for as racial prejudice and segregation affect every individual colored person in the United States, so it requires the efforts of every individual colored person in the United States to combat them."

the boy away by the hand and put him in an automobile.

There were many lacerations on the head and cuts on the back.

There also appeared to be welts that may have been inflicted by a whip. The absence of blood in the vicinity led police to believe that the crime was committed elsewhere and that the body was dumped near the tracks.

An autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death.



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Porgy and Bess Helping Groups

WASHINGTON, D. — Samuel Goldwyn's motion picture production of "PORGY AND BESS" will premiere here this week at the Uptown Theatre before a distinguished audience of society and political personages.

The formal opening will be a benefit on behalf of two organizations: International Student House, and Foreign Students Service Council.

The two groups are expected to realize about \$10,000.

An invitation to attend has been forwarded to Producer Goldwyn and Mrs. Goldwyn, who are expected to be in the East at that time, before leaving on a tour abroad.

Starred in the film version of the Gershwin classic are Dorothy Dandridge, Sidney Poitier, Pearl Bailey and Sammy Davis, Jr. The film, being shown on a reserved seat only basis, is establishing box office records throughout the East and West.

Fears Desegregation Leading To Violence

ATLANTA, Ga. — Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook warned Tuesday that if the NAACP continues to follow its present practices to desegregate schools "no one can safely assume that the issue will be resolved without violence and frustrating results."

"It would be dishonest to assume otherwise," Cook told the annual meeting of the Georgia Peace Officers Association.

Grim Reaper First Visitor

MT. VERNON, Ala. — (UPI)—Tom Bailey was a lonely man.

Bailey, a 91-year-old Negro from nearby Mobile, died recently in the hospital where he had been confined for 41 years, during which he received no mail or any visitors.

He said it is his opinion that the "legal showdown time-table in the Atlanta (desegregation) case goes beyond the school year 1959-60."

Atlanta has been ordered by the Federal District Court to submit a plan by Dec. 1 for ending school segregation.

Cook said the ultimate question facing Georgia is whether the children will be educated on an integrated basis.

But, he added, he is certain that if the NAACP, "aided and abetted by those who have embraced their objectives, continue to employ the forces of our Federal Government in their efforts to inflict upon an unwilling people their unholy revolutionary doctrine of intimate social association in our public schools, no one can safely assume that the issue will be resolved without violence and frustrating results" to both white and colored people.