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RACE LAW FAILS, NEGROES INSULTED

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DRESDEN, Sept. 2 — Ontario's new law against racial discrimination is not working out.

The men and women responsible for Dresden's reputation as the stronghold of color prejudice in Canada are ignoring the law.

And, as it now stands, the law gives a Negro no effective legal redress for the insults that are heaped upon him.

Yesterday I accompanied a young Toronto couple to Dresden. They are Julian Brooks, 28, of Dufferin St. and Miss Gladys Grizzle, 20 of Borden St. They are quiet, well-dressed, well-spoken Negroes.

I sat in Dresden restaurants, feeling ashamed and embarrassed as I saw the way they were treated, and I shared their helpless indignation as we discovered the police could do nothing about it.

The events I shall describe are illegal, according to the general interpretation of the Ontario Fair Accommodation Practices Act, 1954. The law provides a \$50 to \$100 penalty for race discrimination.

The act states: "No person shall deny to any person or class of persons, accommodation, services or facilities available in any place to which the public is customarily admitted because of the race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry or place of origin of such person or class of persons."

But the law can only be enforced by Labor Minister Charles Daley.

I sat in Kay's Restaurant, Dresden, with Telegram photographer Harold White and watched Mr. Brooks and Miss Grizzle enter. They sat down at a vacant table.

There was silence for about five minutes. A young waitress, obviously nervous, walked past the couple six times, although all the other customers had been served.

Then she stopped to speak to them: "I'm sorry but I can't serve you," she said. Julian Brooks asked why not.

"Rule for 3 Years"
Said the waitress: "It has been a rule for three years that we can't serve you."

Gladys Grizzle asked "What do you mean by you can't serve us? All we want is a soda."

Mr. Brooks asked: "Are you not serving us because we are Negroes?"

The waitress, nervously, "Yes. But they'll serve you across the street at Martin's." The other customers looked on silently. The atmosphere was tense. Mr. Brooks asked to see the manager.

The waitress went to the kitchen where she spoke with the owner, Morley McKay. Then she returned, using the aisle furthest from the colored couple, apparently intending to ignore them.

Mr. Brooks called over to her, asking if the manager was coming out. The waitress said no. Asked why she had been told not to serve the couple she replied. "He said I don't have to give you a reason."

Across the street at Martin's Dairy Bar, second of Dresden's three rest-

Law Useless For Negroes at Dresden



aurants, the two were served.

Bill Martin, member of the firm operating the restaurant, told me: "We kept in line with the other places in refusing to serve Negroes until a few months ago. Then this

new law gave us an excuse and we were glad to serve them.

Thinks Others Stupid

"We've had no trouble with colored customers. I think the other restaurant keepers are stupid to ig-

nore the law. They will have to comply sooner or later."

At Emersons the third restaurant, I went in alone and ordered a coffee from Mrs. Annie Emerson. Mr. Brooks and Miss Grizzle entered and

sat at the other end of the bar.

Mrs. Emerson saw them and retired to the back kitchen without saying a word.

After a few minutes she came out to sell me a box of matches. She called me over to the cash desk to receive the matches avoiding the couple. A woman came in and was served with chewing gum.

Mr. Brooks said: "We'd like a coffee and a coke, please." No reply. Mrs. Emerson went back to the kitchen. Mr. Brooks went to the door and said quietly: "Will you please tell me if we are going to get some service?" No reply. Mrs. Emerson remained sitting in the kitchen.

"All right, if you're not going to serve us will you tell us the reason?" No reply. Refused for a second time Julian Brooks and Gladys Grizzle walked out.

Since the Fair Accommodation Practices Act was passed on June 5, eight complaints of discrimination against Negroes in restaurants and barber shops have been forwarded to the Minister of Labor.

Await Report

This week Minister Daley announced that he would appoint a one-man commission to investigate them. No legal proceedings can be taken until the commission has made its report, and recommendations.

The minister can then direct the commission to "clarify or amplify" its recommendations. Then he may issue "whatever order he deems necessary" to carry the recommendations into effect.

No prosecution can be attempted without the minister's permission in writing.

The police can do nothing. The complaints must wait until the lengthy procedure listed in the Act is complied with.

Anyone just passing through is not likely to take the trouble.

The 300 local Negroes have long since learned the futility of protesting. They do not attempt to enter two of the three restaurants.

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THE JUDGE AND YOUR KID

The voice is mine, but the tongue is that of the accused, unfortunately named, "Juvenile Delinquent." I shall let the accused speak for himself:—

"I am the composite juvenile delinquent: the boy and the girl, the child and the adolescent, the black and the white, the Christian and the Hebrew. I am a product of a cross section of America; I am the son of the poor and the daughter of the rich and I am the offspring of the middle class. I am the sneak thief, the thrill seeking girl, the stay-out. I am the bigot and the desecrator of churches and temples. I am the purse snatcher and the automobile thief, the disobedient pupil, and the hooky player.

"My middle name is 'anti.' I am anti-social, anti-law, and anti-religion. I seem to be anti-everything. My hero is the gangster, and my heroine, the wise-cracking gunmoll.

"I live in slums. I see no trees. My room was intended for one but, it is occupied by four. It matters not if I come home late or not at all. My big brother is out with the boys, and my big sister with the girls. My parents are too busy to observe me, too indifferent to correct me, and too disinterested to guide me. I get little sympathy and less understanding. I run out of the house as fast as I can.

"I cannot distinguish right from wrong. There are none to set an example. Doing the wrong thing is often a temptation and always an adventure. I account to no one for time spent, things done, or left undone.

"School is a burden, and books merely take up space. I show little respect for my teacher, and less for my classmates. My classroom is overcrowded, and my classmates underfed. My teacher is too overworked to be concerned with my individual problems.

"The school and is dark at night. The street corner, the poolroom, and the cellar club, became my hangout. The community furnished nothing better, if anything at all.

"The church or temple is just another building in the neighbourhood. The spirit within it missed me completely. It has been years since I have seen the inside of it.

"I am confused and bewildered; I need help desperately!

"I am guilty of these charges, but the guilt is not mine alone. I don't want to pass the buck, but you must share my guilt. You neglectful parent, overworked teacher, selfish big brother, indifferent big sister, apathetic community—all of you—are more to blame than I.

"Reform school or jail is not the answer. Sending me there will rid you of me for only a while. I may even emerge worse than when I entered. Neither you nor I will gain by it.

"When the enemy from without struck at Pearl Harbor, you united with lightning speed. The manpower of the nation was harnessed. A nation at peace was transformed overnight to a nation at war. You

spent billions for arms, ships, planes, ammunition and material. That enemy was liquidated.

"I, 'juvenile delinquent,' am your enemy from within. It is I who weaken the foundation of the community upon which your city, state, and nation are built. It is no use to confute the enemies from without, and be conquered by the enemies within. Spare me the future of a gangster. A delinquent child is the forerunner of a racketeer. It has been wisely said, 'a journey of a thousand miles is begun by a single step.' Prevent me from taking that first step.

"You have talked a lot about juvenile delinquency. You have done very little. It is too late for theorizing. Let's get to work.

"Eliminate the slums in every section of your community. Make my house a home. Let me know the beauty of a tree, the fragrance of a flower.

"Priest, Rabbi, and Minister, teach me tolerance of my neighbor, and respect for his religion. Show me the beauty of all religion. Free my mind of prejudice, be it racial or color.

"Teacher, make my problem your concern. Share my thoughts; correct my views.

"Community, give me an interest in life, and make me a useful citizen.

"Give me a youth center, where I can relax and play; where I can rest and read. Where I can swim and box. Where I can wrestle and dance or just look on.

"Bring there, men and women, authors and painters, doctors, lawyers and others, who will serve me as an inspiration, and whose work I can try to emulate.

These thoughts on juvenile delinquency were written by Judge Hyman Barshay, who is a County Judge of Kings County, New York. A man of rare understanding, Judge Barshay's great belief in democracy embraces the rights and equality of all people. The New Review is honored to present the writing of so noted a jurist.



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With Nelson Riddle, arranger, conducting for the trio, the other artists besides Nat, with his piano artistry and vocals were Charles Harris, bass; John Collins, guitar; and Lee Young, drums. Cole Porter's "I'm in Love," and the Rodgers-Hart "This Can't Be Love," brought on perhaps the most applause.

FEARED TROUBLE

ABSENT IN N.M.

HOBBS, N.M., August 30 — AP—Hobbs children, white and Negro, quietly began attending desegregated schools today and fears of violence proved groundless.

The children returned to classes without incident after a week of tension among adults and predictions the end of segregated schools would lead to bloodshed.

"There was no trouble whatsoever," said Charles L. Mills, superintendent of schools.

Nearly 6,000 children, about 400 of them Negroes, enrolled in the school system. Mills said that even the number of absentees was small. Some parents had been reported apprehensive about sending their children to school.

Baptist Opposition

Opposition to the desegregation was led by Rev. William Carter, a Baptist minister who predicted last week that the city would "explode into violence" if the plan was allowed to proceed. The Hobbs School Board ordered an end to segregated schools on the basis of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling outlawing the practice.

Unmarked police cars cruised through city streets today, sticking close to the five of seven schools considered potential danger spots.

Mr. Carter said today that he expected no violence. He had urged his followers Sunday to "seek God's solution" to the problem.

"I thought people would abide by the law," he said.

RIP RACE BARRIERS

IN GOP PLATFORM

Grand Rapids, Aug. 21 — Michigan Republicans approved the strongest anti-discrimination plank in their recent history today at the state convention and predicted victory at the polls on Nov. 2.

The platform commended President Eisenhower for breaking down "the barriers of racial segregation" despite what it called "lip service as well as actual opposition" from Democrats.

Forecasting action in the 1955 Legislature on a law to create a fair employment practices commission (FEPC), the convention resolution added:

"We recommend that the basic principle of the equality of all mankind be recognized and practiced throughout our state in the fields of education, business, industry, employment and the professions."

"We further recommend that such basic principles be implemented and perpetuated in the state of Michigan by appropriate legislation which would clearly prohibit discrimination."

The FEPC issue has split the Republican majority in the Legislature session after session. The convention's attitude and its references to the example set by the Eisenhower administration hinted that the issue may be settled next year.

The anti-discrimination plank also indicated Republicans will try seriously to regain the allegiance of racial groups who have turned Democratic in large numbers.

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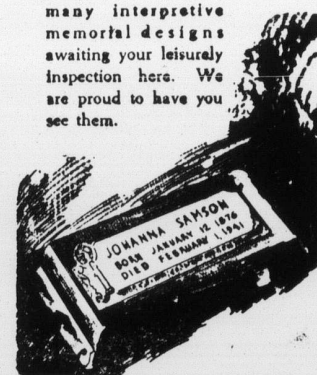
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EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 31—(AP) Out of the mass of reports and programs shaped by the World Council of Churches Assembly in the last two weeks three things stand among the major results:

1. Despite varying interpretations, representatives of 163 denominations joined in a main theme declaration of Christian hope that this world can be made better, and that a perfect one is to come.

2. The huge association of Christians cut through a thicket of differing doctrinal views to sound perhaps the strongest call yet for the churches to re-examine their convictions to seek greater unity.

Look at Differences

3. By facing up to basic theological questions, the churchmen from 48 countries have got probably a closer, more intimate look at their differences and similarities than they have had for a thousand years.

"Here at Evanston," said Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherill, a president-elect of the council, "the important thing that has come to light is what our differences are. Now we can go on from there."

For the first time since its founding in Amsterdam six years ago, the world body tackled some of the bed-rock issues of the faith, and the outcome showed that many of the old disagreements remain.

But it also revealed broad areas of mutual belief.

"We have come to appreciate the immense range of common practice and intention which we share," the council said.

Dr. Marc Boegner, head of France's Federated Churches and an outgoing council president, said the council anew that he may enable us to grow "has made real progress in these

matters."

Intend To Unite

As the close of the assembly today neared, one of the big steps taken was a strong declaration that "as the holy spirit may guide us, we intend to unite."

The council called on its member churches around the world to "bring its convictions under a scrutiny of the world of God" to find means for closing the gaps among Christians.

"In the upheavals of the present hour, Jesus Christ is gathering His people in a true community of faith and obedience without respect for existing divisions."

These evidences of "our unity in Christ" have emerged more clearly in the council itself, the statement said, and also "in relation to other Christians whose fellowship we do not yet as fully enjoy."

Two Major Bodies

This apparently referred to the Roman Catholic Church and the American Southern Baptists, the two major bodies not represented in the council.

The unity appeal, accepted after lengthy discussion and numerous revisions, emphasized that the council itself does not seek to become a "super-church" nor aim to "initiate plans of union."

The aim was to provide continued "occasions for honest encounter between divided Christians."

The appeal urged churches to "act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of convictions compel them to act separately." On these deep differences, the report said:

"This is the point at which we come together to ask for mercy and light." And it concluded:

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There are no regrets for the by-gone years, only sorrow and despondency that they ended so soon.

Mrs. Wanza Capers is alone now. Alone with her memories. The memories of a half century with her husband, Julius E., who died late this summer.

But she has many things to comfort her. The large, comfortable home bought ten years ago by her bricklayer husband. His pictures are there to warm and comfort her. And the many little things he did to make the house more comfortable surround her like a velvet blanket.

She sat there fondling the gold union card presented by Local 2 of the International Bricklayers Union posthumously to Mr. Caper.

"He always wanted this card," she said. "He hoped to get it before he died."

The local union sent in an urgent request that it be granted to Julius. It was known he was desperately ill, and they hoped to present it to him for loyal membership over the years.

It arrived too late, however, for the 78-year-old man to receive it in person. So the local sent William Smith and Joseph Mayer, its representatives, to present the golden metal card and a lapel button to the widow, signifying Julius' fifty years of membership.

He is the only Negro so honored by the union in the history of the organization.

Born, Oct. 2, 1876, in Cheraw, S.C., Mr. Capers came from a family of union men. His father and brother were both members of the carpenters union, AFL.

He was a member of Local 2 Bricklayers since 1908, transferring from another local in Florida.

The last job he performed was on the annex of Henry Ford Hospital.

I'll always consider that annex as a monument to him," Mrs. Capers said with tears in her eyes.

The couple did not celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary June 24, this year, because Mr. Capers was too ill.

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JESUS WAS DARK-SKINNED

Two distinguished Washington scholars told a radio audience Sunday night that Jesus should be portrayed in art as he really was—a dark-skinned man.

The scholars were Dr. John J. O'Connor, professor of history at Georgetown University, and Dr. Shane MacCarthy, political analyst and lecturer.

They pointed out that in Christian art Jesus is usually pictured as a white man who "bears no resemblance to the dark-skinned peoples of Asia and Africa."

Actually, however, Jesus belonged to the Semitic people of the Near East who are not white-skinned.

Some Christian artists have recognized this, as the AFRO Magazine showed over eight years ago.

The photographs reproduced here, showing statues of the Madonna and the infant Jesus were published in the AFRO Magazine for Dec. 21, 1946.

As you can see, both the Mother and Child are far from fair-complexioned. They are depicted as Jesus and His mother undoubtedly were.

Two of the statues show Our Lady of Czenstochowa, the patron saint of Poland.

While she is lighter than some of the dark Madonnas, Father Joseph Ledit wrote of her: "I'm positive she would never pass the examination of a street-car conductor in a jim-crow district."

The other statue is of the Black Virgin of Montserrat whom thousands of Spanish pilgrims visit on New Year's Eve each year. Her color shines like jet against her white vestments.

Doctor Connor and Doctor MacCarthy had their radio discussion on the "Faith of Millions," Catholic good-will program aired weekly on Station WOOK in Washington. They were talking about "Obstacles to Brotherhood."

Doctor MacCarthy declared that there is "too much of a tendency to look at the rest of the world through the lens of our own environment."

In art, he said, we are apt to depict the familiar—that is, our own idea of facial expression and coloring—and superimpose that on the rest of the world.

This tendency can become an "obstacle to brotherhood." Christian artists, by depicting Jesus as a white man have unconsciously promoted race prejudice.

"Because we always depict Him in our own image," Doctor O'Connor stated, "churches that are supposed to be battling race prejudice are really only perpetuating it."

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**SAMMY DAVIS, JR. SURPRISES
SHOW WORLD WITH EX-
CELLENT SINGING VOICE,
HIT RECORD**

When a nationally circulated New York newspaper carried a record column criticism Sunday on Sammy Davis, Jr.'s new recording of "Hey, There," it did not cause even a raised eyebrow from the popular comic-mimic-singer.

"The sales of the record tell the story," he said.

A similar statement was made by Morty Stevens, Davis' music arranger, when he read a review in the N.Y. Sunday News bylined by Doug Watt that Davis should not have ventured into singing.

Stevens pointed out that the Davis recording of the song is still selling heavily around the country and is surpassed in sales only by the Rosemary Clooney version.

Stevens said it was possible that the criticism came from the public's acceptance and love of Sammy Davis as a comedian. "Many of them don't know he is a polished dancer taught by Bill Robinson himself," said Stevens.

"Therefore it was something of a surprise when Sammy came out with 'Hey, There!'"

When Davis was playing in California he visited Rosemary Clooney who told him admiringly:

"Sammy, I'm glad I made my recording of the song first. Yours is simply terrific!"

The Davis version is a big seller in many cities, and especially on the West Coast.

In Detroit it has been played nominally by several disc jockeys, but most local record spinners lean to the Clooney version. Some observers said moderate sales of the recording in Detroit was due to the lack of promotion on the part of Decca Records, which is the label on which Davis records.

He was formerly with Capitol.

Several persons said Decca never has given any heavy promotion to its Negro artists. The next number turned out by the pint-sized 28-year old phenomenon is "Because of You."

It will be released soon.

To bear out claims that the company does not promote the Davis discs here it was noted that during the week Davis played here he was sought by all local disc jockeys for personal appearances. On the shows they talked mostly of his comedy, and slightly of his singing, which many feel is of excellent quality.

During the same week no less than a dozen other recording artists were brought to studios by recording firm pluggers, trying to sell the artists' latest recording by personal interviews.

Davis said he liked singing.

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LONDON NOTES

Mr. Alfred Jones and daughters, of Windsor, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly of Marmora St., this city.

Mrs. James Benson and friends from Detroit, Mich., paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly.

Rev. and Mrs. Gonsalves from Toronto were visiting their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Berry, 5 Front St.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith and granddaughter, Sharon, from Buffalo N.Y. were guests also of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Callender of Toronto passed through London stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Berry.

Mr. Thos. Posey, a diplomat from Washington, D.C. just returned from Burma visited with his relative, Mrs. Lillian Butler. His wife is Rev. Wells daughter.

Mrs. Lillian Butler visited friends in Detroit, Mich. recently.

Mrs. Hackett (Shirley Moxley and son Teddy are visiting home with Mrs. Hackett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Moxley, Phillip St.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradshaw of Toronto have a baby son. Congratulations Jim and Geraldine (Moxley) Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis arrived back from an enjoyable visit. While they were away on holidays they visited friends in Brantford, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, N.Y. and New York City. They were in the United Nations Building while in New York City.

Rev. and Mrs. Boyce, and daughter are on their holidays visiting friends and relations in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Toronto spent their holidays in Chatham and Dresden visiting relatives and friends, also spent a day in London, Ont. as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Livingstone and family of Toronto were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ecky Vant and their daughter of Detroit, Mich., were the guest of Mrs. Vant's aunt, Mrs. Minnie Harris.

Mr. John Smith of Woodstock and Miss Shirley Blair of Windsor were the guest of Mrs. Drake, South St.

On August 22nd a birthday party was held at Springbank Park in honour of Miss Marion Jenkins. She received many beautiful gifts. Places were set for twenty-five.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill entertained guests from Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Mich., Brantford and Toronto.

Mrs. Henry Winiok paid a surprise visit to her brother Mr. William Hunter.

Mrs. Bessie Fountain has returned home after a long illness in Victoria Hospital.

Beth Emmanuel Church sponsored a reception to Rev. G. Boyce and family. About 45 attended.

Young people and teenagers are entertaining a group from Owen Sound who will sing at both services on Sunday Sept. 12.

GUIDE FOR MOTHERS ON SCHOOL SHOE BUYING

Four out of ten children are tripping back to school this fall in shoes that are liable to cause permanent injury to their feet before vacation time rolls around again.

These grim statistics are based on a survey conducted during the school year just ended by a national foot health organization, which warns that both parents and schools are neglecting care of children's feet.

Children's feet and their shoes should be checked at regular intervals—but it is particularly important in the fall, after the youngsters' feet have been subjected to a hard summer at camp, the beach or the playground.

Here are a few rules prepared by foot specialists as a guide to mothers embarking on a back-to-school shopping operation:

1. Patronize a reputable shoe retailer who is trained to fit children's shoes. Ill-fitting and outgrown shoes are the single greatest cause of foot disabilities.

2. Do not pass on an older child's shoes to a younger brother or sister. Hand-me-down shoes can do severe damage. No two children's feet are identical—squeezing a young foot into a shoe already molded into shape by another child is a dangerous procedure. The shoe will not give—but the foot will, with unfortunate results.

3. Check the construction of the shoes you buy. Foot doctors recommend a shoe with supple leather uppers and flexible and resilient leather soles. Leather has a double virtue—in that it provides the firmest and most flexible support for young feet, and also allows air to circulate freely inside the shoe through its tiny invisible pores.

Beth Emmanuel Church had their annual tag day. Taggers brought in \$524.81.

Rev. G. Boyce has returned from a week's holiday. We will be pleased to see a good number out on Sunday.

We wish to thank all those who helped on tag day.

We wish to congratulate Miss Annabelle Johnson, one of our local girls, who is taking up nursing at Victoria Hospital. We wish her success.

Among those attending the Stratford Festival from London, Ont. were Miss Bernice Fountaine, Jim Brooks, Fred Jenkins, Gwen Barton, Ross Jenkins and Miss Letitia Burke of Chatham.

We are glad to know that Patsy Clinton who is in Byron Sanatorium is showing improvement.

We are sorry to learn that the General Superintendent of the B.M. E. Conference is quite ill at Windsor, Ont. and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Frank Howson is progressing nicely at Victoria Hospital.

SPORTS

Our Coloured All Stars who were in the Softball League for Aston's elding Co. did very well this year. They did not win the championship. Better luck next time.

We were sorry to hear of Kid Gavilan's sickness. They had to call the match off. We hope he will be better soon.

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FORMER BATTING CHAMP PURCHASED FROM ROYALS

Galt Terriers recently announced the purchase of Freddie Thomas, star outfielder of the Guelph-Waterloo Royals.

Thomas will report here at once and will be eligible for action in Friday night's game with London Majors at Dickson Park.

Co-Owner Mike Pontarelli, in announcing the purchase of Thomas' contract for the balance of the season, said that the former Intercounty batting champion will be insurance in case Pete Karpuk is called away to the football wars.

At the moment, Karpuk is proceeding with action against the Ottawa Football Club in an attempt to secure his release enabling him to become a free agent.

Thomas has been one of the most-feared hitters in the Intercounty for several years, although his record with the tail-end Guelph club this season finds him down several points from previous years he's currently batting at .260 with 25 runs batted in. Thomas is one of the fastest men in the league and is an outstanding fielder.

SHOESHINE BOY OF THE WEEK

Appearing on radio's Truth or Consequences show, Los Angeles shoeshine artist Floyd Jackson was given a choice assignment: to go back to his native Houston and earn \$100 for every shine he gave a millionaire. Jackson, who used to shine the shoes of wealthy Jesse H. Jones decided Jones would be the best person to start on, then called him and made an appointment. When Jackson reached Jones' office, there were nine other millionaires—all summoned by Jones—waiting for shines. Jackson earned his \$1,000 in 20 minutes, plus \$40 in tips.

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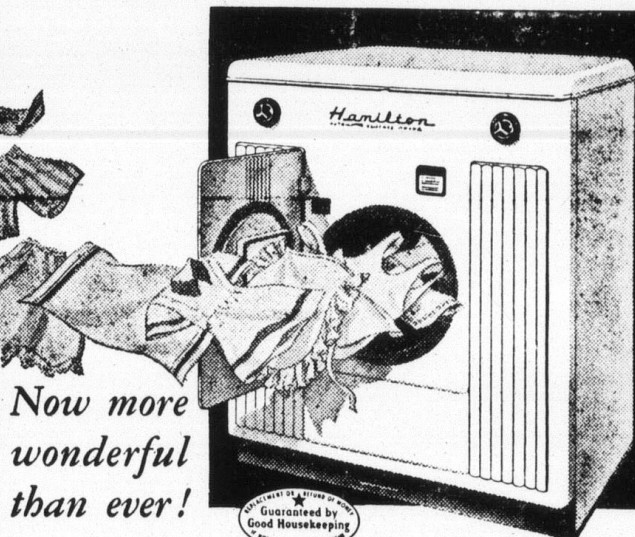
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L-Cpl. Tony Miller, Halifax member of the 92-man guard of honor for the Duchess of Kent, was thrilled when the Duchess talked to him after spotting his blue and white Korea service ribbon.

DUCHESSES THRILLS NEGRO SOLDIER

The Negro lance-corporal who shared the ovation with the Duchess of Kent when she inspected the RCR guard of honor at City Hall recently said he "just felt natural" talking with Her Royal Highness.

He was L-Cpl. Tony Miller, a member of the honor guard made up of men of the 1st Battalion RCR. When she spotted his blue and white Korea ribbon, she stopped to ask him about his service there. He spent eight months in Korea with the Canadian forces.

"She asked me how long I was in Korea," he said. "Then she asked me how I liked the army, and I said just fine."

Missed Duke's Guard.

"I just missed being in the honor guard at Churchill for the Duke of Edinburgh when he was in Canada," he added, "but instead I was posted back to London."

Lance Corporal Miller not only likes the army, but he likes London too. His wife, a Winnipeg girl he met when training in Manitoba, is here, too.

REQUEST FOR SHORT RUN TURNED DOWN

By DAWN WATSON

A late afternoon driver of Checker Cab 149 refused to service a polio victim from a taxi stand last week because he was waiting for some "important people" and didn't want to make a "short run," the Courier learned.

The incident happened to 19-year-old Richard Winn of 6533 Hazlett last Friday at the taxi stand in front of the Barlum Hotel in Detroit.

Winn was on his way to the Federal Building, he said, and had asked the driver to take him there and back.

The mumbled answer which Winn said he had to have repeated, was a direct refusal from the driver, who also told him to take another taxi.

The driver's reasons, continued Winn, were that he didn't want to make a short run and that he was waiting for "some important people."

Contacted by Courier editor, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Atherton Pfeffer, Checker Cab supervisor, expressed his concern over the incident and denied any racial implication. He said the matter would be investigated thoroughly.

From his typically pleasant "college kid" personality, one would never guess that Winn has been compelled to wear a body brace from his shoulders to his hips for the past four years. He is working his way through college with the intention of becoming an Episcopalian priest.

He has had a strenuous battle with dreaded polio, an attack which kept him in a hospital from October, 1949 to July, 1950.

Winn is still under the care of doctors at Detroit Orthopedic Hospital. Orders which forbid taxing himself unduly include no excessive walking.

Pfeffer pointed out that if he wanted to ride to the building next door, the driver had no right to refuse him.

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MAYS, DOBY AND MINOSO IN LINE FOR LOOP TITLES

The 1954 baseball campaign is nearing the end, and with the close of the current season could come some big surprises.

For instance, Willie Mays could become the home run and batting champion of the National League.

At the same time, Larry Doby could grab the home run and runs driven in honors in the American league, and Minnie Minoso could grab a title he almost had in his grasp in 1953, the first full season in the loop, the batting crown.

That may sound incredible to you, but it could happen.

Let's take Mays first. The New York Giants' crack centerfielder is out in front in the home run department with 38 to his credit and while he does not have a substantial lead over Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati first baseman, who is breathing down his neck with 37, it still look like Mays will win the laurels in that department, particularly since the Giants will be playing most of September at home.

At the same time, Mays has been moving up in the batting race. As of this week he had an average of .334. 11 points behind the league-leading Duke Snider, ace outfielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who is leading the pack with .345.

What makes Mays' chances so good to win the batting title? You ask. Well, Willie has been moving up rapidly in the past month, hiking his average from a .295 in a little over four weeks.

At the same time Snider has been dropping. While his fall has not been rapid, he has been losing ground.

Over in the American League, Doby is pacing the home run hitters with 28, two ahead of Mickey Mantle, the Yankees' ace outfielder. But Doby is as hot as a fire cracker now, and will be hard to dislodge from his perch.

His big bat has accounted for 108 runs, giving him a comfortable margin of runs over Minoso.

Right now it looks very much like Minoso has the best deal of the three. The White Sox's fleet outfielder is batting .331 just four points in back of Irv Noren, the Yankee outfielder who is pacing the league with .335.

Minoso, back in 1951, finished second to Ferris Fain for the American League batting championship. He fell below .300 in 1952, but came back with .313 in 1953. This could be the Gay Cabalero's year.

You'll probably say: that's just a dream. Well, a guy can dream can't he? And the dream could come true. Who knows?

SCHOOL REJECTS NEGRO STUDENTS

BATON ROUGE, La., Sept. 3 — (AP) — Some 30 Negro children accompanied by a lawyer and two Negro adults attempted to register at a white elementary school here today, but the principal refused to accept them.

The lawyer told the woman principal the action was a test case.

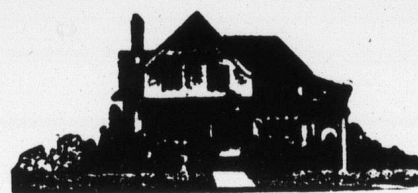
G. A. Smalling, assistant superintendent of East Baton Rouge Parish Schools, said it was the first time in the capital city history, as far as he knows that Negroes sought admission to white public schools.

The Legislature, which adjourned July 8, adopted a proposed constitutional amendment and two acts designed to assure continuance of public school segregation despite the Supreme Court ruling.

Smalling told The Associated Press that Mrs. Lily Mae Taylor, principal of Gilmer Wright Elementary School in the northern section of Baton Rouge, reported the visit by the Negro group on registration day.



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IN HOSPITAL 19 MONTHS DIES SUDDENLY

Herbie Lawson, who was known to practically every person in Guelph died suddenly at the General Hospital recently. In his 72nd year, he had been confined to hospital since January 12, 1953 when he was admitted for the amputation of his legs.

For the past four months Herbie had been in failing health. However only a few weeks ago he had felt greatly improved, having been driven around Guelph to see his many friends and to visit the site of his familiar home on Bagot St. which was wrecked by vandals shortly after he had been admitted to the hospital.

Legs Amputated

Following the amputation of his legs and the misfortune he suffered later, a special rehabilitation fund was started by The Mercury and more than \$2,000 was gathered. Subsequently a special committee was formed to administer the fund for Herbie. Included in it were Dick Kenyon, director of welfare here; R. L. Hamill, Mrs. Elsie Purcell, Gordon Grierson and Manny Birnbaum.

Mr. Kenyon, who was chairman of the committee never missed paying a visit to Herbie every week in the year and eight months he was in hospital. He said this morning that Herbie had been in terrific pain for the past several months and that the doctors and nurses had done all they could to comfort him.

Herbie was financially destitute at the time of his death, but the committee in charge of the fund collected on his behalf say that funeral expenses will be paid for from it. A special meeting is yet to be held to discover the best means of liquidating the fund.

Funeral services were held from the Tovell Funeral Home and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The son of the late Henry and Sophia Lawson, Herbie was born on the fourth line of Peel near Glen Allan. During most of Herbie's life he lived on Bedford St. He attended South Ward School on Waterloo Ave. Throughout the years he did plastering work for local contractors. He was married to the former Maude Palmer, a native of Guelph who died a few years ago.

Herbie was well-versed in the scriptures of the Bible and for a great many years was deacon at the BME Church on Essex St. His friendly and affable manner were known to everyone.

From a family of eight, Herbie was the second youngest. One of his brothers, J. M. Lawson is an ordained minister in Cleveland, Ohio.

Another brother, S. Lawson, also an ordained minister, died in Niagara Falls where he had his last charge. One other brother Henry of Guelph, survives Herbie.

Four sisters predeceased Herbie. They were Mrs. Ellen Jewel, Mrs. Sophia Mallott, Miss Aggie Lawson and another sister Hanna, whose married name is not known.

One son, Louis "Hap" survives Mr. Lawson.

AFRICAN APPOINTED TO FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, Sept. 5 — (Reuters) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France has appointed Joseph Conombo, a 37-year old Negro independent Secretary of State for the Interior, it was learned here today.

Conombo's appointment is part of the premier's Cabinet reshuffle which he announced two days after three Pro-European Army ministers resigned.

Conombo, an EDC supporter and a member of the National Assembly from Volta, French West Africa, is the second Negro to serve as a minister in a French Government.

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