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The Negro Ghetto

On the heels of the Supreme Court decision outlawing court enforcement of racial covenants comes the announcement of Robert C. Weaver's new book, "THE NEGRO GHETTO," to be published by Harcourt, Brace on June 10th. The recent decision has been generally hailed as the first major break in the segregated pattern of living that has so long harassed Negroes. It is recognized as one of the most significant, if not the most significant, rulings of the Supreme Court in several generations, the culmination of decades of litigation and research. "THE NEGRO GHETTO" outlines the issues involved in this momentous decision, indicating the problems in the future. The book is a source of information on residential segregation and a guide for action to abolish this serious disability facing colored Americans.

Dr. Weaver's book contains a complete account of the rise, development, and consequences of enforced residential segregation in the North. In addition, it contains the first evaluation of the war housing program for Negroes and its implications for segregation. The book explains why the recent Supreme Court decision is important and presents a detailed program for achieving racially democratic housing in the United States. The author is father of the recently publicized community conservation agreements being experimented with in Chicago. In "THE NEGRO GHETTO," Dr. Weaver traces the evolution of the instrument and presents an authoritative evaluation of its potentialities, limitations, and weaknesses.

One of the significant features of the book is its clear-cut analysis of the true relationship between racial type of occupancy of real estate and property values. This is the first detailed treatment of the subject, and the materials presented should be of great value to those who want to substitute fact for fancy in discussions of the effects of Negro occupancy upon real property. The wartime gains in employment and earnings among Negroes are carefully evaluated in the treatment of the new postwar demand for decent shelter among colored people. Special attention is paid to the dangers as well as to the potential benefits to the Negroes in proposals for urban redevelopment. Using frequent examples, the author shows how city planning has been proposed and employed as a guide for schemes intended to displace Negroes from desirable sections of American cities. He also examines the various devices that have been and are used to hem Negroes into inadequate areas, indicating how racial covenants have served as the keystone of the structure of residential segregation and suggesting what methods and institutions will be used in the future to accomplish the same end.

"THE NEGRO GHETTO" is the result of over a decade of work and study in the fields of housing and race relations by the author. Dr.

Southern Educators Oppose College Plan

Raleigh, N.C., May 27 — A majority of educators in southern Negro colleges look with disfavor on the segregated regional college plan, it was disclosed in a poll taken by William N. Smith of Shaw University in Raleigh. The survey, which constituted an effort to obtain factual information on nine questions pertaining to regional colleges for Negroes, was made in preparation for a conference of the Atlanta All Citizens Committee on the Southern Regional Education Plan.

Nineteen of the twenty-seven educators polled declared that they were not in favor of all-Negro institutions, even though they might be well-run and well-planned. The high percentage of educators disapproving the plan refutes the claims of southern governors and congressmen that Southern Negroes are anxious to see the establishment of segregated regional colleges. The resolution introduced in Congress to approve establishment of such regional institutions was passed by the House of Representatives but was committed to the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 13, which killed ratification of the proposal in this session of Congress.

INGRAM FUND GROWING

NEW YORK, May 27 — A total of \$31,120.52 has been contributed to the Ingram Defense Fund, established by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to finance the legal defense of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons and to provide assistance to the family during the emergency. The Georgia Ingrams received the sentence of death, which was later changed to life imprisonment, for killing a white sharecropper in self defense.

Contributions to the fund in the last week amounted to \$1,225.85.

Weaver established the race relations office in public housing, molding racial policy of the program for the first four years of its existence. As Executive Director of the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, he observed first-hand the operation of residential segregation and racial covenants in the midwest metropolis. More recently, he prepared the socio-economic brief used by lawyers who argued successfully against racial covenants before the Supreme Court. Dr. Weaver is Consultant to the American Council on Race Relations, Lecturer at Northwestern University, and Visiting Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. In 1946, Harcourt Brace published his earlier book, "NEGRO LABOR: A NATIONAL PROBLEM," characterized by Professor E. Franklin Frazier of Howard University and President of The American Sociological Society as a "must" book for anyone who presumes to be acquainted with the present status of the Negro in American life, or who would undertake to do anything about the Negro

Explain Vote On College Pact

NEW YORK, May 27 — Responding to a letter of inquiry from Walter White, NAACP secretary, three usually liberal United States Senators have set forth their reasons for voting to consider the southern proposal for segregated regional educational institutions. Each of the three—William F. Knowland of California, Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia and Elbert D. Thomas of Utah—has a record of supporting civil rights legislation.

Senator Knowland in a letter, the content of which was released here this week by Mr. White, explained that he "felt that the issue could be better met by facing the situation rather than by recommitting the bill to committee for further study and indecisive action."

Upon request of Governor Meadows of West Virginia, Senator Kilgore acted as a sponsor of the resolution because, as he pointed out in his letter, he "was convinced that this resolution would do nothing more than to permit states to establish regional schools. In my opinion, the legislation would not set aside any Supreme Court decision and would not in any way deter the fight for equal educational opportunity for all Americans." In reply to the Senator's letter, Mr. White asserted that "it has been demonstrated over and over again that there is no possible equality within a segregated pattern."

Senator Thomas referred to his remarks on the Senate floor during debate on the measure, on May 12, in the course of which he said: "There are those who think the principle of non-segregation is just and right, as I do; but everything cannot be done overnight. The way to solve these questions," he continued, "is not to stand absolutely on a principle which cannot successfully be made dominant in our generation, but to go forward as we have gone forward since the Civil War, doing the best possible under the circumstances."

In addition to communications to these three, Mr. White wrote letters of commendation to those Senators who voted to discard the southern plan. Replying, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas said "it would have been a disgrace to the Congress, if we had considered that bill. I feel that it was disgraceful that the bill got some votes."

COLLEGE TO HONOR

WALTER WHITE

New York — Chosen by the faculty of the New London Junior College, New London, Conn., to be the first recipient of the Sir James Jeans Award, Walter White, NAACP secretary will accept the award and deliver an address at the college commencement exercises on June 7. The award, a bronze medallion, is to be presented annually to a person who has made "outstanding contributions toward the freedom of the human mind and spirit."

ASSOCIATION RECEIVES \$1,700 IN DONATIONS

New York, May 24—Contributions and a bequest totaling \$1,700 have been donated to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during the last week. The largest sum, \$1,000 was raised at a meeting at Temple Israel, Lawrence, L.I., following an address by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was this congregation which recently purchased a life membership in the NAACP for its spiritual leader, Rabbi Judah Cahn, a member of the NAACP board of directors.

The Association has been notified of a bequest of \$500 under terms of the will of the late Carroll A. Brooks of Washington. In response to the NAACP church program, Reverend George Sims, pastor of Union Baptist Church, New York, presented a check of \$150 to Walter White, NAACP secretary, at the regular Sunday evening services on May 23. An additional sum of \$50 has been received from Howard Lindsay, famous playwright and co-author of the Pulitzer prize winning play, "State of the Union."

RECOGNIZE JEWISH STATE NAACP SECRETARY URGES

PHILADELPHIA — Speaking at a rally for Palestine here, Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urged immediate recognition by the United States of the newly proclaimed Jewish State in Palestine.

"I call upon our nation to recognize the Jewish state on May 15 when the British mandate ends," Mr. White said. "I call upon our nation either to lift the embargo on the sale and shipment of arms to the Jews of Palestine or to impose and rigorously enforce an embargo on shipment of arms to the Arab League which continues to defy all actions of the United Nations."

ASKS MUSICIANS' UNION NOT TO USE DAR HALL

NEW YORK — James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, has been urged not to use Constitution Hall in Washington for the union's second annual free music appreciation program scheduled for May 25.

In a wire addressed to the head of the musicians' union, Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called attention to the policy of the Daughters of the American Revolution, owners of Constitution Hall, which bars Negro artists from its stage. "This means not one of the Negro members of the American Federation of Musicians can appear in Constitution Hall," Mr. Wilkins said. "The NAACP urges your union not to sponsor concerts in any hall where Negro artists and union members may not appear."

Dr. Tobias Named Spingarn Medalist

Selection of Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund as the 33rd Spingarn Medalist was announced here today by Walter White, NAACP secretary. The medal, established in 1915 by the late president of the N.A.A.C.P., Joel E. Spingarn, is awarded annually to a Negro American for distinguished achievement. Presentation will be made on June 27 at the closing session of the Association's 39th annual conference in Kansas City, Mo.

"In recognition of his consistent role as a defender of fundamental American liberties this medal is being awarded to Channing H. Tobias," the citation reads. "He brought to the President's Committee on Civil Rights intellectual vitality, courage and the richness of his long experience in the field of race relations. Largely due to his persistence and clear insight the committee produced a report of historic significance in man's unending struggle for justice. Selflessly he has served his race, his church and his country in varied capacities, motivated at all times by a consuming passion for social justice."

In addition to his membership on the President's Committee, Dr. Tobias has also served as a member of such bodies as the National Selective Service Board, the joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation and the Mayor's Committee on Unity in New York City. In 1944 he resigned from the New York State Committee on Discrimination and Employment following refusal of the Governor to implement the committee's recommendations.

For many years he was a senior secretary for the national Y.M.C.A. which position he left in 1946 to become the first Negro director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and a member of the Howard University board.

Dr. Tobias was designated for the award by the nine-member Spingarn Medal Award Committee consisting of Miss Marian Anderson, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Louis T. Wright, Thurgood Marshall, Roscoe Dunjee, Mrs. Ruth Lipper, Charles E. Wilson, Carl Van Doren and Governor William H. Hastie.

DONATIONS CONTINUE TO INGRAM DEFENSE FUND

New York, May 20—This week's contributions to the Ingram Defense Fund total \$1,342.41, raising the amount of money collected through the NAACP for the defense of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons to \$29,894.67.

The largest amount of money \$21,483.30, has come from NAACP branches. Individuals have donated \$1,416.28, while churches have sent in \$1,136.46. Among the organizations which have contributed \$5,858 to the fund, are the Dane County (Wisconsin) Citizens for Wallace, Hawaii Civil Liberties Commission

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We colored folk are deeply interested in the welfare and in the prosperity of this country. Although, unlike any other people, there are many barriers between us and the high rewards for good citizenship and efficiency, we have never failed, when called upon, to prove our love and loyalty to Canada. Our forefathers helped to construct the highways and railways, to clear the land and to build many villages, towns and cities. Whenever danger threatened from within or from without we were among the first to volunteer our services. History does not record an instance in which a person of Negro descent has ever been suspected of traitorous designs. Our people have been content to labor and to live by the sweat of their brows, even though their labor and their lot were of the hardest kind.

In the matter of crime, statistics prove that our record compares favorably with any other class of citizens. We have been trained in Canadian schools. Our aims, our objects, our standard of living, our ideas and ideals are purely Canadian. Africa is the home of our forefathers, but Canada is our home. And so it is just as natural for us to be filled with patriotism for Canada as it is for any other class of citizens. And yet, how often are we called upon to close our eyes to petty insults, to mean discrimination and to small prejudice. The wonder is that we can and do overlook this smallness in life and that our lamp of inspiration keeps ever burning. How many other races could come out of this severe test, this fiery crucible without spots or blemishes? We hear of our government doing everything possible to encourage the RIGHT kind of immigrants to come to Canada. This is right and proper. But would it not be a little more right and proper, just a little more humane, just a little more Christian-like to assist and encourage our coloured citizens who have proven themselves worthy of a high standard of citizenship? Surely they are not casting their pearls before swine?

We are constantly being asked these days what kind of government we desire to see at Ottawa. First of all and above all we want to see a government in power which looks upon all men as equals, one which judges men by the worth of their souls rather than by such artificial and arbitrary standards as races, creed, color or political affiliation; a government which will sacrifice party interest for the good of the whole people; a government which by fair and just laws will bring prosperity and happiness to Canada; one which will give us an honest administration, free from graft and corruption.

You may ask how we shall be able so to judge a government when the issues are so beclouded by a multiplicity of claims and counterclaims, charges and counter-charges, by each one of the contending parties. We answer, that we can no more judge than you.

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ACTION ON HOUSING BILL URGED BY WALTER WHITE

NEW YORK — NAACP branches throughout the country were this week urged to write or wire their respective congressmen requesting them to sign the discharge petition for the release of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill which is now bottled up in the House Banking and Currency Committee. The bill has already been passed by the Senate.

It is a letter to the branches, Walter White, NAACP secretary, warned: "This bill is in peril. Selfish interests, seeking to reap profits out of the present housing shortage, are fighting this measure tooth and nail. Especially are these interests opposed to a public housing program, included in the bill, for construction of 500,000 low-rent dwelling units for families now compelled to live in the slums."

While the NAACP is supporting the bill "because of the dire need of housing among the American people, and particularly among Negro Americans," it is also working for inclusion of amendments which will ban discrimination and will provide for extension of the program to the Virgin Islands. The bill now includes Puerto Rico, along with continental United States, but omits

the Virgin Islands.

"We shall continue to press for inclusion of these amendments," Mr. White said in his letter. Meanwhile we urge you to communicate immediately with your congressman with the request that he sign the discharge petition, which now needs 100 more signatures, and vote for the measure, including the amendments, when it reaches the floor of the House."

GUNNAR MYRDAL

TO BE HONORED

NEW YORK, May 27 — The distinguished Swedish statesman and scholar, Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, will be honored at a dinner on June 2 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel by the "Committee of 100", the fund-raising organization for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The dinner is planned as an expression of the gratitude of Americans for the great contribution Dr. Myrdal made toward interracial understanding through his brilliant study, "An American Dilemma," published by Harper Brothers in 1944. Dr. Myrdal is now the director of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Europe. Speakers at the dinner will include PM pub-

lished Bartley C. Crum, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Carl Van Doren and Walter White, NAACP executive secretary.

GETS NEW SERVICE

DISCHARGE

WASHINGTON, May 27—Following intervention by the NAACP, Orville Minns, former U.S. Coast Guardsman, has been given a service discharge under honorable conditions for physical disability in lieu of his previous dishonorable discharge. Minns, who had been stationed in Puerto Rico during the war, was tried and convicted by a general court martial for an alleged assault with intent to commit murder.

Sentenced to five years' imprisonment, he developed mental disorders, allegedly due to injuries inflicted upon him by members of the naval patrol at the time of his arrest in November, 1943. In his behalf, Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr., NAACP secretary of veterans' affairs, appeared before Board for the Correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

GIVES \$207 TO NAACP

NEW YORK, May 27—The Union Baptist Church of New York City contributed \$207.57 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week. The church's board of trustees also decided to make this contribution part of the annual budget of the church.

The co-pastors of Union Baptist Church are Reverend George H. Sims, Sr. and Reverend George H. Sims, Jr. The elder Reverend Sims, now 77 years of age, was one of the most courageous and effective workers in the NAACP's early days. He has continued to support the Association throughout the years and he is still active in the ministry.

Union Baptist is the third Baptist church in New York City which has contributed to the work of the NAACP in recent months. The other two Baptist contributors are the Mount Olivet Baptist Church and the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

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TORONTO NOTES

Toronto was host to a great number of guests over the 24th of May week end.

Miss Lois McKendry of Toronto became Mrs. Arnold Jackson on Sat. May 22nd from the B.M.E. Church. The wedding took place at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride on Yonge Street.

Club '48 again sponsored a very successful affair. A large number of Toronto young people enjoyed themselves immensely at a hike on Monday May 24th. The group started at 8:30 a.m. and continued hiking and horse-back riding until 7 p.m.

Mr. James Bradshaw, of Toronto, visited his fiancée, Miss Geraldine Moxley in London over the week end.

Misses Verna and Avill Shreve visited their home in North Buxton over the 24th of May week end. On their return they spent a few hours visiting with Miss Christina Jenkins and family of London.

Messrs. Freeman, Redman and Clark spent a very enjoyable holiday week end in Detroit, Michigan visiting friends and relatives. The 24th of May evening was spent with Jenkins-Howson in London on their return to Toronto.

Miss Vera Duncan has been admitted to Queen Alexandra Sanatorium in London, Ontario. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan visited their daughter Vera in London over Sunday.

Mrs. Kathleen Livingstone has accepted an opening over CKEY after an absence of 3 years. Kay may be heard every Sunday noon from 12 until 12:15 p.m. sponsored by the Stankham Chemists of Toronto. Kathleen is continuing with her usual pleasing type of program.

BRANTFORD NOTES

Messrs. John Mallott, Clifford Miller, Wilbert Butler and Dick Washington, of Brantford, were guests in London over the week end.

Miss Margie Johnson of Brantford celebrated her birthday at a surprise party at her home on May 29th. An enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

Miss Julie Snowden of Campbell Street in Brantford spent a very delightful week end in London as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howson and family.

Baby Yvonne Marion was guest of honour at a shsower in her honour in Brantford in early May, at the home of her parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

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3. How about the Provincial Housing Plan in North Middlesex? (There have been absolutely no homes erected with provincial assistance in the past 4 years!)
4. How about the Health of North Middlesex? (Let's assure complete co-operation with the Federal Government in Health Insurance.)
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry and daughter Arlene, of London, were guests at the wedding of Miss Alice Wright to Mr. Edward Smith. Miss Wright is the daughter of M. and Mrs. Wright, 4 Sullivan Street, in Toronto. The groom is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y. The couple were married at the bride's home at 4:00 o'clock on Saturday, May 22nd. Following the reception the couple left on a trip to Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland and Buffalo, where they will reside.

The B.M.E. Missionary Ladies met at the home of Mrs. Berry. It was decided to begin projects for their Annual Fall Bazaar. A dainty lunch was served.

A very enjoyable Children's Day program is being prepared for June 14. Mrs. Howson is doing a splendid job in rehearsing the children.

Miss Marion Jenkins spent a very delightful week-end over May 24th in Toronto, during which time she was a guest at the McKendry-Jackson wedding.

Misses Pearl Clinton and Elenora Groat of London enjoyed very much their week end in Toronto during which time they visited numerous friends and relatives.

Mr. Grant Boswell of Blenheim, who has been a resident of London for the past year, has returned to Blenheim to assist in the managing of the farm.

Messrs. Rodman and Donald Johnston of 51 Buffalo Street in Brantford, were week end guests in London.

Miss Marion Jenkins, Messrs. Ross and La Verne Jenkins and sister Mrs. Evelyn Turner were visitors in Detroit, Mich. over Saturday.

We are happy to see Mr. Albert Smith discharged from Victoria Hospital and able to rejoin his duties.

Miss Gloria Cromwell of Toronto was the week end guest of her fiancée, Mr. Robt. Moxley and his parents at his home in London over the week end.

Mr. Ernie Sutherland, from Michigan was a visitor in London over the American Decoration Day Holiday.

Mr. Richard Harper from St. Catharines spent a few days in the city.

Mrs. Myrtle Fields and son Billy visited their relatives and friends in London on their holiday away from Detroit.

Messrs. Lawrence Moxley, Leslie (Ditty) and Franklin Anderson were the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt in Toronto over the 24th of May week end.

Don Jenkins and His Combo, of London may currently be heard in Strathroy.

Deaths

We are grieved at the passing of Miss Jean Fountain of 68 Sackville

Street in London, Ont. Jean, who was 23 years of age at the time of her death had been ill in bed for 5 years. An active member in the young Negro group, Jean's absence was greatly noticed during her illness. Jean died on Monday morning, May 10th, 1948. The funeral on Wednesday, May 12th at 2:30 was conducted by her uncle Rev. E. Richardson from Ferguson's Funeral Home. Rev. Stewart, of Windsor was present and Dr. MacNiven of Metropolitan Church in London spoke during the service. The body was laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery.

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(Reprinted from *Time*)
In the midst of a campaign, some years ago, in a rural American country, "Satchel" Paige and I arranged a bet on the Negro team arriving at the stadium. One of the candidates was an aficionado of baseball. He made his rival a sportsman, but let the lecture turn out as he would bet on Satchel. He won the bet would win. The bet was made, Satchel was a breeze, but didn't stop to thank: he detected the chutes from the defeat of his supporters.

It is characteristic of a hero and narrator of a story that he does not remember where the episode took place. He is hazy about his age, his record, and the number of times he has pitched. Last year the Cleveland Indians, up, Paige became the pitcher in the American League.

(The Brooklyn Daily Eagle) year old Negro Pitcher Satchel Paige had a brief trial last year back to a Dodger farm team.

(His name is also spelled Satchel.) He came perhaps from a small town, wearing shaped shoes (size 12) and his early days as a laborer.

Born, but When?

Satchel has been around so long that his mother's name—ain't what the matter with him. But he still makes the claim that he is the "world's greatest pitcher." Satchel Paige was born in Mobile, Ala., 39, 43 or 45 years ago, son of a gardener and a mother who was a baseball player. He was one of nine—or sixteen. His inexactitude did not help Cleveland's President Cleveland. For all Veeck might be "two or three years older than the next man," he could pitch. Bob Veeck that Paige was the league-leading pitcher, desperately needed.

Satchel Paige figures in odd years he has pitched 2,000 games. Records in Negro leagues are riddled with spotted pages, but even the most ardent fan of the Negro and languid Satchel would find it incredible as the legend.

In 1933 Satchel Paige, won 31, lost 11, pitched (and won) in one week. His fans expect him to win every game. Satchel once pitched in Pittsburgh, to Chicago, shut out the Cubs in twelve innings, no runs, no hits, no errors, for the Kansas City team. In the 1942 Negro League Showoff Satchel pitched to get Catcher J. Gro baseball's Babe Ruth then forced him to fly.