

## WHITE MAN JAILED FOR BLASPHEMY

### "Second Generation of College Bred Negroes"---Miller

During the Christmas holidays I delivered the annual address before the grand session of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which was held at Howard University. My general theme was, "The Responsibility of the Second Generation of Educated Negroes." Some observations which I made have caused lively discussion and sharp rebuttal. It was my intention to present the actualities of the situation and not to indulge in laudatory eulogiums and meaningless compliments.

#### Two Generations

Broadly speaking there have been two generations of educated Negroes. For sharpness of differentiation, let us say that they are divided by the century mark; those graduating prior to 1900 represent the first generation, and those finishing since that date represent the second generation. The two generations overlap and combine in many ways. Both comparison and contrast might seem invidious. They are both in the main the product of philanthropy and have the elemosynary complex. They look for help outside of the race instead of from within. They both seek to stand in the cooling shade of the shadow cast by the white man's institutions rather than a place in the sun whereby they cast their own shadow. They both seek places on the white man's payroll instead of making payrolls for others to seek. The chief function of the first generation was to demonstrate to the world that the race was capable of taking in the higher education; the second generation must provide its ability to give it out. Up to nineteen hundred there were probably fewer than one thousand Negro college graduates—now there are ten times the number. Then a Negro college graduate from a northern university was looked upon with admiration akin to amazement—now they are so common as to arouse no curious interest. The first generation had no background and scanty foundation; the second generation had considerable of an educated background and a cultural environment. The new issue is much more thoroughly educated in the letter and technique than the older; but misses much of the power of the spirit and inspirations.

The first generation is now passing away, and I am the middle man, and overlap both. I can, therefore, look both forward and backward. I can stand as a daysman between the two and lay a propitiating hand upon both of them.

#### The Challenge

The call is to the surviving educated men and women of the day, whether of the old or the new generation. They are challenged to meet the requirements of leadership and direction of the vast estate involved in the possibilities of twelve million of their own race and kin. Have they the ability or the disposition to meet this challenge? Let

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### TWENTY-THREE ARE INJURED IN BALTIMORE SHIP EXPLOSION

Colored Dock Workers Are Victims of a Maryland Shipyard Blast—Several Are Missing

Baltimore, Md.—Between eight and twelve men were missing and 23 injured after an explosion late last Tuesday which ignited a cargo of pitch aboard the French bark Richelieu at a pier in Curtis Bay. Five of the missing and two of the injured were members of the vessel's crew. The others were for the most part colored dock workers.

Paul Mageuzer, in charge of the workmen trimming pitch in the No. 3 hatch, where the blast occurred, finished work and led twenty men from the hatchway a few moments before flames leaped from the opening. His crew was at first believed to have been trapped in the hold. The missing men were believed to be somewhere in the ship's interior, which was a seething mass of flames.

All available fire apparatus and ambulances were called from Baltimore.

### KIP RHINELANDER IS DENIED NEW TRIAL BY APPELLATE COURT

New York—The appellate court division of the New York supreme court Tuesday ruled that Leonard Kip Rhinelander, scion of one of New York's oldest families, be refused a new trial in an effort to have his marriage to Mrs. Alice Beatrice Jones Rhinelander annulled.

One of the justices, Edward Lazaneky, dissented. His opinion provides the 26-year-old son of Phillip Rhinelander the opportunity to take the case to the court of appeals. Whether he will avail himself of another appeal could not be learned through his attorney, Isaac N. Mills.

Four of the five justices, who sat in Brooklyn, held that Rhinelander knew his bride was part Negro and that Mrs. Rhinelander did not deceive him in this respect.

The Rhinelanders were married on October 14, 1924, when Rhinelander was 23. Rhinelander left his bride November 20.

### WHAT GOOD STORY DO YOU KNOW?

(If you know a good story, send it to The Monitor, for publication so that others may enjoy a hearty laugh as well as you.)

Here is one told by James G. Jewell: One colored man met another a few days ago, and said, "Say, man, you doesn't know where I kin git a dishwasher's job, does you?"

The other scratched his head, looked profoundly serious and replied, "No sir, I doesn't. You see I has only one plate an' I washes that myself."

### A STUPID BLUNDER

Information has reached us that an Interracial Committee of fifteen, composed of seven white and eight colored people has been recommended by the Executive Committee of the Council of Social Agencies to look after the welfare of the colored people of the community primarily, at this time, to supervise the employment situation through an Employment Bureau. Not only has such a recommendation been made, and such an agency with a wider scope might be quite helpful, but this committee, on which there was no representative of our people, has presumed to name all the seven white members and four of the colored members, and has requested the Colored Commercial Club to name the other four from its number.

Granting that the motive back of this action is absolutely sincere and well intended, which, let it be frankly sated, some are inclined to doubt, a moment's reflection makes it very plain that the method pursued is absolutely wrong.

The proper procedure for the formation of an Interracial Committee, if such be needed, would be this: To call a meeting of representatives of both groups, and let it be truly representative, frankly discuss plans and objectives, everybody putting all their cards on the table, and then, if the consensus of opinion be that such an organization be necessary, appoint a joint committee of equal numbers from both groups on nominations of the personnel of such an Interracial Committee and report back to the representative gathering for ratification. This would be the intelligent, logical, wise and sensible procedure and would make for efficiency and co-operation. The method that has evidently been followed is directly opposite to this and is absurdly foolish.

The Monitor, voicing the sentiment of the colored people of this community, denies the right of any committee, be it of the Social Agencies, the Chamber of Commerce, or any other organization, upon which our people have not full and adequate representation, to institute organizations for us, designate how they shall be constituted and name the membership thereof. This is the blunder, the stupid and inexcusable blunder, made by the committee of three, no doubt well-meaning, but meagerly informed white gentlemen who made this recommendation of an Interracial Committee of fifteen upon which the Executive Committee of the Council of Social Agencies has acted.

### THE PULLMAN PORTERS' JUST DEMANDS

The Monitor has been carefully studying the movement inaugurated some months ago for the organization of the Pullman porters for improving their wages and working conditions. That there is room for improvement cannot be questioned. Take, for example, the time basis. While Pullman conductors are required to work 240 hours as a working month, on an eight hour basis, porters are required to put in from 333 1-3 to 366 2-3 hours as a working month, on a twelve hour basis. Not only do porters have to put in longer hours, but their pay is far under that of the conductors. The porters are dependent upon the gratuities of their passengers to eke out their salaries. Admittedly this is wrong. The workman is worthy of his hire. Workmen should receive an adequate living wage. This is a sound economic principle which cannot be denied.

To improve these conditions the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has been organized and is growing rapidly, as it deserves to grow. It is being vigorously opposed by the Pullman company. Why? If the wage and working conditions are now fair, the Pullman company has no reason to fear an investigation by the Federal Mediation Board. It was necessary for the porters to unionize to have their case heard by the Federal labor authorities. The vigorous opposition to the unionizing of the porters by the Pullman company would seem to indicate that the company has something to fear.

That the Pullman company is opposing the unionizing of the porters may be illustrated by what has happened in the Omaha district, and this, it is safe to say, is the method employed everywhere because we are sure the local superintendent whom we know personally and highly esteem, is simply working under general orders. Within a comparatively short time, no less than ten men have been dismissed from the Pullman service. These ten men are all members of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters. This is a very significant fact. ALL UNION MEN.

It is very evident that neither the Omaha district nor any other district will admit that the union men whom they have discharged were discharged for membership in the union, but it is rather remarkable to account for the fact that men who have been exemplary employees before become infractors of rules which will justify their dismissal after they get their union cards. This is rather strange, isn't it?

Now of these ten men who have been discharged in this district, eight are men of families and six are buying homes. This indicates their industrious character. They are not loafers or undesirable citizens, but real contributors to the welfare of the community. Loss of men of this character from any community does not help that community.

The Pullman porters are absolutely right in trying to improve their wage and working conditions. To accomplish this they are following the methods that other workers have found effective and that is by unionizing, and intimidation and coercion will not stop them. Their cause is just and will prevail. They ask a living wage and an equitable adjustment of working hours and they will win.

### TIGER FLOWERS IS SIGNED TO BOX MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF COAST

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### RACES CO-OPERATE IN NASHVILLE FLOOD RELIEF

General Improvement of Conditions Over the State Reported at Inter-racial Meet

Nashville, Tenn.—Reports of increasing inter-racial good will and of the steady improvement of conditions featured the annual meeting of the State Inter-racial Committee held here January 5th. Representatives men and women to the number of seventy-five were present from all parts of the state, without a dissenting voice expressing gratification with the progress made and planning unitedly for the future. Especially striking were the reports of the improved school facilities for Negroes, including the building of many new Rosenwald schools, stimulated largely through the efforts of Robert E. Clay, of Bristol, secretary of the colored division.

There was much favorable comment also on the fine co-operative spirit manifested in Nashville during the recent flood which drove some eight thousand people from their homes, many of them colored. It was brought out that the two groups had worked together in the utmost harmony for relief of the flood sufferers, and that the relief measures, for which \$50,000 was contributed by the community, were carried out with scrupulous fairness. Among the recommendation made by the group was one suggesting to the city administration that in rehabilitating the flooded areas steps be taken to improve radically many of the housing conditions from which the poorer colored families have suffered.

The committee pledged itself to work for a school for feeble-minded Negroes, and recommended that local committees throughout the state seek to provide proper recreational facilities for colored children, since such facilities "serve as a great crime deterrent, as well as a promoter of good health". All the churches and religious groups were admonished to give more attention to the cultivation of inter-racial good will as a religious duty. Gratitude was expressed for the support given to the committee's program by the leading newspapers of the state, and particularly for their vigorous editorials against lynching. Will W. Alexander, director of the general inter-racial commission, was present and made a strong appeal for the final eradication of lynching, pointing out the part which the pulpit, the press, and individuals might play in bringing this about.

Among the prominent colored leaders present were Bishop I. B. Scott, Prof. W. J. Hale, Dr. J. A. Lester, Dr. C. V. Roman, and Mrs. M. L. Crosthwaite, of Nashville, Dr. R. T. Burt, of Clarksville, Prof. C. L. McAllister, of Chattanooga, and R. E. Clay, of Bristol.

Mr. George Goff, a student at the University of Minnesota, who came to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goff, 911 Forest avenue, left Sunday to resume his studies at the university.

### NEGRO LAWYER WILL DEFEND ATHEIST JAILED FOR BLASPHEMY

Resident of Toronto, Alleged Self-Confessed Atheist, Is Arrested on Very Unusual Charge

Toronto, Can.—World-wide interest in the ranks of agnostics and unbelievers has been aroused in the arrest of Ernest V. Sterry, self-confessed atheist, as was his "mother before him," and editor of the newly established Christian Inquirer, who has been charged by the crown with uttering "blasphemous, indecent and profane libel of and concerning the holy scripture and the Christian religion."

Sterry has been taken into custody under a provision of the criminal statutes which has only been invoked on two other occasions in the history of British law; namely, the celebrated cases of Bradlaugh and Pooley, and of Foote, in London, in 1883, in connection with the publication of the famous Free Thinker of that time.

When Sterry appeared in police court recently and was granted a remand of one week, he was represented by E. Lionel Cross, Negro lawyer. He is solicitor for the Rationalist Society of Canada, which body has volunteered to "back" the editor of the Christian Inquirer "to the limit."

One passage of his writings cited was: "Read your bible—and you will find in it hundreds of passages relative to the divine being, which any moral and honest man would be ashamed to have appended to his character."

### TAPS SOUND FOR OLD SOLDIER

Dudley Maxey, aged 82, died at his home, 1215 North Twenty-first street, Wednesday noon. He was born in Monroe, Ky., September 18, 1844, and after ten years' service in the Tenth cavalry he came to Omaha in 1884 where he has since resided. Mr. Maxey is survived by his widow and five children, Mrs. Forrester Burroughs, Floyd and Charles Maxey, Mrs. Caroline Hunter and Myrtle Lewis. The date of funeral has not been set.

### BISHOP WHITE TO PREACH AT ST. PHILIP'S

The Rt. Rev. John Chanler White, Bishop of Springfield, will preach at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The service begins at 10 sharp as Bishop White is to preach at the closing service of the Bishops' Crusade at Trinity Cathedral at 11 o'clock, leaving Sunday afternoon for Lincoln.

This is the opportunity of a life time to hear one of the most eloquent bishops in the Episcopal Church.

He is one of the three Crusaders who has been conducting the Bishops' Crusade in Omaha.

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**The Hartman Furniture Company**  
Makes Important Announcement

With the start of the new year Hartman's is putting in effect an even more liberal credit plan than ever before. Smaller down payment and smaller monthly or weekly payments are the big features of the new plan. There is no interest to pay—no extra charges of any kind.

Hartman's has long held the confidence of the colored people of Omaha and under this new plan of easier payments is bound to extend greatly its circle of friends and customers.

Special low prices are being featured on Furniture and Rugs and all housefurnishings, such as lamps, stoves, dishes, etc.

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