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GOP Will Face Problem of Jimcrow In Nation's Capital if They Carry Out Plank in National Platform

By ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The issue of racial segregation in Washington has been spotlighted by the Republican victory. The eyes of the world are now watching the new administration to see if it will sincerely carry out the promises it made to abolish segregation in the Capital of the Nation.

The GOP platform pledges "appropriate action to end segregation in the District of Columbia."

President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower said during the campaign, "I believe we should eliminate every vestige of segregation in the District of Columbia."

An effort to carry out this pledge might prove an extra big headache for the new set of Republican bosses who will take control of both houses of congress.

What will happen on Capitol Hill on such legislation might depend on a great deal on President Eisenhower himself. Since the majority of the southern states supported the General, they might be influenced by his wishes, especially during the honeymoon period of the new administration. It would be a miracle if the Republicans could win the support of the southern Democrats who have heretofore fought all attempts to legislate in this field.

Since the Republicans are in control, they will chair all congressional committees including the District committees which hold the fate of the District of Columbia in their hands.

Under GOP rule, Sen. Francis Chase (R., S.D.) will become chairman of the senate district committee and Rep. Sid Simpson (R., Ill.) will head the house district committee.

Sen. Chase declined to comment on his views on segregation until he has had a chance to talk about it with Gen. Eisenhower. In an interview last week he said, "I would not want to comment until I learn the administration position."

He has ardently supported home rule legislation in the District and referred to his record as "an open book."

He declared he is open-minded and tolerant. He pointed out that he had voted to abolish the poll tax.

Speaking of segregation in

Washington, he said:

"I believe movies should be non-segregated. I don't believe in jimcrow train cars the moment you cross the river into Virginia. But I don't know about non-segregation in schools and in swimming pools. Those are difficult questions but I am a reasonable man."

The fact is that all swimming pools and playgrounds under the control of the department of interior already are operating on a non-segregated basis, while those operating under the supervision of the District recreation board are still segregated.

The attorney general has been expected for some time to rule on the question whether the District controlled recreation facilities are really the property of the federal government. If so they will automatically be opened on an integrated basis.

Many of the Washington theaters already have let down the bars against Negro patronage. As for restaurants, the United States Court of Appeals is expected momentarily to hand down a long awaited decision in the Thompson's restaurant case. This will decide whether it is a crime to exclude Negroes from restaurants and certain other places of public accommodation. It is expected, however, that the losing side will carry the case to the Supreme court.

The United States Supreme court is due this term to determine the constitutionality of the District's dual school system. The case is scheduled for argument

Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church

Services at Quinn Chapel last Sunday were well attended. The pastor, Rev. John R. Harris, preached from the subject—"The Temple of Christian Civilization." Text: Zech. 4:6, "Not by might and not by power but by my strength saith the Lord."

Three persons united with the church.

The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a Pew Rally on Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Elbert Sawyer. The Youth Fellowship elected officers on Sunday. Their President is Shirley Conrad.

Congratulations to Dr. John Adams, presiding elder of the Omaha district of the Nebraska conference, on his re-election to the Nebraska State Senate. He plans to hold Quarterly Conference at Quinn Chapel on Nov. 30.

next month and the decision is not likely until next spring. The Supreme Court has already decided against Jim crow on trains interstate travel.

The question of integration in the District fire department is an issue which has been discussed in Washington for more than a year. Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue, the greatest advocate of racial integration in the fire department, has already said he would resign his post as commissioner with the incoming Republican administration.

Joel T. Broyhill, representative-elect of northern Virginia's 10th district has already declared his opposition to racial integration in the District fire department.

The Republican congressman-elect has also "vigorously opposed removal of segregation in the schools, theaters, playgrounds . . . at least until the people indicate they want the segregation policy abolished."

The people of the District have little chance to express their will on any issue since they have no voice by vote. The GOP platform, however favors "self-government and national suffrage" for Washingtonians, a pledge related to the segregation issue.

The question of suffrage, however, is likely to take second place as a Washington issue at the White House and on Capitol Hill when the new administration arrives in January.

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When the early pioneers used to reminisce about the changes that had taken place in Nebraska during their years here, they frequently lamented the passing of the era of good hunting. Wild game was plentiful in old Nebraska, and hunting provided relief for the monotony of the table as well as for the monotony of daily tasks.

A considerable portion of William Stolley's *History of the First Settlement of Hall County*, published by the State Historical Society in 1946, is given over to tales of hunting trips in central Nebraska in the early sixties.

Buffalo could still be found west of Grand Island, and each fall some of the men in the pioneer community would set out on a buffalo-hunting expedition to fill their family larders for the coming winter and to enjoy the sport. The story of the expedition of 1862 may be of interest.

Four men, including Stolley and Henry Viereg, went hunting that fall on Elm Creek, 35 miles west of Fort Kearny. One morning they discovered six buffalo and Stolley and Viereg approached them carefully. Taking cover in a dried up water course, they were able to get within 100 paces of the shaggy beasts. Though armed only with muzzle-loading guns, they brought down all six animals, one after another, without moving a step out of their position.

Stoley explained their success by

the fact that they were down wind from their prey. The buffalo heard the shots, but being unable to see or smell the hunters, they soon resumed their feeding. It was a different story when the buffalo caught the scent of a human being—then they would flee when the hunter was miles away.

Even though game was plentiful, a successful hunter had to know the peculiarities of the game he sought. Deer, like buffalo, had a keen sense of smell, and depended very little upon their eyes. Antelope however, were difficult to hunt because of their extraordinary sharp sight.

Tenderfeet there were in those days as there are today. Stolley tells of one of the early pioneers following rabbit tracks in the snow in the direction from which the rabbit had come!

"A hunter of that sort," he wrote, "even if in possession of the best of arms, naturally would have starved in the midst of thousands of buffalo, elk and antelope had not the Town Company furnished the food and other people carried him along."

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