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White Reaction Abroad Differs From That Here

BY FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

HONOLULU (A.P.) — There is a noticeable difference in the way white Americans behave toward Negroes at home and away from the mainland. This opinion was expressed by an American visitor to the Kona Inn who was here for the first time.

Last week I went over to the "big island" of Hawaii, about 200 miles south of the island of Oahu on which Honolulu is located. I wanted to see the crater taking place in the crater of Mauna Loa, the great volcano which rises at least 14,000 feet from the ocean. I had envisaged I would be the only Negro in a large party of tourists from all over the U. S. And if there is any animal which considers itself the lord of all creation it is the white American tourist in a different land. Three days and two nights with such a group could be difficult.

For this kind of trip, you make arrangements with a travel bureau. Cost of air transportation, automobile, guide, meals and hotel accommodations are paid for in a flat package rate. Head of the best agency here is a big brown Hawaiian, Howard K. Morris, who, perhaps for ethical reasons, seems to have taken a special delight in making the stay here pleasant.

We landed at the Hilo airport and were being assigned to buses for the trip before it dawned upon the others that I was in the company. But except for a few curious glances, they took it in stride. In our car were an Irish woman from Seattle who is a newspaper writer, a Purdue graduate from Hammond, Ind., studying island agriculture, a red-haired navy officer from downstate Illinois who has lived out here seven years and has no intention of returning to the states; a couple who own a resort camp in California; our guide and driver of mixed Chinese-Portuguese ancestry; and the director of the trip, Hiram Morris, son of Howard K. who hopped from car to car during the three days.

Color was ignored. The seven regulars in our car and Hiram ate breakfast together in Hilo and by the time we had driven through the giant fern forest to famed Volcano, Hawaii, some 4,000 feet up on the rim of Kilauea, Hawaii's other active volcano, and had looked deep into the steaming lava pits, we sat down to lunch, calling each other by our first names.

On this trip, we stop two nights at the Kona Inn, a luxury hotel built on the top of the sea in the fabulous and dreamy Kona coast, an area so lushly beautiful that Honoluluans want to go there when they retire. When we arrived in early evening after driving through

the great Kona coast of old lava flows and cacti, detouring for a stop at a black sand beach, and halting many times for breakfast on mountain side not only found in the other cars but guests at the Kona Inn were wondering why this experience.

Hiram had been well briefed by his father. He put it on strong, I was a "fanatic" poet, a "great photographer." I was gathering material from a book on the islands, and had come to Hawaii to "invest in some land on the Kona coast."

That did it. During the rest of the trip men who back home would probably be insulted if a Negro visited in the block where they lived were offering me highballs and introducing me to their wives and daughters. I suppose that from now on, when the occasion arises, they will point to this tour as proof of how democratic they are, really!

Yet there is another factor which seems important. Although Hawaii prides itself on being as American as Boston or Kansas City, the huge almost 84 per cent Oriental and Polynesian population makes many Caucasians feel "strange" even in Honolulu. On the big island there are far fewer white faces. Foreign languages and spoken English are heard constantly. Since intermixing here is not taboo, it is not possible that there is a tendency for whites in such a situation to more readily accept any person, no matter what his color, who is readily identified with Mainland cultural patterns.

I think, too, that many see the basic hostility that non-whites may have toward "natives" or Mainland whites. There may be courteous service, professional smiles, etc. but underneath many of the Orientals and Polynesians have the same bitterness that you often find among Pullman porters and waiters. Get them out of carshot of babies and they'll open up.

But no matter what Hiram Morris thinks, he has a way with the tourists. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and was a captain in the war. Now just 25, he is handsome and one of the most likeable persons I ever met. He kids everybody, and does it in such a way that the women go wild over him and the men show no resentment when he comes up and places a heavy arm soothingly around a lady shoulder.

In a way, Hiram is getting even. A native Hawaiian, he took officers' training at Fort Benning and spent some time in New York. He has had first hand experience with American color prejudice. But out here, he told me, he is King. As leader of these touring parties, he has almost complete control over their actions for a few days. Those who treat him right, as a man and as an equal, get almost consideration. But those with the usual Mainland ideas on race will have a most miserable trip. It's up to the individual.

P. S. I didn't see the eruption. Two many clouds around the top of Mauna Loa. But with so many other amazing bits of scenery on these islands, why worry about a little thing like molten lava shooting 300 feet into the air and hissing down the mountain side?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

TEXAS INTERRACIAL MEET HEARS LANIER

FORT WORTH, Texas (A.P.) — In seeking democracy, the Rev. G. Richard Keith, white Texas cities Atlanta and London, Tex. University of Negroes and former anti-segregationist, was the speaker at an evening session of a two-day annual conference of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation which met here recently.

More than 100 persons from 15 Texas cities, Atlanta and London, gathered in the P. I. Protestant Church here to hear Dr. Lanier explore the "interracialism of the south for the new reconstruction period that appears inevitable."

He told the audience that the action is for beyond the growth of human relations in terms of democratic living and advocated that the committee seek support of business and philanthropists to aid in the reconstruction of the South.

Dr. Keith, who was the speaker at an evening session of a two-day annual conference of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation which met here recently, said that the "interracialism of the south for the new reconstruction period that appears inevitable" is a non-trivial issue that will have its eye on the welterweight championship, and is willing to fight for a chance to take the welter division from Sugar Ray Robinson, its current holder.

Gavilan has said through his manager that he'll fight anybody that the boxing commission names if it is made clear that Sugar Ray doesn't want to fight him.

The Twenty-first Century Sport Club wants to match Gavilan with Williams. To that he says "No, son."

Unfavorable weather caused a considerable loss in the 1948 speckles crop in Johnston County.

To date, 318 L-H Club and EFA boys in North Carolina have exceeded more than 600 net tree seedlings were offered to them by two commercial paper and pulp companies.

More girls than boys are taking FBI forestry courses in Washington County this year. Most of the projects will cover tree identification.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (A.P.) — The Maryland State senate, by a vote of 18 to 4 approved legislation to repeal the state's "Jim Crow" laws.

The measure was passed without debate. It now goes to the House of Delegates, which repeatedly has defeated similar legislation in the past.

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Five Papers On Race On N. Y. Freedom Train

ALBANY, N. Y. (A.P.) — Five newspapers published in Negro communities in a special state tour of the Freedom Train, which began its 23-city tour of the states here last month. The six-day train sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan News of Albany, headed by a 55-man legislative appropriation, started its tour with stops at Schenectady and Buffalo.

The five documents concerning Negroes are: a copy of all laws which in 1793, by ex-governor Daniel Tompkins, entitled "On Slavery" the original copy of the 1804 law which provided for the maintenance of "free" land of children of Negro slaves after July 1, 1793; the original copy of the original law providing for the original abolition of Negro slavery in New York, passed in March, 1790; and the state anti-discrimination law, passed in March, 1945.

The abolition of slavery law provided that after July 1, 1793, every child born of slave parents in New York should be free. The original manuscript of the Emancipation Proclamation was purchased by the state from the federal government for 1,000. Written in Lincoln's handwriting, it contains several corrections in the handwriting of William Seward, ex-secretary of state.

The assembly and preparing of the documents was handled by Mrs. Ethel Jackson, associate state librarian. The train is expected to appear in New York City early next fall.

NEGROES SEEKING L. A. CITY OFFICES

LOS ANGELES (A.P.) — Several Negroes filed as candidates last week for the municipal primary elections. They hope to be elected to the city council where Negroes have never served.

The Rev. Jonathan L. Cason will run in the seventh district, and Angus Black will run in the ninth district which includes "Little Tokyo."

No Negro is running in ten other districts with large colored populations. Jay Moss will seek a post on the Board of Education.

These participating were Misses Sarah Spivy, Lillian Midgette, Jessie and Wynnie Daves, Pogonias, B. Nette M. Carter, Ann Hill, Ruth Bazumore, Vera Jean O'Hara, Cetero Brunum, Malorie Jean Wilkins, Cora C. Hazlett, William Toole, George Dudley, Julius Stanley, Marian Fisher, Alberta Reddick, Rosena Hicks, Vivian Adams and Wyatt Redding.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Inez Clonaker of Fayetteville, N. C., visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Alma Allen of West Street.

Dr. I. Vernon Fox who is stationed at Ocean, Va., was visiting his family for the week end.

The former Miss Helen Bryan of New York City is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joan O. Bryan of Broad Street.

Mrs. Geneva Jones announces the marriage of her daughter, Corie Marie to John Merrill Sunday, January 30th.

Mrs. Mary Patricia of Craven County left Monday on an emergency trip to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Aveline Cobbs in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Eliza Miles of Washington, D. C. is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Moses Bell of this city.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY SERVICES FOR EBENEZER

The Annual Interdenominational Young People's Day program was held Sunday night at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

These participating were Misses Sarah Spivy, Lillian Midgette, Jessie and Wynnie Daves, Pogonias, B. Nette M. Carter, Ann Hill, Ruth Bazumore, Vera Jean O'Hara, Cetero Brunum, Malorie Jean Wilkins, Cora C. Hazlett, William Toole, George Dudley, Julius Stanley, Marian Fisher, Alberta Reddick, Rosena Hicks, Vivian Adams and Wyatt Redding.

Social Security Made Howard Meeting Topic

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A two-day Institute on Social Security will be held by the Howard University School of Social Work in Founders Library at the University on Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th.

The purpose of the Institute is to strengthen understanding among social workers of the basic issues and current problems in the field of Social Security.

In discussing the purposes of the Institute, Dr. Erna Maunus, director of the Institute, stated: "Recommendations for broader protection under the Social Security Act are now before Congress. Social workers — even where they are not involved in the operation of a specific program — have a vital interest in the development of the Social Security system."

Speakers during the two-day sessions include: Robert Ball, Assistant Director of the Committee on Education and Social Security, who will deliver an address on "Basic Considerations and Issues in Social Security;" Jane Hacy, of the Federal Security Agency, who will speak on "Current Issues and Trends in Public Assistance;" L. S. Falk, of the Federal Security Agency, who will speak on "Trends in Sickness and Disability;" and

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WOMEN'S ASSN MEET SET FOR ST LOUIS

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — The National Association of Colored Girls will hold its first annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., early in the summer. It was announced this week by the parent body, the National Association of Colored Women.

This junior organization was founded by the NACW in 1926 as a subsidiary body to pass on to the Negro youth of future generations the hopes, the fears, and the aspirations of the race and to train for leadership.

According to its constitution, "The object of the NACG is to begin training toward moral, mental, and material development of its members; to instill ideas of finer womanhood at a tender age; to bring the girls into closer understanding with the great body of thought and culture in the world; to give these girls the right conception of health, beauty, love, home, and service."

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