

WHAT JACKIE ROBINSON REALLY SAID

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a war, with about ten million other fellows, trying to break into professional baseball and then trying to make good with the Dodgers and trying to save some money for the time when my legs lose their spring—all this, together with my family life, has been enough to keep me busy without becoming an "expert" except on base stealing or something like that.

"But you can put me down as an expert on being a colored American, with thirty years of experience at it. And just like any other colored person with sense enough to look around him and understand what he sees, I know that life in these United States can be mighty tough for people who are a little different from the majority—in their skin, color or the way they worship their God, or the way they spell their names. I'm not fooled because I've had a chance open to very few Negro Americans.

It's true that I've been the laboratory specimen in a great change in organized baseball. I'm proud that I've made good on my assignment to the point where other colored players will find it easier to enter the game and go to the top. But I'm very well aware that even this limited job isn't finished yet. There are only three major-league clubs with only seven colored players signed up, out of close to four hundred major-league players on sixteen clubs.

START HAS BEEN MADE

"But a start has been made, and progress goes on, and Southern fans as well as Northern fans are showing that they like the way things are working. And as long as the fans approve, we're going to keep on making progress, until we go the rest of the way in wiping Jim Crow out of American sports.

"We are doing this because, the American fans are just beginning to understand that a sport, to be a real sport, has got to be contested on the basis of the best man or team winning—and that 'best' has got nothing to do with how much brown or red or yellow tint is in a man's skin.

"We're going to make progress in other American fields besides baseball if we can get rid of some of the misunderstanding and confusion that the public still suffers from. I know I have a great desire and I think that I have some responsibility for helping to clear up that confusion. As I see it there has been a terrific lot of misunderstanding on this subject of Communism among Negroes of this country, and it's bound to hurt my people's cause unless it's cleared up.

"The white public should start toward real understanding by appreciating that every single Negro who is worth his salt is going to resent any kind of slurs and discrimination because of his race, and he's going to use every bit of intelligence, such as he has, to stop it. This has got absolutely nothing to do with what Communists may or may not be trying to do. And white people must realize that the more a Negro hates communism because it opposes democracy, the more he is going to hate any other influence that kills off democracy in this country—and that goes for racial discrimination in the Army, and segregation on trains and buses, and job discrimination because of religious belief or color or place of birth.

ISSUES NOT CREATED BY REDS

"And one other thing the American public ought to understand, if we are to make progress in this matter, is the fact that because it is a

Communist who denounces injustice in the courts, police brutality and lynching, when it happens, doesn't change the truth of his charges. Just because Communists kick up a big fuss over racial discrimination when it suits their purposes, a lot of people try to pretend that the whole issue is a creation of Communist imagination. But they are not fooling any one, with this kind of pretense and talk about Communists stirring up Negroes to protest only makes present misunderstanding worse than ever. Negroes were stirred up long before there was a Communist party, and they'll stay stirred up long after the party has disappeared—unless Jim Crow has disappeared by then as well.

"I've been asked to express my view on Paul Robeson's statement in Paris to the effect that American Negroes would refuse to fight in any war against Russia because we love Russia so much. I haven't any comment to make, except that the statement, if Mr. Robeson actually made it, sounds very silly to me. But he has a right to his personal view, and if he wants to sound silly when he expresses them in public, that's his business and not mine. He's still a famous ex-athlete and a great singer and actor.

"I understand that there some few Negroes who are members of the Communist party, and in event of war with Russia they'd probably act just as any other Communists would. So would members of other minority and majority groups. There are some colored pacifists, and they'd act just like pacifists of any color. And most Negroes—and Italians and Irish and Jews and Swedes and Slavs and other Americans—would act just as all these groups did in the last war. They'd do their best to help their country stay out of war; if unsuccessful, they'd do their best to help their country win the war—against Russia or any other enemy that threatened us.

LOYALTY OF NEGROES

"This isn't said as any defense of the Negro's loyalty, because any loyalty that needs defense can't amount to much in the long run. And no one has ever questioned my race's loyalty except a few people who don't amount to very much.

"What I'm trying to get across is that the American Public is off on the wrong foot when it begins to think of radicalism in terms of any special minority group. It is thinking of this sort that gets people scared because one Negro, speaking to a Communist group in Paris, threatens an organized boycott by fifteen million members of his race. I can't speak for any fifteen million people any more than any other person can, but I know that I've got too much invested for my wife and child and myself in the future of this country, and I and other Americans of many races and faiths have too much invested in our country's welfare, for any of us to throw it away because of a siren song sung in bass. I am a religious man. Therefore I cherish America where I am free to worship as I please, a privilege which some countries do not give. And I suspect that nine hundred and ninety-nine out of almost any thousand colored Americans you meet will tell you the same thing.

"But that doesn't mean that we're going to stop fighting race discrimination in this country until we've got it licked. It means that we're going to fight it all the harder because our stake in the future is so big. We can win our fight without the Communists, and we don't want their help."

Our Police Chief Says

A lunatic behind the wheel is no more dangerous than the driver who has been drinking. The man who is "drunk" is not as big a highway threat, ever, as the man who has had a few. This is the driver who speeds, who is careless and reckless, prone to lose his temper, and whose reactions have been slowed. These are drivers whose actions are as criminal as blindly firing a revolver in a crowded theater. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DRINKING, TAKE A TAXI HOME—DON'T DRIVE.

About 12 drivers out of every 100 in rural fatal accidents were reported to have been driving on the wrong side of the road. There is virtually no excuse for this type of accident—it is a result of carelessness and disregard for wise driving. Do not be caught on the other fellow's side of the road. Be sure you have the necessary clearance and time before attempting to pass another car. IF IN THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT—STAY IN YOUR OWN LANE.

Many pedestrians are tempted to do what a man in Raleigh did recently when a motorist came to a stop in the middle of the crosswalk, blocking his path. The walker coolly opened the rear door of the car, walked through and out the other door, leaving both of them open behind him. This crosswalk violation is one of our most common city annoyances and is a flagrant

example of rudeness, and discourtesy. DON'T BEGRUDGE THE WALKER HIS LITTLE STRIP OF RIGHT OF WAY.

A good driver regards the fellow who weaves in and out of traffic in much the same way he does a bothersome housefly. Unfortunately, the traffic-weaver is as dangerous as he is annoying. Practically no time is saved by darting in and out of traffic, and the cost in frayed tempers, and the possibility of a serious accident make this unsafe practice the height of foolishness. STEP ON THE OTHER FELLOW'S TOES AND YOU'RE LIKELY TO TRIP YOURSELF.

Passing another car is a maneuver that requires the good driver's full concentration. Do not attempt to pass unless you have visibility of the road ahead and no traffic is approaching. Allow plenty of room to pull out, pass, and return a gain to the proper lane. Cutting in too sharply may doom both yourself and the driver you have passed. IF IN DOUBT ABOUT PASSING—WAIT!

A fatal traffic accident is double tragic if the victim is a child. The sense of the driver's guilt is twice as strong. Be especially watchful for darting youngsters in residential districts and around schools or playgrounds. It is an excellent gesture of courtesy toward the parents of ALL children to keep

their welfare in mind. FEW CONSCIENCES CAN AFFORD THE WEIGHT OF A CHILD'S DEATH.

Both annoying and dangerous is the driver who pulls away from the curb without first signaling or looking or approaching ears. The courteous driver lets his intentions be known before he enters the flow of traffic. He pulls away from the curb slowly only when the way is clear. The same care and caution are necessary when parking as when leaving the curb. PULL AWAY FROM THE CURB SLOWLY AND WATCHFULLY.

STATE OF NORTH Carolina Department of State Preliminary Certificate of Dissolution

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME: GREETING: WHEREAS, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the members, deposited in my office, that the NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO REGISTERED NURSES, INCORPORATED, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at Lincoln Hospital in the City of Durham County of Durham State of North Carolina (Mrs. Lucille Zimmerman Williams being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

NOW THEREFORE, I THAD,

Labor Rep. Scores Bias Decision

NEW YORK CITY
Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, scored the New York Court of Appeals' sanction of Jimerow housing at Stuyvesant Town, and said the "decision of the court will be reversed by the people." He demanded that Mayor O'Dwyer, and his Democratic Mayoralty opponent, withdraw the city's tax exemption of \$60,000,000 to the insurance company and "thus put an end to the O'Dwyer policy of subsidizing jimerow in Stuyvesant Town through the use of the people's funds."

Last Tuesday the Court of Appeals ruled that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was within its rights in barring Negroes as tenants in the 8,700 apartment development.

Paul L. Ross, chairman of the City-wide Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, declared: "The split decision of the New York State Court of Appeals favoring discrimination in Stuyvesant Town is not the last word on this crucial issue.

The court of last resort—the people has yet to be heard from. The Metropolitan Life is not bigger than the people, not is it more powerful than the Bill of Rights. The disgraceful action of the Mayor's Corporation Counsel in abetting Metropolitan in the courts will not be forgotten. Discrimination against Negroes in Stuyvesant Town will be ended."

Negro Nurses Assigned To Walter Reed

WASHINGTON
Captain Ruth N. Faulkner of Monroe, North Carolina; First Lieutenant Helen E. Templeton of Trautman, N. C. and First Lieutenant Gracie V. Roberts of Shelby, N. C. of the Army Nurse Corps recently reported to the Army Medical Center here to assume duties at Walter Reed General Hospital.

Captain Faulkner entered the service in July, 1942 and has served at Tuskegee Air Force Base for six years as surgical ward nurse, assistant chief nurse and principal chief nurse.

Prior to entering the service she was superintendent of nurses at North Carolina State Sanitarium, McCain, North Carolina.

Lieutenant Templeton joined the Army in 1944 and has served at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Fort Dix, New Jersey. Before entering the service, she was a staff nurse with the Veterans Administration.

Lieutenant Roberts entered the service in 1945 and also served at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Fort Dix, New Jersey before being assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital. Prior to her enlistment in the Army Lieutenant Roberts was supervisor of surgery and medicine at the Richardson Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina.

EURE, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 27th day of July, 1949, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the members thereof, which said consent and the record of the aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

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Birthday Party Celebrants



Pictured above the kids who helped Jimmy Turner, son of Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Turner of Pekoe Street, celebrate his sixth birthday recently. The party was held at the Stanford L. Warren Library. Included in the group are Norma Roberts, Evelyn and

Jean Marshall, Michael Holt, Marsha Goodwin, Marjorie Lennon, Evelyn and Booker Kennedy, Betty Joe Goodloe, Eugene Turner. Wallace Toole, Bobby Beale, Catherine Pratt, Teresa Grotton, Jimmy Henry, Aaron and Kenneth Spaulding, Wauna

Dooms, Jr., Billy and Wesley Clement, Joseph and Beryl Sansom, Dickie Taylor, Charles Stanback, Jr., Winifred Richardson. Doris and Ayle Schooler, Carol Holmes, Willa Jay and Janet Walker, Cecily and Booth Smith, Gail and Sybil

Ray, Doris Johnston, William Forte, Jr., George Logan, III, Dwayne Reed, Jr., Joseph and Sandra Wray, Haywood and Luther Townsend, Judy Grandy, Billy Bibber, Chubby Miller, David Cooke, and "Biff" Henderson.

NAACP Asks Probe Of Jury Minutes In Case Of Race Motorist Slain By Cop

BROOKLYN
Charging that the Negro residents of Brooklyn "are being subjected to a reign of police terror unprecedented in recent New York history," James A. Powers, President of the Brooklyn branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today (Wednesday, July 27) petitioned Judge Nathan R. Sobel of the Brooklyn County Court for permission to examine the Grand Jury minutes in the case involving the killing of Herman Newton.

At the same time, Mr. Leo Shapiro, President of the Brooklyn Division of the American Jewish Congress, also presented a petition to the Court, supporting Powers' request to examine the Grand Jury minutes in the case.

Newton, a Negro resident of Brooklyn, was shot to death in a traffic dispute Memorial Day, by Donald Mullen, a Brooklyn policeman. Mullen, at the time, was off duty and in civilian clothes. He was never arrested nor suspended, and no indictment was found against him by the Grand Jury. Powers' petition charged that a whitewash resulted in the Mullen case because of neglect of duty by District Attorney Miles F. McDonald. The petition added that "it is less possible to secure an indictment against police officials who have victimized Negro citizens in Kings County, City of New York, than it is in some of the most lynch-ridden places of the South." It seems, the statement added, "that there are protection connections among police, prosecutors, magistrates and grand jurymen which are so thickly enmeshed that it has been virtually impossible to piece the maze."

Powers' petition pointed out that eight eye-witnesses to Newton's slaying were ready located by NAACP representatives, whereas the District Attorney had declared that there were no eye-witnesses to the occurrence. Powers said that "circumstances in many other recent occurrences gave us ample cause to distrust the District Attorney." Referring to the "reign of terror" in Brooklyn, Powers charged:

"Police officers can and do murder and assault Negro citizens with utter impunity. They break into the homes of Negro citizens with unbridled license. The use of search warrants is unknown. Frameups of Negro citizens are common occurrences."

Embryo Study May Lead To Cancer Cure

DENVER, COLO.
Embryonic and cancer tissues are alike in many respects. Both grow rapidly and they resemble each other under the microscope.

The American Cancer Society is financing work by Dr. Harry H. Gordon at the University of Colorado to find out some of the chemical characteristics of growth which are common to cancer, premature infants and the tissues of embryos of the rat and hamster. One of the studies now being conducted concerns muscle development and the amino acids—building stones—used in muscle construction. These studies are being made both in premature infants and in unborn animals in the hope of relating the chemistry of normal growth to the chemistry of the abnormal growth which is cancer.

Caldwell Returns From Europe Tour

NEW YORK
While passing through New York on a return from a two months' visit to Europe, in which he visited 11 countries including Poland, Denmark, Czechoslovakia and Italy, Mr. Erskine Caldwell found time to drop in on his reprint publishers to check the cover on THE SURE HAND OF GOD which will be released in a 25¢ STONET edition next month.

Apraps of covers he told them that his Italian publishers have pioneered in using old masters to decorate the book jackets of contemporary novels and that the head of a Renaissance youth adorns the cover of GEORGIA BOY. Of his different publishers he says that the Danes have published more of his titles than anyone else, the Poles print the largest editions, and the Italians do the best book jackets.

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