

Southern Integration as Seen by White Law Student Employed by Negro Law Partnership

By HARRY F. GREENE
EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of the following article is a lifelong resident of Scarsdale, New York. He attended Edgemont High School in Scarsdale, graduated with honors from Harvard University, A.B. cum laude, and last June completed his first year at Columbia Law School. He is spending this summer working for a Negro law firm in Durham, on a grant from the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council in New York City. In order that his views and observations will seem neither too usual nor too unusual to some of our readers, Green feels it necessary to also mention that he is white.

Durham, North Carolina is not part of the "deep South." It is part of the South. These two impressions—and in that order—were the first to strike me during my initial few days in Durham this summer.

I left for North Carolina from Scarsdale about a month ago with a variety of imaginings too vague to be called expectations, and a few ideals that I never really expected to reach fulfillment this summer. Many of the imaginings have turned out to be misimpressions and misapprehensions; Durham is probably like White Plains, New York in a good many more ways than it is like Jackson, Mississippi or Birmingham, Alabama. However, I fear the ideals will still remain unfulfilled—at least for the moment, and at least for some of the seasons they remain unfulfilled in the North as well as the South.

It might be wise to begin by describing my position this summer, so as to alert the reader to both the uniqueness of, and the limitations upon my experiences and the observations that result therefrom. It is neither immodest nor brash to say that I am one of only two of a kind in Durham, North Carolina. While I am not a member of the bar (although I hope to be some day), I am one of two white people in Durham working in a Negro law firm. (The other, like me, is a law student gone South for the summer.)

I am working, eating and living my life among Negroes. But I am white, and that means I have two kinds of experiences that Negroes do not have: I am treated by white people who do not know me as a white; and I am treated by Negro people who do not know me as a white.

In the first case, this means that I can go to all the places to which whites can go and Negroes cannot. It means that I am frequently a recipient of that renowned and refreshing "Southern hospitality" which white people in the South seem so often to reserve for other white people. And it means that, occasionally, I am the receptacle for racist observations of a more or less vulgar hue by other white people who figure me to be a comrade in beliefs as well as in skin color. In the second case, it means that I am often looked upon and treated with that combination of resentment, suspicion, amusement, hostility and deference with which Negroes in the South have traditionally viewed and treated whites.

In this first article I would like to annotate these two kinds of experiences noted above with episodes from my own life during the past few weeks. In future articles I will deal with the unique position of the Negro lawyer in the South (and the even more unique position of a white man in a Negro law firm); the progress, and the lack of progress in integrating what is a relatively "moderate" (if not far advanced by some standards) Southern community; and the reactions in, and effects upon such a community resulting from the recent passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

I had my "initiation" to the Durham of the non-deep South first when I had lunch my second day here at a modern downtown hotel. I ate alone, yet noticed that Negroes were not only courteously served in the dining room, but were also accommodated on an apparently non-discriminatory basis in the hotel. (Nor was the politeness of my reception altered in the least when I ate at the hotel with the Negro attorneys for whom I am working a few days later.) Just as most of the hotels and restaurants in Durham are integrated, so are most of the movie theatres and places of entertainment, nearly all within the past year as a result of a combination of negotiation with and pressure from various Negro community organizations and civil rights groups.

However, as I discovered just one night later on my initiation to the Durham of the South, many public places here have integrated only with the most extreme reluctance, and with a "losing-the-good-fight" attitude. I decided to eat at a restaurant in the main business section of Durham where on this particular evening several American Legionnaires were dining after having congregated for their annual state convention at a hotel earlier in the day. Sitting at the counter, I found myself next to a "real white gentleman" (As Southern legend has it, who immediately initiated a conversation with: "I see they lettin' Niggers sit with white folks in the theatres here now." After muffled expletives and no response on my part, he concluded: "Well, they won't find me down there to-night!")

As I left the restaurant and stopped at the cashier's counter to pay my bill, I noticed a local newspaper editorial in opposition to the civil rights bill prominently displayed. Perceptively thinking he had me picked out for one of the "fokes," the cashier further dased my spirits with the observation: "Yea but I'm afraid it won't do any good." Pressing my luck, and not sure of exactly what he meant, I inquired as to whether the restaurant was segregated. Apologetically and in a near whisper came the reply: "Awe we serve collud'd, but we sho' don't like to. We're going down fightin'."

This last statement by a restaurant cashier probably represents the attitude of a majority of "white business men in Durham who make a profit serving the public—a public which they are slowly being forced to admit includes black people as well as white ones.

Experience also instructs the visitor in Durham that there are "degrees" of integration here, some far more acceptable than others. The social values of the average white person in Durham will thus make him most amenable—if he is amenable to integration at all—to dealing with Negroes alone or in groups comprised solely of Negroes. There is more reluctance when service to integrated groups is involved; and there is considerably more reluctance (and often outright refusal) where the integrated group contains both men and women. Absolutely taboo for nearly all

purposes, of course, is the combination of a Negro man and a white woman, and it is only in the college communities around Duke, North Carolina College, and the University of North Carolina that one notices any interracial dating.

An incident which I found both annoying and amusing points up the reluctance of many a Southern white to accept "race mix'n"—even if the law forces him to accept integration. A friend of mine who happens to be a Negro went off to a state prison camp two weeks ago to begin serving a six-month sentence imposed on him for his participation in a public demonstration in Chapel Hill, North Carolina last February. I wanted to visit him in prison, and so I called the "integrated" camp he was in to find out if the next Sunday was a visiting day. The conversation between me and the prison officer went as follows:

Officer: "Why sho' This Sunday's white visitin' Sunday."
Me: "Does that mean that white prisoners can be visited or that white people can visit prisoners?"
Officer: "Son, it means that whites can visit whites. You should know that."

Me: "Well, when is visiting Sunday for Negroes?"
Officer: "That's next Sunday."
Me: "Can whites visit Negro prisoners then?"
Officer: "Nope. Only collud'd can visit collud'd."

Me: "Well I'm white and it just happens that I have a Negro friend in prison. Can I ever visit him?"

Officer: "You'll have to call up next week and talk to the Captain. You can only do it if you get a special permit from him."
If ingrained white reluctance is the primary barrier to integration in a community like Durham—and it surely is—there is nevertheless a more subtle barrier in the Negro community as well, born of the combination of resentment and resignation that two hundred years of white dominance have made the most obvious attributes of many Negroes. It should not be very surprising to anyone that in a society where the white man has plundered and exploited the Negro woman generation after generation (and with every hue and color of "Negro" to show for it), it is often considered a shameful act in the Negro community for a Negro girl to go out with a white boy—no matter how innocent or honorable the intentions of both.

Nor is it surprising that within the Negro community a new kind of confidence man—the "Negro-ologist" as some Negroes today call him—grew up to take advantage of the inferior status imposed upon him by the white man. At his best, the Negro-ologist leads the white man to think the Negro is as dumb as the white man wants to think he is—and in the end, comes away with a profit as the result of his efforts. The Negro-ologist may be a "bum" who nevertheless lives a substantially more remunerative existence than his "line" and his appearances suggest. Or he may be a Negro lawyer who capitalizes on the paternalistic attitude of a white racist judge to get a little fairer hearing than he could otherwise get, by making the judge think that he "knows his place."

As some Negroes grow older, resentment often turns to resignation and even deference, if for no other reason than that it makes living easier. Some days ago I

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NCNW HONOREES — This smart group of femmes were pictured after they were honored for outstanding community service at a luncheon hosted by the National Council of Negro Women recently. The ladies and work for which they were cited are: Left to right seated: Dr. Leadie Clark, education; Mrs. P. L. Williams (not cited), NCNW regional chairman, and Mrs. Marjorie Tackett, community services and civil rights. Standing: Dr. Rose Jenkins, psychiatrist, medical; Mrs. Marie Meredith (not cited), luncheon chairman; Mrs. Ethel Bryant, administrative assistant to L. A. Mayor Sam Yorty, politics; Mrs. Cora Hilton, social worker, health and welfare; Mrs. Vesta Calhoun, UAW local vice president, labor, and Mrs. Alpha Arnold, president, NCNW's, L. A. Council.—(ANP Photo).

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Tests Real Estate Bias

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith revealed this week that it has asked the Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights to investigate reports of a Greenwich "design to exclude members of minority groups from the community." The League said it had made its request in a letter to Ralph Goglia, chairman of the commission, following a "test" of Greenwich real estate brokers' attitude toward Negro and Jewish home seekers made in the wake of a zoning dispute.

The zoning dispute stemmed from an unsuccessful petition by Greenwich property owner to lower the four-acre requirement or building homes in certain areas of the city to one-half acre. Some supporters of the petition, which was denied by the Greenwich Planning and Zoning Commission, believe the four-acre restriction is "in some measure" an effort to limit available residential land and thus lessen the opportunity of minority groups seeking to settle in the community.

The ADL test disclosed "significant anti-Negro prejudice" on the part of Greenwich real estate brokers but no discrimination against Jews "on the first level of house hunting." In a report sent to the Commission, the League said it had sent eight teams—each composed of a Negro, Jewish, and white Christian couple — to eight real estate brokers who are members of the Greenwich Real Estate Board. In making appointments, spread out over a weekend, each couple asked to be shown a three-bedroom house at a price of about \$35,000. From the detailed statements of the participating couples, the following conclusions were reached:

• No meaningful differential treatment was accorded the Jewish home seekers as compared with the white Christian home seekers. All were shown substantially the same homes in the same neighborhood.

• Of the eight real estate brokers, only two gave equal treatment to the Negro couples, and one of these did so "with apparent reluctance."

In the latter case, according to the report, the broker who had handled the Negro couple told her white Christian clients of her "harrowing experience" in having to show homes to Negroes who had made their appointment by phone. She apologized for being late in meeting the white Christian couple, explaining that she had first observed them from a distance to determine their race.

The same agent said the owners of the homes she had shown to the Negroes were "upset by the experience" and recalled that in

Mrs. V'Sombeck Returns From Florida Events

Mrs. Ludmila VanSombeck has returned from Daytona Beach, Florida where she attended the 89th Birthday Celebration of Mary McLeod Bethune and Regions III and IV Conference of the National Council of Negro Women.

The meetings were held at Bethune-Cookman College. The guests and delegates were all housed in the dormitories of the college.

The theme was "The Negro Woman in The Quest For Freedom."

President R. V. Moore welcomed all at the opening of the general sessions which took place in Heyn Chapel. All attending were invited to a reception by Dr. and Mrs. Moore in the beautiful new home of the president.

Miss Dorothy I. Height, national president, gave the key address. It contained too many high points with thoughts of Continued on page 4B

NOTICE OF SALE DURHAM COUNTY

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Ernest Sellers and wife, Gurolev Sellers, dated October 21, 1950, and recorded in Book 638, at page 252, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Durham County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Durham County, Durham, North Carolina at 12 o'clock, Noon, on the 21st day of August, 1964, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Patterson Township, in Durham County, State aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northern property line of Massey Chapel Road, which point is located 570 feet in an easterly direction from the Northeast intersection of Fayetteville Road and Massey Chapel Road, and running thence North 18 deg. 5' West 148.7 feet to a stake; thence running North 81 deg. 37' East 143.3 feet to a stake; thence running South 18 deg. 5' West 124.8 feet to a stake; thence running along and with the northern property line of Massey Chapel Road South 71 deg. 55' West 140 feet to a stake, the point and place of beginning, the same being Lot No. 12 of the Revision of a portion of ELLISON HEIGHTS as per plat and survey of J. Watts Copley, L. S., April, 1959, recorded in the Office of the Durham County Register, Plat Book 35, Page 70.

THIS PROPERTY will be sold subject to all prior encumbrances and all prior and 1964 Ad Valorem taxes.

THIS SALE will remain open for ten (10) days to receive increased bids, as required by law. This 2nd day of July, 1964.

William A. Marsh, Jr., Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE DURHAM COUNTY

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust/chattel mortgage executed by NATHANIEL SUTTON, individually and T. A. Durham Taxi Cab Association, dated November 16, 1962, and recorded in Book of Mortgages 751, at page 664, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Durham County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said mortgage being by its terms subject to foreclosure, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Durham, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock, Noon, on the 7th day of August, 1964, the following article of personal property, to-wit:

One 1961 6 Cylinder Ford Fairlane Automobile, Motor No. IN 32V 118717, Title No. 50344859.

This 14th day of July, 1964.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Mortgagee.

M. Hugh Thompson, Attorney
July 19, 25, Aug. 1, 8.

Birthday Week-end Observed For Celebrated Negro Educator

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In commemoration of the 89th birthday of Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and Bethune-Cookman College, a "Bethune Birthday Week-end" was held at Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida, July 10-12.

Miss Dorothy I. Height, National President, National Council of Negro Women was keynote speaker. Speaking from the Conference theme "Women in the Quest for Equality," the President urged her audience to realize what the equality guaranteed by the Civil Rights Act means and to know that they would have to work hard to compensate for the years of deprivation. "We must provide the training that Negro youth needs, rather lamenting that they do not have it."

She continued, "Women have a special responsibility to make certain that the new equal opportunities are utilized." "As a group, Negro women can work with other women's groups and public officials to help insure equal opportunities."

The three day affair was attended by more than a hundred

women. The guests were greeted by Mrs. Henne Ward Banks, Director Region III, NCNW and Dean of Women, Bethune Cookman College.

Other speakers included Dr. A. C. Mallory of OMAT, U. S. Labor Department and Dr. Grace Hewell, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Addressing a luncheon, Dr. Mallory said, "The middle class Negro woman must reach and help the Negro woman in deprived areas, because until she's reached, the middle class Negro woman is going to be handicapped." She told the women that volunteers were needed to help poor and uneducated Negroes.

Dr. Grace Hewell, representing HEW, noted: "There is a great need for women's groups to create a climate of goodwill and of acceptance."

"Such groups as these," Dr. Hewell continued, "can play an important role in finding programs that discriminate, bringing these allegations to the attention of the proper authorities, and in seeing that equal treatment is received by all Americans."

Mrs. N. F. Austin Named to Friends Staff Position

HIGH POINT — Mrs. Neal F. Austin of High Point has been appointed to the staff of the American Friends Service Committee, B. Tartt Bell, regional executive secretary, announced this week. She will serve as administrative assistant to Bell.

In addition to administrative responsibilities, Mrs. Austin will direct public information services for the region. Her work in the High Point office will have its focus, interpretation of the programs and projects of the southern region.

Mrs. Austin is a member of the State Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission and is immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of N. C. She has served on the Family Service Bureau and Community Planning Council Boards in High Point.

An Oklahoman, she is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and has taught in the public schools of Oklahoma City and Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE OF SALE Durham, North Carolina July 13, 1964

University Motors, Inc. will sell a 1964 Chevrolet convertible, serial No. C54R004926, owned by Robert Flint James of 243 North Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina, to the highest bidder at public auction on July 27, 1964 at 12:00 noon. The sale will be held on their used car lot located at 812 West Main Street, Durham, North Carolina.

This car is being sold for a wrecker bill of \$20 plus storage accumulated since March 29, 1964 at the rate of 50 per day.

This notice was prepared, signed, and posted by L. Q. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer of University Motors, Inc., this 13th day of July, 1964.

L. C. Williams
Secretary and Treasurer
July 18, 25

NOTICE OF SALE DURHAM COUNTY RISTERELNE BRYANT, Plaintiff

vs. WILLIAM BRYANT, Defendant
DURHAM COUNTY CIVIL COURT

THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Durham County Civil Court, Durham, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon grounds of two years separation.

THE DEFENDANT will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Durham County Civil Court of Durham, North Carolina, in the Courthouse in Durham, on or before thirty days after the 17th day of August, 1964, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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Rattler is Supervisor

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—An ex-Florida A. and M. University Rattler is serving as supervisor of the newly constructed Catherine E. Strong Recreation Center here.

Nathaniel Tucker, a 1961 All-SIAC fullback for the Florida A. and M. University Rattlers, heads the modern facility. Tucker graduated from FAMU in 1962 with a major in physical education.

He was an all-around athlete here at Carver High School, participating in football, basketball, track, and baseball.

220 Pound Instructor

NEW YORK—David Daniels, a 220-pound, 6-4 tackle for the Florida A. and M. University Rattlers, is employed for the summer here as an instructor in recreation here at the Youth House for Boys.

James Denmark, holder of the SIAC record of 14' 6" in the pole vault and a 1961 graduate of Fla. A. and M., is also employed at the Youth House. Denmark is a native of Florence, Fla., and was an art major at FAMU.

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