

Intermarriage Bar Challenged In Oklahoma by Civil Liberties Union

NEW YORK—The American Civil Liberties Union announced today it is supporting a challenge of the constitutionality of Oklahoma's laws which forbid intermarriage between white and Negro.

A friend-of-the-court brief filed in the Oklahoma Supreme Court contends that the laws, aimed against Negroes, violate their equal protection and due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. The brief supports the case of Francine Aline Jones, of African descent, and Jesse Marquez, "not of African descent" who are suing for the right to marry.

Discussing the status of miscegenation statutes, the ACLU points out that their validity has not been finally adjudicated in the federal courts. It emphasizes, however, the United States Supreme Court decision in *Perez v. U.S.*, 1952, which "reaffirmed the idea that race alone could not be made the basis of punitive statutes" and suggests that the court need not be governed by prior decision which upheld miscegenation laws. The *McLaughlin* case concerned only prohibition between Negroes and whites, not marriage.

Many other legal decisions are cited to prove that the courts condemn "legislative classification" of individuals by race, or any distinction in their treatment, as a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Moreover, the brief maintains that Francine Aline Jones has been denied not only her equal protection rights under the Constitution, but statutory civil rights which are granted white citizens, among them the right to obtain a marriage license.

Marriage, the ACLU says, is an inalienable right which cannot be tampered with by the state. It cited the cases of *Meyer vs. Nebraska* and *Skinner vs. Oklahoma*, in which the U. S. Supreme Court expressed the view that marriage is a fundamental right or liberty of the individual, which is protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The view that marriage is a social right rather than a civil right, which "underlies the Oklahoma statutes," the brief asserts, is "fundamentally inimical to the precepts of the U. S. Constitution."

The ACLU argues further that the Oklahoma miscegenation statutes are capricious, unreasonable and arbitrary, and therefore violative of the plaintiffs' due process rights. The statutes, it claims, are based upon "racial prejudice, ignorance, irrational fears, arbitrary assumptions of the inferiority of the noncaucasian persons and tenuous claims of protection of health," which have no connection with legitimate legislative purposes.

In conclusion, the ACLU brief states: "The real issue in this controversy is the basic issue of racial discrimination. For certainly the thought of intermarriage is the odious aspect of integration to those who would perpetuate the badges and bonds of slavery. Yet, it is the same power structure that denies governmental interference with individual rights that now so arbitrarily interferes with this most personal right of marriage."

The brief was prepared by Bernard S. Cohen and Philip J. Hirschkop, ACLU cooperating attorneys of Alexandria, Virginia, and Melvin L. Wulf, legal director.

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In addition to the supermarket and drug store development program, Reith said the chain's Atlanta wholesale bakery is being converted to a continuous mix process which when completed will give the unit an almost fully automatic operation, comparable to a similar bakery opened in Norfolk two years ago which has proved highly successful.

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The Morehead Planetarium will remain open on Good Friday, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday, according to Jenzapo, the director. Matinees will be scheduled throughout the Holy weekend to accommodate expected overflow crowds. Last year, the program was witnessed by nearly 20,000 persons.

PROSPECT CHAPTER NO. 379 O. E. S. TO CELEBRATE 16TH ANNIVERSARY

Prospect Chapter No. 379 Order of Eastern Star will celebrate its 16th Anniversary at the St. Paul Baptist Church on Juniper Street Sunday, March 28 at 3:00 P. M. The Rev. J. H. Peppers is the pastor and will be the speaker of the day. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Rockefeller and LBJ's Deputy to Visit Shaw U.

RALEIGH — Two outstanding young men in the field of business and government will deliver major assembly speeches at Shaw University on March 26 and 29. On Friday (the 26th), Rodman C. Rockefeller, vice-president of the International Basic Economy Corporation, will address the faculty and student body, and on Monday (29th), Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States, will deliver the principal address.

The public is cordially invited to attend both of these programs, which will begin at 12:00 noon in Greenleaf Auditorium on the Shaw U. campus.

Rockefeller, the oldest son of New York's Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, is, like his father, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College. Shortly after graduation, he entered the Army as a commissioned officer in the Ordnance Corps. Upon his discharge from military service, Rockefeller joined the American Overseas Finance Company (now Transoceanic-AOFO Ltd., a subsidiary of IBEC) after a year of postgraduate study at the Columbia University Business School. He worked there three years as a loan officer, responsible for international loans and investments.

Increasingly active in civic and community affairs, the younger Rockefeller serves on the board of the Urban League of Westchester County and also on the Tuskegee National Advisory Council of Tuskegee Institute, as well as many others.

In 1964 he was awarded the Order of Merit, Bernardo O'Higgins, by the Government of Chile, for "outstanding contributions to rural education and housing in Chile."

Like Rockefeller, Alexander is also a young man who has risen to the top in a short time. A 1955 cum laude graduate of Harvard University and a 1958 graduate of the Yale University Law School, Alexander is now a Deputy Assistant to Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States.

Prior to being named to his present post, the former Harvard student council president was on the National Security Council staff of McGeorge Bundy. As an undergraduate at Harvard, he was first marshal of the Class of 1955 and recipient of the Ames Award, which goes to the outstanding graduating senior. Alexander was also president of the Yale chapter of Phi Delta Phi, an international legal fraternity.

Upon graduation from the Yale Law School, he was employed as assistant district attorney in New York County. In addition, he also worked as executive director of the Manhattanville Hamilton

MOREHEAD AVE. BAPTIST MEN'S ON TELEVISION DAY SUN., MAR 28

The Morehead Avenue Baptist Church will hold its ninth annual Men's Day observance Sunday, March 28, with the services of the day in charge of laymen.

The speaker for the 11:00 A.M. hour will be Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor emeritus of the White Rock Baptist Church. Music for the entire three services will be rendered by the Male Chorus, under the direction of Edgar Farrow.

Wilson Bradsher, principal of Lyon Park Elementary School will deliver the message for the afternoon at 3:00 P.M.

The final program will be held at the 7:30 P.M. hour and will consist of reports, etc.

Following the morning service, Fellowship Dinner will be served by the Sisterhood of the church. These services are open to the public. Garland Jones, General Chairman of the day.

TOWN TOPICS

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Glendell N. Brooks Named Exalted Ruler of Gastonia Elks Lodge

By MAUDE M. JEFFERS

GASTONIA—Glendell N. Brooks, member of Highland High School faculty, has been unanimously elected as Exalted Ruler of Moloche Lodge of Elks 468, I. B. P. O. E. of W. this week. Brooks follows Allen Littlejohn who has served the organization for the past two years and plans to continue the fine program the organization has stood for through the years.

Brooks says that the National organization has been financing scholarships for worthy students for 40 years and has given aid to 1,240 persons at a cost of \$2 million dollars and is now aiding 31 people. It also serves dinners at Christmas and helps needy children. The famous Elks chorus here presents benefit programs for churches and other organizations as a means of creating interest in best in music.

Brooks is ably fitted for the important position because of his former affiliations and services. He is a member of the Mayor's Human Relations Committee, President of the Citizen's Committee of Gaston County, member of the Auditing Committee of Excelsior Credit Union, Member of the Board of Directors of Gaston Boy's Club and of Community Kindergarten, Inc. He is an officer and Sunday School Teacher of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

For two consecutive summers he was invited as guest consultant in Social Studies at Livingstone College, Salisbury. He is past president of the Gastonia Unit Association of Classroom Teachers and represented at both Raleigh Convention and the NEA Department at Seattle, Washington last year. He is past Basileus of the local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and was an official of the Gastonia Graduate Pan Hellenic Council. He is past Executive of the Durham Branch NAACP.

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By S. M. REE

It's a tuff-world!

GOSH, I WONDER WHY TEACHER WAS ANGRY WITH ME TODAY? SHE ASKED ME HOW MANY TEETH A PERSON HAS, AND I SAID A MOUTHFUL

GOSH, YOU SOUND KINDA STUPID. WHAT'S THE MATTER WIMP?

I GOTTA CODE IN MY POCK. THE WIMP!

MUMMIE, I JUST LEFT WIMP WILKINS AND HE WAS SNIFFIN' SOMETHIN' AWFUL.

HOW DID HE EVER CATCH SUCH A COLD?

HE SAID HE'LL BROTHER WAS PLAYING THE STAR SPANGLER. WHEN HE WAS TAKIN' A BATH!

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COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

Dr. James O. Simmons, Jr., associate medical and research director of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society answers your questions on multiple sclerosis.

Q What is known about multiple sclerosis?

A Multiple sclerosis is a disabling disease of the central nervous system. Called the great crippler of young adults, it attacks the substance which sheaths nerve fibers causing nerve messages controlling movement, vision, speech and balance to be distorted, often blocked.

Q Whom does MS strike?

A MS strikes most often at young adults in the 20 to 40 age range, during the years when they should be most vital, most productive. An estimated 500,000 Americans suffer from MS and related diseases.

Q Does MS lead to total physical disability?

A Though MS can be progressive, often leading to total disability, with proper medical supervision, most MS patients continue to be active, vital people.

Q Is there a cure for MS at the present time?

A There is no specific known medical management which alters the natural unpredictable course of the disease which is one of waxing and waning, followed by periods of improvement achieving a plateau where no change takes place. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society recommends good general medical care devoted to the prevention of intercurrent infectious illness and directed toward the control of the more distressing symptoms as they appear.

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DURHAM BRANCH NAACP TO MEET AT OAK GROVE FREE WILL CHURCH SUNDAY

The Durham Branch of the NAACP will meet Sunday, March 28, at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Colfax Street at 4:00 P.M. Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor.

In this meeting we will get a personal report from Selma, Alabama, and there will be a panel discussion on "Operation Break-through."

Music will be furnished by the following groups: The choir of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, The Orange Grove Male Chorus, The Red Mountain Male Chorus.

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