



WEDDING PARTY--Merle Harris and former Patricia Ann McCoy (front) are surrounded by well-wishers following their recent marriage here. Standing (from left) Mrs. Charles Goodwin, Mrs. Kenneth Harris, groom's mother; Ren McCoy, bride's brother; Charles Goodwin, Mrs. Alex Greene, groom's sister; Claudia McCoy, bride's sister; Excell McCoy Jr. (rear), bride's brother; Mrs. Excell McCoy Sr., bride's mother; Mrs. Roy C. Lee, bride's cousin, and Mr. Lee, who hosted reception, and Mrs. Excell McCoy Jr. Present at reception but not shown in photo were groom's sisters, Mrs. Garland M. Dowd and Bobbie Jean Harris.

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Right Kind of White Man's Justice

One of the major sources of the Negro's frustrations and bitterness is the fact that, in many southern communities, the police and the courts are stacked against him. Where equal justice under the law does not exist, there is a deplorable but inevitable urge to violence.

U.S. Dist. Judge Herbert W. Christenberry's civil contempt decision against law enforcement officials in Bogalusa, La., is an encouraging example of one way to deal with the problem.

The New Orleans-based judge, who grew up near Bogalusa, issued an injunction July 10 ordering the police to provide adequate protection to civil rights demonstrators. According to the evidence, officers instead committed several assaults on demonstrators.

An angry Judge Christenberry, after viewing photographs of the assaults, found two top police officials and a patrolman to be in contempt.

In addition to the civil contempt finding, Bogalusa's police commissioner

and chief of police still face criminal contempt proceedings which could result in six-month jail sentences and \$1,000 fines.

There are many Bogalusas in America, and it may be many years before impartial, unbigoted law enforcement comes to all of them.

However, Christenberry's decision could have a salutary effect on police conduct not only in Bogalusa, but elsewhere.

There is no way to force a policeman to offer the protection of his badge to all citizens, regardless of color. But, as the judge in New Orleans has made clear, the courts can make him wish he had.

The same approach might well be used by courts, both state and federal, when officers of the law in other communities forget their sacred trust.

Negroes, meanwhile, should note that justice in this case was brought back into balance by a white judge of impeccably southern credentials. There are a lot more like him.

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