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EDITORIAL

'Misters' May Well Be Better Citizens

BY ROY WILKINS

The headline, there in Paris, had an amusing and yet an infuriating sound. It said: "In Natchez Negroes to Be 'Mr., Mrs.'"

Here on Oct. 15, 1965, the people of Europe were being told that, 102 years after the Emancipation Proclamation in the U.S.A., black people in one city in

Mississippi were finally to move up from "boy" and "girl." Many an American who purchased the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune that morning quickly folded his first page over in a vain effort to hide from cynical eyes the revelation of the stunted section of his country.

The fact that this "concession" was made only after repeated protest marches of Negroes through the Natchez streets and what the Natchez news writer described as a "tight" boycott of local merchants, made the action even more humiliating. Not logic, not history, not plain, decent, civilized respect for human beings, but concern for order and for the cash register brought about this action.

And Still It Fell Short . . .

Even then, it was a partial gesture, limited to a pledge to use these forms of address at the city hall in dealings between city officials and the tax-paying Negro citizens. Such forced, grudging and limited tokenism substantiates the claim of Negro and white observers that the so-called "progress" on this issue in reality is only a halting crawl.

These same Natchez and Mississippi white people and their spokesmen and apologists over the nation will rattle off at length about the marital ideas and practices of Negroes. They cite the incidence of common-law marriage and of out-of-wedlock children. They laugh at Negro family life. Yet they have refused, for longer than a century, to dignify human beings by the simplest—and grandest—of titles signifying universal manhood and married womanhood.

Given the Name, They React

Inevitably, after years in such a society, a percentage of Negro citizens, unfortified by access to opportunity and achievement and unstimulated by the esteem and encouragement and rewards of their fellow citizens, slip into the "boy" and "girl" roles, leaving solidity and responsibility to the white Misters and Mesdames.

These latter may or may not be worthy, but in the eyes of the clerks and bus drivers and police of the ruling class, they are "Mr." and "Mrs." and Negroes are "boys."

Deep thinking sociologists may differ (and lately they are differing almost as often as lawyers) but the attitude inherent in this demeaning treatment could be responsible in part for the abnormal ratio of indifferent, devil-may-care Negroes to the racial whole. Boys do not pay their rent or other debts promptly. They do not get to work on time and they are absent many Mondays. They don't paint or repair the premises and never see the teacher about their children in school.

Low Level of Incidents

What disturbs every person who gives even passing thought to this hot race relations issue is the elementary level on which the clashes are occurring. Ordinary decency titles in Natchez, Mississippi. Riding on a school bus in Crawfordville, Georgia. Acquittal for murder in Hayneville, Alabama. The nation and assorted experts must deal with many items which will help fit the Negro minority into the Great Society. But while they wrestle with graphs, statistics, motivation, enrichment and participation, the quick-trigger purists and arrogant ignoramuses among the white stragglers must be stamped out.

For despite South Africa, Rhodesia and between 100 and 200 counties in the American South, the emerging world is not going to be like Ruleville, Miss., or Johannesburg. And as long as the diehards insist that it must, trouble, not racial peace and mutual advancement, will be our portion.



AFRICA in Today's World

HAVE RHODESIA'S FOUR MILLION BLACKS been "sold down the river" by British Prime Minister Harold Wilson?

As this is written, ominous rumblings are being heard from African Nationalists in the crown colony following reports that Wilson has agreed to a proposal by Rhodesia's white-supremacy government to set up a Rhodesian-dominated royal Commission to work out a new constitution.

The Rhodesian blacks, who outnumber the country's white settlers by about 20-1, were particularly dismayed by reports that Wilson is now supporting the Rhodesian colonial government's position that the native majority is not yet ready to assume control of Rhodesia's political machinery and has promised Premier Ian Smith that Britain will not use its military forces to disrupt the status quo.

The Rev. N. Sithole, an African Nationalist leader who has been "restricted" by the Smith government, expressed "deep disappointment" that Wilson had been unable to arrange immediate majority rule according to United Press-International.

THE PROPOSED "JOINT" COMMISSION reportedly will be headed by Rhodesian Chief Justice Sir Hugh Beadle and include one other Rhodesian and a Briton. It would be charged with analyzing the present constitution with a view toward suggesting amendments guaranteeing African rights before independence is granted by the crown.

"I believe that given time--a short time in my view--the proposed royal commission can hammer out a solution which can lead to an honorable and acceptable basis for independence," Wilson was reported to have said.

However, the British Prime Minister's acceptance of a Rhodesian-dominated commission was regarded as a definite retreat from his former "tough line" in dealing with the Rhodesian government, rather than a compromise. Wilson had originally proposed an all-British commission to draw up a new constitution, a suggestion that was formally--and coldly--rejected by Smith and his advisors.

WILSON'S APPARENT ABOUT-FACE was particularly surprising in view of the humiliating rebuff he received some 48 hours earlier when the Rhodesian television network refused to carry his statement on the British position at that time.

Adding insult to injury, in the estimation of some observers, the time at which Wilson would have expressed his views on the constitutional crisis was taken over by an old episode from the Dr. Kildare TV series.

Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, Wilson's press secretary, first accepted an interview-type press conference such as Smith faced in London recently. Lloyd-Hughes later said Wilson preferred to deliver an uninterrupted 15-minute TV statement on the British position because "questioning might lead to misunderstanding . . . and words which might not help in the circumstances."

Lloyd-Hughes reportedly "warned" D. A. Stephens, acting chief of the Rhodesian TV network, that he would call a conference and release Wilson's statement to the free world press if the 15-minute TV request was refused.

STRANGELY, WHEN THE PRESS was called in following denial of the TV time, Wilson was paying an evening call on Smith. Lloyd-Hughes

America's Negroes Risk Reenslavement

By GEORGE WARD

Sooner or later the American people will have to confront the unwelcome truth that we are engaged in a life or death struggle with international communism.

IN 1920 Lenin said, "We can't take over the whole world at once, for we are not strong enough. The capitalists will resist, so we must conquer the world, one country at a time, piece by piece until we have it all through infiltration, propaganda, and subversion. We will begin in Eastern Europe, then the masses of Asia. Then we will encircle the United States!"

Today, these countries in eastern Europe have lost their freedom. Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Rumania, Estonia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania.

IN ASIA, these countries have lost their freedom. North Vietnam, Tibet, Outer Mongolia, North Korea, Manchuria, and possibly some others.

Communist Cuba is only ninety miles from our shores. There are many communists in Canada and Mexico. The communists are all around us.

What can the average citizen do to help stem the red tide?

The American Negro stands a chance of being reenslaved by communism.

THE WORLD must realize that our struggle in Asia is not a struggle of one race against another.

I know that for centuries whenever possible, the whites have enslaved the blacks, and ruled over the yellows. At various times and places, the very white dominated the lesser whites, as the deep blacks and yellows have sat as masters over the lesser blacks and not so yellows.

OUR situation today is different. We are surrounded by godless communism and we must fight for our very existence to save our civilization and democracy

as we know it.

World War No. 2 was largely a war among westerners, the democracies vs the tyrants. The real enemies of our civilization soon came into view East of the Don river and West of Hawaii. They were the hordes of Asia, fired with the religion of communism which is irreconcilable with Christendom and our capitalist system.

HOW ARE we doing internally? Anytime we ask for the abolition of all investigating committees on communism, try to discredit the local police or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the participation of the United States in world government, we are aiding world communism.

I say that we cannot live with communism. We must fight this evil system to the death. It can be rolled back and it must be rolled back. I have taught in the public schools for years and I can see that the map of the world has changed greatly during the past few years.

THIS IS no time for confusion among the various races and colors of this country. Our very existence is being threatened by forces from abroad.

Men will always fight. I have read in a book about (See WARD, page 6)

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