

Civil Rights Activity

MONTGOMERY -- Gov. George Wallace placed himself above the law of the land when he ordered Alabama's mental hospitals segregated again. Mental hospitals in the South--including those in Alabama--have been among the first Dixie hospitals to desegregate.

Anxious to promote his wife for "governor" (governess?) of Alabama, he was evidently using the move to show how big a segregationist he is and how he can stand up to Uncle Sam on the race question.

WASHINGTON--Three Washington hospitals have been denied federal approval to take Medicare patients, after being charged by the Urban League with discriminatory practices.

They are Washington Hospital center, Casualty and Children's hospitals. The hospitals will have to provide assurances of non-discrimination before they can be approved for Medicare participation.

CLEVELAND--When a Klansman spews his hate at a public gathering, that's bad news. But when a Negro minister joins him on the platform, that's even worse news.

THE PRESIDENT of the National Association of Klans, James R. Venable, and the Rev. Clarence C. Addison, archbishop of the African Universal Church, shared the platform in discussing "Communism in the Civil Rights Movement."

WASHINGTON -- Segregationists have refused to bury a pure white Spitz dog in a white cemetery because its master was a Negro, U.S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall revealed, in noting that the oppression and subjugation of the Negro in America was "unique in human history."

HE SAID, "This segregation has been from pre-cradle to after death. Negro women couldn't get into hospitals to have their babies, and Negroes couldn't be buried in cemeteries not their own. Even dogs--regardless of their 'color'--have been refused burial in cemeteries because of their masters' race."

TOPEKA, Kans.--A fight between Gov. William H. Avery and local rights groups has resulted in the NAACP refusing to have further dealings with the state's Commission on Civil Rights. According to Charles Rockquemore, state NAACP president, his group's leaders are "unanimous in their determination to bypass this commission in the future because we have no faith in it any more and none in the governor."

ROCKQUEMORE SAID the governor had admitted that appointments to the commission would be political, thus ruining its effectiveness. Bias complaints will be taken to federal agencies, the NAACP chief added.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.--The NAACP has told Negro policemen it won't do them any good to call the rights organization if they are wrong in what they do. "Take what is coming to you. And don't run to the NAACP for protection because you won't get it," NAACP officials said as they accused both Negro and white patrolmen of misconduct in Negro areas.

WILL THEY BELIEVE ?

WASHINGTON--A night view of Fremont Street in Las Vegas is featured in the latest promotional display produced by the United States Travel Service, Senator Alan Bible and Howard W. Cannon said today.

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to convert them to Christianity but they pined for home, and on promise of a large ransom, were sent back.

"In time, the Portuguese returned with the ransom, which included ten slaves, gold dust, a leathern shield, beautifully wrought, and ostrich feathers. The slaves fetched a high price. This fact, together with the gold stirred the cupidity of the Portuguese and the slave trade was on.

"Another expedition to Guinea returned with two hundred and thirty Negroes and mulattoes, who also were quickly sold. In justice to Portugal, however, it must be said, that Henry III of Spain had started a slave-trade fifty years before but it had not been a success. Portugal, however, popularized it, and England made big business of it.

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