

APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO CHICAGO POSTMASTER APPROVED

CHICAGO--Senator Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) announced, last week, that the Post Office Department has approved the appointment of Henry W. McGee as acting postmaster, the first Negro to hold the post in Chicago.

DOUGLAS SAID he has also recommended McGee for the permanent appointment. Harry H. Semrow, postmaster since 1961, resigned in March to accept the Democratic nomination

for president of the Cook County Board.

At the news conference, called by the Senior Illinois Senator to make the announcement, Douglas said "Mr. McGee is the first career postal employee to be appointed postmaster in any major city". The Senator, then, expressed confidence that President Johnson and the Senate will approve McGee as permanent postmaster. McGee who holds a bachelor of science de-

gree from Illinois Institute of Technology and a Master of Arts from the University of Chicago, joined the Post Office as a substitute carrier in 1929. He rose from carrier to distribution clerk to foreman of mails, supervising clerks on the workroom floor. In 1948, he became Regional Personnel Director, responsible for the hiring and processing of all employees in the Chicago Post Office.

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Are We Victims of Bircher Lawmen?

REPORT OF THE showing of a John Birch Society Propaganda film to a group of Clark County Deputy Sheriff's in the County Sheriff's 'line-up' room last Friday night evoked a stormy reaction of dismay and indignation from all responsible groups and organizations throughout the County.

The steadily increasing infiltration of John Birch Society Members into Law Enforcement Agencies, notably in the Western States, has long been alarming to all who are aware of the fearful implications inherent in such a situation.

In view of the already strained police-community relations, an immediate investigation is absolutely mandatory.

CALLED ON for an explanation, Clark County Undersheriff Lloyd Bell provided a vacuum-type explanation for the showing of the Anti-Negro Birch film to his deputies.

"We have to be familiar with all types of controversial groups--we see all types of films--the NAACP, the American Nazi Party, the American Communist Party----this allows us to be more knowledgeable about it. If you're not informed about a subject, how can you be intelligent about it?" Bell is reported to have said, when confronted with the question, 'why', the Birch Society film "Anarchy USA" was shown to Clark County Sheriff's Department deputies.

BELL ADMITTED that the Sheriff's department would not have allowed the showing, if they had known how controversial it was, yet he said the film was shown "strictly for information". This seems to be a controversial explanation. Actually, it is a paradox.

Both the Sheriff and the Undersheriff, who was in charge of the department during the Sheriff's absence, should be held responsible for the showing of a film prepared by a propaganda group before first viewing the film himself. The Sheriff, though he was allegedly on vacation, is equally responsible for the showing. Bell not only did not preview the film, but he permitted it to be shown to the deputies without making any comments on what "Anarchy USA" was about, or why it was being shown. There was no mention of the film being John Birch propaganda either before or after the showing--nor was there any discussion of the film after it was shown.

THIS RAISES the question "What kind of information is fed to the Sheriff's deputies, and what knowledge are the deputies supposed to get from such propaganda when they are not told that it is propaganda?"

A more serious question is raised by the Undersheriff's grouping of the NAACP along with the American Nazi Party, and the American Communist Party, as controversial groups.

The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the only national organization that is dedicated to the task of making democracy work.

The other groups named by Bell, are diametrically opposed to the dedicated position of the NAACP. This includes the John Birch Society. All of the other so-called controversial groups

CONTEMPORARY CLEOPATRA



MRS. PEGGY WALKER, an employee of the much advertised 25 million dollar Caesar's Palace will only be slightly less surprised than the VOICE Society Editor, Eddy Kim, whose page the beautiful Peggy was to adorn this week, to find herself the VOICE'S 'Cover Girl'... Caesar's Palace needs no free advertising, and the VOICE needs no justification for giving it to them (except, of course, to the unfortunate blind).

(NAACP excepted) concentrate their efforts to see that real democracy never becomes reality.

How can any member of a democratic society place the controversial tag upon an organization that has labored to preserve the democratic ideology for more than half a century? Lloyd Bell not only placed the label on the NAACP, but he made no distinction between the controversiality of it and of the Nazi and Communist groups. He neglected to identify the NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews) and the B'Nai Brith, both of which work for the same goals as the NAACP. Maybe Bell was not aware of this. If he was aware, then he must also place these two gallant organizations in the same bag with the Nazis and Commies.

Sheriff Ralph Lamb will have a lot of explaining and lots of fences to mend if he expects any voter support from NAACP members, as well as friends, come November 8.

Wallace Integrates

MONTGOMERY, Ala. --(NPI)--An irony turned up amid Gov. George Wallace's recent decree ordering Negro teachers to leave all-white schools: Wallace's son George Jr. attends a desegregated junior high school. On the other hand, U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., who has issued numerous desegregation rulings, has a son in a private segregated school. "It just so happens," Wallace commented, "that many working people can't afford private schools. My son has to bear the burden of school integration along with the rest of the people."

Girls Are Smarter

WASHINGTON--(NPI)--While officials of Girard college in Philadelphia continued to resist desegregation until a federal judge ordered them to integrate, Virginia's Sweet Briar college for women decided to desegregate, despite racially restrictive language in its founder's will and a state court order upholding segregation at the college. The exclusive women's college became the last major girls' school in the South to desegregate.

Baptist Head Re-elected

DALLAS--(NPI)--The Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of Chicago's Olivet Baptist church, last week was re-elected to another term as president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., at the denomination's 86th annual session.

Since he was first elected many years ago, Rev. Jackson has automatically been returned to office each year. The denomination claims over five million members.

The convention's theme was "United We Stand," to emphasize what Rev. Jackson claims should be the condition among all Americans, Negroes and whites. However, the minister's philosophy against demonstrations and militancy in civil rights places him at odds with other rights leaders who feel that moderation and go-slowism are outdated.