

High Court to Rule On Petition Title

Oregon's supreme court will rule July 7 as to the correctness of the ballot title of the civil rights bill passed by the 1953 Oregon legislature.

The civil rights bill is under a petition attack from a group called the "Civil Freedom Committee" and headed by Rev. Elbert D. Riddick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The group hopes to get the necessary 23,275 signatures needed to put the bill up to a vote of the people before July 21 when the ordinance is slated to go into effect.

Error Pointed Out

George Dysart, head of the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights' legal staff, pointed out to Attorney General Robert Thornton that the bill is described as forbidding discrimination "in any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement." The committee's attorney maintains that the bill is specific and that discrimination is not forbidden just "any place."

Dysart pointed out that this does not include apartment

houses, real estate, barber shops, and the like.

Group to Intervene

John F. Reynolds, attorney for the "Civil Freedom Committee," plans to intervene in the title case and doubts if employers are paying employees to solicit petition signatures. "The law was passed to prohibit paid circulators; I don't think the law applies in this case," said Reynolds.

A spokesman from the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights reported that employers were allowing employees to solicit signatures on the premises during working hours.

The committee spokesman said also that efforts are being made to reach the addresses listed on the petition and that many of the places have refused to have anything to do with the petition movement.

Places listed on the petition that have refused to cooperate in the referendum effort include Jacob Astor hotel, Astoria; Neill's Trailer court, Heppner; Oregon hotel, McMinnville; and West Linn hotel, West Linn.

Playing Game Dirty

One member of the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights said the "boys on the Civil Freedom Committee are playing the game just as dirty as the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights would be sure they would.

"They have written letters to George Dysart's boss, accusing Dysart of using his employer's time to work for the OCER," said the member.

He also accused the Riddick group of getting apartment house and real estate people to believe that they are included in the sweep of the civil rights ordinance and getting them to fight the bill.

Rev. Mr. Riddick maintains that his real quarrel is with the "attempt to pass laws to compel an equality." At the same time the rector declares that "whether the particular Negro realizes it or not, he stamps himself with inequality by getting a law which compels him to be an equal." "White men give to each other without thinking," said Rev. Mr. Riddick.

Common Man's Morals Causes Grave Concern



—Courtesy Oregon Journal
Dr. Ernest B. Kalibala, Uganda, Africa, a main speaker during recent international relations conference at Reed college, is shown here with Dr. Frank Munk, political science professor.

Dr. Ernest B. Kalibala, ex-United Nations specialist and one of the keynote speakers recently at the Northwest Institute of International Relations at Reed college, expressed grave concern over the common man's moral and spiritual looseness — reflected in part by the indecisiveness over Korea.

A native of Uganda, Africa, Dr. Kalibala outlined what he considers the five most important contemporary threats to world peace. He emphasized that the fate of the world rests on the common man's understanding and his return to purpose.

Dr. Kalibala listed these threats to world peace:

1. Sudden rise of world power by Russia.
2. Sudden collapse of Europe in world leadership.
3. Sudden rise of the colonial peoples demanding self-government.
4. Premature rise of the United States to world leadership when this country is not ready to accept the responsibility.
5. Sudden collapse of 20th century man's moral and spiritual life.

Cheap Politicians Out

"The politicians know how to manipulate the common man and have succeeded in driving out statesmanship — you cannot win with cheap politicians."

Dr. Kalibala cites the difficulty evident in dealing with the Communist threat as proof that man has a seemingly inability in taking a moral stand either for or against any great issue.

"It's very difficult to deal with the Communist threat," he said, "by changing our stand every day."

He said the difference between South Korean President Syngman Rhee and President Dwight D. Eisenhower should have been exposed before. "What it does is create more disunity and gives the Communist world a chance to exploit that weakness," said Dr. Kalibala.

Americans to Blame

In a later speech at the Downtown YMCA, Dr. Kalibala blamed the Europeans and Americans for the present predicament in Africa. "As for the present South African crisis, that is wholly the doing of Europeans, and there has not been a single Russian involved," he remarked.

"The common man lacks the courage to live up to the moral code he espouses," Dr. Kalibala declared. He said in 1952 the U. N. general assembly rejected a plea by 70,000 Africans in Tanganyika who claimed they were being removed from their land. "It was held to be a British domestic matter," said Dr. Kalibala.

He added that he was not sure that the United Nations regards Africa as a "backward area," since proximity to Russia seems to be an essential prerequisite.

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Pastors Protest Gill As Choice

Reverend J. James Clow, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church and past president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Reverend J. Harold Jones II, pastor of the Hughes Memorial Methodist church, recently protested the proposed appointment of State Senator Warren L. Gill to the office of U. S. Attorney for Oregon.

Pending Congressional confirmation, Gill is the announced choice of Jess Gard, Republican national committeeman for Oregon, to succeed the incumbent Henry Hess. Security checks completed, Gard has indicated Gill will get the district attorney's job.

Stand Explained

In explanation of their stand, the two ministers said they disapproved of the choice because Gill led the Senate floor fight during the recent legislature against civil rights which guarantees equal treatment of minority groups in the use of public accommodations.

They pointed out that the Lebanon senator in debate claimed that "a person has the right to discriminate if he wants to" and that anyone should have "the right to refuse" to do business with "any one of the many groups" he "dislikes."

"We wish to make it clear," Rev. Clow stated "we recognize the right of the national majority party to fill the office with one of its members. Yet we feel there are other Republicans who have not demonstrated a strong racial bias that could serve all the citizens of the state with greater equality and justice as guaranteed

Under Fire



WARREN L. GILL
Target of protests

in the United States Constitution."

"Such an appointment is out of harmony with the expressed policies of both the state and national Republican Party," Rev. Jones added.

Bride Feature Coming Soon

Were you a June bride? That old traditional month for tying the knot did a bang-up business this year. The Portland Challenger will feature June brides in its next edition. If you are among the numbers, why not mail your wedding picture to the Portland Challenger, 3300 N. Williams Avenue? Please accompany full names with pictures, date, place and time of ceremony. First names are very important.

Seattle NAACP Hits Race Tags

Seattle—(Special)—The Seattle branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has challenged the sufficiency of the reasons given by Della Urquhart, director of the Washington state department of licenses, as to the requirement of racial designation on driver's licenses.

In a letter to the director, Rev. George C. Derwig, chairman of the legal redress committee for the branch, pointed out that California, Ohio, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Minnesota, Massachusetts and Illinois have eliminated this requirement on drivers' licenses.

Rev. Mr. Derwig noted in his letter that Massachusetts and Minnesota eliminated the question at the request of citizens' groups. A Massachusetts official commented: "Since the question relating to race was dropped (1947), nothing has occurred which would warrant or justify restoring it to the application."

Challenges Reasons

In answer to the director's statement that: "Many people use their driver's license to secure liquor permits. Some members of the American Indian race are not allowed to buy liquor. You can see that in those cases color identification is important." Derwig had this to say:

"It is our understanding that the regulations of the Washington state liquor control board, which are meant to satisfy the requirements of the federal statute in this respect, is ha he only Indians who are not allowed to buy liquor are those that fall into one of three categories, loosely characterized in the board's regulation as 'wards of the government.'"

"We further understand that there is no way one can tell whether an Indian is a ward of the government merely by looking at him and knowing that he is an Indian."

Hope Program Salutes Negro

A Raleigh, N. C., woman will be saluted for her work in combating racial prejudice as "Woman of the Week," on the Bob Hope daytime show, Friday, July 3.

Mrs. George N. Howard, the wife of a clergyman, directs her efforts on small children to overcome racial prejudices and uses dolls to prove her points.

Bob Hope will tell his audience how Mrs. Howard appears before civic, children's and social groups with her dolls, explaining the races and religions of the world with them. Her method is especially effective with small children, whom Mrs. Howard deems the most important group of all in the fight against prejudice.

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