

MARSHALL FIELD ADDRESSES DINNER PARTY LAST TUESDAY

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Education Stressed by Chicago Editor to Overcome Racial Prejudice

The Honorable Marshall Field, publisher of the Chicago Sun and New York P. M., addressed a dinner party here Tuesday evening as a member of the board of the American Council of Race Relations.

Among the many things that Mr. Fields told his appreciative audience were the following:

"Education is the best means of producing better race relations among all peoples of the earth."

He denounced discrimination in housing and employment and told how in many cities these were causes of tension among minority groups.

He told his white audience that they were responsible, in a large degree, for many of these racial conflicts, because of their neglect to interest themselves in trying to solve these problems.

He said that he was deeply concerned about the attitude of white persons, that if tension starts in one place or another they can get out of control very quickly.

Mr. Field informed his audience that he was interested in all minority groups, the Japanese, Negroes, Jews, etc. He stated further that he feels that race relations are improving only because the general public is becoming more aware of the situation.

Mr. Fields has been interested in race relations since the Field foundation, which started with child care problems, has become a contributor to the Council on Race Relations.

In an interview upon his arrival here Tuesday he commented that "An American Dilemma", by Gunnar Myrdal, is the best book on race relations he has read and he calls it "magnificent".

He states that "Strange Fruit", by Lillian Smith, is a splendid novel, but not as appealing and liked as other books, especially some of those written by Negro authors.

Mr. Fields expressed the thought that Richard Wright's "Black Boy" was among the best books composed recently by Negro writers and was well liked and praised by Negroes all over the country.

Commenting upon Mr. Field's visit and talk here the Oregonian of July 12, had this to say:

Mr. Field on Race Relations

What appeals to one about the program of the American Council on Race Relations is its practical approach. The woods are full of organizations campaigning for various racial minorities, and for all racial minorities so far as that is concerned. But it has remained for the American council, with substantial support from the



PORTLAND — Mrs. Aldena B. Runnels, Administrative assistant of the Portland Chapter Urban League.

—Photo by M. C. Robinson

Field foundation, to start the job of collating the information and experience so far on hand as to just how to go about attaining peace between the racial elements.

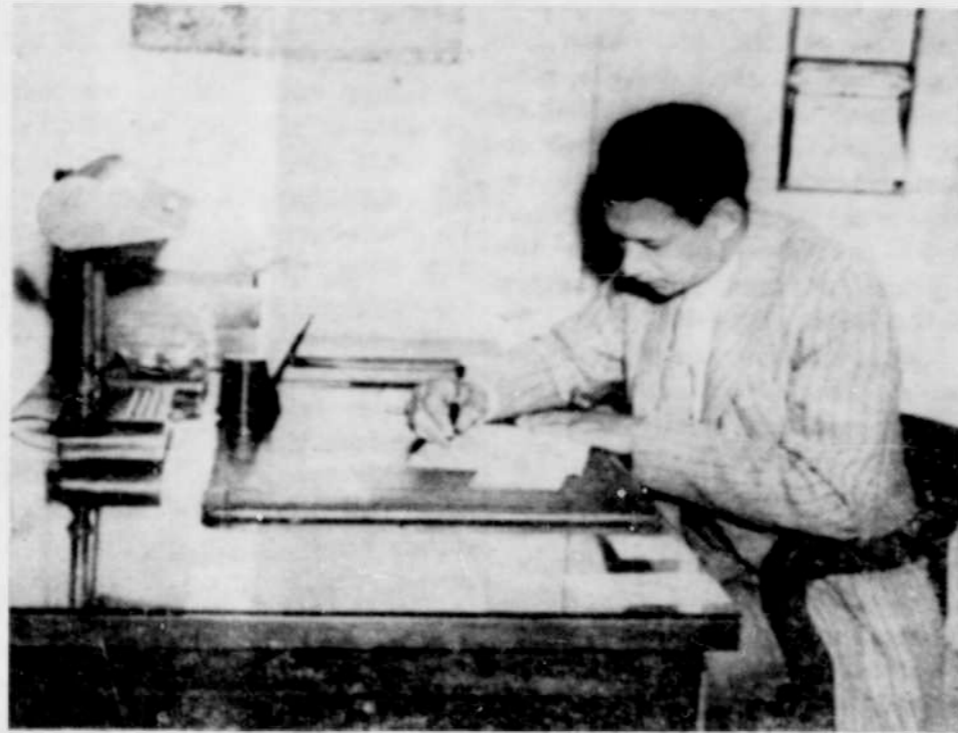
Marshall Field in his address Tuesday night on the work of the council, and in his questions and answers after the address, emphasized this practical approach, citing as an example the council's manual on police procedure, which has now been adopted by most of the cities of the country. The council, in other words, has made a nation-wide study of successful police methods so far as the handling of race difficulties is concerned and has compiled it in usable form. And the same will be done in other fields, such as education and industry.

That appeals to us as a splendid and logical departure from the name-calling which has dominated most race relations in the past, and still does. The great majority of people, we think, have no sympathy with the persecution of minorities. But wherever the bigots get started a community seems confused as to how to exercise its majority feeling. Mr. Field is to be congratulated on using his great influence and wealth in support of the movement to provide practical plans by which we can guard against outbreaks and handle them if they come.

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Urban League Official



PORTLAND—Edwin C. Berry, Executive Secretary of recently organized Portland Branch of Urban League. Marshall Field, Chicago Millionaire Newspaper publisher, owner of P.M., spoke here under sponsorship of Urban League.

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Negro Sailor Fire Fighter Decorated For Conspicuous Bravery in Action

A Negro sailor, who fought fires for more than five hours in spite of terrific heat and smoke, is one of the 170 naval heroes recommended for decoration for bravery in the fight to save the USS Bunker Hill, which was set afire by Japanese suicide plane attacks, the Navy Department revealed this week.

The Negro hero, whose "refusal to quit or give away to the flames are credited with materially aiding the effort to control the raging fires," is 20-year-old Herbert Joe Crawford, steward's mate, first class, USNR, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crawford, live at 92 S Street, S. W., Wash-

ington, D. C. Crawford was one of a number of Negro seamen included among the heroes and casualties of the USS Bunker Hill, which was turned into a raging inferno on May 11, 1945, when two enemy suicide planes crashed her decks off Okinawa and started fires that were fed by exploding ammunition, which riddled decks, bulkheads and blasted the ship's sides.

Included among the survivors of the disaster in which 375 members were killed or died from wounds and 19 missing, was another Negro-Seaman, 19-yr-old Claymon Holes, steward's mate, first class, USNR, whose parents reside at Salerno, Fla. A complete list of Negro crew members recommended for awards will be released by the Navy Department later.

Proud veteran of every Pacific invasion and campaign since the opening of the Central Pacific offensive more than a year ago, the Essex-class carrier has arrived at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., for repairs. Her battle scars mark her as the most extensively damaged ship ever to enter the Yard, which has handled such ambitious jobs as the recently-repaired USS Saratoga. She ranks second only to the USS Franklin as a surviving casualty of the war.

In her 58 days and nights of consecutive action, her planes had struck at Iwo Jima, Tokyo, the Inland Sea, Kyushu and Okinawa.

Many of the Bunker Hill's planes were supporting Marine and Army ground advances on Okinawa when a single-engine Japanese fighter plane, known as a "Zeke", sneaked in fast close to the water on the starboard quarter. While still airborne, it dropped a 500-pound delayed action bomb, then

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Master Sergeant Gets Retirement

Master Sgt. John P. Campbell was retired from the army after 30 years' service at a ceremony held at the Portland air base recently. He plans to enter the postal service in Portland soon. Sgt. Campbell enlisted in 1911, being assigned to the 9th cavalry at Fort D. A. Russell, now Fort Warren, near Boston, Mass. Following six years of service he was sent overseas to action in France. In 1919 he returned to the United States and civilian life. Two years later he enlisted in the 10th cavalry, and in 1935 he was assigned to the quartermaster corps.

The 25th infantry division claimed St. Campbell from 1938 to 1942, when he was assigned to Camp Pinedale, Cal., where he received his promotion to master sergeant. Late in 1943 he was assigned to the Portland army air base. In 1925 he was judged the highest expert swordsman in the army and was selected as the army's outstanding athlete in track and baseball.

Urban League Industrial Secretaries Map National Program

DETROIT (IPS)—Industrial secretaries from 25 Urban League cities met here last week to outline a program designed to assist Negro workers to adjust themselves to changes growing out of the transition from a war to a peace-time economy. The effects of cutbacks in industry, the return of the veteran to civilian life, exploring new job possibilities, and strengthening labor union relationships were among the items discussed in this working conference. Emphasis was placed on the increasing need for interpretation to management of the wide range of skills latent among the several millions of Negro workers in this country.

The national significance of this conference is revealed in the fact that Willow Run had just announced the dismissal of 60,000 workers, Curtis Wright had indicated that its St. Louis plant would close June 30, and the Walsh Kaiser shipyards in Providence planned an 80 per cent reduction in all departments.

Richard B. Jefferson, the Industrial Secretary of the St. Louis Urban League, who served as general chairman of the conference, said in opening the proceedings: "We represent here a Negro population of some two million persons, and the economic security of every one of them depends upon the kinds of jobs which may become available. Wise integration of this great supply of workers will do much to avoid another depression, while failure to integrate them will almost certainly spell economic disaster."

The conference recognized the need for encouraging schools and other educational institutions to keep abreast of changing occupational demands, and of streamlining training procedures accordingly. An attack was planned on the policy which has meant exclusion of Negroes from a number of basic occupations. The participants were unanimous in the feeling that openings must be sought in business enterprises, in governmental agencies, and in all other types of occupations, without reference to whether Negroes have traditionally found jobs in these areas.

Railroad Accident Fatal to Dining Car Employee

Mr. Joseph L. Bland, 6217 S. E. 87th avenue, who, together with eighteen other persons were injured in a train wreck, Sunday, June 10, died Tuesday morning, (July 10), as a result of said injuries.

The accident occurred when one of the Great Northern freight trains crashed into an S. P. & S. train, loaded with pleasure seekers going to Seaside near the St. Johns bridge and Guild Lakes

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