

Fellowship House Where All Races Live in Democracy

CHICAGO — (ANP) — They call it Fellowship house and a more appropriate name would be hard to find.

For that is what it is, this seven room apartment on Ellis avenue near the University of Chicago campus where men of all races, colors and creeds live together in friendly cooperation and goodwill.

The idea for this interracial men's housing cooperative was born in 1942 in a sociology class of Prof. Ernest J. Burgess, noted Midway social scientist. Discussion centered around the crowded, unhealthy living conditions in the city's Negro district, that vast city isolated within a city by hostile whites, absentee landlords and the unwholy machinations of residential restrictive covenants.

A group of shocked students decided to do something about it but they were handicapped by lack of funds and the ready objections of older whites alarmed at any change in the current dangerous racial pattern in housing accommodations.

Further stumbling blocks were erected by the University of Chicago business and real estate offices which control, own or wield considerable influence in disposition of property immediately surrounding and near the famous institution.

The university was rich and powerful. It had kept the long-disputed Washington park area hard by lilly-white for years until Carl Hansberry and a corps of brilliant colored lawyers dared challenge and finally crack its dominance with a United States Supreme Court decision.

What then really could be done? Why not, someone suggested, have a group of their Negro friends live with them in an interracial housing cooperative. Select a site in a reactionary area covered by racially restrictive covenants which would be easy to do since 85 per cent of the city acreage is so covered. Educate the fascist clan through demonstration. Show them it can be done. What democracy means. How it works.

And that is what they did. Bob Burgess, Jim Robinson and Hugo Victoreen. Knocking over opposition, surmounting the insurmountable, these three daring and determined young men, Burgess of Missouri, Robinson from Massachusetts, and Victoreen a New Hampshire lad, established the first Fellowship house in the residence at 4853 Kenwood during the spring of 1942. The property was owned by Mrs. Edgar Lee Masters, wife of the Chicago poet famous for his "Spoon River Anthology" and other works.

On Kenwood trouble for the adventurers in race relations was spearheaded by rabid agitators of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Property Owners association sponsored by millionaire realtor Newton Farr who declared "Negroes and dogs" must be barred and George B. McKibben, Chicago Tribune candidate in the last mayoralty.

After several threats, neighborhood mass meetings and picketing residents succeeded in intimidating the renting real estate firm to refuse renewal of the lease and Fellowship house seemed doomed. However, the enterprise triumvirate was not long disposing and the house at 615 Ellis avenue was set up almost immediately.

President residents are Willie Wilkins, 29, and his brother, John, 31, Negroes; Richard Baki, 20, a Jew, and Victoreen, 25, of Swedish descent. Robinson of the founders, is in a civilian public service camp in Colorado for conscientious objectors, while the other, Burgess, is now librarian at Talladega college, Alabama.

Although Fellowship house has existed in its new location for some two and one-half years it has been an up-hill struggle all

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Hot Lips Page, a former student of oratory, is frequently called upon to lecture on jazz. His most recent delivery took place at Hunter College, the success of which prompted the school to institute a regular weekly series of jazz lectures.

Newspaper Story Saves Father

CONWAY, S. C. — (ANP) — How a newspaper story effected his release from a stiff sentence though he was innocent, was told here Thursday night by Nolan Carter, 43 year old father of Letha Belle Carter whose raped, murdered body was found by him and his six year old son, Joseph Benjamin, the evening of Aug. 15, on Pine Island near here.

Three times eviction cases have had to be fought and won in city courts. First time the judge threw out the case because McKey-Peague realtors frankly petitioned on racial grounds, and in violation of Illinois civil rights law. The second case died because McKey-Peague failed to prove in court that the "mere presence of Negroes on the premises" created a nuisance and deteriorated the property. Next time the realtors sought to have neighbors and other tenants of the building testify against Fellowship house but when the case was called not one McKey-Peague witness put in appearance, apparently unwilling to publicly exhibit their prejudice. Attorney Ulysses S. Keys of the law firm of Prescott, Burroughs and Taylor represented the defendants.

F. J. O'Brien, vice-president of McKey-Peague, is a director of the South Side Boys' club in the Negro district and a regular contributor to its campaign funds. This fact he points to by way of showing his liberality. Robert Church, club director, said O'Brien is a "very fine man" but hastily added when told of O'Brien's racial policies in the housing situation that he knew nothing of politics.

Nevertheless after three stinging defeats in almost as many months in 1943 McKey-Peague became convinced that Fellowship house is here to stay and has brought no further legal action against it.

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Mr. Carter warmly pumped the hands of John H. McCray, editor of the Lighthouse and Informer at Columbia, S. C. and ANP correspondent who broke the case open by digging out important facts county authorities sought to conceal.

Carter, father of nine children, Letha Belle having been the second oldest, said officers slammed him in jail and charged him with his daughter's death after he insisted they take into custody a white insurance agent whom circumstances pointed. No mention was made of the girl's having been raped at the time but when newspaper stories presented accurate descriptions of factors surrounding her death, factors authorities knew from the beginning but sought to conceal—Carter was let out of jail without ex-

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More Pay Raises At Bell Bomber

ATLANTA — (ANP) — A directive of the War Labor Board, setting 75 cents per hour as the minimum at the Bell Bomber plant, became effective Nov. 12, with workers in the lower brackets, many of them Negroes, receiving substantial increases in pay for the 40-hour week.

Slips will be issued in a few days to all former employees who made less than 75 cents per hour to be filled out and returned to Bell Aircraft corporation for "back-time pay." The extra pay was won by UAW-CIO when it was established that Bell was paying hourly wages below national aircraft standard pay.

planation.

A near capacity audience in the Cherry Hill Baptist church here filed out with knowing the quiet, hardworking father was among them with his wife, James M. Hinton, state NAACP resident, had told the mass meeting that the NAACP was backing it all the way. Approximately \$275 was added to a previous \$102 raised in this section for the case. Rev. G. Goings Daniels of Georgetown, who sponsored the meeting at his church and who is also one of a three-man committee organizing action, said after the meeting that about \$118 more was needed to reach a \$500 goal, sought as a starting fund.

Racial Zoning Unenforceable Says Miami Judge

MIAMI — (ANP) — Dade county commission is without authority to impose zoning regulations on a racial basis, Circuit Judge Stanley Milledge ruled last week.

Judge Milledge's ruling was issued in habeas corpus proceedings brought on behalf of two Negro couples, Felton and Willie Mae Coleman and Jack and Claudia Wilson, who had been held for moving into premises zoned for occupancy by whites. They were ordered released by Judge Milledge.

The premises occupied by the two couples are in Causeway park, just across from Brown's subdivision.

Informations filed against the couples are based on chapter 17833, general laws of Florida, which seeks to prohibit Negroes from "willfully and unlawfully" moving into premises zoned for white occupancy.

E. F. B. Brigham, who appeared for the two couples at the hearing before Judge Milledge, argued the zoning regulation is in violation of the 14th amendment to the United States constitution and the declaration of rights of the Florida constitution. He also contended Florida law does not authorize the commissioners to designate in what areas members of races may reside and the commission has no authority to make it a penal offense to reside in such areas.

Attorneys appearing on behalf of the state and county include S. R. Carson, assistant state attorney, Roland Sweet and John C. Wynn, assistant county solicitors; Rep. George S. Okell and Rudolph Isom, assistant county attorney. Since their arrests, the couples have been at liberty under bonds of \$250 each.

Sam B. Solomon, local editor and publisher, has worked along with Wesley E. Garrison, white, millionaire promoter of the area in question, to smash the undemocratic enforcement against Negroes.

Program Mapped To Teach Negro Soil Conservation

INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE, GA. — (ANP) — A program to train Negro farmers in 57 counties of the state of Georgia Conservation was outlined here last week by L. T. Sbury, state soil conservationist, and Walter Brown, agricultural extension service director.

Stanley Bacon, Vocational agriculture teacher and county agent, has been selected to head the soil conservation training program. He will be assisted by P. H. Stone, head of agricultural extension work for Negroes in this state.

The farmers receiving the training will be eligible for prizes in a state-wide contest, which will close in August, 1946, with the probability of expanding the soil conservation program to include nine southern states.

Says Vets' Rights Are Abridged in Legion Charter

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Rights of Negro veterans have been abridged by the American Legion's refusal to grant them charter rights in five southern states.

That stand was taken here last week by the National Baptist veterans in stating their policy. The Rev. Bertram E. Barton, commander-in-chief, said:

"Since the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are supposed to issue charters to any group of veterans who served under the American flag and are honorably discharged or whose present military services are honorable, regardless of race, creed or color or previous conditions of servitude.

"Their past and present tendency to differentiate in many of the southern states when the personnel is colored is directly against the principles of these organizations and against the principles for which congressional charters were granted them."

Since such prejudices exist in "these national organizations and since the majority of the personnel of the Veterans administration is from these organizations," Barton questioned "whether the Negro veterans gets proper and unbiased consideration in his claims for benefits."

The National Baptist veterans organized because the "constitutional rights of colored veterans are abridged," said Barton.

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