

African Delegates To UN Complain Of Discrimination

United Nations, N.Y.—(AP)—Some African delegates have complained to the U.S. delegation of being discriminated against in New York, according to a Negro member of the delegation.

"If they're not wearing anything that identifies them as Africans, then they are treated like negroes," said Dr. Zelma George, a Cleveland sociologist, alternate member of the U.S. delegation.

Incidents Told

She said in an interview some of the delegates have told her of "incidents with hotel doormen, problems of being served, restaurants saying all the tables are reserved, you know, the same old thing."

Some African delegates, she went on, have approached her with their problems not realizing she is a negro because her skin is light.

"And when I tell them I am negro, they say seeing a negro on the U.S. Delegation is the most encouraging sight they've seen," said Mrs. George, a handsome, stout woman.

"I think all the American people can be made a little more alert as to what they as individuals can do about all this. It relates to all delegates who come here, not just Africans."

Saturday morning in the lounge for delegates, Mrs. George wearing a tri-colored velvet hat and brown dress and jacket, spoke to many African delegates about their reaction to Premier Nikita Khrushchev's stormy speech.

"I don't think we have to worry about the Africans," she smiled. "Their attitude seems to be, 'We don't pay any attention to them. We know he's just blustering. We know he doesn't tell the whole truth about negroes in America.'"

"All of them seem to believe the goals and policy of the United States — although they see there are many individuals who do not practice them."

Mrs. George, a graduate of New York university, has served her country before. On request for the State Department, she recently made a six-month lecture tour of Europe and Africa.

The sociologist was the eldest of six children and after her father died, she said, she worked to put her sisters and brothers through college. Recently she married Claybourne George, a Cleveland attorney and member of the Civil Service commission.

"I had to wait to find someone who liked a plump woman," she said with a hearty laugh.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

He Fondly Recalls His Friend and Helpmate

"She's been dead now for many years. She was both a partner and an indispensable aid to my practice. As I look back now, at the things I said about her and the names I called her, I am ashamed of myself."

"Her name was Maude, and she was my partner and my helpmate for 18 years."

The speaker was one of a special group of practitioners of which there are relatively few left today, the so-called "family doctor," and he was speaking of an old horse he called "hay-burner."

Now Retired

Today the doctor is retired after practicing medicine for over 60 years, when he assisted thousands of tiny humans into this world.

"Most of them," the doctor now recalls, "should have showed a deep gratitude to old Maude who pulled the buggy or the sleigh to the distant, isolated farm."

Vividly the old doctor remembers those bygone days, and his early years of practice. Now, in retrospect, he goes back over the years, over the miles, over the long nights, the cold, the snow and mud, to his visits to isolated homes deep in the forest, or high in the hills where a human being was sick and needful of his understanding hands.

He remembers how patiently Maude stood outside the dark houses in the dead of winter while the doctor, by the aid of a smoky kerosene lamp held in the shaking hands of a prospective father, assisted into this world a tiny human being.

There were many times, the doctor remembers, when the snow heaped high on the back of the waiting horse; when the winter wind chilled animal and man to the very marrow of their bones.

Ready for Home At such times, the doctor recalls, he would brush the snow from the thin blanket, pat the old horse on its quivering nose and ascend the sleigh. Pulling the heavy buffalo robe about his knees, the doctor tied the reins around the buggywhip and said, "All right Maude, go home now."

While the doctor rested or slept soundly in the old sleigh, the faithful horse plodded homeward, unguided and unsupervised, but knowing exactly where to go. Yes, the doctor agrees, the motor car now is faster, more patients can be visited in much less time, but the motor car has no "horse-sense;" it cannot go home without a guiding hand.

The old horse knew the way, no matter how long the road. The doctor could sleep, knowing full well the faithful animal would take him safely home.

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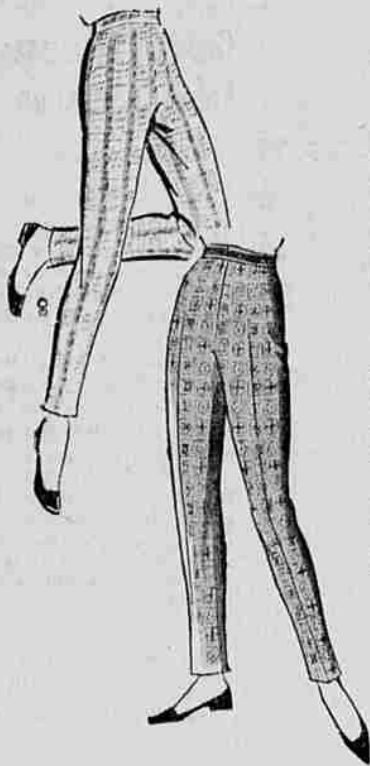
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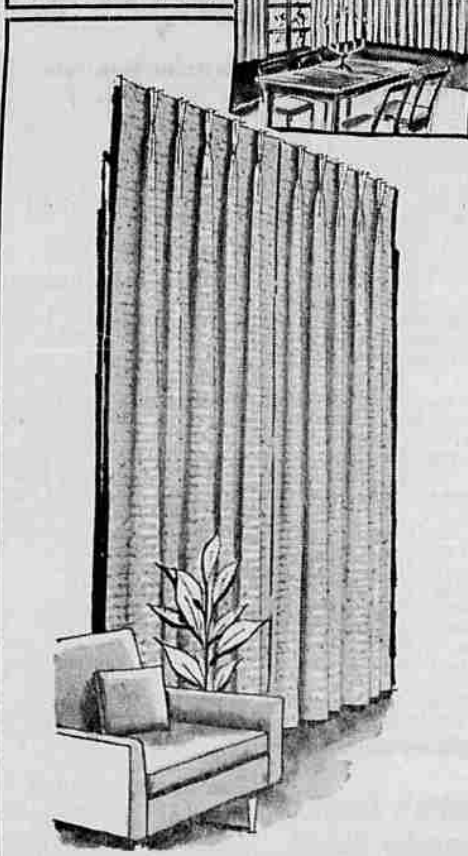
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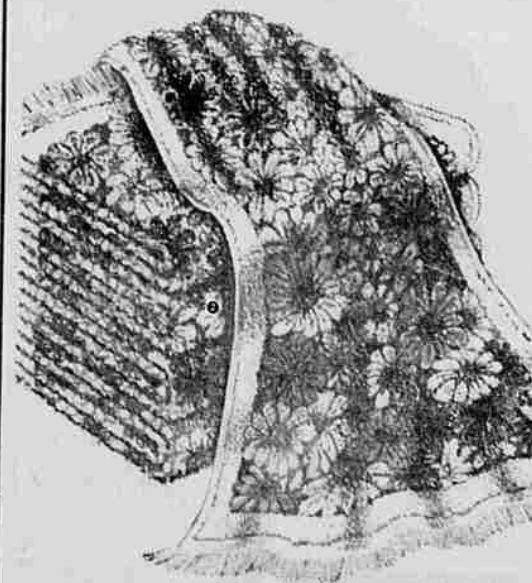
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