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To Open War On Job Prejudices

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Known Dope Addict Shot While Fleeing Police

Is Integration Of Schools All That Meets Eye?

By BUDDY LONESOME
— First in a Series —

Since the city first began integrating its public schools in 1954, to conform with the Supreme Court decision, the Superintendent of Schools, Philip Hickey, has received myriad awards and citations. And the dynamic boss of St. Louis schools is still garnering distinctions.

Just last week, Hickey received a full page spread in one of the Sunday papers, extolling his skill as public school head, and general ambassador of goodwill for St. Louis.

The week before, the nationally acclaimed administrator—who is fast getting a reputation as the virtual Abe Lincoln of the American school system — received an attractively worded citation from a national teacher's sorority for his "leadership in integration."

PHILIP J. HICKEY

But in the midst of this wholesale, cult-like adulation of Philip Hickey, and the general acknowledgement that St. Louis is a national model of accepted school integration, recent events in the public school system indicate that all is not the studied 'peaches and cream' that Hickey and associates would have us believe.

There is at least indication that it is high time to pause for reflection.

The recent transfers of Dr. Augustus Phillips from principal of Hadley Technical high school to Vashon, and the subsequent shift of Vashon principal C. Spencer Tocus, to the principalship of Hadley, is merely the latest in a series of disquieting events in the local school system.

There is the strange parallel wherein E. W. Alexander, principal of O'Fallon Tech, died suddenly of a heart attack. In this instance, instead of shifting a liberal arts school principal to O'Fallon, Carl W. Brown, an assistant principal was placed in charge of the school.

The assistant principal of Hadley Tech is Ralph Wardlow, a man whom both Hickey and C. Spencer Tocus agree is highly competent.

Hadley Now All Negro

There is also the transfer of A. Jordan, white assistant principal at Hadley, to Central High School. The acquisition of Frank Lyerson, to replace Jordan, along with Wardlow and Tocus, makes the Hadley heads all-Negro.

There has been the shifting of Dr. Ruth Harris, former president of Stowe Teachers College, to a downtown Board of Education post, rather than install her as head of Harris Teachers College. Co-incidentally, the man who was named to the Harris presidency, Dr. Charles A. Naylor, was just this week promoted as an assistant under Hickey.

Replacing Naylor at Harris is Glynn F. Clark, a fast-rising school head who just two years ago was an assistant principal at Soldan High School. Meanwhile the highly qualified Dr. Harris is assigned, as Hickey explains it, "to supervise all probationary teachers in the system."

There is the coincidental changing of boundary lines when Dr. Phillips took over all-white Hadley, which saw most of the white pupils transfer to other schools. Meanwhile students who had previously gone to Vashon were transferred to Hadley.

The shift in pupils left Vashon with six empty classrooms. These have been utilized by elementary school pupils who are now getting their instruction in the high school.

There is also a pending pupil assignment plan, proposed by the Board of Education, which could very easily be used to mask a systematic exclusion or shunting of Negro students from certain schools.

There is also a thriving apprentice training program, supervised at O'Fallon Tech, by local trade unions, which has failed to accept for training Negro pupils in the much-desired job apprentice field.

More on that later. Let's return to the Hadley-Vashon transfer.

Dr. Phillips, who has a doctorate in technical education—one of the few in the school system holding such a degree—did not suffer any loss in pay in being shifted to the smaller Vashon. But the loss in prestige, and evident career frustration is a real, pertinent factor.

By the same token, Tocus does not get any increase in pay in going to Hadley, but his designation for the job is certainly a compliment to his general ability and speaks well for his harmonious relationship with the present school administration.

Hickey 'Warm Cooperative'

The ARGUS approached Hickey for information on the transfer, and the genial, voluble school head displayed his usual warm cooperation. In characteristic, breezy fashion, Philip Hickey first pooh-poohed references to the Vashon-Hadley transfer as being merely "routine."

Leaning back confidently in his swivel chair, the bouncy administrator began:

"Ah, it was just a personnel change. Dr. Phillips wanted an opportunity to try another field. Tocus is a strong administrator and we felt he might be successful at Hadley."

Words which sound good but in the final analysis boil down to

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C. SPENCER TOCUS

AUGUSTUS C. PHILLIPS

Central Trades Council Target Of Campaign

A sustained program to crack the prejudiced labor bloc that is stifling Negro skilled labor in the St. Louis area, will be launched here within a few weeks, the St. Louis Argus was told this week.

Thousands of dollars are pouring daily into hands of organized workers in areas where Negroes are unable to obtain employment because of all-white labor unions or labor unions with separate controlled locals.

Target for the program, the Argus learned, will be the powerful Central Trades Labor Council, the melting pot of the AFL labor unions. The Council is dominated by unions having long records of anti-Negro activity. Only one union, the Teamsters under Harold Gibbons, is considered in a favorable atmosphere by rank and file Negroes and community leaders alike.

Among the other unions dominating the council are the brick layers, carpenters, plasterers, plumbers, painters, electricians and cement finishers.

The leadership in the council it was reported, was generally considered good, but the complaint is that good leadership is powerless when the rank and file membership of the unions represented in the council are made up of anti-Negro forces.

Under the rules of the council the membership strength of the various unions control the number of representatives within the council. Such representatives, can in effect, control or nullify any progressive or liberal program that might be projected by council leadership.

A concerted effort has been made to break racial barriers in many of these unions, both by organized groups and individuals.

Negro skilled workers, faced with rising costs and employment cutbacks, are eyeing closely the tremendous building program planned for the city in the years to come.

As one observer pointed out, "With certain vicious labor unions dominating the skilled trades market, Negro skilled workers don't stand a chance."

A probe of the practices of the apprentice training program which is under the domination of labor unions will be the subject of object scrutiny, it was revealed.

There is a general fear that certain liberal programs are being encouraged in the city by labor members in order to take pressures off the unions, themselves.

"Let them in hotels and theatres, but keep them off the good paying jobs," is reported to have been the opinion voiced by one rabid white union member.

18 Year Old Charged With Rape Attempt

An 18-year-old youth who was fingered by a five-year-old girl, is being held by police, charged with attempted rape.

Joe Nathan Ridgel, 909 Cahanne Court, was arrested by a 12th District policeman who was driving his one-man car up Maple, when Ridgel's description was broadcast. Just as Patrolman Leonard Davis reached the intersection of Maple and Hodiamont, he saw Ridgel, who answered the description of the suspected rapist, standing on the corner.

At the police district, the girl was questioned by Captain Lester Martin, commanding the 12th, and pointed out Ridgels as the man who got in her bed. Doctors at Homer Phillips hospital confirmed that an attempt had been made to criminally attack the child.

The alleged attack occured when the child's mother was out of the house on business, from which she failed to return until 3:30 in the morning. The girl told her mother that Ridgel molested her the following morning.

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Graduates Of Ohio University

IZONA VAUGHN SYLVIA EDWARDS RUTH MATTHEWS ALICE WINDOM

Mrs. E.L. Harper Buried In Mo.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mae died Harper, 67, were held here Tuesday evening at the First Baptist Church, Cardinal and Bell avenues. Interment was in Lexington, Mo., where she was born.

Mrs. Harper, a pioneer St. Louisan, died of cerebral hemorrhage Saturday night in Troy, Mo. She was stricken while driving with her husband, Dr. E. L. Harper and friends, en route to Fort Madison, Iowa.

Mrs. Harper, who lived at 5902a Compton Avenue, had operated Harper's Drug Store at 3145 Franklin Avenue, since 1928. She entered Meharry Medical College with her husband in 1911 and studied pharmacy while he studied dentistry. She was a past president of the Mound City Dental Auxiliary.

Pallbearers for her rites included: Dr. T. J. Williams, Stanley French, Dr. R. C. Bennett, Stanley Madison, P. J. Hudnam and Dr. J. H. Easter.

The eulogy was read by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Bracy, pastor of First Baptist.

Honorary pallbearers included: Doctors T. J. Center, W. L. Dix, Jacob Williams, W. F. Gibson, S. D. Miller, T. A. Gaines, E. L. Grant, W. A. Younge, Hall W. Carter, E. D. Johnson, Leon Smart, L. B. Howell, E. J. Greig, J. J. Thomas, A. E. Hole, A. W. Wilkerson and J. F. Winston.

Fr. Divine Dead Says Cultist

NEW YORK — Bishop C. M. (Sweet Daddy) Grace charged this week that Father Divine is dead.

Daddy Grace told newsmen, "You wants find Father Divine? Then the best place to look is in a grave." A fantastically successful cult leader himself, Sweet Daddy Grace is Father Divine's closest rival.

Curiosity about Father Divine has been steadily mounting in recent month. At a recent anniversary celebration, it was expected that Father Divine would appear to dispel increasing rumors about his death.

Although many guests are reportedly present, Father Divine did not appear. A voice speaking over a microphone in another room welcomed the assembled guests, but that was the extent of "Father's" appearance.

This week, Sweet Daddy Grace

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4 Area Girls Finish From Central State

Four area girls enrolled in Central State College at Wilberforce, Ohio, will graduate with high honors in ceremonies at the college, Sunday, June 9.

Alice Mary Windom, daughter of Mrs. Frances Windom, 4616 Hommel Place, will graduate with highest Gold Card honors with a B.A. degree in social welfare. An outstanding student leader, she was representative, secretary and vice-president of the Student Council, and vice-president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Alice Windom is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Scholastic Honor Society, Pig Chums, YWCA, NAACP and Les Amigos.

Ruth Helen Matthews, daughter of Fred Matthews, 2234 Kansas Avenue, East St. Louis, will graduate with the B.S. degree in business administration. The only woman graduate majoring in accounting, she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, YWCA and Page Broadcasters.

Sylvia Jeanne Edwards, 2632 Goty Avenue, East St. Louis, will receive the B.A. degree in English. She is a member of the Council of Student Organizations, YWCA and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Izona V. Vaughn, daughter of Mrs. Izona Vaughn, 2245 Tudor Avenue, East St. Louis, will graduate with the B.S. degree in physical education. While at Central State she was active in the HPER Club, Women's Self-Government Association, the College band, Women's Recreation Club, YWCA and the Personal Club.

Harris Home Day Is Sunday

In observance of its 50th anniversary, the Ferrier Harris Home for the Aged will hold open house Sunday, June 9, from 3 until 7 p.m.

The open house is being held to give the public an opportunity to inspect the facilities and to become acquainted with the operations of the institution.

Because of the need for increased funds to comply with the new state laws for nursing homes, and to make up the deficit caused by a smaller allocation from the United Fund, citizens are urged to secure memberships in the Home. The drive began June 2 and will end the last of the month.

Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis Jr. Reported New US Chief

By CONRAD CLARK
For Associated Negro Press

WIESBADEN, Germany (ANP) — Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis, Jr., the first Negro general officer in the Air Force, is expected to report to the European air command as its new chief of staff, about July 1.

The new chief of staff will replace Brig. Gen. William J. Bell, who will return to the U.S. for a new assignment, according to an announcement made here at USAFE's air command, by Lt. Gen. William H. Turner, USAFE commander-in-chief.

Gen. Bell, 49, served as assistant deputy chief of staff for operations at USAFE Hq. from May, 1954, to May of last year, becoming 12th AF chief of staff with headquarters at Ramstein, Germany, last June.

The AF's 44-year-old first Negro general, whose father, Brig. Gen. Davis, Sr. (Ret.) was the first Negro general in the Army, was born in the Nation's Capital,

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BRIG. GEN. DAVIS

Refused To Heed Order To Halt

A narcotics peddler who refused a police officer's order to halt was shot through the back of the head, as he ran through an area way on the east block of W[illegible] late Tuesday.

Patrolman Emil Braun, 36, of the Tenth District, said that he and John Edward McGee, 28, [illegible] block of Enright, after issuing three orders to halt and firing one warning shot in the air, McGee was pronounced dead upon arrival at Homer G. Phillips hospital.

Patrolman Braun stated that he had summoned to the West Belle address to investigate the hiding of a package of narcotics by an unknown man.

He learned that the stranger had been seen May 31, and that he made several trips to the place, that date, and that he had left a package in the same cache.

The officer said that he called his commanding officer, Lt. Albert Brick and was ordered to secret himself and apprehend the suspect if he came back.

Half an hour later McGee was pointed out as he approached the spot. The officer said that he watched the removal of a dummy package of folded newspaper. Then he walked up and ordered the peddler to halt.

McGee turned and ran through the driveway toward West Belle. He gave two more orders to halt, and fired one warning shot in the air, he said.

From a distance of about 40 feet, the officer said that he fired a shot at the man as he ran into West Belle, knocking him to the ground. Officer Braun then told his eyewitness to call the police and report that an officer needed help.

The package that was found contained a small white envelope with 16 capsules of heroin enclosed.

McGee is a known addict and was paroled last year from the State Penitentiary.

EDWARD McGEE

Camp River Cliff Opens Season June 24

Camp River Cliff, Pine Street YMCA's Summer Vacation Camp, located at Bourbon, Mo., in the beautiful Ozarks Mountains, will open its 34th season, Monday, June 24, prepared to serve the whole YMCA family.

The camp committee, recognizing the need to expand the program that will include boys, girls, co-eds, church groups and family campers will add additional program staff members to supervise these new program features.

Three twelve-day periods are scheduled for boys: June 24 to July 5; July 8 to 19 and August 5 to 16.

The girls' period is scheduled July 22 to August 2.

MISS CAROLYN KEMP, 17 yearold shapely beauty, was crowned Miss St. Louis of 1957 at Club Nu's fifth annual bathing beauty contest Sunday. Club Rivers. (See related pictures on page 13)

5 Slayings Mar City's Week End

A five-block chase by an [illegible] duty detective who had witnessed a slaying and the apparent suicide of another man who [illegible] a companion with a hatchet, [illegible] slays this week of [illegible] slayings.

[illegible] murder this week was a man who is charged with shooting the father of an eight-year-old girl as the three of them walked down a flight of stairs and as well as John Lennon, 41-year-old ex-convict, known in the Ville section of the city as "The Devil."

Detective Corporal Benjamin Massey of the homicide squad testified in Coroner's Court this week that he was driving while off duty by the intersection of Taylor and St. Ferdinand Monday night, when he noticed a man later identified as Melvin Rack 24, of 2631 Glasgow, kicking Southern Campbell, 25, of 4822 Evans.

Corporal Massey said Rack fled from the scene on an automobile pursued by him. He said before he overtook him at Newstead and Alline avenues, the car's speed reached 70 miles per hour.

An investigation disclosed that Rack had cut Campbell and had proceeded to kick him after he collapsed on the ground. The man were fighting as a sequel to a previous fracas on the lot. Campbell was pronounced dead on arrival at Homer Phillips Hospital. The jury returned a verdict of homicide.

SUMMONED TO FORO

Tuesday, police were summoned to the Foro Hotel, 4100 St. Ferdinand Avenue, where they were met by Mrs. Melissa Scott, a tenant, who told them that her husband, Henry, 48, had just stepped Walter Roberts, 46, another tenant, on the head with a hatchet.

The officers found Roberts [illegible] in the hall bleeding profusely from a gash on the head. Going to Scott's apartment, they found him lying against the door bleeding from two stab wounds of the chest.

Both men were pronounced dead upon arrival at Homer Phillips Hospital. Mrs. Scott told the officers that the men got into an argument in the hall. Robert drew a knife and her husband ran into their apartment, got a hatchet, returned and struck Roberts.

Then he returned to his apartment. The officers said that he apparently stabbed himself with a butcher knife which they found near him.

Three eyewitnesses told police that they saw James Green, 45, 2823 Cass, follow Eddie James Harrison, 34, 3154 Clark, down the front steps of the Cass Avenue address, grab his arm and

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