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Missile Scientist Denied Apartment

Keglers Prepare to Aid NAACP Drive

Miss Catherine Petter's Observations

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Malden, Mass.—Dr. Eugene A. A. Graham, Jr., 32 year old Philadelphia systems engineer, engaged in highly classified missile development work at a large Malden radio and electronics firm, on a salary exceeding $11,000 a year, has been forced to move five times denied apartments in this city, despite guarantees, because he is a Negro.

Holder of a doctorate from the Mass. Institute of Technology, who did post graduate research work in Europe, Dr. Graham is a decorated World War II veteran with two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star and Gold Cluster. He came to his Malden job from the City of Brotherly Love, following a two year research fellowship at the National Electrical Engineering Institute, Turin, Italy.

Answering a newspaper advertisement through telephone, giving his references, the agent told him to come to the premises and deposit a deposit with the junior if he desired to take the four room apartment. He liked it, and so he sent $15 with the customary deposit for the first month's rent effective March 1. When Dr. Graham came back to claim his key, he was told that he could not have the apartment because it had already been rented to another applicant, and that the advance rent accepted was mere routine in accepting applicants.

Exempt for details, Dr. Graham estimates that he has been compelled to live far from his place of employment.

Dr. Graham comments: "I am doing my part to help my country in the cold war, yet I can't rent an apartment as a professional in the same area where I was able to rent any apartment as a student." He adds: "It is inconceivable that I am denied a place to live because of the color of my skin. I am not allowed to vote in an area where the voters elected a color bar to exist."

While in Europe he helped arrange for a film showing concerning the treatment of Negroes in the United States. Dr. Graham states: "Until I arrived in Malden I was firm in my conviction that my wife and I would make those statements."

The Frederick Douglass Committee of the Massachusetts State Women's Club Inc. will sponsor an effort to help the Frederick Douglass Home in Avon, Conn.

Rome City—Benjamin Tanzer Johnson, 48 President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, is appointed assistant professor of English at the University of Rome.

Famed as a translator of contemporary Italian literature, Mr. Johnson is a summa cum laude graduate of Pratt University, Nashville, Tenn., and served with the Fifth Division in Italy during World War II. He is a former member of the这个时候

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Rev. C. H. Barrow of St. Paul's American Baptist Church, Boston, held three weekly meetings to help his young people in Little Company of Mary Hospital,ạy dụng từ như

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THE MOTE IN OUR OWN EYE

(Malden: Evening News, March 12)

A few weeks ago, after accepting payment of a month's rent as a deposit for an apartment, a property owner in Malden, discovering his intended tenant was a Negro, hastily evicted alibis about being unable to let him and his wife have the rooms.

Since that time, four other property owners in widely separate parts of Malden eagerly invited him to take their available apartments, but in each instance when they discovered the applicant was a Negro, produced some June excuse that they couldn't let him have the places after all.

This form of discrimination has not been unknown before in this general area. But what makes this particular case unusual is the fact that the applicant for housing is anxious to reside in Malden because his work is in Malden:

What is it? It is highly classified government work of a very specialized scientific nature, of a kind which may well help us, as a nation create the weapons which will act as deterrent to those who share in a common human nature.

The individual concerned holds degrees from some of our most eminent scientific institutions which has been abroad, and is an American citizen, a native, Philadelphian. Not by the widest stretch of imagination did he expect to encounter the kind of discrimination he has met; nor, quite probably, did the company here which extended itself to acquire his services and which is paying him an annual salary in five figures. What irony!

It is easy to become bitter about events of this type—the undisputed but accepted discrimination we find among us, even though we shake our heads in disapproval when we hear of the same kind of action taken by a Faubus in keeping Negro children out of Little Rock high school in Arkansas.

But how free from discrimination and discriminatory tactics are we ourselves?

Not too long ago a Korean war hero, Sammy Lee, and a Korean by birth, had trouble finding a place in California to practice medicine. When the facts of discrimination against him became known the discrimination was terminated and he was not deterred from buying a pleasant house which he wanted, in a so-called white neighborhood.

Bitterness, however, is no satisfactory reply. While discrimination demeans mostly those who live under racial prejudice, it also guides those who practice it. While people certainly have the right to continue to live and to enter freely into personal relationships and contractual agreements which can be peacefully and profitably maintained, it is also true, as Archbishop Cushing said last week, that "no group of human beings is morally justified in claiming for itself alone the social advantages which are destined for all who share in a common human nature." 4

We in the North did not permit discrimination by law, as does the South. But we have a great deal to answer for in social bias outside the law which produces such bruising situations as affects the Negro scientist who cannot locate in a white neighborhood and who, in spite of the value of his work and his dignity as an individual, finds himself shut out on the most specious of grounds.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bobby Joseph E. Shadow, leader of Temple Beth Shalom and president of the New England Interchurch Council, will take as his topic, "The Arab Mergers, the Soviets, the Christian World and Israel," when he preach at the Community Church of Bos-

irus, 11 Hennessey St., Sunday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m.

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BABY TIGER'S SHORT HOOVES

Saturday, March 15, 1958

A los of that kind did not hurt the New England champion be- cause he has had three TV fights and won two out of three in New York rings. Now, name me a boxer since the days of Jack Sharkey who has won only twice when they met in a Boston ring. Tommy Tibs broke the ice. My hat is off to him, if you please, fighting out of Boston and fighting in a New York ring, who has held a record of that kind in 23 years. Nearly every main bout fighter when we have had fighting a New York to Tohono, I think that every fight fan in Boston should feel the same way as I do.

Rematch in Making

Charlie Goldman, Tibbs' pilot, declares that a rematch is in the making, but he is going to give Tibs a month's rest. He thinks that his fighter needs it. Mr. Goldman has worked as hard as any manager when I have known in Boston to get his fighter started. I give him credit for not burning his fighter out through avurance and greed, as many, if not most, managers do.

Good luck to Charlie Goldman and Tommy Tibs. Both of them deserve the break which they were getting.

BETTY W. T~ TIBBS

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Ottis Defeated Tibbs

Recently in Madison Square Garden, New York, Carlos Ottis got a unanimous decision over New England lightweight champion, Tommy Tibs. The fight was a good one, but Ottis did not deserve a unanimous decision.

I say that Ottis had a close edge, a very close one—a close up which would not have hurt either of the two, but rather got off on a slow start, and Ottis had the first three rounds, but Tibs fought back up to the same score of Ottis. In a case of that kind, Tibs would have had to have Ottis to win.

Two Out of Three