

Race Prejudice Can Best Be Combated Through Individual Effort, Declares Walter A. May

Walter A. May, head of the May Drug Company and one of Pittsburgh's leading philanthropists, told a reporter of The Courier last week, "I have a theory that race prejudice can be combatted best through individual action. I do not have time to develop this idea. But there is still the need of concerted action for an organization that can speak with authority for the group affected. In voicing the needs of a group, as well as its aspirations, it must offer sane advice and not merely protests."

the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies; so too, other denominations and interests unite in some organization. "In order to be effective the Negroes must have an organization of their own. If the Urban League is to satisfy this need, it must be ready to answer any challenge as to its right to speak for the group, but the only answer that would be convincing would be that it has a membership numbered by the thousands and not by hundreds and that these members show their confidence by voluntarily assessing themselves with membership dues to carry on the work.

"Every intelligent man or woman of the Negro race who is able to spare from \$1 to \$100 a year is urged to give this support to the Urban League. Whether the Urban League is to continue to extend its usefulness in this community will be determined solely by the number of members who enroll themselves each year. There is no other means of knowing whether your racial needs are being interpreted correctly or whether satisfactory results are being obtained."

Mr. May was the first president of the Pittsburgh Urban League and served in that capacity for three years of her parents. Mrs. Rebecca Muzon, matron of honor, appeared in green taffeta with silver lace trimming. Miss Lucille Martin of St. Augustine, Fla., was a most substantial contributor to the work and his interest has brought to the League the support of many fine spirited white persons.

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cessity for judicious handling of corrective measures for the best good of all concerned. Mr. May's statement follows:

"Some twelve million Negroes in the United States constitute a fact; some fifty thousand in Pittsburgh constitute a fact; some sixty thousand passing through our railroad stations in the past five years constitute a fact; thirty-three thousand Negro migrants settling in the Pittsburgh district constitute a fact. Lack of understanding, or training for the changed environment on the part of the Negro migrant is very generally a fact; inadequate housing is a fact.

"Upon these facts certain factors can be brought to bear: Educational opportunity, through church, school and neighborhood, is an important factor; the quality of education afforded is a factor; opportunity for wholesome recreation is a factor; the conditions of industry is a factor. These are the facts and well will say more are fundamental at the Jolly Journal health of the district.

"It is the duty of the Western District of the Urban League's Auxiliary, held December 7, 1921, at Ebenezer Baptist Church was fully attended. Mrs. Muzon, matron of honor, appeared in green taffeta with silver lace trimming. Miss Lucille Martin of St. Augustine, Fla., was a most substantial contributor to the work and his interest has brought to the League the support of many fine spirited white persons. As an evidence that Mr. May fully comprehends the necessity for such an organization as the Urban League in Pittsburgh the following statement made over two years ago shows his keen insight into the problems confronting the Negro in community life in the Pittsburgh district and the ne-



her, Mrs. Klizzie Johnson of Antsville, Ala. The guests present were the Mesdames O. Henry, Jennie Washington, Smith, King, Johnson, Negroes of Greater Pittsburgh have needs, which the community, as a whole should know, such needs can be presented only through an accredited organization. The business and professional men express their views through the Chamber of Commerce; the lawyers speak through the Bar Association of Allegheny County; the physicians through the Allegheny County Medical Association; labor has its local organization; Jewish social endeavor is expressed through