

NOT WEAKNESS MINISTER SAYS

No Prosecution In Dresden Case

(Special To The News)

TORONTO — Dresden restaurant owners who discriminated against negroes will not be prosecuted, Minister of Labor Charles Daley announced today.

Mr. Daley said that he had decided not to take any action because education rather than prosecution was the more effective way to eliminate discrimination.

PROSECUTION

"I do not believe," he said, "that prosecution in the Dresden cases at this time is the answer. I do not seek for a conviction which will result in a fine. This would not be a panacea to kill the roots of this evil. I am looking for observance of the law not based on compulsion but rather on the fact that discriminatory practices are unpalatable and evil. A man's observance of this law (Fair Accommodation Practices Act) should be based on the fact that it is just, equitable and proper."

The act, which came into effect in June of this year, prohibits discrimination in places where the public is customarily admitted, and provides fines of up to \$50 for individuals, and \$100 for companies, on conviction for violation.

Several complaints under the act were made to the Labor Department from Dresden. They concerned two of the town's restaurants, who refused service on different occasions to negroes.

COMMISSION

Finally, Mr. Daley, who is responsible for administering the act appointed Judge William Schwenger of Hamilton a one-man commission to investigate the complaints.

Judge Schwenger held hearings in the town in September, and just last week forwarded his report on the situation to the Labor Department.

Whether the Judge recommended that the violators should be prosecuted is not known. Mr. Daley termed the report "confidential" and not for public consumption.

"I believe that the public hearing at Dresden and the wide coverage given to it by the press and on every media has served a very salutary purpose in pointing out to the public at large the evils which will arise and the grave effects on our people if discrimination were permitted to become widespread," he said.

DISCRIMINATION

"The reports indicate that there have been discriminatory practices going on in Dresden over a long period of years. In my opinion, it is almost an impossibility to expect that the thinking of some people would change overnight without a degree of friction."

"When the Fair Accommodation Practices Act was introduced," Mr. Daley said, "it was not considered as a means of prosecuting and obtaining convictions for breaches of it. It was designed to encourage the people of this province, through education, and any other means, to eliminate discrimination because it is undesirable in human society."

In almost every section of Ontario, he continued the act has been accepted. It will be in Dresden too, but it will take time.

WEAKNESS

The Minister said he felt sure there would be no further discrimination in Dresden.

"However," he warned, "I do not want the impression to be taken from my action in this case as a sign of weakness because I assure the people of this province that I shall not hesitate to take whatever action the situation warrants."

"I have the authority and I shall exercise it," he said.

As for the Dresden cases, he concluded "I will demand on

Unity League May Protest Ruling

DRESDEN, Ont. (CP)—The National Unity Association said Wednesday night a delegation may be sent to Queen's Park to protest the ruling of Labor Minister Charles Daley on a hearing into racial discrimination here.

Secretary Hugh Burnette said: "The law is nearly five months old and after several complaints nothing has been done legislative-wise or education-wise as far as I know."

Earlier Wednesday Mr. Daley said he would not prosecute Dresden store owners who said at a hearing they refused to serve Negro customers. However, he said he would not hesitate to act if further instances occurred.

COME HIMSELF

"I think Mr. Daley should come to Dresden himself so that he can see that the restaurant and barber-shop owners have no intention of abiding by the law," Mr. Burnette said.

"At the hearing the restaurant owners openly admitted that they break the income tax law that hurts my business. I certainly wouldn't expect to be given a second chance."

Morley McKay and Matthew Emerson, two restaurant owners who appeared at the hearing, declined comment on the results of the hearing, saying they had not seen a report of Mr. Daley's statement. However, they joined Mr. Burnette in welcoming a chance to speak to the minister in person.

"The only way to straighten the situation out is to sit down and talk it over," said Mr. Emerson.

Windsor Car Crashes Into Tree

Damage was estimated at about \$400 in a two-car crash on Highway Two east of Tilbury this morning.

It occurred when a Windsor man, George Ramsay of Dufferin street, swerved to avoid a car coming on the highway from a lane. It was driven by C. J. Larsh of RR 1 Tilbury.

The two cars screeched and Ramsay's vehicle veered onto a shoulder then across the highway. It spun around, rolled, hit a tree and landed on its wheels, facing the opposite direction. The driver stepped out unhurt.

OPP Constable Chuck Palmer investigated the crash.

Thieves Take Tires, Wheels

Three tires and wheels have been reported stolen from vehicles in Chatham in the last 36 hours. Two were taken from an oil truck and the third, from the trunk of a car.

Hugh Terry of Terry's Coal Yard, Colborne St., told police

Crowds See Orford Plow Match

HIGHGATE — (Staff) — If the heavy rain showers of the past two weeks have done nothing else for the farmer, they certainly prepared the soil for the annual ploughing match of Orford and Howard townships yesterday.

Farmers from throughout Southern Ontario gathered at the farm of Francis Clark, Concession 9, Orford for the annual sod classic. Three teams of horses competed in the matches, which is considered unusual in this day and age of competitive ploughing.

COMPETITION

Following the competition at the farm, the skilled ploughmen held a banquet in the Turin Church Banquet Hall. Dinner was served by the Women's Auxiliary.

Gerry Ferguson of Croton, took the Ontario Open for tractors in sod while a Forest farmer, Karl Watson topped the field in the Ontario Open for walking plows in sod. Kent champions were Bernard Cox of Wheatley tractor and Albert Clark of Mulrirk, horses. Elmer Armstrong, of St. Paul's judged the match held on the Francis Clark farm, two miles north of here. It drew 23 entries in the horse and tractor classes.

HIGHEST SCORER

Mr. Clark was the highest scoring contestant from Howard and Orford townships and also turned the best 12 furrows for contestants in the branch.

Best crowds by Orford-Howard plowmen was made by Gies Wootton, of Thamesville, and Ross Hills, of Highgate, completed the best plowed land. John Gillespie, of Thamesville, turned best utility class crown.

The youngest plowman was Alex Clark, 10, of Highgate.

RESULTS

Walking plow in sod, Karl Watson, Forest, Albert Clark Mulrirk, Wilbur Todd, Mulrirk. Tractor in sod, Ontario Open—Gerry Ferguson, Croton, Bernard Cox, Wheatley; John Williams Fletcher, Orford and Howard, 20 years and under, Glen Wootton, Thamesville; Stan McFeggan, Highgate; George Garrod, Highgate, Orford and Howard, 14 years and under, Leslie Hogg, Thamesville, Allan Osborne, Ridgeway, Keith Wardell, Highgate. Three furrows, Charles Osborne, Ridgeway, F. Schwackhammer, Thamesville; W. Clark, Highgate. 12-inch furrow, Ross Hills, Highgate; Orville Hogg, Thamesville; Teifer Strilg, Highgate, Utility class, Ray Wardell, Highgate. John Gillespie, Thamesville; Charles Richardson, Thamesville. Mounted plows, John McFeggan, Highgate. Arthur Manning, Highgate. Ken Osborne, Ridgeway.

SCIENTIFIC SPOTTERS

MALVERN, England (CP) — A government television detector truck visited this Warwickshire town and discovered 313 unlicensed television and radio sets in operation.



DONALD C. MACDONALD

CCF Plans Nomination Meeting Here

Final arrangements for the visit of Donald C. MacDonald, CCF leader in Ontario, were completed at a recent meeting of the West Kent CCF executive. Mr. MacDonald will attend the West Kent nomination meeting at Orford West Hall October 28.

The 40-year-old leader was born and raised on a farm and has had wide experience in school teaching and politics.

He served five years in the service with the Navy in World War II. Prior to enlistment he was a journalist with the Montreal Gazette. Mr. MacDonald is a graduate of Queen's University.

At the Chatham meeting Tuesday night Mr. MacDonald is expected to centre his address on the farmer and the construction of a provincial medical plan.

Prior to speaking in Chatham, Mr. MacDonald will attend a nomination meeting in Windsor.

CUBAN GIVEN REFUGE

HAVANA, Cuba (Reuters) — The Uruguayan embassy here announced Wednesday it has given asylum to Noel del Pino sought by police after the discovery of a plot against Cuba's Nov 1 presidential elections. Police arrested scores of people here last week when they found 200 hand grenades and documents alleged to be stored by the "national revolutionary movement."

BUSINESS SUCCESS

WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . .

that no cocktail parties are given at the American consulate in Bombay, India? It's true. The Bombay State Government has informed the U.S. consulate that due to India's strict prohibition law it's illegal to serve liquor where Indians are present. So much for pink elephants.

But "white elephant" parties are mighty popular in Chatham. That's when folks gather up unneeded belongings and sell them for cash through Classified ads. When you're ready to sell call 4400 for an ad-writer.

