

Please read

7-26-93 Monday

C. Span - the Lamb - personal -

I have just heard your Monday call in program on C. Span - am retired so I can listen which I do all the time -

Impressed by some calls and amazed at others - agree with some - disagree with others - it is good - whatever - people have a chance to say what they want.

I heard the Black woman today - Talking of - no one knows - what it is to grow up black - She has made a remark - I'm sure - millions could like to wake -

I am white - 75+ But for the grace of God, there go I! Don't think a day goes by that I'm not grateful

Blacks - like whites - we play with the cards we dealt -

I'd like to tell you about a Black Detroit Teacher - I met - through business - I'd say 20 or so yrs ago. She had just retired after teaching 40 years -

Wonderful person - had cake, coffee in her home - ~~was~~ had there on a business call - in an all black neighborhood.

On top of her piano - were pictures of her parents and grandparents, mother and grandmother were white - father, grandfather were dark black.

She was a light colored negro - said at 5 yrs old - realized she was black - not white like her mother and grandmother - Did she begged them to make her white - like them - she was just in Kinder - garden with black children - she didn't want to be black - wanted to be like her mom!

(was an only child) Finally convinced - her parents couldn't make her white - she washed - scrubbed - trying to wash off the color - that didn't work - washing changed only made her skin sore -

She finally - thinking God could do anything and would answer all your prayers - said go to bed at night and pray God to make her white -

First night she prayed - next morning - she woke up - crawled on her hands and knees to the mirror - peeked up - to see if God had

had answered her prayers - of course - no change - she
prayed for weeks - months -

She said - all her life - she was not wanted in a
black crowd and not accepted in white crowd!
David - even in the United Teachers groups - not same.
Told me - she'd like to get on the top of the white house
monument and plead - there is no place in this world
in this world - for the interracial child!

also said - not only she felt ruined her life - even
tho her parents and grandparents lived together
until their deaths - there were some hurt and married
because - she so resented being black!

She never married - said she'd never take a chance
having a part white and part black child to grow
up as unhappy as she was all her life!

The black woman today - called in an equal program -
saying - no one only another black - had any idea -
what it is like - growing up black!

As for Senator Brown - tackling Senator Hatch
the other day - she was wrong in doing so - There
is not a more fair - finer man in the Senate than
Senator Hatch - he would not let me do anything to
degrade a black.

but remarks on Slavery - I had read a book - still
have it - that says that blacks sold children -
their own children for 5 and 10¢! at 5-6 yrs old

I have read recently that blacks - in India -
were being sold for 10¢! at ages 5-6 - This
I have read recently.

but thing I'd like to hear discussed -

what is the job - of the Surgeon General?

from what I heard - testimony to the confirmation
hearing of the Elders -

all I heard about - his job. would be - public
health - welfare - I am all in favor of all people
having what they need - no question there!

I would think Surgeon General's job would
be for all Americans -

well but was particularly only thing discussed

Please have some one - describe the job
of the Surgeon General!

Thank you

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