

ONCE OVER Lightly

— By Arnold De Mille —

NEW YORK — No one has to tell you that summer is here. All you have to do is stand on any corner and watch the ladies go bouncing by, buns, bosoms, falsies and all.

Here in New York the sightseeing buses and boats are in full swing again. The folks along Broadway and Fifth ave. move along slowly in their near-to-nothing attire.

In Central Park, where the grass is green and the lovers do not roam, members of the fair sex dip their warm tootsies into the cool of the lake and the passing males watch with a gleam of romance in their eyes.

STREETS CROWDED

In Harlemtown the streets are crowded and the stoops are packed. Everywhere heads are bobbing out of windows and kids are running up and down the sidewalks. The Theresa front looks like old times, with all the warm-weather boys and gals out on their shapes.

Famed Seventh and Lenox aves. are alive again. The hustlers, numbers runners and race-track boys command the avenues and streets in the day time. The soap-box orators, jack-leg preachers and would-be leaders take over at night.

AND THE WINOES

Around our way, which is a cross between anything and anywhere, the air is filled with the good-old summertime. The Sneaky Pete drinkers are in their glory. They sleep all day and become engaged in their principal occupations during their walking waking hours—drinking cheap wine and fighting.

But there are other signs that summer is upon us, too. For this is the time of the year when the NAACP and the American Jewish Congress jointly release their annual Civil Rights balance sheet.

This year, as in the past, these two organizations, both working in the interest of people who are often deprived of their constitutional rights, give an overall picture of the progress being made in this country.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

The report is a 189-page survey entitled "Civil Rights in the United States in 1953: A Balance Sheet of Group Relations." It is the 6th in an annual series analyzing the developments during the past year in 14 major areas in which civil rights are important issue, including, employment, housing, education, suffrage mob violence the Armed Forces and group defamation.

UNIVERSAL PROGRESS

The report shows that progress has been made in every field but states that the NAACP and the American Jewish Congress are not satisfied with the slow progress being made.

"For every discriminatory practice corrected, many practices are still entrenched," Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, and David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the ACJ, said jointly.

"For every person who has moved out of a racial ghetto, hundreds remain behind, and for every Negro child who has been transferred to an integrated school, hundreds are still receiving inferior jim crow education."

LEGAL ORDERLY

Regarding the recent Supreme Court decision outlawing jim crow in public school, the two organizations say that it is "a stirring reaffirmation of the fundamental American principle of equality and proof that our democratic system can correct its own defects through orderly legal processes."

Get a copy of this report if you can. The facts revealed might help you to keep cool these hot and trying days.

LOCKE FUNERAL

Dr. Arthur Fausett and Arthur Wright, the two gentlemen who made the arrangements for Dr. Alain Locke's funeral, were extremely handicapped in notifying the Howard professor's friends of the services. Dr. Locke had taken all of his personal files with him to the hospital, and the two gentlemen could not obtain them in time to send out sufficient notice to the famed professor's hundreds of friends, a fact which they regretted very much.

From all indications, Howard university will get Dr. Lock's art collection and most of his estate. There is only one known relative, and he is a third cousin.

PLANS RETIREMENT

Mrs. Maude Gadsden, president of New York State Beauticians association for the past 13 years, caused quite a commotion last Tuesday when she announced she was retiring as head of the group.

A group of the old members cornered and tried to convince her that she was making a serious mistake, that the organization couldn't carry on effectively without her guiding hands,

The Theresa Skyline room was pretty hot there for two days while the pressure was being poured on Mrs. Gadsden to change her mind.