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WILLKIE TO ADDRESS NAACP MEET IN LOS ANGELES

MAYOR SIGNS FIRST PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT



Mayor LaGuardia signs first petition presented by Union for Democratic Action to President asking for elimination of discrimination in armed forces while the following well-known people look on: Alfred Baker Lewis, Mary Simkhovitch, J. Finley Wilson, Jack Altman, Newbold Morris, Dr. Frank Kingdon, Rachel Corrothers, Herbert Agar, Fannie Hurst.

Lewis, Frank R. Crosswaith, Jack Altman and Dr. William Agar, all members of the board of the Union for Democratic Action; J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Negro Elks; Mary L. Simkhovitch, director of Greenwich House; and Rachel V. Corrothers, executive secretary of the Harlem Riverside Civilian Defense Volunteer Organization. Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, also attended the ceremonies at City Hall. "I believe that advances have been made in combating discrimination," the Mayor said, "through the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. But we still have a long way to go. Public opinion must be aroused to support every move for

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&M T Convence, July 15th

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska Jurisdiction A. F. & A. M. will convene in its 24th Annual Communication Wednesday, July 15, 1942 at 9 o'clock A. M. at the Masonic Temple, 26th and Blondo Streets, Omaha, Nebraska.

We are expecting a large attendance.

A. R. Goodlett, Grand Master, Robert Harris, Grand Secretary, J. McPherson, will give the welcome address on behalf of the city of Omaha and V. Watson will give the welcome address on behalf of the Masonic Lodges.

There will be a banquet given Tuesday night at 8 o'clock which is open to the public in general.

University of Pennsylvania; University of Virginia; Amherst, Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Michigan and many others.

PROMPT REDRESS OF JUSTIFIED GRIEVANCES OF NEGRO PEOPLE IS NEEDED FOR FULL SUPPORT OF WAR EFFORT SAYS EARL BROWDER

Support for the war requires prompt redress of the justified grievances of the Negro people, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, told a crowd of 20,000 persons at Madison Square Garden Thursday July 2 in his first public address in nearly two years.

Speaking at an Independence Day rally under the auspices of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, Mr. Browder termed the "white supremacy" dogma of the Southern bourgeois one of the greatest dangers to the U. S. in this war, tending to drive away from us our allies and potential allies in Asia, Africa and part of the Americas.

Mr. Browder was recently released from Atlanta penitentiary by action of President Roosevelt after he had served 14 months of a 4 year sentence on the charge of violation of a technical passport regulation. Many Negro leaders joined in the fight to free Mr. Browder, the central issue of which was that Mr. Browder's excessive sentence was due to his political beliefs.

Communists never did and will not make any concessions to the false theory of "white supremacy" Mr. Browder said. He predicted that "the shame of a Hitler-like race discrimination would be wiped out" during the war's course.

Our treatment of Puerto Rican patriots constitutes a "disgrace," Mr. Browder said, urging that Puerto Rico be dealt with as a "Latin American Nation."

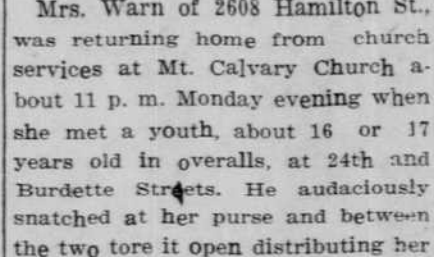
YOUTH SNATCHES USHER'S PURSE

Mrs. Warn of 2608 Hamilton St., was returning home from church services at Mt. Calvary Church about 11 p. m. Monday evening when she met a youth, about 16 or 17 years old in overalls, at 24th and Burdette Streets. He audaciously snatched at her purse and between the two tore it open distributing her personal belongings about ten feet around.

The youth saw pedestrians approaching and he gave up the struggle and ran west on Burdette Street. Mr. and Mrs. William Parker who happened to be sitting in a parked car at twenty-fourth and Burdette observed the scuffle. Mrs. Parker assisted Mrs. Warn in picking up her belongings. About this time a youth passed by going north on twenty-fourth street coming from the direction that the young man did who ran around the block. Mrs. Warn said to Mrs. Parker, "I believe that's the boy."

Mrs. Warn is an usher at Mt. Calvary Community Church and she was returning home from the evening services when the incident happened.

KING of Swing



When Count Basie brings his famous band to Omaha on Tuesday, July 14th he will appear at the City Auditorium at 15th and Howard Sts. Last year when the Count appeared at the Dreamland, he packed in over 1200 persons to break all existing records for Omaha. In order to accommodate the huge crowd that is expected to attend this gala event, Jimmie Jewell, Omaha's ace promoter has secured the spacious, newly decorated City Auditorium with its highly polished new floor.

Featured in the band, is the 250 pound blues singing vocalist, James Rushing.

In addition to the Count himself, whose piano technique has amazed musicians and critics throughout the country, the Count's band features a remarkably fine rhythm section. Joe Jones on drums; Walter Page, bass fiddle; Freddie Greene, guitar and Basie on piano provide a section that Betty Goodman describes as being "unequaled."

The Count's band has appeared at Carnegie Hall twice during the past two years in concerts of popular music that drew rave notices from critics.

Harvard University recently voted Count Basie its favorite among dance bands. The Count has played for the smartest college proms throughout the country, including the Uni-

A MESSAGE TO GALLOWAY

from Clifford C. Mitchell

Far be it from me, C. C. to comment on anything political in or around Omaha, but since you filed for the Nebraska Legislature, Fifth District, on July 2nd, many people have stopped me to talk to me about your possibilities; while a few have even questioned me as to your motives. But what could I tell them, other than to confirm the fact that you have filed?

—CCM—

Just as I am writing this message I am seeing for the first time the platform (Linotype's copy for front page story) on which you intend to campaign. No need to comment on the eight points. The readers will do that...and how.

What appeals to me as being of human-interest however is your closing statement:

"I especially desire the votes of all men and women who at one time or another have been 'hard up' or 'broke.' My competitors may have all the others."

I haven't the slightest way of knowing the histories of all the Voters in the Fifth District but from a general knowledge of human nature elsewhere, I would say that if you, or any other candidate for that matter, could get the votes of all those who have at some time been "hard up" or "broke" that your nomination would be assured.

—CCM—

That statement is somewhat like an old campaigner with whom I was once associated. He was a brilliant orator. He could take any side of a subject and so enthrall his audience that he would virtually sweep them off their feet and they would not stop to reason things out until the next day.

On one occasion he was, logically and factually on the wrong side of a debate, and he knew it. However, he possessed considerable mother wit as well as oratorical persuasive powers, so he got up and spied out his line and as usual, the audience didn't stop to think things out, but, for the moment at least, they all agreed with him. He knew that the moment his opponents put in their logic and their facts that he was swamped, so what did he do?

Well, this is actually what he did do. In his closing remarks he said: "Now you people know that I am right. You know that my opponents will try to belittle me, and try to out-talk me, so why waste any time. All you people that know I am right—and you all do—just leave this meeting now with me and while we are right we'll stay right."

And do you know C. C. when that old campaigner left the hall so many others left too that they couldn't command a quorum and the meeting had to be dismissed.

—CCM—

There's a good news release in your mail this week, C. C. The subject is: "What Are We Fighting For?" It will, undoubtedly, be published elsewhere in this issue, and if you need any additional campaign fodder you surely can interpret, and enlarge upon, for local consumption, some of the facts given in this particular release, which be sure to read.

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Good Reading 5c AT YOUR DRUG STORE

VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES AND DOLLARS FOR VICTORY NOW— SPEND AT LEAST \$1.00 A WEEK FOR WAR STAMPS AND BONDS

(Taken from Greater Boston Negro Trade Association's Letter)

We are fighting to keep, and we intend to hold on to those spiritual, cultural and material things which we as a racial group have acquired under our own democratic form of government.

We are fighting with our dollars and yes, with our very lives to perpetuate a system of government which although it is not 100 percent perfect, and which leaves many things in social and economic reforms to be adjusted within our own country, has still proven itself to be one of the most equitable forms of government that the world has ever seen.

We are fighting to continue a form of government that still believes and has faith in the private initiatives of our citizens to accomplish in a volunteer way, those necessary things which in state Socialism is forced upon the people.

"We are fighting to eliminate once and for all those economic and social restrictions placed upon a person because of his racial background."

We are fighting to release our country for all times of religious bigotry and intolerance.

We are fighting for an equal break in this life for all men regardless of race, color or religion.

As American Citizens we can do no less than to see that we win the peace as well as win the war.

As a race we have made remarkable progress under our system of government.

We appreciate the opportunities that we have been given under our form of government, but future social, economic and political progress must be made for our 14,000,000 colored citizens.

Here are some of the assets we are fighting to protect and to keep:

ECONOMIC PROGRESS

..... 1866 1936
Homes Owned	\$12,000 \$750,000
Farms Operated	\$20,000 \$880,000
Business Construction	\$2,100 \$70,000

Annual Expenditures for Education

1836	1936
\$700,000	\$61,700,000

Money Raised by Negroes

\$700,000	\$61,700,000
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Source: Negro Year Book

RELIGIOUS PROGRESS

Number of Church Communicants	700 45,000
Sunday schools	600 5,300,000
Value Church Property	1,000 36,000
Property \$1,500,000	\$210,000,000

Source: National Negro Insurance Association

RESOURCES OF THE NEGRO

Negroes own 1,000,000 farms valued at \$2,000,000,000.

Source: The Commentator.

1 Banks have Resources of \$75,000,000.

Source: Negro Year Book.

National Negro Business League Reports Annual Expenditures of \$2,000,000 by 2,803,756 Negro families. It is estimated that from 120 million (Continued on page 2)

Theme of the conference will be "Victory Is Vital to Minorities." Discussions will center around the Negro in the war effort, touching upon employment, civilian defense, housing, armed services, health.

A day will be given over to the subject, "Protecting Civil Rights During an Emergency," and speakers will deal with federal and state laws, criminal cases, police brutality, the franchise, and education.

The conference will be welcomed at the opening session Tuesday night, July 14, by Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., president of the Los Angeles branch. Keynote address will be given by Roy Wilkins, national assistant secretary, New York. A short address of welcome is scheduled to be given by Governor Culbert Olson.

The place of the Negro in war time employment will be outlined by Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, and president of Hampton Institute, in his speech July 15. On this program will be Mrs. Charlotte Bass, editor of the California Eagle.

Friday night, July 17, will see the formal presentation of the 27th Spingarn medal to A. Philip Randolph, international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The presentation speech will be delivered by Bishop J. A. Greig of the A.M.E. Church, and a national vice president of the NAACP.

Among other speakers at various sessions will be Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City; E. Frederic Morrow, national assistant field secretary; Gloster Current and Dr. J. J. McClelland, Detroit; Crystal Bird Fauset, Washington, D. C.; Thomas N. Roberts, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Amos T. Hall, Tulsa; Walter Hardin, UAW-CIO, Detroit; Carl Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore; and George M. Johnson, assistant executive secretary of FEPC, Washington, D. C.

Conference headquarters will be in Second Baptist Church, 24th and Griffith avenue, where the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson is pastor. All sessions will be held there except the Sunday meeting July 19, which will be in the Shrine auditorium.

NEW ORLEANS TEACHERS REJECT 5-YEAR PLAN FOR EQUALIZATION

New Orleans, La. ... Rejecting the New Orleans school board's plan gradually to equalize their salaries with those paid to whites over a period of five years, the Negro teachers of this city pushed their suit against the school board. The trial is set for August.

The teachers had hoped to get a decision on salary equalization before June when the budget for the next school year was made up. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, who with attorney A. P. Tureaud of this city, is counsel for the teachers, said this week that the five year plan offered by the school board was unsatisfactory.

FILES FOR... State Representative



Mr. VOTER I am asking you to let me be your SERVANT. I am running for the non-partisan representative for the Nebraska State Legislative from the 5th District. Your vote on Aug. 11, will be appreciated by me and a host of your friends.

C. C. GALLOWAY, ACTING EDITOR OF THE OMAHA GUIDE FILES FOR STATE SENATOR

July 2nd Acting Editor C. C. Galloway, filed as a candidate for State Senator in the Nebraska Legislature. He announces a brief and comprehensive platform, as follows:

1. Make an ALL-OUT effort to win the war.
2. Safeguard our theory of individual Liberty.
3. Continue to give labor a square deal.
4. Protect, defend and promote Agriculture.
5. Help LITTLE BUSINESS as well as Big Business.
6. No new taxes and no increase in old ones.
7. Provide ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED.
8. Be prepared to meet the problem

CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Eight candidates have filed for the legislature in the 5th District, —3 colored men and five white men. The colored candidates are, John Adams, Jr., S. Edward Gilbert and C. C. Galloway. Messrs Gilbert and Galloway filed on the same day. The five white candidates filed sometime ago.

John Adams, Jr., is the present Senator from the 5th district. He has served four terms in the legislature and now seeks a fifth term. His qualifications are well known.

Mr. C. C. Galloway is the Acting Editor of the Omaha Guide and is business manager of the Omaha Guide Printing and Publishing Co., which publishes the Omaha Guide.

The Omaha Guide has been published each week for more than 14 years. Under the management of Mr. Galloway the publishing company has acquired a building of respectable size which houses the printing equipment, which includes among other things two Master Linotype machines, one flat bed powered newspaper printing press and numerous powered small presses on which may be printed all types of job work, including books and pamphlets.

Mr. Galloway, unlike both his colored opponents and all save one of his white opponents, is too old for compulsory military service. His younger opponents, therefore, may be called into military service at any time. And although Senator John Adams, Jr., is immune from being drafted while a member of the legislature, if called to active duty under a commission for which he has been certified, his patriotic duty would require him to resign from the legislature and enter the army. Mr. Gilbert as a good citizen, would do likewise, as would four of the white men in the field.

By this process of elimination, theref Mr. Galloway would be the most likely one to be chosen with the prospect of serving.

The primaries are to be held August 11, 1942, and Mr. and Mrs. Voter must be the judges when they vote. Our choice is Galloway, but we will cheerfully abide by the primary verdict of the voters.

GALLOWAY FOR SENATOR-CLUB, 5th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

FEPC TO EXPAND STAFF AND BUDGET, NAACP TOLD

Washington, D. C.—(Special to the NAACP Bureau)—In answer to the objections of the NAACP board of directors to the creation of a Negro "catch-all" bureau, Malcolm S. MacLean, chairman of the Fair Employment Practice Committee wrote the NAACP, June 26, that President Roosevelt is not contemplating any such scheme. Mr. MacLean also stated that the President has agreed to extend the staff and budget of the FEPC and that the Committee is now in the process of planning its expanded work. It will extend its facilities to "awaken other government agencies to carry out both the letter and the spirit of Executive Order 8802," MacLean said.

A DAY FOR THE AXIS

Keeping fit can no longer be considered the problem of the individual alone. A day lost because of sickness that could be prevented is a day spent for the Axis. According to S. L. Pearlman, M. D., Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases in the City Health Department, "syphilis and gonorrhea are the ace saboteurs in the military and war production program.

The routine blood-testing of every draftee has proved that the test is of vital importance in uncovering both suspected and unsuspected cases of syphilis. Thirty-two men out of a thousand examined in Omaha were rejected because of syphilis. It is the duty of every citizen to make himself or herself fit for this war effort. The medical profession is organized to cure syphilis where and when found. Dr. Pearlman urges every citizen of Omaha to organize the home, organizations and industries for examinations, and to report to their physician any suspicious sores, rashes, or symptoms not otherwise explained.

At a special meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Negro Health, Friday June 26th the Coordinating Committee approved the education