

Negro Medical Society ENDORSE PLAN OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

By a unanimous vote of all present, the Coordinating Committee for Negro Health, at its last meeting, endorsed a plan of educational activity designed to place the facts of venereal disease before all its member organizations.

ector of the Department of Communicable Diseases, of Omaha, and Don Warner, Director of Venereal Disease Education, the Coordinating Committee discussed plans for an active campaign to help stamp out venereal disease with educational measures.

From a medical viewpoint, Dr. Frary pointed out that syphilis and gonorrhea still remain our greatest communicable disease problems, in spite of the fact that medical science now has the means to discover and cure them.

Mr. Warner informed the Committee that in January and February of this year, there were four times as many cases of syphilis reported in Nebraska as all the cases reported of smallpox, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diphtheria and pneumonia added together.

A plan was presented which would place all the facts of the cause, the cure, and how to find these diseases before the public. The plan outlined the facilities available to carry on the fight against these destroyers of our potential soldiers and workers.

Rev. F. C. Williams, of the Zion Baptist Church, was appointed chairman of the speakers' bureau. A plan for the training of speakers on this problem was presented and all citizens were to be asked to volunteer their services.

health wardens, to organize meetings, and to be trained as speakers. Thousands of pamphlets are available for distribution and suitable films are available and will be shown at the meetings.

Dr. Craig Morris, acting as chairman of the meeting, asked that the Coordinating Committee for Negro Health go on record as recognizing venereal disease as our number one health problem.

Dr. S. L. Pearlman pointed out that the picture was not without hope, since the medical and clinic facilities are ready to care for the problem, and the records show an increasing demand from the public for treatment with these facilities.

This is the second of a series of articles written by members of the local Negro Medical Society to help the fight against syphilis and gonorrhea.

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE SYPHILIS? (BY DR. WESLEY JONES)

You may wonder why this series of articles on venereal disease is being published. You have that right. So little has been said about syphilis and gonorrhea that many people assume that they are rare diseases.

On the contrary, they are too common. For every person who is killed in an auto accident, three die of syphilis. If our front page carried the news about these deaths as it does about auto fatalities, the public would be aroused.

Since we know that all of the deaths are not reported, and all cases are not on record, the known results of the ravages of this disease would be much greater if the truth were told.

In Nebraska, there is four times as much syphilis reported as there is smallpox, typhoid fever, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and diphtheria combined.

You can understand, then, why this series of articles is being written. If you realize that there is one hundred times as much syphilis as polio, and the results in each case are as likely to be as terrible, then you will want to do something about the control of syphilis.

The best authorities estimate that there are a half a million new cases of syphilis each year. The conservative estimates indicate that there are at least 6,500,000 cases of syphilis in the United States. This is an army almost as large as our present armed force.

We here in Omaha must be careful not to think that we are different. All these figures may be true.

elsewhere, but we may feel that they do not apply here.

The draft showed that thirty-five out of every one thousand of our young men had syphilis. In some areas of our city, two out of every ten of the draftees had to be deferred because of venereal disease.

That is our problem. That is why these articles are being published. This is not a problem for someone else. It is your problem. Have you had a blood test? Do you know what it would show if you were called up for duty for your country?

Would you sit quietly by and say nothing? You would not. You would go to work as you have done, to win the war.

Let's go to work to stamp out syphilis and gonorrhea.

GEORGIA POLICE BEAT, JAIL, ROLAND HAYES (continued from page 1)

the sidewalk. Mr. Hayes, who had been in the nearby bank, walked up and asked: "What is the matter?"

The clerk, breaking in just as the manager was about to speak, shouted: "She cursed me and called me old Hitler."

"I most certainly did not curse," the indignant wife replied. The proprietor then returned to the store, and recognizing Mr. Hayes as an old customer, sought to settle the matter, urging him and her family to come back in the store.

The offer was declined by Mr. Hayes who with his wife and daughter continued on down the street, considering the incident closed. Mrs. Hayes had walked into a nearby grocery store and Mr. Hayes and his daughter were strolling up and down on the sidewalk when a big uniformed officer approached.

Walking up to the noted singer without saying anything, he reached out with his right hand and gripped him by the belt of his trousers, dragging him backward to the store. The frightened daughter, still clutching her father's arm began screaming.

"Is this him?" the policeman asked the shoe clerk.

"That's the man, but it was the wench who cursed me and called me a nold Hitler," the clerk whined. "My wife didn't curse you," Mr. Hayes asserted, witnesses said in describing the sidewalk scene.

Before Mr. Hayes finished his remarks, a big fist smashed into his face, knocking him to the sidewalk. Two other policemen quickly appeared and pounced upon the noted artist, who is of slight build. Throwing his hat over his face, as if to hide his identity, they began pummeling him on the ground.

Mrs. Hayes ran from the store and began begging the officers not to molest her husband any further.

The driver of the patrol wagon which arrived on the scene came up. Two of the officers grabbed the badly bruised singer by his clothing and dragged him to the vehicle. Lifting him up bodily, they threw him head first onto the floor.

Another policeman quickly rounded up Mrs. Hayes and the daughter and put them in front. Two policemen got in the back and pounced on the helpless figure of one of the greatest tenors the world has ever known.

Wrenching his arms backward, they clamped handcuffs across his wrists. Another sat straddle across his body, while the second began brutally beating him in the face with his fists.

The daughter, kept screaming, drowning out the heart-breaking sobs of the badly frightened wife. The big driver shouted, "If you don't shut up I'll give you some of the same thing."

Arriving at the city hall, in which is located the jail, the Hayes were rudely hustled to the lower floor cells and stuffed into a hole with another occupant. The daughter was left seated in the corridor.

Mr. Hayes' chauffeur came to the cell window and was told to find out how much bond was wanted and what were the charges. Returning to the police chief's office, he was told the bond would be \$50. \$25 for each prisoner. The chauffeur was turned down when he asked for the release of the little daughter.

After slightly more than two hours the jailer came down and told the couple the chief wanted to see them.

RANDOLPH SAYS THAT NEGROES SHOULD RESENT MARK ETHERIDGE LECTURE TO LEADERS AS THOUGH THEY WERE BOYS

Los Angeles, Calif., July 14th — At the opening session of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, in Birmingham, Ala., and in an editorial in his paper the Louisville Courier-Journal, Mr. Mark Etheridge states, referring to the fight of Negro leaders against racial discrimination and segregation that there is no power in the world—not even in all the mechanized armies of the earth, allies and axis—which could force the southern white people to the abandonment of the principle of social segregation.

"You know I've been talking with the FBI about what your wife said," the chief began, "and they tell me if she had just said it another way the government would make a case against her."

"I see you have some cash," the chief continued holding up Mr. Hayes' billfold, which had been taken from him by the police before he had been locked up. "But I've looked you up. You can save your cash. Just give me a check for the \$50."

The bond made, the famed singer, his face badly swollen and suffering severe pain in his back, accompanied by his wife and daughter, walked from the Rome jail.

Rumors were being whispered about Rome Tuesday that the police chief during the interim when the Hayes' were in jail had called long distance to contact Gov. Talmadge, reaching him at the state capitol.

"I haven't got time to be bothered now," the state chief executive was quoted as replying, "You'll have to handle it up there by yourself."

Efforts are being made by prominent Rome city officials and businessmen to have the whole matter hushed up. The check given by the famous singer for bond was mysteriously returned uncancelled.

When the case came up for trial Monday, no one appeared for the prosecution and it was indefinitely postponed. Many in Rome are giving odds that it will never come to trial. The charges, it was later discovered, were the usual blanket, "disorderly conduct."

Meanwhile neither, Mr. Hayes nor his wife would discuss possible action. Just what steps he will take to secure redress for his humiliating experience have not been announced.

The proprietor of the shoe store, the clerk, and the policeman, it is said, are fearful that a damage suit might be instituted. Negro citizens expressed the opinion that it was the most disturbing thing that had ever happened to the delicately balanced racial relations in this North Georgia community.

eridge means all forms of racial discrimination, segregation on and Jim Crow, he has taken in an awfully wide territory. Moreover, how does he know? The South is not omnipotent and Mark Etheridge is not omniscient. The old slave masters said the same thing about slavery but slavery was abolished, observed Mr. Randolph.

The Negro's reply to Mr. Etheridge is that Jim Crowism is wrong and un-democratic. It is of the same cloth of Hitler's nazism, Mussolini's fascism and Hirohito's militarism and it is booked to go.

Mark Etheridge should wake up. This is a new day. We are living in a period of racial acceleration. Social changes, amazing and unpredictable, that might have taken decades and centuries to happen may now occur within a month or year. can, must and will be destroyed. He is evidently blind to the fact that the Negro has changed. The old Uncle Tom is dead and gone forever.

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS TO CONTINUE DURING WAR

(Continued from page 1) laid down the issue for us," said the speaker.

The NAACP keynote declared Negroes cannot abandon the fight for their rights—all of them—because the predicament of the races forces action for redress of wrongs, because the tradition of the great pioneer fighters of the race drives present day Negroes to act, and because the struggle of the Negro is identical with the ideals and principles of the Declaration of Independence.

"This struggle is one with the war effort," Wilkins asserted. "It is nonsense for anyone to say that this convention and this association are hindering our nation's fight against the Axis. Victory is vital to minorities, but, as our President has said in his greeting to this convention, minorities are also vital to victory. The objectives we seek are not at variance with the war effort. These things that we feel in our

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hearts, and these things that we yearn for, and these things that we are determined to fight to enjoy in spite of death itself... these are the things the war is about."

Wilkins cited the lynching in Texarkana, Tex., July 13 as a prime example of why the NAACP must carry on the fight until every protection is won for the race and every right secured.

"This is the time of decision," he said, "a time when the destinies of men and nations are being remolded. We here in 1942 cannot fail the Sojourner Truths, the Denmark Vesey, the Nat Turners or Frederick Douglass, or the victims of lynch-mobs, or Dorie Miller and Joe Louis and our other boys in the uniform of the country. We cannot turn our backs upon the Declaration of Independence and say we believe we are not entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that we are not created the equals of other men. No man can ask this of us. No power can force us to so stultify ourselves. So we cannot sell out. We cannot step to one side. We cannot and will not remain silent. The fight goes on and on, until we win."

Greetings to the conference were extended by Mayor Fletcher Bowron for the city, and by George A. Beavers, vice president of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, for the Los Angeles branch. Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., presided.

Fischer and Fischer, attorneys NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

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