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19 Cities and 14 States Designate September 3-8 'Urban League Week'

NEW YORK.—Nineteen cities and 14 states have so far designated September 3-8 "Urban League Week," Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League announced this week. These states and cities will observe the week at the time of the League 40th Anniversary Annual Conference, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

It will be a period of re-dedication to the principles which this oldest and largest interracial social service agency has promoted—equal opportunity for all, and devotion to the democratic ideal. Some 500 League staff, delegates, and board members from 30 states and 58 cities will convene in Grand Rapids next week.

In Arkansas, Gov. Sid McMath proclaimed "Urban League Week" in "recognition of the contribution to the public welfare of the nation and the state of Arkansas of the constructive activities and the

GOVERNOR NAMES ROBERT CROSBY AS MANAGER



ROBERT B. CROSBY

Governor Val Peterson announced today that his fall campaign for re-election will be managed by Robert B. Crosby, North Platte attorney, former Speaker of the Legislature and Lieutenant Governor during Peterson's first term.

Commenting upon his appointment, Mr. Crosby said, "To assist in Val Peterson's election is an opportunity to be of service to Nebraska. Governor Peterson's demonstrated qualities of leadership and initiative have carried into action a number of forward-looking plans for our state. It is important that he push these plans to completion. He has established himself as one of the most able administrators in the history of Nebraska."

Peterson said, "I am delighted to be teamed again with one of the most outstanding young men in Nebraska political life. Crosby compiled an enviable record as a Legislator, as Speaker of the Unicameral, and as Lieutenant Governor. In addition, he has taken a leading part in many activities designed to strengthen our state and nation, including most recently his Chairmanship of the Citizens Committee for the Adoption of the Hoover Report. Bob has an extraordinarily fine grasp of state governmental problems."

Bob Crosby is associated with his father and brother in the practice of law at North Platte, Nebraska, where, in addition to his successful law practice, he has established himself as a civic leader. He is married and has two children.

democratic example of the National Urban League."

Minnesota's Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl pointed out that the league "has given distinguished leadership to the humanitarian tasks of improving industries, housing, education, commerce, communication and enlightenment of the Urban League. It is a rich contribution to the cause of providing equal opportunity to the blessings of democracy for all citizens of America."

Grand Rapids Mayor Paul G. Goebel in his proclamation said, "America's wisest leadership is needed today to eliminate the possibility of racial conflicts and to assure adherence to the ideals laid down by our forefathers. . . the National Urban League is now rendering such services in this direction in 58 cities of the nation."

Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, Georgia, called attention "to the need for continuing effort toward the preservation of our democratic ideas," and New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer said: "In this era of decision our nation must encourage devotion to the principles upon which the United States and the United Nations were founded." In proclaiming "Urban League Week," Mayor O'Dwyer called to the attention "of our citizens the achievements of the Urban League in strengthening America democracy through its devotion to the Bill of Rights and the Four Freedoms."

"Urban League Week" will be observed at: Albany, N. Y., Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Fort Wayne, Ind., Gary, Ind., Grand Rapids, Los Angeles, Marion, Ind., Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Muskogon Heights, Mich., Newark, N. J., New York, Omaha, Portland, Ore., and White Plains, N. Y. States that will observe "Urban League Week" are: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, West Virginia and Nebraska.

Youth Call For Aggressive Civil Rights Program Now

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Seventy-five American youths went on record last week as favoring an aggressive civil rights program in this country and the elimination of discrimination.

These young people representing Negro and white organizations, colleges and high schools through 20 states met at the Federal Security agency as the Advisory Council on Youth's Participation in the White House Conference.

At the close of their two-day meeting the group agreed that civil rights and prejudice topped the list of social problems to be solved, therefore, it adopted a resolution urging the White House conference to "take positive action to eliminate the cause of discrimination and to foster an aggressive program of civil rights."

The resolution further stated that youngsters "are embarrassed to have to take the responsibility for action concerning discrimination."

The delegates recommended that representatives arriving in Washington to attend the Mid-Century conference stay only in the hotels which accept mixed groups.

The young people felt that there should be a better understanding between people of different racial groups, different religious beliefs and different age levels.

Adults and youths should understand each other better, they asserted. One young lady added that "teen-agers want more to say about family and community affairs." Another young lady mentioned the fact that all graduation speakers refer to young people as the hope of the country, so if that is the case she thinks they should have the experience in helping run things.

Most adults think, said one delegate, that they should run things, and young people should be run.

A young man asserted that young people don't want to be just "rubber stamps," while another added that he didn't think adults listen to youths enough.

Conceding that prejudice wears many faces, the group finally agreed that the best way to break it down is to practice the Golden Rule.

The Advisory Group representing 30 national organizations will be back in Washington during the White House Conference with 175 additional representatives of labor groups, American Indians, Orientals and Latin-Americans, armed forces personnel and homes and institutions for young people such as Boys Town. They also expect to have another 150 unaffiliated delegates.

Besides the youngsters expecting to attend this conference, some 5,000 lay leaders and professional men and women are scheduled to attend.

This will be the fifth in a series of youth conferences held at the White House, the first being called in 1909 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The theme of the 1950 conference is "to provide spiritual, mental, and emotional conditions which will give the child a chance for a healthy personality."

More Negroes in Three Counties; None Vote

BIRMINGHAM. — Negroes for 50 years have been deprived of the ballot in Russell, Wilcox and Lowndess counties. In all three counties there are more Negro citizens than whites.

Pi Kappa Phi to Retain Its Ban on Minorities

By Elaine Berry

PORTLAND, Ore. (ANP). Pi Kappa Phi last week voted to retain its ban on Negroes and Jews at its biennial meeting here.

Explaining its stand, the fraternity said it decided to continue its restrictions on the two minority groups because nearly half its chapters are in the south. Pi Kappa Phi has 72 chapters and 15,000 members.

This session marked the first time Pi Kappa Phi ever considered the question of Negroes and Jews at its national meeting. The fraternity has failed to grow much in recent years because of its discriminatory practices.

Several colleges such as the University of New Mexico and the University of Michigan have refused to allow the fraternity to establish chapters on their campuses because of the discriminatory clauses in the fraternity's constitution.

National President Howard Leake had recommended a "practical" solution to the problem—have the fraternity repeal its discriminatory constitutional clauses, then continue the practice of not admitting Negroes or Jews.

By dropping the constitutional ban, the fraternity would live up to the demands of schools which now refuse recognition on their campuses.

Anniversary Observed

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). The Rev. and Mrs. Frederick D. Jordan celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home here Saturday. Rev. Jordan, pastor of First AME church, is an outstanding minister of the denomination. The couple was married Sept. 2, 1925.

Soprano to Be Sponsored By Chapel Choirs

Sunday evening September 10, the Quinn Chapel Junior and Senior choirs will sponsor Miss Delores Taylor, mezzo soprano, in a scholarship recital at the church, 9th and C streets at 8:00 p.m.

Miss Taylor, 21, is a member of St. John, A.M.E. church in Omaha where she was directress of the Junior choir for three years and president of the Young Peoples Auxiliary. Miss Taylor has had 5 years of voice study 2½ years private study under Mr. Fred Ellis. She has attended the University of Omaha and has received a scholarship from Allen University at Columbia, S. C.

In the future Miss Taylor plans to continue her music study as a guest artist and music director, seeking study throughout the world.

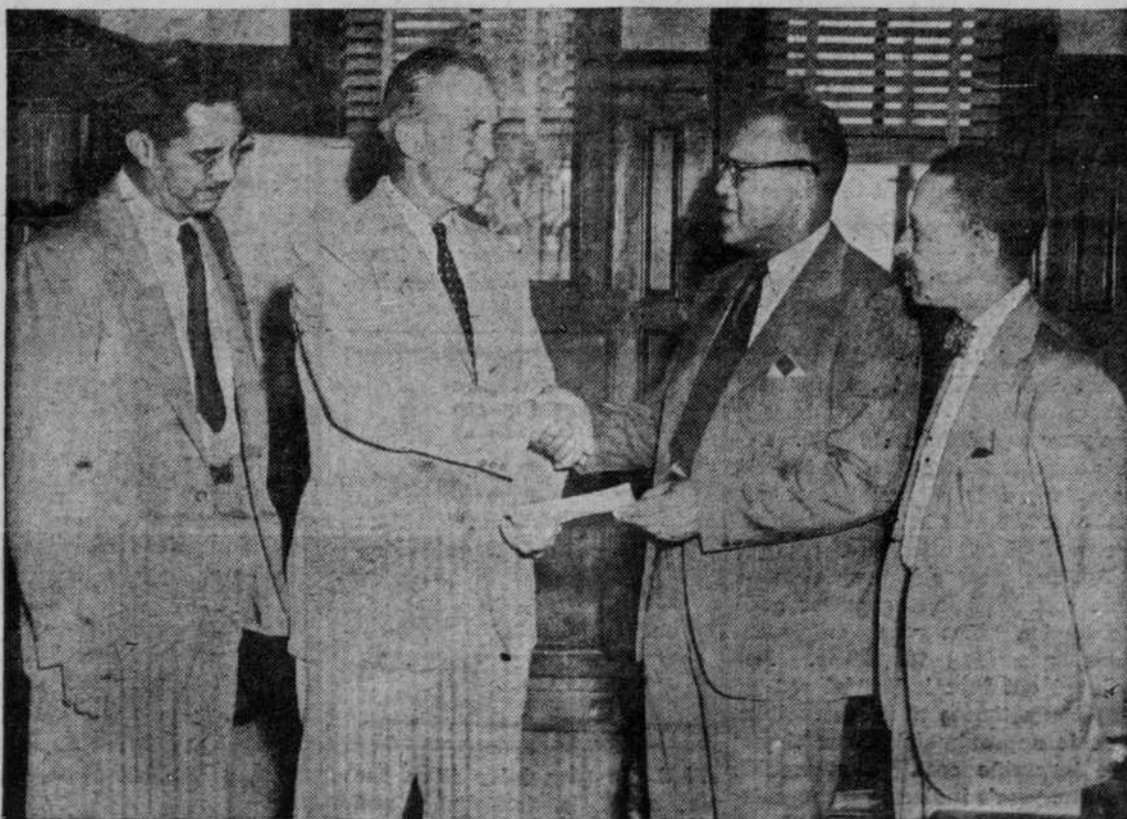
A free will offering will be taken. Mr. Raymond Botts is president of the choir and Mrs. Hazel Wilson is directress.

Agent in Miss. Honored

STATE COLLEGE, Miss. (ANP). Honor to whom honor is due, was a fitting climax to the 33 years of service to her people as rendered by Mrs. Alice Carter Oliver, first Negro home demonstration agent in Mississippi and district agent in charge of Negro home demonstration work since 1917.

Mrs. Carter, who retired this year, was presented a silver cream pitcher and sugar bowl by Miss May Creswell, state home demonstration agent, on behalf of the state agricultural extension service staff at the bi-monthly extension conference held here last week.

Tuskegee Gets Check For Cancer Research



Representing the Damon Runyon Fund for Cancer Research, John S. Crommelin, rear admiral, retired, U.S. Navy, presents \$10,000 check to President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee institute for cancer research. The project will be conducted through the George Washington Carver Research foundation. Left to right: Dr. Clarence T. Mason, research director; Rear Admiral Crommelin; Dr. F. D. Patterson, and Dr. Russell W. Brown, director, Carver foundation. (ANP).