

Call Is Issued for United Action

NEGRO AMERICANS TAKE STEPS FOR UNITED MOVEMENT

Six Leading Civil Rights Bodies, Realizing Need of United Front, Issue an Invitation to All Race Organizations.

KEELY MILLER CO-OPERATES

Dean Among Signers of the Call and on Committee Charged With Work of Bringing Race Together.

New York, March 30.—(Crusader Service.)—In complete unanimity in the opinion, based upon actual experience in the field, that enemy toward Americans of African descent is on the increase rather than otherwise, the Conference of Civil Rights organizations held in this city on March 23 and 24 has issued a call for an all-Race conference to be held sometime before April 1, 1924.

A detailed call specifying time and place, agenda and representation will be issued later by the Committee of Arrangements which is for the present composed of Dean Miller, Wm. Monroe Trotter, James L. Neil, Jas. Weldon Johnson, Robert W. Bagnall, Dr. D. N. E. Campbell, Rev. J. Jernigan, Richard B. Moore, Otto E. Husiwood, with Dr. Shaw and Mr. Briggs as ex-officio members in their capacity of president and secretary, respectively, of the conference which, before its adjournment, voted to go into permanent being and elected another permanent officer, Mr. James Weldon Johnson, as treasurer.

It is proposed to have representation at the all-Race conference from the following phases of Negro life, and will be apportioned by the committee of arrangements on the basis of an equal number of delegates from each section: Religious organizations, fraternal organizations, civil rights organizations, social organizations, educational organizations, organized press, labor organizations, business organizations and professional organizations.

The task of working out an agenda, basis of representation and preparing a detailed call will naturally take some time, and before the job is completed many experts on the various subjects to be dealt with will have to be co-opted to the present committee on arrangements. In the meantime, however, the six bodies composing the conference and issuing the call, express the hope that the Negro press will give this call the widest circulation and that all Negro organizations and bodies will begin at once to move in the direction of the all-Race conference. It is the hope of the conference that parliamentary rules and the regular red tape will be suspended in this case and that immediate action will be taken on a question so vital and important to the well-being of the Negro masses as the calling of this all-Race conference with the view of realizing a solid front against the ever increasing onslaughts of the enemy. The call follows:

The Call.
"The world today has come to a critical period of its existence. Our Race likewise has reached a crucial situation. The promises of amelioration and of full citizenship so easily made during the critical period of the Great World War have failed of fulfillment. In this time of readjustment there is growing a very menacing spirit of animosity against the Race and a determination to thrust the Negro down into the most servile and degrading status and to maintain him there forever.

"Now while world readjustment is in progress and when every other oppressed group is exerting itself to the utmost to gain its rights and liberties, the Negro Race must bestir itself, must concentrate its best thought and energy to withstand the terrible onslaughts made against it and secure its due and rightful status: Equal manhood rights and opportunities in every department of life. The Race must be stimulated to utilize all available opportunities for constructive endeavor and must be brought into harmonious working relationships with the white race.

"The need is urgent, nay, imperative, then, for the assembling of a national all-Race conference to consider the present position of the Race, to ferret out and unmask the hostile forces arrayed against it, to formulate

MERCHANTS' DRUG STORE
Harvey J. Wolf and H. K. Hultman have opened the Merchants Drug Store at the northeast corner of 24th and Cuming. The gentlemen are experienced in the drug business and will make prescription work their specialty. See their ad in this issue and drop in and get acquainted.

SHOW UNIQUE REEL
Friedman Bros., 1510 No. 24th, are showing a twelve hundred foot reel at the Franklin theatre this week depicting the various stages in the manufacture of shoes, showing each step from the time a "critter" is born to the turning out of the finest shoes. It is a dandy educational feature and will no doubt be witnessed by many of our readers.

MEXICAN POLICE STOPPED WOULD-BE LYNCHERS

Americans in Lower California Are Baffled In An Attempt To Play The Game of Savage Torture

PROTECT THEIR PRISONER

Tia Juvas, Lower California, Mex., March 30.—Chester Carlton, colored, confined in the local jail charged with murder, the outcome of a pistol duel a few weeks ago in which Carlton shot and fatally wounded a Mexican by the name of Gonzales, owes his life to the nerve of the local police commander.

A few hours after the murder the police commander was waited upon by a determined body of would-be lynchers from the American side, demanding that the Negro be turned over to them.

"What do you wish with him?" demanded the Mexican authority.

"Oh! we merely want to give a little demonstration as to how we deal with his kind down South," replied the mob leader.

The Mexican commander, heavily armed, glanced around to see if his police were properly stationed, and then replied, "There he is, take him if you wish."

Gloating over their anticipated pleasure of mob torture, they made a rush for the Negro, but were halted by a command of "Stop" from the Mexican commander.

In a quiet voice he merely said, "Take him if you wish, but before you get him you will have to get me and every one of my heavily armed police. The Mexican government holds me and my men responsible for the safe keeping of all criminals regardless of race or color, and we are responsible to the government with our lives if anything happens to this prisoner. Now take him if you wish."

The latest reports state that Carlton is still safe in the local jail, heavily guarded, waiting for a fair trial before the Mexican courts.

a plan of defense and protection, to discover the forces, agencies and organizations which may be utilized in that defense, to effect a united front of the Race, and to devise ways and means for full and complete emancipation.

"The attention of the conference must be focussed upon the following: Race prejudice, legal discriminations, economic exploitation, racial self-respect, religious awakening, moral and social betterment, co-operation within the Race and between the races, political action, industrial betterment, such evils as lynchings, Ku Kluxism, segregation, disfranchisement, unequal enforcement of law, peonage.

"A detailed call specifying time and place will be issued later by the committee of arrangements. Every Negro organization should begin now to move in this direction, and the attention and energy of the Race centered upon the successful conduct of this conference to the end that our Race should at last achieve that improvement of its status for which we all hope and strive."

COLORED EMPLOYEE OF L. & N. RAILROAD GIVEN GOLD AND DIAMOND MEDAL
Nashville, Tenn., March 30.—Link Turner, an aged colored employee of the L. & N. Railroad, was given a gold and diamond medal recently for his fine record of fifty years of service with the company. The action of the company follows in the line of an established custom that does not draw the "color line" in regard to the employees of the L. & N.

WIDE AWAKE TWENTY-FOUR
The Wide Awake Twenty-four met with Mrs. Grace Flannigan Friday afternoon, March 16th. Memorial services were held for our late president, Willa Mae Stewart and Julia Fletcher. Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, chairman of the program committee, had arranged a very appropriate program for the occasion. The next place of meeting will be with Mrs. Lenora Gray, 1211 Missouri Ave., Friday afternoon, April 6th.

WOMAN LEAVES \$1,000,000 FOR AN OLD FOLKS HOME WITH NO RACE OR CREED BARRED
Chicago, March 30.—Associated Negro Press.—Miss Emilie Jane Smith, 84, daughter of a former rich merchant of Chicago, died leaving an estate of \$1,000,000 to provide another home for the aged both men and women, in Chicago. One of the distinct provisions of the will is that there shall be no distinction on account of race, color or creed.

N. A. A. C. P. NOTES
A large audience greeted Cong. Willis G. Sears last Sunday at Grove M. E. church, where he spoke on the subject, "Citizens' Duty." The address was timely and full of good wholesome advice. All who were fortunate in hearing the Congressman declared it a rare intellectual treat.

BISHOP SHAYLER CONFIRMS LARGE CLASS OF ADULTS

Palm Sunday Observed With Impressive Services And Large Congregations at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon

DAILY PROGRESS IS URGED

Christian Life is One of Daily Growth Not Spontaneous Righteousness Bishop Tells Members of Class

Palm Sunday, which ushers in Holy Week, was observed with impressive services and large congregations at the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon. The chancel was simply, but artistically decorated with palms. The Altar vases contained tulips and roses provided by the altar guild and by Mrs. M. L. Wilson. The choir, according to custom, carried palm branches in procession.

The first service of the day was the usual Mass or celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the blessing of the palms at half past seven o'clock. This was followed at ten o'clock by the regular session of the Church school, which was largely attended. The children were catechised on the meaning of the day and palm crosses were distributed.

At 11 o'clock the church was comfortably filled by the congregation. The pastor preached from the Epistle for the day upon "Christ-mindedness," stressing as its essential factors, humility, unselfishness and self-sacrifice. For the offertory the choir and congregation joined in singing most heartily the beautiful Story of the Cross, the solo, "The Appeal from the Cross," being sung most effectively and touchingly by Mr. Birney B. Cowin. Palms were also distributed at the close of this service.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to Josiah Brown, one of the candidates for confirmation.

At five o'clock the church was filled to overflowing, many persons being compelled to stand when Bishop Shaylor made his annual visitation for Confirmation. The long procession consisting of the vested choir, and the members of the confirmation class, the women in white and wearing long white veils and all carrying palm branches, made a beautiful and impressive sight as they marched up the aisle singing the ancient hymn of St. Theodulph, written in the year 800, "All Glory, Laud and Honor to Thee, Redeemer, King." During the singing of the hymn, "Thine, Forever, God of Love," the class came to the chancel rail where they were presented to Bishop Shaylor by the Rev. John Albert Williams, priest of the parish. The "Veni Creator, Spiritus" was sung, followed by the solemn act of the Laying of Hands with the rubrical words, prayer and benediction.

Bishop Shaylor's personal charge to the candidates made a deep impression not only upon the members of the class, but upon the whole congregation, as did also his eloquent and instructive sermon on the Message of Palm Sunday. He based his charge to the confirmands upon two words taken from the prayer said as the Bishop lays his hands upon the head of each kneeling candidate: "Defend, O Lord, this Thy child with Thy Heavenly grace that he may continue Thine forever and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more until he come unto Thine everlasting Kingdom." The words were "Daily Increase." He stressed the fact that the Christian life must be one of daily growth, not one of magical or spontaneous righteousness. This growth comes by diligent and faithful use of the means of grace. "Strive to grow daily in righteousness," the Bishop urged the newly confirmed.

Those confirmed were: Augustus (Bendy) Bacom, Eula Amelia (Gay) Broomfield, Josiah Brown, Nathalie May Brown, Birney B. Cowin, Vera (Kimberly) Cowin, John Crawford, Mary (Penn) Jackson, Ray Lee (Middleton) Jones, Alfretha E. Merriweather, William Henry Newsome, Henry K. Perry, Severn T. Phillips, Thomas Scott Phillips, Mollie (Still) Shipman, Ada Christine (Hill) Smith, Charles Turner Smith, John Albert Smith, Loretta Elaine Smith.

Two or three other members of the class who were unable to be present will be confirmed later. The class will make its first communion Easter morning at six-thirty.

From Nebraska to Arkansas and Back

Experiences and Observations of the Editor on Trip to Southland Where He Saw Many Things of Interest

(Continued from last week.)
The speaker who accosted me said: "My name is Stewart. I am sorry I am late. I promised Bishop Demby last night that I'd be sure to meet you and take you to his house."

"Well, you've met me all right, haven't you? I wasn't worried. I knew that the Bishop was either out of town, or perhaps detained by a service, this being the Feast of the Purification, and that either he or some one else would show up soon, and if they didn't I'd call a taxi or inquire about a street car and find my way there. We westerners, you know, are not very easily lost."

He took my bags, and soon I was in his car speeding rapidly towards the home of my host.

Mr. Stewart is an enterprising man who operates a line of taxis. He bears the reputation of being reliable and dependable and so is always kept busy.

In the course of our pleasant conversation as we rode on he said, "I call myself 'Bishop Demby's chauffeur' because whenever he needs a car he calls me, and that is quite frequently."

Speaking of Stewart reminds me that I noticed quite a number of colored men operating taxis. I asked him, "Do the taxi lines operated here by the white people accommodate our people?"

"Not much," he replied. "Some of them will, but not as a rule. They'll haul your baggage, but not you."

"That's mighty consistent," I laughed. "And are our people chumps enough to pay them for hauling their baggage and not them?" I asked.

"A few of them are, but not many. And they soon learn. And besides, since we have our own taxi lines, which can give good service, they do not have to put up with it. Some of our cars may not be as fancy or as stylish as the other fellow's but they will get you where you want to go."

I learned much more of interest from my conversation with "Bishop Demby's chauffeur."

And speaking of chauffeurs and cars, I would like to make a suggestion to the good people of Little Rock and other points in Arkansas, to see to it that Bishop Demby has a car of his own. I am very sure that he could learn to be his own chauffeur. Stewart would lose his job under these circumstances, but I am sure he would not mind this a bit. A car would be of real service to the Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas, not for "joy riding," he's too busy for that, but in making visitations from place to place throughout the jurisdiction. I am quite interested to learn if any Arkansian, Texan or Oklahoman, for all of these states are included in his jurisdiction, will take the hint.

We rode through attractive and well paved streets past the Capitol, for as you know, Little Rock is the capital of Arkansas, and well kept residence districts on our way to "Bishopstead," or "Bishoptowe," or "Bishopthorpe," or "Bishopcroft," or

merely the "Bishop's House." Most bishops call their houses (not) after their own names, but by some such name as I have here quoted. I am not sure, but I think Bishop Demby simply calls his the "Bishop's House," but any of these other names would be highly appropriate. No name, however high sounding it might be, could by so much as one jot or tittle add to the genuine hospitality and gracious welcome which awaits one fortunate enough to be a guest in this cultured Christian home. But I anticipate.

The driver turned off a paved street into an unpaved street. Knowing the "ancient custom" to neglect paving and lighting facilities in districts inhabited by colored folk, even though they pay their portion of the taxes, I judged that we were now in a "Negro Colony" or district. My conjecture was right. A ride of a couple of blocks brought us to a large and attractive frame dwelling, on the corner of Cross and Nineteenth street. The grounds indicated care. The residence showed that its occupants or owners believed in the decorative and preservative value of paint and in keeping the property in good repair. This was the home of my friend of many years' standing. Bishop and Mrs. Demby were standing on the verandah or porch, we call them up here, but "gallery" they call them "down yander,"—smiling a gracious welcome, as preceding the "chauffeur" I ascended the steps.

(Continued next week.)

FAKE CHARGES ALLEGED USED TO HOLD MEN

Elberton, Ga., March 30.—Information to the effect that colored men in northern cities were receiving letters telling them that they were wanted in southern cities, is being investigated by Sheriff Jack Heley, who says that the men, lured away, were victims of a "blackmailing system."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL DESTROYED BY BLAZE

Montgomery, Ala., March 30.—Fire in the populous colored district Wednesday night destroyed the Montgomery Industrial School, causing a loss of more than \$300,000. More than 300 students were in the school at the time, but all escaped unhurt.

SACRED DRAMA AT ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH

A sacred drama, "The First Easter" will be given at St. John's A. M. E. Church, Easter Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. The following persons comprise the cast of characters: Messrs. Jno. Wood, Ira Wood, H. L. Preston, Mrs. I. L. McPherson and Misses Mollie Moore, Bobbie Turner and Mildred Turner. The drama will be heightened in its various phases by appropriate music from the sacred oratorios rendered by St. John's choir largely augmented by additional voices. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

WOMAN HELD FOR FORGING VETERAN'S GOVERNMENT CHECKS

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Preston News Service.—Mrs. Margaret L. Buchanan, former private secretary to Representative Kendall of Pennsylvania, was held for grand jury on charges of having forged endorsements on three veterans bureau checks payable to Mrs. Martha Warfield, whose son died overseas during the World War. These checks aggregated \$1,600, and were drawn to the order of Mrs. Warfield who was a servant in Mrs. Buchanan's home.

Ulysses Jackson, of Boston, Mass., has arrived in the city to visit his sister, Mrs. C. C. Trent. His stay is indefinite.

REDDING WINS ORATOR'S PRIZE AT BROWNS UNIVERSITY

Young Colored Lad From Wilmington Defeats Several Worthy Opponents Before Huge Crowd Of Auditors

PRIZE OF \$100 AND MEDAL

Winner Will Also be Commencement Day Orator in June, Which is A Highly Coveted Honor

Providence, R. I., Mar. 30.—Louis Lorenzo Redding, a senior at Brown university, won the Gaston prize medal contest in oratory in Manning Hall recently before the largest crowd that has ever gathered to listen to the annual event.

Mr. Redding's subject was "Booker T. Washington" and the judges, Professors Benjamin C. Clough and Robert McR. Mitchell and Leland M. Goodrich were unanimous. The other contestants were John Andrew Wilson, who spoke on "Theodore Roosevelt," and David Alan Midgley, who gave his views on the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations."

The Gaston medal and a purse of \$100 went to Mr. Redding, but there is still a greater honor that goes to the winner. On Wednesday, June 20, Redding will be one of the speakers at the 155th annual commencement in the First Baptist Meeting House.

Speaking with a mellowness of tone and enunciating perfectly, Redding told of conditions pertaining to the Negro with the final abolition of American slavery in 1865, and of the splendid and beneficial work that Booker Washington attempted.

"It is a remarkable demonstration of personal greatness that the man, born without patrimony or name, should leave a vast heritage, the contents of which is not diminished, but magnified by being shared among thousands."

Young Redding was personally congratulated by President W. H. Faunce and invited to meet in a conference with him in the near future.

SOCIALIST TO CAMPAIGN AMONG NEGRO YOUTH

New York City, March 30.—The convention of the Young People's Socialist League at their closing session at 227 East 84th Street, voted to begin a Socialist campaign among Negro boys and girls in the schools and factories of New York. They intend to include them either in circles of white members on a basis of strict equality, or to allow them to form separate groups, if it is thought advisable. A Harlem circle is expected to be formed within the next two weeks. Instructions have been given to proceed at once with the organization in all the public high schools and to distribute literature explaining the principles and purposes of Socialism. Efforts are to be made first in the schools which have a large number of children of the working classes, such as the DeWitt Clinton and Stuyvesant high schools.

RACE PREJUDICE IS SCORED BY BISHOP

Columbus, O., March 30.—Race prejudice and race hatred were scored by Bishop William F. Anderson, Cincinnati, in the opening address of the annual meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church.

"No Christian can nurture the sin of race prejudice and race hatred," said the bishop.

The Rev. D. M. McQueen, State Grandmaster of the Mosaic Templars of America, returned Sunday morning from Little Rock, Ark., where he had been on business for the order. He reports a pleasant trip and is enthusiastic over the work and prospects of this great fraternal organization.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity from setting up a chapter there. The chapter was set up, however, in the city of Providence and young Redding is one of the members.

URBAN LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURING THE NORTH

President Wood and Secretary Jones Visiting Several Industrial Centers on Good Will Trip

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The increasing migration to the North of Negroes from the South and the attendant problem of health, housing, recreation and industry which the new adjustment needs entail render this a most opportune time for such a trip. It is generally conceded that Mr. Wood, though a white man, is most sympathetic to the Negro's claim for equal opportunity and has an unusual understanding of the Negro's point of view in his efforts to attain the higher things of life.

Mr. Wood is of Quaker parentage, a lawyer by profession, and is serving on the Board of Directors of many educational institutions and liberal movements.

Mr. Jones has been executive secretary of the Urban League for twelve years. The League is now located in forty cities and spent \$250,000 last year in promoting its activities.

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These men received gold medals at the hands of the presiding officer, Elbridge L. Adams of New York, a well-known lawyer, who for thirteen years has given medals to the Hampton winners in the annual debate and in the annual essay contest.

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