

SEGREGATION RECEIVES HARD BLOW

DELEGATION WAITS ON SENATOR BUTLER WITH DEFINITE AIM

Demand That National Republican Chairman Use His Influence to Abolish Segregation in Federal Service

SENATOR RECEIVES A SHOCK

Amazed When Advised That Proviso Contained in President's Message Regarded as Hostile to Negro Race

Boston, Mass.—A sensational turn was given to an audience with Sen. W. M. Butler in his Boston offices by a delegation representing the National Equal Rights League and the Greater Boston Ministerial Alliance which again was asking the National Republican Chairman to stop federal segregation, when Attorney Edgar P. Benjamin told Sen. Butler that the proviso in the President's recent message about not interfering with the usages of enlightened society meant no interference with Southern race proscription.

Mr. Benjamin, eminent lawyer and local bank president, is the donor of the 25 dollars in gold first prize offered by the League for the best race slogan under 15 words received before Feb. 1st at its headquarters, 9 Cornhill, based on 1926 as the 150th anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence which promised equality, life and liberty. Hon. Wm. H. Lewis, ex-assistant U. S. Attorney General donates a ten dollar gold piece for the second best fighting slogan. Mr. Benjamin was supported by Rev. D. S. Klugh, chairman of the delegation, Rev. W. Swain, vice-president of the league and spokesman for the Ministerial Alliance, Attorney Albert G. Wolff, local league secretary, Mrs. Hester Jeffrey, Col. E. B. Barco of the K. P., Rev. C. C. Somerville, Rev. J. W. Hill, Lawrence Banks and Rev. R. S. Pitman. Secretary Trotter was at home sick.

Sen. Butler insisted the President's message was misunderstood. He had his secretary bring in a copy of the message. He said the false interpretation would be counteracted.

Chairman Klugh, Rev. Mr. Swain, Col. Barco and Mr. Benjamin declared the race had lost its patience waiting for the President to abolish segregation. They had read and presented a detailed specification of where segregation existed prepared by the League's national recording secretary, James L. Neill of Washington, Chairman Butler reiterated his opposition to segregation and he impressed the delegation that they will not be surprised if something is done.

COLORED VETS SEEK POSTS

Washington—Traffic in far-off Liberia, according to the African World, is producing vehicular and pedestrian problems among the natives, requiring the appointment of a traffic director and native police. The situation has arisen through recent landing at Monrovia of hundreds of automobiles and trucks for use on the Firestone rubber plantations. Hard surface roads are being constructed to connect twenty centers of operation, one from Marshall to Monrovia already being completed. From an estimated Liberian population of 2,000,000, Harvey Firestone, Jr., has anticipated an ample supply of labor. Direction of enlarged constabulary and police forces is being sought by former colored officers of the Ninety-second and Ninety-third divisions of the American expeditionary forces.

COLUMBIAN HISTORICAL BRIEFS

In 1879 it was held in Strauder vs. West Virginia, that a colored citizen (male) had the right to serve on juries.

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CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY GETS COSTLY TANNER PAINTING

Orangeburg, S. C.—(A. N. P.) Claflin University has secured a painting by the famous American artist, Henry O. Tanner, who ranks among the great artists, not only of America, but of the world. A picture by Mr. Tanner was purchased by the French Government and was hung in Louvre Museum. It represents the raising of Lazarus. Another painting by Mr. Tanner, "Daniel in the Lions' Den," may be found in the Philadelphia Art Gallery. The Chicago Art Institute has his "Peter and John at the Tomb of Christ." The Metropolitan Art Museum of New York City, which is the greatest of all art museums, has recently placed upon its walls a picture by Mr. Tanner, "Sodom and Gomorrah," representing Lot and his two daughters escaping from the fire and brimstone of the Lord, showing the figures of Lot and his daughters in the foreground with their faces set away from the destruction behind them. In the background he depicts a seething, convoluted mass of smoke.

The picture which Claflin has secured is a marine view, representing the rising of a storm. It is something on the order of the picture which was recently been secured by the Metropolitan Art Museum of New York City. In one, this expression of terrific elemental power is expressed in water, and in the other through fire. The Claflin picture is a masterpiece by one of the world's greatest masters. It is worth at least \$3,000.

It was possible for them to secure this picture through the assistance of Bishop Hartzell, who was the friend and patron of Mr. Tanner in the early years of his struggle. Bishop Hartzell had the picture in his possession, and because of his previous relations to this work he desired to have one of Mr. Tanner's pictures at Claflin.

This is not the only valuable painting owned by Claflin. A portrait of Robert Gould Shaw, painted by the great Negro artist, Bannister, who lived many years ago, hangs in the beautiful Lee library, besides another painting by Mrs. L. M. Dunton, who is an artist of more than ordinary ability. Great credit is due Mrs. Dunton for the quality of the contribution which she made to Claflin University. Being herself a woman of high culture and extraordinary attainments, she contributed liberally not only to the academic, religious and moral life of the school, but to the aesthetic and cultural life as well. And now there is at Claflin this nucleus of art treasure.

A VOICE FROM THE SOUTH

Washington—Commenting upon the political problems of the Negro, Editor J. H. Watson, in a recent issue of the Supreme Circle News, published in Albany, Georgia, says: "Politically, the Negro is not even holding his own; he has been slipping backward for the past decade; and it is because he does not interest himself sufficiently to qualify and participate in matters political. He has no political program, and is never found a unit on any proposition. Yet he swears the Republicans have betrayed him and the Democrats would destroy him, and RESTS HIS CASE THERE."

\$20,000 FOR ORPHAN'S HOME

Winston-Salem, N. C.—(A. N. P.) As the result of a gift of \$20,000 from an unknown donor, the Memorial Industrial School, an institution for the care of orphans, is soon to be moved to a new and more suitable site. The new location, which was purchased with the money provided in the gift, comprises 386 acres located on a new highway north of the city. The school will be situated on a commanding ridge, with a splendid view of the surrounding mountains. The name of the institution's benefactor was withheld at his own request.

Large Audience Hears Talk By Colored Chicago Judge

A good sized audience welcomed Judge Albert B. George of Chicago who spoke last Friday night at St. John's A. M. E. church under the auspices of the Negro Business and Professional Men's Club, Charles Solomon, president.

Dr. Aaron M. McMillan was introduced as master of ceremonies by the president of the club, who in turn announced the program which consisted of the singing of "America," by the audience; invocation by the Rev. J. H. Ellis, pastor of the Grove M. E. church; a solo by Mrs. Russell Reese; introduction of the speaker by the Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor of St. John's; the address by Judge George; a violin solo by Clarence Desdunes and the benediction by the Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church.

Judge George in his address told the story of his election to a judgeship in Chicago, which was accomplished by the race standing unitedly

behind him and making certain demands of the Republican party to the effect that if they expected the race vote they must support their judicial candidate. This demand could only be made effective because the race in Chicago was united under a strong leadership. The party organization played fair and consequently he was elected.

Passing from this the speaker gave a simple, practical talk stressing the importance of racial and inter-racial cooperation, emphasizing the fact that no community in America can succeed without such cooperation. He plead for thorough preparation upon the part of our people so as to be ready when opportunity comes.

Preceding the address there was a banquet complimentary to Judge George held in the dining room of the church at which brief addresses were made by Charles Solomon, Dr. L. E. Britt, Attorney D. H. Oliver, Mrs. Kate Wilson and Judge George.

Defense Fund Reaches Goal

New York.—Announcement was made January 8 by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that the advanced goal of \$65,000 for a Defense Fund to help secure legal rights of colored people had been reached and passed. To noon of that day there had been received at the National Office of the Association a total of \$37,457.73 to which is added the original contribution from the American Fund for Public Service (the Garland Fund) of \$5,000 which brings the cash actually received to \$42,457.73.

The Garland Fund at its regular meeting on Jan. 6 received Mr. Johnson's report and voted not only to pay over to the Association the \$15,000 it had originally agreed to pay if the Association should raise thirty thousand dollars but and additional sum of \$6,552.79. To the total is to be added an additional check for \$1,000 from Julius Rosenwald which he agreed to give on the raising of the second \$24,000 by the Association.

The full accounting therefore is: Total contributions received at National Office of the Association to noon, January 8, \$37,475.73; Original contribution from the American Fund for Public Service, \$5,000.00; Additional contribution from the American Fund contingent on the raising of \$20,000, \$15,000.00; further additional contribution from the American Fund \$6,552.79; contribution from Mr. Rosenwald contingent upon raising the second \$24,000, \$1,000.00; Amount raised by Detroit branch of the National Association for the Sweet case disbursed locally, \$6,137.64; Grand total, \$71,166.16.

"For the first time in the seven-year years that the National Association has been in existence," Mr. Johnson said in making these figures public, "do we have anywhere nearly adequate funds with which to render aid in the many cases which constantly pour in upon us. With the funds so generously contributed in response to our appeal we will be able to see the second trial of the Sweet case through, to pay the cost of the segregation case in the United States Supreme Court which is being argued in Washington today, to carry through that same tribunal the "white primary" case from Texas, and to handle some other important but less spectacular cases now upon us.

"And it is especially gratifying that most of the contributions, save in some notable instances of aid from our loyal white friends, has come from colored people themselves. They by this response show to the world that they are cognizant of the fact that things worth while cost money and that they are willing to pay the cost of the justice they seek. To those of us here at the National Office the attainment of our goal means two things: it will enable us to do important jobs that lie before us which lack of funds have prevented our doing in the past, and, second, it serves as assurance that seventeen years of scrupulous care and integrity in handling funds and of efficiency in doing the tasks which come to us is appreciated by the public at large. There ought to be an equal sum raised each year for defense so that the time may not be far off when no man or group will attack the fundamental rights of the Negro, feeling that it can be done with impunity.

CHURCH MEMBER FOR NINETY YEARS, DIES

Philadelphia, Pa.—(A. N. P.) The funeral of Mrs. Mary Johnson, whose death occurred on Sunday January 8th, was held from the Union A. M. E. church Thursday, the Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor, officiating. She had been a member of Union church for ninety years. She was born in New Jersey, of free parents, in 1817.

WRIGHT INVITES BANKERS TO SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

Philadelphia, Pa.—(A. N. P.) One of the outstanding announcements in connection with the approach of the sesqui-centennial to be held in Philadelphia this year is made by President R. R. Wright, of the National Bankers' Association, who states that an invitation will be extended to all the Negro bankers of America to assemble in this city during the year.

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N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JAN. 4

New York—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual meeting on Monday, January 4th, reelecting its same board of directors, to which was added the name of John E. Naill, prominent real estate operator of Harlem.

The directors reelected were: Jane Adams and Charles E. Bentley, of Chicago; Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas; Robert R. Church, of Memphis; Charles E. Russell, of Washington; Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond; and from New York City the following: Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the Crisis; Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumers' League; Mary White Ovington, and Herbert Stockton.

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TUSKEGEE FUND WINS EASTMAN'S \$2,000,000

New York—Clarence H. Kelsey, Chairman of the executive committee of the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Fund campaign, announced last week that the \$2,000,000 required to be raised or pledged by December 31st in order to meet the conditions under which George Eastman offered to add \$2,000,000 more, has been obtained. The reasons given by Mr. Eastman for his gift have appealed to the public and it has responded in the sum of more than 10,000 subscriptions, running from gifts of \$1 each from some of the colored graduates, to subscriptions of \$250,000 each from five different individuals, topped off by a \$1,000,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., matching the \$1,000,000 pledge with which the General Education Board inaugurated the campaign. The endowment fund campaign was undertaken by these schools in order that their fields of usefulness might be extended, and their principals, Drs. Gregg and Moton, given more time for necessary administrative work. The south was organized with headquarters in Atlanta. Many well-known southerners took active part in making the campaign a success and countless new friends were made for the cause. The alumni of the schools raised more than \$200,000. The hope of the race lies in the wide extension of the influence and efficiency of these two schools and the multiplication of their graduates until they reach all the colored people of the South and show the way to the proper type of schooling for colored youth everywhere and the white youth as well. Mr. Rockefeller said, in making his great gift, "It is not only for our own land—it is for all lands that these representative American schools of hand and brain and character are blazing the trail."

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Read From Various Organizations Shows Congregation is in Prosperous and Growing Condition

The annual parish or congregational meeting of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon was held in the Guild Rooms Thursday night. Reports were received from the various organizations, which included the Church School, Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Friendly Society, junior and senior branches, the Eagles' Club and the church treasurer. The reports all showed a successful year and a steady growth. The receipts totaled approximately \$2,700, all raised by voluntary offerings and pledges, with the exception of \$150 from sales of useful and fancy articles and Christmas cards. A budget of \$3,500 was adopted for 1926 and it was unanimously voted to organize and incorporate as a parish, the meeting for this official action being appointed for Monday evening, January 25. The election of wardens and vestrymen was deferred until that time. Delegates and alternates to the annual diocesan council which convenes in Trinity Cathedral, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, were elected. They are Sergt. Isaac Bailey and William G. Haynes, delegates; B. B. Cowan and Dr. Herbert Wiggins, alternates.

The Women's Auxiliary held its annual meeting Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Smith, 3027 Manderson street, and elected the following officers: Mrs. John A. Williams, president; Mrs. Isaac Bailey, vice-president; Mrs. J. F. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Clarence H. Singleton, treasurer; Mrs. Jasper E. Brown, treasurer united thank offering; Mrs. C. H. Hicks, custodian of supply box. All pledges and obligations were reported paid with a substantial balance in the treasury, from which it was voted to add \$50 to the sinking fund.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson entertained at dinner at their home, 2716 North Twenty-eighth avenue, last Thursday, complimentary to Mrs. Thomas Riggs, of Chicago, formerly of Omaha; and Mrs. Ben Grayson of Battle Creek, Mich., guest of Mrs. T. P. Mahamitt. Covers were laid for seven.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN IMPORTANT DECREE

Court Holds That Insertion of Clauses Forbidding Sale of Property to Any But Caucasians is Invalid

DECISION FAR REACHING ONE

Bears Directly Upon Wide-Spread Effort to Restrict Negroes in Ownership and Occupancy of Property

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan Supreme Court has handed down an important and far-reaching decision that will be viewed with interest by Negroes throughout the country, it being to the effect that restrictions made against the sale of property to Negroes on account of color were invalid.

This decision is particularly important in view of the widespread activities on the part of whites to exclude Negroes from so-called white residential districts by inserting clauses in contracts forbidding the sale of the property to anyone not of the Caucasian race. By this decree on the part of the Supreme Court, all such contracts are void in the State of Michigan.

While this opinion is favorable to the colored citizens of Michigan and the country, it is pointed out that the decision does not touch upon the occupancy of premises on which restrictions have been placed, which has been the bone of contention in the many cases throughout the country.

The suit in question was brought by Porter and Wyman, Muskegon real estate dealers, against Wilbratt and Auxilie Barrett, white, and Wilson Robinson, a Negro who purchased the property involved. Porter and Wyman had sold the lot to Louis Parment, white, who in turn sold it to the Barretts. The contracts in both cases specified that the property should not be sold to Negroes upon penalty of the lots and all improvements reverting to the real estate concern. Upon the sale of the property to Robinson, Porter and Wyman immediately brought suit in Circuit Court and a verdict was given in favor of the defendants. This decision was affirmed by the State Supreme Court on the appeal of the plaintiffs.

Justice Fellows, in writing his opinion, says, "We must bear in mind that we are not dealing with a restraint on the use of the premises. Such restraints, unless unreasonable, have quite uniformly been upheld. Before the sale of intoxicating liquor was prohibited this court and practically every court of last resort in the Union upheld restraints of the use of premises for its manufacture or sale. Such restraint upon the USE was uniformly upheld; but would a restraint on SALE of premises to one who was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors elsewhere be valid? I think not."

TRY YOUR LUCK AND USE YOUR BRAIN

The National Equal Rights League is offering two prizes, one of \$25 and another of \$10 for the best slogan expressing the race's demand for equal rights in this sesqui-centennial year of the declaration of independence of the American nation. Here is a good chance for our readers, old and young, to use their brains and try their luck. Think out a good slogan and send it to the National Equal Rights League, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Julia Embry of Colorado Springs, Colo., who has been the house guest of Mrs. Augustus Hicks, 3012 Miami street, left Wednesday for Kansas City and Chicago. Mrs. Embry was the recipient of many social attentions during her visit here.

Mrs. Minnie Singleton of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. Nellie Van Zant, 1313 North Twenty-sixth street.