

Hoover Speech Lauded as Masterpiece

RACE PRESS WARMLY COMMENDS HOOVER'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

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CATCHES RACE IMAGINATION

Washington, D. C., August 30—Wholesale approval was accorded the acceptance speech of Herbert Hoover, republican nominee for the presidency of the United States, by colored editors throughout the country. While they favored his stand in general they especially commend him for his position with respect to equal opportunity for all Americans, irrespective of race, color or creed.

The editor of the Philadelphia Tribune found favor with the program for the promotion of business and prosperity but concerning the declaration about equal opportunity pointed out:

"Mr. Hoover, in his acceptance speech, touched the thing nearest to our heart. The biggest thing, and the most important thing which confronts the American Negro today, is his lack of opportunity to develop into a well rounded American citizen. If Herbert Hoover will use his high office, when elected, to the end that the American Negro would have even a semblance of equal opportunity, he would stand equal with Abraham Lincoln, the greatest of all Americans."

Mr. Hoover made his position very clear in his acceptance speech concerning equal opportunity and pointed out in a forceful manner that he favored equal opportunity for all and declared it a right of every American citizen.

Down in Virginia, the editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide expressed his view as follows:

"Candidate Hoover's acceptance speech, delivered last Saturday, contained a note that should be reassuring to the under privileged and disadvantaged classes of American citizens. In spite of Mr. Hoover's assertion that this country is the most prosperous on the face of the earth, it is clear from his vigorous declaration in favor of equal opportunity for all Americans that he recognizes that there are in our social, economic and legal system certain drawbacks to full enjoyment of the fruits of labor and pursuit of happiness."

While the foregoing comments are typical of many, there were editors who were concerned with the entire address. The editor of the Louisville Leader pointed this out:

"The address reveals statesmanship of the highest order, a statesmanship which causes not only the importance of the economic phases of the condition of America, but can look beyond these and discern the relation of sound economic conditions to happy homes and spiritual well being. Here Mr. Hoover touches the heart of the great mass of voters."

The Detroit Independent editor took still another turn and in addition to commending Herbert Hoover as the logical man for the presidency of the United States, issued the following warning to the colored voters of the republic:

"Al Smith is all right in New York as governor, but will be all wrong in Washington as president, under the influence of Bleas, of South Carolina, Harrison of Mississippi, Heflin of Alabama, and associated with Robinson of Arkansas as vice president."

According to the editor of the Houston Informer, Herbert Hoover "demonstrated beyond the shadow of doubt or peradventure that he is a statesman of the first rank and well qualified to direct the ship of state for the next four or eight years."

From Denver came the declaration that "the Colorado Statesman is in absolute accord with Mr. Hoover's pronouncement concerning EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. No American citizen should aspire for more than an equal opportunity in the race of life and none should be denied less. Such sentiments publicly expressed and broadcast will be studied and appreciated by citizens of all sections, vocations and political affiliation."

APPOINTED DISTRICT MANAGER BY BEE-NEWS

Hearst Newspaper Adopts Policy
Found Successful in Several
Other Metropolitan
Cities

In keeping with the policy of the Hearst publications in other cities to employ whenever and wherever practical members of the race in responsible positions, the Omaha Bee-News has appointed Mr. M. C. "Toby" James as one of its district managers of circulation. Mr. James' district embraces the territory bounded by the river on the east, 33rd street on the west, Cumings on the south, and Binney on the north. It is, as will be seen, quite a large and important district and will require a number of wide-awake, dependable and alert carriers. This offers an excellent opportunity for many of our boys.

The Bee-News has hitherto employed a limited number of colored boys as carriers. This number will now be increased as qualified boys are found. It will be Mr. James' policy to endeavor to make his district one of the best in the city.

A large number of our people are residents of the district, constituting probably about 40 per cent of the population, and it is confidently believed that they will show their appreciation of this recognition of our group by their liberal patronage of the Bee-News.

Mr. Smith, general director of circulation for the Hearst newspapers, is authority for the statement, that in several large cities where Negroes are employed as District or Station managers, they have proven very successful. For example, Baltimore has five such employees, the youngest of whom has served for seven years, and another, who has been in the employ of the company for forty years, has served for twenty-one years as district manager.

TALENTED DRAMATIC READER WILL GIVE RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT

J. Ernestine Wyatt, a talented dramatic reader, poetess and enactor of plays, will be heard in recital at St. John's A. M. E. Church next Friday night, under the local management of Mrs. Rafferty. Miss Wyatt has high testimonials from outstanding critics of both races for her ability as an entertainer. Dorothy Dix, in complimenting her, says: "Your repertoire is second to none that I have ever heard." Kelly Miller speaks of her as "a reader of rare charm and beauty." The Evening Courier of Waterloo, Ia., says: "Miss Wyatt possesses unusual ability in her field and through discriminating selection and distinctive talent, gives to her work quality that is unusual."

Those who attend St. John's next Friday night have a rare treat in store for them.

HEAD OF COLORED PYTHIAN FRATERNITY FOR HOOVER

S. W. Greene, of New Orleans, La., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the World, representing a membership of more than 300,000 colored Pythians, is for Herbert Hoover, he stated in a telegram received by A. L. Holsey, secretary of the colored voters' division of the republican national campaign committee organization.

BOSTON PHYSICIAN TO SUPPORT SMITH

Boston, Mass.—Dr. William Worthy, a well known influential colored physician of this city has resigned from the republican city committee and announced his intention of supporting Governor Smith for president.

In giving his reasons for leaving the G. O. P., Dr. Worthy said: "I believe Governor Smith to be an honest and efficient public servant, and his record speaks for itself. There is no doubt in my mind that the republican party has broken faith with our group, and that our only means of redress is to use our ballot against the party."

EDITORIAL

Several of our young women, trained in our splendid public schools and colleges and holding certificates certifying that they are qualified to teach in Nebraska, are leaving the city to resume positions in southern schools or to take positions for the first time as teachers in southern schools, because those in authority in the city of their nativity and training have refused to give them like opportunities here. Since there can be produced no valid argument against the appointment of some of our young women, who measure up to every intellectual and moral standard demanded for the position sought, to the teaching corps of our city, numbering approximately 1,500, we can ascribe the refusal only to prejudice or cowardice. For more than seven years we have been among those who have striven to have our city return to the position which she once occupied among the broad-visioned and progressive cities of our land in giving our people, who are taxpayers and support our public schools, representation on the teaching force and among other school employees. This request has been met with evasion, particularly upon the part of one influential individual which, to put it mildly, was disappointing. There seemed to be what is commonly called a "passing the buck." Some members of the Board of Education admitted, severally and individually, to us and others that the request was just, and that, individually, they were favorable; but that is as far as matters would seem to go.

It must certainly be realized upon the part of any fair-minded person, of whom there are doubtless many in this city, that a policy of this kind lends little encouragement either to pupils or their parents to make the sacrifices which they, in many cases are compelled to make, to prepare themselves for such work, if they must always be compelled to leave home to secure employment. This is too obvious to require further argument. Nor does this policy enrich the cultural life of our city or group, but to the contrary it impoverishes it. No progressive, forward-looking and fair-minded community could wish this disadvantageous condition to continue.

Inasmuch as it is within the power of our local educational authorities to prevent this pathetic and unjust condition we again make an earnest appeal to them in the name of justice and equity to see to it that appointments are made at the earliest opportunity of some of our well-qualified young women who have fulfilled all the conditions required by the State to teach in the public schools of Nebraska.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR COLORED LEAGUE

New York City—Ralph E. Mizelle of this city has been named for regional director of the Smith-for-President Colored League for the eastern division. This area includes the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Mr. Mizelle is well known in Harlem, where he has been active politically. He is a lawyer with offices at 200 Broadway.

KLAN AGAINST SMITH

Louisville, Ky.—The National Fraternal Weekly, organ of the Ku Klux Klan, which includes the Negro in its bigoted attacks, is advertising United States Senator Heflin to speak on Labor Day in this city.

The publication recalls in the article the trouble which arose August a year ago under the democratic regime when the Klan held a parade.

"That affair resulted in a sweeping victory at the polls at the following election and Charles J. Cronan, political boss of the Knights of Columbus, was made to walk the line. The G. O. P. victory followed in city, county, and state," recites the National Fraternal Weekly.

The general impression here is that the Klan is lined up against Smith and the Negro and supporting the republicans.

PHILLY HOSPITAL DRIVE PASSES GOAL

Philadelphia, Pa.—The campaign of Mercy hospital, which campaign had been extended ten days, for a fund of \$200,000 for a new nurses' home, ended with a total pledged of over \$355,000. More than one hundred colored people enlisted in an effort to raise the amount of money. Two hundred fifty white workers were also engaged in the work. Many persons gave large sums of money, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Deane, well known in social work, donating two thousand dollars.

ENDORSES PORTERS' UNION

New York, N. Y.—According to A. Philip Randolph, general organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the Travelers Protective Association of America, New York division, has indicated through William F. Dimelow, railroad chairman, that it is sympathetic with the fight of the Pullman porters for a living wage, and offers support.

YOUNG ATTORNEY STATE ORGANIZER

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mercer L. Lewis, a popular attorney of this city, has been named state organizer of the Smith-for-President Colored League. He plans conducting an active campaign throughout Pennsylvania.

Mr. Lewis recently ran independently for city magistrate, and polled a good-sized vote.

PREDICT NEW POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGRO

Washington, D. C.—Heralding a new day in political opportunity and leadership for the Negro, editors of various weeklies have commented widely and favorably upon the personnel selected to direct the republican campaign among colored voters.

Pointing out that business, professional, educational and religious interests as well as those purely political, comprise the colored voters' division of the Republican National Campaign committee this year, the belief is advanced by numerous papers that the campaign will be conducted upon a high plane and give an opportunity for self expression to every phase of life within the group.

JULIAN IN NONSTOP FLIGHT TO ROME

Detroit, Mich.—Backed by a group of the most influential colored people in this country, Herbert Julian, aviator, is shortly to attempt a flight across the Atlantic ocean to Rome, a nonstop flight, in an endeavor to show that the colored aviator is the equal of the white, in ingenuity, daring and courage and resourcefulness.

MEMPHIS COLLEGES MERGE

Memphis, Tenn.—Decision to operate Roger Williams college of Nashville and the Howe Junior College of Memphis, under one management, beginning with the fall term, October 1, was approved at a meeting of the missionary board and educational board of the Tennessee Baptist convention in session here.

The two colleges will use the buildings of Howe college as temporary headquarters until plans for erecting new buildings have matured.

Mr. T. T. McWilliams and Mr. Buddy Walker are attending the Elks conclave at Chicago this week.

ASBURY PARK N. A. A. C. P. WINS IN SUIT AGAINST BEACH SEGREGATION

New York, Aug. 24—Long continued segregation of colored bathers and visitors on the ocean beach at Asbury Park, New Jersey, has been decisively defeated by the branch there of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, under the leadership of the entire executive committee headed by the branch president, Dr. William J. Parks.

For some years colored bathers had been confined to a small section of the beach. Then reports began to come to the N. A. A. C. P. that colored people on benches along the Asbury Park beach front had been requested by city police officers to "move down where the colored people belong."

The branch promptly drew up a letter to the mayor protesting against this segregation of colored people along the beach. Two letters were taken to the mayor of Asbury Park by the N. A. A. C. P. committee, Dr. Parks reports:

"There were no discussions following the reading of this letter. The mayor simply asked what actions we wanted them to take.

The mayor, speaking for the board, gave us the assurance that colored people have the same rights and privileges on the beach as any other group of citizens, and that no orders have been given to the lessees or to any of the emissaries of the board to treat colored people differently from any other group and that no orders will be given to that effect."

In the first letter to the mayor, the Asbury Park N. A. A. C. P. said:

"Our association is organized and maintained for one purpose only—citizenship rights. As we view the matter the beach front is a public playground owned by the City of Asbury Park and is for the use of everybody, just as are the streets or the library square. Surely, you will not contend that you have the authority to say which side of a street colored or white people shall use. Then why which part of the beach?"

"We call your attention to the fact that no other seashore city in New Jersey has such an arrangement. Why should we? We can further state that we probably pay more taxes than the colored people of any other resort—Atlantic City not excepted. We do not feel that we should be made the laughing stock of the entire state by continuing to be jim-crowed on our own beach. May we have a reply from you? Yours for a friendly adjustment."

The branch committee, besides Dr. Parks, included John A. Stewart, Thomas H. Murray, Anna E. Jackson, Bessie A. Wallace, Dr. John H. Hayes, Betty A. Carter, Louise L. Upperman and Mabel Hendrickson.

Dr. Parks states that the lessee of bathing concessions has been instructed not to discriminate against colored bathers and that he gave assurances to that effect.

SMITH-FOR-PRESIDENT CLUBS BECOMING NUMEROUS

New York City—Independent Smith-for-President clubs are springing up in various sections of the east. Some of these organizations are made up for colored voters who heretofore voted the republican ticket. The New Jersey Independent Republican club, Smith-for-President, is making an active canvass for the democratic ticket in New Jersey. J. B. Taylor of Englewood is president, and D. H. Taylor is secretary.

The People's Progressive Political league has its headquarters in Philadelphia. The officers are the Rev. Thomas D. Atkins, president; Lionel A. Francis, secretary-treasurer, and John W. Parks, chairman of the campaign committee. This organization is said to have a large membership composed of colored voters throughout Pennsylvania.

The Afro-American Republican league, through Harry Davenger, chairman, has offered to work in Delaware for Governor Smith and Senator Bayard.

WINNING SUCCESS IN JOURNALISTIC FIELD ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Former Omaha Woman Now Business Manager of the Pacific Defender of Los Angeles Defender of Los Angeles On Eastern Trip

One of the outstanding editors of the country is Fred C. Williams of the Pacific Defender of Los Angeles, Cal., who some years ago was circulation manager of The Monitor. Although he has lost his sight, he had the will to support himself and found a way.

Some years ago he went to Los Angeles, Cal., and began the publication of the Pacific Defender, which is one of the ablest and best edited of our race journals, and is recognized as an influential publication.

Fred C. Williams credits much of his success in the newspaper field to his wife, who has proven herself to be one of the keenest and most wide-awake business women of the west. She is quiet, modest and unassuming, and up to the time of her husband's venture in California, was a simple housewife. Due to the loss of his sight she found it necessary to take her place by his side in business and has proven a worthy helper.



Mrs. Williams is visiting in the east, having passed through Omaha last week, enroute to Chicago and points further east, and then returning by way of Indianapolis, St. Louis, her old home town, and Omaha, where she and her husband resided prior to their departure five years ago.

DR. SINGLETON MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. John A. Singleton has been appointed the Nebraska representative on the Advisory Board of the Colored Voters' Division of the National Republican Committee, of which Dr. John R. Hawkins of Washington, D. C., is general chairman. This sub-committee to which has been entrusted the conducting of a vigorous campaign among the colored voters for the election of Hoover and Curtis, is a very important part of the campaign organization functioning under the chairmanship of Dr. Hubert Work. The choice of Dr. Singleton, who is a member of the state legislature, and an active and enthusiastic republican, is an excellent one.

ELKS RESENT ACTION AGAINST PERRY HOWARD

New York City—Monarch Lodge, No. 45, Negro Elks, at a meeting at No. 245 West 137th street, adopted resolutions voicing resentment of what is characterized as the "persecution" of Perry W. Howard, grand legal advisor of the Independent Order of Elks and Negro Republican National Committeeman from Mississippi.

Assurances of sympathy and support are expressed in the resolutions, which charge that Howard is sacrificed for political expediency and through race prejudice.

Monarch lodge is one of the largest in the country. It has 3,000 members. A similar resolution was passed recently by Negro Elks of Baltimore.