



Truman Advocates Improved Race Relations

Washington. President Truman declared Sunday that the federal government must take the lead in wiping out racial "prejudice and discrimination" at home to strengthen the hand of democracy abroad.

Speaking to an outdoor audience of thousands at the Lincoln Memorial, the chief executive asserted:

"Every man should have the right to a decent home, the right to an education, the right to adequate medical care, the right to a worthwhile job, the right to an equal share in the making of public decisions thru the ballot, and the right to a fair trial in a fair court."

To these principles, he said, "I pledge my full and continued support."

The president spoke at the closing session of the 38th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Truman's address followed one by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who was introduced to the loudly applauding audience by Walter White, executive secretary of the association, as the former "first lady of the land" and now the "first lady of the world."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that the United States must rid its land of "the blot of lynching" to make democracy work. She said the United Nations commission on human rights is committed to the principle that "all men are brothers" and that it is up to the United States to help build a world "in which all men can live as brothers."

Mr. Truman said that if democracy is to win out over totalitarianism in war-ravaged nations it must put its own "house in order" by strengthening its laws on civil rights.

While there is much that state and local governments can do, he said, the nation "can not any longer await the growth of a will to action in the slowest state or the most backward community."

He said the support of desperate populations in battle-ravaged countries "must be won to the free way of life" since they are essential "in our continuing struggle for the peaceful solution of the world's problems."

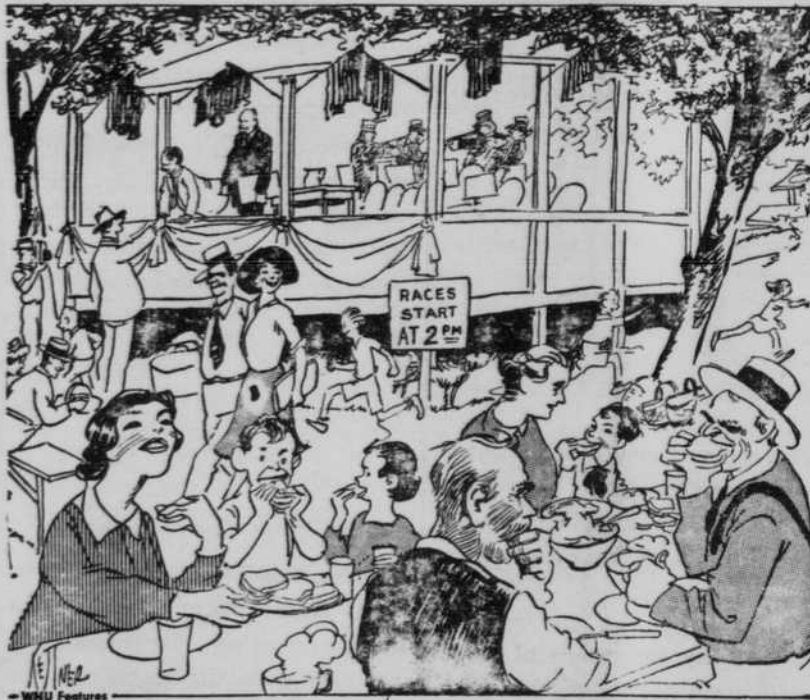
"Our case for democracy should be as strong as we can make it. It should rest on practical evidence that we have been able to put our own house in order."

Mr. Truman said he had taken these steps to improve civil rights guarantees:

1. Named last December an advisory committee on civil rights.
2. Asked congress to pass legislation extending basic civil rights to the people of Guam and American-Samoa "so that these people can share our ideals of freedom and self-government."

He also said representatives of the United States and other liberty-loving countries on the United Nations commission on human rights are preparing an "international bill of rights."

July the Fourth



Evangelical Camp

George Randol, member of St. Paul Methodist Church reported a delightful camping experience last week at the Methodist Riverside Evangelical camp, consisting of 75 boys and girls from 14 to 18 years of age. Mr. Randol went as a member of the faculty, conducting or participating in all of the camp activities. The eleven o'clock forums were of special significance, Mr. Randol reported. The subjects were current, timely and of exceedingly great importance.

There was not only a young girl from Hawaii who told of the racial situation, religious and national problems which existed there and how they were solved, but persons from Texas, Tennessee and other sections of the country, thus giving a cross section of views and possible solutions.

Special emphasis was placed on first and second class citizenship, as related to Whites and Negroes, with the economic situation being the major factor causing the distinction.

It was generally accepted by the group that the racial barriers and discrimination had to be eliminated if peace was to prevail in our land.

Miss Robbie Powell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, and member of Newman Methodist Church was the only other person of color attending the camp.

McWilliams Named District Chairman

Rev. Trago T. McWilliams, Sr., pastor of Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) in Kansas City, Kans., and former Lincoln resident was appointed District Chairman of the Midwest District of the Church of Christ (Holiness) it was announced Wednesday.

Rev. McWilliams will replace Rev. C. L. Carhee, pastor of Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) in Omaha. The District includes Lincoln, Kansas City, Omaha, and Denver.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LOSSES

The Vacation Bible School which meets annually at the Urban League building closed its two-weeks meet with a record breaking attendance. The improved staff of teachers and workers were far too small to handle the number of children attending.

The enthusiastic group presented an interesting program of the things they had learned and many articles made by them were on display.

Certificates were awarded those with perfect attendance records and other awards were given those with outstanding records, but not perfect attendance.

Those in charge of classes and supervision were:

- Mrs. George Evans
- Mrs. G. W. Harper
- Mrs. Harry Peterson
- Mrs. A. E. Simms
- Mrs. Otis Smith
- Miss Katherine Thompson

Last Rites Held Thursday for Mrs. Leona Gatlin Chrisman

Mrs. Leona Gatlin Chrisman, passed away Sunday, June 22nd at Kearney, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Louis Chrisman, Lincoln, son, Mr. Eugene Chrisman, Cleveland, O. The Rosary was recited Wednesday evening at Thomas Mortuary. Funeral services were held at nine o'clock Thursday morning from St. Benedict's Catholic Church with Father Joseph R. Moylan, S. J. Officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Ethel Williamson Taken by Death

Death came to Mrs. Ethel Williamson Saturday morning after an illness of several months. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Foster Adams.

Funeral service was held at Browns mortuary with Rev. R. E. Handy officiating. Burial was in Wyuka.

N. A. A. C. P. Mass Meeting

The Lincoln Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. was one of the hundreds to hold a mass meeting Sunday afternoon to listen to the President's address to the 38th Annual Session which closed at Washington, D. C. June 29. Others appearing on the broadcast were Mrs. Eleanore Roosevelt and Carol Brice, noted soloist.

President Truman took a firm stand on all of the vital issues facing the Association and the 14,000,000 Negroes which it represents.

THE VOICE READ IN FOREIGN LANDS

The Voice received the following letter from one of our Naval Service-men, dated 16-June-'47. We take the pleasure of reprinting it for the reading interest of our readers.

Dear Editor:

I thought you would like to know that your thriving paper reaches as far as the distant lands of North Africa, France, and Italy.

This accomplishment is brought about by my mother (Mrs. C. R. Johnson), who sends your paper to me quite regular.

Your paper is not only enjoyed by me, but by other colored members of the Naval Forces aboard this ship.

I have found the news in your paper interesting, and I am always happy to receive a copy.

Respectfully
Howard Bean

PRESENTS GAVEL

Bro. Jewell R. Kelley, Senior Warden, presented G. M. Lewis with a Gavel and box, which he made. Although it was Kelley's personal gift, he presented it through the Lebanon Lodge.

GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge of Nebraska Jurisdiction A. F. & A. M. will hold its regular meeting in Omaha, July 16, 17, 18.

Too Much Intolerance in U.S. Says Columbia Dean

Before the U. S. can assume world leadership, "it must put its own house in order" and clear out the present abundance of intolerances and discrimination declared Dean Harry Carman of Columbia University recently.

Dean Carman was speaking at a luncheon meeting of the women's dress division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in Waldorf-Astoria hotel. The conference is carrying on a campaign for \$2,165,000 to continue its program of promoting better understanding and brotherhood throughout the world.

Another speaker, Dr. Charles L. Meade of Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Orange, N. J., held that the United States must produce a way of life better than anything that either communism or fascism can promise.

Jolly Playmate Club

by Winifred (Peaches) Winston

This week's new Jolly Playmate Member is Patricia Annette Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



Herbert Jackson. She resides at 2211 R St., and will be seven months on the tenth of July. Her hobby is breaking up rattles. Her favorite sport is riding in her buggy. Strained fruit is her favorite dish. Her most exciting moment was when she learned to sit up while her most boring moments are when she has no one to talk to. (She and her mother have a special language nobody else can understand) Her pet peeves are eating spinach and going to sleep. Her future ambition is to be a woman. She is charming to all who know her and is said by many to be pretty as a picture.

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at Christ Temple with the Rev. T. O. McWilliams Jr. performing the ceremony in the presence of the two families. Orphia Delaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Delaney and Delmar King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. King were united in marriage.

MASONS MEET

An adjourned meeting of Lebanon Lodge No. 3 was held Tuesday, June 24 with Worshipful Master, Edwin Todd in charge.

Grand Master, Clayton P. Lewis made his official visit accompanied by Past Grand Master, Walter Seals of Omaha.

The subject of G. M. Lewis's annual address, "Our Debt to Masonry," was heartily received by all. Sandwiches and coffee were served following the meeting.