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JONES LAKER FOR NAACP DRIVE

Administra Assistant To Walter White Eloquent

Madison S. Jones of Washington, D. C., will represent the national office of the N.A.A.C.P. at the membership drive banquet of the local branch. Reservations for the banquet and mass meeting have reached near capacity as scores of Lincolinites bid to hear the forceful and eloquent aide to Walter White, famed secretary of the organization.

Begun over 35 years ago, the N. A. A. C. P. has fought for the legal protection of colored peoples and has striven at all times to aid those needing help at the bar. Therefore, a portion of the membership fee goes to the National office to help fight the overall cases of discriminations and injustices and a portion remains with the local branch to help procure for colored people the same rights accorded other citizens. Nationally the organization has been a strong proponent of the President's civil rights legislative program, it has raised additional funds for the defense of Mrs. Ingram in Georgia and for Mrs. Fisher in Missouri. Membership helps to solve problems on the local as well as the national level. Mr. Jones, fresh from the East, will bring with him the latest information concerning the Association's activities.

Before the war, Mr. Jones was director of youth, but he left that post to serve on the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. On his return to the N.A.A.C.P. staff he became the administrative assistant to the Secretary, his present post.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p. m. April 7th at the Urban League building, 2030 "T" Street. A few reservations are still available. Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity co-sponsor the meeting.

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MADISON S. JONES

Europeans See USA; Shun Democracy

CHICAGO. (ANP). Despite America's frantic desire to "save Europe from communism," the majority of the people in both western and eastern Europe don't want U. S. democracy because of the treatment given Negroes over here, according to three white travelers who recently returned from extended trips to Europe.

What's more, the Americans most talked about all over Europe are Henry Wallace and Paul Robeson, both of whom draw high praise. The stage play, "Deep Are the Roots," is a hit in England, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia; Howard Fast's novel of reconstruction, "Freedom Road," is to be published in Yugoslavia, and Eslande Goode Robeson's "African Journey" and her biography of Paul have been widely acclaimed in Czechoslovakia.

Authority for this picture of Europe not found in the daily press are Marie Seton Hesson, English-born writer, and her husband, Donald Hesson, a Chicago attorney, and Martin Hall, a lecturer who has been speaking throughout the nation under auspices of the Friends' Service committee.

The Hessons were in Europe eight months, visiting England, Holland, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Germany. In all their travels, they found the political left and right anxious to discuss the American treatment of Negroes.

Although few Yugoslavs have seen Negroes, they are quite concerned when the status of both Negroes and American Indians. They are sympathetic because they faced similar discrimination under the old Austro-Hungarian empire and the old Czecho-Slovakian regime.

**Friday Last Day
To Register**
April 13 is election day. The right to vote is a privilege and a duty.
We urge you to vote for these candidates who will remember to give the Negro every right as a citizen of this great Democracy—sharing according to his ability with no regard to color or race.

High Court Gets Negro Vote Case

WASHINGTON.—The Supreme Court has been asked to overturn a lower court decision giving Negroes the right to vote in Democratic primaries in South Carolina.

Democratic party officials of Richland county contend that the Democratic party in South Carolina is a voluntary political association which can exercise unrestricted choice of membership. The party officials asked the high tribunal to overrule a decision by the U. S. Circuit Court in Richmond.

The Circuit Court said that "no election machinery can be upheld if its purpose or effect is to deny the Negro, on account of his race or color, an effective voice in the government of his country or the state or the community wherein he lives."

Shaw House Celebrates Anniversary

BOSTON. (ANP). The Robert Gould Shaw house, one of Boston's best known social agencies, observed its 40th anniversary last week. Today Shaw house has a program of 240 different activities and an enrollment of 2,814 persons.

Its activities include a nursery school with 35 children and eight practice teaching students as well as programs for people of all ages including special activities for persons over 65.

Harold Peabody has been the treasurer for 40 years. Its founders include Misses Augusta P. Eaton, Isabel Eaton and Marion B. Doolittle.

Atomic Energy Exhibit at Va. State College

PETERSBURG, Va. (ANP). An exhibition on atomic energy is now enjoying a two weeks stay at Virginia State college. This exhibition, prepared by the editors of Life Magazine in consultation with the U. S. Atomic Energy commission, began March 10 and will close March 24.

N.Y. Outlaws Discrimination In Colleges

ALBANY, N. Y. (ANP). The New York State legislature outlawed racial and religious discrimination in the admission of students to private colleges, universities and professional schools, last week.

The legislature also voted preliminary approval to a constitutional amendment making veterans who left New York States after their discharge eligible for the state bonus, provided they were state residents when inducted.

15th Annual Style Show League's "Best in Years"

Young and Old Blossom in Newest Spring Outfits, New Look Gowns



MISS MOTEN

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Miss Etta Moten, famous concert artist, gave a recital and illustrated African lecture at Tuskegee in Institute Chapel, March 14th. George E. Pearson accompanied her during the musical portions of the program. The historic chapel, with its famous Gothic windows depicting the story of the spirituals, overflowed with student, faculty, staff member and visitors. The program included arias in German, Italian and Spanish. These were followed by a group of African folk-songs for which Miss Moten accompanied herself on a miniature drum given her by a Yoruba friend when she was in West Africa. Included in the selections were "Esso, Esso," the story of a snail; and "Gbo Wani Falla Satiday or "Everybody Loves Saturday Night."

For the lecture that followed, slides and items of native craftsmanship were used to describe the country and to point out the ethnic and arts of the country. It was obvious after the lecture that many had changed their minds about Africa.

Miss Moten is the wife of Claude A. Barnett, Director of the Associated Negro Press.

Approximately 300 persons filled all available seating last Monday night to witness the Urban League's 15th annual Style Show. When the house-lights were lowered, the curtains were drawn, revealing a beautiful stage setting of blue and silvered panels flanked by lattices covered with art straw and two huge pots of Easter lilies.

Mrs. Adgenese Adams, who acted as mistress of ceremonies, introduced section I—Children's styles. Plaids seemed to be the favorite pattern for the kiddies, although laces, appliques and tiny ruffles were much in evidence. Miss Audrey Brooks of Beatrice played an interpretive arrangement of a popular song during the intermission that followed.

Section II displayed afternoon dress for young ladies. The popular new lengths and flares were shown as well as the "pencil-slim" styles. Section III was opened by Mrs. Walter Bell modeling a very becoming three-piece suit in gray pin stripe. Mrs. Clyde Malone was also very charming as she modeled a beige two-piece suit. Others in the class were: Mrs. Wyatt Williams—navy suit with white accessories and fox scarf; Juanita Banks—green wool with fur collar and trim, and Mrs. James Dean, wearing a black tailored suit with white accessories and a grey sailor hat.

In the formal class—Delores Bowan, Betty Bowan, Betty Houston, Loretta Hatcher and Miss Tapley modeled a variety of styles in evening gowns from puffed sleeves to off the shoulder styles. Jeanne Malone modeled the bride's outfit at the finale, and was accompanied by Billy Mosby, who wore the correct thing for men.

Eloise Finley sang "Near You" after the section III showing. Miss Barbara Kelley furnished the background music for the whole show. The committee for the show, the best for several years, was Mrs. Roma Henderson, chairman; Mrs. Sarah Walker, Mrs. Adgenese Adams and Mrs. Doris Bowen.

Philadelphia's Anti-Bias Bill

PHILADELPHIA. (AP). An ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, or national origin has been adopted by the Philadelphia City Council.

The ordinance, providing a penalty of \$100 fine for each violation with the alternative of 30 days in jail, applies to all employers of one or more persons, labor unions, city, and employment agencies but does not apply to fraternal, sectarian, charitable or religious organizations.

Robeson Book Off the Shelf

WHEELING, W. Va. (UP). The West Virginia Library Commission has removed a biography of Paul Robeson from the list of books recommended for children, it was reported here by William C. Piper, member of the House of Delegates.

Piper said that the book "Paul Robeson, Citizen of the World," was removed from the list at his request. He objected to the book on the grounds of Robeson's political views.

Woman Is First Negro on Queens Jury

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y. (ANP). A woman, Mrs. Jessie W. Routtee of South Jamaica, became the first Negro to serve on a Queens County grand jury, last week. Her husband recently received public attention for touring the south and being admitted to many functions without prejudice because he wore a turban.