



Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Pittman Will Be First Negro Woman To Episcopal Law Body

OMAHA. (ANP). Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Pittman, active Episcopal laywoman in the Diocese of Nebraska, has been elected to attend the General Convention of Episcopalians to be held in San Francisco, Calif., from Sept. 26 through Oct. 7. The last triennial general convention held in 1946 at Philadelphia marked the first time in the entire history of the Episcopal church that a woman had ever been seated in the House of Deputies, which is law making body of the Episcopal church and is composed of laymen.

At the 1949 convention, three women will be seated in the legislative body, and Mrs. Pittman is the first Negro woman to be so honored in the many centuries of the existence of the Episcopal church.

She is a practicing member of the Omaha bar. Admitted last year, Mrs. Pittman has formed a partnership with her father, Atty. Charles F. Davis.

Mrs. Pittman is the wife of Dr. A. B. Pittman, one of Omaha's leading veterinarians. She is a member of the Vestry and secretary of St. Philip's Episcopal church, and a partner in the law firm of Davis and Pittman, which was formed about a year ago when she was admitted to the bar after graduating from the Creighton law school.

She is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the Y.W.C.A., Cherokee Temple No. 223 and the Nebraska Kennel club.

Librarians to Study At U.S. State Dept. Service Institute

MONROVIA. (ANP). Three attaches of the Liberian State department are going to the United States for study. They will spend from three and six months at the Foreign Service institute conducted at Washington, D. C., by the U. S. State Department. Those selected are Dudley Lawrence, Lloyd Whisonant and David Thomas.

Mass. Senate Passes Fair Education Bill

BOSTON, Mass. (ANP). By a voice vote, without debate, the Massachusetts senate approved last week a bill designed to prohibit discrimination in educational institutions on account of race, creed, color or national origin.

The House of Representatives had previously endorsed the bill. However, the act as passed includes an amendment which removed the enactment powers of the original bill and placed the administration of the act under the State Department of Education. As originally proposed, the act would have provided penalties for infringement and would have been administered by the state FEPC.

Men's Day At Chapel Features Spirituals

Men's day at Quinn Chapel gave the men of the congregation a chance to demonstrate their abilities last Sunday, Sept. 11. The programming was under the direction of Mr. Clayton P. Lewis and Rev. J. B. Brooks. Special messages were brought by Rev. Elenge Edwards in the morning and Rev. William Greene, of Newman Methodist church in the afternoon.

The singing of the men's choir was quite remarkable. Raymond Botts was music chairman for the day. The men of the Mt. Zion Baptist choir also helped with the singing in the afternoon, which included a number of classical spirituals. Renditions of "Soon One Morning" and "Get On Board" were unique and effective.

Sunday, September 18, has been designated Women's Day, but the program had not been announced last Sunday.

Robeson, Officials Differ On N. Y. Concert Clashes

Clement Paige To Address British Science Ass'n

SILER CITY, N. C. (ANP). The nation's youngest Negro Ph. D., Dr. Clement Paige, 19, will fly to Great Britain this week to address the British Association for the Advancement of Science. He will be the first Negro ever to speak to this learned group.

A native of Siler City, Dr. Paige is the youngest Negro in the nation's history to attain a doctor's degree. He gained his education through hard work and scholarships. He holds his degree as a physiological psychologist.

One of eight children of a farmer, he worked hard to save enough money to attend high school in New York. He then returned to North Carolina where he studied for his bachelor's degree at A & T college in Greensboro.

At this time his money ran out, but Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune heard about him and helped him to attain scholarships which financed him through graduate study at the City College of New York and at McGill university in Montreal, Canada.

His next study will be in Europe as the recipient of the \$4,000 Elizabeth Crompton Memorial award of the American Institute of Psychanalysts.

When this study is completed he will become head of the biology department of Fort Valley State college in Georgia. At present he is professor of biology at Bethune-Cookman college, the school founded by Mrs. Bethune.

Mrs. Roosevelt Bids Farewell to Howard U. Players

NEW YORK. (ANP). Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the late president, was among the persons wishing the Howard university players good luck on their trip to Scandinavia where they will present plays by Ibsen this month.

The school theater group left New York last week on the Norwegian-American liner, Stavangerfjord, under the sponsorship of the Norwegian government and Blevins Davis, a theatrical producer. The 12 men and nine women students will act on stages in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and perhaps Germany.

They are being accompanied by three drama professors, Dr. Anne Cook, Owen Dodson, and James Butcher. Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the university's board of trustees.

Claude Holman Chosen Master in Chicago Chancery

CHICAGO. (ANP). Claude W. B. Holman, local attorney, and one time secretary of ex-Rep. Arthur W. Mitchell, was appointed master in chancery of the Superior court in Chicago last week by Judge Wilbert F. Crowley.

Holman, who is 45, served as Mitchell's secretary from 1935 to 1938. He is an associate of Richard E. Westbrook, local Chicago lawyer.

Singer Says 'Storm Troops' Stirred It; Prosecutor Hails the Work of Police; 145 Injured

BY CHARLES GRUTZNER.

NEW YORK.—The number of certified casualties in the wave of violence that swept upper Westchester on Sunday mounted yesterday to 145. Paul Robeson, political storm center, blamed the state and local police for the situation that resulted in the stoning of buses and automobiles filled with persons who had heard him sing near Peekskill. District Attorney George M. Fanelli, however, said the 900 policemen had done "a magnificent job" in preventing fatalities.

Governor Dewey let it be known that he would have no comment on the disturbance—the second in eight days in the Peekskill area—until he received full reports from Mr. Fanelli, Sheriff Fred W. Ruscoe and John A. Gaffney, Superintendent of the State Police.

Praising the work of state and local policemen and deputy sheriffs, Mr. Fanelli said: "There would have been mass killing if they hadn't kept control at the danger center in the concert area."

A check of physicians in upper Westchester and of hospitals in that county and in New York showed that 145 persons were treated for injuries received in connection with the concert. Mr. Robeson's followers set the figure at more than 200, saying many of the injured had received no medical treatment until they went to their own physicians in this city.

Several of the more seriously injured were in hospitals in Peekskill, White Plains, N. Y., and New Haven with fractures, concussions or glass splinters in eyes.

The charge against the state and Westchester police was made by Mr. Robeson at a meeting with reporters here that was arranged by the Emergency Committee to Protest Peekskill Attacks. The baritone said the massed police had permitted hostile demonstrations to stone the concertgoers, expecting that Mr. Robeson's supporters would fight back.

"That's all they were waiting for," he declared. "They would have shot us down then. They were ready to massacre us."

Mr. Robeson said the men among the concertgoers, who outnumbered the hostile demonstrators, had shown "tremendous self-discipline" in not fighting back. He made clear his determination to make political capital, throughout the nation, of the Peekskill disorders.

Announcing that emergency committees would be formed all through the United States, he declared: "This has to do with every American who has any pretense to thinking that he still lives in a democracy."

Charging that the disorders near Peekskill and their concomitants were "complete evidence that the arms of the government—police, judicial, even the Governor himself—are being used by powerful minority forces to suppress American democracy," Mr. Robeson intoned challengingly:

"These things will not in any way terrify us in the struggle for a free America. I am prepared to

To 'Y' Position



MISS KATHRYN THOMPSON, 2137 "R" Street, will leave Wednesday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where she has accepted the position of Teenage Program Director for the Centre Avenue Branch Y.W.C.A. Miss Thompson, who received her masters degree in group work at the University of Pittsburgh this year, will assume her duties on September 16.

face the dangers. I was in Peekskill. I'll be anywhere that I'm called to be."

Declaring that "Dewey must answer for this," Mr. Robeson, with a reference to the Governor's order to Westchester officials several days ago to furnish all available police protection for the concert said: "He sent the storm troopers. He gave the illusion they'd be there to defend us, but they were really there to beat our brains out."

The committee of Robeson supporters, which met at the Council on African Affairs, 23 West Twenty-Sixth Street, demanded the suspension from duty and trial of District Attorney Fanelli, Sheriff Ruscoe, Superintendent Gaffney and other public officials. It called also, for the indictment of leaders of veterans' groups who organized the anti-Robeson demonstration, and of "all those in the mob who can be identified through pictures or by those present."

The committee demanded also a Federal investigation of violations of civil rights. Similar demands were made of President Truman and Governor Dewey by several other organizations. The Civil Rights Congress sent a request to President Truman to "intervene to restore law and order in New York State." It called also for a special session of the State Legislature to investigate the happenings and "take all steps to restore law and order and to punish the guilty, up to and including impeachment of the Governor."

The statement of the Civil Rights Congress alleged that "the guilt of public officials, from the Governor down, is beyond question in the face of the lynch-terror let loose on a similarly peaceful assemblage on Aug. 27."—N. Y. Times.