

Getting News to the People

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organization, membership in which and franchises for certain territories are held by the newspapers that support it and subscribe for its services, to which they have exclusive rights. A.N.P. is based upon a reciprocal plan, each of the seventy-eight member papers being supposed to cover its individual territory, reporting the news developing in its vicinity to the central office for distribution to the entire membership.

Whatever news is regarded as general in character and national in scope and interest is relayed to the headquarters of the Associated Negro Press in Chicago, from which point, after a process of selection, evaluation, shortening, and amplifying according to the judgment of experienced workers (a process known as editing), it is forwarded to the papers. This news is assembled into various classifications: straight news, features, sports, and theatrical, while articles of opinion, signed by authorities in various fields or by recognized and outstanding members of the group, are also included.

The greater part of this mass of news relayed to the newspapers in bi-weekly releases, however, is gathered by ANP's own staff. Spreading out from its Chicago office is a network of correspondents, one located in every center of considerable Negro population, as well as in every strategic area where experience has taught us that news of vital importance or great interest is apt to break. Most important of the Negro organizations make use of ANP's facilities to distribute news of their activities, conventions, policies, and achievements.

This information pours into Chicago by mail, wire and telephone. Too great tribute cannot be paid to the diligence, acumen, and remarkable spirit of co-operation shown by this group of carefully selected correspondents. Many volunteer writers also hold credentials officially establishing them on a repertorial basis and designating them as news-gatherers, and among this group are likewise found zealous workers who are imbued with the true spirit of newspaper men and women.

The home office staff is composed of Claude A. Barnett, Director; Frank M. Davis, Feature Editor; Albert G. Barnett, News Editor; all of whom work with the group of stenographers and

clerks. A few of those in the field are: William Pickens, contributing editor; Carl Diton, music; Arden H. Duane, women's features; Dr. Horace Mann-Bond, education; Sallye Bell, radio; Alvin Moses, sports, New York City; Harry Levette, Los Angeles, Calif. Correspondents are maintained at Colorado Springs, Colo., Washington, D. C., Atlanta, Ga., Hopkinsville, Ky., New Orleans, La., Boston, Mass., Detroit, Mich., St. Paul, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., Omaha, Neb., Atlantic City, N. J., Brooklyn, New York City, Cleveland, Youngstown, O., Philadelphia, Pa., Charleston S. C., Chattanooga, Knoxville, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., Jacksonville, Fla., Virgin Islands, Paris, France, London, Eng., Johannesburg, S. Africa, and many, many others.

Accuracy is the first requisite which ANP imposes on the staff which gathers its information. A constructive viewpoint is next. Human interest, racial interest and importance to readers scattered over a wide area are other criteria. Sensationalism and scandal, unless unusual or freighted with exceptional interest, are avoided.

The newspapers which comprise the membership of the Associated Negro Press do the country from coast to coast, and from Canada to the gulf. Dedicated to the task of presenting information affecting the progress and achievements of as well as the disadvantages faced by the group. They have been important factors in the education of our people as well as in the development of racial pride, racial consciousness, and whatever spirit of cohesiveness our group possesses.

Pilgrim House To Remain Open

of the dozens of children of many LOS ANGELES. (ANP)—Faces nationalities beamed smiled last week when Dr. Harold Kingsley announced that Pilgrim House will remain open for at least another year.

Pilgrim house had been slated for demolition by Dec. 31, but hundreds of citizens pleaded that the recreational center be spared. Councilmen Edward Roybal, a Mexican-American, introduced a motion into the city council to save the house.

The area being served by this house, Little Tokyo, is the site of a new housing project to be built soon.

The Voice Speaks

There are two forces foremost in the development of the economical, social and spiritual life of the fifteen million Negroes living in the United States. These are the Negro church and the Negro newspaper. The church, by virtue of its intimate and direct approach and its long and effective service, stands first. Next in influence and importance is the newspaper. A newspaper in its largest sense is a co-operative venture. It depends not only on the people who work for it as a business and on the businesses which buy space in it to advertise their wares and services. It depends on readers, by the thousands. It depends on the interested co-operation of hundreds of people everywhere, from the reporter of the smallest club or the friend who passes on a suggestion, a word of criticism or a news tip on the street corner.

The people of Lincoln have been liberal in their contributions to the pages of The Voice and it is with a feeling of deep humility that we express our appreciation, and for the spirit of co-operation which you have shown, we extend congratulations:

To a loyal staff of workers whose services are praiseworthy indeed. Charles Goolsby as associate editor, Dorothy Greene, office secretary and editor of Teenage Chatter . . . Mrs. Brevy Miller, in charge of Households Hints, Rev. J. B. Brooks, Mr. A. E. Simms and Mrs. Joe Greene and others who serve in various capacities, are invaluable to The Voice . . .

To the advertisers who are making The Voice possible. You are giving the people herein represented a new sense of values. They are "buying with pride."

To the host of grand people who helped with The Voice Cook Book which made possible two-one hundred dollar scholarships for the first Negro girls to enter Bryan Memorial hospital . . .

To George Randol for serving as The Voice photographer . . .

The churches of the city for being especially conscious of our existence . . . Organized clubs and the many individuals who stop in, telephone, or send a letter saying I want to help The Voice live.

To all these and many more accept our thanks.

Rev. and Mrs. Melvin L. Shakespeare.

NAACP Votes

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of directors. Judge Bolin, the only local branch official on the board, was one of five members not listed for reappointment to the 1950 board.

At its meeting, however, the board revealed that Judge Bolin is being offered a promotion in the form of being recommended by the NAACP nominating board to a vice presidency.

Among others recommended as vice presidents are: Mrs. Mary White Ovington, a founder and former treasurer of the association; Sen. Arthur E. Capper of Kansas; Sen. Hubert M. Humphrey of Minnesota; Willard L. Townsend, head of the United Transport Service Employees Union; Ike Smalls, Des Moines, Ia.; and Mrs. L. Pearl Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Ovington is also

being recommended as honorary treasurer of the NAACP.

The five new nominees for the board of directors, according to Dr. J. L. Leach, chairman of the nominating committee, are: Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina State conference of the NAACP; Dr. W. Montague Cobb, professor of anatomy, Howard university medical school; Wesley W. Law, Savannah, Ga.; Dr. Harry J. Greene, Philadelphia, and Carl Johnson, president of the Kansas City, Mo., branch NAACP.

These along with 11 incumbent members of the board are to be voted upon by branches throughout the country.

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Supreme Court Postpones Case Of Henderson

By Alice A. Dunnigan

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The case of Elmer Henderson against the Interstate Commerce commission and the Southern Railway company, in which the dining car regulations of the Southern Railway are assailed as discriminatory and contrary to the Interstate Commerce Act and the 14th amendment to the constitution, which was scheduled for hearing before the United States Supreme court this week, was postponed probably until December when it is hope that a full bench will be present.

The CIO has joined in the appeal of the American Council on Human Rights to the U. S. Supreme court attacking the validity of the segregated dining car regulations, it was announced last week by Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel of the union.

In his amicus curiae brief in the Supreme court the General Counsel said: "The CIO has a real and genuine interest in the elimination of discrimination based on color from every phase of American life . . .

"A regulation setting aside certain places for Negro diners . . . does more than discriminate against Negroes. It also has the effect of enforcing segregation practices on those, Negro and White alike, to whom such practices are abhorrent."

By handing down hundreds of orders in the past week, the court is hurriedly clearing up its overcrowded calendar. Most of the orders have been denials of cases brought before the court.

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