



Negro Leaders Urge S Of 1950 Red Cross Campaign

Drs. Channing Tobias, Charles Johnson, F. D. Patterson and Dorothy Ferebee Join In Appeal

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Endorsements of the American National Red Cross campaign for \$67,000,000 which began March 1 include tributes from heads of national organizations, college presidents, civic and religious leaders throughout the nation.

Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, president, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., says that "each of us must realize that in contributing to the Red Cross we contribute to the health and welfare of our nation." Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk university, adds his pledge of personal service.

"I do not refer merely to financial support," said Dr. Johnson, "although I am aware that this is most important. I feel an obligation to give the support of my direct and personal service because of its ever readiness anywhere to give prompt and well-directed care to these emergencies, catastrophes, and critical needs of the whole population that are beyond the province of specialized agencies."

Dr. Johnson goes on to say that "like catastrophe itself, the Red Cross does not, and, in fact, cannot make distinctions between peoples with a common affliction of misfortune. The contribution of the institution which I represent to the Red Cross was a substantial one in proportion to its means. I have felt it urgent to be a part of the campaigns for supporting funds. It has been a privilege with my colleagues and students to give blood, which is the most intimate form of sharing."

Eugene Kinckle Jones, general secretary of the National Urban League, calls the Red Cross everybody's pet philanthropy. He calls this organization "the alert guardian of the public wealth," and says it stands ready to succor all who suffer when disaster strikes.

Calling the American Red Cross "truly an American organization," Claude A. Barnett, director, Associated Negro Press, says "it strives as best it can to render these services regardless of race, creed or color." As a member of the American National Red Cross Board of Governors, Mrs. Barnett has had first-hand experience with this organization, which he says "represents the most unselfish the most helpful, the most humanitarian spirit of the people of the United States."

A FRIEND IN THE HOUR OF NEED

Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, another member of the Red Cross Board of Governors, and president of Tuskegee institute, says:

"The multiple character of the services which this organization renders, both in war and in peace, has led all of us to rely upon it as the one agency to which we may always turn in an hour of need. No organization is more truly national in scope or more dependent on the response from every public-spirited citizen for its adequate support. Our response this year will say to the officers of this organization how much we expect of them in meeting the needs of servicemen and their families, in providing blood, free of cost, to the many thousands who require it, and of standing ever ready to help in disasters which cannot be properly ministered to on a purely local basis."

Pointing out that small contributions as well as large ones are important, Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, says these sums will show

Dry Those Tears



Bewildered and tearful, this youngster is comforted by a Red Cross volunteer while food, clothing, and shelter are arranged for her mother at Red Cross disaster relief headquarters.

Bishop Shaw To Return For Meeting Series

The Rt. Rev. Alexander P. Shaw, Methodist Bishop of Baltimore, will be one in a series of outstanding Methodists appearing at St. Paul Methodist church during the Lenten season.

Bishop Shaw, who will be in Lincoln Sunday, March 5, will speak at Newman Memorial Methodist church at 3 p. m. and at St. Paul at 7:30 p. m. This will be the prelate's second visit within six months. He spoke at Newman church last October to an overflow audience where he told Lincolinites that God was not "tough."

Others appearing in the series are:

Bishop Dana Dawson of Kansas and Nebraska, March 12.

Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of Methodist publications, March 19.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, March 26.

John Adams, who died at 90, lived longer than any other U. S. President.

"the largest possible expression of interest on the part of all the people.

"There is no appeal made by a voluntary organization to the nation that is more important to all the people than that of the American Red Cross," Mr. Tobias adds. "Whether the service rendered is in connection with disaster operations, or in connection with personal and family problems involving servicemen and their dependents, in the blood program operations, or in any of the other numerous services of this organization, the appeal is so important that it cannot be overlooked by any American citizen."

Weak FEPC Bill Passes

House Version Not What Truman Wanted; Nebr. Congressmen Split Vote

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON. (ANP). After about 17 hours of congressional bickering the House of Representatives finally, on last Thursday, passed by a vote of 240-to-177 the McConnell amendment as a substitute to the administration's FEPC bill introduced by Cong. Adam Clayton Powell.

The Powell bill HR 4453 was brought to the floor for consideration by Chairman John Lesinski of the House Committee on Education and Labor after civil rights finally cracked a southern filibuster.

The near 15½ hour session which began at noon on Wednesday and continued until around 3:20 Thursday morning is said to have been the longest continued session which the House of Representatives has known since the Missouri Compromise in 1820 when the session under the leadership of Henry Clay continued in session for two days and two nights.

Battling down every parliamentary maneuver which the southerners could muster up including seven roll calls, the reading of George Washington's farewell address, and the journal for the previous day, Mr. Lesinski finally succeeded in bringing up the FEPC measure about 4:45 p. m.

The fight for fair employment lasted until past 3 a. m., when weary House members finally adopted the McConnell's toothless amendment which was further watered-down by the adoption of several other amendments to this amendment.

Final action, however, was postponed until Thursday afternoon after a demand had been made for the reading of the engrossed copy of the bill.

Coming back into session at 12 o'clock Thursday, proponents of the Powell FEPC bill had agreed in a previous caucus with the approval of representatives from several leading Negro organizations, that they would vote to send the McConnell amendment back to the committee for consideration and to continue the fight to bring out the Powell bill.

Just before the vote on recommitment a number of these proponents took an "about face" action and voted against recommitting the bill to the committee and voted in favor of its passage.

Voting for the bill were Republicans Cunningham, Dolliver, Gross, Hoeven, LeCompte, Martin, and Talle of Iowa, Miller and Stefan of Nebraska. Representative O'Sullivan (d., Neb.) also voted for it.

Five Switch Votes

Voting against it were Curtis (r., Neb.), and Jensen (r., Ia.).

Five of the Congressmen switched their votes from that shown on the tentative ballot early Thursday.

Changing from against the bill to for it were Messrs. O'Sullivan Cunningham and Gross; switching the other way were Messrs. Curtis and Jensen.

The bill that finally emerged from the House fell so far short of what Mr. Truman wanted that many of its original supporters refused to vote for it.

A statement signed by ten congressmen including Rep. A. C. Powell (d., N. Y.) and Vito Marcantonio (Alp. N. Y.) stated that the northern members of

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Nurses to Get Caps At Grace Church Sunday

Capping exercises for some 24 student nurses at Bryan Memorial hospital will take place Sunday, March 5th, at Grace Methodist church, 27th and R street.

Among those receiving their caps will be Martha Hammonds, Omaha, and Ada Coffey, Kansas City, Kas., both VOICE scholars at the school. (Capping marks the end of a probationary period during which the students adaptability to the profession is observed.—Ed.)

Speaker for the 8 p. m. ceremonies will be the Rev. H. C. Sandall, pastor of the church.

Woodlee Wins Approval of Music Clinic

Stella Marie Woodlee, daughter of Mrs. M. C. Woodlee, of Alliance, was one of several hundred western Nebraska students participating in a music clinic at Scottsbluff last week. The clinic is one in a series sponsored by the University of Nebraska school of music, and while of a non-competitive nature, nonetheless Miss Woodlee came away with the approval of her fellows. In a feature item in the Omaha World Herald magazine for Feb. 26, Ken Keller tabbed the 15-year-old soprano as "one of the outstanding high school voices in Nebraska."

"The Alliance singers have something of a star in... Stella Woodlee," he continued. But Scottsbluff has good soloists too. "Here was a test to see whether the clinic would accept this unusual notion of participation without conflict.

"Stella Marie was called to sing first. Under other circumstances when the visiting star performer takes the field, it's a signal for challenges from the 'home fans.'

"But when Stella Marie stepped out before that student audience, there was but one spontaneous reaction: a burst of unbridled applause.

"The kids made it clear that they weren't concerned with conflict. They were concerned with performance. They got it. They were part of it."

Stella Marie has been active in Alliance high activities and plays clarinet in the band. In 1948 she was state president of Y-Teens.

Boy Preacher Adds Five To Mt. Zion Church

Master Van Simpson, aged 7, recently of Chicago, delivered the morning message at Mount Zion Baptist church last Sunday, Feb. 26. Master Simpson is the grandson of Rev. W. I. Monroe, pastor of the church, and is now making his home here. In his talk he expanded on the story of The Good Samaritan under the theme, "Who Is My Neighbor." Five persons became church members following the boy preacher's dissertation.

U.L. President



DALE WEEKS

Dale Weeks, Wesleyan university economics professor, was re-elected president of the Lincoln Urban League last week to serve his second year in that position, according to Clyde Malone, executive secretary. Also elected at the board meeting were Mrs. Estelle Davis, executive vice-president; Mrs. Basilia Bell, second vice-president; Mrs. Roberta Molden, secretary and Dr. M. F. Arnholt, treasurer.

Plans are being completed for the league's annual observance of the Vocational Opportunity Campaign (VOC) which is sponsored nationally by the National Urban League and its affiliates March 12-19. Rev. John C. Foster is chairman for the job clinic which will offer occupational guidance tests and conferences with successful people.

Appointed Sec'y Of N.C. College's Board of Trustees

DURHAM, N. C. (ANP). Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Durham dentist active in state religious and civic affairs, was elected secretary of North Carolina college's newly appointed 13 member trustee board here last week.

Dr. Hubbard is one of three Negro members on the board. The other two are Dr. C. C. Spaulding, head of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance, and Dr. Robert M. Hendrick, Asheville dentist and former professor in the Howard University Dental school. All were appointed last July.

Meeting in the office of President Alfonso Elder whose two year administration at the college was the subject of a special commendatory resolution, the trustees heard progress reports on five buildings now going up on the campus and mapped plans for a subcommittee to meet in conjunction with a similar committee from the University of North Carolina to give further study to the problems of Negro graduate and professional students who desire study within the state.

Chancellor Robert L. Flowers of