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## Social Work Conference Features Talk on Race

CHICAGO, Ill.—“The Psychological Impact of Race Upon the Negro Community” will be discussed by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, associate professor of child psychology at the College of the City of New York, Tuesday afternoon, May 27th, as one of the features of the 79th annual meeting of the National Conference of Social Work.

The National Urban League, an associate member of the Conference, will present Dr. Clark at the luncheon meeting in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, according to Lester B. Granger, executive director of NUL, who is also president of the Conference. Mrs. Lee Wilson Hutchins, president of the Grand Rapids Urban League, will preside at the program.

Following the talk by Dr. Clark, who is also director of the Northside Center for Child Development, New York City, and a board member of NUL, there will be discussion by members of a panel composed of Henry von Avery, director of community organizations, Urban League of St. Louis; A. A. Liveright, director, union leadership training project, University of Chicago; James N. Williams, executive secretary, Providence Urban League; and Paul Simon, associate professor, School of Social Work, University of Illinois.

The National Conference of Social Work, comprised of over 100,000 members representing social work agencies in the nation, will meet May 25-30. As an associate member, the National Urban League will be prominently featured at the sessions and will have a large exhibit at the Conference which will be attended by over 6,000 delegates.

## Masons Honor Henry Ford II

DETROIT — (ANP) — Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Company, was presented the Industrial Citizen Citation of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A.M. Wednesday night.

J. R. Davis, Ford vice president, accepted the citation on behalf of Ford, now on a West Coast business trip. Davis told the lodge members:

“Ford is well aware of the splendid work Prince Hall Lodge is doing in civic and educational affairs, in the advancement of civil rights and in effective opposition to threats of Communist subversion.

“We at Ford Motor Company look upon better human relations as both a responsibility and an opportunity. And our interest goes far beyond industrial or employe relations. It seems clear to us that, until all Americans learn to live together in peace and harmony, we can never achieve our full potentialities as a free people.”

## Our Honor Roll

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## Pastor, Wife TV ‘Surprise’ From Nebr.

HOLLYWOOD — Ralph (Aren't We Devils?) Edwards flew the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Johnston of Omaha, Nebr., to Hollywood last Friday for a surprise stunt on his NBC-TV show (KNBH, channel 4—12:30 PDT).

Surprised were their daughter, Mrs. Harry Bowman of Pasadena, and son, Joseph Johnston, psychiatry professor at UCLA. Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Johnston were invited to attend the Edwards' show, but had no idea their parents were in Hollywood and at the show.

The surprise was carried off with the Mount Moriah Baptist Church choir and its minister of music, R. L. Hatter, singing three spiritual selections as background for the Rev. Mr. Johnston's visit. Noted for its unusual stunts and democratic practices, the Ralph Edwards show is heard daily over the NBC network.

## Indict 13 Former Members of Klan

WHITEVILLE, N. C.—(INS)—Thirteen True Bills against alleged former members of the Ku Klux Klan were returned by a Columbus County grand jury Monday afternoon—only hours after true bills by another grand jury had been disallowed.

Judge Clawson L. Williams allowed solicitor Clifton L. Moore to consolidate the cases that involve the flogging of Woodrow Johnson on Dev. 8, 1951. The 13 men are charged with conspiracy to kidnap and conspiracy to assault.

Judge Williams is expected to order an immediate trial and to summon a special out of county venire of jurymen.

After returning the indictments against the 13 the grand jury immediately took up the case of 14 more men allegedly involved in other floggings in the county.

The original indictments were quashed because the grand jury was illegally constituted.

In dismissing the grand jury which returned indictment charging the 27 men with conspiracy, kidnapping and assault, Judge Williams told the jurors:

“You gentlemen do not have the power to function as a grand jury. In an ill-advised moment the legislature passed a staggered grand jury system.”

“This is an outstanding example why the legislature ought to keep



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DR. RALPH BUNCHE

## Bunche Speaks At Arkansas U.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—Dr. Ralph Bunche spoke at the University of Arkansas last week.

The public was invited to the free lecture, given under the auspices of the Distinguished Lecturers Committee. “The United Nations and the Prospect for Peace,” was discussed by Dr. Bunche, who since 1947 has been director of the Department of Trusteeship of the United Nations.

## Judge Waring Speaks Frankly

NEWARK, N.J.—(ANP)—In a precedent making challenge South Carolina's ex-Judge Waties Waring called on Newark citizens to come from behind the iron curtain of Jim Crow and not to wait on time to solve an eating cancer.

The jurist, who enabled Negroes to vote for the first time in the South Carolina primaries spoke to a mixed audience of several hundred persons at Hotel Essex for the 35th anniversary program of the Urban League of Essex county.

its hands off the procedure of the courts.”

Judge Williams asked the prospective grand jurors several times if they had “At any time been a member of an organization known as the Ku Klux Klan.” One juror was dismissed when he answered “Yes” and another when he stated his cousin had been a member of the Klan.

J. R. Nance of Fayetteville, one of the defense attorneys, who argued that the first grand jury had been illegally constituted, based his motion on a 1949 law which provides that the first nine men drawn each May for service on a Columbus grand jury should serve for one year. He said the jury rotation plan was set up in June, 1949, instead of May as provided by law.

## White Pastors Work Quietly To End Jim Crow in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va.—(ANP)—Pressure is being brought quietly by a few liberal white pastors in Virginia, mainly to break down the segregation of the races in special evangelical campaigns and missions in the state, it was disclosed here last week through a check of activities in a few ministerial groups.

Within the past year white and Negro groups have met here at the Mosque for religious and civic meetings without any forced segregation of the races.

Last October, Commonwealth Atty. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. ruled that since the membership of the NAACP is composed of whites and Negroes, an NAACP meeting would be regarded as a private meeting in which Virginia's law requiring the segregation of the races in public places would not apply. Richmond's attorney-general concurred in this opinion.

A religious meeting was held at the Mosque soon after the NAACP meeting and H. Carwile, local white attorney, deliberately refused to sit in a section reserved for whites in order to challenge Virginia's segregation law. Police officials tried to make a case out of the lawyer's action, but the case was dropped without carrying it far enough to test the state law.

An effort was made in Norfolk last February to face the question of racial segregation at Norfolk's Preaching Mission. The Norfolk Ministerial association voted unanimously to sponsor the 1953 Preaching Mission as an interracial project in which there

would not be any segregation of the races at the Municipal Auditorium where the mission has been held since it was started in 1946.

Because Norfolk's attorney general disagreed with Almond's interpretation of Virginia's segregation laws, the ministers in that city are having difficulty shaping a definite policy on the question.

The white Norfolk Ministerial association last week voted to recommit a statement of its executive committee recommending that the Association abandon the Preaching Mission until such time as it can be held under interracial conditions.

For all practical purposes this action means that Norfolk probably will not have a Preaching Mission next year. The ministers' action might also place some obstacles in the way of another move in Norfolk to establish an interracial and inter-faith federation of churches to promote unity of action in city-wide religious undertakings.

Richmond white and Negro ministers have cooperated more in recent years in city-wide religious activities. This effort has been greatly encouraged and in some cases led by the Virginia Council of Churches.

Two Negro ministers in Virginia are presidents of their ministerial groups. They are the Rev. A. A. Womack, president of the Clifton Forge Ministerial association, an interracial body; and the Rev. Morris H. Tynes, of Staunton, Va., president of the interracial Augusta County Ministerial association.

## Women Share Limelight At Conference

When the General Conference of the A.M.E. Church met in Chicago, May 7-21 it found many women in the limelight taking an active part in the big two-week meet.

Women were there as general officers, delegates and alternates. Hundreds attended as visitors who are either members of the Women's Missionary Society or the lay organization.

Mrs. Alma Baber, supervisor of the Fourth Episcopal District, has organized the Fourth District Women into a unit.

The first of purely social affairs was a reception honoring the delegates and visitors of the thirty-fourth General Conference.

This affair was held in the parkway, 4459 South Parkway, Saturday, May 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. Presidents of the various conference branches of the district were hosts. They are Mmes. Lucille Thomas, Chicago Conference; Grace H. Blake, Michigan Conference; Minnie Bailey, Indiana Conference; Juanita Stewart, Illinois Conference; Winona Allen, Northwest Conference; and Mrs. Martha Stewart, Canadian Conference.

Another affair in which women were interested was the missionary mass meeting held Sunday, May 11, at the Grant Memorial Church. The Rev. H. E. Walden, minister.

## Judge Upholds Freedom Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. (ANP)—The Negro and white press of this state may continue their criticism of public officials without fear of intimidation, according to a recent decision handed down by Judge J. Bernard Cooke.

As a result of the decision, five white newspapermen were acquitted, Judge Cooke declared:

“Any citizen or newspaper has the right to criticize the public acts of officials. Without that right, we would have a dictatorial form of government and the discussion of important public issues would be only such as might be permitted by those holding authority.”

## Trial of Seven Cicero Officials May 19

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The trial of seven officials of the suburb of Cicero, scene of an anti-Negro riot last summer, will begin May 19 in the U.S. District court. All seven men facing trial are generally accused of violating federal civil rights statutes in connection with the attempt of a Negro family to move into an apartment in Cicero, an all white town.

Judge Walter LaBuy last week refused to quash a two-count federal indictment against the defendants.

In past court action Cook county prosecution of persons guilty of fomenting the riot which attracted mobs of several thousand last July failed.

Facing trial are: Henry J. Sandusky, recently re-elected town president; Erwin

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