

Negro Holds Balance of Voting Power

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 cited. "Here, 'states the survey,' the Negroes of voting age numbered 32,898 in 1930. The normal increase in the number of voters each year is two per cent. Thus at the present time a fair estimate of the number of Negro voters in the State is 33,300. This number will seem small when compared with the total vote in the State, but when it is remembered that in 1928 Massachusetts went Democratic by a bare plurality of 17,192, and it is realized that party lines this year are even more narrowly divided, it can be plainly seen that Negro voters in the State will do much to decide which way the State's 17 electoral votes will go."

Discussing the State of New York, the analysis stated: "New York, with 47 electoral votes, was won in the last election by President Hoover by a margin of 104,481 votes. But in the Borough of Manhattan, where there were 224,670 Negroes of voting age in 1930, the Hoover vote was 186,396 to a Smith vote of 317,227. It is plain, therefore, that with Tammany Hall defections against the Roosevelt candidacy and with general dissatisfaction over the Hoover candidacy accentuated by widely spread poverty over the Harlem area, the now over 230,000 Negro voters in Manhattan will be a highly significant factor in the November election. This vote, coupled with over 60,000 Negro voters in other sections of the State, is more than enough to swing the fall election whichever way it wills."

The discussion of the pivotal State of Ohio was equally interesting. About this mid-western State which went to Hoover by a large plurality in 1928, the survey concluded: "The 26 electoral votes at stake in Ohio have been rendered doubtful by the prohibition question. The election of a Democratic governor and United States Senator on a wet ticket have done much to foment a strong Democratic and wet sentiment with which Republican leaders must cope. The candidacy of Senator Fess, a pronounced dry, has added to the already burdensome task before the Republican Party. Under these circumstances Ohio is certainly a doubtful State and sentiment of the over 200,000 Negro voters residing there is no small portent of which way political winds will blow in the fall."

Although Pennsylvania and Illinois are not listed as doubtful States, "any sudden change of sentiment on the part of white voters because of such issues as prohibition, farm relief or the bonus, will place the Negroes in these States in a key position also," states the survey. "In such Southern States as North Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma, where the activity of the Negro electorate has been heightened during the last two years, it is pointed out, that while the full Negro voting strength will not be marshalled in these localities, it is well to expect that thousands of Negroes will vote and that this "may well show in November a result which cannot now be adequately predicted."

"An element in the equation of Negro voting strength, which has not been fully realized, has been the phenomenal increase of Negro voters to be found on the registration books of large urban centers," declares the study. "In the city of Baltimore, a recent police census, indicates that while whites and Negroes are on a ratio of five to one by population, the ratio of the number of new eligible voters is only three to one. The activity of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of the United States in opposing 'pro Parker Senators', the increasing influence of the Negro press, the increase in literacy are but a few of many elements which have conspired to awaken the Negro electorate and cause greater concern among Negro men and women about casting their ballots."

N.A.A.C.P. Fights for Jobs

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 der an inquiry into this horrible situation. We have reason to fear, however, a "whitewash". Only unremitting agitation can prevent this, especially after the elections are over.

The government has entered upon a large construction program all over the country to relieve unemployment. This program means the spending of many millions of dollars and employment for many thousands of people. It includes the building of highways, dams, post offices, tunnels, the work of flood, river and harbor reclamation, and numerous other projects. The Negro citizen should get his full share of this work. In addition to the government projects, there are many state and municipal projects in which colored people should have their share of employment.

Senator Robert F. Wagner has promised the Association in writing to introduce a resolution for a senatorial investigation of the Mississippi flood control horrors when Congress opens in December. On September 10th President Hoover announced a two hundred million dollar construction program by the Government. Within an hour the NAACP wired the President, urging that definite word be passed to all contractors to give Negroes their full share of jobs. The President wired us that he has done so and we are asking specific information from him as to how his order was given. See that Negroes apply for work and fight any and all attempts at discrimination.

WRITE TO PRES. HOOVER

Write to President Hoover asking him to see to it that Negroes are given jobs on federal projects, whether flood control, road building, erection of post offices, or other public works. Watch the newspapers for announcements of work financed by federal funds, including road building, post offices, court houses, office buildings and other projects.

Watch the press for announcement of work financed by your state, county or city. When such work is announced, get in touch with your governor, your mayor, aldermen, councilmen, or other town officials. Call to their attention that Negro citizens are entitled to a fair share of the jobs so created. Send us information about your local struggle. Ask us for suggestions if you have a difficult situation to face.

This is the time when all Negroes of America must awake to their problems and their opportunity. On the job they can make themselves felt. This is the chance of the NAACP branches to lead in the fight for economic opportunity and relief for our people.

HABITS

By A. B. Mann
 "SINGIN' DE BLUES"
 (The Literary Service Bureau)
 "Awh, stop a-singin' dem blues 'round here!" And this was a fitting rebuke directed toward a woman who was complaining of "bad luck," "hard times," physical infirmities, and all manner of misfortune. Enviously she was drawing contrast between her condition and that of others, bemoaning property losses, mistreatment by others, and especially the fact that her husband was poor and other women had such "er easy time."
 Badly mistaken is the person who thinks to evoke sympathy by complaining. Rather than this he will inspire criticism, ridicule and contempt. To be stoical and courageous will win approbation and commendation; and will insure sympathy in misfortune.

Students From Many Nations Enroll for Moody Fall Term



MOODY CLASS REPRESENTING 60 DENOMINATIONS AND 53 NATIONALITIES

With nearly half a century of Christian service behind it, the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, one of the world's outstanding religious training schools, will begin the fall term with students from all parts of the world in attendance. This year's summer-term graduating class was the largest ever to receive diplomas at the "West Point of Christian service," named for the founder, the late Dwight L. Moody, world-renowned evangelist.

Cosmopolitan and democratic in principles, the Institute's day and evening schools, with their free tuition, offer a laboratory method of religious education said to be unequalled. The students, men and women alike, are enabled to have actual experience in churches, hospitals, prisons, missions, lodging-houses and factories in the Chicago area, along with their class-room work.

From a humble beginning the Moody Bible Institute has spread out into nearly forty buildings, and it now offers more than eighty subjects to students, who are instructed by a corps of 46 teachers. The Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., LL. D., president, is recognized as an outstanding Bible teacher and Bible authority, whose synthetic method of Bible teaching is well known among religious educators.

Last year's enrollment figures show that more than 17,000 students were registered at the Institute, divided among the day school, the evening school and the correspondence school. Many of these young men and women, following graduation, will join the nearly 2,000 Moody trained missionaries who are serving or who have served throughout the civilized and uncivilized world.

Among the places where Moody graduates have presented the gospel to natives are Alaska, Arabia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Central America, China, Cuba, Egypt, Fiji Islands, French Indo-China, Germany, Greece, the Hawaiian Islands, Hungary, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Madagascar, Mexico, Palestine, Persia, the Philippines, Siam, South America, Tibet, and the West Indies. Moody graduates also are to be found in nearly all branches of domestic missions.

WAGNER TO ASK SENATE PROBE OF MISSISSIPPI FLOOD CAMP HORRORS

Promises N. A. A. C. P. He Will Demand Investigation.

New York, Sept. 9.—Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, in a personal interview granted this week to Walter White, Secretary, and Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told them he would introduce in the United States Senate a resolution demanding senatorial investigation of the appalling conditions on the Mississippi River levee project disclosed by the N. A. A. C. P. investigation.

Senator Wagner, who displayed a thorough familiarity with the text of the N. A. A. C. P. report also told the N. A. A. C. P. representatives that he would issue a statement to the press of the country denouncing the insanitary living conditions, the brutal beatings, the underpayment and the overcharging at commissary stores, inflicted upon Negro workers under the contract system used by the War Department.

The interview took place in Senator Wagner's law office in New York City and the Senator displayed genuine indignation at the horrors detailed in the report of the N. A. A. C. P. investigation. The Association's request of Senator Wagner for a Senate investigation is designed to prevent a War Department whitewash.

Refuse Investigator to Vicksburg
 The N. A. A. C. P. also announced that a request from Major General Lytle Brown for the name and address of the investigator had been met with an offer to produce the investigator at the War Department's request when General Brown then replied that the investigation was being held in Vicksburg, Miss., and the N. A. A. C. P. could send its agent there if it wished to be heard. The Association went over General Brown's head, writing directly to Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley, to decline to send anyone connected with it to testify in Mississippi.

The basis given for the refusal is that "in the atmosphere which precludes insult, brutality, humiliation and walls in the State of Mississippi, where denial of Constitutional guarantees are the portion of colored citizens," no person, white or colored, connected with the N. A. A. C. P. "could be heard without intimidation or insult and possible bodily injury."
 The N. A. A. C. P. offers to produce its investigator in either Washington or New York at the War Department's request.

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Douglas County Republican Central Committee Congratulates Guide on Edition

The Douglas County Republican Central Committee congratulates the "Omaha Guide" and the colored race on their splendid cooperation in observing Emancipation Day. The Republican Party and the colored race fought shoulder to shoulder in the epoch of emancipation of the colored people. Again the world sees them fighting side by side in their battle to free the American people from the shackles of the depression.

They are in accord on the proposition that America is gradually working out of the morass of hard times in which the whole world has been bogged; and that even now we can glimpse ahead the firmer ground of recovery which we soon shall tread—unless we become reckless.

President Hoover—as he lead the Belgium people out of their troubles, so will he by his unparalleled powers of leadership and experience, lead America into a brighter day if we will stand by him and let him complete the program which he has started.

In these dangerous times and as an act of patriotism it behooves every American citizen and particularly the colored man, who always carries the heavier burden, to forget all matters of partisanship, jealousies and animosities and to consider one thing only "the welfare of America."

Though many hungry office seekers are desperately striving to tear away from his post our leader, so that a weak and inexperienced man can be given his place, the deep thinking, congenious, patriotic American citizen in consideration of the safety of AAAmerica will not take a chance in changing leaders at this time and ruin our chances of recovery. We will win in our fight for economic emancipation if we will stand by President Hoover.

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BISHOP WM. T. VERNON DELIVERS EMANCIPATION ADDRESS
 The annual Emancipation celebration held by St. John A. M. E. church, was given Wednesday at the city auditorium. A banquet preceded the program. Bishop Wm. T. Vernon of Kansas City, delivered the main address, to a very small but appreciative audience. Other speakers were Mayor Richard L. Metcalfe, H. L. Anderson, Dr. J. A. Singleton, Dr. R. A. Adams of Kansas City, Dr. Wesley Jones who was master of ceremonies. St. John choir furnished the musical program.

"STRUT YOUR STUFF"

by R. A. Adams
 (The Literary Service Bureau)

Boast not of what you are, I say, But my advice to you, Is just to show it, in some way— Just prove what you can do; Boasting is not enough; You've got to "strut your stuff!"

If you claim to be "some wise guy," To "know the game and play it, Don't think the world is going to bow To you, because you say it; The world will "call your bluff"; You've got to "strut your stuff!"

When you're demanded to "show-down," You needn't raise your fury, And pucker up an awful frown; The world is "from Missouri;" There's nothing in a huff— You've got to "strut your stuff!"

So, listen now, my friend, to me; The only way to settle If you are what you claim to be, Is just to show your mettle; Be it easy or tough, Just "rise and strut your stuff."

WELFARE DIRECTOR ADDRESSES WORKERS' FORUM BANQUET

One hundred men, members of the Workers' Forum of the Omaha Urban League, their wives and special guests attended the Third Annual Banquet given by the Forum at the Omaha Urban League, Tuesday evening, Sept. 20th 8:30 p. m. The Banquet was one of the most successful affairs given by the Forum since the inception of the organization. The principle address of the evening was given by Mr. Philip Ketchum, director of the Omaha Community Chest.

Mr. Ketchum praised the efforts of the Worker's Forum. He said it was a very constructive example of what an organization may do in helping the men to think wisely regarding industrial conditions. "We are facing one of the most gloomy winters this country has ever witnessed," said Mr.

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Ketchum. "A winter which will be filled with bitterness, suffering, and disappointments. No one knows what the outcome will be. The establishment of soup kitchens and other measures are only temporary and are no solution to the problem affecting the working men." He suggested greater service on the part of the men, more careful analysis of their own business relations and a greater willingness to share with those who are in distress.

Dr. Palmer Findley, President of the Omaha Urban League Board of Directors stated that the Workers' Forum to his mind was one of the outstanding industrial organizations in the city. "Whether you know it or not," said Dr. Findley, "I am more convinced tonight than ever before of the need of a Community Center in which may be carried on in a larger way some of the functions of the Omaha Urban League. It is my plan to have within a very short time such an organization in which these activities may be sponsored."

Rev. J. C. Bell spoke in behalf of the Ministerial Alliance and congratulated the fine work the Omaha Urban League is doing in this community. Other speakers on the program were Rev. J. H. Dotson, Rev. J. A. Williams, Dr. J. A. Singleton, Rev. J. S. Williams, Dr. W. W. Peebles, Harry Anderson, Rev. P. M. Harris, John Woods, who represented the Workers' Forum, Dr. Wesley Jones, Rev. F. P. Jones and J. Harvey Kerns and Mr. C. C. Galloway, acting editor

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of the Omaha Guide. Mr. Thomas Scott, President of the Workers' Forum presided at the meeting.

NEGRO FIRE COMPANY WINS FIRST PRIZE IN LAZOR DAY PARADE

Washington (CNS) The Number 4 Fire Engine Company of the District of Columbia, a complete Negro fire fighting unit, on Labor Day won first prize for the best float in the annual firemen and police Labor Day Parade. This is the second time in three years that the colored firemen have won first prize in competition with the floats of over 100 fire and police units. This year's float was entitled King Solomon's Judgement," and depicted the choice of the ancient king as to the rightful mother of an infant child. Over a hundred thousand spectators saw the judges award the prize to a colored company.

BROWNLOW GROCERY ROBBED

The Brownlow Grocery at 27th and Ohio Sts., was robbed Thursday night Sept. 15th. Mrs. Brownlow states that approximately \$70.00 worth of merchandise was taken with some cash. She has now moved her store into her home at 2810 Ohio St., where she will be glad to serve her customers.

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