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WAITERS CONFERENCE COMING TO OMAHA

Sound New Warning on Wages-Hour Bill Dining Car Waiters Union To Hold National Meet Here October 25-28

If Favorable to South Would Hurt Cause of All Labor Classes

New York, Oct. 21—Now that the special session of Congress has been called definitely for November 15th, for the primary purpose of enacting an agriculture bill and a wages and hours bill, the NAACP sounded again a warning for colored people to be on guard against attempts that are sure to be made to draft a wages and hours bill more acceptable to the South than the one introduced in the last session.

The wages and hours bill, as drafted and introduced by Senator Black and Representative Connery, was fought bitterly by congressmen from the deep South who are afraid the bill will benefit Negro workers in Dixie.

The NAACP has joined with those who are opposing any geographical wage differentials on the

theory that just as was the case with the NRA geographical differentials in wages will be used to enforce what are in reality racial differentials.

The American Federation of Labor convention in Denver last week went on record against wage differentials in the wages and hours bill. On October 14th Walter White, NAACP secretary, telegraphed John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which is holding its convention in Atlantic City, urging the CIO to pass a resolution "opposing any geographical differentials which would not only do great harm by freezing present below-subsistence wage hour and working conditions of majority of eight million Negroes in the South, but would establish dangerous precedent of federal approval of such differential."

Secretary White also expressed the hope that the CIO would endorse the passage of Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill as had the A. F. of L.

Attend Important Convention



C. C. Spaulding, president, and Asa Spaulding, actuary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, as they attended the Life Office Management Association at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago last week. Metropolitan, Prudential, Northwestern Mutual and companies of similar scope were among those represented.

They report the meeting as being challenging and enlightening and spent the entire week in study there. Mr. Spaulding said that they

Miss Bessie Mae West Fetes Fifteen Guests

Sunday evening at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, 2634 Maple street. Close friends of their daughter, Bessie Mae West, entertained superbly. The scintillating smell of fresh assorted flowers unobtrusively greeted every guest.

The home beautifully decorated for the special occasion, lent an atmosphere most pleasing. Cocktails served first, aroused the appetites of several male guests. However, awaiting all, was a table beautifully decorated with candles and flowers appropriate numbers of chairs confronted with individual place cards.

A lavish dinner was scientifically served. Dancing and cards proved secondary after this.

The young ladies, exquisitely gowned in various shades, wore corsages equally blending. They were: Misses Mary Alice Willis, Lorraine Fletcher, Mary Ellen Dickerson, Edrose Willis and Mrs. Margaret Dickerson-Wright.

The young men formally attired carried an atmosphere of dignity to equal that of the young ladies. They were: Messrs. J. Westbrook McPherson, Henry L. Levells, Charles Dickerson, Le Roy Wright, and Burton Walker. Miss West, the hostess, is a former student of Howard university.

Mr Bert Breckenridge of White Cloud, Kas., is visiting his daughter, Miss A. B. Breckenridge, 2110 Lake, Apt. 34.

Maybe your fish would taste better by Jeff, 1818 No. 24th St.

A. Phillip Randolph To Address Open Meeting, Tuesday

All of Omaha is looking forward to the coming of Hon. A. Phillip Randolph, America's foremost organizer leader and orator, who will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting Tuesday evening, October 26th, at 8 p. m., sponsored by the

National Conference of Dining Car Employees which convenes here Monday, October 25th and through and inclusive of Thursday, October 28th.

Something New; Unique Shine Parlor

The Unique shining parlor is located at 2220 No. 24th street, formerly known as Unk shop, is every thing that the name implies. In that here you can find a lady, with a very pleasing personality, an expert in shining shoes and a specialist in the dyeing of shoes. So ladies when you like to have those shoes dyed to match that new frock and men if you are ready to change those white summer shoes to black don't forget the name, personnel and the number, Unique Shining Parlor, Thelma Jackson, 2220 No. 24th street. The place of service, the woman with a personality.

Mrs. J. F. Owen of 2872 Miami street, has returned after spending several weeks with relatives in Quincy, Ill.



Hon. A. Phillip Randolph

Hon. Randolph is president of the Pullman Porters Union and recently led 7,000 porters to a victory that meant more pay and better working conditions. A victory that is heralded by the world as the greatest economic accomplishment ever achieved by black America. He is also president of the National Negro Congress, an organization formed February 1936, for the purpose of fighting for the right of Negroes to jobs at decent wage and for the right to join all trade unions. This right of Negro youth to equal opportunity in education and in the economic life of the community.

Among the notables that will be present for the convention are: M. C. R. Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif.; I. P. Flory of Oakland, Calif.; Le Metz of Chicago, Ill.; Layton Weston of St. Louis, Mo.; Harry McCain of Denver, Colo.; Oscar McKenzie, Texarkana, Texas; A. Fred S. Couthrone of Washington, D. C. New York and other eastern points have not as yet been heard from but are expected to be present.

Among the discussions which are to be carried on at the convention which is to be held at the Mason Temple, 26th and Blondo Sts. are as follows: (1) Problems of differences in wages, hours and work conditions. (2) Organizational problems of dining car employees nationally. (3) Problems of strengthening the bargaining power of the group. (4) Problems of laws and national mediation.

To Form National Negro Council Here

Monday evening, October 25th, at 8:00 p. m. at the YWCA, a branch of the National Negro Congress will be set up in Omaha under the guidance of its National president, Hon. A. Phillip Randolph.

Every religious, civic, social and fraternal organization is urged to send representatives.

Drivers' License

New State Drivers License which are required of all automobile owners may now be secured at the Community Center, 2213 Lake street. Applicants are urged to secure their licenses immediately in order to avoid the last minute stand ing line.

Omaha Guide Staff Member Honored

Mr. S. Edward Gilbert, R. Ph.C., B. S., staff writer of the Omaha Guide and known to hundreds of children as Uncle Gil, through his sponsoring the Guidite Page, was signally honored last week when he was unanimously selected as the chairman of the Foreign born Negro Sub-Session of the National Negro Congress which convened in Philadelphia. Excerpt of the letter read: "I am writing you at his time urgently to request that you serve as Chairman of the Sub-Session on Problems of Foreign Born Negroes."



MR. S. EDWARD GILBERT

The subject of discussion at this time will be "The Foreign Born." The time of the sub-session will be October 17th at 10:00 a. m.

"You have been the unanimous choice of our committee for this vital assignment. I sincerely hope that nothing will prevent you from accepting this important invitation. Will you not wire me collect at the above address your acceptance of this invitation so that our program may go to print.

Cordially yours,
John P. Davis,
National Secretary."

N.A.A.C.P. Asks Better Jobs for Subway Employees

New York, Oct. 21—A request that Negro employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit subway system be given better jobs than porters and elevator operators was sent to the first annual conference of the Transport Workers Union here by the NAACP last week.

The TWU, an affiliate of the CIO, was chosen last spring by employees of the RT as the union to bargain with the company and for that reason the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People felt that the TWU should take the initiative in opening up new job opportunities for the colored members of the union.

Although the municipal Eighth avenue subway employs Negroes in all capacities (just recently having added eleven Negro motormen) the IRT for years has restricted Negroes to jobs as porters and elevator operators.

The NAACP believes that if the CIO unions are going to be of maximum service to Negro workers they must not only admit them to the unions without any color line, but must see that they have opportunity to work at any job for which they may be qualified. The

CIO no color line unions will not be very valuable to Negroes if they admit them to membership, but continue restrictions on the grade of employment they can win.

The specific protest of the NAACP was made on the fact that there were 75 openings for station agents on the IRT but Negroes were not allowed to qualify for those positions. Attention of the company was also directed to restrictions against Negroes.

To Hold Annual Harvest Home Dinner

The Annual Harvest Home Dinner for the benefit of the Colored Old Folks Home will be held Thursday, October 28th, at the Northside YWCA. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. Price 25 cents. For reservations or other information, call the home, Jackson, 0704 or the president, Mrs. Olivia Kirtley, Webster 6021.

Mrs. Mayme Piarro is very ill in a local hospital and wishes her friends to visit her.

Makes Drive



LEWIS O. SWINGLER

Editor of the Alpha Phi Alpha organ, The Sphinx, from his office, 390 1/2 Beale avenue, Memphis, Tenn., where he is also managing editor of the Memphis World, Mr. Swingler is making a drive to arouse new interest among Alpha men and the public in The Sphinx.

The magazine was started in '13 as a four page pamphlet, and has grown to 50 pages, with general articles and numerous illustrations. Former editors of the publication are W. A. Pollard, V. D. Johnston, Carl Murphy, Oscar Brown, P. B. Young, jr., and Arnett G. Lindsay. Swingler was elected in '35 at Nashville, Tenn. He is a native of Crittenden county, Ark., and was educated at the University of Nebraska. He had an exhibit of The Sphinx at the Texas Centennial, and plans a good report at the next Alpha meeting in New Orleans on December 28-31, next.

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Drive Gets Under Way For Federal Anti-Lynching Bill

New York, Oct. 21—Warning that supporters of the federal anti-lynching bill must not be lulled in to inactivity by the predictions that the bill is sure to pass, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People launched today a new drive for passage of the bill in the Senate during the special session of Congress which has been called for November 15th by President Roosevelt.

On all sides, even in the deep South, the word has gone out that there is little chance to stop the passage of the anti-lynching bill. The NAACP urges colored people and their friends not to be caught napping by this propaganda. Senators who happen to be in their home districts should be visited by committees of citizens and personally urged to support the anti-lynching bill and to resist a filibuster if one develops. The NAACP pointed today to the newspaper reports from Washington all of which state that the anti-lynching bill is a "complication" in the special session.

"The anti-lynching bill is definitely on the calendar as the number two item of business," the NAACP

statement said, "and it will come up for consideration immediately after the farm bill. However, it must be remembered that there is always a possibility that a filibuster will be conducted against the bill and senators favoring this legislation must be prepared to resist a filibuster until victory is won. Filibusters are not as effective in the early part of the session as they are at the end, when everyone is trying to get his legislation through and go home, therefore a filibuster is more easily beaten in an early session than in the closing days.

"We must expect that all kinds of last minute propaganda will be used in an effort to postpone action on the bill, but we must accept no excuses. We have the votes to win and if we maintain steady pressure the bill will be passed."

The association also stressed the ever-present need of funds to carry on the work. The vacation period always brings a drop in income which is not restored until December. With a special session scheduled for November, money is urgently needed to press the fight before Christmas.