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4,468 ARE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION

National Negro Congress Council Formed

Object of Convention Is Unity;
Solon Bell Gives Opening Address
Perfect National Organization

1,000 at Organization Meeting: Temporary Officers Selected

J. Westbrook McPherson, 1712 No. 28th street, was elected temporary chairman of the Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress which was organized Monday night at the Northside YWCA. S. Edward Gilbert was named temporary executive secretary.

Fifteen others were elected to the executive board which went into session following the meeting and instructed the temporary secretary to apply immediately to the national headquarters in Washington, D. C. for a charter. Another meeting will be held next Monday night when permanent officers will be elected.

National Chief Talks

Those elected to the executive board include: Bernard Squires, Dr. Wesley Jones, Mrs. Viola Turner, Atty. Charles F. Davis, Mrs. Gladys Pullum, J. H. Reed, Mrs. Alton Goode, Arthur McCaw, Dr. A. L. Hawkins, Mrs. Rae Lee Jones, Saybert C. Hanger, Dr. George B.

Omaha Outfitting Company Invites Your Patronage

Omaha Outfitting Company now has a full supply of all kinds of electrical household appliances such as radios, washers, Frigidaires, Mangles, vacuums, etc. Mr. William Davis who is president of the Omaha Outfitting Co., is the only representative of Allen Appliance on the northside. Mr. H. A. Lee, manager for this concern, is a graduate of the University of Southern California, and is working hand in hand with Mr. Davis to put over this project. The president also has as his bookkeeper and office girl, Mrs. Wm. Davis, who is a graduate of the University of Southern California and quite efficient in her work.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Lee invite the general public to visit this store before purchasing appliances. They have all makes of merchandise. Let us give them a boost.

A Halloween party will be given Saturday night, October 30th at Zion A.M.E. church, 2404 Parker street. Young folks are invited to come. A prize to the best masked boy or girl.

Lennox, William Peebles, Mrs. Lenora Gray and Harry Leland.

Solon C. Bell, president of the Omaha local of the Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters and who called the meeting, presided until the temporary chairman was elected.

A. Phillip Randolph of New York, national president of both the N. N. C. and the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, explained the purpose of the Congress.

To Co-ordinate Groups

Randolph told the group of more than two hundred persons, which represented 37 local black American organizations, that the Congress expects to coordinate, existing groups, such as the National Urban League, fraternal orders, church groups and others, in an effort to obtain action of problems of vital interest and to unite our people around a common, minimum program.

Some of the items in which the Congress is now taking an active interest include the Wagner-Gavagan anti lynching bill; securing equal employment opportunities; securing the right to vote for Negroes in the South, and to organize and get a fair share of the produce of their labor; securing the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and other problems confronting the race.

1,400 at Meeting

The National Council is composed of 70 councils in 26 states. Mr. Randolph said, and recently met in Philadelphia. Nearly 1,400 delegates from all over the United States were present.

I. P. Fory of Oakland and Gilbert also spoke on the program. The meeting Monday night was part of the national conference of dining car employees, which opened Monday morning at the Masonic Hall, and which will be continued for three days in an effort to form a national organization.

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 standing line.

Randolph Tells Negroes to Unite



HON. A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH

At the mass meeting, held at the Zion Baptist church, Tuesday evening, history was made in Omaha a new awakening, a new spirit, was upon the horizon as 1,000 black Americans sat with mouths opened and eyes fixed upon the greatest Negro of modern times. The man that is destined to lead black America out of economic bondage. Mr. Randolph said that "fundamental weakness of the Negro race along with the lack of organization is the reason for the fourteenth (citizenship right not to be abridged) and the fifteenth (equal rights for all) amendments not being observed." He further stated, "The problem of the Negro people today is the problem of organization, the unity to build trade and industrial organization to achieve things. This does not mean that Negro people should build for themselves alone."

"The unity of black and white people of the industrial fields is necessary," said Randolph. "No Negro is safe while one white worker is in bondage, and no white worker is safe while one Negro is a slave."

This mass meeting was held to stimulate organization interest among the Negroes in connection with the national conference of dining car workers in session here,

which began Monday and continued through Thursday.

Others speakers were Bernard Squires, executive secretary of the Urban League, who welcomed in behalf of the city; Mrs. Gladys Pullum, executive secretary of the Northside YWCA; Ishmael Flory, of Oakland, Calif., financial secretary, Local 456; Clarence Johnson, general chairman, Local No. 582 and Arthur H. Reed, conference chairman. E. G. Scott was master of ceremonies.

To Give Musicale

The Hillside Presbyterian church 30th and Ohio streets will have on October 31st what is known as "Centennial Consecration Day." This will conclude a four week celebration of 100 years of Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Work. During the morning service the Rev. John S. Williams will preach, and the choir will sing "The Gloria" by Mozart. The evening service at 8 o'clock will be a "Consecration Musical."

This is something entirely new and different and highly spiritual by Handel concluding the evenings worship with the immortal "Hallelujah Chorus." A huge electrified cross will be lighted during the "Consecration Scene."

Former Omahan Makes Good

Victorian Coronat Patientiam (victory crowns patience) and thus was the motto of Mr. War Forrest Perkins, formerly of Omaha. Mr. Perkins attended Howard Kennedy and Central high school where aside from making a record as a student he was an outstanding musician being a member of the school band. The true story of this young man's life sound, when told, like a novel. Starting out with a borrowed \$15.00 he secured a job as a cosmetic salesman working for a week, he accumulated the sum of \$75.00, thus he launched out into the sea of business for himself, first entering the real estate and then into the newspaper business, working long enough at this to start a magazine of his own. However, due to the depression he was crushed against the banks of poverty. However, endowed with patience he was not dismayed, but starting again by creating a system of putting combination porters on buses which proved successful.

At the beginning of the Federal Music project, he was made director of the Negro division for the state of California, later he launched out into the game of promotion and bought the contract of the radio act, Four Blackbirds, increasing this until he had 40 person under his contract with them appearing over all the outstanding radio stations throughout the country.

Mr. Perkins connections with the radio stations became so pronounced that he was employed as an announcer and could be heard over the ethereal waves of KOL, KOIN, EFAX and the Columbia Chain, holding the distinction of being the first Negro program director and announcer to be heard over the Columbia network.

Mr. Perkins, not satisfied with the success he has enjoyed, has now made application for a radio station which will be the first of its kind in the state of California.

Mr. Perkins has the backing of three congressmen and three senators and ten of California's leading business men. One of the senators is the Hon. William G. McAdoo of California. While in Omaha, Mr. Perkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Carey, 2810 No. 30th street.

In calling the National Conference of Dining Car Employees to order, Mr. Solon C. Bell, President of Local No. 465, who jointly with 456 sponsored the convention, spoke the keynote of the conference when he stated that "This is a most momentous occasion in the lives of dining car employees. We are gathered here to form a movement that will serve to better the entire political, social, and economic life of the class of employees through pooling our strength for collective action on a national scale. We are here concerned with unity and through unity strength and progress. We hope that when we shall close the sessions of this conference we shall go forth from here united and solidified to carry on the great tasks that are before us."

Mrs. A. B. Goode welcomes the delegates and gave remarks of encouragement to the conference. Others who spoke at the opening session were I. P. Flory, President of Local No. 456 and Mr. J. H. Reed.

The following delegates representing 4,458 waiters, 14 locals and 26 roads were as follows: Messrs. George E. Brown, New York City; R. N. Thompson, Boston, Mass.; Leo Metzel, Chicago, Ill.; McGill Simmons, Chicago, Ill.; Chas. H. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph E. Easley, Oakland, Calif.; Bernard Grovell, Oakland, Calif.; Ishmael P. Flory, Oakland, Calif.; Clarence R. Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.; S. E. Griggs, Fort Worth, Texas; Henry L. McCain, Denver; Robert L. Singletory, Texarkana, Texas; John E. Hargroves, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charles F. McMurray, Berkeley, Calif.; L. W. Stafford, Seattle, Wash.; George W.

Community Chest Campaign Nov. 16-27

The annual Community Chest drive this year on November 16th with the Early Bird breakfast. The Negro community at large is looking forward to contributing its bit to this worthy endeavor. Mrs. Robie Turner Davis has been selected as chairman of the colored division, with Mesdames D. W. Gooden and Herbert Wiggins working in the capacity of Majors.

Captains and lieutenants are being enlisted. Any one desiring to participate in the soliciting please call Webster 2864.

Holsey, Denver; John C. Baker, Portland, Ore.; Solon C. Bell, Omaha; Maceo V. Littlejohn, St. Paul, Minn.; and Ercil Orme, Denver.

Committees of Convention

Mr. Solon C. Bell, was elected chairman of the convention appointed the following committees: Committee on Rules, Messrs. Geo. E. Brown, chairman, E. E. Griggs and George W. Holsey; Committee on Credentials, Messrs. R. N. Thompson, chairman, Robert L. Singletory and H. L. McCain; Committee on Resolutions, Messrs. Bernard Grovell, chairman, Mc Gill Simmons, H. L. McCain, Maceo V. Littlejohn and Robert L. Singletory; Committee on Ways and Means, Messrs. Geo. E. Brown, chairman, George W. Holsey, Chas. F. McMurray, S. E. Griggs, Geo. Metzel, Clarence Johnson; Committee on National Wage Contract, Messrs. Maceo V. Littlejohn, Geo. E. Brown, Clarence Johnson, Leo Metzel and Bernard Grovell.

The Randolph Plan

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph who was the principle speaker Monday afternoon out live a very definite plan which if followed will lead to a national body of Dining Car employees, in beginning his address Mr. Randolph pointed out three pertinent problems that were confronting the Negro and white workers alike, they were as follows (1) Organization of the workers. (2) Recognition of the workers or organization, that is, bonafide organizations by the employers. (3) Wage rates, hours of work and rules governing working conditions. He stated that a solution of these problems will provide (a) A standard of living commensurate with decency, comfort, health and a finer cultural life. (b) Economic security and a measurable removal of fear of unemployment and old age. (c) Industrial democracy and freedom on the job, under which the worker has a voice in the determination of the vital conditions of the job and his general economic life. After having stated the plan whereby a national organization might be set up he closed by saying "Forward to a National organization of dining car waiters, for ward to the solidarity dining car workers future belongs to you." His address was received with an outburst of applause that lasted fully ten minutes after he had concluded. The sessions were held at the Masonic Temple.

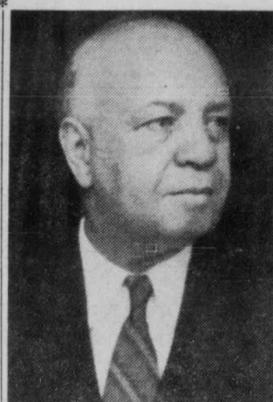
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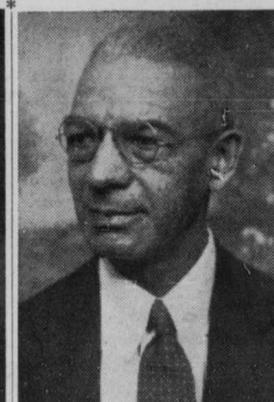
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