

Adams Leads In Race For A.M.E. Bishopric

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FOUR GOVERNORS CONFER ON NEGRO UNEMPLOYMENT

PRICES AND THE WAR

One immediate result of the outbreak of war in Europe has been a sharp and sudden rise in the wholesale prices of many basic commodities. After current stocks in the hands of retailers are exhausted, the increased cost must be felt by the consumer.

It is the government's hope to prevent price-profiteering. But, as any economist can tell you, prices must inevitably rise substantially in many fields, even though profiteering is eliminated. This is perfectly natural, on the basis of supply and demand. Nations at war present an almost insatiable appetite for a long list of commodities—grains, dairy products, metals, etc. When consumption takes a great and immediate jump, the sources of supply are strained and price rises follow.

The current situation makes it all the more important to prevent artificial and avoidable increases in prices, both wholesale and retail. As a specific case in point, those various existing "anti-consumer" laws which encourage price fixing, discourage honest competition, and attempt to hamper the efficient distributor in order to aid the inefficient, may be cited. To an extent never before true, laws of this character menact the millions of hard-pressed American families, to whom making both ends meet is a difficult problem.

In other words, let real, unhampered competition do all it can to hold prices to fair and natural levels, for the benefit of the consumer.

dence and who still will aid Ethiopia.

We are concerned with securing a democratic peace because we know the fight for social security at home will be aided by it. Where the people stand to win, we stand to win, for we too are the people.

YOUTHS THRONG TO COLLEGE

Some idea of the eager rush to college which is taking place this year can be gained from the figures at Bishop college, the well-known Baptist institution located at Marshall, Texas. Above are pictured 100 freshmen who registered the first day. 442 students had enrolled by the end of the first week, 238 of these being freshmen, the largest number since the institution has been under the guidance of its first Negro president, Dr. Joseph J. Rhoads. (ANP)

NORTH CAROLINA DOCTOR LEADS FULL LIFE

Henderson, N. C., Sept. 28 (By Calvin Service)—One of the most prominent physicians in this State who has gained considerable recognition as the result of hard work in his chosen field is Dr. S. M. Beckford. Dr. Beckford, a native of Jamaica, B. W. I., has been practicing in this thriving North Carolina City for many years. He is President of the Old North State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society. A graduate of Howard and Boston Universities, Dr. Beckford is also on the Staff of the Jubilee Hospital

More Than 40 Candidates in Race For Exalted Office

(Note—This is the result of a recent survey made by a representative of Calvin's Service who has just returned from a tour of twenty-five States.)

New York, Sept. 28, (By Calvin Service)—Of the more than 40 candidates seeking high honors at the forthcoming conference of the A. M. E. Church which will take place in Detroit, Michigan, next year, only 12 are being prominently mentioned for the Bishopric. Among those whom the lay people all over the country are particularly interested include the distinguished Rev. E. A. Adams of Columbia, South Carolina. The Rev. Dr. Adams is said to be the people's choice due largely to his broad educational background. Dr. Adams, a Presiding Elder, has been in the ministry for more than 28 years, and is widely recognized for his business acumen due largely to the efficient manner in which he has maintained the office of President of the Victory Savings Bank of Columbia, which is unquestionably one of the few substantial Negro banks in this country. Rev. Adams has gained the wholehearted support of religionists and others everywhere and his success is based on ability as a Christian leader with genuine ideals. Always active in civic affairs, the Rev. Dr. Adams who is a Trustee of Allen University and a member of the Financial Board of the A. M. E. Church, is certainly the most widely discussed candidate in the race. Next in line, according to the survey made, is the Rev. Joseph Gomez of Cleveland, Ohio, and followed by Rev. H. M. Collins of Los Angeles, California, Rev. C. A. Stewart, Portsmouth, Va., Rev. D. Ward Nichols, New York, N. Y., Rev. P. M. Reid, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. A. D. Avery, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. S. S. Morris, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Wayman Ward, Chicago, Ill., Rev. A. J. Allen, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. George Baber, Detroit, Mich., Rev. J. S. Johnson, Pensacola, Florida, and Rev. J. H. Clayborn, Little Rock, Arkansas.

here and occasionally finds time to preach the gospel.

A. P. SPEARS, NEXT SECRETARY-TREASURER OF A. C. E. LEAGUE

Sumter, S. CAR Sept. 28 (Calvin Service)—Considered by persons in African Methodism to be the most logical candidate, who ought to be elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Allen Christian Endeavor League, the Reverend A. P. Spears, brilliant South Carolinian will take his rightful place in the 1940 election to be held in Detroit.

The Reverend Dr. Spears has had wide experience based on an educational background obtained in the New England States. This distinguished Christian gentleman who has been in the Ministry for 20 years, has had conspicuous success. For the past 12 years he has served his denomination in the capacity of Presiding Elder. At present he presides over the Marion District in the "Iodine State" and he is unquestionably the young people's man. Rev. Spears has been a leader of the Northeast Conference and is very active in community affairs in his home city. In addition to his religious work, this energetic idealist finds time to efficiently manage an Undertaking concern, which is worthy of mention. He has a keen sense as a business man and as a man of integrity and character, he believes in honesty. Dr. Spears received special training for young people's work. For many years he headed the young people's department of the Church for the State of South Carolina. The fact that for two quadrenniums he received, next to Rev. Morris, the largest number of votes, is in itself an indication of the people's choice for the office which he rightfully seeks.

NINE WHITE MOBBISTS PLEAD GUILTY IN NEW JERSEY ATTACK CASE

UP FOR SENTENCE

New Brunswick, N. J.—Sept. 27—Nine members of the mob of white hoodlums who brutally attacked seven Negro potato pickers, including a woman, August 11, on the farm of Raymond Dey, white landowner near Cranbury, N. J. pleaded guilty this morning in Middlesex County Courthouse to charges of assault and battery.

The mobbists, all of whom were men, was sentenced here by the Court Friday, September 22 at 10 a.m. A tenth member of the mob, who have escaped capture to date. They are said to have fled the state.

By pleading guilty and throwing themselves on the mercy of the Court the members of the mob forestalled possible indictments at the hands of the Middlesex grand jury and a trial.

Their appearance here before the Court followed a series of the State police of New Jersey that appeared questionable to officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, until they were explained.

The first action on the part of the police involved the Negro potato pickers. When Dr. David Anthony, president of the New Jersey state conference of NAACP branches, arrived at the Dey farm in Cranbury to arrange transportation of the migratory workers to Newark, N. J. where they were to be lodged in a hotel until the trial, at the expense of the Association, he was told by one of the four remaining potato pickers (who had not been assaulted by the mob) that the seven workers had been whisked away Thursday afternoon by police to be held as material witnesses in the case, as soon as the workers were paid off.

Dr. Anthony went immediately to Newark, where he met E. Frederic Morrow, of the Association's staff, who come prepared to pay for the board and lodging of the workers. The two went to New York, where an investigation got under way immediately.

A phone call to Col. Mark O. Kimberling, head of the New Jersey State Police, at his office in Trenton elicited the information that he knew nothing about the arrest of the workers. Kimberling stated he would investigate at once. Shortly thereafter the NAACP received a phone call from Captain Lamb, second in command of the state police forces, who told the NAACP that

the seven workers had been taken to Middlesex jail in New Brunswick, where they were being detained in a detention room as material witnesses.

Calling Assistant State Prosecutor White at New Brunswick, the NAACP learned that the nine mobbists had pleaded guilty and thrown themselves on the mercy of the court. Because this precluded a trial and the necessity of material witnesses, he advised the NAACP that the workers would be turned over to the Association today.

Dr. Anthony and E. Frederic Morrow, coordinator of NAACP branches, left immediately for New Brunswick where they were to meet Frank H. Wimberly of Trenton, N. J., who has been retained by the NAACP temporarily and arranged to take the group of seven to Newark.

At a State Conference held Saturday afternoon, September 16, at Far Hills, N. J. by the NAACP the question of action against the mobbists for damages was taken up.

Association officials said the low bail for the mobbists and the possibility that they would get short sentences would play a big part in taking further action on behalf of the potato pickers.

GOAL OF CITY'S COMMUNITY CHEST SET AT \$553,417.00

The goal for the 1939-40 Community Chest campaign will be \$553,417, an increase of \$33,404 over the amount raised last year. This was decided last Friday following a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Chest with the Budget Committee.

The addition of two new agencies and one new service, together with the increased cost of foodstuffs, clothing and other things given to the needy by chest agencies, and the increase in demands for services of the agencies make up the reasons for the increase according to William L. Holzman vice-president of the Chest. The new agencies added are the Nebraska Council for Crime Prevention, and the Minerva Home. The new service is a medical worker whose activities will be carried on in connection with the Creighton University Dispensary.

According to Casper Y. Offutt, chairman of the budget committee, the new agencies added carry on programs that do not conflict in any way and do not cover the same ground as any other participating agency in the chest.

Alvin E. Johnson, chairman of the campaign organization which will raise the funds, said in commenting on the amount set, "The money needed for next year is the responsibility of every citizen in Omaha. To attain the goal of \$553,417 it will be necessary because of deaths, unemployment, and removals from the city of some subscribers, for this year donors to increase contributions approximately 20 percent over the amounts donated last year. This means sacrificial giving to meet the needs of the chest. We must not fall short."

STATEMENT SENT TO EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The NAACP will keep a close watch on legislation during the present special session of Congress, officials of the organization said, in order that the federal anti-lynching bill shall not be maneuvered out of its present position at the head of the House calendar.

The special session has been requested by the President to devote itself to proposed changes in the Neutrality Act only. The House voted on Thursday, September 21, to mark time and take three-day adjournments until the Senate acted. If leaders of both Houses of Congress do not succeed in limiting legislation to Neutrality legislation, then the association will go into action immediately to bring up the Anti-lynching bill.

POLAND'S WAR IS EVERY NEGRO'S FIGHT

By William L. Patterson Associate Editor, CNA

"IF YOU can keep your head when all about you men are telling lies—you'll be a man, my son."

Confusion is rife. It is being broadcast consciously. Lies are being manufactured by the minute in the editorial offices of the "big" Dailies. Their foreign "experts" are finding all kinds of quotations from this or that unnamed diplomat or authority on Europe. All condemn the Soviet Union for protecting the lives of its own people after its proffered protection for Poland was brazenly rejected by Chamberlain and his Polish puppets.

Of course, some of these lies go over.

I listened to several persons talking the war over. "It's a white man's war, let them keep it up," one said.

But this theory dies, and it dies in the pocketbook when you stop to realize that out of the killing in Europe, American Wall Streeters are making millions by raising prices of the foods we eat.

Was the war of 1776 a white man's war? The Haitians did not

OTHER STATE CONFERENCES

Washington, D. C. Sept. 28 (C)—Continuing an attack on Negro unemployment on a broad-Nation wide front, Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, Supervisor of the Negro Placement Service in the Bureau of Employment Security, announced Saturday the plans for a New England Regional Conference on Negro employment problems. The four Governors of the New England States—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, are officially sponsoring the Conference. Besides outstanding individuals in the fields of industry, labor, and civic leaders on the promising program at Boston on the 30th of this month. It is significant that the Boston meeting marks the 1st time in the history of that section that there has been indicated a feeling of need for special study and emphasis in providing equitable job opportunities for the Negro in New England. Other State-wide Conferences, are being developed under the direction of Lieut. Oxley in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, New York, Arkansas, Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee and California. These State-wide Conference on employment problems of the Negro worker are not "fault-finding" Conferences but have for their purpose the focusing of attention on the problem of the Negro worker in his search for adequate, productive and continuing employment.

think so. Eight hundred black men from Haiti fought with Lafayette on these shores. They saw in our independence an aid to Emancipation. There are no white men or black men's wars. Let us recognize that.

Let us see that our place is against imperialism and imperialists. This war will touch upon the future of the colonial peoples sooner or later. Are we not concerned with this question

What is so easily recognizable if we will only think is that those in America who hate and persecute Negroes are the friends of the fascists. In fact, the promoters of the Klan and the many kinds of gangster legions, including some of the jim-crow advocates in the American Legion are borrowing from the Nazis' racial theories. The friends of fascism are the enemies of Roosevelt and the New Deal policies.

No, this is not a white man's war. The Polish people must have all possible support from the Negro people. They have common enemies in the Hitlers and Chamberlains and Daladiers.

Against fascism everywhere at home and abroad is our cry. Full moral and economic aid to the Polish people and those who help Poland defend its national independence.

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Weather outlook for the Period September 25 to September 30.

Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys and Northern and Central Great Plains, not tures normal or above for most precipitation indicated; temperature.

WHITES EXPLOIT 'HEAVEN' TO JACK UP LAND VALUES AT SATAN'S TOE

White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 28—(CNA)—Recent reports that Father Divine, cut leader was about to establish a "heaven" on Edgewater Point, a ritzy white residential area facing Long Island Sound at Mamaroneck, were part of a plot by which David Wark Griffith, producer of the anti-Negro film "Birth of a Nation," former Representative Woodson E. Oglesby and other whites attempted to force residents of the Point to purchase property at an exorbitant price, according to charges filed here this week in Supreme Court.

Earlier in the year Father Divine had opened "heavens" in New Rochelle and Yonkers and the report that he was negotiating for land in the Satan's toe area of Edgewater Point caused rich Republican neighbors to lay off their pet New Deal hate for a while to concentrate on the Divine 'menace'.

The papers filed this week disclosed that Neal R. Andrews, head of Satan's Toe, Inc., a real estate concern, is suing Griffith, Oglesby and seven others for refund of money paid Griffith and other defendants in a land deal.

Andrews charged that in 1933 Griffith owned thirty-two acres on the Point, where he made several pictures, and that Oglesby and others acquired an interest in the property. Griffith and Oglesby then, according to the charges, forced Andrews and residents of the Point into buying more land "by threatening to sell otherwise to undesirable people, to colored people."

In 1937 Andrews, because of the alleged threat, purchased what he thought was all of the Griffith land, but last Spring Griffith and Oglesby tried to sell him a plot they had retained, he charged. Unsuccessful, they then had a dummy-titleholder sell to a woman living in Harlem, suing a Negro lawyer and a Negro real estate dealer in the transaction, according to the complaint. The Harlem woman paid nothing for the land, it was said.

OMAHA Guide's FOOD Show

A Turkey A Day Given Away Oct. 21 to 28 Incl.