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## Ted Malone's NBC "PILGRIMAGE of POETRY"..... PAYS TRIBUTE TO PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

## Will Big Three Control G.O.P. Campaign This Year?

Washington, March 1 (by Albert Anderson for ANP)—Just how will the Republican party conduct its national campaign among Negroes this year? Will it renounce past practices and the leadership that has brought the condemnation of many workers seriously interested in the welfare of the party? Or will the Negro campaign be in the hands of the old triumvirate rather than risk their enmity by turning affairs over to more progressive leaders?

These are questions which must be answered within the next few months by Chairman John Hamilton and the powers that be. If, meanwhile, Mr. Hamilton and his associates are puzzled over which path to follow, it is not strange. They have received all kinds of "sound advice" from every conceivable course, with much of it entirely contradictory.

For several campaigns there has been growing dissatisfaction with the management of the colored division. Except in 1928, when Herbert Hoover was elected president, a group known as the "Old Guard" has actually controlled this division, no matter who was the nominal figurehead. But most of this time the Negro voted Republican anyway. In 1932 and 1936 the race gave the majority of its votes to the Democrats. According to the Gallup poll, there is a drift back to the GOP. Whether this can be made to progress at a rate large enough to place the pivotal states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, etc., on the Republican side of the ledger depends in a large measure on how the coming campaign is conducted.

The triumvirate, called the Old Guard, which generally controls campaigns consists of Robert R. ("Bob") Church of Memphis, who has long had the reputation of being an astute politician and until recent years was reported a liberal contributor to the campaign fund; Perry W. Howard, national committeeman from Mississippi, and Roscoe Conkling Simmons of Chicago, noted orator.

These three reputedly knew more practical politics than all the others combined. Active in fraternal realms, they could summon, for example, support of the Elks from J. Finley Wilson and Judge Billy Houston on down.

Their tactics seldom varied. After the candidate was selected at the national convention, an appropriate slogan was found. Col. Simmons then started his oratorical tours, dragging out the ghosts of reconstruction; Mr. Church and Atty. Howard soon had a full staff and headquarters gave the impression of great activity. Col. Simmons also served as secretary, assigned speakers, and operated with a technique all his own.

For the past two years, Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist convention, Inc., was head of the Negro division. Although thoroughly wise and experienced in church politics, it is understood the distinguished churchman on both occasions was no match for the triumvirate. Three weeks after the campaign started they were in the drivers' seat which they did not relinquish until the firing was over in November.

### GETS CHILD WELFARE APPOINTMENT



Mrs. Muriel E. Johnson has recently been appointed case worker with the Friends Association for Colored Children, Richmond, Virginia. She is a former student of the Atlanta University of Social Work, and a graduate of Virginia Union University, Richmond. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### "Poet Laureate" of the Negro To Be Honored at Dayton Shrine

Ted Malone's Pilgrimage of Poetry which is taking radio listeners into the actual homes of the thirty-two poets chosen by the university and college English departments as America's most outstanding, starts west this Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 p. m. EST. with a nationwide broadcast from the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar "Poet laureate" of the Negro race, at 219 North Summit Street in Dayton, Ohio.

Dunbar, son of a one-time slave mother, fought poverty and illness to write his poetry and battle for Negro rights. He wrote his first poem at the age of seven and his first job as an elevator boy earned him only four dollars a week. But with the publication of his second book, "Majors and Minors" in 1896 he achieved wide recognition and before he died his "Lyrics of the Lowly Life", "Lyrics of the Hearthside", and "Lyrics of Love and Laughter" genuinely expressing the spirit of his race won him an unquestioned place in the literary world. He numbered among his friends Theodore Roosevelt, William Dean Howells, William McKinley, Robert G. Ingersoll and many other outstanding figures of the day. A position in the Library of Congress which eased the financial strain and marriage to his boyhood sweetheart, Alice Ruth Moore should have meant a life of happiness, but overwork in behalf of his race wrecked Dunbar's health and his efforts to recover were futile. He died on February 9, 1906 in the modest two-story house on Summit Street which Ted Malone will visit this Sunday on his Pilgrimage to one of the few shrines in America devoted to the colored race.

Governor Martin L. Davey, of Ohio authorized the purchase of the Dunbar home as a shrine in July 1936, and the property was purchased in 1937 by the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society for the preservation of Dunbar's manuscripts and other personal mementos of the poet. When Ted Malone takes the NBC microphone there he will endeavor by word picture to bring the radio audience into the actual rooms where the poet lived, showing them his typewriter, his desk, his library, his basket of pipes, and the bicycle he rode down the streets of Dayton. This is the 21st in the series of 32 programs from the homes of the poets. Ted Malone, who originated and conducts the series, also has a daily program called Between the Bookends heard over the Blue Network of NBC at 3:45 EST.

### WHITE TEXAS LAWYER WHO VOTED FOR CONNALLY SUPPORTS ANTI-LYNCH BILL

New York.—Not all of Senator Tom Connally's white constituents in Texas agree with his reactionary tactics in trying to kill the Federal Anti-lynching bill, and James Davis, a prominent white attorney, of Dallas, who has always voted for Connally, is one of them.

Davis sent Connally a long letter recently pointing out to the Texas senator that the old arguments against a Federal Anti-lynching bill can no longer hold weight because "—economic conditions the changes in transportation and communications, or the processes thereof, taking place within recent years, have removed all the supports and argument that I and mine have been clinging to for more than a century, and we find that the United States of America, whether we wish it and will it or not, is one community, governed by the laws enacted by the national

## White Waiters Back Fight On bias-Pay

Minneapolis, Feb. 26 (Special to CNA)—"If the Negro waiters lose, we will lose also."

This is the feeling that permeates the ranks of white hotel and restaurant workers in Minneapolis as the Negro waiters, Local 614, served notice upon the management of the Curtis Hotel that either the same wage be paid to Negro waiters as white workers receive—30 cents an hour—or a strike will be called at the hotel. Negro waiters are now receiving 25 cents an hour.

The management of the Curtis, the one hotel in town that employs Negro waiters exclusively, has for some time been paying less than the scale and as the men have a separate local and are a minority, they have not felt strong enough to challenge the management. However, the militant "Miscellaneous Workers Union," Local 665, is now backing them in the fight. Help has also been pledged by all A. F. of L. locals having workers in the building.

congress, even to the smallest detail in many avenues of life—"

### FIRST LADY HEARD AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

Daytona Beach, Fla., March 1—(ANP)—It took a ninety mile ride in a police patrol car from Jacksonville to Daytona Beach for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to keep her speaking schedule at Bethune-Cookman college here Monday, but 5,000 persons stood in the rain to greet her as she arrived.

Rain was falling as Mrs. Roosevelt began speaking to the outdoor audience and the downpour forced moving the meeting into the college auditorium.

It was the thirty-fifth anniversary of Bethune-Cookman college, and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president, said she was duly proud of the honor paid it by the First lady. Mrs. Roosevelt did not disappoint her audience in her speech when she explained the true meaning of democracy.

"Democracy does not mean having the same religion or color," she said. "It means more citizens who can share better things all the time. Every step forward toward giving more people a better existence is a step toward a more perfect democracy."

After her talk, Mrs. Roosevelt left for a month's rest in Miami Beach.

### ILLINOIS CENTRAL OFFERS PRIZES FOR TIME TABLE PHOTOS

Chicago, Illinois, (CC)—The Illinois Central System has renewed its invitation to amateur photographers to submit photographs for its timetable covers. For those chosen, awards of ten dollars will be paid. The subjects can deal with rail operations or scenic points along the railroad. Pictures should be addressed to J. V. Lanigan, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago, Illinois.

### NORTH CAROLINA MOB THREATENS NEW LYNCHING

Dunn, N. C. Feb. 26 (CNA)—For several days now, Negroes in this town have been forced to remain in their homes as a result of a reign of terror instituted against them following the death of a white policeman in a lawless raid on a Negro cafe.

Officer Martin Underwood was allegedly struck by a thrown brick when he raided the cafe. He died. Seventy-five Negroes were illegally rounded up and arrested and three held on murder charges. Extra policemen patrolled the Negro section in an effort to intimidate

## Says Negro Tests U. S. Democracy

Minneapolis, March 1 (ANP)—The 18th annual observance of Interracial week ended with a monster public mass meeting, Sunday night at the YWCA with A. L. Foster, executive secretary of the Chicago Urban League, principal speaker.

### LIKES OHIO "Y" POSITION



William S. Jackson, recent graduate of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, is enthusiastically interested in all phases of his work as South Side Community Secretary of the Spring Street Branch YMCA, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Jackson, who was formerly employed as Boys Worker with the Southeast Community House, Washington, D. C., is also a graduate of West Virginia State College, Institute, and holds a Certificate of Scoutmastership awarded by the 10th District Atlanta (Ga.) Area, Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a native of Boston, Mass.

Speaking on, "The Negro—A Test of Democracy", Mr. Foster asserted that America should not criticize the treatment of minorities in Europe by dictatorships, without first changing its attitude toward Negroes in America. Quoting from an editorial which appeared in Opportunity magazine last year, Foster said "The most severe test of American Democracy is the American Negro. As long as he suffers from racial oppression in the form of legal inequalities, economic discrimination and political disfranchisement, no religious, racial or national minority is secure. It is no isolated phenomenon in American life that the great waves of intolerance which have occasionally swept over the nation have engulfed the Catholic and the Jew with the Negro."

The auditorium was filled to capacity with an unusual attendance of white people. The relationship of the races in Minneapolis is much better than in many cities and much progress has been made during the past few years due to the cooperation of many organizations interested in improved race relations. The Minneapolis Urban League of which Charles W. Washington is executive Secretary, is the accepted leader in the movement for better relationships. Other organizations active in the promotion of year round programs as well as the Interracial Week are: Minneapolis Church federation, Border ME. Church, Bethesda Baptist Church, Zion Church, St. Peter A. M. E. church, Beacon Light church YWCA., St. Thomas Episcopal church, Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, Minneapolis Branch of the NAACP., Pacific Action fellowship and Minneapolis Sunday forum.

## RANDOLPH IN WASHINGTON DIRECTING PLANS FOR THIRD NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS

### MID-WESTERN NEGRO DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28 — The temporary Mid-Western Negro Democratic Association which was created at a conference of Negro Democrats, Friday October 6, 1939, at Hannibal, Missouri, will meet in Springfield, Illinois, Saturday, March 2, 1940 to complete its organization, elect officers, write its constitution and by-laws and plan for the First Mid-Western Democratic Convention, which will be held sometime this summer.

the Negro people.

Mayor Herbert B. Taylor admitted that a "mob of hoodlums" from Roseboro, Underwood's home town have threatened to "get" the man who allegedly killed the officer.

Negro citizens have been subjected to molestation for a week here. Bud Daddy, Dave Lilly and Buster Hargrove, charged with the slaying, were taken to the Lillington jail, 17 miles from here.

### 250,000 NEGROES JAMMED IN TO SEVEN MILE AREA CHICAGO SURVEY REVEALS

Chicago, Mar. 1 (ANP)—That 250,000 Negroes live in a restricted area seven miles long, and from one half to a mile and one-half in width, is one of the startling facts revealed in the first of a series of monographs on the study of the Negro community in Chicago, released last week after an announcement by Horace R. Cayton, one of the directors of the survey.

Washington, D. C. February 26—A Phillip Randolph, President of the ational Negro Congress was in Washington this week making plans for the forthcoming Third National Negro Congress to be held here April 26-28.

While in the city President Randolph conferred with John P. Davis, national secretary of the Congress; U. Simpson Tate, national treasurer; and with Rev. Arthur D. Gray, who is President of the Washington Council of the National Negro Congress, which will act as host to the convention.

Plans for the forthcoming Congress include a monster lobby of thousands of Negro delegates in Washington to visit members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives in the interest of passage of the anti-lynching bill and other vital legislation affecting the welfare of the Negro People. It is planned to bring to Washington delegates from Negro communities throughout the nation who will present to federal government authorities the case of the Negro on the vital issues of health, housing, jobs and education.

Other national officers of the Congress who have been to Washington recently to take part in arrangements for the Congress include: Edward E. Strong, national youth chairman of Birmingham and Dr. Max Yergan, a member of the national executive board of the congress.

### ELLINGTON RHYTHM? YES!

Lafayette, Indiana, (C)—Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra will appear here at Purdue University on Saturday, March 1.