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It Is Your Privilege and Duty to Vote—VOTE Tuesday, April 9th

THIS WEEK IN—

Religion & Thought

by Robt. L. Moody

Our Citizenship—

Tuesday, April 9 is Primary election Day. Everyone of us is given the privilege to exercise our rights as citizens. We talk much about the limited rights of people in foreign states. Dictatorship is disliked and democracy is praised. In a representative democracy such as the United States, the power of the government begins with the individual voter.

The Primary election is important because its results usually determine the policies and victorious party for the National election. Our vote in the primary election expresses our desire for a continuation of the present administration or the desire for a change.

Many citizens are indifferent and fail to use their right to vote because (1) They do not know for what or for whom to vote; and (2) Because they feel that the election is going a certain way regardless of their vote. But the best thing to do is to read the papers and listen to speakers on both sides of the question. Seek to know what the issues or platforms you feel will be the best for the good of all.

When many of us were in states that kept us from voting, we complained. Now we live where we may vote and some of us will not vote or vote unwisely.

Voting is a serious and sacred duty, so do not fail to your part to maintain good government.

Marian Anderson Concert May 26 To Benefit Four National Negro Groups

New York, April 4—Despite the fact that she is completing the heaviest New York season schedule of her career, Marian Anderson, the inter-nationally famous singer will give a concert at Carnegie Hall, Sunday, May 26, for the benefit of four Negro national organizations.

Proceeds from the concert, except for the actual cost of promoting the affair, will be divided equally among; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 69 Fifth Avenue Division of Colored Work, National Council of the YMCA, 374 Madison Avenue; National Urban League, 1133 Broadway; and International Committee on African Affairs, 8 West Fortieth street, all of New York City.

Announcement of the concert, which will be Miss Anderson's fifth and final recital in her New York series, was made by Hubert T. Delany, New York Tax Commissioner and the singer's legal representative. The concert was arranged by Mr. Delany and S. Hurok, manager of the artist, following a conference with Miss Anderson last month.

Last year, Miss Anderson gave over all the boxes to these four organizations at one of her concerts. This year, Mr. Delany said, she felt that the whole problem of social service and citizenship rights for Negroes in America needs to be focused on the minds of all the citizens of the country, now that democracy itself is on trial as never before. That is why she has made it plain that despite her heavy schedule she wants to make this definite contribution to the work of helping in the fight to extend the full freedom of citizenship rights to her people.

S. Hurok, her manager also echoed this sentiment, pointing out that the great artists of America are realizing that the highest art makes itself felt in terms of ministering to the full needs of all the people.

At a dinner held at Gilt Edge Dining Room, 125 West 136th street, Thursday evening, March 28, in honor of the noted singer, representatives of the four groups expressed their gratitude to Miss Anderson and her manager, S. Hurok, for this evidence of their deep interest in the work of their agencies.

It was announced that box seats

DEWEY AT LINCOLN



Negroes To Withhold Support From Any Candidate for Lower Housing Rent

CHICAGO VOTERS BECOME HOUSING CONSCIOUS

To Withhold Support from Candidates Who Oppose Low-Rent Housing for Needy Colored Families

CHICAGO, April 4 (ANP)—An interesting pre-Primary survey conducted this week by welfare workers and others engaged in the effort to secure better homes for Chicago's indigent colored families has revealed a growing and insistent demand by voters that Primary candidates of both parties go on record as favoring housing legislation designed to aid those forced to live in tenements and slum districts. The welfare workers declared that many voters voiced the opinion that the housing program should be developed as a matter of public policy and that all voters—of both high and low estates—should withhold their support from candidates opposed to the housing program.

It was pointed out that Robert R. Taylor, vice chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority and the sole colored member of that body, said in a recent interview: "I believe that governments, both local and federal, are the only agencies which can provide decent housing facilities for families with low incomes. I am convinced that a continuation and even expansion of public housing programs in this country, is sound, both economically and socially."

Interest of local voters in public housing has recently been given great impetus by the construction activity at the Southside site of the Ida B. Wells Homes, low-rent project which will accommodate about 1,650 low income families and which is being built by the local authority in cooperation with the U. S. Housing Authority.

It was also pointed out that in the Ida B. Wells Homes, as in other federally sponsored projects, throughout the nation, the USHA program extends a helping hand to deserving, low-income families, and this naturally includes Negro families since about two-thirds of them earn less than \$750 a year.

Because of their small earning power Negroes cannot pay the high rents that go with decent, comfortable homes, and private builders may be purchased from the headquarters of each of the four organizations. All other seats are now on sale at the Carnegie Hall box office. Tickets prices are as follows: First tier box seats, \$3.30 each; second tier box seats, \$2.20 each (all boxes seat eight persons.) Orchestra, first twenty rows, \$3.30, balance of orchestra, \$7.75; dress circle, \$2.20; balcony, \$1.65 and \$1.10.

who must earn a profit, cannot afford to build homes for people who are unable to pay the rent. To solve this difficulty and to aid this \$750 a year family, Congress authorized the U. S. Housing Authority to assist local housing authorities in developing low-rent projects. About one-third of all dwelling units in approved USHA projects are for occupancy by Negro families.

Mr. C. C. Galloway, acting editor of the Omaha Guide, extending the hand of greeting to District Atty. Thomas E. Dewey of New York City, at Lincoln, Nebraska, on Founder's Day, and congratulating him on filing in the Nebraska Primary election April 9, for nomination for President, and Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, chairman of the Republican Central State Committee, and a part of one of the many Reception Committees who gathered at Lincoln, Nebraska on Founder's Day to meet America's number one citizen.

VICTORY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD HERE APRIL 21 AND 22

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons, Nebraska Jurisdiction, A. F. & A. M. Prince Hall Affiliation, will hold a Victory Celebration here, at Masonic Hall, 26th and Blondo Sts., April 21 and 22nd. The celebration will open Sunday, April 21, at 10 a. m. with a reception, for the out of town visitors and dignitaries, among whom will be Dr. Sumner A. Furness, Most Pursuant Sovereign Grand Commander, of Scottish Rite Masonry, and Raymond E. Jackson, Imperial Potentate, of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and representatives of the jurisdictions of Missouri, Iowa, Colorado. Some of those mentioned above will be principal speakers during the celebration. The celebration will be in honor of the burning of the mortgage of the Masonic Hall building, Monday April 22. A victory will be held Sunday afternoon, April 21 and a banquet Monday night, April 22, which will be followed by a Shrine frolic. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these affairs. A 22 piece band will furnish music Monday.

F. W. Starns.

Republican Club, Mr. W. T. Gaines who is majoring in Journalistic work at Creighton University, Milton Woods, Secretary of the Urban League in Lincoln, Nebraska, Tommy Chandler, Employer at the U. S. National Bank, Mrs. Ray Williams, wife of Atty. Ray Williams.

This was an informal meeting after a few remarks, Mr. Wherry who stated that this is just an informal gathering. So anyone who wishes to ask Mr. Dewey any questions of National affairs he will be glad to answer them. At this point Senator Adams asked Mr. Dewey: "Mr. Dewey, 'do you believe it is possible for our group to get their prorata of employment appointments, something we have not been getting?' Ans: by Mr. Dewey, 'Well, you have not had the kind of State Chairman, you have now, that's the reason you have not been getting your prorata of employment.'"

Number two: "Do you believe that we should have a Federal Lynch Law?"

Mr. Dewey's Ans: "That I have answered in the Negro Press. I believe it should become a law. I am for it 100 per cent."

Mr. Galloway asked Mr. Dewey the following two questions.

"Mr. Dewey, do you believe it is possible to give the Negro the right to vote and have his votes counted in the South."

Mr. Dewey's Ans: "Yes, by taking the U. S. Army down there on election day."

Number two: "Do you believe it possible to take prejudice out of the U. S. Army and give the youth of our groups an opportunity to join the Army and the Navy, any position they are qualified to fill without being turned down on account of color?"

Mr. Dewey's answer was "Yes", he believes it could be done.

Mr. Dewey's ready answers to questions asked him without a moment of hesitation and seemingly without considering whether it was good politics to answer favorably or unfavorably.

This shows that he is a man with his mind made upon Public issues and ready to let you peep on what he thinks without considering the political angle of the issue's being discussed.

Wear Anti-Lynching Buttons Until The Bill Is Passed, Says The N. A. A. C. P.

New York—"Wear Your Anti-Lynching Button Until The Bill Is Passed," will be the slogan of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People until the Federal Anti-Lynching bill passes in the Senate.

This was the statement issued by officials of the organization as they praised the courage of a young association member who was recently arrested in Arkansas, for selling Anti-Lynching buttons. Police officers, after beating the youngster, confiscated his supply of buttons.

FRESHMAN CLASS PRESIDENT



Lionel F. Willoughby, president of the freshman class at Johnson C. Smith University, after he was unanimously elected recently by fellow student representing states from Massachusetts to Florida. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Willoughby of Englewood, N. J., young Willoughby is pursuing a pre-medical course with plans toward surgery specialization.

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ON STAFF OF THOMAS E. DEWEY IN N.Y. Mrs. Eunice Carter Addresses Miss. Teachers Convention

JACKSON, MISS., April 4 (ANP)—Eunice H. Carter, assistant on the staff of Thomas E. Dewey, addressed the Mississippi State Teachers association here last Friday. Almost 2000 teachers were crowded into the auditorium of the Lanier High school and another 1000 were in the corridor and nearby class rooms. The total attendance was about 3000. These teachers were assembled in convention from all parts of the state of Mississippi.

Mrs. Carter said, in part "The future of the Negro race depends upon the kind of citizens into which children of today and the unborn children develop their lives, and their future lies in the hands of our educators. Our teachers, along with the parents of our race, share the heavy responsibility of molding the Negro American of the

future. The solution of many of our problems lies in education—education in the technical sense of preparing our children for earning a living—and becoming integrated into the economic pattern of American life; education in its broadest sense, that of learning the art of living in harmony and cooperation with our neighbors to the end that we may be a respected and vital force in the American community.

"The Negro teachers of America—the Negro teachers of the South in particular, bear a heavy responsibility and are meeting their task nobly even in the face of severe handicaps. It is my hope for you that your needs of better facilities, increased staff and adequate pay will soon be met."

Nat'l Baptists To Mobilize in Omaha April 9th

Members of the Good Will Tour headed by Dr. L. K. Williams of the National Baptist Convention to Mobilize in Omaha, April 9.

Rev. F. P. Jones, Moderator of our group.

The Baptist of Omaha, Nebraska, Iowa and vicinity are preparing for and looking forward with great anticipation to the mobilization of some of the outstanding men and women of the denomination who are members of the Good Will Tour headed by Dr. L. K. Williams, President of the National Baptist Convention Tuesday evening, April 9.

There will be a mass meeting at the Zion Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. and the Pastors, churches and the public are invited to come and

COUNTY ASSESSOR JOE C. STOLINSKI APPOINTS SEVEN NEGROES AS PRECINCT ASSESSORS

Among the precinct Assessors appointed to make the Annual Personal Property Assessment were seven race people. They were Eugenia Chandler Chue, 804 No. 25th St., Carrie Jewell, 2816 No. 26th Street, Adele Richards, 2311 No. 28th Avenue, Cleota Reynolds, 2810 Grant Street, Maggie McGowan, 2115 No. 26th Street, Eva Mae Stewart, 2421 Decatur Street, Victoria Turner, 2817 Miami Street.



REV. F. P. JONES

the New Era Association, and Rev. C. Q. Hickerson, Vice Moderator, will join this group of tourist, leaving immediately after the mass meeting. The tour will cover a period of 3 weeks touching all points in the West and Northwest.

We are urging that the Pastors, churches and the public rally to make this meeting an undisputed success.

Remember the date, April 9, 7:30 p. m. at the Zion Baptist Church.

Atty. General Office Takes Hand in Investigation

CONFERENCE WITH ROGGE ON FEDERAL PROSECUTION OF KLAN, PEONAGE

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANP) Following an all day conference with Asst. Atty. General John Rogge of the department of justice, hope was expressed that federal prosecution of peonage and Klan terror in the South may soon be initiated.

Participating in the conference were John P. Davis, secretary of the National Negro Congress; J. Finley Wilson, of the Elks; William L. Patterson, vice president, and Louis Colman, assistant national secretary of the International Labor defense; William H. Hastie, dean of the Howard school of law, and Charles H. Houston, special counsel for the NAACP.

Actual victims of the Klan terror accompanied the above named persons to the office of Mr. Rogge and related their stories for the personal edification of the attorney general's assistant.

"It was agreed between the dele-

gator visiting Mr. Rogge," said Mr. Davis after leaving the office, "that it be announced, that Mr. Rogge agreed that the department of justice will take cognizance of the facts presented in regard to the peonage conditions on the plantation of William T. Cunningham of Oglethorpe county, Georgia, with a view to possible investigation and prosecution, and second that similar cognizance will be taken of evidence presented as to KuKluxKlan activities in South Carolina, and third that Mr. Rogge took under advisement the request made by the delegation that particular steps be taken to safeguard the lives of witnesses who were brought here to present evidence of Klan activity to the department of justice upon their return to South Carolina."

Mr. Rogge gave no satisfactory answer to the request of the delegation for a nationwide investigation of Klan terrorism.

J. Finley Wilson pledged the entire support of the national civil liberties units of the Elks behind the program outlined by Mr. Davis.

White Man Who Befriended Negroes Takes Own Life

Believe Ostracism by Other Whites Cause of his pro-Negro activity. A Cause of Suicide; Former U. S. Attorney Was Nephew of Tiesee Joe Tolbert

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 4—(ANP)—The one white man in this area who had championed the cause of the Negro in the recent fight against Ku Klux Klan terrorism beginning last summer, and in so doing became virtually ostracized by members of his own race, took his own life Friday.

This man was Joseph Augustus Tolbert, 48, prominent Republican and U. S. Attorney for the western district of this state, and nephew of the famous "Tiesee Joe Tolbert, nationally known in GOP, politics. He was found dead in his garage around 7:15 a. m. with an old .38 calibre revolver by his side.

Members of his family said he spent a restless night and appeared worried. Instead of rising at his customary hour of 6 a. m., he got up at 7 o'clock, donned his trousers but left off his shirt and went to the garage. Shots were heard a few moments later and Tolbert was found dead.

It is believed here that the attitude of other whites toward him because the despondency resulting

in suicide.

Racial strife began last summer when the NAACP, launched a campaign to register Negro voters for the city elections. Immediately the Klan became active; raising the cry of "threats to white supremacy" and a wave of intimidation, beatings and general terror was launched.

Tolbert alone went to the defense of Negroes, representing them in court and fighting with all his legal skill in their behalf. He was the first to call the attention of state and federal authorities to Klan violations, resulting in a probe by both the governor and U. S. agencies.

Several times in recent months he was assaulted by whitehoodlums who resented his championship of fairplay for Negroes. Be because he was a large man, standing over six feet and weighing more than 200 pounds, he was always able to protect himself.

Tolbert was recognized as a devout Christian and was never known to utter a word of profanity. For 15 years he was federal district attorney being first appointed under Coolidge.

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