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LAND GRANT COLLEGE PRESIDENTS HOLD SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Supreme Court Ruling On Residential Covenant Case Opens Up Hundreds Of New Homes To Chicago Negroes;

HAILED AS BIGGEST SOCIAL VICTORY IN YEARS—

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (ANP)—Hailed here as the biggest social victory in many years in the U. S. Supreme court, the Carl A. and Nannie Hansberry decision handed down Monday in Washington is expected to open up 500 new homes to Chicago Negroes in a district from which they previously have been barred.

The high court ruling reversed an Illinois supreme court decision barring Negroes from residence in the old Washington park subdivision on the edge of the overcrowded Negro district. Stress was laid on Monday's decision as a social victory in contrast with other decisions of an educational nature or giving Negroes the right to a fair trial or personal safety.

When Hansberry, a prominent realtor, and his wife bought property in the area along with other Negroes and moved in, suit was brought by white property owners, signers of a restrictive covenant which barred sales of homes to Negroes for residential purposes. That was four years ago. Lower courts upheld the covenant and when the case reached the state supreme court, it was again upheld on Oct. 15, 1939, on the ground that an earlier decision had declared such covenants legal and therefore it could not again be challenged.

Taking the matter to the United States supreme court, attorneys for the Hansberrys, including C. Francis Stradford, Alderman Earl B. Dickerson, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Loring B. Moore and Irving C. Mollison, argued last month that the restrictive agreement was not effective since only 54 percent of the property owners had signed it whereas it stated specifically that 95 percent must sign to be valid and binding, and that the Illinois supreme court ruling was unconstitutional because it deprived the Hansberrys of due process of law as guaranteed under the 14th amendment since they were not parties to the earlier case.

The U. S. supreme court opinion, written by Justice Harlan F. Stone and concurred in by all the justices, held that the earlier court proceedings did not control the present suit, and said the covenant (Continued on page 2)

Uncle Sam Gives \$830,000 Back To Policy Kings

Washington, Nov. 21 (ANP)—Last March the Jones brothers, Chicago's policy kings, were indicted on charges of income tax evasion. At that time federal agents seized assets which converted into cash and deposited in the United States treasury amounted to nearly \$1,350,000. Monday it was learned that the government has turned back some of the money to the Joneses.

The amount turned back is approximately \$850,000. This represents what was left of the original seizures after slightly less than \$500,000 was deducted for taxes, interest and penalties back to 1931, plus an additional sum covering a more recent claim on their 1939 tax bill.

According to a secret compromise agreement with the government the criminal charges of tax evasion will be dismissed against two of the brothers, McKissack McHenry and George P. Jones. The third brother, Edward P., regarded as the leader of the trio, will plead guilty whenever his case is called to trial, accepting whatever sentence the court imposes for a crime whose maximum punishment is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Julian Black, co-manager of Joe Louis, has been in difficulties with the government over income taxes, too. Recently he had to pay several thousand dollars in back taxes to escape more serious trouble.

According to a reliable source, Black was one of the many witnesses reported to have appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the incomes of Chicago gamblers several months ago. For a time it was thought that Black received all the proceeds from a gambling establishment known as the North and South, East and West club, but he was able to show partnership with two others, Robert E. Jones and Sanders Scott, which reduced the government's estimate of his income.

It is also reported that Black was questioned about blocks of prize fight tickets, particularly tickets to Joe Louis' championship bouts, which William R. Skidmore, alleged political go-between for the gambling syndicate, is known to have passed out at various times to politicians in the city hall and the county building. The government is said to have been anxious to know how Skidmore got them and whether they could be charged against him as another source of his income. Skidmore, who reputedly arranges for the protection which makes policy and other forms of gambling possible, was indicted on charges of income tax evasion and is awaiting trial.

Fisk Jubilee Singers Are Coming

On the night of Friday, November 29th, The World renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers will appear in public to offer their musical talents to the City of Omaha. They will appear here under the auspices of the Saint Philip's Episcopal Church of which Rev. Stammers is the minister. The program will start promptly at 8 P. M. in the main auditorium of the Zion Baptist Church, 22nd and Grant Street.

Soloist For Book Review

Mrs. Minnie Herndon of Council Bluffs, Iowa, will sing for the book review which will be given by Dr. Frank G. Smith at Clair Chapel Church, Tuesday evening, at 8—November 26, under the auspices of the Modern Priscilla Art and Study Club Literary Dept.

Mrs. C. K. Ross will also appear on the program. Mrs. U. S. Matthews is chairman of the event with Mrs. Reuben C. Price, Pres. Tickets may be secured on the night of the review.

The title of the book to be reviewed is "How Green Is My Valley"—by Llewellyn.

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL FORCES 2 COLORED FAMILIES TO MOVE

Dallas, Nov. 22 (ANP)—Because of the action of the city council last week, two colored families were forced to move from their newly purchased homes. The families involved are the George Johnsons and the C. L. Walkers who recently moved into a white neighborhood after having to vacate their former homes two months ago to make way for the new low-cost housing project now being built.

As soon as the families moved into the white neighborhood their homes were stoned and bombed, all this in spite of the police protection they were supposed to have.

As a result the city council voted \$1,300 last week to purchase Walker's bungalow and to move the Negro families. The money was turned over to City Manager James W. Aston to whom the responsibility of "settling the matter" was given.

Many colored citizens view the moving of the two families as "bowing to the mandate of the mob", and fear that "this thing of conceding even one thing to mob rule is but the entering wedge for the mob to ask many other illegal things". They are greatly perturbed over what the next move will be.

GREENVILLE MAN CONDUCTS DEFENSE AT OWN TRIAL

Greenville, Nov. 22 (ANP)—After he conducted his own defense in proper legal fashion and convinced the jury he had no part in the automobile theft with which he was charged, I. B. Harris was acquitted of grand larceny in general sessions court here Thursday.

Harris presented his own witnesses, cross-examined those presented by the state, and took the stand to testify in his own behalf. He was asked by Judge G. B. Greene: "Would you like to argue the case to the jury?"

"Mr. Judge, your honor", he said, "I hardly think that will be necessary."

It wasn't. The jury returned in less than ten minutes with a verdict of not guilty.

SCHOOL BOARD SETS DATE FOR HEARING IN KY. TEACHERS SALARY CASE

Louisville, Ky.,—A hearing on the petition filed with the local school board by Miss Valla Dudley Abbingdon, a teacher in the Jackson Junior High School, who seeks to have her salary made equal to that of white Junior High School teachers doing similar work, has been set for December 3, it was announced today by Prentice Thomas, her attorney.

Mr. Thomas is representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which is handling the case. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the association, is associated with Mr. Thomas in the case. Miss Abbingdon seeks to have her yearly salary increased from \$1,490 to \$1,750 the salary paid to white teachers of similar classification and experience. In her petition she declares that she is acting not only in her own behalf but also in behalf of all the Negro teachers and principals in the public schools of Louisville.

FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE CODE NOW BARS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Washington, Nov. 20 (ANP)—Racial discrimination in hiring federal civil service workers was banned Wednesday by an order from President Roosevelt. The new rule amended a section of the civil service rules which prohibits discrimination on political or religious grounds.

Roosevelt's order, representing the first general revision of civil service rules since 1938, was issued to bring employment policies in line with defense needs.

It also reduced from one year to six months the probation period for new employees, during which they are eligible for transfer or promotion, and gave the civil service commission authority to enforce a bar against employment of persons advocating the overthrow of constitutional government by force.

DR. F. D. PATTERSON IN PLEA FOR TUSKEGEE AIRPORT

Chicago, Nov. 22 (by Daniel J. Faulkner for ANP)—Tuskegee Institute airport hysteria reached new heights Tuesday morning when President F. D. Patterson addressed an enthusiastic group of Airport Fund campaign workers at Polo college.

In championing the cause for airport within walking distance of the campus, Dr. Patterson placed great emphasis upon his contention that the Negro should be integrated into all phases of American democracy.

The noted educator exclaimed, "If Tuskegee is successful in raising sufficient funds with which to develop the work in aviation, I am convinced that it will be a service to the Negroes of the nation at large. We shall through this means be able to make available to the United States army an adequate number of efficient men who would be needed to establish a branch in this service.

If this done another signal victory for the Negro in attaining full status in American democracy will have been achieved. I am sure that you agree with me that such a possibility makes this effort a worthy one."

Among the other speakers were Dr. U. G. Dailey; Claude A. Barnett; Col. J. C. Robinson; Percy R. Hines; Miss Janet Harmon Waterford, veteran aviatrix; Dr. W. D. Giles, and Daniel J. Faulkner, the general chairman, acted as master of ceremonies.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE TO HOLD EXAMS FOR VARIOUS DEPTS.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21 (ANP)—The following examinations were announced this week by the U. S. Civil Service Commission: Chief Laboratory Mechanic, \$2,600 a year (when actually employed) in the Cotton Hosiery Investigations, Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture; Principal Translator, \$2,600 a year, with optional subjects Portuguese and Spanish. Full information concerning the above may be obtained at any first-class post office.

Also announced was an open competitive examination for the position of Inspector of Miscellaneous Supplies, salary, \$1,800—\$2,000 a year. Place of employment: Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot, Jeffersonton, Ind. Applications for this exam may be obtained at any first or second class post office in the States of Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky.

JOIN BUSINESS MEN IN DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS

CHICAGO, November 18—To secure a closer alliance between business and education was the theme which dominated the 18th annual conference of Negro Land Grant College Presidents in Chicago, November 12-14. Bringing together some of the most outstanding Negro educators, business men, and government agents the entire question of how education, especially as carried on by the 17 Land Grant Colleges, could aid in the economic life of the race by training workers in industry and business, increasing the actual purchasing power of the race, and generally interesting the college graduate in business as a vocation.

BROADCASTERS AND MUSIC COMPOSERS FEUD SIZZLES AS DEADLINE NEARS

New York City, Nov. 21 (ANP) This week the controversy between the nation's major broadcasting stations and the ASCAP American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers—was the sole topic on Broadway and in Harlem, as the deadline neared for expiration of the contract between the composers and broadcasters.

ASCAP which has many famous Negro composers in its membership charges the National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system with trying to monopolize the "music" end of radio, and the broadcasters hurl the same charge at ASCAP.

The networks and affiliated stations, it is said, are planning to boycott ASCAP after Dec. 31, when the old contract expires. To strengthen the proposed boycott and be able to send "independent" music programs over the ether waves, radio has organized Broadcast Music, Inc. has 250 composers at work, turning out swing tunes and other melodies to take the place of ASCAP tunes, should the boycott become effective.

Russell Clevenger, BMI director of public relations, explaining the controversy, said this week:

"ASCAP has refused in 1940, as in the past, to deal with broadcasters on a "per program" basis of payment when its music is played, but insists that broadcasters pay a percentage of their entire revenue, including that which they receive from the sale of time for news, dramatics, sports and other non-musical programs.

The broadcasters are willing to pay ASCAP, as a licensing authority, for programs using one or more ASCAP selections, but they are unwilling to continue to pay that organization for programs that use no ASCAP music.

85 YEAR OLD WOMAN ATTENDS WPA CLASS

Chicago, Nov. 21 (ANP) Born of slave parents down on a Mississippi plantation, Mrs. Anna Hayes had never had a chance to go to school. But that had nothing to do with her desire to learn, so when she heard of the WPA classes in adult education, she decided to enroll. At 85 she finds going to school a real pleasure, one that she has no intention of giving up.

BAND IS ORGANIZED AT VIRGINIA UNION

Richmond, Nov. 20 (ANP) Every afternoon from the music studio of the Martin E. Gray hall on the Virginia Union university campus strange sounds may be heard. These sounds represent the fulfillment of a "dream" that for speculation among the student body. For at long last the school has a band.

At present there are 16 members in the band who have been organized and are directed by a Norfolk sophomore, Dewitt Proctor. Mrs. Aldean W. Davis head of the music department of the school is their supervisor. The only requisites for admission are knowledge of the fundamentals of music and familiarity with some musical instrument.

Among the business men who presented their problems to the conference was Dr. J. E. Walker, president of the National Negro Business League, who like the message to the conference of C. C. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, stressed the wisdom of Booker T. Washington in emphasizing the race, and asked for a "streamlined" adaptation of this great leader's advice. James A. Jackson, special representative of the Esso Marketers, while discussing the purchasing power of the Negro as a basis for Negro business, warned his audience of the danger of trying to create a separate economic setup and said our greatest problem was integrating our business into the general national system.

A great deal of emphasis was placed by the employers of Negro labor at the conference on the fact that at present the colleges are not doing much in preparing the young Negro college graduate either for business opportunities or encouraging them to seek these opportunities. "Dick" Jones, well known and successful Chicago business man, discussed the problems and difficulties of retailing and the fact that special training is essential. Giles A. Hubert, assistant to the direction of the Director of the Rural Rehabilitation division of the Farm Security Administration, spoke of the difficulty of finding adequately trained Negroes to administer the various local projects and outlined in detail the opportunities open to those who were even partially trained for the work.

As one solution for the building up of Negro purchasing power the cooperative was suggested. Following a scholarly discussion of the problem of consumer education by Dr. Booker T. McGraw, department of economics and business administration, Lincoln university, Missouri, Cornelius King, special assistant to the governor of the Farm Credit administration, spoke of the potential economics inherent in cooperative buying and selling. The concluding address on this session was by J. H. Gadsden, Jr., Georgia State Industrial college, who told in practical terms what had been done at the Georgia school in the establishment of a faculty-student cooperative store.

National defense and the Negro port in this current movement, in a military way and economically was the theme of the banquet meeting. Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Howard university, and Dr. Robert C. Weaver, National Defense council, were the speakers. The importance of having the Negro play his proper role in the defense and preparation of our nation caused this session to be particularly interesting. While both speakers admitted the Negro had not yet received the opportunities which are rightfully his, Dr. Weaver was optimistic as to future developments.

Dr. F. G. Clark, president of Southern university of Louisiana, was elected president of the Association of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges, and R. B. Atwood, president of Kentucky State College, was reelected secretary of the association. On the executive council for the coming year are President R. S. Grossley, Delaware; President W. H. Bell, chairman of the council from Alcorn, Miss.; President S. D.

MEMPHIS BEGINS DRIVE ON SWITCH BLADE KNIVES

Memphis, Nov. 20 (ANP)—Memphis police launched a drive Tuesday night against carriers of switch blade knives, arresting 65 persons in 10 Beale street establishments on charges of carrying a dirk and being a suspicious person.

Knives of all descriptions were taken from the suspects, among them many known as "Arkansas toothpicks". Weapons of this description are knives with blades four to six inches long that have been resharpened so much they resemble the general shape of a toothpick. Persons possessing nail and pen knives were not molested. Commissioner Doyle said the drive was launched "to rid the city of all forms of lawlessness".

LOW WAGE AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS MOVE

The Low Wage and Unemployed Workers' Organization have moved to 1837 North 24th St. to the Church of Deliverance. Meeting will be held on Monday November 25th at 8 p. m. for the civic, industrial and commercial welfare of our people.

New York—A vigorous protest against the reported detention and punishment of nine Negro mess attendants attached to the U. S. S. Philadelphia was sent to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox November 15 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The nine men were reported in the press to have been placed under virtual arrest with a view to punishing them for writing and signing a letter to the Pittsburgh Courier in which they outlined the treatment of Negroes in the United States Navy.

The NAACP letter declared to Colonel Knox that the colored people of this country "are bitter about the treatment of their men in the armed forces of the nation. We wish to enter a most vigorous protest against this action and to request you, as Secretary of the Navy, to intervene.

"The Army has made some gestures toward improvement, but the Navy seems unable to adjust itself to the times. This association believes and urges once more—as it shall continue to urge—that the United States Navy maintain by the money of all the people, should tear down every restriction against enlistment and training, which is based upon race, creed or color, and should open up enlistment in all branches of the Navy to American citizens without regard to color."

The NAACP letter upheld the action of the nine mess attendants in bravely signing their names to the published letter of complaint, saying they had done so, "in belief that they had a just complaint saying they had done so "in belief that they had a just complaint which ought not be weakened by an anonymous letter."

Scruggs, Lincoln university, Missouri; President F. D. Bluford, North Carolina A. & T. college; President W. R. Banks, Prairie View State College, Texas; President John M. Gandy, Virginia State College; President John W. Davis, West Virginia and President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee

BROTHERHOOD WINS INCREASE FOR ALTON R. R. PORTERS

As a result of a series of conferences held with the Management of the Alton Railroad in Chicago, a contract was negotiated by A. Philip Randolph, International President and M. P. Webster, First International Vice President of the Brotherhood, and signed in the interest of the Parlor Car Porters on the Alton Railroad. The contract secured for the men a \$5.00 wage increase per month. It also achieved a desirable regulation of the hours of work. The Agreement was signed in Chicago in the offices of the Alton Railroad Company by Mr. Randolph for the Brotherhood and Mr. Voorhees, Vice President, for the Alton Railroad Company.

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