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200 Negro Leaders Lay Down Strong Nat'l Defense Program For Negro

HAMPTON, Va., Dec. 4 (ANP) The historic walls of Hampton Institute heard strange new sounds during the past week, when 200 white and colored authorities on various subjects, aired their views on Negro participation in national defense, and paid tribute to the newly inaugurated president of the school, Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean.

Getting right down to business after the formal induction of Dr. MacLean in his new duties, the conference broke up into 11 panel discussion groups and out of these groups came new ideas, new ideals and the cry of the 13,000,000 Negroes who constitute America's largest minority group.

Finding of the various committees read on the final day of the session brought thunderous applause as a packed Ogden Hall listened intently.

In agriculture, after a stirring talk by Dr. Giles Hubert of the FSA, recommendations were for an increased personnel, quality and freedom of action of Negro personnel and they be paid equal salaries for equal services in local, state, national units in the policy making, administrative research and action programs of the various departments of agriculture; that one or more Negroes qualified by experience and training be attached to the administrative staff of the secretary of agriculture; an extended and intensified general educational program with special regard to the Negro be established to further the use of co-operatives in all possible kinds, especially among low income farm families operation small farms; research and investigation in land regarding land classification with a view to aiding future buyers to select good farm land, farms of proper size and location with respect to present and future community growth; and that there be a closer tie-up between land grant and other agricultural colleges and governmental agencies and that these institutions give particular attention the revision in their staff, curricula and facilities for teaching agriculture with a view to broadening and increasing the efficiency of their training program for the preparation for all agricultural occupations.

The committee on religion stated, "The best way for the Christian people to defend democracy is to try to extend the democratic ideals through the establishment of righteousness and justice in our own society. One of the tasks of the church is constructively establishing a morale of the nation is to reestablish the moral stability of the people by a return to the things of the spirit. This can be done by cooperation between home church and school."

But it was the recommendations of the military committee which created the greatest reaction. This committee stated:

"In view of the findings of the committee, we suggest that the following resolutions be adopted by this conference:

"1. That Negroes be granted the fullest possible participation in all the arms and services of the army, navy and marine corps;

"2. That the enlisted and commissioned personnel of Negroes in the United States army shall be in proportion to the Negroes in the total population and that this quota shall be equitably distributed among all of the arms and ser-

PASTOR PREACHES DESPITE OUSTER SUIT

Despite court action to oust him from the pulpit of St. Luke's Baptist church, 29th and Burdette Sts. Rev. James Crowder, pastor, conducted services as usual last Sunday with 13 of his flock of 17 present.

It was alleged in a lawsuit filed in district court last Friday that the pastor refused to vacate the pulpit even though thrice "fired" by the congregation. The action was brought by Thomas J. Renfrow and Allen Collier, church trustees. They are seeking an injunction to keep Rev. Mr. Crowder out of the church permanently.

Rev. Mr. Crowder reported the Sunday morning prayer meeting was "quiet" and "peaceful". His subject was "Run into the Street and Find Me A Man." He said the members of the congregation "causing all this trouble" were not present. He said that Renfrow isn't even a member of the church.

Sunday night Rev. Mr. Crowder preached on the subject "A Life for a Look."

Services without prejudice as to status or function;

"3. That the war department immediately implement public law No. 18 of the 76th congress and the statement of policy released by the White House as to the training of Negroes as military pilots;

"4. That colored line officers and professionals be assigned to the four colored regular army regiments;

"5. That immediate steps be taken to train additional Negro reserve officers;

"6. That we ask the President and the secretary of the navy to direct the officer in charge of the naval academy at Annapolis, to insure fair and just treatment; of any Negro men appointed so that they will be given an equal opportunity by the faculty and student body to pursue their course of study;

"7. That the Negro voters be urged to see that their congressmen nominate Negro candidates for the naval academy at Annapolis; and that this conference make a request of the President that he give consideration to Negroes in his quota of appointments"

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NATIONAL BEAUTY CULTURISTS LEAGUE TO HOLD MEET

All beauticians are again invited to attend a meeting of the Omaha Unit No. 101 of Hairdressers next Tuesday night, December 11, at 2422 North 22nd St., at the resi-

BROTHERHOOD THROWS FULL FORCE BEHIND EFFORT TO FREE WALLER

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, largest single Negro organization in the United States last week, threw the full force of its 52 locals behind efforts of the Workers Defense League to free Odell Waller, 23 year old sharecropper who is scheduled to die in a Virginia electric chair on December 27th.

The decision to cooperate with the W. D. L. and NAACP, attorneys was announced on November 27 by B. F. McLaurin, field organizer of the Brotherhood, after its Executive Board meeting had heard a plea from Mrs. Annie Waller, mother of the doomed youth, who is currently engaged in a New York speaking tour. At the same time Pauli Murray, the League's representative in the Waller case, announced the formation of a Harlem committee to aid in his defense.

Last minute legal efforts to save Waller from immediate threat of execution were begun last week when John F. Finery, his chief counsel, filed an appeal to the Virginia state supreme court. The appeal will be based on evidence that Waller shot his white landlord, Oscar Davis, in self-defense and on the fact that the jury which convicted him was restricted to those who had paid the state poll tax.

From New York last week Miss Murray called for "even greater moral and financial support for Waller's defense". Contributions, she said, should be sent either to the Workers Defense League national headquarters, at 112 E. 19th Street, NYC., or to the NAACP, 69 Fifth Ave., NYC.

Christine Althouse, Local Pres., Viney Walker, State Organizer, and Flossie Moore, Acting Sec'y.

AGENCY OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO INSURANCE ASSOCIATION MEET IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Dec. 3 (ANP) In a three day convention in Atlanta last week, the agency officers of 41 Negro insurance companies and 12 local and state underwriters' associations met as the guests of the Atlanta Life Insurance company. Their aims were to formulate plans for the association's Third Annual Nationwide Essay Contest for junior and senior high school students, and to complete arrangements for the 1941 National Negro Insurance Week drive.

The essay contest is to begin Jan. 1, and will close midnight March 31. Students in junior and senior high schools are eligible to compete. The subject of the essay is "Life Insurance and its Relationship to Education." Over \$1,000 in cash prizes will

COUNTY WELFARE WORKER



Miss Esther Germaine Brown, 1940 graduate of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, has recently been appointed case worker on the staff of the County Department of Public Welfare, Wilson, North Carolina—of which city she is a native. Miss Brown is also an honor graduate of Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina.

MAX YERGEN CALLS NEGRO TO FORM SECOND PARTY

New York, Nov. 26 (ANP)—A call to Negroes to take leadership in the formation of a second major political party "because the recent election proved there is now only one major party in the United States", was made Tuesday by Dr. Max Yergen, president of the National Negro congress, to 300 delegates at the closing session of the New York conference of the congress.

Dr. Yergen attacked both the Republicans and Democrats because neither party, he said, offered anything constructive to domestic problems. Particularly, he said, neither promised to eliminate the major problems before Negroes today—unemployment, bad housing, poll taxes in the South, Jim Crowism and discrimination in national defense industries.

A delegation was appointed to go before Gov. Lehman with a request that all available money be spent for low rent housing for Negroes. The conference resolved also to send a protest to President Roosevelt against Jim Crowism in the armed forces of the United States.

be offered as follows: National prizes, 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$25.00

State prizes will be offered in the 26 states in which member companies operate as follows: 1st, \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5.

NEWS IN BRIEF

J. C. CAREY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. J. C. Carey, of 2638 Binney Street, was taken to the Methodist hospital last Saturday morning, November 30th and at that time was reported resting well, but as we go to press, word reaches us that Mr. J. C. Carey took a sudden turn for the worst and was transferred Thursday to the Veterans hospital at Lincoln, Nebraska where his condition is reported as seriously ill.

MR. W. E. "PAPA" BIRCH IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

Mr. W. E. Birch, one of our foremost Negro detectives, is at Lincoln, Nebraska in the Veterans Hospital from where his condition is reported as just fair.

The Omaha Guide hopes and wishes for a speedy recovery for both J. C. Carey and Detective Birch.

IN DIVORCE COURT

A Hearing was held Thursday in the divorce proceedings of Mr. Milton Johnson and Mrs. Mable Johnson, in cross filed suits in the court of Judge Herbert Rhoades. Attorney John Pegg represented Mr. Johnson, and Attorney Ross Shotwell, Mrs. Mable Johnson.

IROQUOIS LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Iroquois Lodge No. 92 IBPOE of W. held its annual election of officers last Wednesday night, Dec. 4, 1940 and Chas. F. Davis was re-elected Exalted Ruler. Exalted Ruler Chas. F. Davis read an account of the past year's achievements. His aim, he said for the coming year, was the payment of indebtedness of the Lodge building at 2420 Lake St. He spoke at length on the Drum and Bugle corps of the Lodge, which won first prize at the Elks Convention at St. Louis.

Officers elected were: Exalted ruler, Chas. F. Davis. Leading Knight, Roy White; Lecturing Knight, Carl Bone; Loyal Knight, R. D. Moss; Esquire, Nathan Miller; Tyler, H. J. Johnson; Inner Guard, Phillip Barge; Treasurer, C. B. Mayo; Secretary, Dr. Price Terrell; Trustees, P. S. Holliday, Jos. D. Lewis, Robt. Hammond, J. H. Emerson, Roy McArthur; Physician, Dr. D. W. Gooden.

NAACP. ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Arthur B. McCaw was unanimously elected President of the Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the annual election of officers held Sunday, Dec. 1, at Zion Baptist Church. Adam Lee was re-elected first Vice President; Rev. C. Q. Hickerson, 2nd Vice President; Lucinda Williams, Secretary; Edward Mease, Treasurer.

Mr. McCaw will succeed Henry W. Black, who has served as president for the past year. The new president has served for five years on the Board of Directors of the local branch—1931 through 1934 and in 1940.

DIES FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT INJURIES

Mr. Raymond Lee Richardson died Friday afternoon, November 29th at Los Angeles, California, from injuries received in an automobile accident there in June 24, 1940. Mr. Richardson, an former Omahan, is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee Richardson; a brother James Estell of Omaha; a sister and niece of L. A. and other relatives and friends. Mr. Richardson will be remembered as a life guard at the Municipal beach during the polio epidemic and as a boy scout of Troop 79. Mrs. Olive Richardson, left for L. A. in October to be at her son's bedside as his condition became more critical and there she remained until the end.

NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE GIVES ADVICE TO CONSUMER

Tuskegee Institute, Nov. 26 (ANP)—The National Negro Business League, realizing that the work of the consumer's division of the National Defense commission must be augmented by the help of civic and business organizations, gives the following advice to its local branches:

"We must do two things: first in each local community we must gather accurate information about the hardship and maladjustment the Negro consumer suffers from because of shifts in our economy caused by the nation's plan for defense—Second, in each community we must see that the services to maintain the Negro community in health and effective living are

increased where necessary, and maintained where already adequate, for the health and welfare of the least of the American citizenry affects the national aim."

U. S. TO HOLD EXAMS FOR PHYSICISTS

Washington, Nov. 26 (ANP) —The following examinations for Physicists of "any specialized branch", were announced this week by the U. S. Civil Service Commission: Principle Physicist, \$5,600 a year; Senior Physicist, \$4,600 a year; Physicist, \$3,800 a year; Associate Physicist, \$3,200 a year, and Assistant Physicist, \$2,600 a year. Application deadline dates are Dec. 12-16, and full information may be obtained at any first or second-class post office.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The fight of a Negro citizens for the "right to fight" as a part of America's defense on a plane of full equality with other Americans, has only started, says Walter White, secretary of the National Association

NINE NEGRO MESSMEN DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

The Nine Negro messmen of the Naval Department, who just recently wrote an open letter and signed it,—to the Pittsburgh Courier, in protest to their treatment in the Navy, were dishonorably discharged from further Naval service, it is reported.

Naval officials gave the main reason for "letting out" the Negroes, was that any complaint which they had to make, should have been made to the Naval Dept., and not to The Courier.

for the Advancement of Colored People in an article appearing in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Writing on "It's Our Country Too," Mr. White declares: "The Negro insists upon doing his part and the Army and Navy want none of him" the article declares, citing many instances of alleged discrimination.

"National Negro organizations have accumulated files full of case records and put the problem in No. 1 position on their fighting agenda.

"Negroes have fought in every war in our history and have been lauded for their bravery by commanding general from Andrew Jackson to John J. Pershing.

"Despite this record, the United States—in preparation for and the fighting of the next war—hesitates to make use of its reservoir of Negro man power or has used it as little or as insignificantly as possible."

Citing the list of outstanding Negro athletes in connection with the qualification for fliers the article says "the record suggests that the country would lose less by refusing to train Harvard, Yale and Princeton men for the flying corps than by refusing to train Negroes."

In a few cases, Negroes have been permitted to take training courses from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in American universities, the article says, pointing out that Walter L. Robinson finished at the University of Minneapolis as 13th in a class of 300 but was unable to enlist in the Army air corps. He was almost instantly accepted in Canada.

"The Robinson case has become a cause celebre among Negroes and in the Negro press" White says. "Thoughtful Negroes, says a Negro educator 'are wondering whether it will take the national humiliation of military defeat such as France now knows' to establish for American Negroes the right to fight for America.

"But the no-place-for-Negroes policy of the Air Corps does not differ greatly from that of other branches of the Army.

"During the Army's high-pressure drive for enlistments, it has been virtually impossible for Negroes to volunteer in any branch of the service."

The same policy to a large degree, he says, prevails in industries working on preparedness contracts and "in some instances, at least, this policy is adhered to regardless of the consequences to defense."

CAMPAIGN IS ALREADY SHOWING RESULTS

Lincoln, Nebraska—This week's Nebraska daily and weekly newspapers carry the second in the series of advertisements published by the Nebraska Advertising Commission urging Nebraskans to show preference for agricultural and manufactured goods produced in the state.

That this campaign is already having results is shown by a growing demand on the part of Nebraska consumers to know the origin of the goods they buy. Merchants are reporting a particular call for Nebraska apples, potatoes, and beet sugar.