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OMAHA YOUTH TO HEAR CHICAGO JOB PROBLEM EXPERT

Negro Bus Drivers and Mechanics Win Protest Settlement

VICTORIOUS NEGRO BUS ASSN TO HOLD BIG PARADE

The United Negro Bus Association, 132 W. 138th St., New York City representing hundreds of Negro and white organizations who have fought together for the past four weeks for Negro bus drivers and mechanics will hold a gigantic victory parade in Harlem, New York City, on Saturday, April 26, at 1 o'clock.

For four weeks the United Negro Bus Assn. composed of three delegates each from the Harlem Labor Union, the National Negro Congress and Greater N. Y. Coordinating Committee whose names are A. Clayton Powell, Jr., Arnold Johnson, Harrison Jackson, Roger Straughn, Dr. Cyril P. Olivierre, Hope Stevens, A. J. Johnson, Audley Moore and Naomi Kornacker have waged a historic battle for Negro bus drivers and mechanics in the Fifth Ave. Coach Co. and N. Y. City Omnibus Corporation.

This battle came to a close when an agreement was signed between the duly authorized representatives of the Transport Workers Union, the bus corporation and the United Negro Bus Assn. on Friday, April 18.

To celebrate this victory Harlem has declared a legal holiday for Saturday, April 26. All places of business will suspend operations between the hours of 2 and 5 and all Harlem will march—churches, political clubs, trade unions, social groups, and workers will convene at 110 St. and Lenox Ave., at 1 o'clock. Preceded by bands the picketers under the leadership of marshals John Parris, Joe Ford and Walter Roarks the parade will march through the heart of Harlem to 148 Street and Bradhurst Ave., at Colonial Park. At this spot there will be an open air mass meeting at 4 o'clock, at which time officials of the bus corporation and Michael Quill of the Transport Workers Union, representatives of United Negro Bus Strike Assn. will address the people of Harlem in their victory mass meeting.

The agreement which was drawn up by Counselors Harrison Jackson and Hope Stevens calls for immediate employment as the need arises of 70 Negroes in the maintenance division, of 100 Negroes in the bus drivers' division. No member of any other race can be employed until this 170 has been employed. After that there will be an employment of one Negro for each white until 17 percent of the working group is Negro—this means over 500 of the 3,000 odd employees of the bus company will eventually be Negro workers.

The co-chairman of the drive—Roger Straughn, Hope Stevens, Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., issue the following statement: "This is not the end, but merely the beginning in the historic struggle of the Negro people of the twentieth century to assert their rights to dwell in the heart of this democracy of ours, rather than on the fringe. Our slogan as we march forward together is—let's make our land safe for democracy. We are calling upon all lovers of democracy, white and black, to see that all members of this democracy, even though they are a minority, shall be free."

IMPROPER LEFT TURN

In police court Wednesday, Geo. Lerman, 2809 Seward Street, was fined \$1.00 only by Judge Wheeler for making an improper left turn.

COLORED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO MEET

Philadelphia, April 24 (ANP)—The United Supreme Council A. S. R. will hold its diamond jubilee sessions in Philadelphia May 10-13, Representatives from 44 consistories, all in northern and western states, will be in attendance. All meetings will be held in the Prince Hall cathedral at Fitzwater and Mole Streets.

The Scottish Rite among colored Masons had its origin in 1820 in Philadelphia. The present United Supreme council came into being in 1881 as the result of a consolidation of three supreme councils in the northern states. Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, a well known physician of Indianapolis, is the sovereign grand commander of the order, and George W. Crawford, prominent lawyer of New Haven, Conn., is the lieutenant grand commander.

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMITTEE FAVORS SALARY RISE FOR NEGRO TEACHERS

Columbia, S. C., April 23 (ANP) Those Negro teachers who hold college degrees will be given a salary increase of \$10 per month if the recommendations of the committee recently appointed to make a survey of salary differences among colored and white teachers, length of school terms, transportation facilities and the result of its study was submitted Tuesday in a report to the general assembly.

The committee's report revealed that the average salary of the white teacher is \$988 annually, while the Negro teacher receives only \$391. The number of school buses for white children is 1,644 and for the Negro children, eight. The average length of the white term is 175 days and the Negro term is 147 days.

"From a study of these figures the committee has reached the conclusion that there are inequalities in the expenditure of funds for education in this state. The nature and extent of this discrimination is more difficult to ascertain—"

"the committee report concludes."

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BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

William Edward, 36, of 2012 12 North 23rd Street, was bound over to district court on Thursday, on charges of cutting with intent to wound, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

He was accused by Ruth Union 1814 North 26th Street, of cutting her throat on April 14, following an argument.

MAXINE SULLIVAN SEEKS KIRBY DIVORCE

THE SUBJECT —OF— EMPLOYMENT

First of Five Articles on the subject of Employment. by H. J. PINKETT

According to the State Auditor's report the Metropolitan Utilities District during 1940 has 694 regular employees. Of that number 12 were Negroes, all of whom were classified as unskilled laborers. A few of them, however, were doing clerical work, but receiving the pay of unskilled workers.

The total paid in salaries by the Metropolitan Utilities District in 1940 for wages, was \$1,179,493.30. The Negro workers received of this sum 12,240.00, whereas they should have received 69,381.95, their proportionate share.

The colored population of Omaha is 1-17th of the total population. And based upon these figures they should have 1-17th of the regular employees given to them by the Utilities District. If this were done the number of employees of the colored group would be 40 instead of 12 as at present.

The unfairness and injustice of this glaringly apparent on the face of the figures and ought to be corrected by the Directors of the Utilities District.

Every Colored man, woman and child in the community contributes through the use of products of the Utilities District such as water and gas as are furnished by the company, and as citizens and contributors to the enterprise they should share in the employment which it furnishes, and any discrimination against them in the matter of employment by a government agency is grossly unfair and denies to the colored people the right to share equally with other citizens in the fruits and benefits that flow from Government.

They might very well begin to eliminate this unjust situation by employing a number of clerks and mechanics and meter readers from the colored group.

It may be that this matter has not been presented to the Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District with sufficient clarity so as to induce them to provide the employment herein referred to. All the directors are men of ability and experience in important ways in business, professional and community life, and it may well be expected that when they shall have examined the question presented her, they will accord a full measure of justice by way of employment to the colored population. —H. J. Pinkett.

GRAND OLD MAN



Dr. A. L. Lewis, chairman of the board of directors, Afro-American Life Insurance Company of Jacksonville, Fla., which he helped found 40 years ago, reviewed the accomplishments of a colored Floridian just recently on the "Wings Over Jordan" radio program.

TELLS JUDGE HUBBY SURPRISED IN HOTEL ROOM WITH 'OTHER WOMAN'

NEW YORK, April 24 (ANP)—Maxine Sullivan, she of the Scottish ballads, and John Kirby, he of the kingdom of swing and the Duffy's Tavern radio program, having struck a flat note in their marital harmonizing, took the matter to court last week when the fragile-voiced Maxine told Official Referee Richard P. Lydon in supreme court that their song had ended and that she wanted a divorce. The step put an end to gossip that had been mouthed about since late last year that the two celebrates were not hitting it off so well.

Of course, as Maxine tells it, hubby John had indulged in a bit of extra-curricula marital work in November and was surprised by two of her friends, Charles Clark and Mrs. Georgia Spencer, while in the process. The "other woman" was not identified.

Seems that on the night of Nov. 22 Clark, at the request of Miss Sullivan who wanted him to "check on" John's alleged indiscretions, accompanied by Mrs. Spencer observed Kirby leave the Beachcomber, Broadway nitery about 2 A. M. He was greeted by the "other woman" and together they went to the nearby garage for his car. The witnesses ordered a cab and trailed Kirby's car to the Braddock hotel where the couple is said to have registered.

Clark and Mrs. Spencer say they bided their time for about half an hour then entered the hotel. Clark approached the desk and asked for Mr. Kirby so that he might tell him where he had parked his car. The clerk denied that Mr. Kirby was there but the elevator operator, overhearing the conversation interrupted: "Oh yes, John is upstairs in room 8 with a cute little chick."

The two witnesses then went to the room number mentioned and induced Kirby to open up. What they say they saw was Kirby in his shorts and the "other woman" in bed but with presence of mind to cover her face to conceal her identity. The mission was completed when Clark and Mrs. Spencer detailed their information to Miss Sullivan at her home in the Roger Morris apartments that same morning.

When the subject was broached to John by Maxine there was a huffing and a puffing that resulted in an irreconcilable split with John moving away from the apartment. After eight months of this the handwriting on the wall was clearer and so Miss Sullivan took the initiative to dissolve the marriage.

They were married in March 1938, and have no children. Mrs. Kirby asks no alimony, and there appears to be no defense of the action. It is expected that the final decree will be handed down in about three months.

Dr. Lewis, treasurer-emeritus of the National Negro Business League, has also served as superintendent of Mt. Olive A.M.E. Sunday School at Jacksonville, for more than 55 years. (ANP)

HATTIE McDANIELS VISITS DENVER

Hattie McDaniels, noted screen artist, accompanied by her husband, Lloyd Crawford, recently spent a few days in Denver, where she was born and reared. During her short stay she was given the keys to the city, visited by the Governor of the State, and was the guest of honor at a reception-luncheon given for her by 40 girls of the State Industrial Department at one of the most exclusive and

HEADS NATIONAL NEGRO INSURANCE WEEK COMM.



F. A. Young, agency supervisor of the Universal Life Insurance Company, who heads the committee in charge of the National Negro Insurance week celebration sponsored by the National Negro Insurance association, to be held May 4-10. (ANP)

swankiest places in Denver, the Tea Room of the Blue Parrot Inn. Hattie McDaniels, who for three weeks had been honeymooning in New York, was on her way home to Hollywood.

NEW ICE CREAM PARLOR AND CAFE TO OPEN DOORS SATURDAY MORN'

Free Coffee, Donuts To Be Served The policy of the People's Pure Food Cafe and Ice Cream parlor 2116 North 24th St., is to make work for our people and to give to the young people wholesome recreation—thereby creating the spirit of race pride and self help for all.

We will feature the best of foods. Chicken, steaks, barbecue, short orders, sandwiches of all kinds Special picnic luncheons.

We will feature delivery and curb service. Open house Saturday from 10-5 p. m. Free coffee and doughnuts.

This Week In Religion and Thought BY ROBT. L. MOODY

Really Good Luck—

Last week I received a chain letter from a person in the far south. I was advised to pass it on because one obedient person had won one thousand dollars but an indifferent person lost all that he had.

It is very interesting to see how simple some of our people are about good luck. We are inclined to either of two extremes. Some will not believe anything without proof. But there are others who are gullible and will believe everything that they are told. The time has come when we must have faith but it must be established upon sound principles.

My informant calls the project the "Good Luck of Flanders". I did not follow instructions but I did write the person and recommend that she and all others should "have faith in God".

However there is one good lesson to be learned from the chain letter idea. If everyone would be interested in spreading the good news of salvation to four of their friends and so on, many souls would be warned of the judgement to come. After all, the only bad luck is to be eternally lost and the good luck is to have eternal life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, for He is "the hope of His people"

GIRLS' HOBBY FAIR COMING FEATURE OF BOYS AND GIRLS WEEK

The annual Girls' Hobby Fair will be held again at the YWCA on Saturday, May 3, for all girls between the ages of ten and eighteen under the joint sponsorship of the Omaha Youth Guidance

WHO'S "THEY"?

—BY RUTH TAYLOR—

When I was very little, I tried to tell a story to my Virginia grandmother one day, and to emphasize my point I said, as the grown-ups did, "But THEY say it's so." I can just see the way she laughed and shook her head and said, "Now, now, child. And who's 'they'?"

Nowadays, with all the rumors and conversational tidbits of confidential information that are broadcast from one person to another, it would be a good plan if we sat back and asked ourselves the question, "Who are 'they'?"—If we look beyond the speaker to the source.

"They" say Hitler is invincible. "They" say Stalin is a shrewd bargainer. "They" say Hitler will never cross the ocean. "They" say Japan will never fight us. Rumor is like a grass fire starting from a spark dropped carelessly, and blazing a devastating track across miles of unsuspecting countryside. Herr Goebbels, that sinister, sardonic left hand of Hitler, is a past master in the art of starting rumors and has boasted with great pride of how he has done more damage with his rumors than have all the armies.

Now when we are arming our shores for national defense, when we are building ships and making arms, let us not forget this needful defense measure. Let us set a watch up on our tongues and a listening post at our ears. When we hear a rash statement, let us say to ourselves, "Who's 'they'?" What is the source? Whom does it profit to have this story told? And then let us set a guard upon our tongues, so that we pass no rumors, no facts, that we do not know to be true. This is the first law of defense and one which can and should be carried out by every citizen in our democracy.

SIDNEY HILLMAN ADDRESSES NEGRO BUSINESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., April 18 — On last Friday night at 8:30 p. m. at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, in Washington, D. C. Sidney Hillman, Associate Director General, O.P.M., in making his address before The First Annual Conference on The Negro in Business, called upon the interest of those Negro business leaders as he said in part: "As business men, as leaders in your communities, as members of one of this nation's largest and most loyal minority groups, your interest in this vital subject is obvious. America is arming to defend democracy. And we cannot defend democracy abroad unless we extend and preserve democracy at home. We can do this only if we practice democracy daily—by creating a truly democratic way of life in our schools, in our industrial plants, in the communities in which we live."

FOUND CARRYING GUN, SAYS HE'S JOE LOUIS PROTECTOR; FREED

Chicago, April 24 (ANP) —Although Joe Louis was no where around when William Russell, 30-year old sportsman, was found carrying a concealed weapon, his plea that he was a bodyguard for the world's heavyweight champion caused him to be freed. Russell, arrested in the International Amphitheatre while carrying a revolver, was told by the Judge that he might be "exceeding his duties" by carrying the weapon when he was not accompanying Louis.

time activities and to direct attention to the great fun that lies in hobbies. The fair has been planned to coincide with hobby day of National Boys and Girls Week, which will be observed throughout the nation from April 26 to May 3.

Members of the committee planning the Girls' Hobby Fair are: Mrs. A. J. Campbell, general chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Crawford, Miss Blanche Kleiman, Mr. Seyon Smith, Miss Goldie Carter, Mrs. R. M. Marrs, Mrs. Wendell Brown, Mrs. Jeanette Kendrick, Miss Isabel F. Whitelock and Miss Barbara Stuart.

Judges and hostesses will be announced in the near future.

SPEEDING COSTS \$5 AND COSTS—

Ted Allen, 2705 Hamilton, was fined \$5.00 and costs in police court Wednesday on a charge of speeding.

FINED \$10 AND COSTS

Wilson Jenkins, 958 North 27th Avenue, was fined \$10.00 and costs in police court Friday on a charge of reckless driving. A charge of speeding was dismissed.