

EFFORT TO REMOVE "WHITE CLAUSE" FROM CONSTITUTION LOSES BY NARROW MARGIN

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12 (by Barbee W. Durham for ANP)—Concentrated effort on the part of the Sigma Committee on Education to have the now famous white clause removed from the constitution of Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary educational fraternity met with failure when delegates at the national convention voted 42-47, to retain it.

The "white clause" has been an issue for 10 or 15 years and came in for national attention in 1939 when Sigma Chapter of Ohio state requested the committee on standards and ethics of the national council to define the word "white" as used in that clause of the national constitution which restricted membership to white male students only.

After some delay, the committee reported that it was unable to define the word "white" as used in the clause in question. There upon Sigma Chapter of Ohio state defined the term as applying to a person of any race who is morally white. The chapter then initiated two honor students, George Wright, a Negro, and Dai Ho Chun a Chinese student.

Following this action, the national organization of Phi Delta Kappa suspended Sigma chapter and ordered it to cease business. In order to carry on the members organized the present Sigma committee on Education, and launched an intensive fight to have the white clause stricken out.

Since the national organization only meets every two years, the meeting last week was the first time that the issue has been on the floor. From the first there was a studied attempt to avoid the issue. When a vote was finally secured the delegates voted 47 to 42 to strike out the clause. Although a majority, there was a shortage of 13 votes for the two thirds majority necessary to change the constitution. The organization then informed Sigma chapter that it would be reinstated if it would drop Wright and Chun. Not winking in its stand, Sigma committee again forced the issue to the floor, whereupon it was referred to a committee.

When the issue came up the third time, the organization voted to revoke the charter of Sigma chapter unless Wright and Chun were expelled. In commenting upon this action, Prof. Weibe stated that on the Sigma Committee on Education will, in all probability, retain Chun and Wright in good standing and continue its fight against racial discrimination. This statement suggests that Sigma chapter may send its charter back to the national organization.

On the convention floor, it was noticeable that the opposition was not all from below the Mason and Dixon line. The effort received the support of some of the southern delegates while some of the delegates from the northern states opposed it.

The inconsistency of the organization's stand on the white clause issue was brought out into the open when it voted down a motion, from a Kansas delegate that the executive committee investigate the initiation of one Carl Jesus Maritus, a full blooded Aztec Indian.

In conclusion, Prof. Weibe stated that the administration of the college of education of Ohio state

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NEWS IN BRIEF

WELL KNOWN PULLMAN PORTER, BUD RAY DIES While on his regular railroad run, enroute to St. Louis, Mo., Mr. (Bud) Ray, veteran pullman porter of 32 years, was suddenly stricken, and before a doctor could attend him as he was being taken from the train at Auburn, Nebr., he died.

Mr. Bud Ray, age 58 years, was well known in local circles, having lived in Omaha for 55 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ray, one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Ray Avant, Earl and Barbara Jean and one grandchild, Avon Avant. Myers Funeral Home will bring the body back to Omaha from Auburn.

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USO ENTERTAIN AT MITCHELL FIELD



Hempstead, Long Island, has the right approach to a service man's heart—through his stomach.

500 DELEGATES OF PHI DELTA KAPPA AND KAPPA ALPHA PSI ATTEND SUPPER DANCE GIVEN BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY

About five hundred delegates of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities, assembled in Indianapolis for their respective conventions, attended a supper dance sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company, at the Sunset Terrace, a popular Indianapolis Negro night club.

The affair, the first of its kind ever sponsored by a major concern, at a convention of these groups, followed a joint meeting of the two fraternal organizations, at which Herman T. Smith, head of the Negro Marketing Division of Pepsi-Cola Company, spoke on "Salesmanship As A Boost to Racial Understanding and Good Will".

Allen Lee McKellar, one of the winners of the 1940 Walter Mack Job Awards for American Youth, created by Pepsi-Cola Company to give college graduates the opportunity of a year of paid business training, also spoke and told of his experiences in the business world. Mr. McKellar, having completed his year of training, is now a full fledged representative of Pepsi-Cola Company, in the Negro Marketing Division, his territory comprising Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

The other Negro Job Award winners are Jeannette Maudd, 1940, a graduate of Hampton Institute; Marion O. Bond, 1941, Lane College; and Phillip Kabe, 1941, of Morgan College. All are employed in the Negro Marketing Division of Pepsi-Cola Company.

ROOSEVELT WARNS AGAINST RACE TROUBLES

Washington, Jan. 14 (ANP)—In his message to congress last week President Roosevelt emphasized the following racial attitude. "We must be particularly vigilant against racial discrimination in any of its ugly forms. Hitler will try again to breed mistrust and suspicion between one individual and another, one group and another, one race and another."

REV. J. H. BRANHAM, OLIVETS ASSISTANT PASTOR, SUCCUMBS AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Chicago, Jan. 12 (ANP) Funeral services were to be held Tuesday for Rev. J. H. Branham, Sr., for 23 years assistant pastor of Olivet Baptist Church here. Gathered to pay respects at the last rites of the noted churchman were Baptist leaders and men and women from all walks of life. Rev. Branham succumbed last Wednesday in Provident hospital after a brief illness. In accordance with the deceased's wishes the final rites saw the Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor, officiating and the eulogy delivered by Dr. R. C. Barbour, Nashville, editor of National Baptist Voice.

The reverend's death comes a little over a year after that of his close friend and fellow minister, the late Rev. Lacey Kirk Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., who was killed in an airplane crash on Oct. 29, 1940.

Negro White Volunteer Army Div. Proposed

New York—A volunteer division of the U. S. Army open to all men of any race, creed, color or nation at origin has been proposed by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall.

The suggestion, embodied in a letter sent December 22 to the Army chief, has been endorsed by P. L. Prattis, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Courier; Carter Wesley, general manager of the Houston, Texas, Informer; and William O. Walker, managing editor of the Cleveland, Ohio, Call-Post, all of whom strongly urged the activities of such a unit.

The NAACP urged the War Department to organize the interracial volunteer division on the basis that it will be a practical step toward giving a "tremendous lift to the morale of the Negro which at present is at a dangerously low ebb."

"We are convinced," the Association said, "that it would also have a tremendous psychological effect upon white Americans, and it would give the lie to the attacks made by Nazi Germany and other Axis powers to the effect that the United States talks about democracy but practices racial discrimination and segregation."

The NAACP also asserted: "A gratifying number of young white Americans have expressed themselves as believing that racial segregation in the Army is undemocratic and dangerous to our national morale. Our belief in the practicability of such a division is based upon correspondence in the office and contacts which various members of our staff have had with student bodies ranging from the University of California to Campobello Island, New Brunswick."

The suggestion is not original with the NAACP but was made by Claude A. Barnett, director of the Associated Negro Press at the conference of Negro editors with General Marshall and other War Department officials in Washington, December 8th.

RED CROSS CALLS PREJUDICE 'A SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY'

New York...The American Red Cross has stated that it not only does not want, but does not need the blood of Negro donors for wounded sailors and soldiers. It did not stop there, but declared that individual prejudices should be respected as a symbol of democracy.

In a letter to Dr. E. R. Alexander of this city, December 30, S. Sloan Colt, Director of the Red Cross War Drive states: "The Red Cross is now able to obtain from white donors enough blood to keep all the processing plants fully occupied so that the total amount of blood plasma available to the armed forces is not lessened by our inability to accept Negro donors."

The letter, which Dr. Alexander has referred to the NAACP was in answer to a protest from him about the Red Cross policy.

DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE

BY RUTH TAYLOR

Make no mistake about it—in war as well as in peace—the democratic way of life demands more of its followers than does any other form of government.

The democratic way of life demands thought. Its citizens are not ruled by dictates from a master, but have to govern themselves...what laws they have are made by them, so that there is no alibi when they fall short. They obey orders from those whom they have elected to lead them and from their deputies alone.

The democratic way of life demands self control. Man is not restrained by force, but must reason and restrain himself. He is not trained to war...but by reason of his self-control, he can put aside his most cherished work to fight for those liberties to which he hopes to return.

The democratic way of life demands education. Not the education given to the children in the dictator ruled state—but the training in thinking things out and in thinking things through. Man must learn to live in a democracy. He must educate to live with his fellow man without regard to class, race, creed or color, to cooperate without meddling, to act in a spirit of fellowship without any attempt to dominate over the life of someone else, and to accept the peculiarities of another as he expects his own peculiarities to be accepted.

The democratic way of life demands cooperation. In order to make it work there must be an opportunity for each citizen to earn a living, to have opportunities equal to his natural

capabilities and to have a chance to develop those capabilities to the utmost. We have gone far under the capitalist system, and if we want to see free enterprise continue we will have to see that it works for the good of all. Under our democratic way of life the common laborer in factory or on the farm already has a far higher standard of living than in any other country in the world. Some rabble rousers say that in defending capitalism we are destroying democracy. But our people remember that it was from behind that war cry that Hitler destroyed democracy in Germany.

The democratic way of life demands constructive action. We must not be content with things as they were or things as they are, but we must plan and work for a better world tomorrow. We have progressed because our standards have gone up. We can progress only as we take steps to insure still finer things for the coming generation.

The democratic way of life demands consecration. Democracy is not of free gift—it must be earned anew by each generation. We must defend our democratic heritage both from the enemies without and from the enemies within...indifference, neglect and carelessness. We must rededicate ourselves to the principles upon which our government is founded...and live up to them in our daily life as well as in our public utterances. We must fight and if needs be, gladly die for these imperishable things. This and only this will the democratic way of life endure.

January 24 and 25. They will have as their guest, Miss Rosetta Nolan of Kansas City. Miss Nolan is one of the national vice-presidents of Alpha Kappa Alpha. She has held this office for several years. Miss Nolan will be presented at a public meeting on Sunday afternoon January 25.

Mrs. Ruth Solomon is general chairman of the Founders' Day activities.

FIGHT FANS LEARN ABOUT JIM CROW IN THE NAVY New York...Thousands of fight fans learned about the Navys discrimination against Negroes last Friday night, January 9, when leaflets bearing the slogan "Heroism Knows No Colorline!" were distributed around Madison Square Garden here by members of the NAACP Manhattan Youth Council and national officers when Joe Louis fought Buddy Baer for the benefit of the Navy Relief Fund.

The leaflet carries the official report of the heroism of a Negro mess attendant in the Pearl Harbor attack and points out that in spite of the Navy's urgent appeal for men, it refuses to accept willing Negroes for service except as messmen.

CHAUNCEY HODGES ELECTED TO COMMISSIONERSHIP OF BOYSTOWN Chauncey Hodges, son of one of Omaha's best known hotel men, was recently elected to fill one of the Commissioners' jobs at Father Flanagan's Boy's Town home. His father is very proud of him.

UNION SERVICES TO BE HELD AT PILGRIM, SUNDAY JAN. 17 Union Services will be held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, 25th and Hamilton Streets, next Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. Rev. E. F. Ridley, Pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church, will bring the message.

BIRTHDAY BALLS TO AID NAACP FIGHT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE EQUALITY New York...At the famed Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, the key dances of the series of NAACP Birthday Balls will be held Wednesday, February 11, the night before Lincoln's birthday. Branches throughout the country are scheduled to mark the celebration with dances of their own. Proceeds from the dances will be used to help maintain the NAACP's fight for equality in the national defense program.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHAS TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS' DAY

During the months of January and February, Chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority throughout the country will be observing Founders Day.

This year will be the thirty-fourth year that Alpha Kappa Alpha has been in existence. Gamma Beta Chapter of Omaha will observe Founders' Day on



VISITING DELEGATES WITH NAACP PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING: Among the visiting delegates attending the NAACP 33rd annual

meeting held at the National Office, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York N. Y., on January 5th were: Dr. Harry Greene, Miss Mary Louise Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Fred F. Durrah, Miss Eleanor Terrell, Plainfield, N. J.; Arthur B. Spingarn, President of the NAACP; Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Evelyn Terry,

Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Carolyn Davenport, Norristown, Pa.; M. G. Knowles, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Randall L. Tyus, New York City; Theodore Spaulding, Philadelphia,

NAACP ELECTS 18 TO NATIONAL BOARD

New York...Eighteen members of the national Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were elected at the thirty-third annual meeting of the Association in the New York office, Monday, January 5. They are: Mrs. Lillian A. Alexander, New York; Louis C. Blount, Detroit, Michigan; Harry E. Davis, Cleveland, Ohio; Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. John B. Hall, Boston, Mass.; Dr. John Haynes Holmes, New York; Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, New York; Alfred Baker Lewis, Peckskill, New York; Eugene M. Mar-

tin, Atlanta, Ga.; Isadore Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio; Hon. Charles Poletti, New York; T. G. Nuter, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Amy E. Spingarn, New York; Dr. E. W. Taggart, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. John M. Tinsley, Richmond, Va.; Major Robert E. Treman, 1th

aca, New York; Bishop W. J. Walls, Chicago, Ill. The three new members of the NAACP board are Dr. John B. Hall of Boston; Dr. John M. Tinsley, Richmond and Bishop W. J. Walls, Chicago.

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