

May Setup Inter-Racial Committees

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (ANP)—Private sources have lent increased weight to the report that President Roosevelt, in his next fire-side chat to the nation, will give voice to his sentiments in connection with the now subsided wave of racial outbreaks which have gripped the nation.

Immediately after the Detroit riot individuals and organizations throughout the country began a stream of petitions on their way to the White House asking the Chief Executive to speak out against "disunifying forces" which seek to foment racial strife.

It is now generally known too that his Attorney General, Francis Biddle, had advised him to lay off making a full dress speech on the subject, but that he might devote a few passages to it in his never-over-all review of the domestic picture. This was revealed in the famous "Biddle letter" of July 15.

When Vice President Henry A. Wallace addressed himself to a Detroit audience last month, using the strong language that he did, he spoke with the nod from the President, so it said reliably.

Current information is that as soon as the present conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill are out of the way, President Roosevelt will give the speech he himself announced when he last spoke to the nation and outlined his plans for the rehabilitation of veterans of World War II.

It is understood that about 300 words have been drafted for inclusion in this address, which are designed to answer the pleas of protesting organizations. If this be true, it will be the longest statement the President will have made on a subject that so specifically and directly affects 12,000,000 Negroes.

However, it is said that a very real problem confronts the Chief Executive as to a specific recommendation which he should like to make.

The Congress for Industrial Organization last month at its executive committee meeting here, adopted a strong resolution in which among other things, it called for the establishment of interracial committees in the various communities which would concern itself about tensions and their relaxation.

It is learned too that this phase of the resolution has since been passed on to the President.

The problem, however, is how best these committees might be established and under whose jurisdiction might they function. Two methods have been proposed: one would follow the pattern in Chicago where Mayor Kelly appointed a committee, gave it a budget and a paid secretary, and told them to go to work.

The other idea is to let the office of Civilian Defense establish the committees.

Local observers here lean to the Chicago method. They point out that the localities can furnish funds for such committees whereas the OCD, itself being kicked about the lot, is actually short on cash. Further, OCD sponsorship might have undesirable repercussions in a rebellious Congress if the process days are any indication of attitude.

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DOORS CLOSED AS NEGROES SEEK ADMISSION TO WAVES Legion To Hold Installation of Officers'

GIRLS ASKED TO LEAVE BY REAR ALLEY EXIT

Washington, August 22—Four Negro girls who applied for admission to the Waves at the recruiting office here Friday caused such consternation that officials in charge closed the doors four and one half hours ahead of the usual time, according to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's National Non-Partisan Council.

Fifteen minutes after two of the girls were asked to leave because the office had "closed", however, two others returned and found the doors open. The six girls had declined to test the qualifications for admission to the WAVES which state that a woman must be a native born American citizen and between the ages of 20 and 35. All must both requirements. They are: Miss Althea Jefferson, high school graduate, of Washington, Pa., who is trained as a typist and stenographer, and who now works at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing here.

Miss Hazel Leo, graduate of the Cleveland Secretarial School New York City, who is a typist and stenographer and operates all types of business machines. In addition, Miss Leo is qualified as a dental hygienist and has passed the diploma of Columbia Medical School which permits her to practice her profession here. She is employed by the Civil Service Commission.

Miss Bernice Jacobs, 28, has an A. B. from the University of California at Berkeley, with a major in Hispanic-American history has been a school teacher and has credits toward an M. A. in history.

Miss Cora E. Wright, 22, A. B. in English from South Carolina State College, credits towards M. A. in English at Howard University and two years of teaching experience.

Miss Cleomine B. Lewis, 23, Virginia Union University, A. B. in English; stenographer, Burroughs bookkeeping machine operator, mimeograph machine operator; working now as secretary.

Miss Velma Hammond, 28, San Francisco State College, A. B. in biology and economics, with graduate credits in biology. Now employed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

First to enter the WAVE recruiting office at 1320 G Street, were Misses Jefferson and Leo who sent in at 4:15 p. m. They were interviewed by a WAVE, who received them pleasantly, albeit with a thick Kentucky accent. When asked for application blanks, the Kentucky WAVE states, "Oh, we're not taking applications just now, but I'll take your names and addresses and telephone numbers. As soon as we begin taking them we'll let you know."

"You mean you're not taking applications from anyone?" questioned Miss Leo. "No, said the WAVE. "But we are making some plans for you all." There was more talk about names and addresses, some literature changed hands, but Miss Jefferson and Miss Leo were not given application blanks.

Wacs Have Charming Visitor



Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Jeanette Welch of Washington, D.C., center, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, recently visited First WAC Training Center here as a member of the Advisory Council, Women's Interest Section of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations. She is shown with WAC Officers at Fort Des Moines, who are members of the Council. The group includes, first row, left to right: Third Officer (Captain) Charity E. Adams of Columbia, S. C.; Miss Welch; Third Officer Mary A. Moore of Magnolia, N.Y. and Third Officer Alice M. McAlpine of Springfield, Mass.; Second row: Third Officer Katherine J. Hunter of Tougaloo, Miss.; Third Officer Mercedes Jordan of New York City; Second Officer (First Lieutenant) Charline J. May of Falls City, Nebraska; Second Officer (First Lieutenant) Vera G. Campbell of New York City; Second Officer Alice M. Jones of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Third Officer Ella Gafford of El Dorado, Ark. (Press Photo Service)

Labor Opposes L.B. 204

UNION LEADERS WANT PEOPLE TO VOTE ON POWER COMPANY

Martin Nelson, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, issued the following statement presenting the views of the union in connection with the local power controversy.

The people of Omaha should have no doubt as to the stand of Organized Labor in the present local "Power Controversy." As President of the local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which has an agreement with the Nebraska Power Company, I feel that it is my duty to inform the people of the position taken by our local union and the Omaha Central Labor Union.

If Organized Labor had been consulted in the framing of L. B. 204, which is the basis of the local power controversy, we would have recommended many changes. And why shouldn't organized labor be invited to voice their opinion on proposed legislation affecting the people of Omaha? Organized labor represents a goodly portion of these people, and are vitally interested in civic affairs.

Now that L. B. 204 has become a law certain groups are trying to force it to be put in effect. Organized Labor is against this law, not because they were not consulted in the framing of it, but because it is detrimental to some of its members, and to the people of Omaha as a whole. The Omaha Central Labor Union is interested in Labor's problems and in civic affairs as well. They have sent to the City Council a resolution opposing the application of L.B. 204.

Organized Labor should now have a voice in determining whether or not the Nebraska Power Company should be acquired by the city. Section 3 of L. B. 204 says: "When it has been determined by the governing body—that an electric light and power plant should be acquired—the Mayor shall appoint..."

"We feel that the governing body (in this case the City Council) cannot FAIRLY make the determination until they have first heard Organized Labor and have also taken into consideration that 55,000 people have made it known that they want to vote on this question."

BETHUNE COOKMAN INTER-SUMMER SESSIONS NEAR END

Daytona Beach, Fla., Aug. 23 (ANP) Teachers and student instructors at Bethune Cookman college and nearby schools attending the four week intersummer session on the school campus have almost completed their studies. It was announced last week by President James Colston.

CAREY TO BE INSTALLED AS HEAD OF POST No. 30

SESSION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30 of The American Legion is to hold its Installation of Officers for 1944 on Thursday Sept. 2, 1943. The Officers are: J. C. Carey, Commander; Webb Alston, 1st Vice Commander; Edward Wright, 2nd Vice Commander; Albert Wright, Finance Officer; Porter Johnson, Chaplain; James Walker, Sgt. at Arms; Executive Committee: Ray L. Williams, Aaron Glass, Ralph Underwood, Hughie Polard, Clifford Foster.

Commander Carey has made rapid and progressive advancement during his past administration and in view of this fine work, he was reelected to another term. With a fine supporting group of subordinate officers, he is looking forward to another successful administration.

Baptist Conv. Head Asks for \$30,000

WARNS MESSENGERS WHO GRAFT

Selma, Ala., Aug. 24 (ANP) Recognizing charges that certain Baptist ministers have been guilty of obtaining money through collections and then misappropriating those funds, Dr. D. V. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., stated last week that he hoped only persons "worthy to assist in kingdom building in missions and education" would attend the national convention in Chicago next month.

Dr. Jemison said that a goal of \$30,000 for an operational fund has been set for the convention scheduled to convene in the 8th Regiment armory and urged churches and church leaders to spur efforts to help raise this sum.

Tenn. A&I Pres. Charged With \$10,000 Shortage

NASHVILLE CITIZENS RALLY TO DEFENSE OF DR. W. J. HALE

Nashville, Aug. 22 (ANP) Several prominent leaders called a meeting last week and held a series of conferences with downtown businessmen in a rally to the support of Dr. W. J. Hale, president of Tennessee A&I State College. Dr. Hale has been charged with discrepancies of school funds amounting to \$10,000 by state auditors.

Spokesman for the citizens group all of whom declined use of their names said that "the Negro leaders of Nashville recognize in Dr. Hale a man who has done more for the Negro citizenship of Nashville and of Tennessee, than any other member of our race."

Peonage Under FBI Fire

Washington, Aug. 24 (ANP) The U. S. Department of Justice is "giving serious consideration" to a complaint by Frank McAllister, secretary of the Southern Workers Defense League, that peonage exists in Arkansas said Victor Rotnem, director of the civil liberties division of the department last week.

RIOT NEWS CALLED 'Manna From Heaven' TO AXIS BY SOLDIER IN NORTH AFRICA

Cleveland, Ohio—Race riots in America create "a picture of conditions in our country that is manna from heaven to the Axis" according to a letter from Major Myron Weitz of this city, serving in North Africa.

Major Weitz's sentiments were contained in a letter to McDermott's letter bag of the Cleveland Plaindealer for Monday, August 9. Major Weitz wrote:

"Last night, for example, I had been reading the recent newspapers and magazines all about the strikes, the riots in Detroit, the disharmony in the various government agencies. Naturally, when I went to bed I was a bit deep in thought. The pictures of the riots in the newspapers and the magazines left me disturbed. It is difficult for me, over here, to understand how these things can go on today."

"I am not so ignorant of fact that I do not realize that certain economic problems, that are and always will be existent, are, in all probability, at the root of the evil. Yet, I cannot see why these riots should occur today. Everybody is supposedly interested in one goal, and one goal only, and that is to win this war in the quickest possible time and with the least loss of man power."

"So what happens? Strikes to tie up industrial production when production is so vital. Riots doing the same thing to production and, in addition, creating a picture of conditions in our country that is manna from heaven to the Axis and its propaganda attempts to create the scene that it would like the Axis-controlled countries to believe is typical of America and a democracy, to say nothing of the internal minority group dissension that it produces."

"Both white and black are fighting this war over here, and they should be fighting it shoulder to shoulder back home. I should not think that these rioters need be reminded that Negroes have been killed, wounded and taken captive on all fronts. They were on those various fronts to protect the people back home from the very things that are occurring."

FIVE YOUTH STAND TRIAL FOR DETROIT RIOT MURDER

Detroit, Aug. 24 (ANP) Because they were determined to "help the white people out" during the June 21 race riots here five youths were ordered held for trial last week.



Imperial Potentate



Chicago, Ill.—The forty-third annual session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Mystic Shrine and Brethrenal Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templars of North America concluded a successful assemblage at the Parkway Community Center, here Friday, August 20. Delegates numbering more than 600 attended, representing 120 units and more than 8,000 members.

Seated are: Mrs. Laura Henson, of Baltimore, Maryland, Imperial Treasurer; Mrs. Beula L. McKay, Imperial Commandress of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Sallie E. Barnes, Imperial Recorder of Newark, New Jersey. (PP Service.)

Prominent Surgeon Visits Here

Dr. T. E. M. Howard, surgeon-general of Taborian hospital Mound Bayou, Miss., stopped in Omaha enroute to the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., where he will take a course in abdominal surgery.

Mound Bayou is the only city in the United States inhabited solely by Negroes, Dr. Howard explained. Taborian hospital is a hundred bed institution and is one of the two all Negro hospitals in Mississippi. Dr. Howard was a guest of Mrs. Julia Washington, 2037 North 19th Street.

They are charged with the murder of Mose Kiska, 54, who was fired upon from an automobile while waiting to board a street car. The accused are Aldo Trani, 16, whom police said admitted firing the fatal shot; Armando Mastantuono, 20, Anthony Saraceno, 16; Ralph Tancardi, 20; and Robert Cattone, 17.

Hicks was identified by Robert Hicks, a church elder, who was standing near Kiska when the latter was slain.

SGT. LOUIS TO GIVE LECTURES DURING ARMY TOUR

Washington, Aug. 24 (ANP) Sergeant Joe Louis, heavyweight boxer of considerable note, will mount the lecture platform when he begins his 100-day tour of army camps the first of September giving boxing exhibitions and talks on physical fitness. If Sgt. George Nicholson, boxing instructor at Mitchell Field, New York and Joe's sparring partner will accompany him.

NEW SOUTHERN COUNCIL NAMES CO-DIRECTORS

Atlanta, Aug. 22 (ANP) Dr. William E. Cole of the University of Tennessee and Dr. Ira D. Reid of Atlanta university have been appointed co-directors of the newly formed Southern Regional Council to produce a program for immediate action.

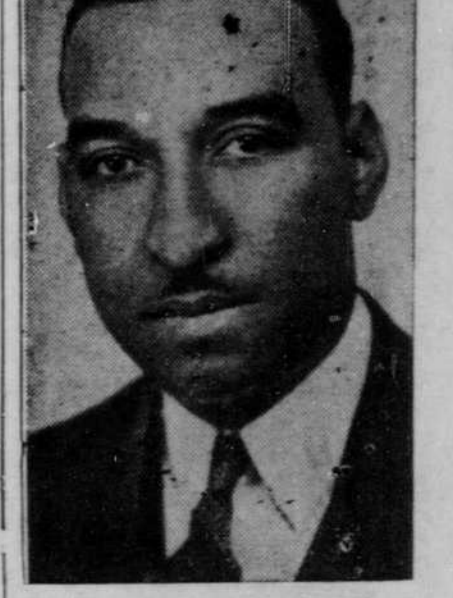
Formation of the council was the result of the recent meeting in Atlanta attended by 16 white and 13 Negro leaders of the south which followed the Durham conference, Negro, and the Atlanta conference, white, which aimed to produce a workable program for bettering race relations in the South. Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University and Dr. Howard Odum of the University of North Carolina were co-chairmen of the interracial Atlanta meeting held several weeks ago and will continue in this position until permanent officers are elected.

To Broadcast Sunday



Cleveland, Ohio—Mrs. Bernice S. Pyke, United State Collector of Customs for Ohio, is the guest speaker on Wings Over Jordan Broadcasts Sunday, August 29th at 9:30 a.m. Her subject will be "The Peace that Follows Our Responsibility." Well known in social and civic life of this city, Mrs. Pyke's message will be welcomed by thousands of her friends and radio listeners. (Press Photo Service.)

LaGuardia Appointee



Dr. C. B. POWELL... Of New York City, who has just been named by Governor Dewey, a member of the New York State Athletic Commission, the first time a colored man has held this post. Dr. Powell, widely known publisher of the Amsterdam News is president of the Victory Life Insurance company and active in civic and political life in New York.

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