

El Paso City Defeats Public Power Ownership 4 to 1 Queens at Grid Classic

The people of Omaha will be very much interested to know that other cities have spurned glowing promises of advocates of political management of their electric service.

El Paso, Texas is a good example. The same misstatements and unfounded charges have been going on down there for the past few months. But when the smoke had finally cleared away and the people had a chance to vote, it was plain that very few had been fooled by the claims of the political ownership advocates; the people of El Paso DEFEATED public ownership by a vote of 4 to 1. The story was well told in an editorial which recently appeared in the Rockford, Ill., Register-Republic.

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FOUR TO ONE

When the Engineers Public Service company was ordered by the securities and exchange commission to divest itself of the El Paso Electric company, serving a Texas community of approximately Rockford's size, it was proposed that El Paso purchase the property and operate it as a municipal utility, issuing \$15,850,000 in revenue bonds to finance the purchase and get the municipal operation started.

El Paso voters gave their answer to the proposal in a referendum election, vetoing the purchase of a vote of 2,475 to 651, or not quite four to one.

The fact that in a city of El Paso's size, proponents of municipal ownership were able to get only 651 voters to the polls to back their project is rather eloquent testimony to an increasing indifference on the public's part to the municipal ownership, for it must be assumed that all advocates of city ownership voted. This indifference to a doctrine that once had a considerable following and which made utility-baiting fashionable politically has been noted in similar elections in other communities.

So far this year, but one community, and that a town of under 1,000 persons, has voted for public ownership in the utility field.

The public, in El Paso and elsewhere, thinks twice before shouldering the burden of heavy bonded debt and lost tax valuations in exchange for small and extremely dubious "paper savings" in rates.

Legioners Put Over Grand Program

FOR VISITING POSTS

Omaha, Neb.—The 25th, 8th District American Legion Convention holding a one day meeting here last Friday, October 29th, went in session at 1:15 P. M. at the headquarters of Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, who was convention host. The meeting was opened by District Commander E. L. Carson. Greetings were by Post Commander J. C. Carey and Ben Butler, Mayor of Omaha.

There were a number of capable speakers on the program with the first to speak being Department Commander M. A. Shaw. His subject was "There is Work to do," and what he had to say was very timely and to the point.

Following him, Department Service Officer, Ivan D. Marsh, under the title "Our's is a Service Organization," stressed the importance of his office and the work of post service officers.

"The Work of the Veterans Administration" by E. R. Benke, manager of Veterans Administration Facility at Lincoln, was very enlightening and gave answers to many questions fertile in the minds of the Legionnaires.

In his "Veteran for Jobs" talk, Veteran Employment Representative for U. S. declared that every effort is being made to see that returning service men get a better deal than those who returned from World War No. 1.

Department Adjutant, R. C. Patterson's address, "What's the Score?" was well received and was very constructive as exceptionally well he handled his subject.

Randall C. Biart, Chairman of Child Welfare, gave praise to the work of Roosevelt Post in regards to its work in the community at large that line. Then he proceeded to speak frankly concerning posts he thought were not taking enough interest in Child Welfare work.

From the Auxiliary came words of greeting by Mrs. Ruby Coggins, Dept. President and short talks by Mrs. Nell Crause, a former executive and Mrs. William Chuda, chairman of the Auxiliary Memorial Services.

Attorney Ray L. Williams was given a place on one of the con-

Compt. Warren Called 'Unfit'

First Negro to Fly U.S. Mail Instructs Lincoln, Nebr. Navigator-Bombardier Class



Grover C. Nash, senior instructor in the Airplane Mechanics School at Lincoln Air Base, Nebraska, is shown explaining principles of navigation to a group of instructors who will form the nucleus of teachers for the Army's bombardier-navigator training program with the objective command of B-25 bombers. As announced by the War Department, Negroes and whites will be schooled together. Nash, only civilian flight instructor at Lincoln Air Base, is a graduate of several flying schools. In 1938 he was the first and only Negro to fly the United States mail. He spent 16 months as instructor for the U. S. Army Air Forces Training Command, and has almost 3,000 flying hours in his credit in 30 different types of planes. His home is in Chicago, Illinois, where he operated his own flying school for six years. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps).

NAACP SCORES COMPTROLLER FOR CONTRACT RULING
FORMER N. C. CONGRESSMAN RULES "NO DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE NOT BINDING, THUS SHACKLING FEPC."

Washington, D.C.—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren, former North Carolina Congressman, was called "unfit and prejudiced" this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The charge which was made in a telegram to President Roosevelt following Warren's veto ruling of Executive Order 9346. The President's directive forbids racial discrimination on the job by any firm doing business with the government.

Warren's action, just revealed, was to rule that contractors for war materials and services are not obligated to observe the "no discrimination" clause ordered in Executive Order 9346. The ruling came after the southwestern Bell Telephone Company of Kansas City, Missouri refused to sign a contract containing the "no discrimination" clause.

Walter White, NAACP Executive secretary, pointed out that the association had, between 1936 and 1940, protested five times against Warren's appointment to his present post. During that period Warren, both as a member of Congress and as chairman of the House Committee on Accounts, "bluntly refused and boasted of refusing to permit American citizens, because of their color, to patronize the public restaurant in the House of Representatives, Oscar DePriest, representative from Illinois was among those barred from the restaurant. Asserting that this further manifestation of race prejudice by Mr. Warren will seriously impair the Fair Employment Practice Committee's power to correct employment discrimination in Government and War Industries, the NAACP telegram to the President declared: "We submit that only forthright action by you can save the situation."

"We respectfully and vigorously urge that you forthright do whatever is necessary to clarify your intentions expressed in executive order 9346." The NAACP telegram further stated, "Recent ruling of Comptroller General Warren that your executive order is to bind upon war contracts because it is a 'directive' instead of an order virtually nullifies your executive order in which you issued the explicit statement that it is hereby ordered." It would appear to us therefore that such action on the part of a subordinate official is proof of unfitness and prejudice which should be rebuffed."

SS, PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR SIXTH LIBERTY SHIP NAMED FOR NEGRO, LAUNCHED

The sixth Liberty Ship to be named for a Negro, the SS PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR, was launched by the California Shipbuilding Corporation at Wilmington, Calif., on Tuesday, October 19, the Maritime Commission announced this week. Sponsor of the vessel was Mrs. Clarice Williams, oldest employed Negro woman in the yard. Miss Eva Stringer was maid of honor, and J. H. Wadsworth, manager, Public Relations Department was master of ceremonies at the launching.

VENEREAL DISEASE CENTER OPENED NOV. 1ST

A State Federal Venereal Disease Center to prevent and cure cases of venereal diseases was opened at 17th and Grace streets on Monday morning, November 1st.

Texas White Primary Case Argument Before Supreme Court November 10th

Washington, D. C.—The constitutionality of the Texas White Primary laws will be attacked for the third time by NAACP lawyers in argument before the U. S. Supreme Court November 10.

Supporting the NAACP contention that the discriminatory balloting system should be abolished, briefs amicus curiae have been filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild.

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Two Major Issues of Interest to Negroes Face C.I.O. Convention

(BY ERNEST E. JOHNSON)

Philadelphia, Nov. 4 (ANP)—Convening here this month for its sixty constitutional convention, the Congress of Industrial Organizations will have before it at least two important questions which specifically and definitely affect Negroes. At least one of these will meet with a fight, possibly on the floor of the convention.

The first of these will be the question of whether or not the CIO wants to continue the work of its National Committee to Abolish Discrimination. The other is a resolution calling for the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee to cope with industrial discrimination.

The anti-discrimination committee was established last November when the organization met in Boston. The delegates had deplored the manner in which Negroes were being kept from entering industry at a time when manpower was beginning to go begging. The men appointed were James B. Carey, chairman, secretary-treasurer of the CIO; Willard S. Townsend, secretary, president of the United Service Employees of America; James L. Leary, secretary-treasurer of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union; and Boyd L. Wilson, executive board member of the United Steel workers of America.

The committee was slow in getting started. In fact, until some

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Omaha Bomber Plant Employees May Go CIO

UAW-CIO WINS HEARING ON ELECTION PETITION

PLANT ATTORNEYS GET ORIGINAL NOV. 4 HEARING EXTENDED TO NOV. 16

Fort Crook Road, Omaha, Neb.—The National Labor Relations Board notified the UAW-CIO last Monday, October 25th that a hearing will be held on the UAW-CIO petition for an election November 16, 1943.

The UAW-CIO filed a request for an election at the Martin Bomber plant July 30th. The hearing originally set for Nov. 4th, but extended to November 16th by action on the part of Plant attorneys will determine whether the other organizations involved will be on the ballot when the election takes place.

According to Nicholas Dragon, Assistant National Director of Aviation for the UAW-CIO, workers in the Martin plant received the news of the hearing date with enthusiasm and are confident of victory for the UAW-CIO.

The UAW-CIO is very anxious to set a date for the election as speedily as possible. Many workers in the Martin Bomber Plant have quit their jobs due to the fact that no collective bargaining

machinery was available to settle grievances that arose.

Nick Dragon was in charge of the Glenn L. Martin election campaign in Baltimore which was held September 16th and the Martin workers there voted for the UAW-CIO, soundly defeating the IAM-AF, of L.

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Chicago.—Shown above, left, is Miss Geraldine Barber, crowned "Sweetheart of the Teams," and right, Miss Neal McPadden, "Miss Tuskegee" who was recently chosen queen of the Institute by popular vote. The two charming lassies were snapped by photographers at the Tuskegee and Wilberforce-Tuskegee Alumni Dance which was held at the Parkway Ballroom on the eve of the game. She resides at 6043 St. Lawrence Avenue. (Press Photo Service)

White Girl Defies Dixie Rail Jimcrow

SHOUTS FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM AS SHE IS TAKEN FROM TRAIN

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 1 (ANP)—"The Declaration of Independence says 'all men are created equal.' You are just as good as I am and I told that conductor I am no better than you are. This is America."

With these words a young southern white girl challenged the Jimcrow seating arrangement of the Washington New Orleans train 41.

southern railroad, last week, as she was taken from the train by an officer in Atlanta, Ala.

Protesting the conductor's orders forbidding her to use the lavatory or sit in the jim crow coach, the young woman defied the conductors again and again. Finally shouting for democracy and freedom she was forcibly taken from the train, bag and baggage, in Atlanta, (not too far from infamous Scottsboro). The name of the girl could not be ascertained.

Rev. Story Preaches Farewell Sermon

To a large gathering of members and friends, Reverend Leroy A. Story preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning, October 31st at Cleaves Temple. He left the first of the week after filling the pulpit here for five years, to take up duties as pastor of an CME Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He preached a rousing sermon that caused many eyes to become dimmed with tears. For without a doubt, Reverend Story is the most beloved minister who has graced Cleaves Temple's pulpit in recent years, if not since its founding.

The afternoon service was in charge of Rev. Roy Johnson, pastor of Mount Calvary Spiritual Church and along with him came Rev. Mildred Johnson, his fine choir and members of his congregation. And with almost as many present as were there for the morning service, he conducted a meeting that will be long remembered by those so fortunate as to be at Cleaves Temple that afternoon.

The choir marched to the choir stand singing one of Rev. Story's favorite hymns, "Farther Along." On reaching the choir stand the

WINS NOT GUILTY VERDICT FOR MAN CHARGED WITH RAPE

Alexandria, Va.—A verdict of not guilty was rendered October 19th in the case of Eddie Anthony Negro charged here with rape of a white woman. The NAACP engaged counsel to handle the defense of Anthony. Following his arrest he was confined to Rapides Parish jail. Later he was removed to military prison at Camp Livingston where his trial was held.

Fatally Shot

Mr. R. H. McQueen, of 2734 Caldwell St was fatally shot by an employee of a south Omaha tavern last Monday eve. His body was taken to the Thomas Funeral Home.

NOTICE—HOLLYWOOD WANTS 1,000 WOMEN TO TRY MME. LAWSON'S NEW DISCOVERY
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