

With Decks-awash Negro Messmen Blast German Plane

First Minnesota Negro Will Serve As Demo-Presidential Elector

Minneapolis, Minn.—For the first time in Minnesota history, a Negro will serve as a presidential elector for the Democratic Party.

Frank Boyd of S. Paul, secretary-treasurer of the Twin City division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a veteran member of that union, was chosen unanimously by the Democratic Farmer-Labor state convention April 16, when the state's two liberal parties, Democrat and Farmer-Labor, met in joint convention to unite the state's liberal forces for the first time since 1918.

Negro leaders pointed out that the action was formal recognition of two factors, the steady and now almost complete swing of Negroes here away from the Republican Party and into the Democratic Party, and the acceptance by all liberals of the Negro cause as their own. This second factor, Negro leaders declare, obviously was paramount in the convention's action, since the Negro vote here is comparatively small.

Boyd, although not continuously employed as a sleeping car porter, has been active since 1907 in the struggles of his fellow employees to better their wages, hours and working conditions. He took a leading part in the first controversy with the Pullman Co., in 1909, when wages were raised from \$25 a month to \$27.50, and he was a leader in the original Pullman Porters Protective Union, formed under President Wilson's war-time order giving labor the right to organize.

After the war the union was absorbed by the company's Employees Representation Plan. Boyd served 8 years with the Plan, but broke from it in June of 1925 when it became apparent that sleeping car porters would make few advances as members of a company union. He was active that year in the formation of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which held its first convention in August of 1925. He was an organizer for the new union.

Mr. Boyd has been a Democrat most of his adult life, but particularly since 1926 when he became a leader in seeking an amendment to the Railway Labor Act which would "put teeth" in provisions giving sleeping car porters the same rights as other railroad workers. Under Republican administrations he saw his efforts continually blocked by the Federal courts. "I fought the Republicans all the way on this issue," he said. "And we got kicked out of Federal courts all over the country. Then in 1932 the people elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and in 1935, the Railway Labor Act was amended, so that we could live like men. Yes, I'm 100 percent for President Roosevelt."

JUSTICE DEPT. WILL NOT PROSECUTE IN KILLING OF SOLDIER

New York—Tom C. Clark, assistant United States Attorney General, has advised the NAACP that no action will be taken by the Department of Justice in the killing of Private Edward Green on March 14, 1944 by a bus driver in Alexandria, La.

The facts in the case show that Private Green was deliberately shot and killed by a bus driver after he had alighted from the bus and the driver had followed him to the road. The driver came out of the bus into the road where Private Green stood, he shot and killed him in cold blood.

An argument developed on the bus between Private Green and the driver because the driver said Green was sitting in a section reserved for white people. Green refused to move but said rather than have any trouble he would leave the bus. He left the bus and got out into the road where the driver followed him and shot him.

After the NAACP had presented the case to the War department, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Aide to the Secretary of War wrote under date of April 1, 1944, saying that a synopsis of events prepared by an Army investigating officer contained the following statement:

"Considering the testimony of all the witnesses and the circumstances surrounding this case, the conclusion is inescapable that there was no justification, moral or legal, for the taking of the life of Private Edward Green by Odell Lachmette."

In a letter to Assistant Attorney General Clark, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Counsel, said:

"The bus driver is still working in Alexandria and we are repeatedly receiving requests from Negro soldiers in that area as to what, if anything, is going to be done about this man. I hope you can realize the effect on the morale of the Negro soldiers who realize that although one of their members is killed without provocation the same government for which they are fighting refuses to take any action whatsoever to prosecute the guilty party."

Staff of the United States Army, inspected Negro troops at Fort Huachuca while on a ten day tour of army centers recently. Officers and men of the famed 892nd Division in training for combat duty at the post were ready for their chief. He was favorably impressed with the progress of their training.

U.S. CADET NURSE VISITS CONGRESSMAN



Representative William L. Dawson of Chicago with his guest U. S. Cadet Nurse Natalie West of Englewood, N. J., who is enrolled at Freedmen's Hospital Nurse Training School, Washington, D. C. Miss West is one of more than 96,000 American girls studying nursing under the Public Health Services' Cadet Nurse Program.

ARMY M. O. PROJECTIONIST



Corporal Aladdin C. Patterson, Headquarters, 13th AAF, South Pacific—Corporal Aladdin C. Patterson, 3448 Pinkney street, Omaha, Nebraska, is operator and repairman of a motion picture machine at his Pacific station. In addition, the soldier is heavy weapons squad leader with an Airbase Security Battalion of the 13th AAF Service Command.

Corporal Patterson has been overseas for sixteen months and has been presented a Bronze Battle Star with his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. In civilian life, Corporal Patterson, was employed by the Northside Transfer Company in Omaha. His mother Mrs. Bessie E. Patterson, lives at 5422 Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Member of Allen, in charge of the booth, was freely giving little testimonials and other Biblical literature to all who paused at the stand. A member of Ward A.M.E. church, the Rev. E. K. Nichols, pastor, presided over the A.M.E. Review holding. She was Miss Anna Belle Wilson and did a good job advancing the Review, of which the Rev. M. W. Thornton is editor-manager. Also booted was the Encyclopedia of African Methodism, edited by Bishop R. R. Wright Jr.

Glimpsed going the rounds of the exhibits were Steward John David Jamison, who was attired in the navy's latest and snappiest gray uniform. Jamison, who has been awarded Pacific, Atlantic, Silver Defense and Good Conduct ribbons, has been preaching for 10 years. Having been in service four years before Pearl Harbor, he has pastored out of the

Nurses Corps program designed to help relieve the serious nurse shortage. She took part in the official Induction Ceremony which was broadcast on the NBC National hookup from Constitution Hall last Saturday May 13. Miss West is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George West of 120 Lafayette Place, Englewood, N. J.

FORMER CREIGHTONIAN NOW COAST GUARD PHARMACIST'S MATE



Aboard a Coast Guard-manned assault transport somewhere on the Atlantic, Coast Guardsman Horatio Thomas, pharmacist's mate second class, stands his watch in the Sick Bay. Thomas, whose home is at 102 Pendleton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, attended the Coast Guard pharmacist's mate training school at Groton, Conn. Before enlisting he attended Creighton University, at Omaha.

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Central Arkansas conference. Wilberforce diversity pleaded its case through free literature. One of its boosters was the Reverend C. M. Reid, pastor of Mt. Vernon A.M.E. church, Columbus, O. Rev. Reid attended the general conference here in 1916 at Mother Bethel.

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WHAT ABOUT JIM CROW TRANSPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES?

FELLOW AMERICAN— THIS IS OUR FIGHT!

(from the pamphlet Committee to Abolish Jim Crow Transportation in United States, Natl. Office 1318 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, G. Mich.)

WAR DECLARED ON JIM CROW TRANSPORTATION

What is Your Answer?

Have you or any member of your family or friends been herded like cattle into a filthy, dirty, and unsanitary Jim Crow Car on a trip to any point South of the Mason-Dixon Line while being required to pay the same fare as others?

Have you been compelled to change cars between States in order to comply with some silly State law requiring Negroes and Whites to travel separately?

The main purpose of this Committee is to work for the abolition of the antiquated, out of date and anti-American practice of segregating racial groups in transportation wherever it may now exist in the United States. National Unity is impeded, and the morale of the Negro soldier and civilian alike is lowered by such undemocratic practices.

Local Committees will be established in as many Cities of the United States as possible to work with the National Committee in building sentiment, and encouraging such militant action as will make it very expensive for those engaged in this nefarious practice against Negroes and White Americans alike. Many white citizens are also very conscious of the fact that they are free people, are prohibited from exercising their rights under our Constitution by these Jim Crow laws and practices. These citizens have expressed a desire to see the end of these practices, and are willing to join with Negroes to eradicate these evils.

This means building sentiment throughout these United States to the end that Citizens, black and white, who are now hampered by laws of the various States which provide for such practice contrary to the spirit and principles of the Constitution of the United States, will seek repeal of such laws, and compel the United States Supreme Court to be more specific on this subject.

How Can Jim Crow Transportation of Its Citizens by One of the World's Leading Democracies be Justified Under Documents Such as the Atlantic Charter Constitution?

How can Americans declare with decency, and ask the world to accept with sincerity and honesty what is proclaimed by them in the tenets of the Atlantic Charter, as long as there exists in this country, which boasts of its being one of the leading democracies of the world, Jim Crow Transportation against a segment of its population, its Negroes, as they travel between certain States which form a part of this alleged Democracy?

The Supreme law of this land, the Constitution, is at variance with such undemocratic practices. Even though the United States Supreme Court, in Mitchell vs. Illinois Central Railroad Co., has declared that a Negro "is an American citizen free to travel, and he is entitled to go by this particular route whenever he chooses to take it and in that event to have facilities for his journey without discrimination against him which the Interstate Commerce Act forbids." And has further said, "The denial of equality of accommodations because

Sadie Alexander Praises Mrs. Roosevelt at A.M.E. Conference



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Can you answer Dr. Stearns?

A LETTER TO THOSE VITALLY INTERESTED IN AIDING THE CHRISTIAN GROWTH OF AMERICAN YOUTH.

It has been my privilege to put considerable time and thought on Christian Education as developed in the Church School during the thirty years I have been closely associated with Sunday School work. My aim and purpose has always been to help develop Christ-controlled lives.

The methods and materials have varied from year to year, and I have hoped there would be definite progress in the results as shown in Christian living among our pupils.

I believe the personnel of leadership has been above the average among the Christian men and women who have been co-workers with me. Many of us will differ on what constitutes a Christian Youth; some will say we have no right to pass judgement. The oft-repeated phrase, "Oh, they are not bad—just care-free youth"—does not answer the really vital question, "Are they growing Christians?" A large majority (Continued on Page 3)

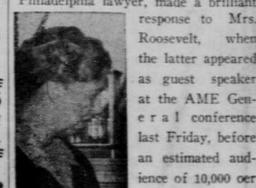
FOUNDER OF AMERICAN NEGRO EXPOSITION PASSES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois, May 18 (PPNS)—With the passing last Wednesday of James W. Washington, known over the country as the original founder of the American Negro Exposition of 1940, the Race has sustained a great loss. An aggressive leader and skillful planner, Mr. Washington developed the idea for the Negro Exposition which portrayed the achievements of the Negro since colonial days. The Illinois General Assembly backed him up with an appropriation of \$75,000, assuring its success.

At the time of his death, Mr. Washington was about to begin construction of Boy's Town near Monroe, Ill., designed to train and care for under privileged youths of all races and creeds. He was a native of Balaba, Tenn., coming to Chicago in 1904 to begin a successful business career.

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Philadelphia, May 16 (ANP)—Sadie T. M. Alexander, wife of the prominent Philadelphia attorney, Raymond Pace Alexander, and herself a Philadelphia lawyer, made a brilliant response to Mrs. Roosevelt, when the latter appeared as guest speaker at the A.M.E. general conference last Friday, before an estimated audience of 10,000 or more.



Mrs. Roosevelt sits.

Mrs. Alexander, speaking for the bishops and members of the A.M.E. general conference; of which she is a delegate from the Philadelphia conference; thanked Mrs. Roosevelt for not only standing for law and order and for equality and justice but told the audience that Mrs. Roosevelt herself had been "A force for law and order and a force for equality and justice." Continuing Mrs. Alexander stated "You have by practice and not merely by precept, Mrs. Roosevelt, demonstrated to our church, our race, our nation and to the world, that you respect the rights and privileges guaranteed every man, not only by the constitution of these United States, but endowed by God, the Creator of every good and perfect gift."

The vast assembly roared their applause, as this daughter of the church a grand-daughter of Bishop Benjamin Tucker Tanner, declared "History proves that only those nations and men, as well as women, become great who value as great their moral obligations to mankind. Athens fell, but the teachings of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle will never die. Rome fell into decay, but the voices of Justin Tacitus and Quintilian will forever live." The audience sat breathlessly as Mrs. Roosevelt by referring to that profound observation of Wendell Phillips: "How prudently most men creep into nameless graves, while now and then some bold man forgets himself into immortality." Said Mrs. Alexander, to Mrs. Roosevelt "the men and women of the African Methodist Episcopal Church regard your life as one that is destined to cast the name of Eleanor Roosevelt among the immortals."

Local Beta Gammas Urge Support of FEPC GAMMA BETAS PREPARE FOR REGION MEET HERE THIS FALL

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