

The Georgia Primaries and the Poll Tax

The recent denial to Negroes of the right to vote in the Georgia primaries highlights once again the need for securing a free franchise in the poll tax states.

George refused to heed the lesson set forth by the Supreme Court's decision in the "white primary" case declaring unconstitutional a Texas statute that deprived citizens of the right to vote be-

cause of color. Georgia insists on a test of her own statute, and such a test will be made in the courts of Georgia and further on appeal, if necessary.

As long as the poll tax exists in the southern states, the license is given to the poll taxers to continue their limitations on the franchise. Only national legislative action can effectively assure the abolition of the poll tax. Nor will "white primaries" long stand in the way of a full franchise now

that the Supreme Court has pointed the way to their elimination.

It remains for the people to continue to tell their congressmen and senators that they will no longer tolerate the undemocratic poll tax during a war to preserve democratic rights, that they will not permit limitations on the franchise in a nation where a free franchise is the essence of its democracy.

Oklahoma Bishop to Conduct 10-Day Revival Here

NAVY GETS FIRST MEDICAL OFFICER

Washington, July 18 (ANP) The navy has just appointed its first medical officer, it was learned here Saturday. Dr. A. L. Thompson was sworn in as assistant surgeon with the rank of lieutenant (jg) at Detroit,

his home, last Wednesday. It, Thompson, who was an instructor at McHarry Medical college when he transferred from the army medical reserve corps to the navy, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Detroit.

American Negro, White Soldiers Clash in England

London.—United States troops have been forbidden to enter Bristol since a fight among two hundred Negro and white soldiers there at midnight last Saturday.

One Negro soldier was wounded fatally. Three Negroes and four white men required hospital treatment army authorities said. White and Negro military police finally quelled the troops and placed four under arrest. The Daily Mail said no British troops were involved.

"Their Sacrifice Could Not have been Greater..."

Says Admiral Wright of Chicago Port Victims

by Ted Poston OWI

Rear Admiral Carleton H. Wright, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, San Francisco, today issued the following statement on those who gave their lives in the service of their country in the Port Chicago Depot explosion, July 17th,

"The Navy personnel and civilian war workers who perished in the port Chicago Navy ammunition depot explosion, near San Francisco, July 17, 1944, gave their lives in the service of their country. Their sacrifice could not have been greater had their loss occurred on a battleship or a beachhead on the war fronts. Their conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Navy Service.

Deaths by the explosion have been estimated at 350. The Depot was chiefly manned by Negro sailors and a scattering of white Naval officers.

BISHOP J. L. HENDERSON TO START SERVICES, JULY 20TH

The public is invited to come out beginning, Thursday, July 20 and hear Bishop J. L. Henderson of Chickasha, Oklahoma preach at the St. George E. Biven's Tabernacle, 2711 North 24th Street. Morning services will also be conducted by Bishop Henderson.

Rev. Sgt. Bivens says, "Come and hear the whole truth about Salvation. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" from the lips of a great gospel minister from Oklahoma.

The following subjects will be discussed by the Bishop during his Revival:

1. The religion that will finally survive.
2. Unstop the wells of Salvation.
3. Give God A Chance.
4. The Right Way to Heaven.
5. How to Find God.
6. The Whole Truth about "Sanification".
7. The whole Truth about the "Holy Ghost".

Patriotic Services were well attended at the Tabernacle last Sunday and St. George Bivens wishes to thank Rev. Stell, Rev. Rucker, and Rev. Baker for their support and attendance.

Omaha, Chicago Packhouse Workers For FDR.



CHICAGO—Political action means postcards—and big ones, too—to this city's vigorous packinghouse workers. Here representatives of packinghouse locals from every part of the Windy City tell their story to President Roosevelt in urging him to accept a Fourth Term nomination. More than 2,500 workers signed the huge card at a recent "Draft Roosevelt" meeting here.

With cheers and whistles over 600 packinghouse workers called for the nomination of President Roosevelt and vice president Wallace last Wednesday night in Omaha at a political action rally. The rally was arranged by the Packinghouse Workers Joint Council Political Action Steering committee. The call for Roosevelt came in a resolution introduced by Brother John Henry, Financial Secretary of Local No. 8. The following telegram was sent to Democratic Chairman, Robert E. Hannegan by Chairman George Fletmeyer of the PWIC-CIO Omaha:

Representatives of 10,000 packinghouse workers met July 12, 1944, unanimously went on record to support Henry Wallace for re-nomination as Vice President of the United States of America

Brother A. T. Stephens, District No. 3, Director of the UPWA-CIO addressed the meeting. Albin Brinton, Field Representative, explained the need of packinghouse workers participating in political action. She told the story of a sausage room girl in Armour's plant who has everyone in her department doing precinct work, and who herself spends every evening talking with her neighbors on political action. Mrs. Brinton said,

"The sausage room girl is fighting the same fight that our boys and girls are fighting on the battle front. Our guns are moving the United Nations towards victory over the common enemy of mankind. Political Action is moving our nation forward in this same victory and is defeating our common enemies, whether they are in our Congress or in the fifth column."

O. J. Johnson, Chairman of the Steering committee on Political Action reviewed the history of packinghouse workers struggle and stressed the need of all groups to participate in political action. He said, "No one group can do the job. We must have mass support, so that on election day in November we can turn out the vote." He then introduced three steering committee chairmen. George Prosenek, Chairman of Public Relations. Adolph Ulfers, Chairman of Precinct and Ward Committee and Wes Moravic, Chairman of the Registration Committee. Each of these chairmen reviewed the duties of his committee and called for volunteers.

Girls in the PWJC hall volunteered their time to serve refreshments to the assembled crowd. The arrangements were made by Fred Wendell.

Prominent Figures in NAACP Conference at Chicago



Walter White, executive secretary of NAACP who made an exhaustive report on his fourteen week trip observing the conduct and treatment of Negro troops abroad, to the Chicago conference last Sunday.

The Rev. Archibald Carey, whose address before the opening meeting of the NAACP conference struck hard blows against jim-crow.

Judge Hubert T. Delany of the Domestic Relations Court of New York City, who delivered the keynote address of the NAACP conference.

The Hi-de-Ho King, Cab Calloway who attended the NAACP conference with his wife and daughter and made a short talk amid a tremendous round of applause.

War Conference Makes Frontal Attack On Key Problems

RACE ROLE IN WAR AND PEACE PLOTTED BY LEADERS AND SIX HUNDRED DELEGATES

Chicago, Ill., July 19 (PNS) — Starting last Wednesday of last week and ending Sunday in a gigantic open air mass meeting in Washington Park the war time conference of the NAACP brought out a wealth of salient facts and resulted in many impressive findings.

Attended by more than six hundred delegates from every state and a host of observers, the conference discussions were led by men and women familiar with the multiplicity of problems both of war and peace which significantly affect the security, happiness, and general welfare of the 130,000,000 colored citizens in America. The sessions were held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st and South Parkway.

Among the array of talented and well informed speakers to address the gathering were: Judge Hubert Delany of the New York City Domestic Relations Court, who delivered a sharp keynote address denouncing American type Hitlers such as Bilbo, Rankin, Ed Smith and Martin Dies; Rev. Archibald Carey who flailed the practice of jim-crow; Cab Calloway, the Hi-de-Ho King, taking time out during one of his rare vacations to put in a plea for equal rights; Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP; Capt. Grant Reynolds, retired army chaplain; James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the national CIO; Odell

Sees Progress in Brewing Industry Self Regulation

OMAHA—"Development of a keener realization among Nebraska beer retailers of the obligations they owe their communities and society generally has been a major objective in the brewing industry's self-regulation program since it was first inaugurated in this state six years ago, and we have made substantial progress toward attaining it," Charles E. Sandall told the executive board of the Nebraska Committee, Brewing Industry Foundation, at its sixth annual meeting last Friday at Hotel Fontenelle. Mr. Sandall is the committee's state director. The organization's annual meeting usually attended by about 100 persons, was this year limited to board members in compliance with the government's request to restrict conventions during wartime.

"Besides making encouraging progress with the retailers, also among citizens generally we have won a better understanding of the work we are doing in the public interest," Mr. Sandall said, and added, "Both are necessary to achieve the maximum of mutually beneficial results."

"Nebraska's very good liquor control law, and the work of enforcement officials aided by the force of public opinion and the influence of the beer industry itself all have been important factors in giving Nebraska a better type of retailer than when beer was first re-legalized a decade ago. In 1936, local councils were disposed to grant licenses to too many applicants, many of whom were lacking in ability and experience in retailing of alcoholic beverages. From

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ART McCRAW GOP CHAIRMAN OF SECOND WARD

Arthur B. McCraw, 2806 Ohio St., court house employe in Stollinski's office and for a long time prominent and active in Republican political activities, last Wednesday night was elected chairman of the Second ward republicans at a meeting held at the

Other officers: Mrs. Anna Mary Kennedy and William Davis, vice-chairmen; Mrs. Cloma Scott, secretary and Mrs. Mattie B. Gooden, assistant secretary.

McCraw announced that precinct chairmen and chairmen will be selected later at regular precinct meetings.

Blasts White



Attorney Oliver Randolph, Newark, N. J., veteran political leader, and an alternate delegate to the recent Republican National Convention in Chicago, this week blasted Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP for his attack on that part of the Republican platform dealing directly with Negroes.

In a newspaper article last week Mr. White criticized all but one of the four planks concerning Negroes. "I not only am surprised," Randolph said, "but I am disappointed in White. No one has a higher regard for Walter White than I have. Thru the years, he has done a grand work for our people but unfortunately, it seems now that he has become a New Deal partisan first and a champion of Negro rights second."

"It appears also," continued Randolph "that White is concerned and works hard only for those projects which he himself conceives and plans. I don't like to see him fall into the category of men who believe that

Scenes of American Negro Music Festival at St. Louis



THE FIRST ST. LOUIS PERFORMANCE of the American Negro Musical Festival, begun in Chicago in 1940, attracted 16,000 persons to Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, Mo., Monday, July 10, where they heard

W. C. Handy (top) now 70 years old, play his own "St. Louis Blues." Center row, left: Handy receiving a scroll for his contribution to American Folk Music. (Right, top,) Mme Lillian Evanti, soprano star of Negro

opera; (right, below), Portia White Canadian contralto, hailed as a possible successor to Marian Anderson. Bottom row (left): Richard Bonelli, arbutone star of the Metropolitan Opera; (center), part of the 1,000 voice

chorus, which was directed by Wirt D. Walton and C. Spencer Tocus; (right), Don Ameche of Hollywood, who spoke briefly in a plea for an end to race prejudice and a pledge to unity.

"Next Door" By TED SHEARER



"That sure don't look like an all-out effort to us, Mam!"

TO HONOR AGED EDITOR Los Angeles, July 16 (ANP) — Preparations are afoot for a testimonial program and reception honoring one of the pioneer leaders in the religious development of California.

Dr. J. M. Wilson, editor of the Western Christian Recorder. The program, which is being developed under the leadership of the Rev. F. D. Jordan of the First AME church, will be held July 24. Associates of Dr. Wilson in his career as editor, churchman and leader in fraternal activities, will pay tribute for his contributions.

MAN IS HELD FOR ALLEGED THREATS WITH SHOTGUN

For allegedly threatening his wife and others with a shotgun, Otis C. Keys, 20, of 1911 North 28th street, last Saturday night was fined \$10 and costs in police court Monday.

13,000 See Handy Steal St. Louis Show With His "Blue Trumpet"

(from the St. Louis-Star Times, July 11th by Arthur Kuhl)

He stood there rigidly straight, his black face gleaming brightly in the moist, hot night and accented by white mustache, a fringe of white

hair, the gleaming white of tuxedo shirt. The orchestra began a swaying vamp; he raised the muted trumpet to his lips. Then it began, slow and moody, rocking:

I hate to see that evenin' sun go down. Because my man, he done left this town. Yes, sir! Got the St. Louis blues, just as blue as I can be.

back home, blowing his own horn, lowdown, bouncing with a steady beat. Handy was giving out on his own "St. Louis Blues," and though it flattened once in a while, was tinged with

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