

COLUMBUS: OHIO URBAN LEAGUE, HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

ADDRESS BY JUSTICE CARL V. WEYGANDT OF OHIO SUPREME COURT

Columbus, Ohio—Chief Justice Carl V. Weygant of the Supreme Court of Ohio in addressing the 27th Annual Meeting of the Columbus Urban League, a Community Fund Agency, Tuesday, January 23, stated that there is need for the capacity to think clearly on group problems and to refuse to engage in wishful thinking.

held at the Monroe Avenue Social Center, a Department of the League was opened with invocation by Rev. L. L. Dickerson, Minister of the Monroe Avenue Christian Church. The Departmental Reports were made by Mr. Ray S. Reinert, Chairman, Public Relations; Mr. William Howard Fort, Chairman, Youth; Dr. Frank H. Throop, Chairman, Industrial Relations; Miss Alene Boynton, Chairman, Community and Neighborhood; and Mr. E. L. Nix, Chairman, Plaque Committee, Brush Lake.

TENTH MAN As a special feature of the program, the Tenth Man was rebroadcast over the loud speaker from the Music Room of the Center. The Tenth Man is broadcast over Radio Station WHKC at 11 o'clock every Saturday morning, by the Department of Public Relations of the League.

gue. This re-broadcast featured Miss Gloria Meade Soprano, as the guest soloist accompanied by Mrs. Geraldine McObe. Other participants were Mrs. Roberta M. Bassett, Mrs. Edwina T. Glasco, Miss Verna M. Payne and Miss Elizabeth Bosley. Mr. Percy I. Lowery, 1945 Roll Call Chairman, loaned and directed the mechanical set up of the re-broadcast of the Tenth Man.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years: Mrs. Anna B. Jones, Mr. Ray S. Reinert, Dr. Frank H. Throop, Dr. N. L. Scarborough, Atty. Ragland R. Reid, Mr. C. C. Guthrie, Mr. Samuel Diamond, Mr. Charles F. Spicer, Mrs. Edith Coleman and Judge Clayton W. Rose. MR. APPELMAN HONORED

One of the highlights of the program was the presentation by Mrs. Velma Davis, Recording Secretary, of a Life Membership to the retiring Acting-President, Mr. H. M. Appelman who has been a member of the Board of the League for many years. Mr. Appelman presided at the meeting.

In closing his talk, Judge Weygant who was introduced by United States Commissioner Robert W. Newton, paid tribute to the Columbus Urban League for its clear thinking, correct actions and its ability to eliminate prejudice.

Mr. Terrance L. Webster, Executive Secretary of the War Chest and Community Fund of Columbus and Franklin County, stated that he rejoiced with the Urban League in its accomplishments during the year.

Upon motion of Mr. E. L. Nix a vote of appreciation was given Mr. N. B. Allen, Executive Secretary, and other members of the staff for their fine team-work and devotion to the cause of the League. In response, Mr. Allen paid high tribute to the Community Fund, Board of Directors and Staff of the League and Mrs. Allen for the splendid cooperation.

The meeting closed with benediction by Dr. Frank H. Throop, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church.

NEGRO ARTILLERYMEN STUCK TO GUNS AS NAZI SHELLS RAINED ON BASTOGNE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) rifle fire.

Enemy pressure increased and casualties became heavier. All except the actual cannoners fought infantry fashion, and succeeded in taking 30 to 40 prisoners.

At last the battalion commander decided that the position at Villersoux was untenable. The batteries moved near Senochamps. As the outfit began to pull out one of the radio trucks was disabled by mortar fire.

Through a hail of small arms fire, Sergeant Donald Corzo, Haddonfield, New Jersey, went to the truck and destroyed all the signal equipment to prevent its falling into Jerry hands.

At Senochamps the battalion prepared for a last stand. Because of casualties all gun crews were reduced to the minimum. By this time it was obvious the enemy was on all sides.

The battalion guns were set up to fire all around the circle. "We made two-gun platoons," explained Major James W. Melville, operations officer of Broken Bow, Nebraska, "and fired in all directions. We had targets everywhere—would have fired more ammunition than we'd used at Brest—if we'd had the stuff."

The guns were firing at ranges of 1200 to 1500 yards—guns which normally have a range of 12,000 to 15,000 yards. "We took everything the Germans had to throw," said Sergeant Lloyd Wilkinson, of 363 Baim bridge Street, Brooklyn, New York, "tanks, mortars small arms fire. That mortar fire was like hail. I never thought that a 155-mm howitzer outfit would get that close to mortar fire. I don't know what we would have done if it hadn't been for the help we got from that airborne infantry outfit. They're hot stuff, best outfit I know."

A nondescript dog found shivering near the battalion command post was one factor which helped keep the men's spirits up. "Kaup" as he was christened, adopted the battalion at first sight. He is now the official battalion mascot.

It was hazardous to make surveys from the gun positions. On one occasion when machine gun fire pinned down the survey section, Staff Sergeant Harry Quintyne, 295 W. 150th Street, New York City, crawled back, got a machine gun, destroyed one German machinegun and effectively pinned down the others until the survey was completed.

On another occasion, Sergeant Fred Solman, Messina, Georgia, out of patience with an irritating Nazi machinegun, crawled out with one infantryman, destroyed the gun and brought back five prisoners.

Ammunition was a serious problem. Finally only clearly observed targets were fired upon and one gun was used in place of a battery. And still German pressure increased. The trapped soldiers, infantry and artillery, fought on stubbornly.

Then the tide turned. C-47s appeared, dropping supplies of food and ammunition. The battalion moved again, this time to the outskirts of Bastogne. In a position closer to the infantry. And then one morning, several days after Christmas, the battalion commander went to the 101st Airborne Division command post and found several of the Fourth Armored Division tanks there. The German ring had been broken and broken by an outfit with whom the 99th had fought in the breakthrough across France.

The battalion, with its complement of white officers and Negro enlisted men, hit the Normandy beach on

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