

CIO PAC Girds for Coming Political Battles



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CRAWFISHING and the FEPC

Brothers, did you ever watch a demented fool crawl into a piece of



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red flannel on a pinhook? You'd think from the way that Old Daddy Crawfish went after that red rag that he was connecting with a porterhouse steak! But nobody got fooled except the crawfish—and he got caught.

Well, some of these old landlubber lawyers and some of these plantocrat politicians down here in Dixie think that Negroes and poor white folks have got no more sense than an old crawfish dunned up in a mudhole. Maybe, they think they can fool us into believing that a rag is a steak and that a rag will taste mighty good after a hundred years of chewing on fatback.

They are dumb enough, in these these days when the forces of progress march from Virginia to Texas, to believe that we'll swallow something that they call a "right to work amendment" as a substitute for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Yes sir, they've had us down in a mudhole for a hundred years and they intend to keep us down in that mudhole by keeping the whites living in the mud and the Negroes living in the mud and vice versa.

Well, brothers it's time that the South came up out of the mudhole. It's time that we wiped the mud out of our eyes and off our souls to stand behind not only the FEPC but the progressive labor unions and the progressive business men who know that FEPC means a democracy of jobs here in Dixie.

For there can be no democracy of color in Dixie without a democracy of jobs. Pappy O'Daniel's Christian American storm troopers know that, too, and it is for that reason they are trying to coker the FEPC by giving us a "right to work amendment", which has formed the basis of anti-labor legislation in 11 different states, which was adopted as a constitutional amendment in Arkansas, and Florida, last winter, and which is now pending in the legislatures of Texas and Georgia.

Now, the main purpose of the right to work amendment is to keep the South and America in the mudhole by outlawing the closed shop and thereby forcing everybody, return veterans included to work for four bits a day. Before the coming of the CIO, which declares that a worker is a worker before he is a Negro or a Caucasian, Negroes hated and feared the closed shop because the sign on the door read "Whites only". But that was yesterday and the South must look with America toward tomorrow.

Not long ago, I talked for more than an hour with Vance Muse, O'Daniel's sub-feeder of the Christian Americans at his office in Houston. You will remember Vance Muse as the man who tried to whip

PAC INTENSIFIES PREPARATIONS FOR CONGRESS, LOCAL ELECT'NS

CIO Political Action work will be intensified in preparation for local elections this year and for Congressional Elections in 1945, CIO President Philip Murray said in a circular to all CIO affiliates.

Murray wrote that the return of PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman and other CIO-PAC leaders from the London World Labor Congress which they are now attending would mark a renewal of "the work of political education an political action of the CIO".

"In the meantime, it is essential that all local unions be advised to continue their committees which functioned during the recent national election campaign and where they do not now exist to establish them," he said.

"These committees, together with the state and city councils, must organize at once to exert their full influence in the important local elections which will take place this year as well as to prepare for effective participation in the Congressional elections of 1946."

Text of President Murray's letter to CIO affiliates follows:

TO ALL: National and International Union Councils, and Regional Directors.

Dear Sir—and Brother:—At the national convention of the CIO, held in Chicago in November of last year, a resolution was unanimously adopted directing the continuation of the CIO Political Action Committee.

(a) To maintain and to stimulate the activities of existing political action committees established in state and city industrial unions and local unions and to establish such bodies where they are not now organized.

(b) To maintain, extend, and stimulate the activity of community organizations formed under the leadership of or with the participation of the CIO.

(c) To promote united action in the political field in collaboration with other organizations of labor, progressive groups, and forward looking leaders of the two major political parties.

(d) To continue and intensify the possible exercise of the right of franchise by organization for a maximum registration and vote.

(e) To carry on the work of political action through the publication and distribution of pamphlets, servicing the labor press, the use of the radio, and all other appropriate means.

(f) To prepare the ground work for effective participation in important local elections of 1945 and in state, and national elections in 1946.

Since our national convention, Chairman Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee has participated at my request in a preparatory civil war in Dixie by helping Georgia Gene Talmadge circulate those pictures of Mrs. Roosevelt posed with Negroes back in 1936.

"The right to work amendment does not impose color discrimination. Muse rumbled from beneath his six foot four inches of beef and brawn. "Maybe, we can persuade the country to accept it as a substitute for the FEPC."

MR. RICE ON THE SPOT

"A Houston Negro, C. W. Rice, publisher of the Negro Labor News here, went to the Republican National Committee meeting last year and almost sold them on the idea of the right to work amendment as a platform plank in place of the permanent FEPC."

I have no way of checking on Mr. Muse's statement about the willingness of some Republicans to accept a piece of legislation written in the spirit of the infamous Black Codes enacted by the planters after the Civil War to hold freedmen in bondage. But there are ways of checking on the shady Mr. Muse and his camp follower who plays around with Uncle Tom company unions in Texas. Mr. Rice.

I commend both gentlemen to the attention of the Department of Justice and of the House labor committee, headed by Congressman Mary Norton, now considering permanent FEPC legislation.

Here in America, we are going to have to mobilize all our strength for the FEPC at the same time that we mobilize all our strength against the "right to work amendment" sponsored by that mudhole axis of Pappy O'Daniel, Vance Muse, and C. W. Rice.

Naacp. Sees GOP Double-Cross in Taft Move on Fepc.

Sen. Taft "Tells Off" Ohio Delegation

SEN. TAFT OF OHIO DOUBLE-CROSSED THE NEGRO AGAIN! RENEGADES ON STAND FOR FEPC BILL

WASHINGTON—Senator Robert A. Taft, (R. of Ohio) told a delegation of civil, political, church and labor leaders from his state last Friday that he opposed a permanent FEPC based on voluntary methods.

Expressing surprise and disagreement the delegation said that they felt they had every reason to believe, in light of the Republican party platform of last year, that they would have Sen. Taft's support for a permanent FEPC with sufficient authority to be effective.

They pointed out that Republican in the House have obviously interpreted the Republican party platform to mean support for the bill pending in the House and Senate at the time that pledge was written.

Congressman Vorys and Bender also of Ohio, and a number of Republicans from other states have become sponsors of the bill in the House, companion bill to the one sponsored in the Senate by three Republicans and four Democrats.

The delegation indicated to Sen. Taft that they consider it imperative that a permanent FEPC with enforcement powers in order to cope with the present manpower shortages and post-war employment problems.

Sen. Taft has agreed to confer further with the representatives of the delegation at such time as it is convenient for them to discuss further the differences between his present position and that of the delegation.

In the delegation were Councilman Jesse Locker, Cincinnati; Harold Gassaway and William O. Walker, Cleveland; Charles Francis and Mrs. Marian Smith-Williams, Dayton.

They met with the other members of the Committee, is currently participating in the World Labor Conference in London, and the work of political education and the CIO Political Action Committee.

They do not now exist to establish them, it is essential that all local unions be advised to continue their committees which functioned during the recent national election campaign and where they do not now exist to establish them.

These committees, together with the state and city councils, must organize at once to exert their full influence in the important local elections which will take place this year as well as to prepare for effective participation in the Congressional elections of 1946.

They must organize more firmly than in the past, in order that we may be in a position to achieve the goals which we, together with all progressive Americans, are dedicated to: winning the speediest possible victory in the war, the establishment of enduring peace, the establishment of a domestic economy which will yield full production, full employment and real security for the American people, the strengthening of the basis of our democracy to assure full political and civil equality and equal economy and equal opportunities for all men and women of every race, creed and color.

Sincerely yours,
PHILIP MURRAY,
President.

Prominent Omaha Churchman TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY



THE REV. O. A. ASKERNEESE, PASTOR OF CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST (HOLLINESS) E.S.A., COMMEMORATES THIRD YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

NEW YORK—In a letter Feb. 7 to Herbert E. Brownell, Jr., Chairman, Republican National Committee the NAACP charged that Negro voters had been given the well known double cross by Republicans and Senator Taft's refusal to support a bill for FEPC with teeth in it.

The letter stated that not only did the GOP not intend to support an FEPC bill, but it intended also to sabotage and defeat any legislation attacking the problem of discrimination in employment.

Making the NAACP's stand clear on Senator Taft's move to betray GOP promises made at the national convention last summer, Acting Secretary Roy Wilkins told Brownell, "Our attitude is that until the Republican party chiefs and congressional leaders repudiate the political-national and local, must bear the responsibility for this about-face in the minds of millions of Negro voters."

In a letter also to Taft, pointing out the trick in the Senator's recent maneuver to set up an investigating commission with no compulsory powers, the NAACP said, "You cannot help but realize this proposal of yours for a commission to investigate and find out whether there is discrimination and its extent, is a move that deceives no one. What is needed is action to correct the discriminatory practices known to exist."

"We are convinced that your proposal will be denounced by everyone sincerely interested in this question as a political trick unworthy of a senator and party leader of your prominence."

"As for this Association our advice to our members over the country and to other citizens, is that until your action is repudiated by the Republican party and its congressional leaders, the party must be held responsible, and must be viewed as being opposed to any effective measures to guarantee Negro Americans a chance at employment without discrimination. For, aside from stating your views, the plain purpose of the bill you have introduced is to divide and alienate support for the effective legislation (S101) now before the Senate."

DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 18, 1945. Bro. W. M. Stallworth, Chairman. Sister Inez Stallworth, Chairman. 3:30 pm. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 4:00 pm. Message. Rev. Wade, Choir and Congregation, Salem Baptist Church, Solo. Sister Anna Colquitt. 4:30 pm. Message. Rev. Wade, Choir and Congregation, Salem Baptist Church, Solo. Sister Manley. 5:00 pm. Message. Rev. Wm. Clayton, Choir and Congregation, Zion Baptist Church, Solo. Collection, Announcements, Benediction.

Tuesday Night, February 20th PASTOR'S LID USHER BOARD. Sister Ruth Hersey, President. 7:30. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 8:00. Talk. Sister Ruth Hersey Solo. Message. Rev. E. D. Johnson, Choir and Congregation, St. John Baptist Church, Solo. Collection, Announcements, Benediction.

Wednesday Night, February 21st SENIOR & JUNIOR CHOIRS. Sister Hattie Manley, President. 7:30. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 8:00. Talk. Sister Dollie McCrae. Selection. Rev. and Mrs. Peterson. Sermon. Rev. D. S. Blair, Congregation, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Collection, Announcements and Benediction.

Thursday Night, February 22nd C.W.W. No. 2. Sister Hattie Manley. Sister Inez Stallworth, President. 7:30. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 8:00. Talk. Sister E. Shearson Solo. Message. Rev. M. C. Williams, Choir and Congregation, Bethel Baptist Church. Collection, Announcements, Benediction.

Friday Night, February 23rd SENIOR SCHOOL & HYPER. Sister Hattie Manley, Supt. 7:30. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 8:00. Talk. Sister Hattie Manley. Selection. Miss Dorothea Schumann. Sermon. Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Choir and Congregation, Clair Chapel M.E. Church. Collection, Announcements, Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon, February 25th C.W.W. No. 2. Sister Jeannette Seals, President. 3:30 pm. Devotional and Congregational Singing. 4:00 pm. Talk. Sis. Jeannette Seals Solo. Message. Rev. F. C. Williams, Choir and Congregation, Zion Baptist Church. Collection, Announcements, Benediction. Presentation of Gifts. Rev. J. B.

Booker T's Son Dies

The death of Booker T. Washington, Jr., son of the late educator and founder of Tuskegee Institute was announced by officials there this week. He died of a heart attack and funeral services were held at Tuskegee.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT BENNETT

Greensboro, North Carolina—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Col. Campbell Johnson, assistant to the director of selective service, and Miss Katherine Lenroot, director of the Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., headline the speakers as Bennett College continues its eighteen year tradition of annually dramatizing the importance of home and family relations in its Home-Making Institute. The event opens on Sunday, March 18th when Miss Lenroot will speak. Mrs. Roosevelt will be heard Tuesday night, March 20th, and Col. Campbell Johnson appears Thursday, March 23rd.

CHAPTER 11 O.E.S. ELECT OFFICERS

The officers of Princess Gziel Chapter Number 11, The Order of the O. E. S., has been elected for the ensuing year: Louise Giles, W. M.; Floyd Buckner, W. P.; Louise Adams, A. M.; Rev. Charles Farley, A. P.; Mable Bonner, Sec'y; Ada Woodson, Asst. Sec'y; Lydia Wilson, Treas.

5c WORTH OF GOOD READING

THE OMAHA GUIDE

FLORENCE MYERS DOES IT AGAIN... Omaha Girl Marries Army Captain



JOINED IN HOLY WEDLOCK—Capt. Homer L. Starks, Commanding officer of one of the training squadrons at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, was recently married to Miss Florence Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers of this city, in the Post Chapel. The ceremony was officiated by Chaplain Raymond F. Harvey of Tuskegee Institute. The couple and their guests are pictured listening to the Chaplain read the marital vow. Shown from left to right are:—Chaplain Harvey, Mr. Sylvester Reeder of Washington, D. C., Capt. Starks of Portsmouth, Ohio, Miss Myers, and Miss Willie Mae Morgan of Montgomery, Alabama.

(Official U. S. AAF Photo by AAF Training Command)

MRS. PEARL GIBSON... St. Johns' Ame. Choir Directress Files Paper for A Divorce

Mrs. Pearl Gibson, 2865 Miami Street, directress of the St. John AME. Church choir, filed a petition for divorce from Paul Gibson on Feb. 13, 1945 at the County Court house as recorded therewith. The Gibsons were married on Aug. 21, 1935.

Cash Prizes for High School Students

Omaha Guide Sponsor Contest for High School Boys and Girls In Commemorating 118 Years of Negro Press. . . . Watch Next Week's Issue for Time of Radio Broadcast

The National Newspaper Publishers' Association in connection with the annual Negro Press Week observance (February 25 to March 3) will sponsor a National High School essay contest—Subject: "The Negro Newspaper, Crusader for Real Democracy". Coupled with this national contest is a local essay contest sponsored by THE OMAHA GUIDE. Local prizes are \$10.00 IN CASH, FIRST PRIZE; \$5.00 IN CASH, SECOND PRIZE; \$2.50 IN CASH, THIRD PRIZE.

The three prize winning essays of THE OMAHA GUIDE Contest will be entered in the National Contest.

National prizes are \$100; \$75, and \$50, all War Bonds. This year marks the 118th Anniversary of the Negro Press. All essays must be mailed to the Negro Press Essay Contest Editor of THE OMAHA GUIDE and should be postmarked no later than March 3, 1945.

RULES

1. Manuscripts shall contain no less than 800 and no more than 1000 words.
2. Manuscripts must be written on theme paper using one side only.
3. The contestant's name must not appear on the manuscript. Attach to the essay a separate sheet of paper on which should be written the name and address of the contestant's name of the school and of the principal.
4. Winners will be selected by five judges to be named by this newspaper. Prizes listed above for the local contest will be awarded by this paper according to the decision of the judges.
5. The first three prize winning essays in this contest will be entered in the National Negro Newspaper & High School Contest.
6. A committee of judges, no more than seven in number, shall select three National prize winners among the essays submitted to them by the various member papers.
7. The decision of the judges in the contests shall be final. All essays become the property of the NNPA and none will be returned to the contestants. Judges will base their choice on the character of the material, originality, composition and neatness.
8. Only persons of high school age in the continental United States, now attending high school, are eligible to enter this contest. No member or relative of a member of the staff of any newspaper will be eligible to compete in this contest.

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Legislators Honor Lincoln's Birthday

WITH SPECIAL PROGRAM FEB. 12, 1945 10 A. M.

Tribute was paid to Abraham Lincoln by members of the legislature Monday as his birthday was observed with a memorial service presented by some talented colored people from Omaha and Lincoln.

"Not only did Lincoln free the slaves—but he ushered in a great new economy," asserted H. J. Pinkett, Omaha attorney. "Before the emancipation of the slaves we subsisted on an agricultural economy—after that action we developed as a free industrial nation, a free labor nation and a free agricultural nation."

Mrs. Opal Ray Moss, Lincoln, who was accompanied by Mrs. Izzetta Marie, Lincoln, sang "Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," and "My Buddy."

Prayer was given by Rev. O. J. Burkhardt, of Lincoln and Rev. Trago McWilliams, Sr., of Omaha, delecting Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Joseph D. Patton Dies

Mr. Joseph D. Patton, 64 years, 1204 1/2 North 24th street, died last Thursday at a local hospital after an extended illness. Mr. Patton had been a resident of this community 24 years. His wife, the former Lillie Belle Landham preceded him in death having passed a number of years ago.

The rosary was recited Monday evening at The Thomas Funeral Home, 2022 Lake Street. Funeral services were held at 8.15 Tuesday morning, from St. Benedict's Catholic Church with burial at Saint Mary's cemetery.