

OKLAHOMA MANS WILL SUE TO ENTER UNIVERSITY

Will Follow Pattern
of Now Famous
Gaines Case in Mo.

equality for 200,000 Oklahoma Negroes is to be sought immediately in court action which, if successful, will open the state's institutions of higher learning to the Negro.

More than 200 delegates to the annual state convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People cheered this announcement November 3 as the session wound up its affairs here.

The move will involve an attempt to enroll in the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M college Negro students who want courses on graduate and professional levels not offered by the state at the Langston university. The plan of attack will be similar to that used by Missouri Negroes in the now celebrated Lloyd Gaines case.

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P. O. D. C. W. Executive District Chairmen Hold Meeting In Omaha

OMAHA, DENVER, OGDEN, LOS ANGELES, PORTLAND, OAKLAND DISTRICTS PRESENT

The Executive Board of the Protective Order by Ining Car Waiters Local No. 465 held its meetings from November 12th through November 14, 1945.

Members of the Board present at these meetings were: Mr. R. C. Long, General Chairman; Mr. Arthur H. Reed, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Alton E. Gostis, District Chairman of Omaha District; Mr. John N. Harper, District Chairman of Denver District; Mr. Chester A. Foote, District Chairman of Ogden District; Mr. Lovic E. Howell, District Chairman of Los Angeles District; Mr. John A. Minor, District Chairman of Portland District; Mr. Hudson L. Moore, District Chairman of Oakland District; and Mr. Harry W. Reed, Secretary-Treasurer of Los Angeles District.

The Board followed its agenda—an education program to train their men in the labor movement and for the service they render the public with the Carrier. The board went on record of holding a System Conference in the city of Portland, Oregon in 1946. They also discussed the post war program as pertaining to the men and their families.

This Board has the power to legislate and form policies for the guidance of the entire organization which covers the Union Pacific Railroad system and the Southern Pacific and Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad systems.

Reports from the various Board members showed a marked improvement in their districts. Members of the Board stressed the thought of unity and have followed this all through their deliberations to such an extent that the meetings have been very harmonious and constructive.

The Board was entertained on November 13 by the Ladies Auxiliary of Omaha District and on November 14 by the Omaha Dining Car Waiters Key Club. The program for the latter entertainment consisted of addresses by the various Board members, Mr. Harry W. Reed, and Mr. John H. Hargrove of the OPA, who was a former member of the Board.

out this world. Well, it didn't work out that way. As I recall it, it was a bit hard to get any definite statement of kinship between the Ethiopian and the American Negro out of Addis Ababa.

Instead, the Ethiopians pronounced most firmly that they were not Negroes, had little interest in "Negro Problems" and let it be known that they regard themselves as Semite in thought, in ideal and in descent.

This was contrary to the preaching of the homegrown disciples of Negro-Ethiopian kinship. But the damage had been already done.

Every Negro who thought about it considered himself an Ethiopian if not in appearance, at least at heart.

A possible explanation was the coarseness of the Ethiopians' hair and the blackness of his skin, although Haile Selassie looks more white than Negro.

EXCLUSIVE! Bette Davis Works For Democracy



MISS BETTE DAVIS
Screen Star Joins Urban League

BY VERA AVERY

Hollywood, Calif. (CNS) Add to the list of great ladies who believe in genuine democracy (on which we already find the names of Eleanor Roosevelt, Pearl Buck, and Lillian Smith, among others), the name of Bette Davis, one of our leading dramatic actresses.

For Miss Davis has not been content just to have convictions about the American way of life. She has made up her mind to give real substance to those convictions by acting as well as thinking.

As proof she has just this year become a member of the board of the Los Angeles branch of the Urban League. She intends to take her responsibilities seriously, by attending board meetings and thus entering into the discussion and the work of the League.

This is the more remarkable, because she has not allowed her name to be identified with many groups.

When she was asked her reasons for joining the Urban League board, Miss Davis said frankly that she believes that everyone should be interested in the problems of the day, and that today, the difficulties confronting minorities form one of our major problems.

Everyone, she added, should have a right to a decent job and decent housing conditions regardless of race, creed or color and these considerations form a large part of the Urban League's work.

Perhaps because she has a more or less conventional background (she was born Ruth Elizabeth Davis in Boston on April 5, 1908, educated at Newton High School and Cushing Academy and later appeared in serious plays in the East) Miss Davis spent many years of her life thinking more or less what the average American thinks about minorities—of course, not thinking about them a great deal at all.

PHEN. TRUMAN ASKED TO END JIM CROW IN FEDERAL PRISONS

Washington, D.C.—President Harry S. Truman was urged this week by the NAACP to issue a directive "forthwith" to the Bureau of Prisons to be transmitted to the warden in all Federal prisons directing them to discontinue all rules, regulations and policies with respect to all prison activity and endeavor based upon race.

Describing conditions in Federal prisons as "shocking," Walter White of the NAACP requested immediate action by the President. His letter declared: "the policy of arbitrary segregation and discrimination in Ashland Federal Prison, Ashland, Kentucky, has led to disciplinary measures such as solitary confinement by the prison authorities against conscientious objectors, Jehovah's Witnesses and Negro inmates who have gone on food strikes rather than submit to these unconscionable policies."

Similar disciplinary measures were imposed on the inmates at Milan Federal Prison, Milan, Michigan, for the same reasons.

The letter asserted that for three years the NAACP has been active in investigating and protesting discrimination in Ashland Federal Prison, Federal prisons and that the matter has been brought repeatedly to the attention of James V. Bennett, Director of Prisons.

"All of our efforts to obtain a directive from the Bureau of Prisons to abolish segregation during these three years have been unsuccessful," the letter said.

Pinning the segregation policy on Director Bennett, the NAACP quoted from a letter he wrote August 22, 1942: "It is, however, a fact that for administrative reasons we usually house the Negroes separately."

NAACP action was taken following severe disciplinary measures used against persons in the Ashland Federal Prison, who protested against dining hall segregation of Negroes and whites.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE CHOOSES BROOKS HEAD
The Rev. J. B. Brooks was unanimously elected president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Omaha and Council Bluffs at a meeting at the Zion Baptist Church Friday. This is his second term.

VICTORY HOLDING CORP. HOLDS OFFICERS ELECTION

Members of the Victory Holding Company held their annual meeting and election of Officers November 8, 1945.

The following were unanimously voted in as Officers of the Victory Holding Company to serve beginning November 8, 1945 for the term of one year:

James Cole, President; Larry N. Peoples, 1st Vice Pres.; John A. Gardner, Secy.; Isom Jeffers, Treas.; Board members are James Cole, Larry N. Peoples, A. K. Hines, John A. Gardner, J. C. Carey and Isom Jeffers.

Mr. James Cole and Mr. J. C. Carey were voted a vote of thanks for the outstanding interest they have manifested during the year of 1945.

FEPC WILL CLOSE SEVEN FIELD OFFICES DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS
Washington—The Fair Employment Practice Committee announced Wednesday that shortage of funds will force closing of seven field offices on December 15.

Chairman Malcolm Ross said FEPC offices in New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Francisco, San Antonio, Los Angeles and Washington will close. Those in Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis will continue operating.

WHITE DOCTORS PROTEST BAN ON NEGRO COLLEAGUES
Cincinnati—Protests by three white Cincinnati doctors over the exclusion of Negro physicians from a meeting here of the Southern Medical Association were made public Tuesday night by an officer of the association.

"We would like to point out," the physicians said, "that in this community Negro physicians enjoy full parity with white physicians. To show racial discrimination is in our opinion contrary to the principles of democracy for which this war was fought and won."

Recognition Program at USO, Sunday

Sunday, November 18, 1945 the 24th Street USO Club will hold its final recognition program. At this program all hostesses and other persons who have contributed to the success of the club will be honored. Pins will be awarded to those who have earned them.

This program is a closing program for the club. Present will be officials from the Regional USO, office in Kansas City and Omaha, representatives of the armed forces and outstanding members of the community. All friends and well wishers of the club are urged to be present and take part in this program.

WORLD ORGANIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE GOAL OF PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS
MANCHESTER, England—A world organization of colored peoples with a central paid secretariat to "beat back the organization of lies which conditions the colored man wherever and whenever he attempts to better his condition" was defined as the principal aim of the fifth Pan-African Congress, at its closing meeting here by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of America, newly elected president and delegate from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The 500 delegates cheered the statement of policy by the American chairman who attacked the "crazy idea of the white people of Europe that they should run the world forever."

"There is not going to be any need for force," said Dr. DuBois, "for the impact of truth and the strength of ideas, when they get in to the heads of all human beings, will solve our problem."

NAACP HOLDS SESSION ON VETERANS' PROBLEMS
Washington, D.C.—A nationwide attack on the problems of Negro veterans was launched here November 9-10 at a conference called by the Veterans' Bureau of the NAACP, headed by Capt. Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr.

Delegates meeting in Carver Hall heard discussions of employment education, loans, health and legal aid and legislation. Discussion leaders included representatives of the United States Employment Service, Selective Service, War Department, Veterans Administration, Federal Public Housing Authority, Department of Agriculture, National Bar Association, National Medical Association, Howard University, American Council on Race Relations, and the NAACP.

Walter White, NAACP secretary welcomed the delegates and pledged that the Association would spare no pains to get that the special problems of Negro veterans received proper attention. Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the NAACP, stated that legal action would be instituted where discrimination could not be wiped out otherwise. The Veterans Bureau of the NAACP was set up last January 1 in the office of the Association's Washington Bureau here at 190 Massachusetts avenue, N. W., Capt. Dedmon, who served in World War II with the 366th Infantry at Fort DeWitt,

London—Delegates to the World Youth Conference see one fact outstanding above all others: how sincerely will America cooperate toward world unity and peace? This view of the youth gathering was voiced by G. L. Current, delegate of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the United States. Current, who lives in Detroit, Michigan said:

"This conference does not traffic with Fascism. The strained faces of the youths, many who thought still in their twenties have spent years in concentration camps, have fought in the underground, and who know Fascism, make one know that the future of the world depends on how sincere we in America are to cooperate with the rest of the world. Any guarantee that the United Nations Organization is so effective must be built upon the understanding we have with all these people."

American troops in the area have been interested in the proceedings and have been glad to meet the A.

Union Chiefs Meet at Labor Conference...



Washington, D.C. (Soundphoto)—Labor Department in Washington, DC. Lewis favors removal of collective bargaining between labor and management from government control.

Industrial Labor Relations...

(by George E. DeMar for CNS)
Non-white switchboard operators in the New York Telephone Company are no longer a novelty. More than 100 are now in the employ of the company and the company will hire more. The girls work together, walk together, talk together, and eat together without the slightest bit of friction.

The tenseness management had that Monday back in December 1944 has vanished. The fear expressed and admittedly the greatest hurdle has changed to confidence that everything will continue to go well. Management regards its forward step as in keeping with social progress. Surely though slowly the entire staff is recognizing that Negro women are American workers too. They see that Negroes are just as capable, just as clean, just as punctual, just as human and just as good workers and friend as any other kind of person with positive training and background.

You have to believe in the future of America after a talk with O. M. Taylor operating vice-president of this company, which is a billion dollar concern employing 43,000 workers. He is undoubtedly one of America's top flight progressive executives. He does not seek publicity for his company's having hired Negro operators. He says only that qualified people will continue to be hired in accordance with his company's policies. Looking to the future, he makes it clear that male workers will be hired where and when needed with young veterans preferred. He will upgrade based upon ability and the needs of the company. There is evidence that he means what he says.

When more of the vast public utilities of America have the vision of men and women, black and white working together at interchangeable occupations, then we can say in fact that we are on the march and a "New World is A-Coming."

Young people must keep in mind that high school graduates are desired by the utilities and that there are advantages in working for a stable organization. A bouquet to the Urban League and the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices for the real work they have done and will do for all Americans.

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Plain Talk...

BY DAN GARDNER

ON ETHIOPIA'S INVITATION TO HOMELESS WHITE EUROPEANS

Getaheun Tesemma, the first secretary to the Ethiopian Legation at Washington, came up with a corker the other night at the Herald Tribune Forum on current problems. He read a message from Emperor Haile Selassie in which the ancient African kingdom has gone on record as being willing to take a haven for the homeless and displaced families of white Europe.

"The problem of yesterday was the prosecution of the war," the Emperor's message read, "Ethiopia has contributed countless lives as well as territory and materials to that end. One of the most serious problems of today is that of the homeless and displaced families, Ethiopia afforded refuge to many homeless from southern Europe, particularly from Greece and is prepared to continue her contribution. She anxiously seeks within the measure of her capacities, to broaden the scope of her collaboration and assistance in the attainment of the objectives of collective security and a peace founded upon justice."

It is significant that the ruler of an African nation should offer his country to the alleviation of European suffering. It is significant that one of the first nations to be the victim of fascist terrorism and exploitation should now be turning the other cheek to prove by example that after all, there are some people in this crazy world of ours who believe in right and in justice. But somehow it doesn't quite jell in my column.

I remember vivid circumstances of 1935-37 in Ethiopia's resumption of the world spotlight in which American Negroes at long last believed in the "fatherland" of all Negro people. Then, if it will be recalled, Ras Tafari as Haile Selassie was known before he took over the throne of the Lion of Judah organizations, clubs, societies and movements were begun by enthusiastic American Negroes based on the assumption that the Ethiopians regarded themselves as Negroes and were finally, after all these centuries "stretching forth" their hands to their black brothers, wherever they were. They made Ras Tafari Emperor of the North African empire and then in rapid succession came the incidents involving Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland, Mussolini's mouthings and finally the vision of Ethiopia which opened the way for World War II.

Thousands of dollars were collected from American Negroes to aid the Ethiopian cause. Minor riots took place between Negroes and Italians here in the States over the issue. But despite that that was the conviction we all had that in Ethiopia, the American Negro had finally been given his own Zion, a black Zion in which, some day, we would all reunite to at last establish the kinship of black peoples in

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