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Paves Way for Political Action by Largest Minority Group in the World

CINCINNATI, July 3rd—In a precedent shattering move action was taken at the 37th Annual Conference of NAACP branches paving the way for political action by the largest minority group in the world. More than 700 delegates representing 1,001 branches with 50,000 members endorsed a plan which would provide for a rating of candidates for national, state and local office. The rating system is expected to serve as a guide for Negro voters, in their selection of candidates who are in sympathy with Negro and minority aspirations. This is especially significant in view of the fact that there are many thousands of Negroes throughout the South who may now vote as a result of the historic NAACP victory in the Texas Primary Case handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The resolution on Political Action was adopted after the Board of Directors suggested the need for such action. A committee was selected, three members by the Board and three from conference delegates, to study the feasibility of political action with particular emphasis on the system of rating both for local chapters and for the national office.

The Committee according to Walter White will be charged with studying dangers inherent in political action of such nature. In addition to the annual meeting awarding of the Springarn Medal to Thurgood Marshall for his distinguished accomplishments in the U. S. Supreme Court which was broadcast on a coast-to-coast network, the Cincinnati branch played host to a group of nationally famous speakers whose statements received national coverage.

and wheat are grown extensively and gold is mined both by natives and Europeans."

"Would you say there was much opportunity for other Negroes in Africa?"

"I would say there are unlimited opportunities for chemists, geologists, skilled in the modern ways of farming, and business. Professional men of all kinds would be more than welcome and they could find a place in Africa with unlimited opportunities. School teachers and engineers are also needed. I have been urged to contact those who might be interested in such endeavors."

"Did the war affect the part of Africa you were working in?"

"Not very much. We read about the happenings in the papers and periodicals and heard news reports over the radio. Commodities coming into Africa were quite high priced, but the prices of our own products stayed very reasonable."

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Willena V. Dr. McMillan's family includes two sons, Robert of Los Angeles; Aaron Jr. who resides in Omaha and a daughter, Helen Kasona who was born in Angola.

"Does the Doctor enjoy living in Africa and does he expect to continue in this type of work?"

"As for living, so far in my life I have found nothing like it. The climate is cool and comfortable; the cities are beautiful and are becoming more modern every day. I could choose no better place to live. As for the work, I have never done anything else which was more enjoyable. I expect to return sometime in 1947. It is my sincere hope that more skilled Negroes will come to Africa. It will not only be a help to mankind, but those seeking success in many types of work and business, can find it in Africa."

During his stay in America, Dr. McMillan will do medical research work and go on speaking tours, lecturing on Africa.

We strongly urge Congress to amend the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to empower the Veterans Administration to deny the admission of veterans into any educational institution which does not accept the enrollment of all veterans regardless of race, creed, color or national origin and to further empower the Veterans Administration to deny a contract to any business establishment, industry, or commercial enterprise which discriminates in its acceptance of veteran trainees upon the same basis. We strongly urge that the present system of allowing the Veterans Administration to sit as judge and jury on veterans claims be abolished, and the servicemen's readjustment act be amended to allow the veteran who was denied a claim by the Veterans Administration to present his appeal from their decision before an impartial and independent board of appeals.

HOUSING
The Wagner-Elender-Taft Bill presently before the House of Representatives Banking and Currency Committee provides a much needed long range housing program based upon sound principles of federal aid to local communities. Passage of the Wagner-Elender-Taft Bill (S 1592) is of vital importance to all Americans. Negro citizens of America are the worst housed of all Americans and therefore this body pledges itself to work to secure bipartisan support of this measure both nationally and locally.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Economic Security—We believe that the economic security of the American people must be founded upon full employment, and that appropriate and effective legislation must be enacted promptly on national and state levels to aid this goal. We condemn the program of the National Association of Manufacturers in trying to prevent the achievement of full employment legislation.

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DIRECT ACTION

By Layle Lane, former vice-president American Federation of Teachers, AFL

One is almost overwhelmed by the present number of committees, commissions and councils for better human relations. If words could solve our problems of man's inhumanity to man, the amount of literature put out by these groups would make a Utopia of the entire world, including Mississippi, USA.

But words unfortunately have no meaning or social force unless translated into action. A successful action, therefore, in improving human relations is worth far more than 10,000 words.

Local 762 of the American Federation of Teachers, Wilmington, Delaware, sponsored an interracial conference which will do far more to bring about equality of educational opportunity than all of the 'better segregated schools Mr. Du Pont erects.

For years the Delaware State Education Association has been organized for white teachers only. For years too the schools have been closed during the two days of the Association's annual meeting. The white teachers attend the convention; the colored teachers visit other schools. Several years ago Local 762 started a movement to eliminate from the constitution of the DSEA the word 'white', but the movement met with defeat at each annual meeting.

In 1945, however, Local 762 started a campaign of direct action which, for initiative, planning and results, has been tremendous. Miss Levy of the local writes of the activity as follows:

And now (just before the annual meeting of DSEA at the Wilmington Federation of Teachers, Local 762, decided to move more decisively. At a meeting of the executive board, a resolution was drawn up denouncing the discriminatory clause in the constitution of the DSEA. One copy was sent to the president of the Association; another to the superintendent of the Wilmington public schools to inform him of our stand a third went to the local press, which gave it wide publicity. But still we were fighting with mere words. Action was needed; but what kind of action?

The answer was offered by the president of the board at another meeting of the executive board. 'Why not run an educational conference of our own and invite ALL teachers and interested citizens to attend? We still have a week before schools are closed for the convention. Why not?' We agreed. Within a few days Local 762 secured a school building for use of its meeting, planned a program secured outstanding speakers, arranged for music, ordered a luncheon, sent out 1000 invitations to community organizations and individuals, and secured the cooperation of the Wilmington Joint Labor Committee on Education, of the printer's Union and of labor officials in Wilmington, Philadelphia, Washington, New York and Chicago.

The theme of the conference, to continue a part of Miss Levy's account, was Education for a Free Society. Dr. Ernest Melby of New York University spoke on A Free Society Through Education; Dr. Roma Gans of Columbia University discussed Curriculum Adjustments for a Free Society. Miss Charlotte Carr of the New York Citizens Committee on Children talked on Child Labor. The Role of the Government in Public Education was explained by Rep. Charles LaFollette of Indiana and Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC discussed The Teacher's Responsibility for Participation in Government.

Sessions were held for two days. For the first time in Delaware's history, white and Negro teachers supported by representatives from a number of organizations in the community sat side by side at an educational conference and later ate lunch together.

The FEPC.

Instead of participation in funeral services over the dead body of the wartime FEPC—which died last night after a lingering illness—the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, in anticipation of this event, has been steadily organizing and strengthening its forces for an intensive drive to push the Permanent FEPC Bill through Congress.

A. Philip Randolph, co-chairman of the National Council said today, 'We have just begun to fight. The wartime measure is no more, but the American people will demand a peacetime bill that will guarantee the right to work to every individual regardless of the color of his skin, his religion, or the birthplace of his parents.'

The STREET and thereabouts

—by LAWRENCE P. LEWIS

Here July 19th

The races are over, and again I can feel a little change jingling in my pocket. I believe as most all sport lovers believe; that I could pick the winners if the horses were running true to form. But I like a lot of others I could not tell how the horse felt that day he was running, and there was no way the horse could tell me. So, of course, I fed them a little oats, but the one good thing that happened, was my helping the relief in the foreign countries, because I did not eat as heartily as usual, my money was short and my mind was on the horses that didn't win.

It was very hot the last day that I attended the races, but the heat did not bother me as much as one would think. I expected to return home with money in my pocket, and no one could tell me different. As I wiped the sweat away from my brow, looking at the odds posted on the board for the first race a young lady walked excitedly up to me, smiling a friendly smile, she said, 'Lawrence, I've got the winner in my first race. See this book? It rates almost all of the horses, and the horse I bet on, has the best rating of them all.'

I looked the book over and noticed the horse that this young lady thought was going to win, and the lady hadn't been so pretty and so happy about everything I would have walked away in disgust, because the horse that she chose was not the one of my choice nor the World Herald's choice, nor the Blue Sheet's choice. According to the form the horse was out of his class.

I smiled pleasantly into dark shining eyes, and said, 'Could be, could be, and I am sure if the horse could see who was betting on her, I know the horse would do her best to win.'

She swiftly walked away, half shouting, 'Better bet on him, Lawrence.'

I didn't have a chance to say a word, because the announcer yelled, 'They're Off!'

I didn't care to see how they were running because my horse was in the lead, and what more can a man ask for his money. I just sat back and rubbed my hands.

They were in the stretch and my horse was still leading, when all of a sudden the announcer said, 'Here comes Pat-K closing fast on the outside.'

To Hold Elks' Grand Lodge Convention at Buffalo, N. Y.

The Grand Lodge Convention Committee has nearly completed formation for entertaining one of the world's largest fraternal organizations, IFFO of W.

The Buffalo Committee is under the dynamic chairmanship of Dr. Derrick M. Byrd who is the Grand Lodge Representative of Western New York. Dr. Byrd, who has superb contacts in New York state has worked out strategies and methodologies that will place Buffalo and Western New York Elks at the top of the list on Grand Lodge Conventions.

Chairman Byrd states that the Grand Lodge Convention Committee everything is before us. Dr. Byrd also, expresses his happiness for the cooperation coming from the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable J. Finley Wilson, and other Grand Lodge Officers, City officials and his local Convention Committee. He also, feels assured that Buffalo will set the pace for future conventions, and, too, that this convention will lend much toward a better understanding between peoples and institutions. Dr. Byrd wishes for the world to know that the attendance and activities on guests will be pertinent to the development of better inter-cultural relations that will have its spreading.

SAYS ATTY-GEN. CLARK FAILS TO PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Removal of Attorney General Tom Clark was asked of President Truman today by the Civil Rights Congress which charged that Clark has not only failed to protect the civil rights of Negroes and others but that he has become a new and powerful ally of the Wood-Rankin Un-American Activities Committee and that his use of red-baiting affords Rankin, Bilbo and the Klan a bridgehead in the Cabinet.

In a statement addressed to the President and sent also to members of the Cabinet, the Civil Rights Congress cited Clark's last speech before the Chicago Bar Association two weeks ago as confirmation by Clark himself that the Department of Justice under his direction has done little or nothing about 2699 protests of violations of civil liberties received during recent months.

Not denying the existence of these violations nor condemning those guilty CRC said, he assailed as outside ideologists those who protested.

The Attorney General's use of the red smear in an effort to discredit those who demand the enforcement of constitutional rights means simply that Rankin, Bilbo and the Klan have a bridgehead in the Cabinet, the statement adopted by the executive board of the CRC says. 'The Wood-Rankin Un-American Activities has won a new and powerful ally not only for its un-American aims but for its tactic of serving as prosecutor, judge and jury.'

Dr. Aaron McMillan Returns From Angola, West Africa



Dr. and Mrs. A. McMillan

By Lawrence P. Lewis
Dr. Aaron McMillan, physician and surgeon to the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital, Angola, West Africa, whose Omaha residence is at 2890 Miami St., returned to Omaha last week for his second visit in 17 years. His last trip to America was in 1936.

Before appointment to his present post in 1929 Dr. McMillan was a practicing physician and surgeon in Omaha and a member of the State Legislature from the 9th District.

Dr. McMillan describes the Willis F. Pierce hospital as being located deep in the interior of West Africa, in the highlands, between two great deserts, where the altitude is over 5680 feet above sea level. The hospital has one male ward of 15 beds and a female ward with the same number of beds. Six private rooms of two beds each and 30 other private rooms which in an emergency can accommodate three or four patients. Three homes for native nurses, an isolation cottage for T. B. patients and a sick camp of 16 houses of three rooms each. These houses are used for people who come great distances and who do not necessarily need to be confined to bed; also another sick camp of 14 houses of 2 rooms each for patients with tropical diseases. There is a chapel presided over by a native chaplain and also 65 additional native helpers. The hospital is a part of a mission which consists of a school, church and industrial buildings.

"What kind of occupations are the natives engaged in?," the reporter asked Dr. McMillan.

"Where I am stationed," the Doctor replied, "is mostly agricultural and mining country. Corn disturbs them there. The Grand Jury, refusing to issue indictments of police or of Columbia officials, branded as communist the federal action."

CRC also criticized Clark's excusing the Department's lack of action as based on false grounds to act. Terming Clark's address an incitement to violence against labor and progressive people of our country the Congress urged that President Truman remove Clark from the Attorney Generalship and appoint a man who will act zealously to defend the civil rights federal civil rights laws in recent

Hey Ba Ba Rebob Revue at Orpheum

Down Orpheum Theatre way, noticed will reign king when Lionel Hampton and his "Hey Ba Ba Rebob" revue hypnotizes and tantalizes his audiences with their inimitable, infectious tempos.

When they open at the Orpheum, Friday, July 19th, Hampton and his artists will fill the crowds with the same rocking rhythm that permeates his entire aggregation. This group of hilarious performers are geared to a perfection hard to duplicate.

Featured vocalists Madeline Green and Winnie Brown, a new find from Chicago, both easy on the eye, will give out with honeyed tones pleasing to the ear.

Red and Curley, drummers and fundersters deluxe, will provide an avalanche of entertainment with a fair for the original.

The whirlwind pace will be set by the whole band and taken up by Arnett Cobbs, tenor sax sensation and Johnny Griffin, school boy find, with a blowing frenzy that will set the crowd on edge.

If there is a lull, Milton Buckner will manipulate the tinkling ivory.

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The Elks Ensemble and Glee Club



Available For Engagements
(by Dr. Marianna McFadden)
Members of the Elks' Ensemble and Glee Club posing for their first group photo since it was organized two years ago by the club president, Bro. Emery Hickman. Personal appearance has been made by the group throughout the state under the directionship of Bro. H. L. Preston and its organist, Dr. Otis Jamison.

MEAT PRICES UP FIFTY PERCENT

LOS ANGELES, July 8—Meat prices yesterday (wholesale) soared to 50 percent over OPA ceilings.

At a meeting of packers, wholesalers and retailers it was agreed that the increase should be passed on to the consumer.