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DIRECT ACTION

By Layle Lane, former vicepresident 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 relatons is worth far more than 10,000 words.

Local 762 of the American Federation of Teachers, Wilmington, Delamare, sponsored an interracial conference which will do far more to bring about equality of educational opportunity than all

organized for white teachers only.

In 1945, however, Local 762 I attended the races, but the heat started a campaign of direct action which, for initiative, planning would think. I expected to return Miss Levy of the local writes of the activity as follows:

sent to the president of the Association; another to the superintandent of the William Superintandent of the Superintandent of

meeting of the executive board. teachers and interested citizens class. to attend? We still have a week

of its meeting, planned a program do her best to win." cheon, sent out 1000 invitations to Lawrence" community organizations and in- I didn't have a chance to say a flair for the original. dividuals, and secured the cooper- a word, because the announcer ation of the Wilmington Joint yelled, "They're Off!" Labor Committee on Education,

The theme of the conference, to hands. York Unversity spoke on A Free " Here comes Pat-K closing fast selves as he directs, sings, plays Socety Through Education; Dr. on the outside" cation was explained by Rep. way back to the stables. anent FEPC discussed The Teach- the forms eager to pick a winner Home", are rendered. er's Responsibility for Participa- in the next race.

For the first time in Delaware's ed like the best of the field of the you bet them on the nose. history, white and Negro teachers twelve. I was almost at the bet-

Local 762's action is not only an 3, bet her on the nose." of organized labor and of the dy- shall be and right on the nose. name force of positive direct act-

eral services over the dead body out. of the wartime FEPC_which died anent FEPC, in anticpation of this Not too much price on him, but a 7. The Blue Sheet said "Best Bet challenged. event, has been steadily organiz- sure thing is a sure thing".

today, 'We have just begun to you know Bailey." fight. The wartime measure is no more, but the American people away, with that confident strut of to give me a tip on the first race. the last four races. I guess the will demand a peacetime bill that a man winning money. will guarantee the right to work to every individual regardless of What was the use? I placed a bet the color of his skin, his religion, on Bailey and Number 1. or the birthplace of his parents."

More than 100 local councils in 34 states have adopted the slogan, extra money on that race. Some- all four races. Inviting the lady to ish myself. I slowly strolled along Political Action at Home' and are bombarding their congressmen with personal visits, corres pondence and other devices in orfore November.

N.A.A.C.P. Concludes Historic 37th Conference

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The STREET and thereabouts

The races are over, and again Io Education Association has been pick the winners if the horses For years too the schools have like a lot of others I could not tell were running true to form. But I been closed during the two days how the horse felt that day he of the Association's annual meet- was running, and there was no ing. The white teachers attend the convention; the colored teachers visit other schools. Several but the one good thing that hapyears ago Local 762 started a movement to eliminate from the in the foreign court in the fore constitution of the DSEA the word 'white', but the movement met with defeat at each annual meet- 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.

home with money in my pocket, and no one could tell me different. "And now (just before the an- As I wiped the sweat away from nual meeting of DSEA) the Wil-mington Federation of Teachers, Local 762, decided to move more race a young lady walked exciteddecisively. A t a meeting of the ly up to me, smiling a friendly executive board, a resolution was smile, she said, "Lawrence, I've drawn up denouncing the discriminatory clause in the constitution of the DSEA. One copy was of the horses, and the horse I bet

tendent of the Wlimington public I looked the book over and noticed the horse that this young which gave it wide publicity. But ty, and so happy about everything lizes his audiences with their initially was needed; but I would have walked away in dismitable, infectuous tempos. gust, because the horse that she When they open at the Orpheum ing

I smiled pleasantly into dark to duplicate. before schools are closed for the shining eyes, and said, "Could be, Featured vocalists Madeline convention.' Why not? we agreed'. could be, and I am sure if the Green and Winni Brown, a new Within a few days Local 762 horce could see who was betting find from Chicago, both easy on secured a school building for use on her, I know the horse would the eye, will give out with honey-

I didn't care to see how they by Arnett Cobbs, tenor sax sen-

of the printer's Union and of labor were running because my horse sation and Johnny Griffin, schoolofficials in Wilmington, Philadel- was in the lead, and what more boy find, with a blowing frenzy phia, Washington, New York and can a man ask for his money. I that will set the crowd on edge just sat back and rubbed my If there is a lull, Milton Buck-

contnue a part of Mss Levy's ac- They were in the stretch and my ivories. count, was Education for a Free horse was still leading, when all Socety. Dr. Ernest Melby of New of a sudden the announcer said, tics will be a show within them-

Roma Gans of Columbia Univer- All I could hear for the next feats on the vibraharp definitely sity discussed Curriculum Adjust- few seconds was Pat-K and what enter the realm of the great. ments for a Free Society. Miss made me so mad, it was the horse Charlotte Carr of the New York that the young lady asked me to of dynamo which injects his au-Citizens Committee on Children bet on. Pat-K of course won the diences with the same fervor that talked on Child Labor. The Role race, and I was still looking for characterizes his every motion. of the Government in Public Edu- my horse when Pat-K was on his

a champion, and I just sat there, ing coldly, "What's so funny, tor, judge and jury wanting to shout, but so let down, young man?" Chargng that the that it took the touch of a hand to bring me out of a trance.

And to make it worse, he said, him around the track. last night after a lingering illness, "I caught the first two already,

for an intensive drive to push the over to whisper, as if not wanting the betting stopped. No. 7 won and strikes over wages as a commun-Permanent FEPC Bill through to let everybody in on the secret, led all the way. Those few min- ist plot and part of a conspiracy although hundreds of others were utes of laughter cost me plenty, A. -Philip Randolph, co-chair betting on the same horse, "Num- and \$ didn't feel like laughing man of the National Council said ber 1, Bailey is riding him, and now.

I didn't even look at my form.

After the race I was sure of one

got lost in the shuffle. For the next race, I just closed luck.

of the 'better' segregated schools Mr. Du Pont erects. For years the Delaware State For years the Delaware State State For years the Delaware State State State State For years the Delaware State State State For years the Delaware State State State For years the Delaware State State State State For years the Delaware State State State State For years the Delaware State State State State State For years the Delaware State S



LIONEL HAMPTON

'Hey Ba Ba Rebop'

"The answer was offered by the chose was not the one of my choice Friday, July 19th, Hampton and president of the board at another nor the World Herald's choice, nor his artists will fill the crowds with Why not run an educational conference of our own and invite ALL the form the horse was out of his This group of hilarious performers are geared to a perfection hard

ed tones pleasing to the ear. She swiftly walked away, half Red and Curley, drumsters and secured outstanding speakers, ar-ranged for music, ordered a lun-shouting, "Better bet on him, funsters deluxe, will provide an avalanche of entertainment with

The whirlwind pace will be set ner will manipulate the tinkling

Through it all, Hampton's an-Virums, piano and clarinet. His

He performs with the velocity

Feet will pat and hands will clap instinctively especially when Hamp Charles LaFollette of Indiana and I am so used to losing that it ton's top recordings, 'Hey Ba Ba Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman of didn't faze me in the least, so I Rebop", "Hamp's Boogie Woogie" the National Council for a Perm- just buckled down, looking over "Air Mail Special", and "Flying

I studied and studied, and fin- on so far. He did come in second

The horses were parading be- protested. supported by representatives from ting window when one of my fore the stands, and when Jessop a number of organizations in the friends came up, grabbing me by rode by on a prancing steed, a big community sat side by side at an the arm, and said, "Lewis, I just fat lady behind me yelled, "Bring credit those who demand the eneducational conference and later got a tip from the paddock, and him in Jessop, if you don't believe forcement of constitutional rights it seems to be the real thing. No. you can, I'll come out there and means simply that Rankin, Bilbo ride him myself."

will win this race from wire to In addressing the Chicago Bar ing and strengthening its forces I didn't say a word as he leaned wire". I was seventh in line, when Association, Clark characterized

> "Thanks" I said as he walked into the young lady who wanted tell you truthfully, that she lost in the best of spirits.

"Lawrence, look!" she began to thing; Bailey didn't make any show me fives and tens. "I won on have walked home, just to pun- (by Dt. Marianna McFadden) where on that track the horses a beer, we stood for a few mom- the sidewalk, and the last thing I and Glee Club posing for their got a little mixed up, and Bailey ents talking about our luck in remember before I walked out the first group photo since it was or- of the city. general. My bad luck and her good gate was some man yelling, "Buy ganized two years ago by the club

I bet on the horses that the lit- coming.

To Hold Elks' **Grand Lodge Convention** at

The Grand Lodge Convention Committee has nearly completed formation for entertaining one of the world's largest fraternal organizations, IBPOE 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 Commiteverything 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 Com mittee. He also, feels assured that Revue at Orpheum Buffalo will see the pace for this ure conventions, and, too, that this convention will lend much toward Down Orpheum Theatre way, a better understanding between swing will reign king when Lionel peoples and institutions. Dr. Bryd a third went to the local press, which gave it wide publicity. But a third was going to win, and if the lady hadn't been so pret-

the score card's choice, nor the the same rocking rhythm that mise, the beaches, parks, golf excellent weather. With this pro- America was in 1936. courses, and other amusement sent post in 1929 Dr. McMillian bed; also another sick camp of places and sights like Niagara was a practising physician and 14 houses of 2 rooms each for pa-

SAYS ATTY.-GEN. CLARK

of Attorney General Tom Clark ward of 15 beds and a female ward was asked of President Truman with the same number of beds. Doctor replied, "is mostly agriby the whole band and taken up today by the Civil Rights Congr- Six private rooms of two beds cultural and mining country. Corn ess which charged that Clark has not only failed to protect the ci- through which Communists seek disturbances there. The Grand vil rights of Negroes and others to achieve final power. but that he has become a new and He issued a warning to attorn- of police or of Columbia officials, powerful ally of the Wood-Rankbaiting affords Rankin, Bilbo and the other side and urged the Bar action

In a statement addressed to the Rights Congress cited Clark's last monition. speech before the Chicago Bar Association two weeks ago as that the Department of Justice under his direction has done little violations of civil liberties receiv- federal civil rights laws in recent of the American people.

ed during recent months. Not denying the existence of these violations nor condemning Sessions were held for two days. ally decided on the one that look- but second doesn't pay off, when those guilty CRC said, he assailed as outside ideologists those who

The Attorney General's use of the red smear in an effort to disand the Klan have a bridgehead inspiring example to all other com, I had wanted to bet on No. 6 I couldn't help but laugh, and it in the Cabinet, the statement admissions on unity, interracial har- and according to the form sheets, was the first time that I had felt opted by the executive board of missions on unity, including the looked like the winner. I was like laughing. For a few minutes, the CRC says. The Wood-Rankin what is more important, its ach- undecided now, but I just let a I forgot about my misfortune, and Un-American Activities has won ievement is evidence of the power good one slip by, so number 3 it the world seemed happy again. a new and powerful ally not only The lady finally eyed me, touch- for its un-American aims but for Don't say it. Number 6 won like ing me on the shoulder, and say- its tactic of serving as prosecu-

Chargng that the Department of I glanced around and this lady Justice has consistently refused to wasn't laughing at all, so I tried act against the Ku Klux Klan, has "How are you doing. Lewis?", to wipe the broad smile off my apparently dropped its action asked another one of my racing face. "I'm sorry mam," was all I against pro-Nazi seditionists and could say, but I kept wondering has done nothing to bring to ju-"Not so good," I finally got it about how the horse would feel stice those responsible for lynch if this very plump lady was riding murder, CRC assails Clark's last speech as a call to witch hunting I ran quickly down the steps, and lynch rule and a step toward the National Council for a Perm- and this one looks like a cinch. wanting to place my bet on No. fascism in America that must be

tle book picked to win, and if the Out of the clear blue sky I ran young lady did the same. I can Any other time just her presence sun must have been too hot for would have brought joy to the sur- them, because something was getroundings, but I was not feeling ting too hot for me. I couldn't tell if it was the sun or not.

If it hadn't been so late I would der to obtain their public commitments in favor of FEPC bestore November.

For the next race, I just closed luck.

"See you later", I said as I hurried off to the betting windows.

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Dr. Aaron McMillan Returns From Angola, West Africa



Dr. and Mrs. A. McMillan

By Lawrence P. Lewis re and activities on and surgeon to the Willis F. Pierce comodate three or four patients. teachers and engineers are also cans in the prevention of inflation guests will be pertinent to the de- Memorial Hospital, Angola, West Three homes for native nurses, an velopment of better inter-cultural Africa, whose Omaha residence is isolation cottage for T. B. patients relations that will have its spread at 2890 Miami St. returned to and a sick camp of 16 houses of Buffalo's weatherman promises visit in 17 years. His last trip to are used for people who come

Falls are and will be in their splen surgeon in Omaha and a member tients with tropical diseases. There of the State Legislature from the is a chapel presided over by a na-

lis F. Pierce hospital as being lo- part of a mission which consists FAILS TO PROTECT CIVIL cated deep in the interior of West of a school, church and industrial RIGHTS OF CITIZENS Africa, in the highlands, between buildings. two great deserts, where the altitude is over 5680 feet above sea the natives engaged in?", the re-NEW YORK, N. Y.-Removal level. The hospital has one male porter asked Dr. McMillian.

each and 30 other private rooms Omaha last week for his second three rooms each. These houses great distances and who do not Before appointment to his pre- necessarily need to be confined to tive chaplan and also 65 additional Dr. McMillian describes the Wil- native helpers. The hospital is a

"What kind of occupations are "Where I am stationed", the

Jury, refusing to issue indictments

ant brothers of ours should be action as based on false grounds sometime in 1947. It is my sincere tion as established during the war President and sent also to mem- taken to the legal woodshed for that the Department is powerless hope that more skilled Negroes by service hospitals and the Vetbers of the Cabinet, the Civil a definite and well deserved ad- to act. Terming Clark's address an will come to Africa. It will not erans Administration should fol-Clark's attack on persons pro- bor and progressive people of our those seeking success in many strongly urge that President Trutesting violations of civil rights, country the Congress urged that types of work and business, can man and General Bradley inteconfirmation by Clark himself CRC says, is paralleled by the re- President Truman remove Clark find it in Africa". cent verdict of a Federal Grand fro mthe Attorney Generalship During his stay in America, Dr. in every phase on nevery level and Jury investigating charges that and appoint a man who will act McMillian will do medical research in every geographical region of or nothing about 2699 protests of police in Columbia, Tenn., violated zealously to defend the civil rights work and go on speaking tours, the Veterans Administration.

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

precedent shattering move action Bowles, recently resigned Stabi-was taken at the 37th Annual lization Director, who was sche-conference of NAACP branches duled to speak at the closing sespaving the way for political act- sion at Nippert Stadium on Sunion by the largest minority group day June 30, could not leave in the world. More than 700 dele- Washington. Mr. Bowles sent a gates representing 1,001 branches lengthy message which was read with 50,000 members indorsed a to the 6000 seated in the stands plan which would provide for a by Theodore Berry, President of rating of candidates for national, the Cincinnati branch. Max Lerstate and local office. The rating ner distingushed political ccolumsystem is expected to serve as a nist and radio commentator spoke guide for Negro voters, in their in Bowles' place. selection of candidates who are in sympathy with Negro and minor- sessions included Robert W. ity aspirations. This is especially Kenny, Attorney General of Calisignificant inn view of the fact tornia, who presented the Spinthat there are many thousands of garn Medal to Mr. Marsha. Negroes throughout the South who Frank Horne housing expert: may now vote as a result of the Horace Cayton; Joseph Kluches ... J. historic NAACP victory in the American Council on Race Rela-Texas Primary Case handed down tions; Archibald Carey Jr., Chicaby the US Supreme Court.

ion was adopted after the Board ans Affairs, NAACP; Captain E. of Directors suggested the need Frederic Morrow; Earl Dickerson; for such action. A committee was Charles Houston; Walter Reuther; selected, three members by the Daisy Lampkin and Walter White Board and three from conference delegates, to study the feasibility delegates were Segregation; OPA of political action with particular Colonial Peoples; Veterans; Houemphasis on the system of rating sing; Labor and Employment; Raboth for local chapters and for cial and Religious Tensions; Pothe national office.

The Committee according to Walter White will be charged with studying dangers inherant in political action of such nature.

In addition to the annual meeting awarding of the Springarn bill and called on the entire mem-Medal to Thurgood Marshall for bership of the NAACP to refrain 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 recieved national coverage

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

Professiol men of all kinds would ica. Because of their slim margin be more than welcome and they of economic security, the Negro could find a place in Africa with people have perhaps a larger stake Dr. Aaron McMillian, physician which in an emergency can accould find a place in Africa than any other group of American which in an emergency can account in the presenting of inflation.

in such endeavors".

Africa you were working in?" ing into Africa were quite high- 1942 in its present form until June priced, but the prices of our own 30 1947. products stayed very reasonable". COLONIAL PEOPLES
In addition to his wife, Mrs. Colonialism has been

Willena V., Dr. McMillian's fam-ily includes two sons, Robert of The ownership of colonies, the mo-Los Angeles: Aaron Jr. who resides in Omaha and a daughter, enslavement of their labor are con Helen Kasona who was born in stant obstacles to a free and peace Angola.

in Africa and does he expect to the colonial peoples are inescapacontinue in this type of work?" "As for living, so far in my life and well being of the international I have found nothing like it. The community. climate is cool and comfortable; the cities are beautiful and are be- VETERANS in Un-American Activities Com- eys serving labor, progressive and branded as communist the organi- coming more modern every day. I mittee and that his use of red- minority groups that they are on zations which demanded federal could choose no better place to tised by the Veterans Administra-CRC also criticized Clarks ex- done anything else which was ing developments in the post-war the Klan a bridgehead in the Ca- Association that those too brillicusing the Department's lack of more enjoyable. I expect to return era. The precedent of non-segregation that those too brillicusing the war.

CINCINNATI, July 3rd-In a in press and radio. Chester

Others speakers during the five go; UNRRA Chief, Fiorello H. La-The resolution on Political Act- Guardia; Earl O. Dedmon, Veter-Among resolutions passed by the

> litical Action; Branch and National Procedure. Walter White, in the closing

speech of the Conference, congratulated President Truman for his veto of the emasculated OPA. from purchasing all but the utmost necessities in consumer goods now skyrocketing alarmingry. He called upon the delegates to return to organize their branches inn what would amount to a purchasers boycott.

Excerpt from some of the resoutions follow:

O. P. A. "Would you say there was much. The membership of the NAACP opportunity for other Negroes in is fully cognizant of the fact that if the Congress does not extend "I would say there are unlimit- the OPA, they will be plunged into ed opportunities for chemists, ge- a period of unemployment, hunologists, men skilled in the mod- ger and misery such as they have ern ways of farming, and business. not faced in the history of Amerneeded. I have been urged to con- We will be the first to be wiped tact those who might be interested, out in an inflation. and we therefore call upon the Congress of the "Did the war affect the part of United States, the responsible leaders of all political parties, and "Not very much. We read about the President of the United States the happenings in the papers and to act immediately to secure the periodicals and heard news reports passage of an act extending the over the radio. Commodities com- Emergency Price Control Act of

Colonialism has been a persistful world. The political and econo-"Does the Doctor enjoy living mic freedom and advancement of bly of vital concern to the peace

live. As for the work; I have never tion s one of the most disappointincitement to violence against la- only be a help to mankind, but low this policy. We request and grate qualified Negro personnel

> We strongly urge Congress to amend the Servicemens Readjustment Act to empower the Veterans Administration to deny the admission of veterans into any edutational 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 estabishment, 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 servicemens readjustment act be amended to allo wthe 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.

The Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill presently before the House of Representatives Banking and Currency Committee provides a much needed long range housing program based upon sound principes of federal aid to local communities. Passage of the Wagner-Ellender-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 bi-partisan support of this measure both

nationally and locally. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Economic Security ... We believe FIFTY PERCENT | that the economic security of the American people must be founded upon full employment, and that LOS ANGELES, July 8-Meat appropriate and effective legislaprices yesterday (wholesale) soar- tion must be enacted propmtly on ed to 50 percent over OPA ceil- national and state levels to aid this goal. We condemn the pro-At a meeting of packers, whole-salers and retailers it was agreed of Manufacturers in trying to premade by the group throughout the state under the directionship of (More Elk News on pages 4,8 on to the consumer.

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