

National Organizations Meet

TO PLAN ACTION AGAINST SO. TERROR-WAVE

NEW YORK, August 8th.—At joint meeting called by the NAACP on August 6th at the Wendell Willkie Memorial Building, 40 national organizations took steps for unified action against the rising tide of mob violence as evidenced in South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and other states.

Arthur B. Springarn, chairman of the NAACP board presided over the meeting. Speakers were Walter White, Oliver Harrington, Public Relations Counsel and Isaac Woodard, blinded Negro veteran. Woodard described his horrible experiences in a South Carolina town a few hours after his discharge from the service.

The group drew up a tentative program of procedure to stem recurrence of mob violence and voted to send telegrams to the President of the United States and to Attorney General Tom Clark requesting them to throw the full force of the Federal Government to bring the lynchers before the bar of justice.

The organization representatives all pledged the unqualified support of their organizations and voted to form an executive committee to plan direct action in a campaign to publicize the dangers of race friction cropping up everywhere in the country and to take steps in the various states to confer with governors and attorney general to insure the cooperation of the law in handling incidents if they occur, with intelligence. A resolution requesting Congress to re-consider and to enact Federal anti mob violence legislation was considered and joint labor management committees in each industrial area were proposed to work actively to remove tension by publicity, abolition of segregation and discrimination in employment and enactment of such municipal, state or federal legislation as is necessary.

Organizations participating in the meeting were the NAACP, the Southern Regional Council, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the YWCA (National Board), the YMCA (National Council), the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Council Against Intolerance in America, the Council for Democracy, CIO-PAC, AFL, National Negro Congress, National Citizens Political Action Committee, Civil Rights Congress, the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Independent Citizens Committee, the National Council of Negro Women, National Urban League, the American Veterans Committee, the IBPOE of W, National Education Assn., and many, many others of distinction.

WDL Gives Suggestions

On Apprehending Lynchers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(WDL)—Methods for apprehending those guilty of the brutal Monroe, Ga., lynchings were suggested on Aug. 6 by Turner Smith, head of the civil rights section of the US Department of Justice by Morris Milgram, national secretary of the Workers Defense League. Details of these suggestions can, obviously, not be revealed at this time. The conference between Smith and Milgram lasted almost two hours.

On the same day in New York City, Rowland Watts, associate WDL secretary, represented the League in a national conference of labor and civic organizations called by the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People to stop the rising tide of mob violence and racial friction.

The conference made plans for a broad educational program aimed at mobilizing churches, business organizations, congressmen, unions and the press against outrages such as the Monroe lynchings. A drive will also be made for enactment of Federal anti-lynching legislation.

Many Notables Attend DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT CLAIR CHAPEL M. E.

OMAHA, Aug. 14.—The Topeka District Conference of the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Youth Fellowship and the Ministers' Wives Council of the Methodist Church is being held this week—August 13th to 15th at the Clair Methodist church 22nd and Miami Streets.

The district officers of the Conference are Bishop Edward W. Kelly, resident Bishop; Dr. G. D. Hancock, district superintendent; Dr. C. C. Reynolds, host minister; Miss Freda Woods, president of Youth Fellowship; Mrs. Inez Ballard, Dean of Worker's School; Mrs. C. C. Reynolds, president of Ministers' Wives; Mrs. Eudora Winters, District Lay-Leaders, and Rev. Samuel Meadows, Conference Song Leader.

Courses and faculty of Christian Workers' School is headed by Mrs. Inez Williams Ballard of Wichita, Kansas. Instructors and courses of study are Dr. H. L. Overton who teaches "The Stewardship of Life," the class dealing with the Church and Problem of Alcohol is taught by Mrs. O. N. Morris; the last class is taught by Dr. W. D. Lester whose subject is "District and Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship."

This year's Conference marks the end of Dr. Hancock's term of office as District Superintendent of the Topeka District.

Delegates are in attendance from Denver, Scott Methodist church,

JOE LOUIS DROPS 'EBONY' SUIT

Republicans Name County Officers

The Committee of Sixteen named by the Republican County chairman to elect the officers of the County Organization, met Aug. 14 and re-elected Mr. Clyde Tra-

vis, County Chairman; Mrs. N. Kibbee, Chairwoman and head of the Women's Division; Mr. Robert G. Frazier and Mr. Henry Meisner and Mr. W. E. Moore, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Gail Burbridge

Secretary. The Committee will meet August 20th to name the Executive Committees of the County Central Committee, Mrs. Cloma Scott is a member of the Committee of Sixteen.

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Isaac Woodard Inducted Into Blinded Vets Association

New York, August 8.—Isaac Woodard, army veteran whose eyes were brutally gouged out by Aiken, South Carolina troopers 3 hours after his discharge from the service, was inducted into the blinded veterans association on Thursday August 8th. This organization is open only to those vets who lost their sight in the service of their country. Lloyd H. Greenwood, executive director of the association, feeling Woodard had earned his right to belong, made him a member.

Meanwhile, from all over the United States contributions for the Isaac Woodard Trust Fund have been sent in by citizens who are shocked and enraged to discover in America the kind of vicious cruelty usually associated with only Nazis.

Contributions to date total \$1,386.89. Of this sum, the newspaper PM has received \$698.75 from its readers. Other individuals and organizations sent contributions direct to the NAACP national office. As evidence of the interest aroused by the case, this is an encouraging sum. It is, however, hardly enough to compensate him for the needless torture inflicted on him by lawless Southern terrorists. It is hoped that in time, the Fund will be sufficient to bring to this blind victim of mob violence some peace and security in the future.

Word has been received that the Texas Farmers Union protested Woodard's beating before he was brought to trial to both the governor of South Carolina and to Attorney-General Tom Clark.

SACHEL PAIGE DRAWS BIGGEST CROWD

NEW YORK.—(Calvin's News Service)—Hurler Sachel Paige, on the mound for the Kansas City Monarchs against the Bushweds, drew the largest crowd of the season at Dexter Park.

Master Elk



ROBERT H. JOHNSON, Grand Commissioner of Transportation for the Grand Lodge of Elks has arranged unusual travel facilities to the grand lodge at Buffalo August 27 for the Antlered her, Bob Johnson, pride of Philadelphia and leader of O. V. Catto lodge No. 20 there is expected to be the new Grand treasurer. (ANP)

Lawrenceburg Trial Set for August 13th

NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 8.—In spite of the public outcry against proceeding with the trial of 25 Tennessee Negroes in Lawrenceburg county where tension and anti-Negro feeling is high, Z. Alexander Looby, NAACP defense counsel reports that motion for change of venue has been denied. Indicted last February in connection with the famous disturbances in Columbia the men will stand trial on August 13th.

A motion for postponement of the trials which was requested in view of chief defense counsel Thurgood Marshall's illness, also was denied. Mr. Marshall became ill during the trials in Columbia and although running a dangerous temperature continued cross-examining witnesses up to the last day. He was rushed to the hospital in New York soon after and it was hoped that the trial could be postponed until his recovery.

On Tuesday, August 13th, a motion will be filed to quash the jury panel, on the ground that Negroes are excluded. It is expected that this motion will be argued the following day.

SLEEPING CAR PORTERS Battle Discrimination By R.R. Brotherhoods

NEW YORK, N. Y., August 9.—In an action against the Railway Carmen and allied organizations of the Railway Department AFL, before the National Mediation Board because of efforts on the part of the aforementioned organizations to change the scope of the bargaining unit of the Pullman Company's car cleaners and yard forces and the expressed policy of the National Mediation Board favoring the position of these unions, the Brotherhood, in a brief to the Board at a hearing held in Washington, D. C. of recent date, contended that "Equal protection is a guarantee of both federal and state scope by virtue of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The courts have increasingly indicated a purpose to strike down discriminatory practices especially when related to government action or involving the application of federal statutes. The Railway Labor Act sets up the National Mediation

Board as the agency of the United States to act in determining the appropriate units as well as the proper representative organizations. For the National Mediation Board to recognize and admit to collective bargaining rights, an organization, whose constituent member unions discriminate against colored workers, would in effect constitute a flaunting of the constitutional guarantee of equal protection of the laws by the government itself. The Board, as an agency of government, is bound to administer the law equally and is also under an implicit duty to refuse recognition to a labor organization in representation proceedings, when such organization or those whom it represents, practice such discrimination."

A. Philip Randolph, says that his organization is spending thousands of dollars developing injunctions to prevent the displacement of Negro rail employees by the railroad Brotherhood unions.

Alerted for Overseas Service



Alerted for overseas post war service, Major John A. Welch, right, commandant and professor of military science and tactics at Tuskegee institute, takes advantage of Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis

recent visit to the institute to get a preview of European conditions. Gen. Davis was Tuskegee's commandant during the administration of the late Dr. R. R. Moton, second president of the institute. (ANP)

SLAUGHTER, FOE OF FEPC. DEFEATED IN MO. ELECTION

NEW YORK.—The defeat of Rep. Roger C. Slaughter by Enos A. Axtell, CIO-PAC-endorsed candidate in Missouri's fifth district congressional primary race, was announced recently.

Jack Dempsey, chairman of the Adam Hat Welfare Committee, announced this week that the Committee has increased to \$1500 its contribution to the 1946 appeal of the National Urban League. In transmitting the gift to Elmo Roper, chairman of the League's fund raising campaign, Mr. Dempsey said "in making this gift, let me take this opportunity to say we thoroughly appreciate the constructive work in which your splendid organization is engaged. In these troubled times, it seems extremely important that men of good will of all races and creeds work harmoniously to build a better society. We heartily endorse your contribution to this effort."

The goal of the Urban League is \$231,000. The Adam Hat Welfare Com-

mitted also recently established a two-year fellowship to be administered by the National Urban League. The fellowship provides \$2400 for two years graduate study for an accredited school of social work. Competitive examinations for the first award have been held and the successful candidates will be announced shortly.

Capt. John Adams Jr. Recalled To Service

Word was received in Omaha that Capt. John Adams, Jr. has been recalled to service, with two days of terminal leave to go. Capt. Adams was ordered back to his post at Oakland, Calif.

Attorney Adams was a member of the State Legislature at the time he joined the army.

NEW YORK, August 8th.—The savage murder of two Negro farmers and their wives in Georgia has aroused the wrath of thinking people everywhere. Local branches of the NAACP have daily sent assurances to the national office that they are carrying forward the fight to end such criminal violations of the Constitution. Several branches have sent in more than the \$10 each asked for as its share of the \$10,000 reward offered by the NAACP for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arrogant Georgia lynchers.

From the Louisville, Ky., branch of the NAACP a check for \$500 was contributed toward the reward offered for the lynchers' capture. The Los Angeles branch has pledged from \$25 though he could not forward the money because of a shortage of funds.

In Houston, Texas, on the night of August 5th, all Negro residences and places of business were closed and the doors draped with black crepe so that everyone could attend a memorial service for the mob victims at the Baptist Church. At the NAACP demonstration, the first protest meeting in Texas since the lynchings, a resolution was passed asking for immediate anti-lynching legislation. Texas Negroes are well aware that the Klan can operate against them as in Georgia.

In Philadelphia, the local branch of the NAACP declared August 2 a day of mourning in connection with the lynchings. Many organizations in the city cooperated. Their actions were publicized by closing all stores for an hour at noon, wearing black arm bands, silencing all radios for thirty seconds and by requests that all individuals in the city close their homes for the two slain couples. Telegrams and letters were sent to President Truman and to Attorney General Tom Clark asking the Federal Government to bring the culprits to justice.

A man in California mailed in his check for \$25 though he could not afford it to apprehend the four murderers.

The NAACP has received many similar letters and telegrams expressing sympathy and indignation over the recent wave of lynch terror sweeping the south. Typical of the feelings expressed in many of them is the one reproduced below from a white woman in Oregon. "Enveloped you will find my check for five dollars to aid in the work of hunting down and punishing the lazy white savages that rule our southern states."

"Either the United States should declare martial law in those out law states where no Negro is safe from attacks by these white beasts or else every Negro should be armed by the government so that he can defend himself and his home."

"I lived in the south once and listening to white loafers talk of 'lazy n...gs' used to nauseate me. Never, all the time I was in the south, did I see a white man work. He seemed to think his job was to stand around and watch the Negroes work, or else look around for Negro women to attack. The Negro men are powerless to protect their women."

"And never did I ever hear of a white woman attacked by a Negro. It was always the other way around—white men raping Negro women."

"And, in using the word 'loafer' in connection with white southern men I do not mean the underprivileged who mtho so-called southern gentlemen scornfully call poor white trash but the soft spoken brute himself, who lives on the labor of the Negro."

"I am using the word 'loafer' and I have always been ashamed of the south, whose savagery I couldn't defend. If I were a southerner I'd get rid of my accent so that no one would know I was a native of such a disgraceful part of the United States."

"I am using a copy of this letter to the Governor of Georgia so that the white governor can know what an Oregonian thinks of a Georgian. The white kind whose hands are never soiled with honest work."

THE Street... and thereabouts

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Lawrence P. Lewis SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AT ELMWOOD

The last time I attended a Sunday School picnic at Elmwood Park, I found myself more interested in taking a walk through lovers' lane, down by the small stream, where the trees will not only shelter you from the night, but from the day. But that was many years ago, and when I found myself again at the Sunday School picnic, I was more interested in the smiling faces of the little children as they devoured ice cream and lemonade, after already eating the picnic lunch most of their families had prepared for them.

I watched the youngsters as they played, and although a few of them have skinned knees and some nursing a sore nose, the greater part of them had no ill effects, and are waiting for the next picnic, next year.

Rev. Childress, minister of St. John's, was a very busy man, judging the winners of the many contests that the younger set entered. After every contest clusters of children would gather around the minister, ready for the next contest and asking the Reverend all about it.

I talked with Mrs. Rosabelle Bolden, 2802 E. Street as we watched her youngsters play. Mrs. Bolden seemed to be having almost as much fun as her children, but every once in awhile Lawrence, Yvette, Lorena, or Marshall, would come up to her, panting and running, telling their mother of something that happened.

I was surprised to see Mrs. Bolden looking as young and as attractive as ever. Five children prove to be no problem to her. Besides mothering her five children, Mrs. Bolden is very active in the social activities in South Omaha.

I know that patrolmen Jones and Foxall were glad when the picnic was over. Keeping those hungry youngsters in line while they were getting their ice cream was more than a job. But I noticed them laughing every once in awhile so I assumed they were enjoying the work, even though their shirts were soaked with perspiration.

There was not a happier group of children than those that surrounded the table set by Mrs. Ella Mae Haynes and Mrs. Vernetta Mills. Geraldine Harvey, Emma Lee Dolison, Willa Mills, Louise Cameron, and Dorcas Mills were having the time of their lives. Jo Ella Haynes, the energetic daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes dodged here and there so often, that her mother had to use the best of her detecting knowledge to keep up with her.

Mrs. Roland Green, 2122 Franklin, was there handing tickets to the children of her Sunday School class. I mistook Mrs. Green for her sister Gertrude, and if they were standing side by side, I don't believe I could tell them apart.

Mrs. Green was keeping an eye out for her father, Rev. Rucker,

Atty. Williams Grets Visiting AKA Sorors

LOS ANGELES—Attorney Martha Malone Williams, Boule general chairman and Basileus of Alpha Gamma Omega, graduate chapter of this city extends a warm welcome to Southern California.

Atty. Williams stated that in this momentous time of history it is indeed fitting that the Alpha Kappa body should meet here. For the very spirit of the West, seems an advocate of the progressive ideas and endeavors to which the sorority stands dedicated and on which many of the people are convinced, a just and peaceful society can only be built.

Here in this comparatively new country, old traditions are altering, she stated, and while sociologists and historians see a new cultural pattern emerging here, we find in the Southland the harbinger and promise of new freedom, a new tolerance, a new capacity of peoples to live together amicably.

This beginning toward unity is as yet a modest seed; but it is well planted here. In the crisis of man's urgent need today, it would not perhaps be bold to hope that from this seed which can be created one world and one mankind under God.

This one world—challenges Alpha Kappa Alpha. As sorors, we accept the challenge.

Among Omahans attending the AKA Boule are: Mrs. Robbie Turner Davis and Miss Florentine Goodlett.

First Negro Named To Such A Position

Charles Quick Named Asst General Counsel of The Agency OPA

Charles Quick, Division counsel of the Sugar Rationing Division of the Office of Price Administration, has been named an assistant general counsel of the agency, OPA announced this week.

This is the first time a Negro has been named to such a position by any government agency. The general counsel is the top legal officer of the agency.

Mr. Quick came to OPA in December 1942, from the law school faculty of North Carolina State Teachers College for Negroes in Durham, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Talladega College and Harvard Law School.

While assistant general counsel of OPA, he will continue his duties as division chief of the Sugar Rationing Division of the agency, OPA said.

Mr. Quick is married and has two children.

Other Negro attorneys holding responsible positions in OPA include former Howard Law School professors Bernard Jefferson and Associate Div. Counsel of the Price Branch of the Price Leg. Division and chief counsel of the Meat Section.

CARVEYTES MEET IN 30 DAY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK.—The Peoples of African Blood and Decent opened their 8th International Convention this week at the Golden Gate Ball room.

Sponsored by the Garvey Club Inc., the Convention opened with much of the splendor and pomp reminiscent of the olden days. A parade was conducted on white horses. There was a band and paraders were kowled in colorful costumes. 3,000 persons were supposedly crowded in the Golden Gate as a resolution was adopted calling upon President Truman to establish a special Federal Committee to investigate the recent lynchings in Monroe, Ga.

ROBERT SPELLMAN, JR. Seeks Mother Here

Robert Spellman, Jr., of Brooklyn, New York, arrived in Omaha early Wednesday morning expecting to meet his mother here. Spellman did not know his mother's address or exact name. Any one knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. Glen Spence or Willa Mae Spence, kindly inform the Omaha Urban League, Webster 5020, the Omaha Police Dept, Jackson 23, or the Omaha Guide Harney 0500.

RONALD L. HOLMES—EXPERT WORKMAN AT LIED MOTORS

Ronald L. Holmes 32, 1906 No. 28th St., is one of the crack mechanics at the Lied Motor Co., 2507 Farnam Street.

Holmes learned his trade in his father's garage in Minneapolis, Minn. He also took training in the Buick factory. Mr. Holmes and his wife, Helen, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, are very pleased with Omaha and enjoy living here.

and her brother and sisters, but up until the time that I left the picnic, I did not have the opportunity to say hello to my old friends.

There were so many ministers there that I did not have the opportunity to meet them and say hello. Almost every church in our vicinity was represented by their minister. If the old saying about a fill of chickens and everything that goes with it. All of the tables were covered with inviting food, and the people were more than generous with it, because many offered Yours Truly some.

The ladies of the churches that served the youngsters should be congratulated. Especially those that offered me ice cream, knowing by looking that I am already overweight. They had to work hard and steady, and believe me, it was a trying task, giving all the children ice cream and lemonade.

Miss Mary Harris, office secretary of the Northside YWCA was a late arriver. She seemed to be in a great hurry, and by the look on her face, she seemed to be searching for her party where the food was sure to be. Mary was quite a picture, walking hurriedly a-

cross the wooded landscape, dressed in black slacks and white blouse, nodding, but never stopping. Food must have been her first thought.

Most of the children I did not know. There were so many of them. Thousands paraded and played, dashing from area to area. Every so often you could hear a child crying, one that had stumbled or fell. Tears would soon vanish, and the youngster laughing, with a dash off to try it all over again.

The picnic was more than a success. Just before the sun began setting in the west; slowly they left the park. Mothers carrying some of the youngsters, so tired that they couldn't resist sleep. Lunch upon almost empty, but children's stomachs full. Many telling their mothers that they did not want to go yet, but so tired that they had to be helped up the long steps.

Children sleepy, tired, and contented. Dreams tonight will be of ice cream, chicken, salad; and many friends that are their playmates. Days will come and go in their lives, but until another Sunday School picnic is held at Elmwood Park, this day they remember.

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