

'Eye Witness' DISCOVERED in WOODARD CASE

NEW YORK, August 15th.—The NAACP investigators working in South Carolina in an attempt to discover clues which would lead them to the policemen responsible for the savage attack and blinding of Negro veteran, Isaac Woodard, announced today the discovery of an eyewitness to the February 12 assault. The witness, a Negro veteran, had remained silent for fear of retaliatory action against himself. When found however, the veteran readily supplied investigators with the information he possessed and drew up a signed affidavit when promised NAACP protection.

The veteran, whose identity cannot be disclosed for obvious reasons, in his affidavit clears up a controversy which reached a dramatic climax recently when Orson Welles, hard-hitting radio commentator and Hollywood actor, answered the mayor of Aiken, S. C. who demanded a retraction of the charge made by Woodard that the brutal attack had occurred in that city. Welles in his regular Sunday afternoon network broadcast, had stated that Woodard, a man who had served his country during the war claimed that he had been attacked and blinded in Aiken, S. C. "The burden of proof lies with you, Mr. Mayor," said Welles. "You should have addressed your demands for a retraction to Sgt. Isaac Woodard. But it would have to be sent in braille, Mr. Mayor, for Isaac Woodard has no eyes," continued the provocative commentator.

Woodard in explaining his reasons for naming Aiken as the scene of his horrifying experience said, "To the best of my knowledge I was attacked in Aiken, S. C. The policeman, after he put me in a car to take me to the hospital, answered me when asked him where I was. He told me we were in Aiken. When we got to the hospital, the police told the doctor that he was from Aiken. A few days later a couple of guys came into the ward inquiring of the soldier who got beat up in Aiken. They were interested because they were from Aiken themselves." According to the story told by the eyewitness the attack actually occurred in Batesburg, a few miles from Aiken. The bus operator came into the bus with three police officers and pointed to Isaac Woodard. One of the policemen came into the back of the bus and took Woodard out. When they got his outside one of the policemen took out a blackjack and smashed Woodard across the head, then they carried him down the street. That is the last I saw of him," said the witness.

Negro Veteran Natl Convent'n Held In Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 18.—Many states were represented at the National Convention of the National Council of Negro Veterans which held its second national meeting here this week. The session which was extended over a three-day period were presided over by National Commander E. H. Mainwaring of Kansas City, one of the founders of the organization. Formed and chartered in the state of Kansas, in 1940 by a group of disappointed World War I veterans who saw the many discriminatory tactics employed against Negro veterans by the older veteran groups this organization has grown into a large body covering many states. Highlighting the program were the resolutions passed condemning the rising tide of racial strife now engulfing the nation. A more liberal policy providing more liberal opportunities for Negro veterans and the integration of Negro personnel in the Veterans Administration and the other agencies responsible for the administration of veterans training were also adopted. The appointment of a National Service Officer to represent Negro veterans claims before the Veterans Administration and the establishment of a national office in Kansas City, Kans. were other important measures passed by the convention.

CAMPAIGN STARTED TO REDUCE OMAHA SMOKE NUISANCE

First stage of the campaign to reduce Omaha's smoke nuisance starts the week of August 25. All householders will be urged to get their furnaces cleaned and repaired or to make arrangements to have the work done before the heating season starts. After the heating season begins, the second stage of the campaign will be carried on to teach the proper method of firing furnaces in order to reduce smoke and conserve fuel. Smoke is evidence of wasted fuel, chairman Frank R. Bolcourt explained, to impress people with the necessity of getting heating plants in serviceable condition before cold weather arrives and it becomes difficult to have furnaces cleaned and repaired. He urged all householders to arrange now with their furnace man to have heating equipment made ready for winter. An Omaha anti-smoke ordinance provides penalties for violations, and the Smoke Commission is empowered to cite violators in the city attorney for prosecution.

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Urban League Conference To Discuss Race Relation Problems

"American Team Work—Works"

The National Urban League's 1946 Annual Conference was announced this week by William H. Baldwin of New York City, President of the organization. It is being held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 25-29 in the Kiel Municipal Auditorium, with the opening date marking the 157th anniversary of the proposal of the Bill of Rights to the United States. The Conference's main emphasis will be on effective methods of opposing race hate and solving "social problems through "American team work" in local communities, with the theme "American Teamwork Works: Attacking Postwar Problems in Race Relations."

This interracial group, which will hold five days of workshop sessions on employment, housing, and community planning, will be addressed by white and Negro leaders in industry, labor, government and public welfare from both the North and the South. Wilson Wyatt, National Housing Expediter, is among the speakers already listed, which also include Frank Horne, FPNA Race Relations Advisor; Victor Reuther, UAW-CIO Educational Director; Boris Shiskin, AFL Economist; George L-P Weaver, Director CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination; Benjamin Wood, Managing Director, Tea Bureau; Edward Ray, Editor, TAMPA DAILY TIMES; Roscoe Dunjee, Editor, Oklahoma City BLACK DISPATCH; and Catherine G. Dye of the Greater St. Louis Community Chest.

The meeting in St. Louis, one of America's border line cities, that may well become an example of the best or worst in northern and southern racial patterns, is coming at a critical time. Tension spots increasing in the midst of the Ku Klux Klan, which recently held a demonstration in St. Louis, price increases, continuing low wages, and thousands of unsatisfactorily employed and unhouseed veterans are calling for new approaches by Urban League affiliates, which stretch across the country in 54 cities in 27 states. Representatives of League board and staff in eight strategically located southern cities will be at attendance with first hand accounts of what is happening in their communities, with the entire attention of the Negro-white conference directed to finding better, more effective plans to attacking the racial and economic inequalities thru out the nation.

Using Athens, Alabama, as an example, President Baldwin stated, "The temper of many communities, north as well as south, is like the heavy atmosphere before a thunderstorm. In selecting for this year's conference the theme that 'American Teamwork Works' the National Urban League reaffirms its faith in the soundness of the American people and in the integrity of their democracy. The St. Louis conference will be a forceful reminder to the entire nation that determined groups of white and Negro Americans are continuing to work together for the four freedoms which the Bill of Rights was designed to guarantee for all people."

BENNETT TO OPEN FALL SESSION WITH RECORD ENROLLMENT

GREENSBORO, N. C.—A capacity number of 450 students will be enrolled at Bennett College this fall when the college opens September 11. Freshmen and new students will arrive on the campus September 12 to begin their period of orientation. Returning students will arrive September 17. In announcing the opening dates President Jones stated that the institution would welcome to its campus one of the largest freshman classes in the history of the college. The 154 freshmen and new students will represent 22 states, Africa, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

NEGRO & WHITE CITIZENS Form Omaha Council of N.N.C.

A meeting of negro and white citizens on August 21, formed a Council of the National Negro Congress. Elected officers are Mrs. G. Anita Hayes, president; Mrs. Rowena Sudduth, executive secretary; Mr. Charles R. Trimble, treasurer. The Congress sent a telegram to President Harry S. Truman and Atty.-Gen. Tom Clark demanding immediate action in bringing the

Latest Methods of Canning To Be Made Available at Homemakers Canning Caravan At 24th & Grant Sts., Aug. 30th

The Home Canning Caravan will be in North Omaha Friday afternoon, August 30th from 3 to 5 p. m. at 24th and Grant Sts., near the Northside YMCA. Home Economists will be with the Caravan to answer questions on all phases of food preservation. Free bulletins will be given out and pressure cooker gages tested free. Bring only lid of cooker for testing. The Caravan represents one of the activities of the Omaha, Douglas County Food Preservation Committee composed of the following agencies: Nebraska Power Co. Home Service Dept.; Douglas County Extension Service; Red Cross Nutrition Service; Metropolitan Utilities District, Home Service Dept.; Farm Security Administration; Household Arts Dept. of World Herald; Adult Home Making Dept. of Omaha Public School system; and Omaha Nutrition Councils.

Defeats LaFollette In Senatorial Race

MADISON, WIS.—Soundphoto—Ending the 40-year regime of the LaFollette in the U. S. Senate, Judge Joseph R. McCarthy defeated Sen. Robt. LaFollette in the Republican primary last week. "Young Bob" has served 21 years in the Senate, following his father's 19 years. McCarthy, 37, is a circuit court judge and Marine Corps veteran.

'FORGOTTEN GA. MURDER Under Scrutiny

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Another incident in the concerted drive under way in Georgia to terrorize Negroes has belatedly come to the light. Ollie Harrington, Public Relations Director of NAACP, recently in that state investigating the Monroe massacre unearthed facts indicating a new lynching. The incident would have been one of the many that occurs and is forgotten had not NAACP investigators immediately gone to work to clear up the mystery.

The story is a pitifully familiar one. John J. Gilbert, employed in a chalk mill in Gordon, was found shot to death on a roadside about 500 yards from his home on the morning of August 3rd. He had, according to his wife, left for work on his regular schedule that morning at about 5:30. It seems evident that he was waylaid as Gordon citizens state, by some unknown party who had planned the killing. Rumor has it, in whispers, that possibly and even probably, he was put to death by enemies he had made more among the whites by his participation in a recent unionizing movement in the chalk mines. An earlier case of a beating given a Negro labor union member in the mines received considerable publicity. Although the case has not been

investigated locally, the coroner and the sheriff who were called immediately upon discovery of the body, and held an immediate inquest, gave their verdict as gunshot at the hand of unknown parties. Nothing further has been done. If this man was killed as an example of the treatment which will be dealt other Negroes in that county who join unions, it will serve as a convincing kind of intimidation. NAACP's investigators are working to bring the murderers to account, so that those freedoms granted all citizens under the Fourteenth Amendment and the NLRA will be properly respected by brutal southern lawbreakers.

FOREMAN SAYS MOB VIOLENCE FASCISM FORERUNNER

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va., August 23—Outbreaks of organized violence such as the recent lynchings and beatings of Negroes in the south reveal a growing threat of Fascism in this country, Dr. Clark Foreman of Atlanta, Ga. president of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, told the Hampton Institute Summer Convocation here today. Pointing out that Negro veterans had been the victims in nearly every case, Dr. Foreman declared: "Men who went away to fight for democracy have died because lack of it here. Almost without exception the victims were guilty only of standing up for their own rights. "This is no racial matter," he told the graduating class of 82, the faculty and many visitors. "The organization of prejudice is the prelude to Fascism. Violence and discrimination against one group easily spreads to other groups and other parts of the country. "We blame the German people because they did not resist more effectively the growth of Nazism in Germany. We must also blame ourselves if we sit indifferently to the growth of Fascism here. "There are signs," said Dr. Foreman, "that people are beginning to realize citizens must be alert to stand for democracy here as they fought for it overseas. The fact that Georgia Citizens are contesting the nomination of Eugene Talmadge for Governor because of the clearly unconstitutional county unit vote system is one example, he declared. "I believe that the Supreme Court will in October decide that Mr. Talmadge has not been nominated for governor of Georgia." The Summer Convocation witnessed the conferring of 30 Master of Arts Degrees and 52 bachelor's degrees by Ralph P. Bridgman, president of Hampton Institute, and saw G. James Gholson, president of the graduating classes present to the Institute the graduates parting gift of \$100 to be used in connection with the annual Arts of the Theatre Festival.

School Teacher



Miss Jewell Miller MISS JEWELL TO TEACH IN THE OMAHA SCHOOLS

Miss Jewell Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David O. Miller, 2212 Ohio St., was appointed as a regular school teacher in Omaha at a recent Board of Education meeting. Miss Miller graduated from Omaha University in June. She completed her course in three years and received her B. S. degree in Education. Active on the campus, she belonged to the W.A.A., Women's Chorus, Future Teachers of America, Cosmopolitan Club, Spanish Club, Student Christian Assn., of which she was a co-ordinator and the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

During her senior year she taught at the Dundee school as a practice teacher and substituted at Minna Lusa school. "I believe that the Supreme Court will in October decide that Mr. Talmadge has not been nominated for governor of Georgia." The Summer Convocation witnessed the conferring of 30 Master of Arts Degrees and 52 bachelor's degrees by Ralph P. Bridgman, president of Hampton Institute, and saw G. James Gholson, president of the graduating classes present to the Institute the graduates parting gift of \$100 to be used in connection with the annual Arts of the Theatre Festival.

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Many Department and Retail STORES ADOPTING FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Clerks and Sales People Hired In Midwest and Eastern Areas

In a manual on "Integration of Negroes in Department Stores," the National Urban League revealed this week a substantial gain in the use of Negroes as sales and clerical workers in the retail merchandising field throughout the country. The department store manual, compiled by Leroy Jeffries, Assistant Director of the League's Industrial Relations Department, from reports of local Leagues—and released for Urban League use—indicated that the greatest gains have been made in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

The retail merchandising field, described as late as 1933 as being "barred to Negroes as effectively as if by legislative fiat," is gradually opening new job opportunities to Negroes, Jeffries stated. Fourteen large merchandise firms in the New York area use Negroes as sales and stock clerks, stenographers, and personnel executives. In New Jersey, the local League's Industrial Relations Department reported placement of six clerks in two Newark stores. Further east, seven Boston stores, including small exclusive shops in the Cambridge and Back Bay sections, are using a total of twenty Negro sales girls in addition to clerical workers. Department stores in a number of small Western and mid-western towns are hiring Negro clerks. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the first Negro department store clerk was placed early this year through the local League.

This lessening of opposition to employing Negroes by the retail merchandising industry, which completed more than 7 billion dollars worth of sales in 1945 and employs millions of workers around the country, is viewed as an encouraging sign in the total white collar picture for Negroes, Jeffries stated. It is one of the areas, he pointed out, in which timidity on the part of employers fearing public opinion has kept employment bars most rigid. In 1938, according to a survey made by the New York State Commission to investigate conditions of the urban Negro population, there was not a single Negro sales clerk in any of the seven major department stores in New York City. The crack was made during the war years when, after assiduous spade work by the New York Urban League, various civic groups presented their requests to department stores, with the result that two of the city's leading firms employed Negroes as sales clerks and clerical workers. New York's example has been studied by cities throughout the country, Jeffries said, and he is of the opinion that the movement will spread throughout the country.

Integration of Negroes in department stores has become one of the major activities of the Urban League movement. It is a connection it has worked with other organizations throughout the country in spearheading various movements, particularly in Chicago where the local League's Women's division has formed an "Interracial committee in launching a special effort to secure employment for Negro women as sales clerks in stores in the "loop."

The Urban League department store manual, subtitled "Practical Applications for the Integration of Negroes in Department Stores" includes the plan that wherever feasible, training courses in merchandising and retailing be established in the schools or in local Leagues in cooperation with department store management to insure the availability of trained Negro personnel. It will be used by the Urban League personnel at the National Urban League's Annual Conference, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 25-29, as a basis for discussion in developing techniques to attack the problem systematically in local League areas. The conference will also take up at length the whole problem of "The Negro Worker in the White Collar Fields."

Personally, I cannot see any advantage of the Government passing such a bill at this time as long as they gave it in bonds. Most of the veterans who have been lucky enough to come back with their health and strength will not, in five years, need the money as they need it now. Many are out of jobs, living on \$20 a week; many are sick, mentally and physically; many cannot afford a \$100 bonus for a place to live; and those who do not need the cash now will not cash the bonds anyway. If the veteran ever needs help, HE NEEDS IT NOW! All of us cannot go to school. I stopped by the Band-Box: Resell Clothing Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Charles Davis, 976 North 25th St., located next to the Omaha Guide office. I pass the clothing shop very frequently. I was surprised to see the qual-

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NEW YORK City—(Calvin's News Service)—Charles Collins was ruled out of the Democratic primaries for State Senator of the 21st district when the Supreme Court upheld the decision of the board of elections that some of Collins' petitions had been fraudulently obtained. Headquarters of the ALP endorsee say it will appeal the courts' decision. Should the appeal be turned down, Collins will go after a big write-in campaign.

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