

# OUR GUEST COLUMN

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The ability to look into the future has been one of man's greatest desires. Today, probably more than ever before in the history of the world, all of us are deeply concerned about what is to come. Our objective is the attainment of a real, lasting peace in which there will be assurance of full justice and protection of all peoples from oppression. Such an objective is worthy of any sacrifice. We have not yet obtained that objective. There still remains much to be done.

During the war we heard much about the urgent need for full participation by all people in some part of the fight. The pressure of a national emergency ripped away the mantle of hypocrisy that cloaked many shabby spots on the foundation garment of American democracy.

In these post-war years, and in the immediate years to come, the stake of the minority is a large one. To achieve it, there must be no let-down in the fight for equality and integration.

Industry today is poised on the threshold of a vastly expanded domain. To the progress it had already made has now been added new processes and products, most of them evolved during the war.

The labor movement today has reached dimensions greater than ever before. Labor in the United States is the very essence of our democracy. This does not mean that labor has no faults within its own movement. We all know that such do exist. Labor is also aware of them. But if these deficiencies are to be corrected, the job must be done with the help of everybody involved. Most certainly minorities are involved in the labor movement.

The key to the future lies, too, in political activity. Under our form of government "the people" have the sole right to decide which course the nation must follow. It is up to all of us who look forward honestly to an endurable peace to work now for that future.

Through use of our political power we can pass a FEPC bill in Washington. We can establish firmly such principles as may be necessary to protect our economy and stabilize our industrial life.

Most of all, we can clean house among those who have lost the vision of a dynamic, progressive America in which men and women shall have equal social treatment, an equal chance in life, an America of self-respecting working men and women free of bias and exploitation—aware of the One World in which we live, ready to lead that world into a new area of peace, cooperation and prosperity among all the peoples of the world.

—APA—

## Acts To Save Wyatt Housing Program

NEW YORK.—The NAACP added its support to the rapidly growing campaign to save the Wyatt housing program. With alarmingly increasing indications that President Truman considers scrapping Housing Expediter Wyatt's program for factory-built homes in favor of his long-time friend and advisor director George Allen of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., who bitterly opposes the housing program, the NAACP began mobilizing its forces for what appears to be an impending battle.

President Truman was in receipt of a strong statement today, which expressed the stand taken by the Association. In a statement addressed to the Chief Executive, the NAACP declared, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is deeply concerned with the tragic lack of housing especially for Negro veterans. This shortage is one of the chief causes of such success as organizations like the Columbians and Ku Klux Klan have had to date. Situations facing Negro veterans and others can only be solved by lowered prices and materials control and vigorous affirmative support by you of the Wyatt veterans' emergency housing program. We urge you to act now to save housing program from collapse and assure cooperation of all branches of government of national housing agency.

# FALL INJURIES FATAL TO PACKING-HOUSE WORKER

## Capt. John Adams Jr., Passes California Bar Exams

Word was received in Omaha this week that Capt. John Adams Jr., former Omaha Attorney and Legislator, had passed the bar examination in California and will

be sworn in on the 17th of December. He is stationed at Oakland, California in the Judge Advocate General's Dept. of the United States Army. He is the son of

Rev. and Mrs. John Adams, Sr., of 2622 North Twenty-fourth St. and the brother of Atty. Ralph Adams.

An accident on Saturday afternoon at the Cudahy Packing Co. brought death Sunday to Ulysses L. Burroughs, 49, of 2519 Wirt St. Mr. Burroughs suffered a broken back when he fell backward on the cement floor from a three-foot high wooden bench. He had been standing on the bench butchering hogs.

He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where he died at 11:30 a. m. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. from Pilgrim Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Favors officiating. He is survived by wife, Henrietta, son Henley, both of Kansas City, Mo., and his father, Willie of Sioux City, Iowa. Myers Funeral Home in charge.

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## NAT'L NEWS REVIEW

### 'Little Napoleon' of Elksdom Ordered by N. Y. State Supreme Court to Hold an Election in Imperial Lodge Case

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Global—Automatically lifting the suspension of Imperial Lodge No. 127 of the Elks of 160 West 129th St. in New York City, and holding the J. Finley Wilson-directed election of a group of alleged insurgent members which was held on August 20th in the Lodge Home, illegal, New York State Supreme Court Judge James B. McNally ruled that Imperial Lodge No. 127 of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World should hold another election at which all of the members of the lodge would be present on December 3, 1946, at which the District Deputy of the Grand Lodge must be present, and to be supervised by Judge John R. Davis another Judge of the New York Supreme Court.

The ruling was made on November 20th. Court ignores J. Finley Wilson's plea for dissolution of Imperial's State Corporation.

In dispensing his Court Order for a new election, which would be representative of the entire membership of the Lodge, Judge James B. McNally tacitly ignored the frenzied pleas of J. Finley Wilson and his co-counsel, Attorney Perry Howard and Watts, that Imperial Lodge break down or dissolve their N. Y. State Corporation immediately and turned over the member's property to Elksdom's Grand Lodge. Instead, he made the above ruling and adjourned the case until December 13th. Imperial Lodge's property holdings, which are owned exclusively by the members, are listed at approximately \$500,000 with a yearly revenue of over \$100,000.

Case began when Wilson Was Served Summons in Buffalo, At the Elks Convention

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the IBPOE of W started the present legal wrangle when he according to Mr. Arthur Brisbane exalted ruler of Imperial Lodge, arbitrarily and dictatorially suspended the Lodge January 3, 1946 for failure to break down the Lodges Corporation and turns the members property over to the Grand Lodge. When he failed to pay any heed to J. Finley Wilson's suspension order.

The court fight was initiated when Leonard H. Bell, public relations officer and board member of Imperial Lodge No. 127, served Mr. Wilson with a Supreme Court summons on August 27th in Buffalo toward a court injunction restraining Mr. Wilson and his dual lodge from interfering with Imperial Lodge property, after Will had held an election in Imperial Lodge among the members, whom Mr. Bell contended were an insurgent group and that the election was unauthorized.

Imperial Lodge No. 127 Asked For an Election on 1st Hearing of Case

Mr. Brisbane revealed that the first hearing of this case in September, before Supreme Court Judge Ferdinand Pecora, who referred it to Judge John R. Davis for mediation, Imperial's Attorneys, Sidney Hirsch and Edwin Ladden, had offered a suggestion that all other issues be set aside and a new election be held to decide just who the membership wanted for their leader. But Mr. Brisbane declared, "this proposition was flatly rejected by the Grand Exalted Ruler and His Counsel, Perry Howard and Watts, who in their refusal to accept this proposition, stated that they first wanted the property turned over to the Grand Lodge and the Corporation broken down after which they would be willing to consider anything."

Mr. Brisbane feels that Imperial Lodge No. 127 and the Elks lodges throughout the jurisdiction have won a complete moral and technical victory over a dictatorial leader, J. Finley Wilson, and an arbitrary power-mad Grand Lodge who have been in power too long.

### FIRST COLORED WOMENS LEGION POST CHARTERED

CHICAGO Ill.—The first all-women's colored American Legion post has been chartered here. It is composed of colored World War II service women.

The new post has been designated as the Pallas Athene Post 1103

## JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS SEGREGATION ELIMINATION IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

### Brief Filed Against Segregation of Mexicans, Latins, Negroes and other Minorities in Orange County

LOS ANGELES—A legal attack aimed at the elimination of segregation of Mexicans, Negroes and other minorities was launched here by the American Jewish Congress in a brief amicus curiae filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The case, Westminster School Board vs. Mendez, involves an appeal by the local school authorities of Orange County, California from a Federal District Court ruling that segregating school children of Mexican or Latin descent into separate schools is a violation of the 14th Amendment.

The significance of the American Jewish Congress' brief rests in its argument that segregation per se, irrespective of the so called equality of the facilities involved, is discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. Since 1896 so called Jim Crow segregation laws, state enforced, have been upheld where the facilities for segregated groups are considered equal to those provided others.

The American Jewish Congress' brief attacks the doctrine of separate facilities.

According to Department Adjutant William C. Mundt, it has 15 charter members. Grace B. Pretzman is post commander.

This raises the number of women's posts in the American Legion to 145 of which 84 are World War II posts.

## MM. PANDIT, WALTER WHITE SPEAK AT RALLY

NEW YORK.—Making one of the rare public appearances that he has made as head of the Indian delegation to the United Nations permit Mrs. Vijaya L. Pandit, talented sister of the brilliant Jawaharlal Nehru, spoke last Sunday at the Golden Gate Ballroom here.

Sharing the platform with Mrs. Pandit was Walter White, the meeting under the auspices of the New York Branch NAACP, climaxed the Gotham drive for 10,000 new members.

Mrs. Pandit, acclaimed one of the country's great leaders as well as among the world's truly beautiful women, has recently been making headlines because of her frequent sharp clashes at Lake Success, Long Island, where the United Nations General Assembly is convening, with General Jan Christian Smuts and other members of South Africa which arbitrarily demands annexation of Southwest Africa, a source of much mineral and material riches.

Her consistent championing of the rights of colored peoples in general and of Indians specifically has moulded a career of extreme activities. Yet in 1937 she emerged as the first woman Cabinet minister when the Congress party formed a government in the United Provinces, and now she is the first and only woman to head a delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. Last year she made an extensive tour of the United States pleading the cause of Indian independence.

## Powell's Rift A False Report

NEW YORK CITY, (Calvin's News Service)—New Yorkers were amazed by a report carried as an exclusive in a western sheet suggesting there had been a rift in the Congressmen Adam C. Powell-Hazel Scott household. Investigation indicates the report to be a slap from a disgruntled press agent with an itchy palm. Most New Yorkers consider the story a model of wishful thinking that will never come true. The family life of the Powell trio, Hazel, Dad and Junior stacks up well enough with that of any average American family.

## NAACP Gets Seabee Honorable Discharge

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Joseph B. Hammond of Louisville, Ky., one of the sixteen Seabees who was defenided by the NAACP and was given an "undesirable discharge" from the Navy because of racial friction had his case reviewed before the Board of Review of Discharges and Dismissals established by the Secretary of Navy to review such discharges. Notification has been received that Mr. Hammond is being given a

## Committee Demands Justice Dept. Act

### Alarmed by New Intimidation Techniques

NEW YORK—Alarmed by the gradual and sinister development of what seems to be a new technique of racial intimidation by Southern law enforcement officers who seemingly have no fear of federal intervention, the committee on administration of the NAACP issued a stiff reminder to Atty. Gen. Tom Clark in Washington today. Atty. Gen. Clark, whose department of Justice is charged with the responsibility of protecting the civil rights of Americans when the local protective agencies fail to do so, has only recently expressed a determination to discourage southern violence against Negroes.

In a prepared statement, the NAACP body declared, "the committee on administration of the NAACP urges prosecution under Section 2 of the United States Criminal Code of peace officers who viciously attacked Thurgood Marshall, Z. Alexander Loby and Maurice Weaver near Columbia, Tennessee on November 18. This failure of United States attorneys to handle properly the grand jury proceedings in the Columbia riot case and the prosecution of Police Chief Shull for blinding Isaac Woodward, are encouraging mobs to take law into their own hands not only against individual citizens but now upon lawyers while they are engaged in defending victims of mob attack. We urge prompt and unequivocal action.

## SEN. BILBO HEARINGS

NEW YORK—According to an unimpeachable southern source, professional race-baiters, backing Senator Theodore Bilbo's right to retain his seat in the upper house were nervously anticipating introduction of a heretofore closely guarded brief. Prepared by N.A.A.C.P. legal counsel, assisted by powerful liberals with years of top level Washington experience, this brief is expected to provide a sensational legal basis for the expulsion of the violently anti-Negro anti-Semitic Mississippi demagogue, when the hearings get under way in Mississippi on Monday. Atty. Charles H. Houston, of Washington, D. C., will represent the NAACP during the hearings.

Atty. Houston, in Washington today, declared that it would probably require special permission from the special committee in charge of the hearings before the lethal brief, which he considers a most comprehensive one in terms of legal and other pressing elements, can be presented. In his opinion, the NAACP brief will provide the most practical basis for the Senate's right to act in the unseating of Bilbo. Mr. Houston expected to remain in Mississippi at least one week and perhaps two. In addition to the brief, he will carry a substantial amount of photostatic material which he expects to aid materially in the action.

Supporting the major role which the NAACP legal staff is expected to play in the historic hearings, NAACP branches in Mississippi have courageously planned to provide Negro witnesses whose testimony may prove to be damaging to the Mississippi Senator's denial of charges of intimidating Negro voters.

Walter White, NAACP Executive Secretary, although optimistic over Atty. Houston's chances of being heard during the hearings, disclosed the contents of a letter from the late Allen J. Ellender, Louisiana's Democratic Senator in answer to the NAACP's request to actively participate. In his letter to the NAACP head, Senator Ellender, chairman of the investigating committee quoted the resolution introduced by a Republican, Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa. Part of the resolution stated, "...further, that witnesses be limited, unless otherwise ordered by the committee to either complainants or those who may answer complaints or offer statements or testimony to citizens of the State of Mississippi, which is the situs of this complaint."

It is expected that Senator Bilbo will attempt to rush the hearings in an effort to eliminate testimony from a large number of witnesses. Attempts will also undoubtedly be made to exclude recent material contained in articles appearing in The Saturday Evening Post, Colliers and other periodicals and radio broadcasts.

## On Civil Service Commission

Robert L. Samardick... accepts Police Civil Service appointment. —World-Herald Photo

Robert L. Samardick, former Police Chief, will be the City Government's member of the new Police Civil Service Commission.

This was revealed Wednesday by Mayor Leeman, who said he had the backing of other City Council members in his selection.

Sgt. Leo E. Hays previously had been selected by police as their representative on the three-man board. The two appointees have chosen a third member, Mr. Edward Leary, prominent attorney to complete the three-man commission.

Mr. Samardick, former police chief, resigned to become president and general manager of Danbaum, Inc., private police agency.

## Business Men's Club Raided; Set Bonds For 43 At \$1,250

Forty-three defendants were released on bonds totaling \$1,250 Monday as Central Police Court Judge Dennis O'Brien continued their case to December 11.

The group, largest taken at an Omaha establishment in many months, was arrested early Sunday by members of the Police Morals Squad at the Business Men's Club, 2310 North Twenty-fourth Street.

The club at 2:15 a. m. presented a cross-section of practically every thing the police view as objectionable in private club operations said Police Capt. Jack King.

Considerable beer and whiskey was being consumed by the patrons. The raiders watched an attendant sell 'shots' of whiskey and take orders for others after they entered. This despite the fact that the club has no liquor license.

In a side room the raiders found an alleged pool game in progress. Two slot machines were found in a back room.

The operators could produce no license for a cigaret machine in the club.

A jittery patron, apparently wishing to avoid questioning, and possible arrest, threw a pistol and half a box of cartridges under a table.

## CNS Round-Up

Fuss On A Bus NEW YORK. (Calvin's News Service)...Stanley Conyer, 40, of this city, really thought he was somewhere when he got himself a job driving one of those mad buses on Madison Avenue. All he had to worry about (he thought) was careless pedestrians and passengers who wouldn't move to the rear of the bus. Last week he found out he really had something to worry about. While he was stopped for a red light, a gunman hopped aboard and immediately pulled his rod and began shooting him with the police who were chasing him. Bullets flew all around Conyer's head, and he had a bad time of it until the cops nailed the bandit. The stick-up man died later. Conyer just escaped having a nervous break down.

Five Implicated in Slaying ST. LOUIS...Because they met up with Emil Hulse, five Negroes are implicated in a murder that

Hulse says was a mercy killing of his semi-invalid wife. Hulse and the five Negroes were arrested after police got a signed statement from him confessing that he had paid Alma Mackay and Thad Crawford seventy dollars for putting his wife out of the way. On a previous attempt to have his wife bumped off, Hulse was fleeced out of eighty dollars by Sonny Harrison who reported the job done although he had not killed the ailing woman.

Cement Mixer Not So Smooth NEW YORK—Despite reports of a new mink coat and pictures in the papers to prove it, all is not well in Slim Gaillard's cement mixer, Ed Sullivan, New York columnist who usually knows what he is writing about, says in a recent column that Slim and his Missus are among those who are acting foolish.

Negro College Fund NEW YORK.—Final distribution of the money collected last year for the United Negro College Fund will be made in February, according to an announcement recently made by W. J. Trent Jr., executive director of the fund. The latest distribution was \$350,000 bringing the aggregate total to date up to \$700,000. Thirty-three colleges share in the fund which is solicited annually, and which is used to

# Shorty Glass Dies Suddenly

Aaron "Shorty" Glass, 51, 2006 Miami Street, died Wednesday night after suffering heart attack on the band stand of the American Legion Theo. Roosevelt Post No. 30 club rooms.

World War. Always active in the American Legion, he was serving at the time of his death as the Second Vice-Commander of the Roosevelt Post. Born in Lexington, Ky., he is survived by his wife Ora, sons, Joseph and John, and a brother, Theotis, all of Omaha. Funeral is Monday, 10 a. m.

## Elected Head Of Elks Lodge For His Twentieth Term



CHARLES F. DAVIS, by unanimous vote, was elected Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge No. 92 for the 20th consecutive term at the regular meeting of the lodge Wednesday.

All other officers were re-elected. The meeting was held at Elks Hall 2420 Lake Street.

## The Bell Tolls

In this postwar world of action and atomic ideas the time has come for Negro institutions to revamp themselves and really get down to the all-important task of serving and benefiting the great masses of the race.

The usual postwar trek of our people leaving the South has begun and the majority of those who leave will settle in the large cities like Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, where many of them will fall easy prey to unscrupulous employers, sex purveyors, cheap men, and all of the other evils that lurk in the city shadows to snare the uninitiated. The youth will take the line of least resistance and swell the ranks of the vast army of juvenile delinquents who even now are a problem to the officials of the big cities. And the many illiterate, poverty-ridden women who meet with early disillusionment in employment and living standards, safe in the knowledge that, "Nobody knows my business here," will revive the stigma of racial immorality that hung over us like a cloud after World War I.

THE TYPE OF SERVICE NEEDED No new organizations are needed to handle these pressing

build scholarship excellence. NEW YORK.—With all signs pointing to terrific rent boosts early next year, the Citizens Housing Council, and the New York City Council have urged President Truman to continue OPA control of rents indefinitely. The fear is expressed in some quarters that the President will abandon the matter to be worked out by the Republican controlled Congress after the first of the year. In Harlem, some landlords are raising rents and refusing to supply adequate heat, gambling on the expected demise of OPA and knowing the tenants dare not fight back.

King David Stole Prison is His Goal NEW YORK.—New York Police no respecter of persons and names has added King David to the list of characters they have arrested. King David who is not to be confused with the Biblical character of the same name, came to New York from North Carolina about a year ago, and in a short time he was the leader of a mob of burglars known as the King David gang. Profits were small, but uninterrupted, that is until the police caught up with the king and his mob a short while ago. The King's square moniker is David Pate, and he admits being 29 years old; he also admits that he and his boys spent most of the socializing dice, the horses and swagging.

Have You Bought That Suit Yet? What with Christmas peeping around every corner, you have to give a thought to that new drape with the post-war shape. According to the latest reports, your chances of getting a new suit are better now than they have been for some time? The supply hasn't quite caught up with the demand yet, but panic buying has slowed down to a walk. It was the mad rush to stock up on fronts that caused men's suits to virtually disappear a few months ago, but now there is at least one suit for every buyer who has the ready folding green.

More Lard—Cheaper CHICAGO.—If you have a yard full of fat sows and hogs, just ignore this, but if you've been trying to get the main ingredient for short'nin' bread without success, this will interest you. The price of lard is gradually coming

down. Not only that, but it is expected that production of the stuff will be increased greatly in January and the price will go down even more. No report on vegetable shortening though.

The Amusement Tax Isn't Very Funny NEW YORK.—The estimated 50 per cent drop in hotel and night club business in this city is reflecting itself in the theatres where thousands of performers are idle because of the dwindling interest in even the best plays, and Negro performers are among the hardest hit. An organized campaign to have the amusement tax reduced to the pre-war five per cent level is under way and some relief may be in sight. From New York to Frisco, reports indicate a very serious moment for the theatre.

## Near Northside Branch "Y's" 'Y' REVUE AND VARIETY SHOW

William Bernard Butler, arranger and producer of the 'Y' Revue and Variety Show scheduled for the Near Northside Branch YMCA Monday December 9th, at 8:30 p. m. announces the following program:

Opening number 'Fish For Supper' by The Cats of Rhythm orchestra 'The Y.M.C.A. Jump' Cats of Rhythm 'Ink Spot Tunes' Walter Harris 'Oh But I Need It Bad' Cats of Rhythm

Dance Routine, Shoes and Billy Vocal solo, Helen Washington Boogie-Woogie William Burroughs 'Feature Attraction, LaRue Gater and Billy Williams in their own original skit. Dance following show.

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