

NAACP Sets Million Member Goal in '47

New York, Jan. 21—Setting an all time high goal of one million members under the slogan "Make It A Million", the NAACP has announced the dates of its Annual Nationwide Membership Campaign to cover the months of April, May and June.

In making the announcement, the NAACP expressed confidence that the goal would be attained, although it represents a virtual doubling of the membership of 535,000 in 1946. Justifying this confidence is the fact that each year since the Nationwide Campaign idea was inaugurated three years ago, in the spring of 1944, the Association's growth has been extraordinary. When it closed its books at the end of 1942 the NAACP had slightly more than 100,000 members, organized into over three hundred units. In 1943, the figure jumped to 250,000 then, in the next years to 300,000, 400,000 and, finally, more than half a million last year. Correspondingly, the number of branches increased until they reached a figure of 1,497 in 1946, including Youth Council and College Chapter units.

Commenting on the ambitious goal for this year, Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, stated: "A goal of one million members of the NAACP in 1947 is modest if one looks at the tasks which lie ahead in winning full freedom for the Negro. In the light of the accomplishments during the year just ended, it is conservative. Establishment by President Truman of a national Civil Rights Commission, the acquittal of 24 of the 27 defendants tried in 1946 arising out of the Columbia, Tennessee dis orders, the verdict in the United States Supreme Court in the Irene Morgan case and other real milestones which were passed show what real organization, experience and public confidence can accomplish."

"Despite the Ku Klux Klan, the Columbians, Bilbo and all the evils with which we have to contend, we have great allies and great hope. Enforcement of the NAACP by the CIO and the support which other Americans, North and South, white and colored, have given the NAACP in past years makes us confident that the goal of one million will be reached. We believe that we shall have the continued support of all Americans who believe in justice and know no color line in achieving this goal. Then we shall really go to town in winning further victories."

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Congress Lawyer Wins Merit Award



Miss Pauli Murray, a member of the legal staff of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, won the 1946 Mademoiselle Merit Award for signal achievement in law. A graduate of Howard University law school and recipient of a Rosenwald Fellowship, Miss Murray was temporary Deputy Attorney General for the State of California before joining the staff of the American Jewish Congress to aid in its campaign against racial discrimination.

St. John's Choir To Appear In Recital, Febr. 17

Forum To be Held on City-Wide Planning at Northside YWCA

On Sunday, January 26, 1947 at 5:00 p. m., a very interesting and informative discussion will be held dealing with citywide planning in Omaha and the Negro. There will be four persons in the discussion who will ask and answer questions from each other as well as from the audience. These persons are: Mrs. Alice Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Ervin, Ralph Adams and Leo Bohanon. These persons bring with them rich experience and knowledge on city plans and how these plans challenge the future of the Negro citizenry. Mrs. Alice Wilson, the director of Woodson Center; Mrs. Gladys Ervin, a teacher in the public schools of Omaha; Ralph Adams, a prominent lawyer in the city and Leo Bohanon, Executive Secretary of the Urban League will discuss the pro and con of the aforesaid topic.

Dr. McMillan to be Presented In Symposium

Dr. Aaron M. McMillan is to be presented in a Symposium by the Omaha Council of The National Negro Congress on January 31, 1947 the Eve of Brotherhood month at 8 P. M. in the Embassy Room of the Fontenelle Hotel.

One of the most outstanding musical treats ever presented in our community, will be heard, on the evening of February 17th, at the St. Johns A.M. E. Church, when their Sr. Choir, under the most capable direction of Mrs. Pearl Gibson, will be heard in recital.

Carver Savings & Loan Place BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HALF DOLLAR ON SALE

The Carver Savings and Loan Association, 2414 Lake street, placed on sale Tuesday, January 21, the Booker T. Washington Memorial Half Dollar. The first half dollar was purchased by President Harry S. Truman. The first half dollar purchased in Omaha was by Mr. C. C. Galloway, publisher and editor of the Omaha Guide. The 1946 half dollar commemorating the late Booker T. Washington Negro leader of fame, may be purchased for \$1.10.

Earl Hunigan Appointed 1st Lt. in Central ROTC

Earl Hunigan, son of Mrs. Florence Hunigan, 2827 Binney street, became the first Negro appointed to the Central Cadet Officers Corps since Dr. Carleton Goodlett held a commission some years back.

Threat To Negroes Seen In Move To Outlaw Closed Shop

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22—Efforts by Senator Joseph H. Ball, to give the impression that passage of anti-closed shop legislation would be beneficial to minorities were challenged last week by the Labor Department of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

To Petition U. S. Supreme Court For Lives of Miss. Youths

New York, Jan. 22—Not for another sixty days will the death chair claim Charles Trudell, 16, and James Lewis, 15, sentenced to die on January 17th for the alleged murder of their white employer. The NAACP, through its representative, Walter D. Coleman, was last week successful in securing from the Mississippi Supreme Court a stay of execution to allow time for the preparation of a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

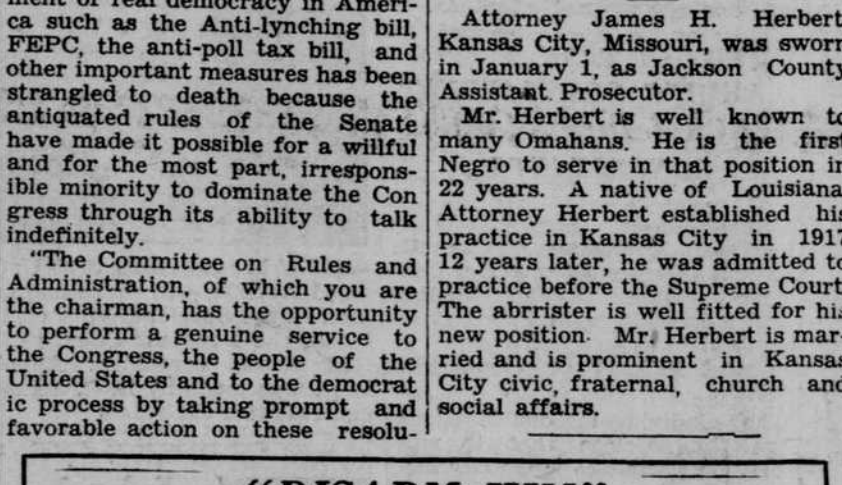
USO Fund Drive to Open January 27

The USO, no longer in the Community Chest here, will launch its campaign for funds in Douglas County January 27.

NAACP Supports Anti-Filibuster Senate Resolution

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22—Halling the introduction on the Senate floor of four separate resolutions to amend the rules in order to end filibusters by majority vote, the NAACP's Washington Bureau was urged that such resolutions be speedily adopted.

"DISARM HIM"



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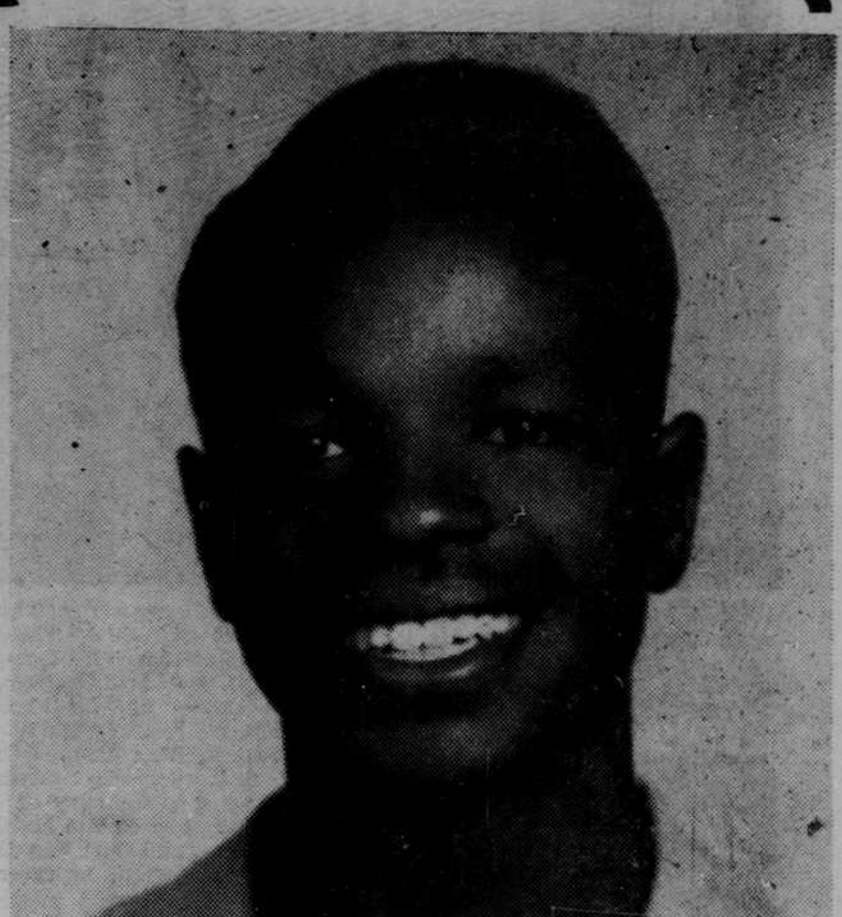
Urges Killing War Investigating Committee

New York, Jan. 22—Expressing the opposition of the NAACP to the continuation of the Senate War Expenditures Investigating Committee, Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, last week sent telegrams to thirty-one United States Senators, urging them to vote against the Senate resolution which would enable the committee to continue its work.

'JIM CROW' CONVICTION CONTESTED BY NAACP

New York, Jan. 22—Arrested and convicted for violating the Arkansas separate coach law, Charles Royal, a Negro, is being represented by the NAACP, which has filed a brief in the Arkansas Supreme Court appealing his conviction on the grounds that the statute, as applied to Royal, a passenger in interstate commerce, was unconstitutional and inapplicable to him under the theory of

"Thebert"



The late James E. Seay, Jr. Your life was like a ray of sunshine, growing brighter day by day, laughing, helping, joking, loving. As you traveled on your way. 'Twas a joy to be around you—for so much you seemed to know. Never dreaming we would lose you—Oh dear James, we loved you so. Though our hearts are tired from aching; Tears for you are never done. We seem to hear you whisper softly: "Why weep, I am with the Holy One."

James E. Seay Fund

The late James E. Seay, 2204 Paul st., left a widow and a child. Mrs. James E. Seay will give birth to another child in a few months. This young widow is now facing the extreme trial of her life. You and I can sit by, letting come what may, or we can assure this young Mother a little peace of mind during these coming months. Many people have asked me to start a fund for this family. At first I was a little doubtful, because I, being a veteran, believed that widows of veterans received a pension from the Government, for herself and for her children. I did not know that the Congress of the United States had not passed a Pension Bill for Veterans' Widows and Orphans of World War II. I did not know until I talked to the widow of the late James E. Seay.

I tremble with fear when I think of death coming to me suddenly, not because I fear death, but because of my wife and child. They would face a life of uncertainty and fear. Not as much as the widow of James E. Seay because Mrs. Seay will soon give birth to another child.

Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address had enough foresight to ask for provisions FOR THE MEN WHO HAD BORNE THE BATTLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHANS. The Congress of the United States surely can learn a lesson or two from him.

Because the Congress of the United States has not as yet seen fit to profit by Lincoln's knowledge, I am asking the citizens of Omaha to contribute to this worthy fund. The good people of Omaha have always been generous in taking care of its unfortunate.

The late James E. Seay was a Veteran of World War II. He served three and one half years in the Armed Forces of the United States. He died from burns received while trying to insure the safety of others. To give his widow a peaceful mind, if that can be done, for the next few months, it is up to the citizens of Omaha. I feel sure that we will not let this family down.

Mail or bring your contributions to the James E. Seay Fund, c/o OMAHA GUIDE, 2420 Grant Street.

The James E. Seay Fund, which begins in the Omaha Guide today, and it will be turned over to the widow and the family of the late James E. Seay.

Contributions already received amount to \$30.00.

MONEY RECEIVED TO DATE:
J. W. Headley, 953 North 25th Street \$5.00
Albert C. Jensen, 1718 Cass Street \$25.00

MARRIED
In a quiet ceremony Saturday January 18th Mrs. Ella F. Corbett was married to William Davies. The Davies residence at 2915 No. 30th Street, and wish to extend a welcome invitation to their many friends.

JAIL BREAKER NABBED BY ROOKIE COPS
Anthony Abbondola, 28 years of age was captured after being one among nine felons who escaped from the Brooklyn's ancient Raymond Street Jail January 7th. Probationary Patrolman Charles Lewis and Probationary Patrolman Charles Pierson, both Negroes, were spot-promoted to detectives as a result of the capture.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY
Miss Doris McGill, of 2724 Lake Street, celebrated her 17th birthday at a party given by her sister, Miss Naomi McGill of the same address. Refreshments were served to a host of friends, who joined in games and community singing, making the evening gay and festive.

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