

C.I.O. TO ORGANIZE HOTEL AND CLUB EMPLOYEES

Big Mass Meeting Called
For Monday, Mar. 24, 8:30 P. M.
At CIO HALL, 1515 1/2 Capitol Ave.

CHARTER GRANTED

All Hotel &
Club Employees
Are Invited
To Be Present

The Membership drive is now on to organize the Hotel and Club employees, waiters, cooks, bartenders, maids and porters. The CIO, the non-discriminating labor organization which has never lost a battle in Omaha, is now on the job to organize all hotel and club employees. The next big meeting will be at the CIO Hall, 1515 1/2 Capitol Avenue. All hotel employees are invited to be present.

This new organization has the backing and the full cooperation of the Packinghouse CIO Union, the Street Railway CIO Union, the Truck Drivers CIO Union and the Retail Store Employees CIO Union. The above organizations have signified their willingness to fully cooperate in assisting Mr. O. C. Blanton in his efforts to organize hotel and club employees.

Not only will this young organization have the moral support of the above said CIO Unions, but it will also get financial assistance during the battle to improve working conditions of these underpaid group of employees.

So if you are a hotel or club employee above all, you should attend this call meeting, being held at 1515 1/2 Capitol Avenue on Monday, March 24th at 8:30 p. m.

Will Democracy Stand the Test?

(ARTICLE ONE—BY R. E. SIMONS)

The American people were startled to no small degree, when Britain sent Uncle Sam a note concerning the situation in Greece and Turkey, and the stand, which the British government has directly taken concerning the situation.

This Empire whose history has figured so outstandingly among both minor and major nations throughout the world, is fast losing her influence as a dominant factor among the peoples of Democratic spirit. This decline is grave and it calls for our most careful consideration.

The American people are placed in a very difficult position. It is more serious than we would like to believe. The tottering of the British government with her long-time glory as mistress of the seas, with her far flung lands, spread over vast portions of the earth, has become the question of the day. It is, I'm sure, one of the most delicate periods of democracy among the English speaking peoples.

The avenues upon which civilization is now traveling is significant and startling in every phase of this dark and ghostly atmosphere. These are times when the powers of the earth have come face to face with outstanding and unforeseen circumstances.

Will Democracy Stand the Test? We are sure that with the inroads of Communists, and the Fascists propaganda in America, and other lands where democratic spirits are demonstrated, there is at present, among both black and white, a feeling of wonder, and hesitation as to which way shall we go and will democracy stand the test?

With the abundant assistance of the Word of God, we are not left in darkness concerning the speedy decline of Gentiles all over the globe. The war which has just ended, wrought rapid changes on the continent of Europe over there with so many inhabitants and vast migration, makes the condition most deplorable.

Over the Gentile government must fall. The times of the Gentiles (White race) are nearing the end of their earthly journey, therefore most astonishing upheavals will take place among the democratic powers not only in Europe, but also in America.

"It is not the link of Britain crumbling within a few years, she is as we know, a vast empire. But we are informed that undesirable elements are at the present time, gnawing at the very foundations of democracy in and throughout the British Empire."

It is not difficult to imagine the fall of America even before the fall of Britain. But whatever might be the case... If Democracy should cease in these two great English speaking nations, we can look for the most deplorable picture among the crumbling governments all over the world.

ONLY 50 NEGRO GRADUATES FROM N. Y. MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN 25 YEARS
New York City, (CNS) Fewer than 50 Negroes have been graduated from the 5 medical schools in New York in the last twenty-five years (1920-1945). These startling facts were revealed by Dr. Viola W. Bernard in a report to a meeting of the New York Chapter of Physicians Forum at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Added Dr. Bernard: "From the United States' annual output of 5,000 physicians, only 135 are Negroes—of whom all but ten are graduates from the two all-Negro medical schools. The significance is heightened by the fact that these conditions existed at the same time as organized medicine voiced great alarm at the threatened post war shortage of physicians."

TO PLAY JULIET



MAMIE CURRIE, of 2030 Mars Street, Jacksonville, Florida, will play the part of Juliet one of the two nights, March 14 and 15, when the immortal Shakespearean love drama Romeo and Juliet will be presented in Memorial Chapel by the Fisk University Stagecrafters. Ann Heard, of Nashville, will perform the same role on the other night. Miss Currie, a sophomore at Fisk, portrayed Juliet in the Fisk production last year of John M. Ross' Wangra Doll.

Delinquency Drops 33 1/3% In This Community

RECREATION VITAL FACTOR

According to police statistics, the delinquency in this area had dropped 33 1/3 percent in the last year. Much of this credit can be given to such organizations as the YMCA and the City Recreation Center, who have done much toward alleviating delinquency among our youth, by various recreational and youth programs.

COMMUNITY GETTING RECREATIONAL MINDED

The adults too are helping by backing up these activities and to cite one example that this whole community is going recreational minded, the Boxing show staged at the St. Benedict's gym last Thursday night, had in attendance over 500, both youths and adults.

The Charles Street Recreation Center has special activities every week. Teen age dances... moving pictures and amateur boxing shows.

The YMCA is now busy planning out of its spring and summer athletic program to further help curb juvenile delinquency.

THE MORE YOU FEEL—THE MORE YOU'LL SELL!

Pastor Aid Of St. John Presents Elks Ensemble Monday March 24

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Leo Bohanon is Executive Secretary of Omaha Urban League.

Hillside Church To Be Rebuilt

The Hillside Presbyterian church at 30th and Corby streets, was completely destroyed by fire early last Sunday morning, March 16th. The flames were first discovered in the furnace room of the church at about 5:45 a. m. by Mr. C. Castle, the janitor.

The flames quickly enveloped the whole building and by 8:30 a. m. the church edifice was transformed into a pile of charred rubble.

The building was partly covered by insurance and will be rebuilt, again, only on a more modern and up-to-date basis.

In the meantime the congregation will worship at Elder Fletcher Bryant's Church, Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist, located at 2760 Lake Street.

The adjoining parsonage was partly destroyed, the roof was badly damaged and interior and furniture waterlogged.

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OMAHA RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE TO HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON TOLERANCE

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AT JOSLYN MEMORIAL MARCH 31—APRIL 1

As part of a nation-wide effort to combat prejudice, the Omaha Committee for Racial and Religious Understanding will sponsor a two-day institute on tolerance March 31 and April 1 at Joslyn Memorial.

Speaker will be Dr. Clyde R. Miller of Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Miller, an authority on public opinion and education, founded the Institute for Propaganda Analysis and is consultant to the League for Fair Play. He is also consultant to the Springfield (Mass.) public schools in their successful and much-publicized campaign against intolerance. The famous "Springfield Plan" has been described in numerous books and articles in national magazines and was dramatized in a motion picture, "It Happened in Springfield."

Dr. Miller will lead discussions at three sessions during the institute. All are open to the public. He will be guest of honor at luncheons given by the Good Fellowship Committee of the Chamber of Commerce March 31 and by the Elementary School Principals Club April 1 at Central high school. Co-chairmen of the institute are Mrs. Herman Cohn and Capt. Earle Conover, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

LANE COLLEGE AWARDS HONORARY DEGREE TO CHANNING TOBIAS

Jackson, Tenn., (CNS) Lane College will award Dr. Channing H. Tobias, a director of the Phelps-Stoke Fund and a member of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights, an honorary degree this Friday.

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NAACP PROVIDES AID TO "RUNAWAY SLAVE"

El Paso, Texas, March 17. Elizabeth Coker did not know why she was "given away." When she was eight years old, she knew she had been left with a white family, the P. R. Franklins in El Paso. She scrubbed and mopped and cleaned the house at 114 East Rio Grande Street all day. She never received any money. She wore canvas shoes and the cheapest kind of clothing. She was never inside a church, she never saw any kind of entertainment whatsoever.

Elizabeth Coker was ten years old. Mrs. Franklin had her charged in El Paso court with insanity. Dr. A. W. Branch of El Paso testified that Mrs. Franklin had told him the girl "would come walking across the floor and suddenly turn around and say 'Let me alone, get away from here, and no one would be there.' Obviously of unbalanced mind, she was committed to the insane asylum at Austin. Three years later, Mrs. Franklin went to Austin, brought the girl back to El Paso and put her in the street.

When the Franklins built their home on Buena Vista drive, Elizabeth was forced to carry rock and dig ditches for the foundation all day from 6 a. m. to 10:30 or 11 p. m. She slept in the chicken house at 2308 No. 10th Street. On Sundays Mrs. Franklin took her to apartment houses where the Franklins owned and she scrubbed and polished floors all day without lunch unless the tenants gave her something.

Once Elizabeth carried an empty cement sack into the house and a little cement to hit her with a stick, but the girl dodged. Mrs. Franklin told her husband about it when she came home. He slapped the girl and he and another man pushed her down the cellar stairs, hurt her and she screamed. They kept her there until the police arrived. The police took her to jail for six weeks. Elizabeth was in the room and brought her home and put her back to work.

First ray of light that had ever penetrated into Elizabeth Coker's miserable life came in January of this year. Mrs. Franklin died. Elizabeth, Mrs. C. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson, who lived in the Franklins' apartment house at 2308 No. 10th Street, learned from the girl that she had never been paid for her work, had never been to school or to town, and she asked her if she would run away and live with them. She said she would. Elizabeth had run out for a quarter of a mile from the house. They picked her up and took her to their home.

Informed of the situation by the Thompsons, the El Paso branch NAACP engaged the services of Attorney H. T. Faulk, who gathered evidence and turned it over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI is now investigating.

evening. P. S. Her pocketbook was returned the following day, minus the \$94, and she sighed with great relief.

Barring of Negro Newsmen Attacked

New York, March 17.—The National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today charged all possible corrective action in the barring of Louis Lautier, Washington Bureau chief for the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association and special correspondent for the Atlanta Daily World, from the Senate press gallery. Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, in announcing the Board's action, declared that the Association had already made its stand known to members of the Senate Rules Committee in stiffly worded telegrams to each member of the Committee. The NAACP protests clearly indicated the belief that Mr. Lautier had been barred from the press section solely on the basis of race.

Griffing Bancroft, of the Chicago Sun, who was the only member of the Standing Committee of Correspondents to vote in favor of Mr. Lautier, was warmly complimented on his lone stand by the NAACP executive. "We most warmly thank and congratulate you on the stand you took with respect to the admission of Louis Lautier to the Senate Press Gallery. We greatly admire you for your courage in standing up against the inexcusable position of the other members of the committee," wrote White, in a letter to the Chicago newsmen.

The Washington Bureau this week made a direct appeal to Joseph W. Martin Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives and Sen-

Red Cross Campaign Fund Not Finished—Schmidt

As the Douglas County Red Cross Fund campaign nears completion this week, E. C. Schmidt, fund chairman, issued the warning that the goal was not yet reached. Work was not finished until every volunteer has completed his call and every report turned in to Red Cross headquarters at 1510 Harney. Schmidt said that the headquarters at 1510 Harney will be continued through March to allow every one an opportunity to contribute.

ator C. Wayland Brooks (R. Ill.) Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, to admit Negro reporters to the Capitol Press Galleries.

The NAACP urged that the action taken by the Standing Committee of Correspondents rejecting the application of Louis Lautier, reporter for the Negro Newspaper Publishing Assn., be overruled. In telegrams to Speaker Martin and Senator Brooks, Leslie Perry of the NAACP said:

"It is unthinkable that you will permit this prejudiced action to stand unchallenged and uncorrected. The Negro press performs an important service to this nation. Several million readers rely on it for careful and responsible reporting and interpretation of news. The constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press is indeed a hollow mockery if under the very noses of the lawmakers newspapers correspondents can be successfully barred from covering debates which take place on the floor of Congress."

Winthrop Rockefeller Says Negroes Are Restless

New York City (CNS) Speaking at a reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for the United Negro College Fund, Winthrop Rockefeller said that American Negroes "particularly the veteran and the young people are restless about conditions in this country and rightfully so."

Mr. Rockefeller firmly believes that America will ultimately solve her race problem. "But it will not be this year," he added. "Meantime we can cushion the nation for the shock by doing everything in our power to develop leaders. No civil strife is more than race relations exists in this country today."

Womans' Clothing Found In Alley

The Police Department found the clothing of an elderly woman in the alley near 22nd and Lake Street, with a letter therein from her son who was in the army.

Through identification of clothing found, the elderly woman's name was Mrs. Sarah Barnett.

To date the police department is unable to find anyone who can tell them the whereabouts of Mrs. Sarah Barnett's son, Mr. Chauncey Barnett, who used to reside with his mother at 2627 Charles street. He has been discharged from the army for better than a year, and was seen in Omaha by former neighbors about three weeks ago.

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Anyone who may know the whereabouts of Mrs. Sarah Barnett or Mr. Chauncey Barnett, please call Detective Sgt. U. S. Matthews, at Jackson 2345.

APPEAL FOR EYEWITNESSES

New York, March 17.—NAACP attorneys, who recently instituted a civil suit for damages in behalf of Isaac Woodard, Negro veteran victim of South Carolina storm trooper, announced this week that although the first appeal for eyewitnesses to the brutal beating and blinding of Woodard had produced three men, their case would be considerably bolstered if other eyewitnesses would volunteer to testify. All correspondence should be addressed to the NAACP Legal Department at 20 West 40th St., New York 18, New York.

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THOMPSON TAKES OVER GOVERNORSHIP

ATLANTA, GA.—The State Supreme Court of Georgia, Wednesday, March 19, 1947, ruled that Mr. E. Thompson is the legal Governor of Georgia.

Twenty minutes later, Herman Talmadge, the man who was denounced as a "pretender," picked up his hat and walked out of the Capitol.

In a 5 to 2 decision, the State's highest tribunal rejected claims of Mr. Talmadge and held that Mr. Talmadge's election by the Legislature was unconstitutional.

The State Supreme Court thus moved to end nine weeks of political turmoil in which rival Governors occupied the Capitol and contended for control of state agencies and departments.

Mr. Talmadge operated from the executive suite, however, and a great majority of the departments recognized him as Governor.

Mr. Talmadge said he would not ask the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision.

Lieut. Governor Thompson, who claimed recognition as "acting Governor" after resignation of Gov. Ellis Arnall, appealed to the State Supreme Court when the lower courts dismissed his suit to oust Mr. Talmadge.

Mr. Talmadge was elected by the Legislature to the 4-year term of his late father, Eugene Talmadge, when the red-galleged champion of "White Supremacy" died December 21, 1946, just three weeks before inauguration.

The State Supreme Court held that the death of Eugene Talmadge prevented him from qualifying as the man fixed by law thus creating the necessity for Governor Arnall to continue in office.

The Court further held that the voluntary resignation of Mr. Arnall January 18, 1947, "immediately" imposed upon the Lieut. Governor the duties of Governor, and added "he is now entitled to perform all duties and exercise all the authority which by the Constitution and laws are imposed upon the Governor of this state."

Mr. Talmadge, announced that he would vacate both the Executive Office and the mansion "as soon as we can get the files out and our personal effects packed."

Mr. Talmadge told newsmen that he considered the people the court of last resort in political questions and said the question "will be carried to the court of last resort." He did not elaborate further on that statement.

"Wings Over Jordan" At City Aud., May 28

"Wings Over Jordan" will be presented at the City Auditorium in downtown Omaha, Wednesday, May 28 at 8:30 p. m., 1947. This affair is being sponsored by the Community Employment Association, Inc.

Ten million Americans have heard Wings Over Jordan each Sunday over CBS and have thrilled to the power and depth of the spiritual which are the heart of American Negro music.

Sunday Schools arrange their schedules to hear this program, and schools, hospitals and churches have invited the group to make personal appearances in 45 states. They recently completed ten months overseas with USO Camp Shows, Inc., playing before soldier and civilian audiences in France, Germany, Italy and Belgium. In every place Wings Over Jordan has appeared, the audience has been given a deeper, clearer and truer picture of the Negro through the glorious spirituals of faith and love which are his heritage.

James E. Seay Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buford of the Electronic Sales & Service store, 2414 North 24th street, and Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Davis, of 2213 Miami street, this week helped to bring the James E. Seay, Jr., Fund to a total of \$298.43. Thanks.

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ALONG MY WAY



(BY LAWRENCE P. LEWIS)

A LETTER FROM JAMES E. SEAY
DEAR VETERANS:

I have been away for quite some time and so far there has been very little rest. Of course, I'll admit part of the fault was mine, not keeping my G. I. insurance when the officials wanted me to, but so many were dropping it, so I dropped it like most of the other fellows.

You know how we used to talk... about how we were going to stick together, look out for each other's interest. We didn't want another war, and even if there was another war we were not going to fight, no we were finished with war, once we got our civies on again. Seems like a lot of nonsense now, don't it? We're still the little fellow, not organized, not powerful, not even able to help each other.

Not so good. Is it fellows? Don't think I am making a plea for my case. No, not that. It is the future happenings that I am thinking about. If we can't help each other, we can't help anybody else.

Joy, you know, my wife, is young and strong. She'll be able to make it once the ordeal of having our baby is over. I can't thank the people who helped her personally, but I am sure they know how Monday night. How many veterans attended the Benefit dance for Joy and Gwen? You let me down there. That's water over the dam, but the next time it might be your veteran or John's family next door. That's what I am thinking about now.

Nobody knows what day our last day will be. I didn't, you know that. I didn't intend to leave my wife in the condition that she has been in, but you know the story. The only way we can assure adequate help is by being organized and being willing and able to help each other.

We may be willing, but we're not able unless we are organized. That is the point that I want to get over. Organization that has the veteran at heart. It can be done and I am sure it will be done.

It is an impossibility to see that everyone has food, clothing and shelter, because it is written, "That the poor are with us always." But during the trying times when people are overburdened by unfortunate incidents, such as my family, immediate help can be given to relieve some of their suffering and sorrow.

I place this grave responsibility mainly on the veterans... veterans who are willing to take their proper place in the shaping of the affairs of our community, our city or state, and our country.

Men may shrink on their responsibilities unless shown the reason why they must assume them. It is not to late, GET TOGETHER, give the Community, our City, a Strong Character and Worthwhile organization.

You'll do this? Fine. I can rest now. I just wanted to get it off my chest. Thanks again for every thing. Hello to all the fellows, and God bless all of you.

—JAMES.

Omaha Public Power Set New Record In Power Demand

A new record in power demand was reached in Omaha on Wednesday, March 12, when the Omaha Public Power District carried its largest maximum kilowatt hour load from 11:50 A. M. to Noon. During that period, the kilowatt hour output was 130 thousand as compared with a previous peak of 128 thousand, according to James E. Davidson, General Manager. The gloomy, cloudy day was responsible for the high consumption, said Mr. Davidson.