

# News from NAACP

## CIVIL RIGHTS PLANK URGED ON THE DEMOCRATS

Philadelphia, July 8—Endorsement of the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights by the National Democratic Convention as urged today by Walter White, NAACP secretary, speaking before the convention's platform committee on behalf of 21 national Negro organizations with a combined membership of more than 6 million.

"We urge and insist," Mr. White told the committee, "that the platform of the 1948 Democratic convention endorse without equivocation the entire program of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and especially those provisions to suppress lynching and mob violence, to ban the poll tax as a voting requirement, to afford equality of job opportunity, and to abolish discrimination and segregation in the armed services, education and transportation."

Mr. White reminded the Democrats of the support which Negro voters have given that party and pointed out that "in reasonably close elections, these voters are a vital factor in some 75 congressional districts in at least 17 border and northern states with a total of 295 electoral votes in 1944, this vote is essential to the victory of the Democratic party."

In northern and border states, he said, "there is a potential of 3 million Negro voters. These are independent voters tied to the agrarian of no party and in the bag of no politician. In addition to these three million, there is every likelihood of another million Negro voters in the southern states. For the most part, these new voters are new to the political scene and are represented in Congress by men who have no measure for the development of decent human relations among the people of this country. These voters, perforce, will support the growing liberal element in the South. Ultimately, this will mean a replacement of the present congressional representation by men and women more representative of all the people of the South."

In addition to approval of the recommendations of the Civil Rights committee, Mr. White asked "the platform pledge the full weight of the Democratic party to the amendment of the Senate rules to invoke cloture by a majority vote in order that filibusters which have disgraced America for too long may be stopped in the United States Senate."

The committee was presented with the Declaration of Negro voters, formulated at a meeting of representatives of the 21 organizations in New York City on March 27 of this year.

## A. M. E. BISHOPS SIGNED STATEMENT THAT WALLACE AS A FINE CHRISTIAN LEADER AT KANSAS CONFERENCE

Henry Wallace was praised as a "leader in the cause of peace among people throughout the world," by A. M. E. Church leaders in one of the most significant pronouncements to come out of the 33rd Quadrennial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. The conference closed May 17.

Characterizing Wallace as an example of a Christian leader "who stands up for the rights of the Negro people and the Jewish people as well as Protestants and Catholics," nine bishops signed the statement, which as released shortly after Senator Glen T. Taylor, Wallace's running mate, addressed the conference on his fight against Jim Crow in Birmingham, Alabama.

The statement was signed by Bishop S. L. Greene of the 9th Episcopal District, Alabama; Bishop W. A. Fountain Sr., of the 12th District, Oklahoma and Arkansas; Bishop A. J. Allen of the 3rd District, Ohio and West Virginia;

year. Joining Mr. White in presentation of the demands of Negro voters are Dr. Channing H. Tobias, of the CME Church; George L. P. Weaver, CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination; Miss Mabel S. Lewis, National Association of Negro Milliners and Dress Designers; Dr. W. C. Jason, National Alliance of Postal Employees; and Theodore Spaulding, National Bar Association.

## JUDGE ISSUES A RESTRAINING ORDER

Charleston, S.C., July 8—Judge J. Waties Waring, of the United States District Court, Eastern District of South Carolina, issued a restraining order today in the suit filed today by attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against eighty-nine officers and members of the State's Democratic Party, who the court alleges, have sought to prevent Negro citizens of South Carolina from voting.

The suit, filed on behalf of David Brown and other qualified Negro voters of South Carolina, follows by three months the victory won by the NAACP in the case of Elmore W. Rice. In the latter case, Judge Waring held illegal the refusal of the Democratic Party of South Carolina to allow qualified Negroes the right to participate in the Democratic party primary. Judge Waring's decision was sustained by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court refused, last April, to review the decision.

Following these decisions, the Democratic party of South Carolina determined to continue its infringement upon the right of Negroes to vote in the primary. Pursuant to this aim, the party passed rules prohibiting any Negro from joining Democratic party clubs, requiring that every Negro upon registering present a general registration certificate, and requiring every member of the Democratic Party to take an oath to uphold racial segregation and oppose federal fair employment practices legislation.

The present suit, filed against every officer of the Democratic party in South Carolina who was not a defendant in the case of Elmore W. Rice, asked the court to issue immediately a temporary order restraining the defendants from employing these devices to prevent Negroes from voting in the August 10 primary. The new rules of the Democratic Party of South Carolina were devised solely for the purpose of disfranchising voters on the basis of their race and color, according to the NAACP attorney. Such devices, the complaint claims, are in violation of the Article I and Amendment 14, 15 and 17 of the United States Constitution and of Sections 31 and 43 of Title 8 of the United States Code.

The restraining order issued today by Judge Waring both the defendants and the plaintiffs to appear in court July 16 to present both sides of the case. The attorneys handling the case for the NAACP are Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall and Assistant Special Counsel Edward R. Dudley of New York and Harold Boutwell of Columbia, S. C.

## KMA Listener Wins \$30,000

"I know I won't win because no one ever wins who needs the prize." Twenty minutes after she made this statement, Mrs. Bessie Lawrence, a regular KMA listener, who lives in Shenandoah, Iowa, proved herself wrong by winning \$30,000 in prizes for submitting the best entry in the "Abbott and Costello Kid Show" contest.

Mrs. Lawrence who lives with her unemployed husband in a two room walk up apartment over a hamburger stand, is the mother of five children. She has eight grandchildren. Since she was married 35 years ago, Bessie Lawrence has dreamed of a home to call her own. However, rearing the children took all the money which Mr. Lawrence a day laborer, could make. Yesterday the Lawrences were worrying about tomorrow's meal and next month's rent. Today their only worry is the income tax on \$30,000.

In her winning entry, Mrs. Lawrence said, "I want to help fight juvenile delinquency because I love children—kindness, patience and affectionate understanding are what children need most—We should never make a promise to a child we don't intend to keep. Their faith in us in soon gone. Next Monday, July 12, Mrs. and Mr. Lawrence will leave for Hollywood to meet Lou Costello and Bud Abbott, on Saturday, July 17th, she will participate in a national wide broadcast during which she will receive the following prizes:

- \$5,000 mink coat
- \$4,795 four place sedan airplane
- \$3,000 new Kaiser four door sedan, fully equipped with a radio, heater and other accessories.
- \$3,000 House trailer
- \$1,250 coronation diamond ring
- Two weeks all expenses paid vacation with her husband at Theel Rancho Vegas Hotel, in Los Vegas.
- \$1,200 silver and gold engraved jewel chest presented by Arturo de Cordova to Lucille Bremer in "The Adventure of Casanova"
- A fully automatic O'Keefe and Merritt Gas Range
- \$200 makeup kit
- \$650 diamond and platinum precision wrist watch for Mrs. Lawrence another for her husband
- \$400 a complete service for 12 of Franciscan china
- \$580 flooring of the Lawrence kitchen, drainboard and bathroom in ceramic tile.
- \$1,000 complete heating or cooling system for their apartment or trailer
- \$200 sterling service for 8
- A handbag fitted in gold and a lighter, a cigarette case, compact and lipstick, and \$130 entry.
- \$350 living room suite
- \$130 pillow rest mattress and a box spring
- \$120 vacuum sweeper, complete with nine household units
- \$400 16 MM sound motion picture projector accompanied by a print of Abbott and Costello's first movie "Buch Privates" and a print of their latest film "The Noose hangs High" The prints are valued at \$1,000.
- \$250 set of luggage.

Round trip to Hollywood and a week's stay in the film city with all expenses paid. A television set. Several other prizes.

Mrs. Lawrence said that all of the prizes but the car and the furniture would be sold to buy an acreage here on the outskirts of Shenandoah. She spoke wistfully of the \$5,000 mink coat, but finally said, "My husband and I worked too many years to spend any of the money foolishly. Believe me, folks dreams do come true."

Other parties to the conversation were LeRoy A. Wilson, president of the A. T. & T. Company, Vice President of the Northwestern Company, C. L. Sampson, in Iowa, and Harold Bragg, the customer in whose home the 30 millionth installation was made at Marshalltown.

Mr. Bragg, of 207 South 16 Ave., is an engineer employed by the Lennox Furnace Company. He and Mrs. Bragg have a two-and-a-half-year old daughter, Jane Kay.

The installation comes seventy-two years after Alexander Graham Bell said, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you," over the first telephone to transmit intelligible speech. That was on March 10, 1876, in Boston. It took the Bell System over forty-five years to attain its first 10 millionth telephone, not quite twenty years for the next 10 millionth and less than six years for the third 10 millionth. The

System has added 8 million, two hundred thousand telephones since V-J Day. The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and the other Bell System Companies are doing their utmost to catch up with the unprecedented demand for telephones. New switchboards and more wire and cable are being manufactured and installed in record quantities, looking toward the day when everyone again can have the kind of telephone service he wants, when he wants it.

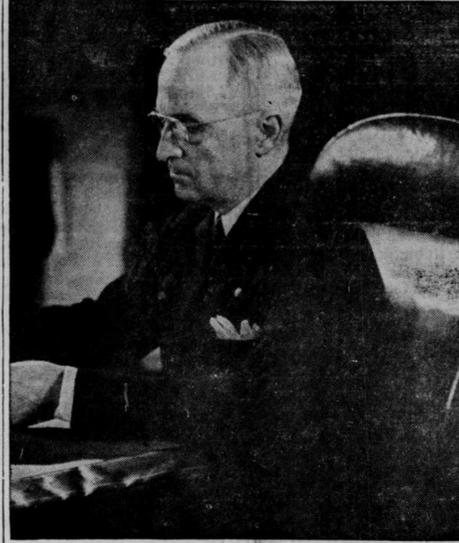
In the last 10 years, the number of Bell System telephones in service has nearly doubled, growing from 15 million, four hundred and sixty thousand, to 30 million. More than half of this gain has been made since the end of the war. Today's Bell System plant investment is about 8 billion dollars. This is almost double what it was 10 years ago. Nearly two-thirds of this 10-year gain has been made since the war. Similarly, there are today about 675 thousand Bell System employees or more than twice the total of a decade ago. Owners of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, parent Company of the System, now total nearly 750 thousand.

# THE OMAHA GUIDE

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## Truman Nominated at Convention



The Hon. President Harry S. Truman

Truman and Barkly nominated Harry Truman's opening remark: "We are going to beat the Republican and make them like it." Mississippi and Alabama walked out of the convention. Humphrey of Minn. helped the platform committee's feet to the fire—Made them call a spade a spade, Tenn., No. Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Mississippi and Georgia, the real die-hard kind fought a

good battle but lost. They will lose again in the November election unless they decide to cut out their system of political persecution of 50 per cent of their citizens.

It doesn't make very much difference who's elected in November—Truman—Wallace—Dewey. From all outside appearances it looks like America is beginning to practice a real democratic Democracy.

## IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH

New York, June 11—In an effort unique in Negro labor unionism, five organizations of Negro railroad workers have pooled their strength in the organization of the Negro Railway Labor Executives Association.

The five unions committee, organized in Washington, D. C., in April has published the first issue of its joint publication dealing with the problems of job-security common to each of them.

The paper, named the Negro Railway Labor News, details the many struggles in which the participating organizations are involved.

The slogan of the committee—unity, equality, job and seniority protection—corresponds to the aims the five unions have in the railroad industry.

The five unions are: Association of Colored Railway

## Reservations in the Special Train

Reservations in the special train going from Omaha to the Fort Randall dam site July 22 now total approximately 100, according to the manager of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Transportation department, R. W. Heinemann.

The list of those planning to attend the Army Engineers' Open House day has doubled in the past week. The River Development and Flood Control committee of the Omaha Chamber is sponsoring a special train via the Milwaukee railroad to the event. Purpose of the day is to acquaint residents of the Missouri Basin with the work being done at Fort Randall and the importance that it holds for all those who live in this area.

Interest in the trip is not confined solely to Omaha. Here are some of the interested communities and the number of representatives they are sending: Lincoln, six; Columbus, four; Council Bluffs, approximately ten; St. Joseph, Mo., eight. Others have promised to send representatives are Minden and Nebraska City.

The special train will make no stops between Omaha and Fort Randall. Harry Trustin, chairman of the River Development and Flood Control committee, says that attendance of his group for the trip will be virtually one hundred per cent. Fourteen members of the 22 man group have already made reservations.

The train will leave Omaha at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, arriving at the dam site at approximately 8 a.m., July 22. The train will leave again at about 3 p.m. Thursday, arriving back in Omaha about midnight.

The delegation will travel in air-conditioned cars with a special diner. Round trip fare, including lower Pullman berth and parlor seat on return, and meals, will be \$3w1.50. Reservations may be made through G. A. Henkens, General Agent of the Milwaukee Passenger Department at 1611 Farnam, or the Omaha Chamber's Transportation Department.

A crowd of nearly 10,000 persons is expected to visit the dam during the one-day celebration.

## CALIFORNIA CANDIDATES

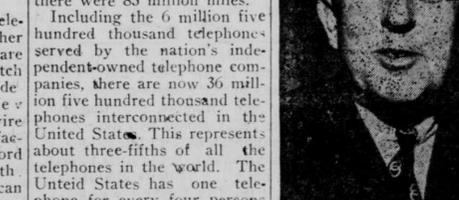


Augustus F. Hawkins (left) and James T. Allen are two candidates for California State Assembly with full backing of the Wallace New Party. Hawkins, incumbent Democrat, will run on both Democratic and Independent Progressive (Wallace) Party tickets in the 62nd A.D. Los Angeles. Hawkins was first elected to the State Legislature in 1935 and has since been re-elected to seven successive terms. James Allen (right) is the IPP's candidate in Los Angeles' 67th A.D. and has received endorsement of the Los Angeles CIO.

Eddie Dunn: "Trying to go to sleep the other night I counted so many sheep they started to picket for shorter hours."

"True Or False," MBS

## Named Administrator



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sound photo)—President Truman today nominated Paul Gray Hoffman, above, a leading GOP administrator of the 6 billion dollar Foreign Aid Program. Hoffman's title will be Administrator for Economic Cooperation.

## My Neighbors



"Can't understand 'made-work' or 'featherbedding.' Suppose we had to hire three men to milk two cows; milk would have to sell for \$1.75 a quart!"

Destroyer of Crops  
Hail storms destroy more farm crops in America than tornadoes.



Child Welfare Worker  
George T. Hedges, 1948 graduate of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, is now enjoying his work as the Child Welfare Worker with the Social Service Bureau, of Richmond Va. Mr. Hedges, who is the only male and Negro worker employed on the staff is a native of Norfolk, Va. and a member of the Omega Psi Fraternity.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission announced today that applications are being sought from persons qualified to fill the position of Maintenance Superintendent. The salary for the position of Maintenance Superintendent ranges from \$2469 to \$3648 per annum.

Vacancies exist in various Public Housing Administration units in the following locations, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Alhance, Grand Island, Hastings, and Sidney, Nebraska; and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Civil Service Secretary at any first or second-class post office where the announcement is posted or from the Information Office, Eighth U.S. Civil Service Region, Post Office and Customhouse Building, Saint Paul 1, Minnesota.

## 100 RURAL COLORED YOUTHS ATTEND THE SOUTHWIDE 4-H CAMP

Over 100 rural colored youths will attend the first South wide 4-H Club Camp, August 24-31, at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., according to an announcement made this week by Acting Extension Service Director Walter H. Conway.

Encampment delegates, who will represent the 360 thousand colored 4-H club boys and girls in the Nation, have been selected from clubs in each of the 17 Southern States. Each State is sending six delegates—three boys and three girls who have done outstanding 4-H club work.

Plans for the event are being completed this week by the encampment committee in a meeting at Knoxville College, at the tentative encampment program includes a series of addresses by prominent white and colored leaders, a one-day trip to New Orleans where the clubbers will visit historic places a boat ride on the Mississippi, and tours of the State Capitol at Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University, and the State agricultural experiment station.

At southern the 4-Hers will take part in discussions of health, good citizenship, 4-H work, and rural life problems. Following the discussion periods they will join in various types of recreational activities under the direction of Ross C. Owens of Tuskegee. During the evenings, the boys and girls will see movies, take part in group singing, and play indoor games.

One of the highlights of the encampment will be a presentation ceremony during which 4-H membership plaques will be presented to four outstanding citizens who have been an inspiration to rural youths.