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News from NAACP

WHITE PRIMARY COLLAPSES AS NEGROES VOTE IN SO. CAROLINA

New York, Aug. 12—Participation of onestimate 35,000 Negro voters in the Democratic primaries of South Carolina was hailed this week by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel as "the culmination of a twenty-three year fight by the Association to establish the right of Negro citizens to exercise their choice of political candidates."

Mr. Marshall was in South Carolina on the primary election, August 10, to witness the results of the decision handed down by Federal District Judge J. Waties Waring and the U. S. Circuit Court upholding the right of Negro citizens in these cases which invalidated the "white primary" schemes of the politicians. With this development the right of Negro citizens to vote in the primaries and the general election in any state in the Union has been established.

In a statement watched Negro and White citizens of South Carolina, in Charleston and in Columbia, voting together in the primary election last Tuesday. This is the culmination of a long drawn out 23-year old fight by the NAACP to establish the right of Negro citizens to exercise their choice of political candidates. Despite the dire prediction of certain die-hard politicians whose political life depended on white supremacy, we checked and rechecked and found no evidence of any friction since Reconstruction time.

"Negro citizens were orderly, clean dressed, and acted as ladies and gentlemen. They voted in this Democratic primary and the skies did not fall. More than 35,000 Negroes in that primary and each of them deserves the plaudits of all good Americans for their long, patient support of litigation and the calm and cool manner in which they accepted their victory and cast their votes."

NAACP FILES SUIT TO END OKLA. SCHOOL SEGREGATION

Oklahoma City, Aug. 12—A special three-judge Federal Court sitting in this city will, on August 23, hear NAACP lawyers ask for a decision invalidating the state's segregation laws insofar as they prohibit qualified Negroes from entering the University of Oklahoma graduate schools.

The complaint, filed in behalf of G. W. McLaurin, former Langston University teacher, seeks a preliminary injunction against the university's continued rejection of qualified Negro applicants. Mr. Mc-

Laurin, it points out, is admittedly qualified in all respects and is denied admission solely because of race and color in conformity with the laws of Oklahoma and the rules of the University's Board of Regents. The complaint further alleges that enforcement of these statutes and rules have denied the applicant his rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States.

In New York City, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, and Amos T. Hall, associate counsel, said today that "this is believed to be the first time this type of relief has been sought by means of a special three-judge Federal Court. Under this procedure, if declared applicable, the long delays in similar suits will be circumvented. The statute specifically provides that such cases shall be given precedence and shall be in every way expedited and be assigned for a hearing at the earliest practicable date." This case will be watched with interest by lawyers as well as by the general public.

JERSEY GOVERNOR FREES A CHAIN GANG FUGITIVE

Newark, N.J., Aug. 12—Released from prison by order of Gov. Alfred D. Driscoll, John Colier, 28-year-old fugitive from a South Carolina chain gang, was this week looking forward to a life of useful employment. Colier was freed by the Governor on August 6, following intervention of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP branches, the Newark Ministers Conference and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Although the courts had rejected the pleas of J. Mercar Burrell and Abram A. Golden, Colier's attorneys, and former Gov. Walter E. Edge had signed extradition papers permitting the fugitive's removal to South Carolina, Gov. Driscoll released him after a public hearing.

Colier escaped from the chain gang after serving 10 months of a 19-months sentence. He had been convicted and sentenced in 1937 for the theft of a few packages of chewing gum and cigarettes in Greenwood, S. C. In announcing his decision to release the young man, Gov. Driscoll said:

"I have followed the principle which I have publicly laid down at the hearing held before men—a careful weighing of the demands of justice against the demand of the principle of comity between states. On this basis, it has become

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Babe Ruth Dies at 53 of Cancer

Number "3" will be retired forever from the shirts of the big leagues. Babe Ruth was such a great ball player and was loved by so many people that they retired the Number "3" from use. Some fifty thousand admirers of "Babe" visited him for the last time as his body lay in state. We, the people will miss not only a great baseball player, but a true American.

MUSIC FESTIVAL FUND



Dr. C.B. Powell, president, and Mr. Neil Scott, executive director of the Amsterdam News Welfare Fund Music Festival, are shown jubilantly planning for the giant Music Festival which the Fund is planning at Lewishohn Stadium on Wednesday, August 11, at 8 p.m. Dr. Powell and Mr. Scott are establishing a precedent by giving honor to Irving Berlin, along with Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and W. C. Handy. It is believed to be one of the first times a Negro organization formally recognized a white man (one who is not a political figure). Mr. Scott states that "in the case of Mr. Berlin, when one begins examining the history of American

music, there is no way to overlook him. If we gave a festival of American music honoring Berlin, along with W. C. Handy, we would fail the concept of democracy. The officials of the Amsterdam News Welfare Fund refuse to fall into this trap. Just as the Fund gives to needy persons regardless of race, creed, or color, so will the officials of the Fund honor greatness, regardless of race, creed, or color.

"Mr. Handy is being honored as the originator of the 'blues' trend in America, which gave him his title 'Father of the Blues'. Mr. Berlin is being given honor as being virtually 'Mr. Musical America', himself, as far as the masses of Americans are concerned. Mr.

Robinson is honored for his sterling achievements as a tap dancer and a fixture in the musical comedy field.

Dr. Powell and Mr. Scott announced that the Amsterdam News Welfare Fund has recently given away more than 30 thousand dollars, and that the Festival is being given to replenish the treasury and expand the scope of its charitable activities.

More than 25,000 persons are expected to crowd their way into the Lewishohn Stadium on Wednesday, August 11th, and patrons are expected to come from the lengths and breadths of America to witness the gigantic spectacle.

U. S. Civil Service Commission Office of the Local Secretary Omaha Guide

Dear Sir: The following is submitted as a press release for your next issue of your paper:

"The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following new examinations for probational appointment.

Internal Revenue Agent—Special Agent Tax Fraud, \$3727 to \$4479 per annum. Positions are located in various Treasury Department offices, Bureau of Internal Revenue, in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. In addition to a written test applicants must have education or experience which will show that they have a thorough knowledge of commercial accounting and auditing principles and

practices. Applications will be accepted until September 8th, 1948.

Draftsman, \$2152 to \$3727 per annum. Opportunities exist in various Federal agencies located in the 8th U. S. Civil Service Region. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Engineer, \$2974 per annum, for duty in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. Applications will be accepted from students who expect to complete their college course within six months of the date of filing applications. Applications will be accepted under further notice.

Printer's Assistant, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, of Washington D. C., \$1.10 per hour. Applicants must pass a written test. Age limits are from 18 to 45 except to veterans. Women are desired for this position. Applications will

be accepted until September 7, 1948.

Elevator Operator, Washington D. C. Open only to persons entitled to veteran preference. Women are particularly desired. No Age limits. Application will be accepted until further notice. Salary ranges from \$1.10 per hour to \$2.020 and \$2.152 a year.

Further information and applications may be obtained from the Commission's Local secretary, George J. Storms, 404 Post Office building, Omaha, Nebraska.

Signed George J. Storms
Local Secretary

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Delta Sigma Theta To Hold National Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

STATEMENT ABOUT DELTA SIGMA THETA

The economic and social status of the Negro minority places a tremendous responsibility upon those within the group who have had the advantages of college education. The Sorority justifies its existence, therefore, to the extent to which its members identify themselves individually and collectively with the needs and aspirations of the masses of people. From its inception and particularly today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has endeavored to demonstrate by word and deed that young women who achieve a B average in college and are of high character can be an influence and a force for good in the local community, the nation and the world.

Delta Sigma Theta is a national organization of college women founded more than 30 years ago at Howard University. Today, it is at work in 182 communities and college campuses throughout the country. Character, high ideals and good scholarship are essential for membership. Every chapter and every individual is pledged to assume full responsibility for building good citizenship and working for community, national and international welfare.

Membership
Membership in Delta Sigma Theta is open to young women of all races and faiths who meet its requirements in character, citizenship responsibility and scholarship. The Sorority is a member of the International Council of Women and the National Council of Negro Women. To achieve its purpose, the Sorority includes the following:

National Projects
We sponsor a travelling library which aims to reach people in rural areas who are without the benefits of library facilities. For the past ten years, we have worked in rural North Carolina, Georgia, and other southern states, in addition to hospitals, orphanages and other institutions making available book shelves and reading rooms which our members sponsor. Selected books by and about Negroes are usually included.

Job Opportunities
We are at work to encourage and train Negroes for better job opportunities. Through our program, we are developing increased facilities for the vocational guidance of our youth. In present, in cooperation with the National Urban League, we are sponsoring two demonstration centers with special emphases on vocational guidance for college students. One is in Atlanta, Georgia and the other is Detroit, Michigan.

In cooperation with the National Urban League and the Parents' Institute, we are publishing the true stories of outstanding Negroes who have made good in various job fields under the title, "Negro Heroes". 300 thousand copies have been released.

Scholarship and Foreign Fellowships

To encourage young people, we offer scholarships and fellowships. Last year, throughout our national body, we made grants of \$5000 and through our various chapters well over \$20,000. In addition to scholarships for study in colleges of higher education in this country, we have instituted a fellowship in France, today, one

young women, the first recipient of our foreign fellowship. Another has been projected for a Libedean young woman. Contributors to the Organizations such as: United Negro College Fund, The March of Dimes, East West Association, National Com. to abolish the Poll Tax, National Council for a Permanent FEPC, NAACP, Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, National Urban League, National Council of Negro Women, Round the World YWCA Reconstruction Fund, Some Twypical Chapter Endeavors:

In Detroit Delta has established a home for girls which operates under the Council of Social Agencies as a community service. In Lynchburg, Delta has been instrumental in arousing community support for the opening of a public library for which has not been available to either white or Negro citizen. At the University of Illinois and Hampton Institutes, to mention only two, Deltas hold highest scholastic average of any Greek letter organization.

In Houston, Delta sponsors a Town Hall Forum presenting members of the President's Civil Rights Committee. At Tuskegee, Delta received an award for raising thousands of dollars for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. At Tuskegee, Delta received an award for raising thousands of dollars for the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

In Atlanta, Delta established a library serving two outlying countries. At Clark and Morris Brown Colleges, Delta brought information on new fields of work. In Tulsa, Delta sponsored Career Clinics and Back to School Campaigns for Negro youth.

In Berkeley, Delta gives active leadership on public issues. Region render distinguished service in the areas of employment opportunities, scholarships and publications, health and general welfare. **Cooperation:**

We are members of the Pan Hellenic Council and the National Council of Negro Women. We work closely with the accrediting agencies of the colleges for the maintenance of proper standards within our organization so far as scholarship attainment is concerned. We are a unit in the American Council on Human Rights.

Our Convention:
Once a year, representatives of all our chapters, along with the National Officers, meet in Convention to determine our program emphasis and to take the kind of action necessary to achieve our aims and relate ourselves effectively to the needs of our times.

Both undergraduate and the graduate members will come together from all regions of the country for essential work on our program. August 24-28th, St. Louis, Missouri. This year we meet around the theme Human Rights—Our Challenge, Our Responsibility.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. GRAND CHAPTER
Mr. C. C. Galloway,
Editor Omaha Guide,
Omaha, Nebraska.
Dear Sir:

The Twentieth National Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be held in the Kiel Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, August 24 and 28. "Human Rights—Our Challenge, Our Responsibility" is the theme of the convention which will bring together young women from 182 communities and colleges in 48 states.

We are enclosing a copy of our tentative program to give you an idea of the scope of our sessions and some of the important national and International personalities who will participate. The digest tells something of the work we do.

We invite you to send a reporter to cover the convention. Our Press Room has been arranged to secure the maximum of service to your representative. We should like also to invite you to a special luncheon of our national officers and press representatives, on Monday, August 23rd at 12.30 p.m.

Will you say that we may expect the Omaha Guide to be represented at the convention and at the special luncheon? Your cooperation will mean much in this important endeavor.

Very truly yours,
Dorothy I. Height,
Grand President.
20th National Convention
The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

PROGRAM
Theme: "Human Rights, Our Challenge, Our Responsibility Monday, August 23
10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting—Homer G. Phillips Nurses Home.
12:30 Luncheon. Grand Officers and Members of the Press, Homer G. Phillips Nurses Home.

1:30 Tour of the City
3:30 Box Luncheon. Home of Goror Nan Walton, 1145 Aubert St.
7:15 Radio Broadcast Station. Registration: Phillis Wheatley YWCA, 2709 Locust St. Tuesday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Reception to Delegates and Visiting Sorors, Courtesy Grand Chapter Officers.
10:30 Formal Opening, Assembly Hall, Kiel Auditorium. 12:00 p.m. Luncheon, Refectory, Kiel Auditorium.
2:00 Plenary Session, Assembly Hall, Kiel Auditorium.

Symposium: Presenting the Highlights of Reports of Grand Officers.
5:00 Dinner, Refectory, Kiel Auditorium.
8:15 Forum.

(The public is invited)
"Human Rights, Our Challenge, Our Responsibility"
Mrs. Sadie E. Alexander, member Presidents Committee on Civil Rights.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune President, National Council of Negro Women.

Madame Rajan Nehru, India The East and West Association.

Mr. Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary, National Urban League.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, President, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

Music: Stowe Teachers College Choir
Guest Artist: Miss Muriel B. Smith, Star of Earmen Jones Opera Carmen.

Wednesday, August 25
9:00 a.m. Plenary Session, Assembly Hall, Kiel Auditorium.
Soror Dorothy I. Height,
Dear Sir:

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