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Eisenhower Hopes For Passage of Pending Civil Rights Legislation

A hope that Congress will enact Administration-sponsored pending civil rights legislation was expressed by President Eisenhower in a message of greetings to the NAACP's 47th annual convention which opened formally here last Tuesday.

A telegraphed message from the Chief Executive declared that the civil rights measures, if enacted, "will materially assist the government in discharging its responsibility to safeguard the Constitutional rights of every citizen in this country, including the right to vote."

"But laws on the statute books are not enough," the presidential message continued. "Patience and forbearance and wisdom are required of all of us if we are to solve effectively the perplexing problems of this trying period of adjustment. As you turn your attention to these problems, I wish all of you a most successful greeting."

President Eisenhower's greeting noted that since 1909, NAACP members "both white and Negro have been striving to secure for all persons regardless of color their full measure of Constitutional rights."

"A Badge of Honor"
A telegraphed greeting from Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, asserted that the "label of 'extremism' placed on the NAACP is a badge of honor won in the fight against the shameful badge of Jim Crow."

"Generations of Americans to come will benefit from your firmness in refusing to accept any substitutes for full attainment of Constitutional rights," Dr. Goldstein added.

Greetings to the assemblage from the president and Board chairman of the Association singled out for special praise southern NAACP members who have refused to yield to pressures and threats during the past year. The messages were received at convention headquarters in written form since President Arthur B. Spingarn and Board Chairman Channing H. Tobias were unable to attend the proceedings.

Mr. Spingarn and Dr. Tobias predicted new NAACP victories during the coming year. The latter said, "new tactics and methods have been developed to meet the present crisis in the South." He indicated the Association may "develop additional methods for dealing with the present situation."

Enemies Tactics Are Desperate
Of the Association's members Mr. Spingarn declared: "It is in large part due to their devotion to the democratic way of life and to their belief in the ideals set forth in our American Constitution that the NAACP has become at this time a significant and, in fact, a powerful instrument in achieving equal citizenship rights for all Americans. Our enemies know this, and their tactics in fighting us have become the tactics of desperation."

"Some of our members have been victims of the economic pressures exerted by the White Citizens Councils. Others have been threatened with violence for advocating civil rights and desegregation. I am certain that the great majority of American citizens who believe in equality of opportunity admire the courage of our people in these troubled times, and I personally salute their refusal to bow down to the forces of bigotry."

Period is Crucial
On the same subject Dr. Tobias maintained that "we are facing a crucial period in the history of our organization. Our successes in breaking down the ancient segregation barriers have aroused the enmity of those committed to the obsolete Jim Crow patterns. As a consequence, we are under attack throughout the South."
"Our members have been threatened and penalized," the Board chairman's message continued. "Our name has been vilified, and all our activities banned in two states. Despite these provocations, our people have remained calm and assured. They have not sought to retaliate

STATE THEATRE

Monday July 16th, at 8:15 the State Theatre offers a sneak preview of an outstanding picture from a Major Producing Company, this is being offered in addition to the current screen attraction "Alexander The Great." Opening Tuesday at the State Theatre is the Walt Disney production "The Great Locomotive Chase" starring Fess Parker and Jeff Hunter.

Man, 101, Goes To K.C. Alone

Two weeks ago a 101-year-old ex-slave and father of 19 children traveled alone from Houston Texas to Kansas City for Father's day. He is 5-foot, 171-pound William Coney, born December 2nd 1855, near Paris Louisiana.

While in the city Mr. Coney has divided his time among Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coney, 2639 East 28th St., his son and daughter-in-law; Miss Mary Coney, 2106 Garfield Circle, his daughter; and Frank Coney, 2445 Wabash Avenue, another son.

Following his early morning walk, a habit since he was very young, this well-dressed man could be seen sitting on the porch of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coney. Rising at 5:00 a.m., he feels that something is wrong if he doesn't have a clean white shirt, tie, a pair of freshly pressed pants and shined shoes to put on.

Besides this attire, he always checks to see if he has his address book and certificate of exemption from payment of poll tax. Included in the address book are the names of his nine children still living and of his present wife, 80-year-old Mrs. Orel Coney, with whom he has lived for the past four years in a Houston apartment of their own.

Of the children still living, five are in Houston, three in Kansas City and one in Shreveport, La. Those in Houston are Alvard Coney, Ollie Redly, Willie Cross, Floyd Coney and Ike Coney. Mrs. Beulah Shaw lives in Shreveport.

Passed Florida Bar Exam



Attorney Alphonso McGee of Tallahassee, the first male graduate of the college of law at Florida A and M University, recently passed the Florida Bar Association examination and is permitted to engage in the practice of law within the state. He is shown receiving congratulations from University President George N. Gore, Jr. (A and M staff photo by C. J. Smith. III)

except through legal action. This they will continue to do and we will regain our right to continue our activities in those states which now ban us."

Membership Growth
Both Association officials took note of the past year's growth in NAACP membership and income. It was pointed out that in 1955, for the first time since 1948, the membership exceeded 300,000 and that NAACP income for January through May, 1956 totaled \$301,569.75 compared to \$169,122.97 for the first five months of 1955. The Association plans to reach the 400,000 membership mark by the end of 1956.

SWIM LESSONS FOR THE LADIES ON TUESDAYS

Women who would like to learn to swim are invited to join the YM-YW Swim on Tuesdays. Morning classes are held at 9:15 a.m. for intermediates, 10:15 a.m. for beginners. Evening classes are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. for synchronized swim, 7:00 p.m. for intermediates, and 8:00 p.m. for beginners.

Registration may be made at the YWCA any Tuesday. The fee is \$8.00 for three months and includes a YWCA yearly membership.

Sincerely,
Elinor Van Steenburg
Health Education Director

President of Talladega Guest Here

Dr. Arthur Gray first Negro President of Talladega College at Talladega, Alabama, and his gracious, charming wife were dinner guests of the Thomas E. Hayes family on Sunday, June 24. Following the dinner hour many Omahans dropped in informally to meet these distinguished guests.

Dr. Gray, a delegate and member of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches also appeared on Television Station K.M.T.V. on a panel discussion of minority problems at 3:30 P.M. the same Sunday. He and Mrs. Hayes were school mates at Talladega from which both received their college degrees.

The Grays and the Hayes completed a busy but enjoyable day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo South and "The Swanky Eight Club" at their very colorful, unique and hospitable garden party in the picturesque setting of the Russell Reeses' garden.

Omahans expressed great pride at having such prominent people as the Grays and other leading Congregationalists who attended the convention. Our city has to be better by their having paused for a while to bring new hope and goals for future actions toward complete democracy and equality of citizenship and opportunity.

Preventing Wrinkles—Fabrics of manmade fibers will come out of the dryer wrinkle-free if two dampened towels are put in the dryer with the clothes. Run dryer on low for five minutes.

Moss H. Kendrix Given Citation



Moss H. Kendrix, Washington, D. C., public relations firm head, views with Mrs. Mayme E. Williams, Miami, president of the National Congress of Colored

Parents and Teachers, citation given him by group in recognition of his work in the Negro market and his efforts to increase the efficiency of personnel and promote "good public relations with the business world." Citation was made during anniversary dinner of the NCCPT at Shreveport, Louisiana, last Sunday.

Rifle Meet Is Sunday

The second annual Eastern Nebraska small bore tournament will be held at Dodge Park, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 22, 1956. This is sponsored by the Omaha Council of rifle clubs and the Omaha park and recreation commission.

The meet is a registered rifle association shoot, consisting of seven matches. Entries are open to both men and women and also junior boys and girls. The meet is scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

Employers' Reports Are Due July 31

Nebraska employers of four or more persons newly covered by the Nebraska Employment Security Law were urged today by officials of the Division of Employment Security to supply the Division with required reports and remittances if they have not already done so.

July 31st is the last day of grace the law allows for filing reports and making tax payments. After August 1st interest charges will accrue on delinquent remittances, the officials said.

The newly covered employers are those who have had at least four persons working for them for twenty weeks or more this year. They have been liable for reports and tax contributions since January 1, 1956. Those who have not already complied with the law should contact the Division of Employment Security, Box 1033, Lincoln, Nebraska, before the dead line date.

Muscle Men To Vie Saturday

There will be a midwest A.A.U. weight lifting and physique contest on July 21 at Boyd Softball field, sponsored by the Omaha park and recreation commission. The weight lifting events are broken down into six weight classes - 123 lbs., 133, 148, 165, 181 and heavyweight. The weight lifting contest will be broken down into two contests - open mid west which is open to anyone in the United States, and the closed contest which is open only to midwest entrants. The mid

The Big Money Drive Against Liberals

Efforts are being made to keep liberals from voicing their views over the air, while well-heeled politicians have ready access to the radio and TV.

That picture, a familiar one to close observers of public affairs, was painted again in striking colors by two widely-known individuals recently. One, Rep. George Rhodes, liberal Pennsylvania Democrat, said: "From personal experience I can reveal that strong efforts have been made to prevent me from making radio reports to the people on what is happening in Congress and the nation's capital. The attempt to silence me becomes more persistent each day." Shortly thereafter, Rhodes was cut off a Reading radio station for the first time in eight years.

The other, Mrs. Agnes Meyer, wife of Eugene Meyer, board chairman of the Washington Post & Times Herald and head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. under Herbert Hoover, charged that public relations experts are using mass media to control, rather than enlighten, public opinion.

"They are a menace to democracy," said Mrs. Meyer, "because only the political party that is well-heeled with money can afford their exorbitant fees."

These Madison Avenue public relations experts, she asserted, "have now entered the political arena and learned to sell personalities and policies with the same skill with which they formerly sold toothpaste."

Just about the only place where a liberal candidate can look for help is from people who work in the shops, offices and factories. The simplest and easiest way for them to help get liberals elected is to contribute voluntarily \$1 apiece to COPE.

Politics Okay For Doctors But Not for Working Men?

It's all right for doctors to be politically active but it's all wrong for trade unionists. So asserts Dr. Elmer Hess, president of the American Medical Association. After blasting organized labor's political activities, Hess told the AMA convention in Chicago June 13 that members of organized medicine "must as individuals register the party of our choice." Continued Hess: "We must as individuals vote at every election. We must as individuals support those candidates in both parties who favor our point of view, and oppose politically all those candidates who take the point of view that we believe is not in the best interests of the public's health." The AMA president thus backs the same nonpartisan approach as does the AFL-CIO, which has always urged union members to vote for labor's friends and against its enemies regardless of political labels.

Meantime, the AMA shut down its unionized printing plant in Chicago, throwing 200 men out of work, and contracted with a notorious open shop firm in Nashville, Tenn. for printing its official Journal and other publications. AFL-CIO President George Meany said "this comes as no surprise to those who have observed the selfish and reactionary policies and actions of the medical politicians who control the AMA."

FEEL BETTER?
Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey told the Joint Congressional Economic Committee June 12 that the nation's economy is enjoying a "refreshing pause."

west area is Nebraska, South Dakota, and western Iowa.

The physique contest will be broken down into open midwest and closed mid west. The high school divisions will also be offered. . . open Mr. mid west high school and closed Mr. mid west high school.

Entries can be obtained at the park and recreation department office, 605 city hall.

The meet director is A.A.U. chairman, Dick Steno - and Charles Mancuso, park and recreation athletic director.

NAACP Sets 1963 As Target Date For Complete Equality of Citizenship

Kathaleen Ross

Kathaleen Ross, age 5 years, of 2034 No. 30th Street, expired Friday July 13, 1956 at a local hospital.

She is survived by her mother, Alice Bowman; brother, Lester Bowman; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, all of Omaha.

Private funeral services were held Monday July 16, 1956 at 8:30 a.m. from the Myers Funeral Home Chapel with Father Kerr officiating. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

Earns Doctorate



A. A. Abraham, professor of education in the Florida A and M University school of education, was recently awarded the doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree from Indiana University. He was graduated from South Carolina State College with the bachelor of science degree, received the master of arts degree from the University of Buffalo and the master of education degree from Indiana University. (A and M staff photo by James Walden)

Council of Churches Seeks Funds

The Omaha Council of Churches is the one agency in our city and its suburbs that unites all the denominations in the common cause of progressive Christianity. It is dependent upon the support of the churches it serves. But it needs as well the continuing interest of firms and individuals who know the value to the community of its many civic interest projects and betterment programs.

Omaha is growing. Its new residents and our many churches make good use of the expanding services of the Council. Just now there are great opportunities for united Christian effort in civic affairs and in the fields of youth work, education, radio and television. Additions to the Council Staff are urgently needed to meet this challenge.

Your help, added to that which we already receive from many individuals and firms, will supply the needed supplement. This year your contribution could mean a greater unity of church endeavors in Omaha than ever before. We ask that you give generously to the 1956 program. Your gift will help determine the course of Christian community effort for the future.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES

The whole city was aroused about juvenile delinquency and some constructive suggestions came out of various study groups.

There are three agencies - the home, the school, and the church which have always been charged with the primary responsibility for the constructive work which prevents all but a very few of our youngsters from becoming delinquents.

The Omaha Council of Churches is the agency which cooperative Protestant and Orthodox churches use to strengthen the hands of these primary agencies and to assist public and private organizations working for youth.

During Youth Week two rallies of Protestant youths were held on (continued on page 2)

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 18, 6:00 P.M. EDT - A target date of 1963 has been set by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the "complete elimination of all vestiges of second-class citizenship among Negroes."

Chief strategist of the organization, Thurgood Marshall, is quoted in the current issue of Coronet Magazine as declaring "We will not go fast; but we cannot go slow. We move with 'deliberate' speed."

Marshall, a New York lawyer, whose 14 Supreme Court victories have made him the symbol of the NAACP acts as the organization's special counsel and spokesman.

Among the many notable NAACP victories discussed in the Coronet article "The Story of the NAACP" are:

1. Negroes are now voting in all states but Mississippi.
2. The Jim Crow car has disappeared from inter-state travel; golf courses and public recreation facilities have been desegregated.
3. 2,000 Negroes are studying in Southern colleges from which, prior to 1950, they were barred.

Once upheld mainly by Northern whites, the Association has gained mass support throughout the country, with 45% of its current 300,000 members in the South. Only one-tenth of this total is white.

Says No Race Issue In Europe

Sp3 Clifton H. Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hayes, 2928 N. 24th Street, returned home Friday July 6th, after serving three years in the U. S. Army, Engineers Division 118.

Blackburn in an interview is loud in his praise of Europe. He states that among native Europeans the item of race never enters the picture and that Democracy over there is a true reality in every sense of the word.

After graduation from Central High School in 1953 where he was active in Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities, he enlisted and became Squadron Leader in the Culinary School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and received the rank of Private First Class before leaving the states. In Europe he was active in Athletics and other activities. He played right tackle with the Toule Royals a top Air Force Team, which enabled him to travel throughout France and play other outstanding service teams. He also played forward in the Squadron Level Basketball with the Phalsbourg Falcons. He was also a member of a singing quartet overseas, The Vedettes which entertained at officers and service men's clubs in France and Germany.

In the span of three short years Blackburn attained the rank of Sp3 which gives him the stripes, rights and pay of a Buck Sergeant in the Air Force. He plans to enroll in a technical school to pursue a course in electronics because specializing in this new uncrowded field will offer great opportunities for advancement.

Steven Sheppard

Mr. Steven Sheppard age 56 years of St. Paul, Minnesota expired here in Omaha Saturday evening July 14th, 1956, after having completed a run for the railroad for whom he worked.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eula Sheppard of St. Paul, Minn. His remains were forwarded to the Brooks Funeral Home at St. Paul, Minn. Monday July 16th, 1956.

Arrangements by the Myers Brothers.

"The boy who cried wolf has probably grown up to be the wolf who cries 'Boy!'"