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## Boycott Leader Tells Of Arrests Which Caused Bus Protest

"You straighten out California—We'll straighten out Alabama. As beautiful as this Los Angeles is, we're not coming—There's not but one way to stop the Montgomery Movement, that's to give us justice. And we aren't going to seek this justice anywhere else, but in Alabama."

In a speech that had the lyric beauty of poetry, the strength of rhythm, and the exaltation of faith, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of First Baptist church of Montgomery and chairman of the negotiating committee of the Montgomery Improvement Ass'n., transported Los Angeles to the shrine of freedom Wednesday night—Montgomery, Alabama, once noted as a modest cultural center of the South—today infamous the world over as the city which indicted its ministers and its plain people for walking.

Short, stocky, mustached—articulate, casual, humorous, relaxed, the Rev. Abernathy arose to an introduction by Los Angeles' Rev. E. A. Anderson that was as eloquent as it was brief—"Ladies and gentlemen, I give you a 20th Century Moses, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy"—to tell the story of Montgomery, where "50,000 people have been walking the streets—not walking for health—or to be different—but are walking for freedom."

"We have been walking for 113 days—but even though we have been walking a long time, we ain't got tired yet." Telling the story behind the bus boycott, which has paralyzed a city, putting 12 of its 14 bus routes out of business, the minister recited the story of his people's ancient mistreatment by bus drivers. "We have been mistreated—dragged from busses, thrown into jail, stood up over empty seats; pregnant mothers forced to give seats to men passengers—when they refused thrown into jail—Our cups are full, and we are tired of it—"

Of the leaders out of this Egypt... "No minister in Montgomery has had time to prepare a speech—nor preached a prepared sermon since the boycott began. "We have gotten up at 5 a.m., used our cars, assisted our congregations and Negroes from every section of the city to get to work."

"The Price or Peace too high—" Things were peaceful in Montgomery until four months ago.

"Why? Because we took the kicking around and said nothing. But there comes a time when the price of peace is too high. The Southern white man, for the first time since the Civil War is confronted by a new Negro—a Negro who is not howling, scraping, grinning, when he is not tickled, who does not look down when confronting the white man—a Prepared Negro, a Ready Negro, not afraid, not begging, not pleading, but demanding his rights as a citizen."

## Dr. T. J. Bauer Is Named To State Services

Dr. Theodore J. Bauer, a career officer in the Public Health Service since December, 1934, has been named Deputy Chief of the Bureau of State Services. He replaces Dr. Leroy E. Burney, recently appointed Surgeon General of the Service.

Dr. Bauer for the past three years has been chief of the Service's Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He will become principal assistant to Dr. Otis L. Anderson, Chief of the Bureau of State Services. Dr. Bauer reported for duty in Washington on September 15.

Dr. Bauer was venerable disease control officer for the Chicago Board of Health from 1942 to 1948 and chief of the Venereal Disease Division of the Public Health Service in Washington from 1948 to 1953, when he was appointed to the Communicable Disease Center post. He is a native of Iowa liberal arts and medical schools.

## Richard Wright

Mr. Richard A. Wright, 50 years, 1559 North 19th Street, passed away Wednesday morning, September 19th at a local hospital. Mr. Wright was an employee of the Cudahy Packing Company and had been a resident of Omaha nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Arzella Wright; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Geraldine Gilmer of Omaha, Mrs. Esther Mays, Kansas City, Missouri; stepson, Leonard Henson, U.S.A. Armed Forces in Japan; sister, Mrs. Ruth Carmichel, brother-in-law, Mr. B. C. Carmichel, Kansas City, Missouri; sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida May Wilson, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Funeral services were held ten o'clock Saturday morning, September 22nd from the Thomas Funeral Home with the Rev. S. H. Lewis officiating. Pal bearers were A. J. Sims, William Graves, Arthur Blanton, Felton Wightman, Robert Thornton, Walter Moore. Service by Thomas Funeral Home.

## Powell Sees GOP Winning The Negroes

He Says 25% Have Shifted To Eisenhower. Announces National Speaking Trip

Twenty-five per cent of Negro Democratic voters have decided to vote for President Eisenhower, Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., declared yesterday. Ten per cent more will switch to Eisenhower before Election Day, he predicted.

The Negro Baptist minister, who has represented his Harlem district in Congress for twelve years, voiced these opinions at a press conference at 270 Park Avenue. It marked the opening of headquarters of the Independent Democrats for Eisenhower, of which he is chairman.

The Representative said he would tour the country making speeches for President Eisenhower, principally in cities where large Negro populations may swing from Adlai E. Stevenson to the President.

He insisted that he was "still a Democrat" and would support local Democratic candidates. The Representative reiterated yesterday that his support of President Eisenhower was based on his belief that the President would safeguard the civil rights of Negroes more vigorously than would Mr. Stevenson.

His speaking schedule will take him to Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, Missouri, Indiana and Maryland.

Mr. Powell told his press conference that his insinuations that he made a deal with the President is a complete falsehood.

## CANDIDATES FOR ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ASKED POSITION ON STATE FEPC

Chicago, Oct 21—The Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor of Illinois have been requested by the Chicago NAACP branch to state their respective positions regarding fair employment practices legislation.

The request was made by Willoughby Abner, branch president, to the present governor, William G. Stratton, and his Democratic opponent, Richard B. Austin.

In a letter to the candidates, Mr. Abner maintained that the facts on employment discrimination in Illinois are well known and "clearly point out the need for enforceable equal job opportunities legislation to combat discrimination in the employment of members of minority groups."

Mr. Stratton's message to Governor Abner said: "In 1953 you agreed to and at least publicly supported the Equal Job Opportunities Bill. In 1955 you did not support the same bill and stated that you did not see any need for it..."

Mr. Austin was asked to state his position on the same issue although the Democratic party in Illinois has adopted a pledge in favor of "an enforceable fair employment practices law."



## More Women Enter Government Work

Some of the talented and attractive women who are now holding top-level jobs in government—many of them opened for the first time under the Eisenhower Administration—or in other key administrative posts in the Nation's Capital and throughout the world.

TOP ROW, left to right: Mrs. Lois Lippman, White House Secretary; Mrs. Carmel C. Marr, area advisor on the staff of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge at the United Nations; and Mrs. Julia P. Cooper, attorney in the criminal division of the Department of Justice.

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Photos by Clifton Cabell

## Pastors Boo Dawson. He Leaves Meet

The following story appeared in the Chicago Tribune of Oct. 15, 1956:

NEGRO PASTORS BOO DAWSON, AND SOUTH SIDE BUZZES

The booing of Rep. William L. Dawson, Chicago's most prominent Negro Democrat, by an audience of Baptist ministers was discussed widely on the south side yesterday.

Dawson, the political boss of five wards, was shouted down and forced to leave El-Bethel Baptist Church, 5657 Lafayette Ave., when he tried to make a Democratic speech Monday to the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Chicago and vicinity.

Present were most of the 600 ministers who belong to the conference. More than 200,000 Negroes are members of their congregations.

Many prominent Negro ministers have switched to the support of President Eisenhower and the Republican ticket this year.

Dawson has been charged with being more interested in Democratic votes than in civil rights.

Booted Three Times  
Three stenographic reports of the meeting in the church showed that Dawson was booed three times for periods of from 10 to 15 minutes each before he walked out, his speech unfinished.

The first intensive booing

## Some O' This and That

By John H. Hill

In February, a Baptist missionary returned to this country after having spent four and a half years in Communist China prisons. In relating his torturing experiences, he said: "They took away my Bible and for three and a half years we had to read and discuss Communist literature and express Communist opinions. Anyone who did not was landed on with both feet."

This dear brother of the cloth deserves our deepest sympathy because he went halfway around the world to receive that kind of treatment that perhaps his next door neighbor has received. His ordeal of "brainwashing," the most detestable curse of all the ages, has had its field day right here in the United States, for quite sometime.

He was wrong to think that such methods practiced on him were the exclusive property of the Communists. It has been found that to insure conformity of thought, the brainwashing device is a very handy tool.

It is this tool that make men fail to adhere to the courage of their convictions. This brainwashing sets up a sort of inexplicable fear that makes knaves of brave men. How many are their in highplaces willing to stand up and be counted on the very timely question of Civil Rights? Go ahead reader you can count them as quickly as I can.

came when the congressman said that "white and Negro children were going to school together in Mississippi and Georgia and other states in 1945 after the war," which was during the Truman Democratic administration.

Another outbreak came when, referring to contributions the churches had sent to help Negro protest movements in the South, Dawson said that ministers should not interfere with the work of politicians.

Movement Dropped  
After Dawson left, some ministers asked for the resignation of the conference president, the Rev. Charles O. Trimm of New Testament Baptist Church, 330

E. 35th St. That movement was dropped because his term of office is nearly over. The Rev. Mr. Trimm's wife, Trudie, formerly was 2nd ward Democratic committeewoman.

A woman's idea of a larger shoe is the same size that doesn't fit so tight.

## Powell Backs Eisenhower And Nixon for Re-Election

WASHINGTON—Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Democrat, New York, announced his unqualified support of President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon for re-election.

The announcement by Powell was made in the White House office of Presidential Press secretary James C. Hagerty following a dramatic half-hour conference with the Chief Executive.

The Harlem representative added that he would campaign vigorously—"to the extent of my physical abilities"—in eight or ten key cities, including Chicago and Detroit, home cities of the other two Negro congressmen, Reps. William L. Dawson and Charles C. Diggs, Jr., both Democrats.

To Speak for Ike-Nixon  
In addition, he said, he would appear for Eisenhower and Nixon in Baltimore, New York City, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Other cities might be added as his plans jelled, the New Yorker said.

Powell said: "I went into the White House undecided, but made my decision after the President expressed his views on two matters of great concern to me. He indicated his strong support of right-to-vote legislation, and said it should have priority in the new Congress."

The congressman added: "Although he has opposed my anti-segregation federal aid-to-school amendment, Mr. Eisenhower reacted

enthusiastically to a new formula which I will embody in a bill to be offered to the New Congress.

New School Aid Formula  
"This formula, which will bridge the gap between our past differences of viewpoint, was worked out during a conference with Jacob K. Javits, attorney general of New York State and Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate.

"Under it, federal funds would be denied to any school district which, having been directed by federal court order to integrate its schools, declined to comply with such a judicial directive."

Referring again to the President's reception of this formula Powell described it as "immediately enthusiastic." He said that Mr. Eisenhower referred it immediately to his staff for study.

Top Secret Mission

The tall, handsome representative said he had arrived October 3 from a tour of several European countries, in one of which—Yugoslavia—he had carried out a "top secret mission," the report on which was for the President only. He toured under the auspices of the Education and Labor committee of the House of Representatives to gather data on federal or central government educational aid abroad.

"We do not have in this country, a concept of federal aid for education," he said, "and as a result, the bills on that subject get bogged down in a morass of ignorance." He said after the election he would compile a report for publication by the committee, and append his own recommendations to it.

"I will support and campaign strongly for the top Republican ticket, for President Eisenhower and, of course, for Vice-President Nixon," Powell said.

Beseiged By Newsmen

He arrived at the White House for his three o'clock appointment just as Princess Grace nee Grace Kelly of movie fame, and Prince Ranier of Monaco were leaving following an audience with President Eisenhower. Like them, he was besieged by reporters and cameramen for newspaper, newsreels, and television both inside and outside of the Executive Mansion.

Tentatively, Mr. Powell said, he plans to organize an interracial "Independent Democrats for Eisenhower" to aid in the campaign on a national basis.

Right-To-Vote Vital

"This decision of mine," the congressman explained, "is one of conscience. On the right-to-vote question, we cannot talk about the denial of the vote behind the Iron Curtain and justify its denial behind the Dark Curtain in this nation."

Stand Up, Be Counted

A reporter asked, "do you think you can sway the bulk of Harlem's vote to Mr. Eisenhower?" Powell replied: "I don't know, but I will do my best to sway every possible voter to back the President. I hope people are not blindly Democratic. This is the time for men to stand up and be counted. I must live with myself, and so I can take the risk of possible political reprisal without too much concern."

## Lillie P. Wheeler

Mrs. Lillie P. Wheeler, 39 years, 2508 Blonde Street, passed away Friday afternoon October 19th at a local hospital. Mrs. Wheeler had been a resident of Omaha twelve years and served on the Usher Board of the Salem Baptist Church where she was a faithful member.

Mrs. Wheeler is survived by her husband, Mr. Jehue Wheeler, two sons, Lorian Moss, Walter Wheeler, mother, Mrs. Elouise Lee of Omaha; father, the Rev. C. H. Trotter, Columbus, Ohio; step father, Mr. Cary Lee, Omaha; one sister, Mrs. Alberta Kitt, Omaha; step sister, Mrs. Estela Gross, Detroit, Michigan, grand son, Albert Lee Moss, two nephews, John and Wesley Kitt, niece, Althea Kitt, cousin, Mrs. Lois Jackson, brother-in-law, Mr. Lawrence Kitt, all of Omaha. Tentative funeral services have been set for ten o'clock Saturday morning October 27th from the Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. J. C. Wade officiating. Thomas Funeral Home service.

## Founder of Salem Closes Dedication

The public turned en masse Sunday, October 21st at 3 P.M. to witness the ribbon cutting ceremonies, starting the dedication and nothing but praise could be heard of the beautiful Edifice.

The following churches were guests this week, namely: The Zion, St. Paul, Pleasant Green, St. Mark, Bethel, Immanuel, and Tabernacles Baptist churches, The Bethel, Allen-Chapel, St. John AME churches, The Grace Tabernacle, Calvary Community, Clark Methodist, Ebenezer, and Immanuel Community churches.

The public was cordially invited to hear Rev. J. S. Williams, pastor of the new Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. close out the dedicatory messages.

## Tests For Clerks Being Offered

A test for Accounting Clerks and Supervisors was announced recently by Harold K. Kneeb, Civil Service Representative.

Copies of the announcement, application blanks and sample questions are available at Room 404, Post Office Building. Persons who apply before October 29, 1956 will be admitted to the first examination, and will be in line for first consideration for jobs.

The examination will be used for hiring in government offices locally and throughout a seven-state area, making up the Ninth Civil Service Region.

Beginning pay rates run from \$3415 to \$4080 a year.

## CALIFORNIA VISITOR

Curtis Wales of San Francisco, California spent a few days visiting his brother, P. H. Wales, sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole, niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Hart; his friend, Mr. Lee Washington. He also visited his niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hollingworth and Percy Hollingworth of Chicago, Illinois and many of his old Omaha friends. He left for California October 8th.

Junior League of Omaha  
The first two productions, Rip Van Winkle and The Red Shoes, will be given in the auditorium of the Joslyn Memorial. Weekday performances start at 4 p.m., and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m.

Chartered buses will take the youngsters from their school to the play and back to their school again. Teachers will serve as chaperones for the trip.

## Jr. Theater Ready For 7th Season

Grade school students in this area will get an opportunity to buy season tickets for the seventh annual Omaha Junior Theatre this coming week.

Starting Monday, October 29, for one week, season tickets at \$1.00 each will be available for fourth through eighth grade students at both public and parochial schools. Ticket sales will be handled by teachers.

Purpose of the increasingly popular Omaha Junior Theatre is to give grade school youngsters an opportunity to see legitimate stage productions designed especially for them at the lowest possible cost. Both actors and audience are youngsters. Mere adults can only direct and chaperone the productions.

The Junior Theatre is endorsed by P-TA groups and school officials throughout Omaha, Douglas County and Council Bluffs.

Three plays are set for the Junior Theatre's seventh season. A gain this year, they were chosen for their wholesome, imaginative appeal to children. They are:

Rip Van Winkle—November 27 through December 4—presented by Westside High School

The Red Shoes—February 25 through March 5—Presented by Brownell Hall  
The Magic Horn—April 23 through May 3—Presented by the