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## REPUBLICANS NIX JIM-CROW SETUP

Representative People Of Both  
Races Laud Policy

NEW YORK—Chairman Herbert Brownell's announcement that the Republican Party would not establish a Jim Crow setup to handle Negro affairs for the Presidential campaign brought paeans of praise from persons of all walks of life, it was revealed this week.

Chairman Brownell made known his decision simultaneous with the announcement that he had appointed Dr. C. B. Powell, editor of the Amsterdam News and President of Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co., as one of his assistants and that he would work with the regular corps of executives attending regular board meetings on all matters relating to the campaign to elect the Dewey-Bricker ticket in November.

At the time of the announcement of Dr. Powell's appointment, Mr. Brownell said:

"It is not the practice of the Republican Party to encourage or tolerate discrimination or segregation because of race, creed or color. We believe with all true Americans that Jim Crowism is something repugnant to our way of life."

Chandler Owen, news commentator and former editor of the Messenger magazine, in a communication to Mr. Brownell said, "Your policy of dispensing with Jim Crowism and segregation in the Republican campaign meets with the approval of every thinking Negro of the Nation. Your inauguration of that policy in the setting up of your publicity department is the action which speaks louder than words."

Attorney William H. Lewis of Boston wrote that he was "highly gratified at the policy recently announced integrating colored leadership into the National Campaign without any suggestion of segregation. When men of real talent, distinction and understanding are brought together, they do not permit differences of race, section or class to warp thinking and destroy judgment."

"Governor Dewey, from the beginning of his career, has demonstrated a thorough grasp of this principle. As United States Attorney, District Attorney of New York county and as Governor of New York he has surrounded himself with the ablest men he could find from all groups without the slightest reference to race, or segregation in the duties which they were assigned."

J. Merser Burrell, Newark, N. J. lawyer and former member of the New Jersey General Assembly, described the action of Mr. Brownell, "one of the most telling blows against discrimination and segregation by any representative of a major party. This action gives added life to the broad and liberal

## GOVERNOR DEWEY IN DETROIT



Governor Dewey is shown shaking hands with a youthful admirer in Detroit, while Aaron C. Toodle, Detroit druggist and prominent political leader, looks on approvingly.

## Dewey's Visit Impresses Californians

LOS ANGELES — Frank, outspoken, and to the point in his commitments, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential nominee, made a most favorable impression on a group of California Negro republican party leaders at a conference held with him at the Biltmore hotel last Friday afternoon. The confab was one of several which the Governor staged with various groups and organizations during his brief stay in Los Angeles. He also held a similar conference in San Francisco.

Present also was Governor Earl Warren of California.

Perfectly at ease, Governor Dewey answered pointed questions concerning the republican party's asserted state rights stand, which by the way, he denied. He made clear his stand against the poll tax; favored a permanent FEPC, the passage of the anti poll tax and declared himself definitely not in accord with racial bias in the nation's armed forces.

He agreed that a nationwide program of education should be put into effect, although he predicted that some difficulty would be experienced inasmuch as certain of the states would be bound to present federal interference in the matter.

Queried on the further integration of the Negro into American life, he said he had always followed the principle of judging a person as an individual and not on the basis of mass characterization.

He pointed to his pleasant past business and social association with members of the race who were members of his different staffs and told of how Judge Francis E. Rovers, Negro Jurist of New York City and his appointee, had been reelected to office by the party, not as a Negro but strictly on his merits and ability.

Present at the important meeting were Attorney Ivan J. Johnson, III, Sidney P. Dones, B. B. Bratton, William Nickerson, Jr., Dr. Frank Pearl, members of the executive committee of the California Negro Voters' League for Dewey and Bricker; Mrs. Echo Stanton Robinson, who heads the women's activities division of the organization; Louis V. Cole, Men's activities manager; Norman O. Houston, Insurance Executive; Bishop H. Hilton, publisher; Newsmen Lawrence F. LaMar and Herman Hill; Mrs. Bernice Mason women's political study club; Walter E. Lawson, radio news commentator; Wood Wilson, 62nd District County Central Committee; Father H. Randolph Moore, Mrs. Belle Riley and Mrs. Addie Speights.

Later that evening at the Memorial Coliseum where Dewey spoke before 93,400 persons, Committeeman Dones was one of several introductory speakers heard on the epoch making program.

A number of prominent Negroes occupied seats in the special reserved section.

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## DEWEY PLEDGE OF BILL OF RIGHTS TO ALL LABOR STIRS ENTHUSIASTIC ACCLAIM

NEW YORK—Enthusiastic endorsements have been coming into this office from colored labor leaders all over the country, of the forthright address to labor made by Governor and Republican Presidential Candidate Thos. E. Dewey, at Seattle, Washington, Monday night.

"This," said Dr. C. B. Powell, President of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Company, "is the word that black labor and the race has been waiting to hear. There never has been any question in their minds," Dr. Powell continued, "as to his firm friendship for colored Americans. He has demonstrated that friendship and his belief in their equal capacity in practical, unnumbered ways."

"Governor Dewey's declarations, however, at Seattle, directly to labor, gave working America a full pledged Bill of Rights. He stated, 'We shall establish the Fair Employment Practices Committee as a permanent function and authorized by law.' Colored America knows that Thomas E. Dewey will enforce the law. This is their assurance for future equal employment. He further said, 'There will be no back door entrance to special privilege by one group over another group of Americans.' This will end the discord and division in all labor now torn into warring factions be-

tween groups, races and national labor organizations which are bedeviling the nation. Gov. Dewey has rung the bell of liberty for all American labor, black and white," Dr. Powell concluded.

Dr. Powell, incidentally, is not only a large employer, but a member of the New York State commission investigating discrimination in the industry of the Empire State. He is, therefore, an authority, qualified to speak on labor conditions among his own people. He was appointed by Governor Dewey.

### PORTLAND EVENING SCHOOL

The Portland Public Evening school, Jefferson and Lincoln High schools, began their fall term Sept. 26. Many interesting courses are being offered to students who care to enroll. One high school credit may be earned in each subject which meets two hours for a period of 8 months. Courses such as typing, shorthand, business arithmetic, general science, public speaking, history, Spanish, Algebra, Geometry, Business English, bookkeeping and many other interesting courses.

Students wishing to enroll should go immediately to the offices of either school.

There is a small fee which is payable in advance.

pronouncement of the specific plank in the Republican platform, declaring the party's attitude toward 13,000,000 dark-skinned Americans."

Lieut. George W. Lee, of Memphis, member of the State Republican Committee of Tennessee, said Mr. Brownell's announcement offered "convincing evidence that the Republican Party of 1944 has the capacity to steer the country in the right path."

"Your first act," Lieut. Lee added, "persuades me to mother the belief that you will have more than enough courage to execute it. Downtrodden men of color everywhere salute your statement."

### WASTE PAPER DRIVE STILL ON

The Oregon State Salvage committee is still asking for continued support in their drive for waste paper and paper board. As there is a demand for it now there will be after the capitulation of Germany.

WPB informed the committee that requirements will arise from reintroduction of many essential civilians products which are now restricted, with the demand for paper by re-occupied countries for transfer of material from the European to the Asiatic theatre of war. There is an insufficient amount of paper on hand to meet the requirements of both military and civilians.

## NAACP Chides Roosevelt on Treatment of Negro Soldiers

NEW YORK—The Commander-in-Chief angle which the Democratic administration has been emphasizing in the campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt, has backfired. According to an editorial in the August issue of Crisis, official organ of the N. A. A. C. P., Negroes have been particularly impressed with the record of the Commander-in-Chief in dealing with Negro soldiers.

The Crisis editorial says: "When a white bus driver in Durham, N. C., shot and killed a Negro soldier in cold blood on July 8, only eight days before the opening of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, he may not have known

it, but his quick-trigger upholding 'white supremacy' may have defeated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency, and profoundly influenced the post-war world."

"The sorest spot with Negro voters is the treatment of their men in the armed forces of the nation, and the sorest point within this area is the manhandling and murdering of black men in uniform by bus drivers in the South . . . the wholly inadequate Democratic plank on the Negro, coupled with the dumping of Wallace and the pentup feeling of Negro - Americans over the brow-beating of their men in uniform, may be the combination which will toss Mr.

Roosevelt out of the White House after twelve years.

"Mr. Roosevelt is Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces," the editorial continued, "He reminded the nation of that once again in his statement that he would run again for a fourth term. Mr. Roosevelt and his War Department have done absolutely nothing about the treatment of the Negro in uniform. It is a disgrace which stinks to high heaven. Negroes are asking, 'What is a Commander-in-Chief good for if he cannot stop humiliation and murder of soldiers in uniform by ignorant and prejudiced civilians.'"

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