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To Get Equality, Win Leadership - Mrs. Bethune

CLEVELAND (ANP)—The only way the Negro can achieve unqualified racial recognition and equality is to accept without reservation the leadership within the group if you expect to be accepted by the others outside.

This was the challenge that Dr. McLeod Bethune threw to 2,000 people who attended a mass meeting sponsored by the Cleveland NAACP chapter at Antioch Baptist church last week.

Believe in your own surgeons, bankers, attorneys and educators," she pleaded. "Stop complaining and pool your efforts. We have had enough segregation. It is time for us to become co-workers."

Aggressive development of industrial and professional skills and an end of self-pity will be the quickest means of arriving at a working democracy, the champion of Negro rights said.

"The war has proved that complete integration of the Negro with the white race is a working possibility. But for minority groups, even in America, considerable effort must be expended to make justice, freedom and equality working ideals," the founder of Bethune-Cookman college asserted.

"In our armed forces where a soldier was a soldier whether his skin was black or white, there was no segregation of courage, service or heroism."

Mrs. Bethune, who was an associate consultant to the American delegation at the San Francisco conference, said freedom is not a license. Recognition, like freedoms, must be fought for, worked and paid for.

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Ex-Labor Leader Blocks Equality Fight of CIO

DETROIT (ANP)—The fair practices committee set up by the UAW-CIO to break down discrimination and institute fair practices among its members finds that it has a tremendous job on its hands trying to curb the activities of a former labor leader, Charles Edgecomb, director of the Detroit Housing commission.

Edgecomb's hostile attitude towards Negroes here concerning the housing situation has been all too apparent. His brazen, arrogant statement a few days ago when he implied that the housing commission did discriminate against Negroes and intimated that they would continue to do so until "the general public demanded that they do otherwise has rubbed Negroes the wrong way.

The Michigan Chronicle said editorially: "To be sure the commissioners have been walking backward so long their eyes must by now be in the back of their heads. Charlie Edgecomb is the man who is leading them backward."

We are reminded that Edgecomb is a former labor leader, having been for a number of years, prior to taking the position as director of the housing commission, general secretary of Labor's Non-Partisan League which was at that time "labor's political arm. It has evolved into the present Political Action committee of Wayne county, NAW political machine.

Edgecomb is still a member of the UAW. Pays his dues regularly, attends all of its conventions and conferences and voices his opinion vociferously on the floor. Yet he is being accused of playing a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" role as he clings to Mayor Edward Jeffries' narrow, biased, prejudiced views on things pertaining to the welfare of the city, while at the same time he is a member working to oust Jeffries from his seat as mayor of the city.

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Everett Johnson Assigned to Post At Fort Huachuca

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The recent appointment of Mr. Everett W. Johnson as American Red Cross field director for Ft. Huachuca has been announced by Verne Simmons, Pacific Area Manager of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Johnson's first assignment in American Red Cross was as assistant field director with the 92nd Division. After serving for some time with the 92nd, he was transferred to domestic service and has served as an assistant field director at Ft. Huachuca since January 1, 1944.

That assignment to the 92nd Division was something of a home coming to Mr. Johnson, since he served as a commissioned officer in the old 92nd of World War I. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and has, in addition, taken special lecture courses at Temple University at various times between 1930 and 1940.

Following his service in World War I, Mr. Johnson was Physical Education Director at St. Augustine College in North Carolina, and was later Director of the Douglas Center in Toledo, Ohio. For some time prior to entering Red Cross, he was Executive Secretary of the Community Center at West Chester, Pa.

During the period of his assignment at Ft. Huachuca, Mr. Johnson has continued his interests in recreation and sports, and as an accredited football official has officiated at many football games held at the Post and in the vicinity.

Mr. Johnson's eldest son, Everett W. Johnson Jr., is a commissioned pilot in the Air Corps and saw over two years of active combat service in the European Theater.

GI's Studying Overseas May Have an Edge

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP)—Colored GIs who are supplementing their training in colleges and universities overseas may have an edge on the boys who are coming back here for training, Roy K. Davenport, war department psychologist, intimated to ANP this week.

Davenport, assistant to the chief of classification and placement branch of the adjutant general's office, has just returned from Paris where he spent six weeks helping to develop a curriculum for training army educational counselors. Within six months, he estimates that more than 1,000 educational counselors will have been trained for the entire occupational force.

These counselors are to keep abreast of social, political and employment developments in the United States so that they may point the men to the types of training which offer the best job opportunities here at home.

Because the quota system, which is practiced by some universities here, limits and sometimes actually prevent a number of Negro students from pursuing the course of their choice, it is believed that GIs overseas may have a slight advantage for training opportunities. In England and France, colored GIs are attending some of the leading universities and technical schools.

Mr. Davenport, who is a graduate of Fisk and Columbia, accompanied a group of officers and enlisted men who were sent overseas to develop the training program. He was the only civilian to be selected for the important assignment.

As a result of his work, Lt. Monroe Downing and Lt. Charles Davis have been assigned to counseling program in France. Both of these lieutenants are colored. They were trained at Harvard and the University of Chicago.

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Joins Research Staff at Tuskegee

Dr. J. M. Henderson of Falls Church, Va., who has joined the faculty of the Tuskegee School of Agriculture, his assignments include teaching chemistry and supervising research in the Carver laboratory. A graduate of Howard University and the University of Wisconsin, he has just completed important war work as junior chemist with the Badger Ordnance works, Barlow, Wis., and at the University of Chicago where he conducted a special war research project. He is the son of E. B. Henderson, noted authority on sports, Washington, D. C., and the nephew of Mrs. E. D. Washington, daughter-in-law of the late Booker T. Washington, who resides in the institute community.

Talk About Progress Lands Man in Jail

GEORGETOWN, S. C. (ANP)—If you talk about the progress colored people appear to be making in the south, you are liable to find yourself in jail and accused of being "too smart", an incident reported here Monday by Bunyan A. Mills of Philadelphia indicates.

Mr. Mills, past president of the alumni association of Benedict college in Columbia, boarded a Greyhound bus at Columbia for Georgetown Thursday afternoon to visit his brother, the Rev. T. O. Mills who pastors the Bethesda Baptist church here. Two colored men on the rear seat, he said, struck a conversation on Negro progress in Alabama and Georgia, which provoked a white man to complain that the men made too much noise.

Stopping the bus and moving to the woman, the driver who hadn't understood clearly the complaint from his seat, was given a new version. The men were drinking and using profanity, she claimed. When neither had any whiskey in proof of her charges, the woman quipped: "You aint gonna take a nigger's word ahead of mine, is you?" The driver comforted her and resumed the trip.

At Sumter, first stop on the run, the driver had two officers arrest one of the men, enroute to Andrews, S. C., to satisfy the woman and then issued cards to all white passengers requesting each to sign his name as witness to the man's being drunk and disorderly.

When none volunteered to sign a complaint, the woman shouted: "That's just why the niggers don't get so smart here of late. Somebody's got to put them back in their place." She took a card for herself and her male escort, affixing both names, the escort appearing disinterested. About three others also signed. Mr. Mills said, but most expressed themselves as opposed to the action, terming it unfair and unjust.

The threeman bridegroom strikes the bride three times. The first blow is to make her forget her parents, the second to make her forget former lovers, the third to make her fear her husband.—H. G. Beigel, Marriage Fables, Facts and Figures.

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DEMOCRATS SEEK OUTLAWING OF WHITE SOUTH'S RULE

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 24—(ANP)Bold moves to outlaw the white south and extend membership to Negroes in the Democratic party there were main accomplishments of the National Council of Negro Democrats which ended a two-day session here Tuesday night, marking the first meeting of that organization in the deep south.

Resolutions adopted by the convention Tuesday afternoon called for the National Democratic committee exerting immediate and unrelenting pressure up its southern units to open them up to Negroes and, denial of office or position to persons holding federal posts who achieve them through alliances with groups who prevent, by scheme and device, their election or appointments through preventing participation by a majority of their fellow citizens.

The latter resolution, officials explained, was aimed at ousting white federal office holders who are given power through the white primary.

Monday afternoon during which rousing speeches were made by Mrs. Sarah Z. Daniels of Manning, S. C. and others in the midst of the south's voting fight.

Resolutions also called for immediate passage of federal bills to eliminate lynching and the poll tax, the latter to be done by legislation rather than by constitutional amendment. The convention, attended by some 600 delegates from northern, western and eastern states, also requested that more Negroes be given federal posts, particularly those agencies dealing with labor, housing and rights of veterans. Immediate passage of a permanent FEPC bill and one to extend federal aid to education were requested. President Truman was praised for his administration, but was urged to guard against domination of it by reactionaries and groups hostile to Negroes.

High point of the convention was its concluding with complete agreement among the delegates that problems affecting southern Negroes were also problems affecting Negroes in the northern, eastern and western sections. The council went on record as intending to prosecute to the fullest denials to southern Negroes as its first job.

Host to the convention was the Progressive Democratic party of Southern Carolina, whose chairman is John H. McCray. Sessions were held at Allen university and Benedict college.

Emmet S. Cunningham, national council president, hit hard the south's political machinery in the main address Monday night. "The lack of free elections in the south," he said, "has closed the door of hope to the sons of the south who aspire to the presidency and vice-presidency of these United States. The Democratic party, and speak advisedly, will never again nominate a man to these offices who comes from a poll tax state, or from a state that excludes Negroes from the Democratic primaries."

Cunningham also scored secretary of State James F. Byrnes' move for fair elections. "When Secretary Byrnes makes demands for free elections in Bulgaria and other Balkan states," he declared, "the cry goes up 'what about free elections in South Carolina, Mr. Byrnes?'"

Columbia's Mayor Fred D. Marshall was target of a bitter attack from McCray who welcomed the convention before Cunningham spoke. Marshall had turned down an invitation to extend greetings to the city as governing official and Cunningham opened his address with a declaration that had Marshall been mayor of Detroit (Cunningham's home town) and have made such a declaration, he would be kept out of another term in office.

Women delegates, led by Mrs. Annie Belle Weston, state secretary of the Progressive Democratic party, held a lively session

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Class Mates Meet After 25 Years



Fred D. Downer, native of Royston, Georgia, left, former baseball star, president, Atlas Newsphoto Service, greets former Morehouse College classmate, Andrew J. Taylor, Mr. Taylor who gained recognition as a baritone on the school's quartet, 1916-18, is a native of Macon, Ga. He has studied voice in New York, Vienna and Naples. His theatrical career has included important cinematic and legitimate roles the most recent of which is "Pete, The Bartender" in the current showing of CARMEN JONES in Chicago's loop.—Atlas Newsphoto Service.

Church Service By Anti-Negro Covenant Suit

CHICAGO (ANP)—An effort to prevent members of the Lake Union Conference association, Seventh Day Adventists, from holding church services in their newly purchased building on Lake Park avenue is being made by H. E. Raymond, lawyer for white property owners in the district who have signed agreements not to sell or lease property to Negroes.

Raymond, who argued the legality of racial restrictive covenants during a recent meeting at the University of Chicago, has filed a suit against the association because it has announced that Negroes will attend services in the building. The Seventh Day Adventists recently bought the building, covered by a racial covenant from Mrs. Pauline Porter White for a reported \$25,000. Raymond contends that the racial agreements apply to church attendance.

Most of the 20 local race restrictive suits now pending apply to property in the area. Three other covenant suits, involving property in this area, were filed last week against Negro tenants. The fight against anti-Negro restrictive covenants was given a temporary setback here during the week when Judge John P. McGorty made a superior court ruling that racial property agreements were legal in real estate sales and transactions.

The round table discussion, summarized by Cunningham, brought out that the major weapon employed against southern Negroes was that of registration, examples of which were outlined by Scott, Jackson, Kearsse, Preece and McKaino. Plans for setting up a council agency to aid in removing these problems, supported by the Democratic party, were being formulated by Cunningham and Williams late Tuesday night at conclusion of the session.

Minister Seeks Office In San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO (ANP) Rev. F. D. Haynes, pastor of the 3rd Baptist church here, has announced his candidacy for supervisor of the city and county of San Francisco. He is one of the few candidacies which Negroes have ever offered in this city. Now, however, with the migration which increased the Negro population from 4,000 in 1940 to an estimated 25,000 in 1945, Rev. Haynes supporters feel he has an excellent chance. He pastors one of the oldest Negro churches in the city.

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