

### Negroes Urged To Use Franchise In North Carolina

RALEIGH, N. C. (ANP)—Citizens of this state were urged to use their franchise during a recent state-wide meeting of the North Carolina Progressive Voters league here at Shaw university.

The main purpose of the meeting, which was attended by members of both races, was to perfect ways and means of organizing the state on a unit-wide basis in order to get people to register and vote in local, state and national elections, said R. H. Beatty, president. Every county, village and town was invited to affiliate with the league.

Some of the unfair tactics employed against Negro voters were cited during the meeting. The young men who wished to register were told they could not do so unless they were able to read or write the constitution by memory. Progressive legislation was also discussed, especially legislation on full employment, fair wages, adequate unemployment insurance, equalization of educational opportunities in North Carolina and federal educational aid.

Dr. Lee C. Shepard, president of the N. C. Committee for Human welfare, addressed the meeting. Prof. G. E. Jones welcomed the league in behalf of the faculty of Shaw university.



Muriel Smith, Carmen in "Carmen Jones" and Hilda Simms, star of "Anna Lucasta", buy the first sheets of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals from Lucille Singley, chairman of the South Side booth sales for Chicago Tuberculosis Institute and National Tuberculosis Association.

### Air Atlanta Police Brutality

ATLANTA (ANP)—Members of Atlanta's Hungry club which meets at the Butler Street YMCA to discuss civic problems each Wednesday noon last week discussed the problem of police brutality. Col. A. T. Walden, local NAACP counsel, and C. L. Harper, president of the Atlanta NAACP branch, were principal speakers.

As background for the discussion, Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, the club's presiding officer, referred to the police situation as it affects minority groups as one of the significant aspects of community life in the south. He also referred to some of the alarming revelations of the 1938 Reed report on police affairs of the Atlanta government.

Col. Walden suggested criminal prosecution of officers involved in brutality cases; civil suits for damages against the officers; research and publicity to acquaint the general public with the prevalence of police brutality in the city, and effective use of the ballot.

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### LABOR VIEW

The future of the world famed Pullman sleeping car company is no longer in doubt. As the result of the federal court order for Pullman Inc., to sell either its car building business or its passenger hauling business, the future of some 12,000 Negro Pullman porters has lost much of its old certainty.

At a cost of some 75 million dollars a group of 43 railroads all over the country have agreed to buy those Pullman cars which they normally require to serve their passengers and to form a company in which to pool exess cars and to serve those in operation. The big question is what will be the attitude of these new owners to the Negro porters' monopoly of the occupation? Indeed A. P. Randolph's Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, of which most of the porters are members, might be facing one of the most difficult problems ever dumped in the lap of the union.

Negroes started early with the Pullman Co. both for sentimental reasons and because of the cheapness of Negro labor before 1900. This early start was extended to a virtual monopoly during the many years that Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, was president of the company. The OLD porters raised personal service in America to a high level for honesty, efficiency, courteous and selfless service. In addition the willingness of porters to live off the charity of passengers and to take abuse uncomplainingly

made them a regular part of the equipment on a pullman car.

For years now pullman portering has been under pressure from the speeding up of trains and the use of stewardesses in airplanes. And it would be a welcome surprise if the sale of the old Pullman Co. does not hurt still more Negro employment opportunities in the railroad industry. The various railroads which will operate sleeping cars of their own as well as influence the policies of the pooling company, often do not appreciate the fine quality and favor of Negro labor. In many railroad yards, for example, the only car cleaners present were those employed by the Pullman Co. Many railroad yard masters openly stated they did not want Negroes "in the yard."

Moreover many railway unions have never wanted Negro employees in the railroad yards. These anti-Negro unions would be showing remarkable restraint if they don't try to bring pressure on the railroads to the dis-

advantage of Negro porters. If all this seems like stretching a point one only has to remember that over a period of two generations, the white foremen, switchmen, brakemen, carmen have just about driven Negroes in these jobs off the roads. And they did it by pressuring employers into cooperating with them.

One hopes these fears are unfounded, however, bitter experience has taught us to anticipate the future as much as possible and prepare for the worse.

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### Hannegan Hits GOP, Omits FEPC

DENVER (ANP)—In an impassioned speech before the Colorado Democratic dinner held here last week, Robert Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National committee, flayed the Republican party because of its recent pronouncements.

"We Democrats take our party obligations seriously," said Mr. Hannegan as he proceeded to lambast Republicans on the United Nations organization. But in spite of all of the proclamations of seriousness in the party, Mr. Hannegan did not touch once on the subject of the FEPC which is believed necessary to insure America's peaceful progress in the trying post war years. Further, Mr. Hannegan said: "The Democratic party's post war program, as set forth in President Truman's recent messages to congress and in his pub-

**HOW TO RANK WITH KINGS**  
By William Henry Huff for ANP  
If one is blessed with vision He sees beyond his nose And makes a real decision Which to the substance goes. If one can see the beauty In doing worthy things As if in line of duty, He'll surely rank with kings.



**CALLS DELTAS**  
Mrs. Mae W. Downs of Sewell, N. J., who has issued the official call for delegates and members of the 135 Delta chapters located in 32 states to meet at Virginia Union university, Richmond, Va., Dec. 27-30, for the 18th national convention of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Using the theme "Designs for Living in a New Age," the body has planned for representatives from several nationalities to serve on the program.

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Again, no mention of the FEPC.

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