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## N. A. A. C. P. Executive Secretary Will Speak in Portland February 6

### Quarterman at Shipyard Dies Of Heart Attack

FRIENDS BELIEVE WORRY OF  
REDUCTION IN FORCE  
THE CAUSE

Monday night, Mr. B. C. Prince, Quarterman of the Sealers and Buffers at the Willamette Iron and Steel Corporation (swing shift), dropped dead of a heart attack about 10:15 p. m. at the yard where he worked.

Mr. Prince was, and had been in charge of his crew for the past three years, which was composed largely of colored workers. It was generally known by all that he loved his crew and on several occasions when issues occurred involving the races, he, a white man, often has "gone to the bat" for those who worked under him, even when members of his race were on the other side; he has been termed "Lover of Our Group," because he believed in fair play and justice for all.

Just before Christmas he was informed by "higher ups" that 27 members of his crew would have to be "terminated," because of reduction in the force; he was worried, and became somewhat dejected; however, next day orders came cancelling the one mentioned.

The next night, Friday before Christmas, all of the employees under him had a pre-Christmas dinner and he was present. After dinner was served and when he was asked to speak, Mr. Prince arose and stated "that in all of his life he could frankly say that this was the happiest Christmas that he had ever spent."

Friday night last, he was again ordered to reduce his force which resulted in the termination of eight of his workers, some who had been with him almost as long as he was quarterman. It worried him.

Monday, when he reported for work it was noticeable that he wasn't in the same frame of mind; he seemed worried, and complained of a "burning" around the region of his heart.

His many friends believe that the worry over the termination of these mentioned above the previous Friday night and anticipating what would occur in the near future caused the heart attack afore mentioned.

Mr. Prince was loved and admired by his entire force. His name was Prince and he was a "Prince" in actions and deeds.

### 'Youth for Christ' Called Front for Fascism; Liberal Leaders Say Group Now Seeking Jim Crow Membership

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Is the new Youth for Christ movement an earnest religious effort? Or is it a smoothly directed fascist front organization, backed under cover by some of the nation's leading race and religious baiters?

According to Bishop G. Ashton Oldham, noted liberal prelate of the Albany, N. Y., Episcopal diocese, Youth for Christ is actually "fascist in character, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro."

And the Rev. Claude Williams, director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion with headquarters in Detroit, and for many years one of the nation's most fearless foes of injustice, says Youth for Christ has the backing and support of such reactionaries and native fascists as millionaire R. G. LeTourneau of Vicksburg, Miss., and the notorious Gerald L. K. Smith who has reputedly boasted that Youth for Christ and his own group, American Youth for Christ, have interlocking leaders.

In view of the effort to obtain Negro membership—on a jim crow basis—and the way in which many Negro religious leaders have been induced to back this drive, the real truth about Youth for Christ needs to be read and digested.

Here are important facts worth considering.

Local branches of Youth for Christ are often sponsored throughout the nation by local Christian Business Men's committees. LeTourneau supports the Christian Business Men's committee and it is said that he contributes heavily to this and similar committees. The Mississippi, according to Rev. Williams, is notoriously anti-labor, anti-Negro and promotes a Pauline theology which is anti-Semitic.

One of the major backers of Youth for Christ is William Randolph Hearst whose newspapers have strong anti-labor and anti-progressive policies and are often viciously anti-Negro and anti-Semitic.

The Chicago Action council has also called attention to the fascist nature of Youth for Christ. Its November bulletin stated:

"Gerald L. K. Smith and Joe McWilliams are a few of the discredited people who have spoken at their meetings. Evidence is accumulating that indicates considerable financial sup-

port is coming from sources which formerly supported the pre-Pearl Harbor America First committee. Their sudden switch to religion is not for godly reasons."

As for LeTourneau, he is the millionaire owner of several industrial plants in Georgia and Mississippi who calls himself "partner of God." In October, 1944, he dedicated a \$100,000 office building at Vicksburg, Miss., to which many officials were invited. Describing the festivities in the News Digest, New Orleans, under date of Oct. 6, 1944, Harry Koger wrote:

"I learned from a worker sitting near me that he and several others who had led in organizing a union in the plant had been given a week's notice, and consequently were facing unemployment after today. Perhaps that accounted for some of the sullen, gloomy countenances."

"After the benediction by an official of the Georgia LeTourneau plant the chairman told us how to get through the front door to the barbecue tables. Special instructions were also given to the Negro section on how to get through the back door to their barbecue."

"When I asked one of the workers if he was going to line up and eat some barbecue, he said:

"Hell, no, I've got my lunch right here in my pocket."

In Chicago not long ago 13 of the city's leading pastors, white and colored, issued a statement condemning Youth for Christ for its attempt to organize jim crow groups. The Hearst daily newspaper, the Chicago Herald American, this week carried a picture of the newly formed Youth for Christ band. There are no dark faces in it.

In Detroit last summer, Gerald L. K. Smith openly asserted there was "an overlapping of leadership" between his own Young Americans for Christ and Youth for Christ, after leaders of the latter group found it necessary to deny there was any resemblance between the two.

The Rev. Claude Williams has publicly charged on more than one occasion that Youth for Christ is "another Hitler youth movement." He has been under attack constantly by Smith and Youth for Christ leaders. Youth for Christ also indulges in Red-baiting, is opposed to collaboration with the Soviet Union, and snipes repeatedly at American Youth for Democracy, the interracial youth group which in the two years of its existence has been waging unceasing war against discrimination and jim crow.

Rev. Williams, president of monwealth college, Mena, Ark., 1937-39, was one of the South's foremost fighters for equality. He helped organize the Southern Tenant Farmers union of both white and Negro.

### NAACP Gets Off To Good Start

In what was described as the liveliest N. A. A. C. P. executive board meeting ever held in Portland Dr. R. N. Joyner set in operation the years program to and with the approval of his well organized board. After announcing that Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Office was to be here for a meeting February 6 at Library Hall, Chairman of the various Committees were announced and a program laid out for committees to work.

The chairmen are as follows: Executive Committee Chairman, Dr. R. N. Joyner; Membership Committee Chairman, Juanita Johnson; Finance Committee Chairman, Isadore Maney; Press and Publicity Chairman, Ruth Haefner; Legal Redress and Legislation Chairman, Clifford C. Walker; Labor and Industry Chairman, Frank Ward; Education, Edwin C. Berry; Entertainment, Mrs. E. Smith; Youth Council and Junior Work, Marie B. Smith; Auditor, Nels Peterson.

Besides these committee heads others in attendance were Margaret Wyman, Rev. Geo. Brown, Rev. J. F. Smith, Geo. Thomas, Ruth Flowers, Mrs. Jackson, Rose Parker, Irvin Goodman, Iola Cornish, and L. Nicholas Granoff. Executive board meetings will be held often. The new meeting place is to be at the N.S.O. 6 N. Tillamook, beginning January 20.

### Seek U. S. Aid in Removing White Alabama Killer Policeman

UNION SPRINGS, A. L.—(ANP)—The federal government may be called upon to remove a white killer cop from among Negro citizens of this small cotton town. Bullets from his blazing gun have already killed two of their number and a third, a war veteran, lies dangerously wounded, with one eye shot out.

The white policeman charged with the wanton shootings and ruthless murders, is Dewey Bradley, assigned to the police department here shortly before V-J day. Although allegedly suspended from the police force, he still is permitted to prowl local streets to terrorize Negro citizens.

Feeling that state, county and city officials are indifferent to the welfare of Negro citizens, the reign of anti-Negro terror here has been brought to the attention of the U. S. Department of Justice through the Southern Negro Youth Congress, and Kenneth C. Kennedy.

Bradley's victims were, listed as Edgar Thomas, a 65-year-old storekeeper, murdered; Kesse Hytower, an employe of the Seaboard railroad murdered, and Ed Day Gary, World War II veteran, eye shot out. The Rev. J. L. Pinkney, business man and local pastor, was ordered to leave town because he witnessed the Thomas slaying.

Thomas first clashed with Bradley on Oct. 7, when the policeman overheard him discussing the Negro question in his store.

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, will speak in Portland on February 6th to the combined membership of the Portland and Vancouver branches, at Library hall, S. W. 10th and Yamhill streets. Mr. White traveled the Overseas Theatres of War as a correspondent and a consultant on the Negro G.I. His recent book, "A Rising Wind", tells of his observations of the Negro in the armed service.

Dr. R. N. Joyner, President of the Portland Branch and Mr. Mark Smith, President of the Vancouver Branch, have instructed their Entertainment Committee chairmen to prepare for Mr. White's visit. The committee is headed here by Oliver E. Smith, and in Vancouver by W. I. Jones, who say the meeting is opened to the public as well as members. This is a fine venture of cooperation for the Branches of Portland and Vancouver, and a fine start for Dr. Joyner and Mark Smith to cement a friendly feeling between the two branches.

Mr. White has consented to set aside a period of time for those who wish him to autograph his books.

Preparations are being made to comfortably take care of all who attend this meeting.

Mr. White has been in Portland several times before.

A reception committee will be named later.

Editor's Notes  
Many may not know the purpose and function of the N.A.A. C. P. In order to inform you of same, I'll quote an article in Maxwell S. Stewart's "The Negro in America," quote, "The Negro's

struggle has been led in recent years by three interracial organizations. Oldest of these is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, founded in 1909. It operates primarily in the field of civil liberties, being concerned with getting a vote for Negroes, protecting them against lynching, and safeguarding their legal rights. In this struggle it has won many noticeable victories. It has been in the forefront of the battle against the poll tax. Although often attacked by militant Negroes, particularly in recent years, as being too equivoal and conservative in its tactics, its achievements are undeniable." End of quote.

### GI's Protest Word "Nigger" In News Cast

SEATTLE, Wash. (ANP)—Use of the word "nigger" was protested last week by 16 members of the famed second battalion of the 364th Infantry.

The word was used by an unnamed marine radio news announcer when telling about Cab Calloway's Kansas City jim crow fracas. The broadcast came from a San Francisco station.

"We feel that the word 'nigger' is not the proper word to describe the activities of Negroes," they said, "and we further feel that anyone permitted to broadcast in the name of the Armed forces should be intelligent enough to understand this."

They asked "for a fair and just account of the news."

### Bronzeville Mayor Candidate

The name of Mr. J. R. Burks, 2326 N. E. Rodney Ave., has been entered as a candidate for Mayor of Bronzeville.

Next issue will carry full details of the standing of the candidates who have been mentioned for Mayor.

### A Correction

Last Week's Front Page Banner under the caption of the "Masonic Banquet, inadvertently the Masons were mentioned an Ancient and Accepted," but in the column below as F. & A. M.

We desire to state that it was intended and should have read as it is, F. & A. M.

### Lady Newspaper Correspondent in Lead for Honor

We are informed that at the present, Mrs. Duncan, well-known newspaper correspondent and representative of the North West Enterprise Newspaper, is in the lead in the First Citizen Contest. Her friends, and they are legion, are pulling for her and promising to back her to the end.

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