

**PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC CLUB RECEIVE FIRST CITIZEN NOMINATIONS**

Mr. J. C. Baker has been named as candidate for the honor of Portland's Negro First Citizen. Mr. Baker is regarded pre-eminently capable in his position as Inspector with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. It has been his task to convert untrained and inefficient young men into capable and skilled craftsmen. To do this has often required his severe criticism of the men and their work, yet he has retained the greatest respect from all with whom and for whom he has worked.

Mr. A. G. Garret, successful business man, has also been named for honor. Mr. Garret's business establishment, recently enlarged, has a complete supply of musical records, radios and electrical appliances for sale to the public. Through this means he has taken advantage of an expanding economic era to create employment for others.

**No Black Nations On Top UNO Committees**

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Negro nations members of the United Nations organization are not represented in any of the important committees or assignments, although several minor nations' heads fill important posts under the present organization.

With 51 nations enrolled, and Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium as president, representatives of United States, United Kingdom, France, USSR (Russia), China, South Africa, and Venezuela are named vice-presidents. The president and vice-presidents with the chairman of the six important committees form the 14-man steering committee; those committees and their national representatives are political and social, Ukraine; economic and financial, Poland; social, humanitarian and cultural, New Zealand; trusteeship, Uruguay; budgetary, Syria; legal, Panama.

The security council as set up is composed of permanent members and members whose membership expire in one to two years; permanent members are the United States, the United Kingdom, France, USSR, China; 1947 expirations, Netherlands, Egypt, Mexico; 1948 expirations, Australia, Brazil and Poland.

The economic and social council is composed of groups whose members have either two year terms expiring in 1947; three year terms, 1948, and four year terms, 1949. In the first group are Columbia, Greece, Lebanon, Ukraine, United States and Yugoslavia; for 1948, Cuba, India, Norway, USSR and the United Kingdom; for 1949, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, France, Peru.

The steering committee met last Tuesday to determine organizational matters and procedure. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the delegates from the United States, plans a trip to Russia immediately after the sessions.

In fundamentals governing programs, the darker nations have been completely ignored, either by choice or by chance. These include Ethiopia, Liberia and Haiti.

**HEY, SKIN-NAY!**



Here are five BIG reasons for joining the March of Dimes, January 14-31. The Big Five—Gerald Drigel, Fred Pomnitz, James McCormick, Thomas Kenny and Richard Kresge—were stricken with infantile paralysis in the New Jersey epidemic of last summer. This hydrotherapy tank, important in the modern treatment of poliomyelitis, is used to give under-water exercise to affected muscles—taking one boy at a time! Just for fun, the boys pretend it's the ole swimmin' hole. Your contribution to the March of Dimes helps put boys like these back in the swim. JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES—NOW!

**NEW ALABAMA JIM CROW LAW HELD 'IMPRACTICAL'**

By EMORY O. JACKSON  
MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(ANP)—The Alabama Public Service Commission was told by railroad lawyers that its new jimcrow travel order was impractical and unworkable while Arthur D. Shores, Birmingham lawyer, declared the regulations discriminatory and illegal at a hearing here Jan. 4.

More than 500 leaders representing approximately 50 statewide organizations, composing the Co-ordinated Committee for the Qualization of Transportation Facilities, attended the hearing. Shores represented this committee.

W. A. Northcutt, general solicitor for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., representing the 17 carriers operating in Alabama, pointed out that the commission in its interpretation of the law obviously was exceeding its legislative-giving power. He suggested certain changes which would leave regulation of dining and club cars and all other type cars, including pullman and observation, to the convenience and judgment of the carriers, with the consent of the passengers since this usually involved interstate travel.

He argued that to curtain in pullman passengers would be unsatisfactory to white and colored folk alike. (Under Rule T-18, which is scheduled to go into effect Feb. 1, carriers would be required to put Negro pullman passengers out of the sight of white passengers by shifting them to enclosures or behind curtains.)

Northcutt revealed that in 1944 "our companies served 2,440,000 passengers with less than a dozen complaints filed". He contended the code upon which the APSC sought to "enumerate the ways the carriers should carry out this law" was sufficient and that the responsibility should be given to the railroads for the steps to be taken.

He added that the government made a variety of requests for passenger services, which left the

carriers with no alternative but to comply.

At this point, Gordon Parson, chairman of the commission and Alabama gubernatorial candidate, broke in, "Do you mean if the government gave you instructions to do something that would violate our (Alabama) laws you would do it?"

"I would rather take my chances with you than the government", Northcutt answered.

Requirement that jimcrow regulations be posted where passengers could see them also drew the opposition of the carriers. Northcutt protested that railroads tended to post fewer signs, that the traveling public would hardly see them anyway, and that the same cars went into states where it would be offensive to the passengers to have jimcrow regulations on the bulletin board.

Other suggestions made by Northcutt in his prepared statement included permitting colored passengers entering Alabama from non-jimcrow states not to move. Rule T-18 would have them move behind curtains, partitions or other enclosures.

Opening his plea with quotes from the preamble of the United Nations charter, Shores cited court decisions, the Alabama code and federal law to support his charges that the commission was over-stepping its legal bounds in creating "Rule T-18." He read resolutions from the CIO Industrial Council and the Talladega College NAACP condemning the new regulation. Several other petitions from mass organizations

had previously been filed.

Shores declared that the order would impose a "badge of inferiority" on Negro citizens and would be to "human rights and fundamental freedom" and would become "the object of endless litigation." He concluded by observing that the group ask not "for special privileges, but the same ones, and will not settle for less."

Chairman Parsons, with his two associates silent all through the hearing, took the two-direction attack on the bolstered jimcrow travel law under advisement.

In a session following the hearing the state leaders gave Shores a "vote of praise and thanks" and commended him lustily from the floor for the able, clear and uncompromising presentation he made.

Charles W. Orr, president of the Alabama State Teachers association, said that this was the first time in 45 years that Negro leaders have presented in person an

**7,000 Qualified to Vote in Atlanta**

ATLANTA—(ANP)—Upwards of 7,000 Negro residents of Atlanta and Fulton county are now qualified to vote, it was revealed last week following a record breaking registration up to the deadline for a special congressional election.

Extra clerks were required to register the deadline runners, who filled the lobby of the Fulton courthouse.

Potential voters were assisted by representatives of the Atlanta branch of the NAACP.

T. E. Suttles, tax collector, said that approximately 70,000 persons are now on the voters' lists, 7,000 of them being Negroes. Over 700 of the new registrants were persons between 18 and 21 years of age, given the right to vote at the beginning of the Arnall administration.

According to reports, registration by Negroes is continuing at a brisk pace for the state and general elections to come in the fall of the year. Deadline for this registration is May.

**Elks Map Credo For the Negro**

NEW YORK—(ANP)—"A credo for the American Negro" was approved by the executive committee of the grand lodge and grand temple of the IBPOEW during a midwinter conference here in the home of the Henry Lincoln Johnson lodge.

The credo sets forth the Negro's position in the post-war era,

organized, dramatic, monster protest.

and his hopes for far-reaching improvement.

The conference also approved many suggestions for legislation at grand lodge and grand temple sessions at Buffalo next August to improve Negro health, housing, civil liberties, and education, and the purchase of a national shrine to be located near the UNO headquarters, and commissioned Dr. J. Daley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, to take option on the best site.

This credo was sponsored by a committee headed by Perry W. Howard of Mississippi, grand legal adviser, and will be submitted to representative Negro organizations throughout the country, which will be invited to take part in a nationwide conference to be held at a convenient date.

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