

Women Hear Leaders Demand Action Now on Minority Problems

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Minority problems in this country were ventilated Wednesday at an all-day school sponsored by the voteless D. C. League of Women Voters (white) at the Mayflower hotel which packed the grand ballroom with interested white and colored persons.

Not only were grievance aired but experts and representatives of America's polygot minority groups offered constructive suggestions for the solution of many of these problems of race, creed and color.

The 10 speakers concluded that now is the time for realistic, intelligent, unprejudiced and forthright action if we are to survive as a democracy. Representing Negroes on the program were Miss Elsie Austin, OPA attorney, and former head of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and Lester Granger, executive secretary, National Urban League.

Miss Austin asked her hearers to try to make the transition for a few minutes of being colored while she dramatically and eloquently catalogued the vicious cycle of color prejudice that besets Negroes from the cradle to the grave. She pointed out that members of the U. S. armed services had spread the poison of color prejudice throughout the world to such an extent that Japanese and Fiji islanders are hurling hated epithets to Negroes wearing the uniform of our fighting arms.

"Racial Tensions in the Post-war World" were graphically described by Mr. Granger. "In race relations this is America's year of decision just as truly as it is in matter affecting international relations and economics," he said.

"America must make up her minds whether she will hold fast to the considerable gains made during the war as a step toward real democracy that transcends race or whether she will cast aside these gains and sink back into the terrible depth of superstition, bigotry, suicial competition which have marked relationships between whites and Negroes for 100 years.

"As long as people are afraid of their future, they will fear their neighbors."

The Rev. A. Powell Davies, minister of All Souls' Unitarian church, a native of England, said Americans will have to learn to live, work, play, study and plan together for our future or there is no hope left for survival. He called presidential restrictive covenants one of the most vicious forms of bigotry ever conceived by man and urged his hearers to start now to eliminate such practices.

For those who want to continue segregation he offered a plan. "I would suggest three categories," he said. "One I would call just plain 'Americans' which would include all groups in our national life who want to build a better world together without reference to race or color or religion. Another group I would call 'Americans—White: Sub-standard' for whites who refuse to mix with any but white people, and for Negroes who refuse to mix with whites I would label 'Americans sub-standard, non-whites.'"

Discussing the "significance of U. S. Minorities in our International Relations," Marquis Childs, author and syndicated columnist, declared that attitudes and behavior patterns in our own country condition our thinking for successful world cooperation. He pointed out that England was shocked by our exportation of color prejudice during the war and that in India every race conflict in the United States is reported in detail, especially in the Reuters News agency.

Other speakers included Dr. David L. Campa, Mexican, director of training program for the Inter-American Education foundation; D'Arcy McNickle, member of the Flat Head Indian tribe and field representative; Office of Indian affairs; Robert Iki, Japanese-American; Irene Kooningsberber, member of the executive committee, Jewish Community council, and Elizabeth Christian, member of National Women's Trade Union

League of America. Mrs. Robert L. Leonard, president, D. C. League of Women's Voters, presided at the morning session and Dillon F. Meyer, director, War Relocation authority, was chairman of the panel discussion.



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THREE HUNDRED LISTENERS HEAR EDWIN C. BERRY

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but when we get a job, let's do such a splendid job, but we cause other members of our race to secure employment.

Mr. Berry gave one concrete example of a certain young Negro that was called to a job where no other Negro had worked; that he has made good and as a result of his record, there are now 13 other colored workers.

10. That we must join and back up other organizations that are fighting our battles.

He urged them to join the N. A. A. C. P., and likewise organizations in order that all of us can fight constantly in order to improve better race relations.

The crowd showed their appreciation for the splendid address delivered by Mr. Berry by thunderous applause.

There were two solos rendered, but I didn't get the names of the ladies. Both were grand.

Florida NAACP, Voters League Directors Meet

ORLANDO—(ANP)—Asserting that the object of the NAACP was not to condone lawlessness or to prohibit the application of the law to anyone who is guilty of any misconduct, President Harry T. Moore, state president, opened the meeting of the directors of the NAACP and Progressive Voters League here Sunday morning with representatives from more than 90 percent of the 49 states branches present.

In his report to the directors President Moore reviewed the progress of the organization over the past five years and pointed out that the number of chapters had increased from nine to 49. Fort Lauderdale was pointed out as evidence that the NAACP is gaining widespread recognition by its endeavors. The chapter was the outcome of the work done by the organization which enlightened the citizens of the community that unity was needed in any community if it is to hope to receive the benefits of democracy.

The matter of setting up chapters in small communities was discussed and the president suggested that since the previous amendment to grant charters to groups of 25 had not been approved by the national body, it is advisable for the small groups to associate themselves with the nearest chapter and for the chartered chapter to recognize this group as a committee in its respective community.

In a plea to the directors, G. D. Rogers, president of the Central Life Insurance Company, Tampa, and also representative from the Manatee county chapter, urged that publicity be given to the cases that the NAACP has under consideration in all the liberal

Florida Cops Told Negro Vets To Be Problem

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.—(ANP) William Lindsey, president of the Florida Peace Officers association, in a "keep them in their place" speech at St. Augustine, to Florida police chiefs and sheriffs, declared Florida's major problems in law enforcement have arisen in the handling of pscho-neurotic veterans and of "Eleanor's chosen children." Lindsey asserted that Negro soldiers "married British and French girls and now are coming back expecting to marry our girls."

His voice reaching a shrill crescendo, he shouted, "These boys are ready to attack policemen, sometimes with guns if they are 'roughed up a little' in subduing them." Under such "disgusting instances" as this police officers have come in for "unjustified criticism," he said.

He disclosed that the board of directors of the Police Chiefs association had authorized the spending of a "reasonable" amount of association funds to defend any member who should happen to kill a man "justifiably" in the course of his work.

In conclusion, Lindsey declared, "These boys (Negro) are coming back pretending to be heroes without even having seen a gun unless they stole one and smuggled it in." We've got to keep them in their place."

Sorority Organize New Chapter

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Lambda Kappa Mu, a sorority of professional and business women, set up a new chapter here Saturday. The name of the new chapter is Theta.

Lambda Kappa Mu aims to promote interest in business education among high school and college girls and to encourage higher education among its members, said Mrs. Herbert L. B. Wilkins, grand syntakes. The sorority gives an annual national scholarship to some girl interested in further business education, she added.

publications, regardless of race. "There are plenty of liberal and fair-minded people in the south who will give publicity to our cause if it is presented with wisdom and we have facts to back up our contentions," the insurance executive continued.

During the reports from the various chapters, Rev. Black, representative from the Lake Wales chapter, told the audience that if the ministers in their community did not come to the NAACP, take the NAACP to them.

Push Alabama Registration Drive

BIRMINGHAM—(ANP)—Racing against efforts to make it harder for Alabama citizens to register to vote, Capt. H. C. Terrell, home on terminal leave, is heading up the veterans voter-registration committee of the Southern Negro Youth congress.

Veterans in Alabama are exempt from poll tax, and with 15,000 Negroes inducted from the Birmingham area, Capt. Terrell sees an opportunity to add several hundred new voters. It is believed that the fact that veterans do not have to pay poll tax is one of the hidden factors behind the proposed "Boswell amendment" to be voted on in November, which if passed would stiffen registration requirements.

Alabaman Seeks Editorship of Christian Index

BIRMINGHAM—(ANP)—Rev. Maxie C. Jackson, member of the auditing committee of the CME church for the past three or four quadrenniums and a prominent figure in the high councils of the church, has announced his candidacy for editorship of the Christian Index, official organ, published at Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. Jackson, graduate of Miles college here and Alabama State college, Montgomery, seeks to succeed Dr. Luther Stewart, who is understood to be a candidate for the bishopric at the approaching general conference. Dr. Jackson held the bachelor of arts degree from Miles, the bachelor of science and master of science from Alabama State. He is now serving as pastor of the CME church at Prattville, between here and Montgomery.

The entrance of Dr. Jackson into the race for the editorship brings the total to six, it was learned here this week. The Alabaman claims he has "the whole-hearted support of the five Alabama CME annual conference's delegations to the general confer-

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ence." The five other aspirants for the much-coveted position are Drs. Elisha P. Murchison, presiding elder of the Chicago district; L. C. Jones, editor of the Eastern Index, Macon, Ga.; K. C. Phillips, presiding elder of the Abilene district, San Angelo, Texas; H. C. Bunton, pastor of Sparks chapel, Dallas, and J. C. Clay, presiding elder of the Ft. Smith district, Little Rock.

UNRRA Official Returns Home

LOUISVILLE—(ANP) — E. E. Pruitt, former director of a special financial team for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration in Europe, returned home here last week with praise for the UNRRA and the various racial and nationality groups on its staff.

"It's a great work UNRRA is doing," Pruitt said. "I don't believe people realize how great. What is being accomplished to help displaced persons is amazing."

His team, made up of Englishmen, Dutchmen and Czechs, brought the pay script to outlying UNRRA workers in the displaced persons camps in Germany. He took a two-month course at the University of Maryland for his task and sailed from America in December, 1944. Hitler's V-2 bombs punctuated further training in London.

While overseas, he won a host of friends among his co-workers. He admits that he liked everybody, but confesses he is partial to the British. He made several speeches on housing while in London, including the one he made over the British Broadcasting company system when he had to go "three stories underground to

broadcast." He was also the guest for a week of M. Phillips Price, a member of parliament from Gloucester, who took him to observe the British parliament in action.

Pruitt was also the guest of the American embassy at the Roosevelt memorial service at St. Paul's cathedral. Approximately 15,000 people milled around the cathedral during the services, he said. His souvenirs include the UNRRA team passes through army lines, contact with B B C and some of the new money from France, Holland and Belgium.

He will resume his duties here as resident manager of the Beecher Terrace housing project.

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