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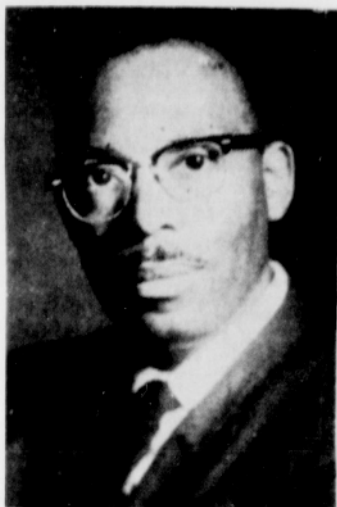
Allen Temple C.M.E. holds workshop

The Rev. Nathaniel Linsey of Atlanta, Georgia, General Secretary of Evangelism of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will visit Portland March 7th and 8th.

On Tuesday, March 7th at 8 p.m. he will meet with the members of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church and St. Mark C.M.E. Church at Allen Temple. He will discuss Evangelism in the C.M.E. Church and meet with the boards of Evangelism of the C.M.E. Churches.

On Wednesday, March 8th at 8 p.m. the pastors, members of boards of Evangelism of the churches of the city and public at large are invited to hear Rev. Linsey speak on Techniques of City Wide Evangelistic Crusades. There will be time for specific questions and discussions on problems of Evangelism. Rev. Linsey has had great success in the field of Evangelism in other cities in the country, such as Los Angeles, New York City, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Georgia, Cleveland, Ohio and other cities. He comes to Portland with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of Evangelism, in organizing crusades, conducting Evangelism campaigns and door to door canvassing techniques.

Rev. Linsey was a school mate of Rev. T. L. Strayhand, pastor of Allen Temple at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia. He received his



REV. N. LINSEY
General Secretary

Seminary training at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

He held the distinction of being the youngest General Secretary ever elected as a General Officer in the C.M.E. Church. Prior to being elected General Secretary of Evangelism, he pastored in Washington, D.C., Alabama, Kentucky and was General Secretary of youth activities of the C.M.E. Church.

All sessions will be held at Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, 4236 N.E. 8th Avenue, March 7th and 8th at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to share in this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear this man of God and see him in action.

Youth sponsors fashion show

The Young Adults Church of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church invites you to a Kiddie Revue and Fashion Highlights at Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, 4236 N.E. 8th Avenue, Sunday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m. This is the Young Adults fashionable affair of the season.

This event will feature new styles for Easter, Fashionable Contemporary Dress for young and old, fashionable dress wear from Japan, Africa, Saudi Arabia and India. The president of this group is Miss Beverly Perry. Other members are: Mrs. Rose Martin, Secretary; Mrs. Regina Green, Treasurer; Miss Beverly Griffin, Miss Gwen-dolyn Stokes, Miss Linda Frazier, Mr. Alvin Manus, Miss Carmelita Weatheroy.

YFC conference scheduled

Portland Youth for Christ/Campus Life will unite with a host of area churches in the presentation of the Second Annual Spring Youth Offensive at the Memorial Coliseum Assembly Hall on Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. both evenings.

Bob Turnbull, former Hollywood and television actor, assistant track and field coach at the University of Hawaii, and a member of the Honolulu Vice Squad, will be the featured speaker. He is known as the "Chaplain of Waikiki Beach" for his extensive work with youth through a twenty-four hour a day "Hotline"; teen radio broadcast heard

throughout the Islands; and "Sun and Soul Talk," a weekly Sunday service on the radio of Waikiki.

Also highlighting the evening program will be four local musical groups; representatives of six northwest area colleges, and a mass sing-in-the-round on Saturday evening.

Social action committee organized

A Committee on Human Development composed of 45 poor people from Western Oregon was recently formed according to Robert J. Dwyer, Archbishop of Portland. Chairman Frank Ojeda, Independence, stated that the aim of the committee is to solicit proposals for self-help projects from the area's poor and to administer funds available to it from the Campaign for Human Development, formerly the Bishop's Relief Fund. Other officers include Mrs. Magdalene Schopf, secretary, and Mrs. Helen Belec, treasurer. John Little of the National Executive Committee of the Campaign for Human Development, is adviser to the group.

Frank Ojeda, born in Texas and raised in Mexico, married Margarita Mendoza in Cameron, Texas in 1952. They have twelve children and Mr. Ojeda still harvests crops each summer in the Northwest. He has worked as a

volunteer in many Church-related activities, including youth work and Church construction in Texas to organizing the Cursillo Movement in the Northwest. He is a student at Mt. Angel College and served as Project Administrator last summer for the student American Medical Association's Migrant Health Project in the Willamette Valley. Mr. Ojeda's background, work experience and organization memberships include Valley Migrant League, Oregon Migrant Education Program Advisory Committee, V.I.V.A., National Association of Intergroup Relations Organization (NAIRO), Centro Chicano Cultural, Inc., Vicariate San Salvador in Dallas, Oregon, Spanish-Speaking Deaconate Program, membership in St. Patrick's Parish in Independence.

Mrs. Schopf, a Portland resident since 1943, has many years experience as a bookkeeper, teacher and 4-H leader.



Have you heard Mrs. Mattie Spears sing?

Hunger conference planned

In a recent visit to our city, the Reverend Mr. Edward V. Melfort, pastor of the Bethel Church, Yakima, Washington, announced the convening of the Yakima Conference on Local Hunger, to be held March 4th from 8:00 am till 5:00pm at the Englewood Christian Church, 511 N. 14th Ave.

Background for the conference, stems from a recent decline of food gifts to supply resources to fill hunger needs. Donations have been sporadic in the area, at the indifference of well-fed people, to concern themselves with this problem.

Rice donated by the people of Japan to feed the hungry in Washington was declined by Yakima officials.

The aim of this conference is two-fold.

First, it will attempt to update the available data on hunger needs, identify resources, and study the effects of hunger from the Biological, Sociological, Educational, Theological and Political depredations upon poor people.

Secondly, the conference will seek to draft workable resolutions and make this information available to the public, in order to restore public confidence in the value of giving food gifts for distribution to the poor through private agencies. Panelists have varied backgrounds of technical skills.

They are: Dr. Thomas Thelin, Geneticist; Mr. Wayman Ware, Sociologist; Mrs. Anna Debe-lacker, Nutritionist; Rev. Howard Cole, Minister and Mr. Steven Cragg, Political Scientist.



Rev. E. Melfort

The moderators for the conference are skilled in community development and organization of action groups, they are: Mr. Thomas Villanueva, Mexican-American Farm Workers Cooperative; Mrs. Thelma Patillo, Afro-American Players; Mr. Leo Seguel, Social Analyst; Mr. Henry Beauchamp, Centers Coordinator and Rev. Edward V. Melfort, formerly Asst. Director of the Yakima Valley Council for Community Action.

The public at large is invited to come and share by giving and receiving information about the local hunger problems.

Zest of life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

"Peace be unto you!" "Peace be to this house!" The first is a greeting with which Jesus personally greeted the assembled disciples and converts at the Pentecost meeting, after the Ascension, when He entered the room through the walls after the doors were shut. The second was a commandment given by Jesus to all disciples, and by the Great Commission to all Christians in Luke 10:5, as follows: "In to whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house."

Followers of the late Rev. M.J. Divine, who was known to millions as Father Divine, used and still use the greeting of "Peace," when saluting each other. Very rarely can a Christian denomination or congregation be found who thus greet each other, although it is a distinct commandment of Jesus Christ, which along with many others they freely ignore, disregard and thereby disobey.

In former times some Catholic orders used the greeting, "Pax vobiscum," which is the Latin equivalent, but rarely is this greeting heard even

among Catholics in these modern Satanic days.

This column, "Zest of Life" is designed to be a running commentary on the modern spiritual scene, the modern religious fads, cults, communes, the hip, or liberated generation, a sympathetic inquiry into men's serious efforts to worship, to find, and to relate to God.

The approach is not that of a reporter of events and happenings, but as a commentator on the inside describing the experiences of many, including those of this scribe, who dares to claim he is as serious as any one in his search for, and in detailed accounts of his own experiences in searching for and finding a companionship with God.

Humor, a choice joke now and then, great literary quotations and the most profound spiritual inspirations, insights and revelations from both divine and human sources will bedeck this column.

Mr. Carnegie W. (Happy) Pullen of 6615 N. Boston, is

beginning a new career. He retired in 1966, but now, at the age of 70, intends to start a syndicated column covering the "spiritual scene". He has entitled it "Jesus Christ, The Magnificent Person of God" and will deal with new happenings in religion, such as the Hari Krishnas, the Children of God, Yogi, and the effects of drugs.

Mr. Pullen began his journalistic career in 1927. He was a reporter for the Sarasota Herald in Sarasota, Florida. He remembers taking the announcement of Lindbergh's successful flight across the Atlantic off the ticker-tape.

He came to Portland in 1942 from New York where he was Assistant Editor of the Nation's Review. During the war, he worked for Kaiser and was a columnist for the "Swan Island Splash".

He was managing editor of the Portland Sun from 1947 to 1950 and then worked for Williamson, Hayes, and Fredrickson. He retired from Alcoa Aluminum in 1966, where he was an aluminum caster.

NAACP NEWS

NEW YORK - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has gone to bat for six black servicemen charging that the Coast Guard is unfairly court-martialing them for alleged acts that could lead to imprisonment and dishonorable discharges.

The charges grew out of a series of confrontations and fights between Coast Guardsmen on Governors Island, New York, last September. Although white Guardsmen were involved, all six of the servicemen have been charged with violations of the Military Codes of Justice are black.

Following preliminary investigation by Julius Williams, NAACP director of veterans' affairs, the NAACP legal department and their military attorneys filed a motion on Jan. 14, with the Coast Guard Judge Advocate General in Washington, D.C., for a verbatim transcript of the investigation. But this was refused.

The men are represented by NAACP Assistant General Counsel Charles E. Carter.

The NAACP appealed to the Secretary of Transportation, who oversees the Coast Guard in peacetime, for the transcript and a stay in the court-martial proceedings until the document is supplied. The trial was postponed from January 24 to a week later.

All of the accused are stationed with the Third Coast Guard District in New York. They are P.O. Fred D. Woodberry, Jr., and Saamen Clarence J. Graham, Gerald E. Rivers, Theodore H. Smith, Turner S. Smithers and Brady B. Hood, Jr.

They are charged with assault, willfully disobeying a superior officer, destruction of property and riot or breach of peace.

New York -- The NAACP Board of Directors has approved the establishment of branches in Lewisburg, Penn., and Auburn, New York, prisons. This revolutionary action was taken at the Board's quarterly meeting here Jan. 10, upon recommendation of branches in response to requests from inmates.

These units will be organized by the Branch Department, headed by Glover B. Current. The Board also authorized Mr. Current to seek other geographic areas where prison chapters may be established.

In his annual report, Executive Director Roy Wilkins noted that the NAACP is not only active in following up the Attika tragedy, but is also in touch with other turbulent prison situations around the country.

HARTFORD, Conn. - On behalf of the 19 branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the State of Connecticut, Ben F. Andrews, Sr., state NAACP president, has called upon state officials to revoke the charter and the liquor license of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose on the ground that these two fraternal orders discriminate against non-white persons.

In a letter, dated Jan. 26, to Mrs. Gloria Schaffer, secretary of state, Mr. Andrews cited the constitution of Elks limiting membership to "White, male citizens of the U.S.A.," and the application form of the Moose certifying that the applicant is "a member of the Caucasian white race, and not married to one of any other race."

It is clear, he said, "that both organizations are practicing and promoting racial discrimination in a very flagrant manner. The Elks constitution makes it obvious that they are also discriminating against women ... I ask that your office proceed to cancel their present charter with the State of Connecticut."

In a similar letter to George J. Montana, chairman of the state's Liquor Control Commission, Mr. Andrews asked that the Commission "revoke the liquor license of both these organizations in the State of Connecticut."

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What price peace?

By Jack Kirkwood Chairman
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The book of Genesis tells the story of how Noah sent out a dove from the ark, and when it returned with an olive leaf he knew the flood had abated. Thus, the dove is the harbinger of good news and the olive leaf symbolizes new life.

Whatever the historical meaning, the dove is an excellent choice from the animal kingdom to symbolize peace. There are about 290 species of pigeons, some of which are classified as doves. They are gentle birds that feed on various fruits and seeds. They mate for life and when one dies, the survivor accepts a new mate slowly. The mates share responsibility for incubating the eggs, and both feed the young. If man could imitate the habits and life style of the dove this world would be a more peaceful place, though pollution still would be a problem.

Today America's sons are coming home from war. They do not talk of glory or pride of victory. They do not tell about

joy on the faces of people they have liberated. They are glad enough to be alive, but millions of them have been wounded in body and or spirit. All the medals and words of encouragement from a president who believes this may be our nation's finest hour are not enough to heal the wounds inflicted by what they have seen with their own eyes.

When the government calls upon a family to give its son, a husband or father or the earnings from its labor, it has the right to expect and the obligation to demand the sacrifice to be used for worthy purposes.

If a war is to be fought, it must be justifiable on the basis of a clear and present danger to the nation, and must be declared by Congress as provided in the Constitution.

But this has been fought on the basis of executive commitment to a government in South Vietnam which came into being because of another residential commitment. (A

later column will explain this historical record.) There is little doubt that each president was convinced of the need to support South Vietnam for one reason or another, but none has been able to show a real relationship between the success we seek in Vietnam and our own national defense.

Systems of secrecy made it possible for one to believe the president had all the facts, many of which were not available to the rest of us, and therefore he should do what he thought best.

But as these secrets are slowly unfolded by the Pentagon papers and revelations of Congressional investigations, it becomes increasingly apparent that secrecy has been used to hide the scandalous character of the war, rather than to protect national interest. Presidents themselves have been victims of this same system of secrecy.

Conscientious objection to cruel and unjust wars should not be left to those young men

who are conscripted to fight them. All of us who object to this kind of war should make clear to our leaders in government the war must end as quickly as possible.

We must discuss the issue among friends, study opposing points of view, join groups which work toward peace, explain our convictions to legislators and promote candidates who articulate our views regarding peace. If we use the institutions of our free society to restore peace and brotherhood among nations, this democratic society will be vindicated.

Peace exacts a price. It requires conscious effort on the part of those who regard peace as a positive value. It can happen if we seek truth and abandon the naive assumption that peace is the automatic outcome of war and preparation for war.