

\$10,000 Given To NAACP by Presbyterians

Blake Confirms KKK's Statement; Damage Suit Paid Off

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—The stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., last night confirmed a Ku Klux Klan statement that the church gave \$10,000 to the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People to pay off a damage suit.

The South Carolina Klan said yesterday that the church (the Northern branch) gave the money to the NAACP to use in an out-of-court settlement of a suit brought by Atty. Shepherd K. Nash, Sumter, S. C.

The stated clerk, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, said in Chicago: "I gave them \$10,000 from church funds on the authority of the assembly."

The Klan statement, authorized by Robert E. Hodges, kligrapp (secretary) of the Columbia Klavern, asserted:

"Few Americans and fewer Presbyterians ever thought they would see the day when the Presbyterian Church would sink so low in the mire of social gospel politics as to raise funds for the race-mixing activities of the Communist-dominated National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People."

The NAACP has said it has no Communist influence in its leadership.

The Klan based its statement on an article in the Jan. 6 issue of Presbyterian Life magazine.

A Presbyterian spokesman in Philadelphia said that a representative of the church's Division of Social Welfare investigated the case. Then, he said, the offer to help was made to the Sumter NAACP chapter "as offers are similarly made wherever help is needed and the church feels it has a duty to perform."

Nash sued the NAACP for \$120,000 for libel. He banked the out-of-court settlement and said he would return it to Negro contributors to the fund if the NAACP would furnish a list of the donors and would file no school integration suit in Sumter County in the next 10 years.

He put a six-month deadline on his offer, which will expire about May 20. Otherwise, Nash said he would give the money to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children at Greenville, S. C., and the Sumter First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Southern branch.

Criticism of the Klan by the Southern Presbyterians' 97th General Assembly in Birmingham, Ala., yesterday touched off the Klan's statement. The assembly censured the Klan as an organization "whose purpose is to gain its point by intimidation, reprisal and violence."

Texas Solon In Filibuster

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—State Sen. Abraham Kazen Jr., nursing his throat with cough drops and lemon, droned on in a steady voice early today in a filibuster against a House-passed segregation bill. Kazen was being aided by Sen. Henry Gonzalez of San Antonio and Sen. Charles Herring of Austin, who were interrupting him at times for long-winded questions, giving him a chance to rest his voice but not his feet. He has to remain standing to hold the floor. Kazen passed his 11th hour early today, showing no signs of letting up.

He was seeking to delay action on a bill that would allow school boards to assign pupils to any school in the board's jurisdiction, thus eliminating integration where it was not wanted by the board.

Brundage Says He Acts Merely As Ike Deputy

WASHINGTON (UP)—Percival F. Brundage, the man in the middle today of the big budget row, maintains he acts only as President Eisenhower's deputy in the drawing up of the federal budget. Moreover, Brundage, who as Eisenhower's budget director is under fire from congressional conservatives, has picked up support for his position from Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland.

The conservatives blame Brundage for letting through what they call the "wasteful" spending proposals in the administration's record peacetime budget of almost 72 billion dollars.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, a leader of the Senate economy bloc, said Thursday he should be replaced by a man "dedicated to cutting the budget."

Republican critics of the administration also have been using Brundage as a scapegoat to blame for internal party differences. Knowland indicated today he felt the President must assume responsibility for the scale of federal spending.

"From my own contacts with Brundage," he told a reporter, "I think he is endeavoring to carry out the President's policies and that he is a man of integrity and ability."

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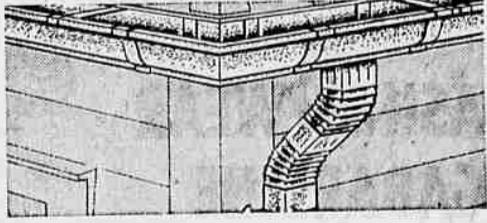
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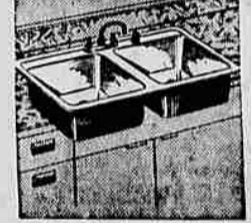
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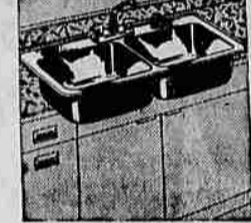
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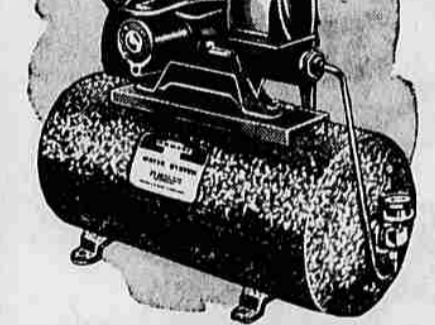


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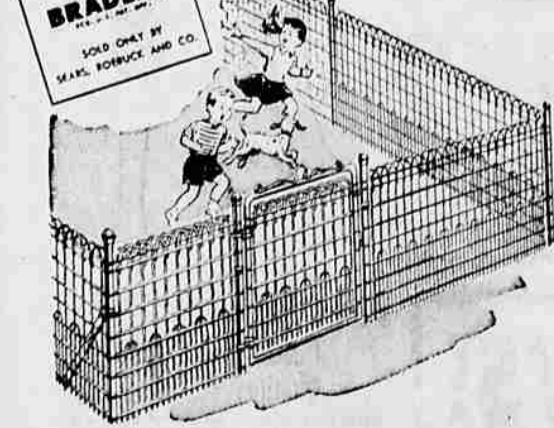
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