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WALTER WHITE RESIGNS

Directors Refuse Appeal

NEW YORK — (Special) — The Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, voted unanimously Monday against accepting the resignation of Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. Secretary, who has handed in his resignation on advice of his physician.

It was the second time within a year that the health of the N. A. A. C. P. leader had forced to seek respite from the many duties of his office. A request for a leave to have become effective last November was scheduled, and then by passed that Mr. White might represent the organization at the World meeting in Paris.

Mr. White's resignation said that a recent physical examination revealed that his health continued poor, and that for his own good he would have to relinquish the office he has held for more than two decades.

He said he had been asked to leave last year, but had shown no improvement.

In declining the resignation, Directors voted to make effective a year leave of absence on June 1.

CAN HAPPEN AKA Chapter Not Not AKA Sorority

LINCOLN U., Pa. — (ANP) — This venerable university which prides itself on being the last unspoiled resort of the male species, woke up during the week to discover that it had a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha on the campus.

Not only had Theta chapter of AKA been set up, but Edward Dawley, senior student, had been elected the editor of the national journal of the organization.

Excited rumors were soon at rest by the discovery that the new Lincoln chapter is Theta of Alpha Kappa Alpha Philosophical fraternity, with other chapters in several localities.

HUMPHREYS ASKS CIVIL RIGHTS BODY

Asks Unanimous Backing On Anti-Bias Commission

(ATLANTIC NEWS SERVICE)

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) Thursday, introduced for Senate consideration a bill which would establish a permanent Federal Commission on Civil Rights "whose work would enlarge the area of our freedom."

Asking unanimous support for his proposal, Senator Humphrey said, "My conviction that a comprehensive civil rights program is imperative and urgent compels me to propose this initial step, from which I feel certain a greater understanding of the problem will develop."

The Senator made clear that he would continue the fight he began at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia for a comprehensive civil rights program. "I do not regard such a Commission as a substitute for a comprehensive program," he declared. "I shall continue to devote my efforts to enactment of the full program. Nor do I believe that such a Commission mitigates the need for prompt enactment of civil rights legislation. Should our efforts to enact that legislation in the near future be successful, the Commission's functions would be no less valid."

Senator Humphrey's bill would empower a Federal Civil Rights Commission:

- (1) To conduct studies, investigations, and research necessary to prevent abridgment or denial of civil rights;
- (2) To investigate government departments and sub-divisions to determine what changes are necessary to secure civil rights;
- (3) To aid states, counties, municipalities, and private agencies in expediting studies to secure civil rights;
- (4) To conduct hearings whenever a written complaint supported by evidence alleges that civil rights are being denied or abridged; and
- (5) To recommend to Congress legislation necessary to safeguard our civil rights.

The Minnesota Senator introduced his second bill concerning civil rights for the first time that he may then proceed with the assurance that we have opened every available door to human rights." Senator Humphrey's first bill, introduced last week, would outlaw lynching.

George Vaughn State Speaker For Law School

ORANGEBURG — George Vaughn, St. Louis, Mo., practicing attorney at law, and renowned for his achievements in fighting restrictive covenants will be the principal speaker at Vesper services, May 15 at S. C. State College, here.

The program is sponsored by the Orangeburg Native Sons, Inc., and will feature the appearance before the Credentials Committee of the National Democratic party last summer, Governor J. Strom Thurmond looked to his questioner, a member of the committee, and noting his race, reddened, snapped an "I will answer you nothing," and stomped to his seat.

The questioner was Attorney Vaughn, only Negro on the committee, who later sent delegates his active concern over his minority report of the committee on the contest between factions in Mississippi.

Fire Hero Wins Award

By Mrs. E. M. Parker

CHARLESTON — Rufus Grant, 41, wears the Carnegie Hero and Foundation Bronze Medal for saving the lives of four members of a white family in the Liberty Hill section two years ago.

Mr. Grant had been awakened by noise and the sound of voices in his house nearby at 2:15 A. M. Looking outside, he saw the blazing house with a crowd around. Hurrying to the scene, he overheard someone say that the family was in the house, hurriedly developed a flame.

Without regard for his personal safety, he ripped open a window and, guided by cries and moans, located and carried to safety every member of the family.

The family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Leggett and their children, were taken to a hospital. Three-year-old James died but the others recovered from the effects of smoke.

The hero went unheralded, noticed until one day later, he went to the hospital for treatment of a lung ailment which resulted from the start with the fire.

Dr. Sidney Frydowsky, who examined him, stated in an investigation The Carnegie Medal resulted, plus \$500 in cash, he plans to use repairing his own home.

He has been given the job of repair man at the Daniel Jenkins housing project.

BAPTISTS BLESS NOTED JURIST

CHARLESTON — Members of the State Baptist Convention sought the prayers of citizens for U. S. District Court Judge J. W. Waring at the close of the annual session here on the weekend.

The statement on the jurist was contained in a resolution adopted by the organization, which was as follows:

TEXT OF RESOLUTION: "Whereas we are holding our 71st annual session in the historic City of Charleston, South Carolina, the home of Judge J. W. Waring, we do feel ourselves united and advocate of social justice, through whose decisions the progress of our race is being advanced."



GUEST SPEAKER for Tuskegee's Scholarship night was Major General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Federal Works Administration. He is shown shaking hands with E. M. Williams, sponsor, and President F. D. Patterson, extreme left. Looking on following Mr. McWilliams from left to right are: C. T. Ray, district FWA engineer of Atlanta, Ga.; Robert Morris, state FWA engineer; and Dr. T. A. Derbigny, dean of Administration.

Aide Says Truman's Rights Only Campaign Promises

CHICAGO — Jay Franklin, Washington newsman who helped write President Truman's winning campaign speeches, declares in a June Negro Digest article that the Nation's leader is in no hurry to live up to his campaign promises if they are going to produce political difficulties inside the White House.

Franklin's attitude stems not only from political calculation. He says in the Negro Digest article entitled "What Truman Really Thinks About Negroes," but also from his own personal attitude.

In revealing the real inside story of the President's attitude towards Negroes and civil rights, Franklin, whose recent Life Magazine article on Truman's Russian policy created bitter Capital controversy, insists that Truman is actually going against the tide of the majority of his advisers in supporting the civil rights and anti-lynching issues.

"Truman fought the Ku Klux Klan in his early political career," Franklin says, "but like many middle-Westerners, he is not particularly disturbed by theories of society or by remote racial injustice."

"The President's preferred advisers represent the white mountaineer stock of the South," Franklin adds.

Franklin says Truman is a practical politician trained in the school of Kansas City machine politics under the late boss Prendergast. As a man, Franklin continues, the President regards the Negro as another human being whose rights must be broadened and respected.

"But as a politician," Franklin asserts, "the President is trained to think in terms of votes, and the election is over. Franklin adds: "Bragging miracles, the Truman administration civil rights program is doomed and miracles in Congress are rare as white crows."

Va. Court Halts School Action

ROANOKE, Va. — (ANP) — U. S. District Court Judge A. D. Barksdale dismissed last week a petition of a group of Negro parents in Pulaski county, charging that colored children in the county were being discriminated against in school facilities, and in school bus transportation.

While finding reasonable equality of education in the county for both races, Judge Barksdale's decision contained sharp criticism of facilities in the county for both races, and in other state counties.



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Simmons Gets Doctorate Degree

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Columbia University announced during the week that the Doctor of Education degree has been officially conferred upon Dr. J. Andrew Simmons, brilliant educator and assistant executive director of the children's center of the New York Department of Welfare.

A native of Charleston, S. C., Dr. Simmons is an honor graduate of Fisk University and received a Master's degree from Columbia. The former Rosenwald Fellow has been in educational circles for 20 years.

He was principal of the Booker T. Washington high school at Columbia, S. C., for 13 years, where under his leadership, the school became one of five in the state to win accreditation from the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He was formerly secretary of the commission on secondary schools, South Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes. He has also served as educational specialist with the OPA and has had many articles published in leading education journals of the nation. He is currently working on the manuscripts of educational documents which treat with revolutionary methods in adult education and intercultural relations.

GOP HEADS BLAST BETHUNE, AND EDITOR Charge Dixie Collusion Against Key Democratic Party Leaders

By Alice Dunnigan WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The Republican National Committee blasted Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and the Chicago Defender for having joined the Southern Dixiecrats in an effort to kill the Bricker anti discrimination amendment to the Federal Housing Bill, this week.

In a statement issued the committee expressed surprise at the action taken by the "traitors of the administration," known as the Truman Democrats, but was more amazed at the stand taken by a few administration Negroes.

The committee said it expected nothing more from "I am for but" Douglas, the Democratic senator from Illinois who led the fight against the amendment, because he gave a magnificent display of his Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde ability where minorities are involved in his first major talk in the senate regarding the change in rules during the filibuster.

The Republicans regarded the Bricker amendment as "a means of getting action on some phase of the civil rights program as it is feared that none of the other

PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN

Left Naked In Woods

By JOHN H. McCRAE

How a 15-car mob of unmasked white men, believed to have come from West Columbia, Cayce and the Columbia area, kidnapped him last Saturday at midnight from his six-room home in the "Dixiana" section of Lexington county, drove into a wooded area seven miles away, beat, kicked, stomped and left him a bleeding mass—stark naked in a pouring rain, was told me Tuesday night, by 77-year-old Shelton Lorick from his bed in the Columbia Hospital.

The victim had been chastised in Ku Klux Klan fashion for allowing white people to come to his house, hauling firewood to a widowed white woman for which he was paid by the white family for whom she has worked a number of years and, because apparently he did not understand firmly enough the meaning of a "white man's country."

The haggard aged man, who had toiled years on his farm to earn a living, buy his home, looked to the ceiling from his bed to say that he may take his 76 year old ill wife and join their children in the north. His wife has had one stroke, and he has worked hard to avert a second. He said the abduction and beating had been carried out in a sort of military fashion, by a big man who barked orders and supervised the travesty.

The beating followed by one night the appearance of the Ku Klux Klan at Orangeburg, at which Dragon, Samuel Green and other Klaverns at Orangeburg and North. It followed by two weeks the abduction of James M. Hinton at Augusta, believed to have had active support of the S. C. Klan units. A charter to the West Columbia-Cayce Klavern was issued by Green about two months ago. This unit is not far from the victim's home and one of the men who figured in the Saturday abduction and beating is suspected and is said to be seen often at a certain West Columbia hang-out.

His head swathed in bandage, both eyes blackened, one with a bloodshot spot, his body sore from blows with sticks, kicks and blackjacks, Mr. Lorick said he

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Mays Flails 'God Of Segregation'

President B. E. Mays of Morehouse College in Atlanta bitterly assailed those who "worship the God of segregation" here before the annual state meeting of the Southern Regional Council Tuesday.

Charging that today the "South worships at the shrine of segregation," and a southern unwillingness to break with customs, Dr. Mays said, "For us, the South, the maintenance of segregation is more important than democracy; than the Christian religion; than I was almost about to say, than keeping Communism out of the country." He continued, "I dare say a vast majority in the South would have preferred a Hitler victory."

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McCants First At Georgetown

GEORGETOWN — Benjamin McCants of the South Carolina section of Georgetown county was selected by jury commissioners to serve in the Court of Common Pleas this week, first of his race to be so called in more than 50 years.

Several weeks ago, the absence of Negroes from both court and county grand juries was a lively issue in a trial here in which the defendant was colored, and the complainant white. The case ended in mistrial after defense attorney A. L. King pressed his point. The McCants selection is considered the result of this case.

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'Citizenship For All' Is Urged By Waring

CHARLESTON — (Special) — "American citizenship must mean freedom and justice to all. Leaders must see that it is brought to all," declared U. S. District Court Judge J. W. Waring in accepting a special plaque from the Omega Psi Phi fraternity here last Saturday night.

Judge and Mrs. Waring were the honored guests at the public meeting held in Morris Street Baptist Church during the Omega Conclave of North and South Carolina fraternity men.

DR. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, made the keynote and presentation speech, referring to great leaders of the past who, despite persecutions, held to their convictions, breaking with the customs of the day.

Mr. Waring received the greatest ovation ever accorded here. He spoke for about twenty minutes, commending well known leaders like Dr. Ralph Bunche, Walter White and Thurgood Marshall, who he described as a capable attorney, and exhorted his overflow audience to continue to do outstanding work to make this country the land of the free.

Mrs. Waring presented a bouquet of American Roses by Mrs. John Metz, in behalf of the wives and sweethearts of the fraternity men. In accepting them, she said: "This is the greatest privilege of my life to know you, and I hope to make more friends in Charleston."

More than 1,000 persons, including 200 fraternal delegates, were in the audience, with several hundreds unable to enter the building for the momentous occasion. It was without precedent.