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State NAACP Appeals For Suit Funds

Short \$3,500 Of Costs In Clarendon Lawsuit

The South Carolina NAACP Conference lacks approximately \$3,500 with which to cover costs of its historic legal attack on racial segregation in public schools, James M. Hinton, president, disclosed this week.

Simultaneously, Mr. Hinton asked that every citizen give as much as possible, and as quickly as possible, to complete the sum. He said that about \$1,800 was on hand but that estimated costs of the Clarendon county lawsuit, to be tried in federal court May 28, exceed \$5,000, much of this due to the expenses of ten outstanding witnesses NAACP lawyers are presenting in testimony in a case which bids to write a new chapter in southern education.

Mr. Hinton said that Thurgood Marshall, chief NAACP attorney, had notified him that ten men would be brought to testify in the case. Originally five persons were reported as main witnesses in the case which has attracted wide spread interest. It is the NAACP's first main effort to ban segregation in education.

Mr. Hinton said: "We have about \$1,800 toward the cost of this case, but now it is not enough. I am appealing to the citizens of South Carolina to help us raise \$3,500 at once. All of South Carolina's resources have been made available to the other side, and they will spend without limit to keep us from winning. We have only ourselves to rely on—we the poor and the aggrieved people."

Jimmy Hicks, Correspondent, Talks At A.U.

James L. Hicks, New York reporter for the Afro-American Newspapers, and recently returned from an assignment in Korea, spoke to the faculty and student body at Allen University during the week describing his experiences on the Korean peninsula, and stating that he believed the United Nations wasn't winning in that theater because it wasn't getting adequate equipment into vital areas in time.

The correspondent, who filed some brilliant dispatches from the warfront, told of arriving in Taegu, in Central Korea, and learning that the 24th Infantry Regiment he was headed for was 52 miles away in the front line, and that there was no transportation available, how he walked the distance on foot and arrived without mishap, now and then getting a hit by snuffing supply haulers.

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NAACP TEAM IN TRENTON SIX CASE: Defense attorneys and officers of the New Jersey State Conference of branches of the NAACP mapping strategy for the retrial of the famous Trenton Six case, which was declared a mistrial and postponed until March 5 after Prosecutor Mario Volpe was suddenly stricken with appendicitis a day after jury selection began.

Left to right are Reverend Charles E. Watkins, treasurer of the N. J. NAACP Conference; Clifford R. Moore, defense counsel and chairman of the legal redress committee of the Conference; Raymond Pace Alexander, chief defense counsel for John McKenzie and Horace Wilson, the two defendants whose case is being handled by the NAACP; J. Mercer Burrell, defense counsel and chairman of the legislative committee of the Conference; and Dr. U. S. Wiggins, president of the Conference.

Dr. Johnson Urges Big Anti-Red Fund

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, proposed here Sunday that the United States Government should launch a \$25 billion anti-Red counter offensive against Russian communism.

In a vespertine sermon in Park Auditorium at North Carolina College, Dr. Johnson said his multi-billion dollar campaign would crusade for the disadvantaged peoples in Georgia as well as in South Africa.

If democracy is to meet the challenge of communism, democracy must help in a positive way to improve the lot of the world's millions who have been all too often exploited in the past, the Howard University president said.

The United States Government has the technical and intellectual resources to win out over communism. The winning, however, will not be through exploitation, but through a worldwide human rights program that will win and keep friends for us, Dr. Johnson said.

Mitchell Speaks Here April 22

Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell will speak in Columbia the night of April 22 for the Columbia Women's Council, the leaders of that organization said Wednesday.

The site and time of the meeting are to be announced later.

Mr. Mitchell, now in retirement in Virginia, is also expected to speak in two other South Carolina communities while on the special trip in the state. He appeared several weeks ago for the Southern Regional Council.

Mr. Mitchell was the first of his race to serve in the U. S. congress as a Democrat. He represented the First Congressional District in Illinois, the office held now by Rep. William Levi Dawson.

Howard U. Prexy Final Night Speaker

Polish Refugee Saves Man's Life

BROOKLYN—(CNS)—William Talbert of Brooklyn owes his life to the alert thinking of Dr. Meyer Bieler, a Polish doctor, who yanked him from the grasp of death under a subway train.

At Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, Talbert was reported alive only because Dr. Bieler, on admitting physician there, rushed an ambulance to the subway where Talbert lay under a train and administered immediate aid.

Progressive Democrats Warned Of Meeting

Progressive Democrats in the Sixth Congressional district were told this week that they had no part in a "Sixth congressional district" meeting being held in Darlington, March 10, allegedly sponsored by the Darlington County Citizens Clubs, of which W. J. Hunter is president.

The position of Progressive Democrats was set forth in a letter to precinct and county chairmen in the district by John H. McCray, state chairman, Tuesday, following a report to the state office that one Rev. H. W. Long, then chairman of program committee of the Darlington club had been traveling over the district trying to get precinct chairmen and membership lists from Progressive Democrats and NAACP branch presidents.

James M. Hinton, state NAACP president, who said he had agreed to address the March 29 meeting by telephone, but did not know then the nature of the meeting, told "The Lighthouse" from Augusta by phone, Tuesday morning that he would issue the official position of the NAACP and himself next Tuesday.

The leadership of Progressive Democrats and our organization have always stood together and shouldered together. Each of our progressive friends in South Carolina has been the direct result of that relationship and I am not going to do anything which might suggest in any way that the two of us aren't working together and working together we will not appear on the program. But if he

TRENTON 'JURORS' SELECTED WITH CARE BY ATTORNEYS

Four Negroes In Jury Panel Excluded As Attorney Quizz Venire On Racism

TRENTON—Painstakingly examining each prospective juror for the defense and the prosecution had agreed on only half the jury after three and a half days of careful selection in the retrial of the widely publicized "Trenton Six" which opened here on March 5.

Charged with the murder of an aged white man on the morning of January 27, 1948, six young Negroes, Horace Wilson, John McKenzie, Collis English, Ralph Cooper, McKinley Forrest and James Thorpe, were convicted and sentenced to death. A new trial was ordered by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Arsenic Sent To 'Gov. Hummon'

ATLANTA—(CNS)—If Governor Harman Talmadge, 38, son of the late Governor Gene Talmadge, had eaten the metallic arsenic, carefully enclosed in a letter addressed to him, he would've "been dead by Monday night" as the sender of the letter wished.

However, the poison was at once detected and turned over to the U. S. Postal inspectors. They had only one clue; the letter, written in obscene language, was postmarked "College Station" which is a Harlem branch post office.

Talmadge, undisturbed by the poison, merely remarked that he frequently gets threatening mail from "Harlem, Detroit, and Chicago." He blamed Negro cranks up north who oppose his political policies.

The arsenic was enough to kill several people if they swallowed it.

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President Salutes Publishers

Mr. Donald H. Davis, President of the Newspaper Publishers Association, called on President Truman to salute the publishers of the Negro Press.

The Negro Press must play a vitally important part in the future of our people. It has in the past, in informing our people of the job that must be done by all of us to check and discourage aggression. I am sure we shall be successful in meeting this new challenge and that we shall continue to improve the welfare and Civil Rights of all our people. A fully informed people will make the right decisions. The Negro Press, celebrating this, the observance of Negro Newspaper Week, can be proud of its fine achievements in journalism.

Harry S. Truman

Late Justice Lauded

WASHINGTON—Participating in a memorial program for the late Supreme Court Associate Justice Frank Murphy, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, expressed the conviction that "the greatest contribution of the jurist" were in cases involving the rights of minority groups who were victims of prejudice and discrimination.

Cleveland Case Is Argued Before U. S. Supreme Court

Argument in the Cleveland, Florida, case involving the lives of two young Negroes was heard by the United States Supreme Court on Friday. Attorneys for the NAACP sought a reversal of the lower court decision on the grounds that the system of jury selection was inadequate, time to prepare the defense, and that the trial was conducted in an atmosphere of hatred and violence.

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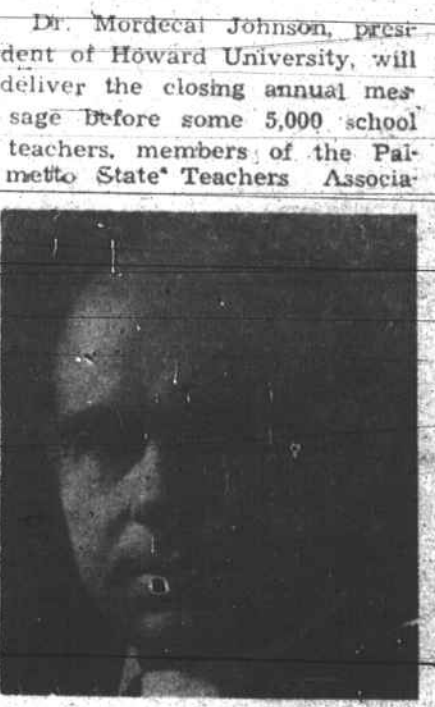
Mr. McCray's Point of View

Chairman McCray said the meeting was the first "bold attempt" to split up citizens in the district, in favor of "selfish interests."

CROSS BURNED NEAR DILLON CITY LIMITS

DILLON—Neighbors aroused a widow near the city limits of Dillon last Saturday night to call attention to a flaming cross of approximately six feet high which had been fired before her home.

Neighbors said the emblem of the Ku Klux Klan had been set on fire between 8 and 9 that evening by several men who had made it from new lumber and cotton, held on by wire.



DR. JOHNSON

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, will deliver the closing annual message before some 5,000 school teachers, members of the Palmetto State Teachers Association.

The keynote address will be delivered the opening night by Dr. J. J. Seabrook, president of Clinton College. Dr. Johnson speaks Friday night. Both of these sessions begin at 7:30 P.M. in Township Auditorium, where all major gatherings of the 33rd annual convention of South Carolina school teachers will be held.



PRESIDENT PARLER

meetings at Benedict College and Allen University will be held Friday at 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

J. C. Parler of Orangeburg, principal of Wilkinson, high school, president of the organization, and other officials, said they expected a record attendance this year.

Other top officials include John R. Bowen of Sumter, vice president; Walker E. Solomon of Columbia, executive secretary, and James T. McCain of Sumter and Mullins, treasurer.