

# Segregation Ordinance Declared Unconstitutional

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# TO TELL STORY OF AIKEN LYNCHING ON TOUR

### WILL TOUR THE WEST

Will Visit the Larger Western Cities and Tell of the Lynchings.

### WILL HOLD MASS MEETING

Meetings Will be Held With Branches of N. A. A. C. P. In These Cities.

Walter White, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who investigated the Aiken, S. C., lynching of a colored woman and two men, and presented his findings to the New York World, will go on a Western tour in which he will tell the story of the lynchings and his investigation of it, to N. A. A. C. P. Branches and other bodies. The schedule for Mr. White's tour is as follows:

- Dec. 5.—Kansas City, Mo., Forum Linwood Christian Church of which Dr. Burris Jenkins, former Editor of the Kansas City Journal Post, is minister. This Forum is reputed to be one of the largest and most influential in the middle west.
- Dec. 6.—Mass meeting, auspices Kansas City, Mo., Branch N. A. A. C. P.
- Dec. 7 and 8.—Chicago: Mass meeting on Dec 8th at Bethesda Baptist church.
- Dec. 9.—Detroit: Mass meeting under auspices of Detroit Branch.
- Dec. 10.—Pittsburgh: Mass meeting under auspices of Pittsburgh Branch.
- Dec. 12.—Cleveland: Mass meeting under auspices of the Branch.

### WAVERLEY HOSPITAL NEWS.

The nurses of the Waverley Hospital met on Friday night, Nov. 19, 1926, and organized what hereafter will be known as the M. A. Evans Club. It was named after Dr. M. A. Evans, our only colored woman physician of the city.

The object of this Club is for the betterment of the nurses from every standpoint and to increase their efficiency in attending to the sick.

The enthusiasm ran high at our first meeting, and the following officers were elected: S. E. Pressley, Pres.; J. L. Benson, Sec'y.; Bernice Byrd, Chairman of Program Committee; M. L. Johnson, Treas.; C. E. Lott, Reporter.

The officers were installed Saturday Nov. 27, 1926, by Mrs. N. A. Jenkins. Dr. D. K. Jenkins gave a short but inspiring talk to which Dr. Evans responded, with a few encouraging remarks assuring us we had her hearty cooperation in all of our undertakings. She also donated us one dollar of which twenty five cents was joining fee.

We also rendered a short program which was as follows: Singing by the Nurses. Scripture reading, Mrs. D. K. Jenkins. Duett, Nurses Smith and Harris. Recitation, Nurse Grant. Quartet, Nurses Harris, Grant, Abraham, Smith. Nurses' Prayer, Nurse Lott. Selected Reading, Nurse Quattlieb. Singing and Dismissal.

Our next meeting will be held Dec. 4th, 1926.

C. C. E. Lott, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wauls, and mother, of Washington, D. C., were in the city last week for a few days on a visit to their parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Lewie. While here many social outings were given in their honor, culminating in the finale Saturday night, when the Regular Fellows gave a Soiree Dansant at the Odd Fellows' Academy.

## STUDENTS VISIT N. A. A. C. P. NATIONAL OFFICE

### NATION BEING ROUSED AGAINST LYNCHING SHAME ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK

#### FIGHTING RECENT MOB VIOLENCE

Leading Newspapers of the Country Have Been Taking A Hand in Fight..

#### N. Y. WORLD FOREMOST

Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill Will Help Stop These Increasing Outrages.

New York, Nov. 26.—The entire country is being roused to protest a



#### CHAPLAIN GEO. A. SINGLETON.

The above is the likeness of Chaplain George A. Singleton, Professor of Social Science in Allen University. He was the preacher on Thanksgiving Day in a union Thanks giving Service between Allen University and Benedict College in the Allen University Auditorium. His theme was "Thanksgiving for the Expected Social Order." Chaplain Singleton's Conference, the Piedmont recently endorsed him for the editorship of the Christian Recorder, the race's oldest publication. He is a constant contributor to The Palmetto Leader.

gainst the evils and the shame of lynching, according to reports reaching the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue. Not only has the New York World for 23 consecutive days been conspicuously featuring details of the Aiken, South Carolina, lynching on its first page, but other powerful and widely read newspapers as well have been taking a hand in the fight.

The New York Times in an article written recently by Savel Zimand, carried a full report on the lynching situation, including a summary of the Dyer Anti Lynching Bill the arguments for and against passage, and statistics furnished by the N. A. A. C. P. More recently, in its issue of November 17, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin carried on its editorial page a long article about lynching, quoting from the N. A. A. C. P. literature, from the New York Times and beginning as follows: "Agitation for Federal anti-lynching legislation has been stimulated by two recent outrages of peculiarly flagrant nature which added six victims, two being women, to a death list showing a disheartening increase over the figures of the three preceding years. . . . These killings, according to the tabulation made by the National Association for the Ad-

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#### A WOMAN IS SHOT BY MARINES

Mrs. Mable L. Burnside. Her Father and Brother Shot In Their Thighs.

#### WAS DOING RELIEF DUTY

Saw Truck Load of Screaming Women and Marine Strike Brother with a Stick.

New York, Nov. 26.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, has sent to the U. S. Department of Justice an affidavit reciting that colored people were shot by U. S. Marines in the course of enforced labor conscription after the recent hurricane, despite denials that any such violence had taken place. The affidavit signed by Mrs. Mable L. Burnside recites that:

Having taken a job to help out in the time of disasters, she returned to her home only to see a truck loaded with screaming women and saw three Marines forcing her brother S. Ward, Jr., into the truck, one of the Marines beating him with a stick.

That although she told the Marines she had taken a job doing relief work for the Relief Committee, they nevertheless dragged her toward the steps of her house and down on the pavement, where they let her fall on her back. Her brother then leaped to her assistance by helping to carry her into the house. As soon as he got into the house he heard a bang, and felt something pass through her thigh. She saw the Marine shoot as he entered the rear doorway of their home, the bullet passing through her thigh, her father's thigh, her brother's thigh and the leg of one of the Marines standing within the range of the bullet.

That she was taken to the hospital and thence to the jail where she identified the Marines who were being held in jail. After remaining in the City Hospital for two days she was removed to her home where she remained for some time under the care of a private physician.

The Department of Justice in response to previous complaints of violence by Marines announced that its agents could not find a single instance of anyone being forced to work without pay or of race discrimination in the application of labor conscription.

#### RIDGEWOOD NEWS.

We are very glad to say that Ridgewood came back to her own Sunday was a bright day for our young ones. Sunday school opened at the usual hour. The lesson was discussed and carried out in a splendid manner. After the lesson a few helpful remarks concerning the lesson by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Robinson. Sunday night at 7 o'clock, Rev. T. E. Robinson asked all to come out to organize the A. C. E. League. We had a good crowd out. Rev. Robinson gave us a helpful talk on the subject.

At 8 p. m., our pastor preached a good sermon which was enjoyed by all. There was a good number of friends out to hear and see our new pastor. We were glad to have them. Come again. You are welcome.

#### WILL BE ARGUED ON JAN. 3, 1927

Involves the Right of Excluding Colored Voters From Democratic Primaries.

#### \$2,006 ALREADY IS SPENT

The Case Will be Carried to the Highest Tribunal in the Land.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received information from its Texas attorney, Fred C. Knellenburg, that the "White Primary" case involving the right of excluding colored voters from the Democratic primaries in the South and the entire question of disfranchisement, has been set for argument before the United States Supreme Court on January 3, 1927. The N. A. A. C. P. has thus far spent \$2,006, in legal fees and printing costs to carry this case to the highest tribunal in the land. The case is known as "Nixon vs. Herndon."

#### STATE COLLEGE NOTES.

Orangeburg, S. C., Nov. 27.—The College football team wound up the most remarkable successful season in its connection with intercollegiate sports by defeating Allen University at Columbia Thanksgiving Day, 13 0. The team has won every game on its schedule except that with Paine College of Augusta, which was the first played. This was lost only by one point. No other opponent has crossed State's goal line during the season. State College has earned the record of the best colored football team within the State of South Carolina this year, and holds second place in the South Carolina Georgia Intercollegiate Conference.

#### The Fall Conference of Smith-

Hughes teachers of Agriculture and Home Economics is in session at State College this week end. More than sixty field workers are in attendance under the direction of Mr. Verd Peterson and Miss Lillian Hoffman, State Supervisors of Vocational Education. Problems growing out of the past year's work are being discussed as well as working plans for the coming year.

An interesting and significant feature at the College this week was the ground breaking exercises for the new Agricultural and Home Economics building held Friday noon. An appropriate program was carried out, during which President Wilkinson gave a brief outline of the development of the College from its meager beginning to the present plant valued at \$875,000.00, with nearly 1,200 students and 62 teachers. The College has sent out 1,569 graduates who are community builders in this and neighboring states—adding much to their civic as well as material progress. Work will begin on this building at once, and pushed rapidly with a hope of completing and having it in readiness by next fall.

#### MOOREFIELD STORY ARGUED CASE

Declares the City Segregation Ordinance to Be Unconstitutional.

#### \$5,000 RAISED IN CAMPAIGN

The Decision is Based Upon the Louisville, Kentucky Case in 1917.

New York, Nov. 26.—Telegrams received at the National Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, from F. B. Ransom, member of the National Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P. and R. L. Brockenburr, one of the attorneys in the case, announce that the Circuit Court in Indianapolis has declared the city segregation ordinance to be unconstitutional after a court fight victoriously conducted by the Indianapolis Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. In the course of the fight the Indianapolis Branch staged a campaign for members and funds in the course of which more than \$5,000 was raised. The Indianapolis Branch undertook and carried through the entire case, the National Office acting only in an advisory capacity.

The Indianapolis Segregation ordinance was passed by the city and signed by the Mayor despite the fact that it was clearly pointed out that it was entirely similar to the Louisville, Kentucky, segregation ordinance declared unconstitutional in 1917 by the U. S. Supreme Court in a case won by the N. A. A. C. P. through its President, Moorefield Storey, who argued it. The Mayor of Indianapolis signed the ordinance March 24, and the Indianapolis Branch immediately contested it, resulting in a complete victory.

The decision of the Indiana Circuit Court is based upon the decision won by the N. A. A. C. P. in the U. S. Supreme Court in the famous Louisville Case in 1917.

#### FINE NEGRO EDITORS FOR LIBELLING JUDGE.

Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 26.—Fines of \$250 each and costs were assessed against William Warley, editor of the Louisville News, and I. Willis Cole, editor of the Louisville Leader, both Negroes, in circuit court here yesterday when found guilty of libelling Judge Ruby Laffoon. In addition the Louisville News was fined \$250 and costs on an indictment charging it with libel in connection with the case.

An indictment against the Leader charging libel was quashed, when it was shown that it was not a corporation, but owned by Cole.

The Negro editors were indicted by a Hopkins county jury as a result of alleged defamatory articles printed in connection with the trials of Buryan Fleming, Nathan Bard and Columbus Holles, all Negroes, for attacking a young white girl of Mobile, Ala., Fleming and Bard subsequently were sentenced to be hanged and Holles, who turned state's evidence, was given a 29-year prison sentence.

Both the publications charged that the Negroes would not be given a fair trial in local courts and one of them appeared with a streamer in heavy type saying, "Another Legal Lynching."

#### Party Was Made up From Drew Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

#### SEVENTY-FIVE IN PARTY

New Point of View on Race Relations was Opened up to Them.

New York, Nov. 26.—Under the auspices of the Fellowship of Reconciliation of this city, about 75 students and professors of Drew Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University, last Friday made a pilgrimage to the National Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at 69 Fifth Avenue, where they listened to brief addresses by Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches and Walter White, Assistant Secretary.

The visitors were much impressed with the work being done, asked many questions and a number said that as a result of their visit a new point of view on race relations had been opened to them.

#### TRENTON, N. J., BABIES RAISE \$338.00.

The Babies of Trenton, New Jersey, have made in about six weeks the biggest contribution which Trenton ever made to the N. A. A. C. P. They raised \$338.00 of which amount \$200 in cash has been sent to the National Office.

Other N. A. A. C. P. Baby Contests closing before Christmas are: East Chicago, Gary and South Bend, Indiana; Rochester, N. Y.; Douglass and Phoenix, Arizona; Pasadena and Stockton, Calif.; Springfield, Mass.; Battle Creek and Lansing, Mich.; Omaha, Neb.; Jersey City, Newark and Princeton, N. J.; Urbana and Youngstown, Ohio. Those pending for 1927 are: Asbury Park and Hackensack, N. J.; Richmond, Va. and Philadelphia, Pa.

#### INTERRACIAL OFFICIAL PRAISES WALTER WHITE'S AIKEN EXPOSE.

New York, Nov. 26.—Walter White Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a letter from Robert B. Eleazer, Educational Director of the Interracial Commission in Atlanta, commending the expose of the Aiken lynching by Mr. White and asserting that for it Mr. White deserves the gratitude of the South. Mr. Eleazer's letter is as follows:

I want to express my very deep appreciation of the wonderful work you did in the investigation of the Aiken lynching. When your report first reached me it seemed unbelievable that any man could have gotten to the bottom of that affair in so short a time and in a manner so thorough. If any confirmation were needed, however, you have had it in abundance as a result of later investigations. As the man who first dug into the horror and revealed its sordid details to the public, you deserve the deepest gratitude of South Carolina and the South. You have done us a great service and I personally want to thank you.

I hope there will not be any more occasions for such a service, but if there are, I trust that you may be on the job.