

World Council of Churches Discusses Race Issues

EVANSTON, Ill.—(ANP)—The second assembly of the World Council of churches closed its first week with discussions on racism and the hospitality shown delegates and visitors by the host suburb of Chicago.

A representative of Asia, Africa and the U. S. blasted racism as it is found in the world today. Several ministerial delegates and visitors expressed surprise at the spirit of welcome displayed by the people of Evanston.

The Rev. Peter Kwel-Dagadu of the Gold Coast, West Africa, a Methodist delegate, denounced what he termed "western imperialism."

Later, Dr. Charles Malik, ambassador of Lebanon to the U. S., said that "western secular leadership has filed the world intellectually and spiritually."

While unity of thought on the race question failed to bring about unity among delegates, there was no dissension over the hospitality shown them or visitors. Most agreed that the North Shore suburb probably is the "most Christian" city they have visited.

"Everyone has been so wonderful at the home where I am stopping that it is like a dream of true Christianity," said Rev. J. Harvey Armstrong, Brooklyn A.M.E. minister.

Sharing his sentiments were Rev. George A. Singleton, editor, A.M.E. Church Review and Rev. Harry V. Richardson, president, Gammon Theological seminary, Atlanta.

Dr. Richardson contrasted the atmosphere here with that he experienced in Evanston as a student sometime ago.

"I hardly recognized it as the same city," he said.

In accusing the West of imperialism, Rev. Dagadu placed

five charges against the West. They were:

Treats Africans as "primitive people who must always be patronized."

Refuses to let natives manage their own affairs and causes unrest through racial discrimination and "arrogant" attitude.

Creates appalling working conditions and poverty that pave the way for communism.

Lives contrary to what the white missionary demands of his African converts.

Misinterprets the true worth of African natives as educated, skilled, responsible persons and fails to appreciate Africa's vast mineral wealth.

But the ministers warned Africa will no longer be content with "patronage" from the West.

Dr. Malik, the Lebanese, expressed fear that communism would take hold in Asia and Africa if the West does not change its attitude.

In response to a question from an audience of some 600 official guests, Taft said:

"The churches have not become responsible in anything like the same degree as the general community."

The question was: In a responsible society like America, how do you account for the segregation in your churches?

In other action taken during the first week's session, both the Dutch Reformed church and the Bantu Presbyterian church of South Africa were admitted to the council. The former is all-white and the latter predominantly Negro.

Their admittance had been sought by Alan Paton, author of the well-known novel "Cry the Beloved Country."

Foreign Scholarship Fund Woman's Baptist State Convention

The Committee on Foreign Scholarship Fund begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that we work toward establishing, at least, a five thousand dollar (\$5000) fund to be placed in trust.

2. That the interest from this fund be used annually to assist a worthy foreign born youth in a convention designated college. The student who is helped will be recommended by the college.

3. That this fund be raised by having each missionary society of our churches send five dollars (\$5) as a beginning.

4. That further money toward this fund be raised by county workers one worker to each county appointed from this convention.

5. That a specified date be set aside at a designated place to rally for this fund.

6. That this fund be increased annually so that the assistance each year shall be greater, thus meeting the demands of the time.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. N. A. Robinson, Chairman, Mrs. G. J. Daniels, Secretary, Mrs. B. M. Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Lee Dupree, Mrs. C. O. Robinson, Mrs. Annie Douglas, Mrs. Amanda Simons, Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. M. S. Gordon, Mrs. Bertha Cobb, Mrs. A. Clement, Mrs. Sallie B. Young, Mrs. Sarah Gandy, Mrs. Edna Zeigler, Mrs. E. W. Dunbar, Mrs. W. H. Neal, Mrs. E. O. Abney, Mrs. Geneva Jolly, Mrs. Lula J. Chaplain, and Mrs. Essie Fredrick.

Angry Parents Hurl Pop Bottles In W. Va. Desegregation Move

PHILIPPI, W. Va.—(ANP)—Some 20 angry white parents pulled off the first mass protest here last week since West Virginia school boards set out to eliminate segregation in compliance with the May 17 ruling of the Supreme court.

In fact, police were necessary to restore order among the crowd which gathered to protest the Barbour county school board's decision to assign a white teacher and 12 white students to what has been an all-Negro school.

No violence was reported, only shouted protests and threatening talk. However Chief of Police James Paugh said someone hurled several pop bottles on the walk and lawn at the home of Burton Levicki, school board president, while he was presiding at a meeting.

The meeting began with the board behind closed doors. Groups of two to three parents were called in at a time to air their grievances. A crowd which had gathered in the hallway started shouting for the door to be left open.

Chief Paugh and Patrolman J. O. Mackey were called and sat with board members.

Some nine families announced they would not send their children to Hanging Rock elementary school, which has been for Negroes only. The board retained

E. E. Adams, Jr., Negro principal of the school and appointed Mrs. Patricia M. True, white, the teachers' staff.

The board explained that a dozen white pupils would be going to Hanging Rock as the result of school consolidations worked out before the segregation decision.

An announcement earlier that Phillippi High school will be open to Negro students, was accepted without incident. Previously Negro high school students commuted to Clarksburg's Kelly-Miller school in the next county.

Site of the incident, Barbour county, is farming country with a few coal mines, and is located in north central West Virginia.

TENNESSEE SCHOOL HEADS PROPOSE DESEGREGATION BY GRADES

NASHVILLE (ANP)—Tennessee state officials plans to ask the U. S. Supreme court to institute desegregation in the first grade and move gradually through the upper grades.

Tennessee and 16 other affected states were asked last May for their recommendations on how to end segregation after the Supreme court declared it unconstitutional last May.

UNCF GETS \$2,000 CORN PRODUCTS GRANT

Chicago—(ANP)—The United College fund received a recent grant of \$2,000 from the Corn Products Refining company of Chicago, according to an announcement by the company last week.

J. H. Chilton, director, industrial relations for the firm, said the grant was made to the UNCF general fund to assist in maintaining the independence of its member colleges.

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A BUSY LIFE



Reverend C. A. Chick, Sr.

Having taught summer school for six weeks in Fayetteville State Teachers' College, Rev. Chick is spending the latter part of the summer taking courses in education in New York University.

While he is in New York City, he is "much in demand as guest speaker in the leading minister's conferences and churches in that area. During the summer he will be the guest speaker on three different occasions at the historical Mother A. M. E. Zion Church. He will also speak at the First Baptist Church, South Orange, New Jersey, the Victory Baptist Church, Bronx, New York, and the Ministers' Evening Conference, New York City.

Bunche Gets One Of Top UN Posts

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Ralph Bunche, highest ranking American in the United Nations, has received another promotion.

Dag Hammarskjold, secretary general, announced that Bunche has been named an undersecretary in a sweeping reorganization of the administrative set-up of the U.N.

A Russian, Ilya S. Tchernychev, was also named undersecretary. There are five others holding similar positions.

Bunche will handle jobs on assignment from Hammarskjold, which will range in assignment to all departments of the U.N. and will take him to all parts of the world.

The first Negro to ever win a Nobel Peace prize, Bunche has been head of the trusteeship division.

ETTA MOTEN JOINS NBC'S "MELODY MAGAZINE"

CHICAGO—Etta Moten, widely known Chicago singer-actress, has joined NBC and will appear upon their popular television show, "Melody Magazine," (WNBC Channel 5, Mondays through Fridays 11:30 a. m. CDT).

Wed Howard is the originator and editor of "Melody Magazine," regarded as one of the top shows of its kind on the air. Miss Moten has been added to the staff as a feature and will join Wed Howard on Tuesdays for regular editorial conferences. She will concentrate on features of special interest to women viewers.

The program is beamed toward all viewers and has no racial angle, being something of an innovation as far as Negro television performers are concerned. "Melody Magazine" is not network and will be seen from Chicago.

Miss Moten's contract will permit her to fulfill the concert and lecture appearances for which she was already committed. September 15 she will do a seven-week concert series throughout the Middle West under the auspices of the University of Kansas Concert Course.

GREETINGS TO DELTA SIGMA THETA IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Annie Arnold Hedgeman, Assistant to Mayor Robert F. Wagner, City of New York brought greetings of the City Administration to the 23rd National Convention and Miss Dorothy I. Height, Grand President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, meeting in New York City, August 16th to 20th at the Hotel Roosevelt.

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23rd National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Held In N. Y.

New York has put all out to make the city of over 1000 sorors' 23rd National Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the Hotel Roosevelt an exciting, cultural and social event.

Saturday night the New York Hotel Chapter, headed by Ben Overton, President, Alpha Sigma Frances E. McGowan, Vice President, Delta Gamma Sigma, Vice President and Delta Theta Sigma, Ruby L. Stroman, President, opened the week's event with a Renaissance Ballroom. Here to the strains of Tully Wathens Orchestra, visitors and their escorts enjoyed a social evening en prelude to a busy week of convention activities.

Highlight of the Sunday program was the Delta Hour, a traditional event at which members of the sorority have an opportunity to meet the Founders and Grand Officers and meet their fellow delegates and visitors from all over the country.

The Deltas made history on Monday when for the first time the United Nations carried out a pre-planned program at the request of Miss Dorothy I. Height, Grand President of the Sorority. U. N. officials disclosed that not only

was this the first event of its kind, but also said this was the largest delegation from a single organization having over 900 participating.

The members toured the U. N. building in groups of several hundred during morning and early afternoon, and also attended briefings sessions at which officials explained the U. N.'s work in various fields including human rights and the status of women.

Later in the day, the group gathered in the Economic and Social Council Chamber to hear all Richard Lincoln, Urban League of Greater New York; Marjorie Penny, Fellowship House, Philadelphia; Roy Wilkins, NAACP; Dr. G. Sumner Harrison, Langston University, Langston, Okla.

representative for the 8th session of the General Assembly.

Girls were given an opportunity to relax that evening when they were guests of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on a Moonlight Ship on the Hudson.

The convention was formally opened Tuesday morning with impressive Delta ritualistic ceremonies which are traditionally conducted by the Grand President and presided over by the Grand First Vice-President. At the conclusion of the ritual from which the general public was excluded, Mrs. Anne Arnold Hedgeman, Assistant to the Mayor, Robert F. Wagner, City of New York, extended greetings to the Deltas on behalf of the city administration.

For the second consecutive day the Deltas made history Tuesday night at St. Mark's Church Auditorium in Harlem. The Sorority sponsored a public service "America's Town Meeting of the Air" on a nation-wide network over ABC. Those on the program included Miss Dorothy I. Height, Grand President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the mistress of ceremonies, Catherine T. Alexander, Chairman, Town meeting Committee; Livingstone Wingate, Inter-Fraternity-Sorority Committee; Ann Fisher, Second Grand Vice President; and members of the panel. They were Mr. James F. Murray, Jr., Moderator of the program; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Executive Director, John Hay Whitney Foundation; Dr. Roma Gans, Professor of Education, Teacher's College, Columbia University and Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director, Southern Regional Council.

Assistant Moderators were Mrs. Juanita Howard Thomas, Howard University; Dr. Ben Carruthers, Edward Thomas Associates; Richard Lincoln, Urban League of Greater New York; Marjorie Penny, Fellowship House, Philadelphia; Roy Wilkins, NAACP; Dr. G. Sumner Harrison, Langston University, Langston, Okla.

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QUET EVANSTON WAKES UP TO BRIGHT NATIVE COSTUMES AT WCC MEET

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Professor Publishes Book

Recently released by Exposition Press, New York, is an interesting, challenging book entitled "SCHOOL OF THE EARTH" by Dr. Kirkland W. Green, social philosopher. This provocative book shows a penetrating observation and an analytical treatment of our social structure. The author discusses individual behavior patterns and institutional functions and offers practical suggestions for the improvement of individual and social life.

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Fisk University Invited To Compete In Rhodes Examinations

NASHVILLE (ANP)—Fisk University last week became the first Negro college to be invited to participate in Rhodes' Scholarship examinations.

In a letter to Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president, Fisk, Courtney Smith, American secretary of the Rhodes trust, extended the invitation to the Nashville institution.

"I note, in reviewing our lists of institutions in which we have institutional representatives, that Fisk University is not included," the letter said in part.

The Rhodes scholarship was established from money from the

estate of Cecil Rhodes, pioneer in South Africa. In effect at the University of Oxford, England and valued at \$1,680, the scholarships are awarded to exceptional young men.

The late Dr. Alain Locke, formerly of the Howard University faculty, was a Rhodes scholar.

In commenting on the invitation, Dr. Johnson said:

"It will be an encouragement to exceptional men already studying here and an incentive to outstanding high school graduates who wish to compete during college matriculations."

Fisk will compete for the first time this fall.



D. C. STUDENT NURSES GREET FRENCH 'ANGEL' AT TEA

Representing the student nurses from Freedmen's hospital at the American National Red Cross tea for Lt. Genevieve du Galard-Terraco held recently in Washington was Miss Malba Young who is shown here shaking hands with the "angel of Dior Bion Phu." (ANP)

Bishop Scores Spiritual, Material Blight Of World

By Carter Jewel

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(ANP)—The Rt. Rev. Braavid W. Harris, Episcopal bishop of Liberia, warned against the spread of non-Christian religions among Asiatic peoples and underdeveloped groups in a sermon at the American Congress here.

The bishop showed that changing world conditions create a challenge to those who must carry forward "The Missionary Task" which was his subject. "To say that the churches face a revolutionary situation in the world today is to say the obvious," the minister said. He said these revolutionary conditions are results of two world wars and the latest development of science. During these developments the Christian church has been losing ground in some areas, the speaker said.

He spoke of the revival of such non-Christian religions as Hinduism and Buddhism in Southeast Asia. "It is abundantly clear everywhere," the Episcopal leader asserted, "that the opportunities for the expansion of the Christian message are being severely restricted, especially in these

parts of the world with heavy concentrations of underdeveloped peoples."

The prelate said "one of the most alarming spectacles" in the world today "is the fact that three-fifths of the human race are living below the level of normal subsistence standards." These people, he said, are "depressed both socially and economically."

"The common fact about Asia," he added, "is its unspeakable misery, its poverty, famine, disease and illiteracy. For the most part it is in the grip of ruthless agricultural and feudal landlords."

But this is not the only urgent problem facing the Christian church, according to Bishop Harris, the minister, who was once rector of Grace Episcopal church in Norfolk where he was elevated to the bishopric in 1945, scored racial color prejudice in the Christianization in the church.

He made it clear that all God's children should be united without regard to race, color or nationality. There is no room in the Christian church for segregation, he told his colleagues.

National Urban League To Meet In Pittsburgh Labor Day

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sibility for implementing such a decision "presents a challenge to our conference such as we have seldom faced in our nearly 44 years of organized existence."

SCHOOL SEGREGATION PROGRAM BEGUN

By A. Mohammed Ali, V.

ABBEVILLE, La. (ANP)—The Vermillion parish school system has embarked upon a school construction program in line with a policy set for by the governor and the State legislature to maintain segregation in the schools.

Supt. G. J. Lobet said that the school board has authorized the asking for bids for the construction of a new building of the James A. Herod Negro school and the building of new schools for Negro students in several other town in the parish.