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Impressive Attendance At Lincoln Day Celebration

HINTON CALLS FOR 400,000 NEGRO VOTERS COUNTY ORGANIZATION PLAN INITIATED

The Lincoln Day celebration sponsored in the Allen university auditorium, Columbia on Feb. 12, by the Lincoln Emancipation Clubs, Inc., of South Carolina, I. S. Levey, president, drew large representation from many parts of the State. The registration showed Registrars based representative from 25 counties.

Feature of the meeting was the keynote address by James M. Hinton, president of the S. C. Conference of NAACP, and the temporary organization of delegates by counties represented.

Hinton finalized his dynamic address by declaring that our chief business of the day is to get more and more people registered and out to the polls on every election day. Four hundred thousand Negroes voting intelligently in every election would change the minds and campaign speeches of politicians very quickly, Hinton asserted.

Declaring that he is a Democrat and intends to remain one, Hinton said that there is ample room in South Carolina for all political groups, organizations and that all other organizations should aim for full registration of their members. He charged the Lincoln clubs and similar organizations to open their rolls to both races and to raise money to assist worthy candidates. He scathingly denounced "misleaders" who sell out their followers, and individuals who sell their votes for "a dollar or a half pint."

State Club President, Levey gave some interesting sidelights on early citizenship problems faced by Negroes, particularly those that arose because action taken during the Ben Tillman Regime, and expressed joy that Negroes have continued to face upward and onward toward full citizenship.

Levey also suggested a county plan by which clubs would meet, preferably at the county courthouses at sometime during the last week in each month so that plans could be laid for the voter registration on each first Monday. Levey listed the Lincoln Emancipation Proclamation, the Waring decision against the "white primary," and the unanimous U. S. Supreme Court decision of last May 17 as the great milestones in citizenship progress of America and the Negro people.

Hinton and Levey showed a agreement that the second emancipation is to be found at the ballot box and that the desire is full citizenship for all men and remain within every person who properly evaluates human dignity and constitutional liberty for all men.

The Lincoln Clubs will celebrate the 147th birthday of Abraham Lincoln in Columbia, February 12, 1956. Plans are to have every county in South Carolina organized fully by that time. Persons who are interested in these plans should contact Mr. Levey at 1831 Taylor Street, Columbia.

LINCOLN CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 27

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Negroes To Gain By AFL-CIO Merger, Leaders Say

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (ANP)— Negro labor leaders agreed last week that the decision for merger of the CIO and the AFL would be a boon to colored workers as well as the entire labor movement in the United States.

Negotiating committees of the two unions met here last week and agreed on the merger which has been rumored for sometime. Before it will become final, both national conventions of the unions will have to ratify it.

However, last week's action is expected to be confirmed without difficulty, for leaders in both unions long have expressed a desire to bring about unity, so that workers could present a unified front to the nation.

Labor leaders—Negroes as well as white—have said that the 15 million workers in the two unions would be in a better position to bargain under one banner than they now are under two.

The colored leaders maintain that unity is good for the labor movement and what is good for all labor is good for the Negro worker. Those who have made statements on the proposed merger include Willard Townsend, international president of the United Transport Service Employees, CIO, and Charles Hayes, director of District 1, United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO.

The Black Worker, organ of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, edited by A. Philip Randolph, president of the international, also commented on the merger.

Townsend said in part: "The bringing together of these strong organizations is designed to place the American workers in a much better bargaining position insofar as it relates to the economic, social and political advancement of the American working men and women."

"The Negro has become integrated into the main stream of organized labor; therefore, he will enjoy the same gains as other workers."

"With the combined power of both organizations, the struggle for civil rights will therefore be stepped up immeasurably; of course, the challenge for stronger and more alert Negro leadership must be fully recognized."

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"Now, a unified labor movement will still need to be prodded to the recognition of the necessity of cleaning its house entirely of the virus of racial discrimination, for the Big Four brotherhoods of the railways will come into the larger federation with color clauses in their constitutions and a long practice of discrimination against workers because of race and color. We are confident that when all of labor is united under one banner, problems of this sort can be corrected, so that labor may march forward to a better tomorrow, dedicated to the cause of democracy, freedom and peace."

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"It means the bargaining strength of 15 million workers can be used to press forward to wipe out every vestige of discrimination, segregation and unequal pay. It means that Negro workers represent a growing labor force in a secure equality with workers throughout the country, if the principles of equality upon which the new movement is founded, are carried out."

The labor leader, however, pointed out that the Negro can not sit back and feel secure that in the merger all his problems will be solved. Hayes says the merger imposes a responsibility on the colored worker to become a member of a union. And, he added, if he already is a member,

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DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYES TO SPEAK IN FLORENCE



The Florence branch of the NAACP is sponsoring Dr. Benjamin E. Mayes to terminate a citizenship drive. Dr. Mayes, an international personality, President of Morehouse College, minister, lecturer and author, needs no introduction to South Carolinians as well as any other State in these United States. He will speak at Trinity Baptist Church, Sunday, February 27, 1955 at 4:00 PM.

Dr. Mayes' appearance here in Florence is an effort not only to encourage membership with the NAACP, but to evaluate the merits of this organization in its aim to continue the great and beneficial advancements of the NEGRO to attain the respect of a First Class Citizen.

An offering for the Fighting Fund for Freedom will be accepted.

GEORGIA PRINCE HALL MASONS OPEN LEGAL DEFENSE SPECIAL FUND RAISING DRIVE WITH \$6,500 Feb. 11, '55

NEW YORK — Grand Master John Dobbs of the Georgia Prince Hall Masons gave a big push to NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund 1955 special fund raising campaign last week with a check for \$6,500.00 from Georgia Jurisdiction Masons.

The Legal Defense 1955 special campaign began February 5 and will continue for thirteen weeks. It has the support of the entire Negro press with 81 members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association pledging extensive drives.

Grand Master Dobbs and the Georgia Jurisdiction Masons are annual contributors to NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The Prince Hall Masons contribute \$25,000 annually to Legal Defense and maintain the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research Department.

Leaders in the religious, labor and business fields will contribute weekly articles on why the Legal Defense should be supported.

EARITHA KITT, UPSET, FLEES FROM STAGE

NEW YORK (ANP)— Ignoring the classic adage, "the show must go on," Earitha Kitt last week fled from the stage during a presentation of "Mrs. Paterson" here.

According to members of the cast, the sultra singer who skyrocketed to fame two years ago, lost control of herself saying she "couldn't do it again," and "I can't face them."

Some 900 patrons at the National theatre were given a refund of their money.

Miss Kitt, meanwhile, reportedly is under the care of three doctors.

According to Leonard Silman, producer of the play, the star's lawyer said she was "emotionally upset," but that she would be able to go on the next night.

VIRGINIA MEDICAL GROUP ACCEPTS FOUR NEGROES

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP)— The Medical Society of Virginia last week admitted its first Negro physicians.

Acceptance of colored doctors was made possible last November after the society voted to delete the word "white" from its membership requirement.

Although four Negro physicians were reported accepted last week, no names were revealed. However, one of them is a member of the Albemarle County Medical Society, which includes mostly Charlottesville doctors, two are members of the Fredericksburg Medical Society and the fourth is the Alexandria Medical Society.

MATTI WELDA DOBBS TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

NEW YORK (ANP)— Matti Welda Dobbs, international young singer, opera singer and actress, is to tour Australia in her debut and make recently in a Town Hall recital, has been signed for a 10-week tour of Australia by the Australian Broadcasting Company.

Ms. Dobbs' first concert is scheduled for June. She will be in Australia for approximately three months.

Pres. Maglorie Made Honorary Tenn. State A.P.R.T.C. Council



Evansville, Ind., ANP-Rev. Ford Gibson, minister of Alexander Chapel AME Church, along with two other persons, received the 1954 Certificate of Merit from the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the first time a Negro has been so honored.

Rev. Gibson accepted the award before more than 250 JCC members as well as a host of city dignitaries. Harold Yates, president of the JCC made the presentation.

Named by Mayor H. O. Roberts of the Evansville Housing Authority, the minister previously served on the school board screening committee.

In citing Rev. Gibson, Yates said in part: "His task as the first Negro to become a member of the School Board Screening Committee was a unique and outstanding that led him again to be the first Negro to become a member of the Evansville Housing Authority, his Human Relations Radio program has done much to improve race relations and to put people to thinking."

Celebrities from all walks of life honored the brilliant minister. Telegrams from President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon, Gov. George Craig and many others were read.

Greetings were extended from the Ministerial Alliance, NAACP, Evansville Council of Churches, Tri-State Community association and various other labor, fraternal and civic groups.

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Scott, Lawhorn In 2 Piano Concert

The Allen University Department of Music will present Felicia M. Scott and John B. Lawhorn in a Two-Piano Concert, Sunday February 20, 1955 at 6:00 p.m.

Miss Scott, a student at Allen University, has appeared on television and radio programs. She has been studying piano since the age of seven and has shown definite promise of a brilliant future on the concert stage.

Mr. Lawhorn has appeared in concerts throughout the Southern, Midwestern, and Eastern States, and has been enthusiastically accepted in Canada. Mr. Lawhorn received his B. S. degree from Dana Music School in Youngstown, Ohio, and his M. A. degree from Columbia University. He has been instructor of piano and band at Allen University for the past five years.

Miss Scott and Mr. Lawhorn have chosen a well rounded program with numbers ranging from classics to modern.

There will be no charge of admission. The public is invited to attend.

NEGRO, WHITE CHURCH GROUPS MERGE

GREENSBORO, N. C. (ANP)— Two religious groups of different racial backgrounds get together in this Southern town and worked out a merger plan whereby the two organizations may hold joint sessions under one roof.

The two groups are the Negro Greensboro Ministerial Alliance, and the white Greensboro Ministers Association.

The merger action was announced by the Rev. Frank C. Smathers, pastor of Grace Methodist church here, who stated the groups will hold a joint luncheon meeting March 7. Thereafter, said Rev. Smathers, the groups will meet jointly every other month.

Final action on the merger will come this fall, when terms for officers of both groups will expire. Rev. Smathers said both bodies voted without dissent to implement the fall merger.

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Senator Thurmond Introduces 90 Per Cent Farm Support Bill

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) UPON INTRODUCTION OF 90 PER CENT FARM SUPPORT BILL ON SENATE FLOOR.

Mr. President, I would like to send to the desk for appropriate reference a bill that would amend the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended. This bill requires that prices of basic agricultural commodities be supported at 90 per cent of parity on a permanent basis.

I submit this bill because I am deeply interested in the welfare of our farmers, who form a vital part of our economy. If we are to remain economically strong, the farmers must have some assurance of a fair return from their labors. And, they should have this assurance on a permanent rather than a temporary year-to-year basis.

I would like to call your attention briefly to figures cited in a recent issue of U. S. News and World Report. These figures show

ed farm owners have had the lowest buying power of 12 wage-earning groups in 1950 and 1954. The same is expected to be true again this year.

Figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture demonstrate another point I wish to make. As compared with the official 1910-1914 base, from which the parity formula is derived, prices received by farmers now stand at only 239 per cent, while they are forced to pay 279 per cent for production costs.

In addition, while the overall farm parity ratio on December 15, 1953, was 91 per cent, by December 15, 1954, it had dropped to 86 per cent.

Mr. President, I believe it is time we give the farmers of our nation economic justice, not only for the sake of our hardworking farm population, but also as a stabilizing influence for our national economy in these uncertain times.

WASHINGTON (ANP) Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) recently expressed his personal delight in having President and Mrs. Paul E. Maglorie of Haiti to visit this country.

In a speech on the Senate floor last week, the Montana Gentleman said, "It has been an honor for the United States to have as its guest this courageous and gifted leader, a bastion of strength among our Latin American neighbors."

Pointing out that the visit of the Haitian President and his wife long be remembered in the states, the senator added that he sincerely hoped that this would mark a new era of continued cooperation and friendship between the island nation of Haiti and the United States.

He spoke of the problems with almost insurmountable dimensions which President Maglorie has had since he took office in 1950, "but" added Sen. Mansfield, "he has succeeded where few thought he would."

The Haitian president has bettered relations among his people, continued the senator, "and he has led a continual and winning battle against fear, suppression, ignorance and want in his country."

The people of Haiti are making great advances in improving their standard of living through the United States technical assistance program, according to Mansfield. "Continued cooperation between our two nations in matters of defense mutual assistance can lead

Other articles on President Maglorie's visit stored in the Record were taken from the Chicago Daily News, three from the New York Times, one from the Chicago Daily Tribune, four from the Washington Evening Star, one from the New York Herald Tribune, and one from the Washington Post and Times Herald.

Unfortunately none of the coverage given the Haitian President by the weekly press was included in this compilation of clippings recorded for future historical reference.

Elks Form Scholarship Group At Dee Cee Confab

WASHINGTON (ANP)— At a two-day educational conference held here last week, the National Elk Alumni Scholarship association discussed ways and means to implement the Supreme court decision on segregated schools by abolishing "functional illiteracy."

Functional illiteracy was described as the inability to read and write.

"It doesn't do much good to get our constitutional rights if our men and women can't read and write," said a spokesman in explaining the educational program begun by the late Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and carried on by Judge William C. Houston, former Grand Commissioner of Education, and the present Grand Commissioner George W. Lee.

The Elks are seeking passage of an adult education bill by congress to provide adequate training for unschooled adult citizens.

Approximately 400 representatives of the Elk education committees and departments along with former Elk scholarship winners attended the conference held last week at the Columbia Lodge, No. 85.

During this conference, the scholarship winners formed the National Elk Alumni Scholarship Association, electing Dorothy I. Height, president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, as national president.

Beside Miss Height, other national officers elected unanimously were Atty. Joseph Waddy, vice president; and Mrs. Ovella P. White, principal of the Francis Junior High evening school as secretary.