

National Bar Association Urges Action on Civil Rights Commission

CLEVELAND — The National Bar Association Annual Convention held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio last week was one of the most interesting and significant meetings in the history of the Association.

Over two hundred lawyers from 21 states of the nation assembled to participate in the deliberations of the association, its programs and the adoption of many significant resolutions dealing with important and vital issues of the day affecting 15 million Negroes.

The topics and speakers discussing them were as follows:

Enforcement of the School Segregation Decision: Progress in the Federal District Courts by John R. Williams, Western Reserve University Law School; Constitutional Protection of Civil Rights Organizations by Edwin R. Temple of the above law school; Implementation of the National Bar Association resolution denouncing discriminatory legisla-

tive proposals changing the Federal Habeas Corpus law by Herbert Reid, Howard University Law School; Analysis of Federal Criminal Civil Rights Sections by Dorsey Lane, Howard University Law School; The Proposed Bricker Amendment, the UN Charter and the Praft Covenant on Human Rights by Dr. Rayford Logan, Howard University; Federal Protection of Federal Voting Rights by Oliver Schroeder, Jr., Western Reserve University Law School; and Recent Developments and Trends in Criminal Responsibility by Dr. Royal Grossman, Director of Psychiatric Clinics, of Cleveland courts and by Norman S. Minor, former Assistant County Prosecutor, Cleveland.

The luncheon meeting was addressed by Judge Charles W. White of the Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland; the banquet by Louis B. Seltzer, Editor of the Cleveland Press, Congressman Charles A. Vanik of Cleveland analyzed and evaluated the Civil Rights Act of 1957 passed by the Congress during the session of the convention. Joel D. Blackwell of Washington, D. C., was chairman of the Program Committee. Judge Irvin C. Mollison, United States Customs was very active in the formulation of the program.

Significant resolutions were adopted by the delegates at the Saturday session. The NBA expressed its disappointment at the weak and inadequate Civil Rights Act of 1957 adopted by the Congress. The association expressed the hope that able, sincere and dedicated people would be appointed to the Civil Rights Commission

created by the Act; that an adequate staff would be appointed and sufficient funds provided to enable the Commission to make an exhaustive research and a worthwhile report for the adoption of additional civil rights legislation to protect 15 million Negroes in their citizenship rights.

The NBA likewise expressed an earnest desire that the Department of Justice would vigorously enforce the voting provision of the new civil rights act by mass action throughout the states which deny Negroes voting rights and that the Department of Justice would not allow this law to become a dead letter.

The Association also expressed the hope that the Department of Justice would begin to take steps to enforce with vigor the already existing federal criminal civil rights statutes which forbid individuals and conspiring groups to deprive citizens of their federal constitutional rights and their privileges and immunities of federal citizenship. The Association noted that in recent years there had been no serious attempt to enforce these latter laws.

In a spirited election the following were elected: William S. Thompson, Washington, D. C., President; Elmer Jackson, Kansas City, Mo., 1st Vice-President; Robert E. Lillard, Nashville, Tenn., 2nd Vice-President; Cora T. Waller, New York City, N. Y., 3rd Vice-President; Reuben Lawson, Roanoke, Va., 4th Vice-President; Jewel Stradford Rogers, Chicago, Ill., Secretary; W. D. Hawkins, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., Treasurer.

Members of Executive Committee: C. Francis Stradford, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Waugh, Muskegon, Mich.; Lawrence R. Bailey, New York, N. Y.; Joel D. Blackwell, Washington, D. C.; Sylvester Carter, Springfield, Ill.; Harold Bledsoe, Detroit, Mich.; and Richard R. Atkinson, Washington, D. C., ex-officio.

The next convention of the NBA will be held in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Martin Luther King to Address National Council of Churches

ST. LOUIS — This is the year Everett H. Jones, San Antonio, Tex., Episcopal Bishop of West Texas and president of the Texas Council of Churches; and Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and distinguished Methodist layman.

The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches—held triennially—will bring together here, Dec. 1-6, several thousand leaders of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies which, in a multiple partnership, constitute the nation's largest religious enterprise. The 30 constituent communions embrace 37,400,000 members in the United States.

Guided by the three-part theme—Oneness in Christ across the nations, the races, the denominations—they will discuss and hear major addresses on Christian responsibility for peace in a divided, nuclear world; Christian responsibility for racial brotherhood and justice; and Christian fellowship among the different churches.

Presiding throughout the Assembly will be the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches and stated clerk (chief administrative officer) of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

National and global church leaders will be on hand to address the delegates in six plenary sessions at the city's Kiel Auditorium. Among them will be the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, New York, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the National Council of Churches' first president; the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Montgomery, Ala., pastor and leading Southern desegregationist; Bishop Rajah B. Manickam, of India, a president of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Truman B. Douglas, New York, executive vice-president of the Congregational-Christian Board of Home Missions; Dr. Listen Pope, New Haven, Conn., dean of Yale Divinity School; the Rt. Rev.

Sumter Girl Joins Sister At Bennett

GREENSBORO, N. C. —With registration day just a week off, Bennett College anticipates an enrollment of 480 young women, an increase of two over the figures for the 1956-51 year.

Enrollment at the college has been purposely kept around this figure because of the desire to retain the advantages of a small liberal arts college.

Freshmen and new students who reported on September 11 for a week of orientation, will register on September 16, among them are a number of young women who are sisters of Bennett students or graduates.

In this group are Miss Sandra McBride, of Sumter, S. C., whose sister, Yvonne, is a sophomore; Miss Mary Tomkins, of Greensboro, whose sister, Deloris, is a senior; Miss Loh Campbell, of Greensboro, whose sister, Barbara, is a junior; and Miss Helen Brown, of Greensboro, whose sisters, Bertha and Oshia, presided her at Bennett.

Among foreign students entering the college this year are Miss Williametta Brooks, of Monrovia, Liberia, whose father is chaplain of the Liberian Senate, and Miss Nancy Seunghi Choi, of Seoul, Korea.

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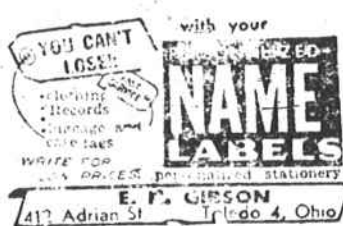
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