

NAACP Opposes Rivers As US Judge

NEW YORK — The NAACP dispatched a telegram to President Harry S. Truman Friday reporting the organization was "deeply disturbed at reports that Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of Charleston is being seriously considered for the judgeship vacated February 15 by retired U. S. Judge J. Waties Waring in South Carolina's eastern federal district."

Sent by NAACP secretary Walter White, the message said further:

"It is our sincere hope that reports are without foundation and that statements attributed to Mr. Rivers following a conference with you on March 5 are not an accurate reflection of your attitude."

Congressman Rivers has been one of the most vocal opponents of constitutional rights for minorities and particularly of fifteen million American Negroes. He has persistently and blatantly advocated treatment different from that of the days of slavery.

"We could conceive no person less than he to administer even-handed justice and to uphold obedience to the federal constitution."

The NAACP message concluded: "We do not believe you would ever consider nomination of a man with a record like that of Mr. Rivers for the federal judiciary."

GSW Dedicational Services Set For April 23rd

Dedicational services for the new plant of the Good Samaritan-Waverly Hospital will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 23, starting at 9:35, Mrs. Marian H. Paul, treasurer of the board of directors of the hospital said Monday.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, prelate of the South Carolina AME Church, will be guest speaker.

One big feature of the services will be open house, during which period guests will be able to inspect the new plant, scheduled to be ready for occupancy by June 1.

Reveal 14 Teachers Fired In Clarendon County's 'Revenge'

Charleston's Captain Mears Passes Away

CHARLESTON — Captain Robert Mears, who for nearly a half century bossed the city's only all-colored fire fighting station, has passed away, and was laid to rest last week after simple rites from the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Poinsett, 3 Jasper street.

Captain Mears lacked only four months from rounding out 50 years of service in the city fire department when ill health forced him to retire in 1950. He had held the rank of captain for 27 of those years.

The late public servant was responsible for the Hook and Ladder company on Coming at which answered all alarms in the city's business district, and all major alarms, from residential areas. Under his command the company maintained a rating of "excellent" and was often praised by fire chief Norman G. Oliver.

Mr. Mears became a sub-stationman in 1909 when he joined the department. He was promoted to fullman five years later, in 1914 he became a foreman and in 1917 a captain.

When they had mustered their last day, he said:

Messed Him Up

There's one man in Columbia who is really mad about President Truman's decision not to be re-elected again.

Asked Monday morning his reaction to the president's dramatic announcement Saturday night, the citizen declared:

"He just messed me and my politics up. I was going to give him my vote because his administration gave it to me. Now, I want to use it and don't know who to vote for."

Harlem Dope Peddler Gets Ten Years

NEW YORK (CBS) — The ringleader and three of what is reputed to be Harlem's biggest dope ring, were given mandatory prison terms ranging from five to ten years. Leader of the three, which did a "bigtime business in heroin" was 36-year-old Louis Taylor. He drew 10 years along with Sylvester Hoffman. The other two—residents of Harlem—got five years. All were Negroes.

Lampkins Resigns From YMCA Post At Charleston

CHARLESTON — Kenneth A. L. Lampkin, secretary of the YMCA branch, announced his resignation from the post after a number of years, this week resigned from the office.

Effective April 1, the resignation was tendered to Rev. Frank E. Neal, chairman of the board of directors.

Rev. Lampkin said he plans to remain in Charleston. He conducts a radio program here, "In The Garden," over radio station WPAL, which has become quite popular with Charlestonians.

Hail Stand Leaders Hold In School Suit

Rev. DeLaine Honored In Testimonial At Lake City

(By Staff Correspondent)

LAKE CITY — Many of the real reasons citizens in Clarendon county went to court in an all-out attack on racial segregation, the spirit and mind of those backing the pending federal suit, and plaudits for the foremost leader in the movement were heard here Sunday afternoon when hundreds from several low-country counties quickly overflowed little St. James AME Church in a testimonial to its pastor, the Rev. J. A. DeLaine, moved here this conference year by Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

Background of the Clarendon suit, now of worldwide importance, was outlined by the principal speaker, Rev. E. E. Richburg, pastor of Liberty Hill AME Church in school district 23 where the suit originated, and one of Clarendon county's NAACP leaders.

Rev. Mr. Richburg said he and his co-workers in the county were pleased today that they were persecuted when they first set out to obtain better educational facilities. Resentment against this persecution, he said, is the real story of the Clarendon county suit.

14 Teachers Fired

He named fourteen school teachers he said were fired because officials suspected they were in sympathy with a petition drawn and submitted to the board, or a committee of citizens working on the project which was headed by Rev. Mr. DeLaine. Those fired, he said were: "Rev. DeLaine, Henry Ragin, Mrs. Hally Mack, Mrs. Rosa Montgomery, Harry Briggs, James Brown, William Strukes (now deceased), Thomas Brown, William Ragin, Rev. J. W. Seals, Mrs. DeLaine, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Oliver and Miss Oliver."

In addition, he charged, officials circulated false rumors about persons involved in the school case. (This was long before the issue reached the courts) the Ku Klux Klan distributed threatening circulars on the doorsteps of those involved, and to top it off, Rev. DeLaine found himself involved in a libel suit because he accepted chairmanship of the school committee.

Lake City, of course, is in Florence county. The reason the testimonial was held here was that those sponsoring it wanted to be a surprise to the honoree. More than 300 persons traveled from Clarendon county and were present in the audience of the testimonial at Clarendon, Sumter, and

unt Meanest Man Beat Cripple

— Authorities here continued hunting for the assailant, or assailants, who prepared for one of the meanest crimes last Saturday night.

Victim of a critical beating was Maxie McClellan, partially paralyzed since birth and able to use but one arm. He walks with a limp also, indicative of other inconveniences to locomotion.

McClellan, who is employed by Bethea Funeral Home, was assaulted by persons not known to him on the way home from work. He is confined in the Infirmary at Florence, reportedly critically injured. He is the son of Shaw McClellan of New Town, a mechanic.



NEW STATE OFFICERS—Pictured left to right above are the new state officers of the Palmetto State Teachers Association, elected during the 1952 state convention here last week.

They are, John R. Bowen of Sumter, James M. McAllister of Kingstree and James T. McCain of Mullins. They will serve a two year term.

Alexander Lauds State Leaders, State's Fight

GEORGETOWN — Efforts of South Carolina's citizens to obtain human rights and the state's foremost leaders in these efforts were lauded here Monday by the president of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP branches.

Speaking before a large audience in Bethesda Baptist Church, Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., speaking at a membership rally of the Georgetown NAACP branch, declared that "What the people of South Carolina have been able to do has been a warm inspiration to the rest of us around the country."

He praised the "daring and unselfish leadership of James M. Hinton and John H. McCray." Mr. Hinton is state NAACP president and Mr. McCray, state chairman of South Carolina Progressive Democrats and editor of The Lighthouse and Informer.

Mr. Alexander spoke from the subject "Organization Within Your People," touching upon the legal work of NAACP. The Rev. Mr. Wooten accompanied the North Carolinian and made a brief address also.

Among others appearing on the program were: Fred Bessellieu, James E. Prieau, W. W. Manigault and G. S. Porcher, local branch president.

McCray Speaks For Mullins Mass Meeting

MULLINS — A mass meeting scheduled for 3:30 here Sunday afternoon, April 6, will be addressed by John H. McCray, editor of the Lighthouse and Informer of Columbia, state chairman of South Carolina Progressive Democrats.

Julian L. Morgan, chairman of the arranging committee, said it was a joint undertaking of all of Marion county and was of special interest, being sponsored by citizens-at-large.

It will be held at Ebenezer AME Church, which is pastored by Rev. S. W. Fordham, he said.

NAACP Defies Threats Of Suit On Homeowner

SAN FRANCISCO — Defiance of attempts to force Wilbur Gary to move from his newly-purchased home in Rollingwood through court action was expressed this week by the NAACP.

Citing the decision won by the NAACP in the United States Supreme Court in 1948, making written restrictive covenants unenforceable by law, NAACP Regional Director Franklin H. Williams invited the threatened lawsuit and said that the Association would welcome the opportunity to reaffirm in the courts of our state and country the basic American principle that the courts will not and cannot use their powers to maintain racially restricted neighborhoods.

Mr. Williams said that such a suit should be instituted, the full legal facilities of the NAACP would be made available to the Gary family and to the persons who sold them the property.

Progressive Democrats To Meet Here On April 23

The 1952 state convention of South Carolina Progressive Democrats will be held in Columbia, beginning at noon, Wednesday, April 23, state chairman John H. McCray announced Monday.

An important national Democratic Committee figure has been invited to address the convention, he said.

The decision of President Truman not to run again naturally is regretted by all of us," he said, "but we'll have to get behind somebody and maybe by April 23rd we will know who that'll be."

The Progressive Democrats are expected to declare support for a strong civil rights plank in the party's convention platform this year, and also for candidates who will pledge to uphold that platform.

The chairman said that while the convention usually meets the fourth Tuesday in May, this year's meeting is a month earlier "because the purpose of the May date was to meet after the state Democratic convention had arrived at its platform and program, which we could evaluate at our meeting and decide whether or not to go along with it."

There are an estimated 125,000 Progressive Democrats in the state, operating in nearly all of the 46 counties.

2,000,000 Voters In South Goal For 1952 Election

NEW YORK — Setting a goal of 2,000,000, Walter White executive secretary of the NAACP Monday announced the launching of a non-partisan drive to double the present number of Negro voters in the South before the November election.

According to the best available estimates there are now a

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Dr. Bond Calls Gov. Byrnes, Dixiecrats 'Puppets' In Pawn

Governor James F. Byrnes was pictured as "another puppet dangling on the string of great-out-of-state interests" to the closing session of the Palmetto State Teachers Association here in Township Auditorium.

The Governor was assailed by Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University at Chester, Pa., who delivered the main address for the approximately 6,000 teachers who attended the two-day meeting.

Dr. Bond charged that most of the South's leaders today in the States Rights movement are "only puppets," financed largely by interests alien to a finer South.

He took exception to state's school program, declaring that the Governor's attitude toward first-class educational and other opportunities for Negroes was simply continuation of a tradition whereby the masses "are exploited by fanatical racial strife and hatred."

Background for the whole system of exploitation, he said, was laid open by the noted historian C. Vann Woodward, who found the history of South Carolina politics before and after the Reconstruction period, was dominated by out of state capital speaking through "local stooges."

Both the poor whites who were deceived, and the Negro suffered, Dr. Bond declared.

Lauding the fight on racial segregation in education, being made in South Carolina, Dr. Bond cheered the teachers for their support, urge them to continue on at it and assured them that victory would certainly come in the end.

It's DeLaine's Tax, Merchants Declare

SUMMERTON (Special)—A new name for South Carolina's three percent sales tax was uncovered here this week.

Opponents to the tax aimed at raising revenue for improving the state's public schools have variously labeled it the "jincrow" or "(Gov.) Jimmy Byrnes" tax. This week residents reported that at least one local merchant (white) tells his customers he's sorry they are having to pay "that DeLaine tax." DeLaine is the Reverend J. A. DeLaine, credited with spearheading the anti-jincrow Clarendon county school suit.

'White' Signs At Monument Irk Cop-Visitor At Charleston

CHARLESTON — The "white men" and "white women" comfort station signs about the monument in Marion Square proved quite irksome to a native Charlestonian, now a retired New York City police officer and a valiant battler for human rights.

The gentleman is Edward Green of 137 Gordon avenue, West Babylon, N. Y., who visited here with his wife for three weeks, guests of Mrs. Mamie Johnson, 316 President street.

Of the Marion Square signs, he said they join with the monument to commemorate

"discrimination and race hatred, is a shame to tax paying citizens who do not fight it."

Mr. Green left Charleston at the age of 13. He retired from the police force in 1939. He was cited for bravery four times during his service on the force.

He has been an active NAACP member for 36 years, is a member of the Honor Legion of the police department and is a member of the grand jury association. He is now president of the Civic Association, Wyndham, in Suffolk county.

Mr. Green was the fourth colored police officer appointed in New York City. In 1917 he got a leave of absence and served 33 months with the famed 6888 Central Postal Directory in Europe before him, also a native of Charleston, fought with the 8888 Central Postal Directory, enlisting in 1919 and was discharged at Louisville, Ky. Following this service he became a member of the South Carolina National Guard.

Seven Last Words' Sung Sunday Night

The annual recital of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois will be presented for the twelfth year here Sunday night April 6, by the Junior Choir of Bethel AME Church. The program begins at 8:30, in Bethel Church.

The 50-voice choir, directed by Dr. R. W. Mance and accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Thornton, will feature as soloists: Mrs. Katherine Ruff, Miss Martha Cunningham, soprano; Frank Graham, tenor; and Joseph Wilson, baritone.

City Schools Give Festival On April 4

The Columbia City Elementary Schools are presenting a Musical Festival "Nations Join Hands," Monday night, April 7, 8 o'clock at the Township Auditorium.

All Elementary schools in the city will take part in the Festival. Nations being represented are: United States, Sweden, Russia, Japan, Italy, France, British Isles, and Mexico.

The program will consist of songs and dances from the various countries, and promises to be very good.

FBI Snares Robbers But Not Moore Killers

INGLEWOOD, N. Y. — Pointing out that in less than two weeks the FBI managed to catch a gang of thieves suspected of robbing a multimillionaire Nevada man of \$1,500,000, but in three months the G-men have not arrested one suspect in the bomb-murder of Harry T. Moore and his wife, Roy Wilkins, administrator of the NAACP, this week called for new demands by the public for Attorney General J. Howard McGrath for action in the Florida case.

Principal speaker at a rally sponsored by the Sunset Neighborhood Group and the Bergen County NAACP, Mr. Wilkins lashed out at the wave of bombings and other violence over the nation, and charged the hoodlums were being encouraged by the failure to arrest and punish perpetrators of the Moore atrocity. A resolution on the Moore case was unanimously adopted, directed transmittal to Washington.

Elk's Oratorical Contest Set

BEAUFORT — The annual Elk's oratorical contest will be held here in the Robert Small high school Friday night, April 18, it was announced Monday.

The high school band will begin a concert at 8:30 and the contest proper will start at 9:30. The annual speech-making contest among high schoolers is sponsored by the S. J. Bamford Lodge of Elks, No. 594, of which J. S. Blocker is exalted ruler and James Richardson, secretary.