

Make Plans For Convention: Deltas Launch Campaign To Corral Members Force

WASHINGTON, D. C. — With an eye toward their national convention to be held in Washington, D. C. next August, District of Columbia members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority gathered at a reception in the nation's capital recently and initiated an intense campaign aimed at corraling their membership forces.

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Sponsored by Beta Sigma chapter, the reception was held at the Gateway Alpha Phi Alpha House. More than 150 Deltas were urged, as members of the hostess chapter, to actively participate in the 1958 convention, particularly in view of the local members' role as hostess chapter.

Active participants were assured of finding hospitality and friendship in sisterhood. The speaker was Mrs. Ethel Oliver, president of Beta Sigma Chapter. Speaking also was Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, the sorority's national executive director, who outlined the new role of Greek-letter societies in American life.

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FACE OPPOSITION — Three Negro girls ascend the steps of Little Rock's Central High School, into a throng of jeering white students. Shortly thereafter, violence broke out inside the school, and the federalized Arkansas National Guard was intensified. (Newspress Photo).

"Pressures Can Bring Integration," Dr. Patterson Tells Durham Audience

DURHAM — "Integration will come sooner if we speak in unison and in strength," Dr. F. D. Patterson told an overflow dinner meeting at Chase Restaurant last week.

He appeared in his capacity as president of the National Business League.

"Integration can become disintegration," the former Tuskegee president warned, "unless we organize to bring the pressure of numbers" on leaders of government.

"America moves by pressures," he asserted.

"The individual is not too important in isolated numbers." Dr. Patterson, organizer of the United Negro College Fund, said "Agencies of government hear only those who speak in unison."

He suggested revitalization of organizations like the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Housewives League. These groups sponsored Patterson's Durham speech.

Dean Albert L. Turner of N. C. College's Law School, a long time friend and former Tuskegee registrar, introduced Dr. Patterson.

J. J. Henderson, emeritus president of the Chain, was master of ceremonies.

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Negro Orator's Eulogy At Funeral Of "James Crow"

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE
(Time: 1963)

(Editor's Note: The following is a feature by a staff writer.)

Friends: This is a sorrowful duty which we have met to perform. However much death may be idealized, it is charged with solemnity and sadness. When it marks the exit from earth of an unworthy actor like JAMES CROW, it is still loaded with a painful seriousness.

I am not a minister of the gospel. I am only a Negro orator appointed by 15,000,000 minority citizens to pay the last tribute to an unworthy foe whose nefarious activities have brought despair to colored Americans living in this great land.

I must also speak sentiments intended to soothe the grief of JAMES CROW'S widow, his children and other relatives. "Discrimination, Prejudice, and Intestines" I must choose my description with care and moderation. I must keep back any desire to gush or to paint. I must guard my language. So he willed it, of whom I speak—JAMES CROW.

There is to be no sermon. In this casket lies the sermon. A sermon it is, exemplified by a life sparked by racial hatred. A sermon which demonstrates how a poor boy may travel far on the tides of non-violence, intemperance, pupil assignment and open defiance of the law of the land.

AND FROM THE IDEALS of our departed enemy, as these were illustrated in a long, busy and complex career, may be learned lessons in the age-old virtues which may chart our course in the future. JAMES CROW thought he was patriotic, but it was cheap patriotism—the kind which rushes into print with demagogic professions and have bambuco effect.

JAMES CROW was born in Yamacraw, Georgia, some time during the latter part of the Reconstruction Period. His father, who bore the same name, was remarkable for his activities in the extension of slavery in the early United States colonies. His mother, whose maiden name was PRUDENCE, was a woman of intelligence and aggressiveness. She had wished for her son a glorious and illustrious career, but JAMES CROW'S activities with the Ku Klux Klan and White Citizens' Councils caused her to bow her head in shame. And alas! his mother, grieving sorrowfully, died all too soon.

You who have lived in this great land with James Crow have watched the cross of an earthly existence. Thus passes a strong man, who with his strength combined hatred and violence. Thus ends the investigation and speculations of a man whose power for evil was like a mighty waterfall. Always turbulent.

lent, his life-stream flowed on with the fury of a hurricane. Thus it flowed with vigor for nearly a hundred years — even as a mighty river may move majestically, but with a sureness and a wonderful power.

TO THOSE WHO wish to follow in the footsteps of the deceased JAMES CROW, let me say that a "New World Is A-Coming." A new economic order is on the way. People are on the march toward a more equitable distribution returns from their labor. The time will come when every man will receive a just wage for his work.

"Discrimination and segregation because of race will pass. Unborn generations will regard us of today as objects of curiosity as we look upon the society of the Romans who enslaved the fair-skinned,

blue-eyed Saxons. In this twentieth-century, race prejudice is our most dangerous enemy for it is a disease of the very soul of our democratic life. It calls for your being a whole and a healing of this disease will not be there is true. "A new world is a-coming" and with woe and tears, and with a firmest eye, and highest faith will build this new world in the midst of time. It is the ultimate of humanity. It is the will of

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Morticians' 1958 Confab Set For N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY (ANP) — The Convention Committee of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians association, Inc., meeting at the Hotel New Yorker, as its convention site for next year. The entire convention will be held under one roof including exhibits and meetings. The dates will be August 4-8 '58.

C. W. Lee of Montgomery, Ala. was elected chairman of the executive committee, and Mr. Lacy Kennedy of Marianna, Ark. was Secretary.

The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in the Spring of 1953, either in Hot Springs, Arkansas or Miami, Florida.

Present in New York were the district governors, all officers and past presidents, Theodore R. Hawes and Robert H. Miller are Chicago members of the Convention committee.

Dean Parker Speaker At Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE — "How to Succeed in College" is the topic from which Dean Lafayette Parker spoke at a recent assembly period at the Fayetteville State Teachers College.

He pointed out that from one third to one half of American college students fail to graduate partially because they lack adequate reading habits and intellectual independence, and because they move through college in haphazard fashion without ever quite pinning themselves down to a strict budget of time.

"A good deal of his success will depend", he said, "upon the student's own initiative, industry, and intellectual curiosity."

Dr. Parker was recently appointed Acting Dean of the College. Serving for two years as Dean of Men and for the past eight as Director of Placement and Instruction in Education, he holds the B.S. Degree from the Fayetteville State Teachers College and the M.A. Degree from Columbia University.

On June 12 he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Education by the University of Pittsburgh.

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