

# 10,000 ANGELENOS WELCOME BAPTISTS

## President Williams Is Nearly Mobbed By Admiring Thongs

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—(By Fay M. Jackson for ANP)—Incredible things always happen in Los Angeles and Hollywood. The National Baptist Convention opening here Tuesday, September 7, bringing over 16,000 delegates from all parts of the United States—all Negro Baptists, was one evidence of the unusual happenings taking place this summer on the West Coast.

That approximately 10,000 colored people in this city filled the Southern Pacific railway station, jammed the sidewalks, stopped traffic for a mile and a half in the vicinity of the station, proved an unusual spectacle in the city's history.

Good natured and orderly, with scarcely a voice raised above normal, conduct of the crowd was commended by the local police force because it was not necessary to increase the unit assigned to maintain order at the station.

For three hours they waited people of all classes and denominations assembled to give the National Baptist Convention delegates a real Western welcome.

Eight local ministers, lead by Rev. Jonathan Caston, Revs. W. D. and W. P. Carter, went over to Idaho, California, to act as an escort to the President's Special train back with the national delegates into Los Angeles.

Fast trains to arrive shortly before noon brought 800 delegates from Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama.

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odore Robinson, escort of Conner-Johnson firm, directed the weary travelers up the long tunnel leading to the station. Expressions of amazement at such tremendous crowd waiting to welcome them were clearly visible on the faces of some of the southerners who obviously showed a bit of stage fright on emerging from the dark tunnel into the light of the great foyer of the station with thunderous cheers greeting their appearance.

Long past the lunch hour the mass kept intact for the reception to the President's Special. At one o'clock it swept into view. These delegates, who might well have thought that L. K. Williams was something of a god or king to these people as they swarmed over the train, beating upon the windows, literally mobbed him for a touch of his clothes, a handshake, a friendly greeting when the reception committee and newspaper folk finally rescued him from the crushing throng.

Entering the station, Williams paused for a second, lifted his hand, removed his hat, and gave the official "hello". For the first time a great hush fell over the crowd. Then it went mad again, lines broke loose and pandemonium reigned for a second.

"This is the greatest welcome we have ever had in the history of the convention," Dr. Williams said. "I think it is going to be the greatest National Baptist Convention."

Fifteen years ago when the

## Baptist Head Attacks Crime And Liquor

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—(By Fay M. Jackson for ANP)—Before an assembly of 5000 Negro delegates to the 57th annual convention, meeting this week at Shrine auditorium, L. K. Williams, president of Chicago, carried the spread of crime among his people, gave poverty as a contributing cause and declared the increase of liquor traffic an undermining force in American life, when he delivered the opening address of the convention.

"America is often styled the world's greatest nation. But this estimate is greatly reversed or lowered when America's crime record is revealed," Dr. Williams said.

"In the scale of murder and crimes, it rises higher than any other so-called Christian nation. While this is true, the Negro as a minority group has a crime ratio that is disproportionate and staggering. This thing is so hurtful that it requires careful study and the employment of the best efforts of the church to check it.

INHERENTLY CRIMINAL? Denying that the Negro is inherently criminal, Dr. Williams cited the ignorance of a greater number of Negro lawbreakers as one of the chief contributing causes, poverty as the other.

"Let us think of courts and the power of money in connection therewith," he challenged, "for even if a man is innocent and so declared to be by our courts after a trial he will feel financial cost. Now if money is required for the acquittal of the favored innocent ones, what must be the fate of some poor, friendless one. Again, let us remember that Negroes are constrained to live in the crime-blighted areas. Often gullible, commercial low-

convention met last in Los Angeles, it met in a tent. This week, it meets in the largest auditorium in the West, Al Malaikah Temple, Shrine Auditorium, gift of the city of Los Angeles out of respect to its colored citizens. Rental of the Shrine for one night is \$2,500. The Baptists occupied it for their sessions, one night and day for six days.

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brow politicians dump the fifth corruption and crime-breeding agencies upon the districts where Negroes reside.

"Often the Negro politicians of a cheap variety accept these privileges as their sole rewards. They help to fasten upon the unwary youth, a set of crime-dealing factors. Christian men and women ought to contend for a house cleaning here and now."

Race relations are getting better, Dr. Williams thinks.

"The white press is more courageous and pronounced in its condemnation of the mistreatment of Negroes and minority groups, the Negro's thoughts and desires are better known to whites and lynching is being rapidly reduced," he reported.

NEGROES AND UNIONS

Dr. Williams advocated strong unionism among our people as a solvent of the race problem in America.

"It seems to me that the Negro should join any or all Unions that will grant him justice and aid in his struggle after its first struggles of organization are over. We will have a stronger amalgam of all laboring classes than any race diversities or race distinctions," he explained. "It seems to me that in this contest the church should advocate some basic rights, such as: more liberal compensation for workers from the dividends which their labors produce, and that capital and labor alike must recognize and respect the rights of one another."

Dr. Williams abhorred the spread of communism in America.

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OUR SUPPLY

By William Henry Huff for A. N. P.

As for kick I see no need And I'm truly not afraid God who made us all can feed Every creature he has made. We have eaten every day Since upon the earth we've been And we've thrown enough away For to feed a beast. We should cease to howl and cry; Let us think how we are fed: Earth yields up her great supply Vegetables, meat and bread. Waters hold delicious food We have but to catch and eat; Air has both old birds and brood God has given man a feast!

PROTEST "DARKY" LABEL FOR JOE LOUIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—An other letter of protest has been written by Walter White, NAACP secretary, to Harry Grayson, sports writer for the NEA syndicate on the constant use by Grayson of the term "darky" in referring to Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion. Grayson, a nationally known

## Armstrong Very Pessimistic Over Squad

Special to Carolina Times

Fayetteville, N. C.—Sept. 9.—Faced with one of the toughest schedules ever and with the loss of a number of last years first stringers and reserves Coach Armstrong today set out on a journey that might lead to disaster. The squad lost both tackles a guard, one end and two backs from their number last year and when it comes to filling the shoes of men like Captain Jones and two the others it is no easy task.

State will attempt a new style defensive play this year and this may help them to keep the scores down but it isn't known just how offensive power it will be. Undoubtedly Graham will be the big gun in the backfield with Brown and Harris to assist him with Tabron of Nashville back-

sports writer, has written columns of matter on Joe Louis which have been carried in the New York World Telegram and other Scripps - Howard newspapers. Grayson is the only sports writer of national reputation who has persisted in using the objectionable word in referring to Louis.

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been lifted by the slow process of the ages. The advanced races and peoples must regard themselves as trustees of civilization. The first principle of good trusteeship is that he must not profiteer from his own trust, but must administer it for the welfare of those interests he must safeguard. These world custodians serve as stewards of Nature's bounty, and must engage to efficiently develop the raw materials in Nature's storehouse and distribute them equally among the children of men, according to their needs and necessities. In performing this humane task they are entitled to a fair reward as their commission, but it must be oppressive or extortionate. In this high day of the world's moral progress it is incumbent upon these trustees of civilization to afford the opportunities of education and culture to the least of God's human creatures so that they may have the privilege of developing and exercising their powers and faculties, whatever they may be, to the fullest extent of their capacity contribute to the sum total of human well being.

If the Sino-Japanese war is calculated to contribute to this great cosmic purpose, then the newcomer should be welcomed and encouraged to help the white man bear the burden of the world, but if it is calculated merely to serve national power and aggrandizement and the glorification of racial arrogance and hauteur, then the yellow man would only be joining the white man in imposing a still heavier burden upon the human race.

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nations effectively protest against Japan's aggression in China.

The advanced peoples of the earth as nations and individuals rather than as races, under the spur of enlightened self-interest, must strive to bring the belated and backward brethren, whatever their race and nationality, up to the same plane of discipline and efficiency upon which they stand. The whole round world must be brought under law and order, or lapse back towards barbarism, from which it has

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