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Georgia Kills Action Against Teachers

\$10,000 BRIBE OFFERED TO PASTOR TO SWITCH TO JIM CROW LINE

CHICAGO
Thousands of Illinois and Midwest delegates to the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the National Baptist Convention of America, Sept. 7 to 11, didn't know this week which railroad system to take to Memphis, site of the annual meeting.

They had been told that the Illinois Central R.R. which is currently spending thousands of dollars in a court fight with the NAACP over the railway's established policy of Jim Crowing its Negro passengers, was to be boycotted completely in favor of segregation-free travel over the river-Gulf, Mobile and Ohio lines.

Jackson Orders Change
At the last minute, however, tickets went on sale in hundreds of churches in Chicago and in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota for space aboard the "President's Special" train over the I. C. R. route, apparently on the order of Convention President, Dr. J. H. Jackson, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago. Jackson just returned last week from Russia.

"We have been double-crossed," Dr. King S. Range, pastor of Chicago's Range Memorial Baptist Church, flatly declared, revealing that a mysterious telephone caller has threatened his life if he per- (Please turn to Page Eight)

NAACP Hails Georgia's Move As Big Victory

NEW YORK
The NAACP took favorable note last week of the action of the Georgia State Board of Education earlier this week rescinding resolutions aimed at teachers who belong to the NAACP or who in any way approve of school integration.

The education board's move was described by Gloster B. Current, NAACP director of branches, as "a major victory for the Georgia NAACP State Conference and other citizens in Georgia who openly opposed the Board of Education's ridiculous action."

In a letter to W. W. Law, acting president of the Georgia State NAACP, Mr. Current asserted:

"The backing down on the part of the Board, and especially on the part of Atty. General Eugene Cook, upon whose advice the Board acted in the first place, is an outgrowth of the adverse public reaction engendered by the Board's mis- (Please turn to Page Eight)



The above photo is a scene taken when 25 West Indian students were luncheon guests at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. The students are visiting the United States from the University College of the West Indies under the sponsorship of the Association for World Travel Exchange. — Staff Photo by DUNN.

Large Delegation Expected At 31st Annual Session N. C. Ushers Convention

Noted Minister Slated To Deliver Annual Sermon

KINSTON
The vanguard of the delegation to the 31st annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina began arriving here Wednesday night with the main section of the officers expected Thursday morning in time for the opening of the convention at 10:00 A. M. According to Edgar Murphy, member of the Board of Directors who resides in Kinston, the delegation to the convention will reach its full strength around Friday noon. All sessions will be held in the J. J. Sampson Elementary School on Tower Hill Road, except that of Sunday morning which will be held in the St. John Free Will Baptist Church on Blount St.

It is estimated that over 600 delegates and visitors will be in attendance at the convention by Friday afternoon. The figure may reach more than 1,000 by Sunday morning when the Rev. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary of the State Baptist Convention will deliver the annual sermon.

The Thursday morning and afternoon sessions will include registration of delegates, appointment of committees, enrollment of new churches and a meeting of the Board of Directors. Thursday night a public program will be held at the



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school at which time welcome addresses from representatives of the religious, professional and business life of the city will be delivered. The response will be made by Miss Emma Holmes of Fayetteville.

Music for the Thursday evening session will be furnished by the St. Augustine A. M. E. Zion Church choir, Mrs. Mary N. Best and Mrs. Christine Holmes. The latter two will render solos. Ezzeil Lassiter will preside.

Friday morning a panel discussion under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Morgan of Wendell will be held. The subject will be "Integration And The Church." Other participants will be Mrs. E. K. Hughes, Fayetteville; A. D. Clark, Chapel Hill; J. Fred Williams, Kinston and Burch Coley, Durham.

Highlight of the Friday afternoon session will be reports from the Junior Department with the junior president pre-

siding. Mrs. Susie Cooper of Oxford is director of the Junior Department. Mrs. Sally Hill will deliver an address.

Friday evening the president of the organization, L. E. Austin, will deliver his annual address. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Faith Tabernacle Choir with a solo by Miss Dorothy Cogdell. Vice President C. A. Langston will preside.

Saturday morning and afternoon sessions will include a program by the First Aid Department, Mrs. Hattie Jones president, reports from all departments, election of officers and a memorial service. The annual Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday evening with Mrs. Susie Cooper of Oxford directing. Music will be by the Junior Choir of the First Baptist Church.

Sunday morning immediately following the sermon by Rev. (Please turn to Page Eight)

N. C. Governor To Speak At Annual Leadership Conference State Teachers

Black White Man Apologizes For Stupidity Of Segregation

WASHINGTON, D. C.
"Where ignorance is bliss, it is foolish to be wise" covered a situation last Tuesday in Houston, Texas when India's ambassador Gaganvihar Lalubhai Mehta and his secretary were deftly segregated.

The ambassador thought he was being honored at the time, but was both surprised and disillusioned when the next day the United States government, the mayor of Houston and many other persons of prominence made him the recipient of profuse apologies.

Governor Luther Hodges will address the second annual Leadership Conference of the North Carolina Teachers Association when it convenes in Raleigh, August 26-27.

Registration will begin at 2:00 P. M. Friday, August 26, and the conference will close the next afternoon. The Governor's speech will highlight the first general session at 4:00 P. M. Friday in the Greenleaf Auditorium at Shaw University where all sessions are scheduled.

Leaders from all NCTA local affiliates in North Carolina are expected to be in attendance to hear the many speakers talk on professional organizations and education in general in North Carolina.

Other persons who will participate in the conference besides Governor Hodges are: Dr. Robert A. Skaife, Field Secretary for the Defense Commission of the National Education Association; Mrs. Ida H. Duncan, NCTA President; Miss Neil E. Stinson, president of the North Carolina Classroom Teachers Association; Miss Lois Edinger, vice-president of NEA Department of Classroom Teachers; W. G. Byers and Earl C. Fun-



GOV. LUTHER HODGES

derburk, NEA Directors for N. C.; Dr. Amos Abrams, NCEA Editor; Mrs. Ellen G. Johnson, NEA-VTA Field Representative; Mrs. Bessie S. Wilder, Halifax County Supervisor of Schools; Dr. W. L. Greene, NCTA Executive Secretary; Mrs. Pauline B. Foster, president of NCTA Classroom Teachers and member of advisory council of NEA Classroom Teachers; and W. I. Morris, conference director.

When ambassador Gaganvihar Lalubhai Mehta and his secretary, B. A. Rajagopalan, appeared in the public dining room of Houston's International Airport yesterday, Mrs. Mary Alley, restaurant supervisor, decided they must be Negroes. So she asked them to move to a small private dining room—in such polite tones that they thought they were getting de luxe treatment reserved for important (Please turn to Page Eight)

Baltimore Girl Wins \$16,000 On TV Program

NEW YORK
A 12-year-old Negro girl, little Gloria Lockerman, from Baltimore, is in line to try for \$32,000 on the CBS television program "The \$64,000 Question" as the result of spelling off the sentence: "The belligerent astigmatic anthropologist annihilated innumerable chrysanthemums."

The neatly dressed little girl, smilingly confident, tackled the multi syllable words as calmly as if she had been called upon to spell the most simple of words and had little trouble with the tricky combination that was her bridge to cross to reach the \$16,000 prize she gained last Tuesday night.

Standing in the isolation booth, designed to prevent coaching from the audience, she broke into a wide smile when master of ceremonies Hal March read the sentence. Already she knew she could do (Please turn to Page Eight)

ASSAILS CONVICTION OF MAN FOR SELLING HOME TO NEGRO



Mt. Vernon

Baptist Leader Women's Day Speaker Sunday

Mrs. Foy Farmer, prominent Baptist leader, will be the featured Women's Day speaker at Mount Vernon Baptist Church Sunday. (Please turn to Page Eight)

LOUISVILLE, KY.
The conviction of Carl Braden on a charge of advocating sedition was assailed by Dr. M. M. D. Perdue in one of the main addresses at the annual convention of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists.

Many delegates voiced approval as Dr. Perdue attacked the 15-year sentence and \$5,000 fine imposed on Braden, a white man, after he helped a Negro family obtain a new house in a so-called white neighborhood.

Dr. Perdue, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church here, launched his attack during an address on the state of race relations in the nation. He declared that the Ku Klux Klan is now operating under new guises, such as luncheon clubs and fraternal organizations.

He also noted a growing unity between poor white people and the Negro people. He declared that poor white people are realizing more and more that the aristocrats care no more about them than they do about the Negro. "The poor whites and the Negroes see that there is no salvation for them unless they are united," he said.

Dr. Perdue declared that he will continue to resist Klan (Please turn to Page Eight)

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE NEEDS MONEY NOW!

Last year when the U. S. Supreme Court decided that racial segregation in public education violated the Constitution, Negroes throughout the country were elated. Few realized that this decision came about only after years and years of hard work by many, including large groups of volunteer lawyers and social scientists.

Few realized the several hundred thousands spent on expenses in these cases.

Hardly anyone ever paused to consider the threats and intimidations against the parents of the school children involved. Most Americans simply took all of this for granted.

Now, after the last decision in these cases, the deep South is again showing its hand.

At least two Negroes in Mississippi have been killed for insisting on the right to vote.

White Citizens' Council are cropping up all over the South, determined to destroy all economic advantages for Negroes.

Governors and attorneys general have said repeatedly that they will litigate this matter for fifty or a hundred years. Louisiana has appropriated \$100,000 to resist court actions in that state. Other states have assigned six to fifty lawyer to oppose cases in their states. Negro teachers are being intimidated and discharged.

You have read about these and other challenges in your own newspapers. You have felt sorry for these people. You are sure that the NAACP will meet these ever increasing challenges.

Again, you are taking it as a matter of course because the NAACP has never let you down.

I have news for you: We will not be able to meet these challenges unless we get the money to do it.

We have always had difficulty meeting our regular budgets. We cannot meet this heavily financed new assault unless you stop taking us for granted and dig deep into your pockets — and do it now!

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