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BORN OF WEST AFRICAN ANCESTRY, HE BECAME PORTUGAL'S GREATEST WRITER, HISTORIAN, ORATOR, PREACHER, MISSIONARY & STATESMAN AND ONE OF WORLD'S MOST BRILLIANT LINGUISTS! HE MADE BITTER ENEMIES AMONG INQUISITION FORCES WITH HIS BITING SERMONS AGAINST SLAVERY OF NEGROES AND INDIANS - FOR THIS HE SPENT TWO YEARS IN A DUNGEON! TIMES CHANGED AND HE BECAME PREACHER TO THE KING ONCE MORE!



CONTINENTAL FEATURES

Victim Of Latest Miss. Shooting Undaunted; Reign Of Terror Fails To Crush State NAACP Activity

NEW YORK — Upon his return from Mississippi where he visited Gus Courts in the hospital at Mound Bayou, Gloster B. Current, director of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Friday charged that "this latest attack upon an NAACP leader is a result of efforts of the White Citizens Council of Belzoni to deprive all Negroes in that area of their voting rights."

Together with Medgar Evers, NAACP field secretary for Miss., Current visited Courts in the hospital room to which he had been removed from Belzoni after he had been shot and critically wounded while working in his store on November 25. A leader of the Belzoni branch of the NAACP, Courts refused to remove his name from the voting list despite threats and the assassination, last May 7, of the Rev. George W. Lee. The clergyman was killed not far from the store where political gangsters shot through a window in an effort to kill Courts who succeeded Rev. Lee as leader of the Negro community in that town.

Wilkins Asks FBI Intervention. Previously, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, NAACP, received assurance from Gov.

Hugh White that he had "called on the sheriff and the district attorney to do everything possible to find parties guilty of shooting Gus Courts and to prosecute vigorously." Wilkins in an earlier telegram to the governor said: "In view of recent events, failure to take positive action in this case will reflect further upon Mississippi and add to the international embarrassment of the United States."

The NAACP leader also wired Attorney General Herbert Brownell urging federal intervention in this case which, he charged, "fits the pattern of violence and murder in Mississippi openly designed to deprive Negro citizens of their civil rights."

To Mound Bayou, the NAACP leader sent a telegram assuring the wounded man that "all of us at the national office together with millions of people all over the country are praying for your recovery. We are also pressing for the arrest and punishment of your assailants."

Reporting on his visit with Courts, Current said: "I was struck by this significant fact—he talked without emotion, bitterness or rancor about the incident and whether or not it would be safe for him to return after discharge from the hospital."

**Negro Vote Reduced**  
The campaign of intimidation conducted by the White Citizens Council "has succeeded in reducing the number of qualified Negro voters in Humphreys County, of which Belzoni is the seat, from 400 down to 8 or 10," Current reported.

Courts and two other men organized the Belzoni branch of the NAACP in 1953. Membership reached a peak of 122 the following year. Despite pressures, Current points out, the branch now has a membership of 82.

Before leaving the wounded man, the NAACP spokesman assured him that the Association would take care of his hospital and medical bills and give him such other assistance as he may need to get back on his feet.

Current also stopped in Memphis to talk to C. E. Piper, the agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in that area. At least one of the FBI agents sent to investigate the case, the NAACP was later informed, was a Fississippi Delta man.

"Unless the FBI sends agents in from the outside who will diligently investigate the case and the tie-up between the murder of Rev. Lee and the assault upon Courts with the Conspiracy to deprive Negroes of their right to vote, this latest incident will result in another frustrated investigation and glorified white-wash," Current charged.

Opposition Raised To Plan For Scuttling Virginia Public Schools

RICHMOND, Va. — Spokesmen of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People joined representatives of other liberal groups in opposing a recommendation of a special Virginia legislative commission which would permit payment of tuition for instruction in segregated private schools.

Before voting on the recommendation, the Legislature held a two-day hearing, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, to give both sides an opportunity to present their views. If, as now seems likely, the Legislature approves the recommendation at this special session, a bill will be presented calling for a state-wide referendum on the issue of holding a convention to amend the Virginia Constitution to permit payment of tuition for attendance at private schools.

Dr. E. B. Henderson, president of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP expressed the "fervent hope that statesmen of the 20th Century now governing Virginia will not vote to retard public education which undoubtedly is the bulwark of our modern civilization."

Dr. Henderson reviewed the history of public education in Va., and indicated that the public school system, though first proposed by Thomas Jefferson, was not firmly established on a statewide basis until the Reconstruction period, 1869-1878.

The commission's proposal was branded "illegal" by Oliver W. Hill, of the NAACP legal staff in Virginia. "The actions presently urged upon you by persons, many of whom are racial fanatics, is predicted upon superstitions and myths having no basis in reality or fact," he asserted.

"If you succumb to the hue and cry raised in certain quarters of the Commonwealth by those who have no faith in democracy, public education or anything else that makes democracy meaningful to the ordinary person," he told the legislators, "then you will have cast the die characterizing yourselves as petty politicians."

NAACP To Press Issue Of Jim Crow Delegates At White House Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has notified the White House Conference on Education that he intends to pursue further the question he raised at the opening session of the three-day conference which closed here today.

Despite efforts to avert any discussion of the explosive issue of segregation, the NAACP representative succeeded in raising the issue by questioning the legality of payment of travel expenses to delegates representing "states which by acts of their legislatures are in defiance of the Supreme Court's ruling on school segregation."

The matter was referred to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare whose general counsel, Parke M. Banta, ruled that travel costs could be paid to "official delegates to the White House Conference from states which have announced that they will not comply with the Supreme Court's ruling on segregation."

Protesting this ruling, Mitchell pointed out that his question specifically mentioned states which had taken legislative action to prevent desegregation as North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, all of which he charged, "have acted to defy the Government of the United States."

In a letter to Clint Pace, director of the Committee for the White House Conference on Education, Mitchell inquired whether Banta had read "any of the state legislation referred to before making" his ruling. He asked for the complete text of the Banta ruling "because further action will be taken on the question" of payment of travel ex-

penses to delegates from states whose legislatures have passed laws in defiance of the Supreme desegregation order.

Thurgood And Wilkins Attend Education Talks

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Roy Wilkins and Thurgood Marshall, executive secretary and special counsel, respectively, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, participated, as members of the official New York State delegation, in the three-day White House Conference on Education which closed here today. Also attending the conference as an NAACP representative was Clarence Mitchell, director of the Association's Washington bureau.

The 2,000 delegates spent the three days discussing in small groups a variety of current school problems such as finance, educational standards, the teacher shortage, need for new construction, and other issues. There was no planned discussion of the vital issue of segregation in the public schools.

School Paper Project Launched

CHAPEL HILL — The Lincoln High School "Echo" staff launched one of its projects for the current year on November 23. A photo contest is now in progress to help defray the expense of printing the school paper which is published every six weeks by the students. A prize will be given to the person who enters the most unusual picture. Anyone may enter for the fee of twenty five cents per picture. Entries may be made in person or mailed to Photo Contest, Lincoln High School, Chapel Hill. Crown and Scepter Club

The Lincoln High Chapter of the Crown and Scepter Club held its installation ceremony last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium. Herman Burchett, President, presided. The new members installed were Joseph Burnett and Mary Mason, both members of the present Junior class. Joseph is the third boy to make the club since its establishment at Lincoln three years ago. Other members are Shirley Blacknell, Malissa Farrington, Herman Burchett and Ida Battle. E. D. Lowery is advisor for the group.

**NFA On The Air**  
The New Farmers of America, with President Hilliard Caldwell in charge, presented a thirty minute radio program over station WRSC in Durham last Saturday. The program was about the chapter's program or work for the current school year. Appearing on the program were Harold Corbett, Richard Fikes, Johnny Pureroy and Mr. R. D. Smith, Chapter advisor.

**To Study Family Life**  
A special course for boys and girls of the upper grades of the high school is offered this year for the first time in the history of Lincoln High School. The course, "Preparation for Marriage and Family Life" is recommended for senior boys and girls. The students will get experience in buying foods, planning nutritious meals, and

Other phases of the course will cover budgeting, planning and decorating the home, and ways to build happy relationship in married life, such as appreciation and respect for the rights and privileges of other members of the family.

The course aims to help the students to prepare for finer living, according to Miss R. P. Pope, instructor. She stated further that the students will go on field trips, to the markets, and will hear from men and women of professions related to the area of study.

Yule Pageant Slated Sunday At Bennett

GREENSBORO — The traditional presentation of the "Living Madonnas" annual Christmas pageant, will be held at Bennett College on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel. This year, in addition to recreating some of the world's masterpieces depicting scenes at the time of the birth of the Christ Child, there will be portrayals of paintings done by some of the college's art students, showing their conception of the Virgin Birth.

After reading and discussing various Biblical passages dealing with The Nativity, with their instructor, Oliver W. Agee, the students then created on canvas their interpretations. Among the students whose work will be shown are Julia Rearden, junior, of Edgefield, S. C.; Margarie

Maya, sophomore of Greensboro; Thelma Culbreth, senior of New York City; Alice Baggett, junior of Pelham, N. C.; and Ruth A. Johnson, junior of Metairie.

Music for the production will be provided by the Senior Choir, directed by Miss Mary J. Moore, and there will be narration by Miss Julia McCain, junior of Grady, Ala., and a speech ensemble. Mrs. Louise G. Street is chairman of the committee in charge of this year's production.

SINGER TURNS DOWN 50 G's FOR CHURCH

NEW YORK — Joyce Bryant will lose \$50,000 in her current bookings for making that momentous decision to return to her early religious teachings—the 7th Day Adventist. Joyce will do missionary work after she prepares herself at the Oakville College in Huntsville, Ala.—the Church's school for Negro de-sceps.

The volatile singer has been averaging about \$3,500 weekly. To clear the deck so to speak and report to Alabama as quickly as possible, Joyce is canceling out eight weeks at Las Vegas—four each at the New Frontiers and the Riviera at \$6,250 plus two weeks at the Sans Souci, Miami Beach.

Called a "mixed-up kid" by many who knew her closely, Joyce is said to have objected to working Friday nights which the 7th Day Adventists observe as the Sabbath Day and also to wearing the revealing gowns and doing the sexy numbers she did.

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