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### PANORAMIC SCENE FROM A. M. E. CONVENTION IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

Here is a panoramic view of one of the sessions of the 35th Quadrennial of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which is underway in Miami, Florida. The scene was taken in the spacious Dinner Key auditorium, reputed to be one of the largest in the South. Some 10,000 persons are estimated to be in attendance at the conference. Among the issues the conference will take up is one involving the eight year plan, by which each Bishop of the church rotates after eight years. L. E. Austin, publisher of the TIMES, is attending the sessions and will report each week on the vital issues taken up by the conference.

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Scenes from the Sixth District meeting of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity held in Charlotte recently are shown here. The meeting attracted the largest number of delegates for such a session. At left, H. Carl Moultrie, (left) present plaque to J. A. Grimes, dean of men at Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte for the dean's outstanding contributions in leadership and inspiration to young men. At right, Dr. Dewey M. Duckett of Rock Hill, South Carolina presents first prize in the Omega sponsored talent hunt to Doris Jean Duncan of Asheville, winner in the sixth district. Looking on are Alvin Damon, Winston-Salem, and Oliver Thompson, Columbia, South Carolina, third and second place winners, respectively.

## Thurgood To Speak In Raleigh Sunday

### Fighting Fund For Freedom Rally Slated

By J. B. Harren RALEIGH

What is heralded as one of the most important NAACP mass meetings to be staged in Tarheel is being looked forward to with much anxiety by state and local NAACP officials and members throughout the state as Sunday, May 13th approaches.

The occasion is the state-wide NAACP Fighting Fund For Freedom (4-F) rally which, this year, will feature none other than "Ms. Civil Rights" herself—the honorable Thurgood Marshall—from "up South in Baltimore."

The time and place of the meeting which is expected to draw several thousand freedom-seeking people from throughout the state, will be the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 3 P.M. Sunday. Music for the occasion will be by the noted St. James Baptist Church Gospel Choir of Rocky Mount. Wm. T. Grimes, minister of music at the church, will be directing. Accompanists are Mesdames Roerta D. Bailey and Ruth E. McLaurin. This choir has twice previously rendered music for Raleigh NAACP meetings and has received much favorable comment.

State NAACP president Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte and State Field Secretary Charles (Continued on Page Eight)

### Seats For Race In Grandstand, Jim Crow Style

KINSTON

Negroes can watch any ball game from the grandstand at the local park here. But the grandstand section which they can occupy is segregated.

In a special session, the commission which controls use of Grainger stadium, home of the Kinston Eagles, voted to allow Negroes to use a special section of the grandstand next to the bleacher section now used by Negroes.

Previously Negroes were not permitted to use any part of the grandstand. And it is believed that no other park in the state allows Negroes to use any part of the grandstand.

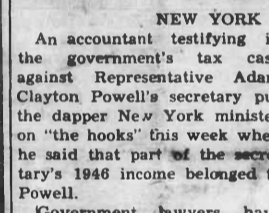
The new policy was scheduled to go into effect at Wednesday night's game. Kinston was scheduled to play Wilson.

In Wilson last week, a group of Negroes seeking admittance to a game were barred from the grandstand. Among them was a member of the city's commissioners, Dr. G. K. Butterfield.

Dr. Butterfield subsequently told the TIMES he expected that a seating policy would be worked out soon in a meeting between city and park officials.

The action to admit Negroes to the grandstand in Kinston came after an appeal by members of a city interracial committee.

## Adam Powell On 'The Hook'



REP. ADAM C. POWELL

NEW YORK

An accountant testifying in the government's tax case against Representative Adam Clayton Powell's secretary put the dapper New York minister on "the hook" this week when he said that part of the secretary's 1946 income belonged to Powell.

Government lawyers have called this a "kickback."

Powell's secretary, Mrs. Hattie Freeman Dodson and her husband, Howard, are on trial in Federal court here on charges of falsifying income tax returns between 1948 and 1951.

Accountant Joseph E. Ford, testifying last Tuesday during the trial, said that Mrs. Dodson told him that her 1946 income belonged to the Congressman. It amounted to \$3,875.

Ford testified that he helped Mrs. Dodson prepare her 1946 tax return. He said Mrs. Dodson wanted to list her income as congressional secretary under the maiden name and separate from her joint return with her husband.

Ford said he advised her that he would have to prepare an amended return, and he said she told him to hold it up for a while because she wanted to talk to someone about it.

Later, Ford testified, she said she had spoken to someone and that was the way she wanted her tax filed. Ford said she told him she had spoken to Congressman Powell and then told him she wanted her tax report filed in her maiden name.

Ford said he warned her that it was wrong, and then she told him the money did not belong to her and she didn't want to mix it with her income. She said she would only get the refund. She said the money belonged to the Congressman.

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## Durham Students Counseled In Job Opportunities By Kappa Men

Approximately 500 boys and girls of Durham and Durham County were given specific information concerning job opportunities in various fields during the Annual Guide Right Program of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which closed Thursday, May 3. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa and Durham Chapters of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the local activities were a part of the National Guide Right Program, which is conducted throughout the country in order to assist youths in

Guide Right activities began with a "consecration service" on April 22, at the Mount Ver-

non Baptist Church, when Rev. Herman L. Counts, a member of the fraternity and professor of theology at Johnson C. Smith University, delivered the sermon. Also appearing on the program was Frank Howard Alston, Polemarch of the Durham Alumni Chapter, who acquainted the audience with the history and meaning of Guide Right.

The guidance features of the observance began with the sending of questionnaires to students at Merrick-Moore, Little River, and Hillside High Schools in order to ascertain their vocal preferences. The fraternity's steering committee then ar-

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## Battle May Face Fight For Elks' Top Post

By J. B. Harren TARBORO

This Edgecombe County seat and the neighboring all-Negro town of Princeville, just across Tar river, will be hosts to the 36th annual Convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, May 20 through 24. Sessions of the convention will be held at the St. Paul and Union Baptist churches, the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion church and the Riverview Elks home on Edgecombe ave.

Theodore Giles, exalted ruler of the Riverview lodge and Mrs. Janie Fetway, representing Daughter-Elks, are making last minute preparations to insure the success of the convention which met here eight years ago. Other key local officials active in the program are Nat Gray, Grand Officer J. A. Mebane and Addie A. Lawrence.

Much interest centers around

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## All Bishops To Move; Race On For Vacancies

MIAMI, Fla.

What bishop will preside over the second episcopal district of the A.M.E. church for the next term could not be answered here late Wednesday as candidates for the bishopric and other elective officers began campaigning with fevered heat in the closing days of the church's 35th Quadrennial.

Wednesday morning saw the presentation of a budget by the Brotherhood, an organization composed entirely of ministers of the church. Conference regulations require that all legislation presented for adoption be read three times before being voted on, and delegates sat patiently while this most important document was read.

Contained in it are appropriations for all departments of the church and a minimum salary of \$3,000 a year for full time pastors. It is predicted that the

budget will be adopted following the third reading to be completed Wednesday morning.

Balloting for the five vacancies for the bishopric is expected to get underway Wednesday afternoon with one of them to be a native of Africa. Highlighting the conference this week were addressed Tuesday by Thurgood Marshall, chief legal defense counsel for the NAACP, and Dr. Archibald J. Carey, noted minister, lawyer and United Nations representative.

The conference voted to move every bishop this year. It was not determined late Wednesday just what bishop would be moved to the second district.

Bishops Frank M. Reid and Frederick D. Jordan are the first choices of delegates from the Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences. But, an interpretation of the church law to the

effect that any bishop who has served even one or two conferences within a district may be moved. Bishop Reid is serving the unexpired term of the late bishop L. I. Hemingway of the second episcopal district.

Approximately 100 are in the field for the bishopric, with hundreds of others campaigning equally as hard for lesser offices.

One issue creating considerable discussion among delegates of the second episcopal district is to the effect that educational funds collected in the Baltimore and Washington conference for Kittrell College during the past two years have been withheld from the school by bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding prelate of the two conferences, with the exception of \$4,000 which bishop Nichols told a representative of the TIMES he turned over to

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## Boycott Leader To Speak In N. Y.

NEW YORK

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Montgomery protest movement, will be one of the principal speakers at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., May 17th, at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. It is the second affair given by the Legal Defense Fund in observance of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public education.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize winner, is chairman of the dinner committee. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP and Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, are scheduled to give progress reports.

## Bishop H. B. Shaw's Speech Draws Ire Of AMEZ Group

PITTSBURGH, Pa.

A move to repeal a law which automatically retires bishops and a statement by Bishop Herbert B. Shaw of Wilmington, N. C. which stirred the wrath of delegates to this 35th quadrennial session of the AMEZ General Conference were just two of the sparks which have enlivened the church's meeting which opened here last week.

Sudden illness and death also struck at the conference last week, claiming the life of Rev. L. S. Blackledge, presiding elder of an Alabama district, and hospitalizing Rev. M. P. Sawyer, pastor of the Trinity church of Greensboro.

Rev. Sawyer, stricken as he slept last Monday, was rushed

to Montefiore hospital where his condition improved, and late reports indicated that he would be released in a few days.

Delegates had hardly settled in their seats on the opening day of the conference, May 2, when a well planned move to circumvent the law of retiring bishops was brought to the floor.

The Rev. J. R. Funderburk of Southern Pines, N. C. introduced a resolution calling for the convention to repeal present rules requiring automatic retirement and asked the body to vote to retain Bishops W. C. Brown and W. S. Slade for another four years.

The resolution threw the conference into an uproar which

did not subside until an effort by presiding Bishop R. L. Jones to get a vote on it failed. Rev. Funderburk withdrew the resolution the following day, but proponents of the move did not relent, and succeeded in getting bishops Brown and Slade re-elected for another term.

Bishop Shaw's statements concerning the integrity of the Negro church and which was picked up by the major press services, drew the fire of a majority of the delegates who felt that the statement could only be used as ammunition for foes of integration and would place the denomination in a bad light.

Bishop Shaw had reportedly said that the Negro church was

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## CANDIDATES IN THE EAST

These three men will be seeking offices in the eastern section of North Carolina in the May 26 primary. At left is Augustus Coe-field, Weldon undertaker, who is running for the State Senate from the fourth district. Center is Dr. Salter J. Cochrane, who is seeking election to the Halifax County Board of Education. Dr. Cochrane, a practicing physical of Weldon, is a Korean War veteran. At right is Dr. J. A. Tinsley, is running for a seat on the County Commissioners of Halifax. He has practiced in the county for over 40 years.