

Birmingham Race Leader to Keynote Louisville Civil Rights Rally

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, famed leader of the Birmingham freedom fight, will speak here May 22 at a rally for civil rights and civil liberties.

He will appear at West Chestnut Street Baptist Church under auspices of a committee of leading

citizens. The meeting will be co-ordinated by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Educational Fund, of which Mr. Shuttlesworth is a board member.

Co-chairmen for the rally are Dr. M. M. D. Perdue, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church and public relations chairman of the up-

state work for civil rights and civil liberties in Louisville. Another aim will be to rally support for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, of which Shuttlesworth is president.

The ACMHR is sponsoring a bus protest and other civil-rights actions in Birmingham. Shuttlesworth himself is under sentence for his part in the movement, and recently the Rev. Calvin Woods was sentenced to six months in jail for urging his congregation to stay off segregated busses. Both are appealing to the higher courts.



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Haitian Officials Fear Revolt In Cuba May Upset Their Regime

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — Haitian President Duvalier felt the impact of neighbor Fidel Castro's powerful leadership when seven Haitian revolutionists escaped to Castro's arms via a plane which took off in another direction but landed in Santiago, Cuba, with one pilot dead and another under gunpoint.

Haitian rebels, spurred on by Cuban winners, have particularly disliked the latest move of Duvalier, cancelling all exit visas for natives in an effort to prevent them from joining forces with the Cubans. It is Duvalier's greatest fear that such a force would cause him unending trouble.

However, Duvalier officials, sharp as they are, were caught napping when the seven courageous rebels boarded a plane with 31 persons aboard and took off from the capital. The escape was so carefully planned, neither military or civilian travelers knew what was going on until they were caught in the trap.

The pilot was shot when he refused to fly them to Santiago, off his course. The plane was due for a short flight to another part of Haiti, 170 miles southeast of San-

tiago. Waiting for their chance, the rebels expect this move to be the spark to stir more rebels into action in long-suffering Haiti. Most important, their greatest aim is to gain sympathy from the "outside" world—namely the USA. For with refuge from Cuba and understanding from America, the Haitians hope their plight will soon be known and justice given.

However, President Duvalier meanwhile sits and ponders his next move—whether to publicly demand return of the seven revolutionists—or to allow their escape to seem a victory while other fronts are strengthened.

Close sources reveal the President, worried over an invasion, is taking every precaution to keep control. Stopping exit visas was just one of his many devices.

His main opposition is Louis DeJoie, Haitian leader who lost the presidential election in '57 and has set up headquarters in Cuba to fight the present government. All rebels getting to Cuba are befriended by DeJoie.

Ministers, Wives Enjoy Holiday In Reidsville

Reidsville — Outstanding among the social events of the Easter season, was the Easter Monday Night "Fun Night," when members of the Ministers' Wives Alliance of the city entertained their husbands. The party was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W.E. Hairston, 1000 Lyle Street.

The entire evening was over to the playing of games, directed by Mrs. E.L. Kirby, assisted by Rev. Kirby. Mrs. Kirby brought greetings to the Ministers, and expressed pleasure over their presence for this unusual evening. Mrs. Artis Owens, also brought greetings.

At the close of the game-playing period, a most delicious buffet dinner was served by the Ministers' Wives.

As departure time drew near, Rev. Hairston, President of the Ministerial Alliance, made remarks. The newest-comer to the City of Reidsville, Dr. G. Caldwell, Pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, spoke in behalf of the Ministers' Alliance when he expressed appreciation to the wives for the enjoyable evening.

Attending were the following Ministers and their wives: the A.D. Logans, A.D. Owens, E.L. Kirbys, W.E. Hairstons, F.T. Byrds, W.T. Lomaxes, G. Haven Caldwells, M.L. Lamberts, E. Jeffries, W. Corbetts, Harvey Dingles, A.S. Anderson.

Durham's Jehovah Witnesses To Send 33 to Circuit Meeting

O. M. Stokes, presiding minister of the Durham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses said today 33 delegates from Durham will attend the three-day circuit assembly in Greensboro the weekend of April 17-19. More than 600 witnesses from 22 congregations in North Carolina and Virginia are expected.

Stokes pointed out that in this nuclear space age the only hope for distressed mankind is the good news of God's established Kingdom under Christ and that true Christians must teach this. This puts each witness in the role of a teacher, he said. Accordingly, a theme of this assembly in Greensboro is: "Be a Teacher of the Good News."

The meeting will be held at the A. B. A. Club, 1230 Julian Street. Session will begin Friday evening, April 17, at 6:45 and continue through Sunday, April 19, until 6 p.m. The program will give Je-

hovah's Witnesses three days of advanced ministerial training and will include the problems of teaching and how to overcome them.

O. M. Stokes, who will head the local delegation, will address the assembly on Sunday.

The climax of this three-day seminar will be a public talk by James A. Thompson, Jr., district supervisor, on the subject, "A Paradise Earth Through God's Kingdom."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Court Decisions Purifying U. S. Law

ROME, Italy—Decisions of the United States Supreme Court since 1940 "mean that there is no place for racial segregation and discrimination in the fundamental law of the United States," Robert L. Carter, general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told delegates attending the second World Congress of Negro Writers and Artists.

The six-day congress which closed here on March 31 was attended by 250 delegates from 33 countries. Among the delegates was James W. Ivy, editor of "The Crisis," NAACP monthly organ.

"The task of implementing and translating into reality the Court's

holdings," Carter said, "has not been and will not be easy. But equality without regard to race, creed, color or condition has been the high purpose of American democracy. Despite faltering and hesitation, the trend in American society has ever been forward towards that goal, and it should be remembered that the Negro himself has contributed significantly to this ever forward movement."

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Robinson Praises Sit-Down Strikers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Jackie Robinson, former baseball star, has praised the local NAACP youth council for starting a drive resulting in service to Negroes, on equal terms, in 46 local restaurants.

Robinson, a member of the Association's national Board of Directors, told the youngsters at a recent rally that, "your actions here have done much to strengthen American democracy at home as well as abroad."

Addressing the same NAACP Youth Freedom Fund rally, Herbert L. Wright, the Association's youth secretary, reported that similar anti-segregation measures are being carried out in Louisville, Ky., Maywood, Ill., and Baltimore, Md.

The Oklahoma City youngsters staged a "sitdown" strike campaign last July in local restaurants, drug and department stores refusing service to Negroes.

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