

Referees Proposed To Safeguard Vote Right

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GOALS FOR YEAR OUTLINED

Chain To Set Up Credit Union For Aiding Small Businesses

Group Stresses Recruitment of New Businesses

The establishment of a Credit Union for small Negro businessmen and recruitment of new business not heretofore operated by Negroes in Durham are the major goals set by the Durham Business and Professional Chain for 1960.

These goals were unanimously adopted by the general membership monthly meeting which was held at the Algonquin Club on Fayetteville Street, Sunday, January 10, at 6 P. M., with Floyd B. McKissick presiding.

Other goals set by the Chain at its first meeting of the year were:

1. Inaugurate a program more effectively than the present "Trade Week" program.
2. Increase membership locally and nationally.
3. Determine how the Chain can help the small Negro businessman and to conduct a program designed to help increase the income of the small businessman.

Plans for establishing the Credit Union will be submitted by J. W. Hill of Durham Business College at the February Meeting of the Chain. The target date for establishing the Credit has been set for March 1.

The purpose of the credit union is to provide an instrument whereby members of the Chain may pool their resources in order that they may assist a member with certain problems during times of business crisis.

According to McKissick, President of the Chain, he has been contacted by representatives of several regional and local firms on the establishment of new Negro businesses, not heretofore operated by the Negro in Durham.

Included in these contacts were such businesses as a bowling alley, a small manufacturing firm, ladies wearing apparel, motel and others. A complete report on these will be submitted to the Chain members and general public.

The Durham Business Chain and Housewives League will hold its next monthly meeting on February 7 at 5 p. m. Algonquin Club, Fayetteville Street.

Joe Louis' Trip Boosts Cubans Drive to Get More U. S. Tourists

NEW YORK — After all the shooting was over and the streets cleared, Castro had a job on his hands convincing tourists that it was all ended and that Cuba was really a lovely tourists resort.

Americans couldn't forget the pictures where traitors were stood up on the street corner and shot to death with their hats on. They felt they might get accidentally shot by straying bullets meant for someone else.

Then Castro's bearded men had an idea - of forming a committee to publicize the fact that Havana is again the gay, exciting gambling joint it always was - just that it's "under new management."

One of the biggest boosters was



Gilford County last week was named "County of the Year" in the North Carolina Rural Progress Campaign. These were among the leaders who spearheaded the campaign. They are from left to right: (seated) Joe Raleigh, Collins Grove and Mrs. Madge Alston, Mt. Tabor, both community leaders and standing, B. A. Hall and Mrs. Rosa T. Winchester, farm and home agent, respectively.

CALLED "HEARTENING"

Dropping of Color Bar by Rail Unions Draws Praise of NAACP

NEW YORK — The NAACP this week termed the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's scrapping of its color bar "a heartening reaffirmation of the American principle of equal opportunity for all."

NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins wired W. P. Kennedy, president of the Brotherhood, at the union's Cleveland convention site.

"The NAACP is 'gratified to read action taken by your convention delegates opening the way to membership in your organization to qualified workers irrespective of race,'" Wilkins said.

"We trust that it will be followed by early enrollment of Negro train men in your brotherhood."

"Further," Secretary Wilkins continued, "we hope that the example set by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will stimulate

action by other railway unions." The NAACP chief executive referred to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the "opration" railroad brotherhoods.

The continued exclusion of Negroes from the trainmen and firemen unions was one of the issues which precipitated a heated exchange between AFL-CIO President George Meany and a Philip Randolph at the federation's convention in San Francisco last September.

The two unions had been admitted to the AFL-CIO in 1958 on condition that they remove the color bar from their constitutions. At the convention, Randolph, the federation's only Negro vice president, said:

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REV. COBB
GUEST MINISTER — The Rev. Charles E. Cobb, native of Durham and now pastor of St. John's Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass., will be the guest minister at St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church on Sunday, January 31. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann, the minister of St. Joseph's, stated, "The Rev. Mr. Cobb is very active in the community life of Springfield. He is a member of the Board of Public Welfare. A former member of the A. M. E. Church, the Rev. Mr. Cobb has served the present congregation for nearly ten years."

Court Enjoins Norfolk CORE

NORFOLK — Virginia Circuit Judge Clyde H. Jacobs enjoined seven members of Norfolk CORE from picketing the Be-Lo Super Market. The injunction is effective ending daily since December 21 to end discrimination against hiring until March 20, 1960.

The CORE group had been picketing Negroes. CORE had also provided a car pool so that those who wished to shop in a store with a more democratic hiring policy could do so.

Disputes Would Be Settled by U. S. Authority

WASHINGTON — Plans were unfolded by the Eisenhower administration this week to provide referees to protect the voting rights of Negroes in state as well as national elections. Federal judges would be empowered to appoint the referees.

The plan was unveiled by Attorney General William P. Rogers as an alternative to federal registrars as recommended by the Civil Rights Commission.

Complaints that qualified Negroes are prevented from voting in many southern areas gave rise to both plans. Adoption of either plan would require action from Congress.

The Rogers plan would give federal authorities supervision over state as well as national elections but would rely on the registrars already appointed to do the actual registering of voters.

Certificates of eligibility to qualified persons could be issued by the federal referees. Elections officials denying them the right to vote thereafter would be subject to prosecution for contempt of court.

In some southern quarters both plans are opposed under the pretense that the U. S. Constitution gives states the sole power to determine if persons are qualified to vote.

The new proposal, now being referred to as the Rogers plan is said to meet the approval of John A. Hannah, chairman of the Civil Rights Commission.

Youth Talks Must Deal With School Issues

NEW YORK — Unless the program of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth is revised to deal adequately with the "all-pervading issue" of school segregation, the conference will "stultify itself," NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins warns in a letter dispatched today to Ephraim R. Goldberg, executive director of the conference.

The preliminary program for the conference provides for consideration of public school desegregation and "the myriad discrimination against Negro children," Wilkins' letter pointed out, "only in the most oblique fashion, and only the initiative of individual delegates in an insulated and extremely limited number of workgroups."

Moreover, the letter continues, "even if the topics be thoroughly discussed in the six workgroups handling 'Children and Youth of Minority Groups,' the organizational structure of the conference is such that at best a silver of a recommendation may wind up in the final document."

"It should be made plain to all forum and work ground leaders," Wilkins contends in the letter, "that discussion of the Negro angle must not be barred from their groups as something which is programmed for and confined to" the six workgroups with a total scheduled attendance of less than 200 out of several thousand delegates expected.

The conference, which will be held in Washington, March 27 - April 2, is the first such assembly since 1950, four years before the Supreme Court's anti-segregation decision was handed down.

Around that decision, the letter points out, "has raged one of this century's great debates. In terms of the sheer number of children and youth directly affected, it could hardly be outranked in importance."

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CAMPAGNING — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic candidate for President, admires a Humphrey campaign button worn by Duke Ellington, famous band leader. The two met in Milwaukee, Wis., recently. Mrs. Humphrey is at center.

MOTORISTS COMPLAINT ANSWERED Not Responsible for Rest Room Jim Crow, Standard Oil Says

LILLINGTON — A party of motorists who were refused rest room service after purchasing gasoline from an ESSO station here were told this week by a regional representative of the oil company that the firm has no control over operation of local gas stations.

"Virtually all of the 28,000 Esso stations are operated by independent businessmen, not by employees of Esso Standard."

"We have no legal control over what these Esso dealers do. You may be sure that this company does not advocate discrimination."

This was the written reply received by J. B. Harren and a group of motorists from J. Charles Williams, of Charlotte, of the Standard Oil Company's regional office. Harren and two others had written the regional office of standard oil company complaining of racial discrimination against them by a service station here earlier this month.

According to Harren, he and two women passengers drove up to the M. P. Crews Esso service station and purchased three dollars of gasoline after being assured by the attendant they could use the rest rooms.

When the women in the party headed for the rest rooms marked "women," a second attendant frantically ordered them to go around the back.

The women, who were simply identified by Harren as "school teachers," complied with his request and found segregated rest rooms at the rear of the one they had originally tried to enter.

Unaware of what had happened to the women, Harren said when he attempted to enter the rest room marked "men," he was ordered to go around the back where he found a rest room on the back side of the bus station with a fence separating the accommodations for the two races.

Harren said in addition two padlocks were hanging on the door on the room marked "colored men," and that when he complained to attendants, they replied: "We thought it was open; it was open yesterday."

Harren said further that when he and the women passengers questioned the attendant about the segregated rest rooms, one of them answered that there was nothing he could do about it.

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Urban Renewal Developers Must Follow Laws

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Purchasers of land in urban renewal areas in states and localities that have laws forbidding racial discrimination in housing will be put on official notice of their obligation to comply fully with such statutes, U. S. Housing Administrator Norman P. Mason announced this week.

This policy is contained in instructions being issued to Regional Offices of the Housing and Home Finance Agency by Urban Renewal Commissioner David M. Walker.

Under Walker's instructions local redevelopment agencies in states forbidding discrimination in housing because of race, creed, color, or national origin will present to prospective redevelopers a formal notice citing the applicable laws and stating further:

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New Yorker in Line for House Chairmanship

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The southern element of Congress, especially the House of Representatives, was thrown into a fright here late last week over the prospect of a Negro becoming chairman of the powerful House Education and Labor Committee.

This prospect became a real issue when present chairman of the committee, North Carolina's Graham Barden, announced late last week his intention to resign from Congress at the end of this year.

Barden's resignation will leave Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New York in line for the chairmanship according to seniority rules.

There were quick reactions from southerners immediately after Barden's announcement Friday. They ranged all the way from proposals to split the committee into two parts, giving Powell the labor half, to oblique attempts to discredit the New York Congressman.

Surprise Move

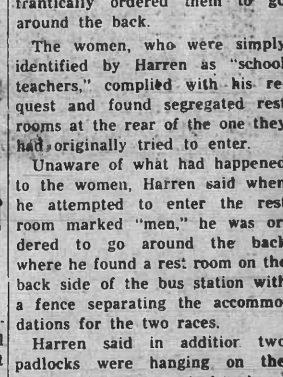
It appears that the North Carolina Congressman's announcement came as a surprise to southern Congressional leaders. No clear course of action was apparent in the hasty maneuverings and conferences among southerners on the matter.

The southerners are caught in a dilemma. If they contest Powell's right to succeed Barden openly, they are courting a reaction to the Democratic party at the polls in an election year.

On the other hand, if Powell gets the job, he could wield considerable influence on education bills before Congress.

Informed opinion here this week was that the fight against Powell will likely be carried on the back.

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Respects Jack Replacement

NEW YORK — As Hulan Jack awaits the verdict which may either force his resignation from his \$25,000 a year job as Borough President of Manhattan, or fully re-instate him with apologies, his office at City Hall goes unattended. His desk and chair are merely dusted and kept ready for a hopeful return.

Louis Cluff, Acting Borough President, has so much respect for his boss he says he "wouldn't think of using his office." He also commended him highly for past political activities. Cluff is an Italian bachelor-turning 48 — and put in Jack's spot because he was next in line. He's officially the Commissioner of Borough Works and a devoted public servant.

A product of Mayor LaGuardia's regime, Cluff was formerly a lawyer and has served for many years on the lower East side section where he was born. He insists he's never had mob support but is a favorite of Jack.

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Wheeler to Give African Report

The official family of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will present Attorney John M. Wheeler, Sunday night, January 31, Mr. Wheeler will give a travelogue of his recent South African trip. The program participants, as released by W. M. Grandy, chairman of the committee on arrangements, are: the Senior Choir of St. Joseph's Church, W. M. Bullock, H. M. Michaux, Sr., N. M. Bennett, Jr., D. E. Moore, Mrs. Margaret Goodwin and Miss Geneva Mahane.

Mrs. Dorothy Holmes will present an exhibition on Africa.