

# MRS. ROOSEVELT DECLINES BID

## CLERGY BACKING CIVIL RIGHTS DRIVE

### ASSAIL CHARGES OF RACE APATHY IN RIGHTS FIGHT

Selecting its secretary, the Rev. L. B. Russell, as its spokesman, the Ministerial Alliance of Vance and adjacent counties this week delivered a stinging rebuke to civil rights opponents who had been attempting to make political capital out of the relative silence of the state's Negro citizens and clergy on the subject.

Sharply denying the implied "lack of interest" the Alliance issued a three-page statement in which it deplored the "unnatural and altogether unwholesome disunity" which has afflicted the South since the first Negroes were brought to its shores.

Describing civil rights as "those essential rights of citizenship... which must belong in equal measure to all citizens," the group went emphatically on record as supporting Federal anti-lynch laws, and enactment of fair employment legislation and opposing compulsory or statutory segregation.

The text of the statement appears on page 1 of the second section. Fellow Citizens of America and of the Southland:

I have been chosen by the Ministerial Alliance of Vance and Adjacent Counties to make this public statement of the attitude of Negro citizens toward a legislative program which has been

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## ORGANIZE NEW RIGHTS BODY

### Heart Attack Fatal To Pastor

#### STUDENTS FREED IN SIGN POSTING FOR THIRD PARTY

RALEIGH — Edward Bennett, Jr., and Charles S. Logan, students at St. Augustine's college, were freed Tuesday by Judge Paul F. Smith who dismissed

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HEART ATTACK FATAL—The Rev. M. W. Williams, clergyman and civic leader who died early Tuesday morning from a heart attack. He was 64 years old at the time of his death. Story on this page.

#### HENDERSON WILL HEAD NEW NEGRO INTEREST LOBBY

The appointment effective August first, of Elmer W. Henderson, as Director of the newly-formed American Council on Human Rights was announced today by Mrs. Edna Over Gray, President of the Board

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FIRST NEGRO PRESIDENT—Dr. Robert P. Daniel, above, President of Shaw University, was elected president of the Association of Northern Baptist Educational Institutions at its annual meeting June 24-29 at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The association is composed of 63 institutions, of which 6 are Negro schools. Dr. Daniel, who succeeds Dr. George H. Armistead, President of the University of Redlands, California, is the first Negro to be elected to the office. He automatically becomes a member of the National Protestant Council on Higher Education.

#### REV. M. WILLIAMS FALLS VICTIM TO SUDDEN SEIZURE

RALEIGH — The Rev. M. W. Williams, well-known Raleigh civic leader and pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church of Wake County and the First Baptist Church of Franklinton, died early Tuesday morning of a heart attack at his home at 739 Fayetteville St.

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### Randolph Ready To Call Protest Strike on Draft

NEW YORK (ANP) — At a press conference held here Saturday at his union headquarters, A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, and chairman of the newly organized League for Non-Violent Civil Disobedience Against Military Segregation, said his group is planning a nation-wide campaign for non-compliance with the draft law, unless President Truman issues an executive order banning segregation in the army's setup.

In disclosing his campaign, Randolph said that the initial protest which began on Monday is to send field representatives throughout the country to establish contacts with both Negro and white youths in the draft age, urging them to join the civil disobedience movement.

"It may cost me my liberty but I feel that every march forward by mankind has been achieved at the cost of some suffering," Randolph said.

"I believe that the peacetime draft law — the enactment of this peacetime draft law with no provisions against the elimination of jim crowism in it, will set back the cause of civil rights 100 yards," he added.

COMMITTEE — The executive committee of the new group is composed of 13 members, and a coordinating committee of 43.

Pamphlets containing the "civil disobedience" pledge will be distributed for signatures, as well as lapel buttons saying "Don't Join A" (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

#### VA PUTS CLAMPS ON VET COURSES

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration last week eliminated dancing, photography, bartending and mixology (drink mixing) as GI training course for which it will foot the bill.

The agency also clamped the lid on free courses in personality development, entertainment, instrumental and vocal music, public speaking, sports and athletics.

VA will continue paying the customary subsistence allowance to veterans already enrolled until they complete their courses, but will authorize no new admissions under the GI (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

#### Baptist Groups Support Civil Rights Program

Cleveland (ANP) — Support of civil rights legislation at federal as well as local levels was resolved last week at the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union congress here.

The congress also resolved to raise membership fees for each Sunday School and BTU from \$6 to \$10, to send representatives to the World Youth Council 1949 meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, to select a permanent meeting place for the congress, and to take other actions.

In implementing its civil rights policy the conference voted to give active support to the proposal for an FEPC law in Cleveland promoted by Councilman Harry Jaffe and to ask all three parties to pledge and act to pass such legislation. Delegates also voted to send letters of condemnation to President Truman for his civil rights stand and to the U. S. Supreme court for its restrictive covenant decision.

The group proposed that the representation fee for member Sunday schools and BTUs be raised by a constitutional amendment from \$6 to \$10 because of the increase in expenses.

The Fraternal Council of Negro Churches of America, the Youth Council of the World Baptist alliance and the World Youth (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

#### Objects to 'Boy' Tag Storekeeper Slays Deputy and is Shot

HELENA, Ark. (ANP) — Because a white planter insisted on calling grown colored men "boys," one white deputy sheriff and one Negro storekeeper were killed here last week.

The storekeeper, Herman Dolphin, 22, while handcuffed, shot and killed Deputy Sheriff L. D. Weaver, and then was killed by Deputy Sheriff Clay Oliver.

According to Sheriff Ed Hickey the trouble began when a white planter, Milton Stewart, called some Negro men "boys" when he asked them to help him repair a trailer. The storekeeper told the planter there were no boys there and entered his store. The white man said he came out and threatened him, and he reported him to the sheriff.

The sheriff sent the two deputies to see the storekeeper. They then arrested Dolphin, whom they handcuffed. He reentered his store after asking them to let him go in to cut off his refrigerators.

When he came back out he started blasting. One of his bullets caught Weaver in the chest and killed him. Oliver then riddled him with a rifle and a shotgun.

#### \$250,000 Suit Charges Store Owner With Rape

Chicago (ANP) — A fantastic story of rape and sexual horror was told by a white divorcee to Chicago police last week as she filed suit for \$250,000 damages against a wealthy Negro furniture store operator in superior court.

Miss Helen Trepaic, 23, in this suit, accused Maurice Scott, 43, owner of the Maurice L. & S. Scott furniture warehouse on the near south side, of beating, attacking and torturing her for three days in his apartment.

Her suit, filed by Atty. J. W. Horwitz, claims that Scott forced her to go naked before his employees.

Scott and the two employees, Albert J. Brown, 24, and Frank Martin, 34, have already been indicted by a grand jury and are scheduled to appear before Chief Criminal Judge Cornelius J. Harrington this week.

Came To Store Furniture — According to the woman's story she first came up to Scott's firm to store her furniture after obtaining her divorce. She had broken up her apartment and gone to live with her parents.

When she dropped by the warehouse, Scott told her he had to pick up some of his furniture on the second floor which turned out to be his apartment.

There she saw a red haired woman who told her to submit to Scott in order to be treated well. After the other girl left, Miss Trepaic said, Scott beat her when she tried to leave, too.

### Mrs. FDR Will Not Run For V.-Pres. Or Other Office

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt gave a positive answer to the possibility of her running for vice president of the United States in the 1948 election.

Her answer came last week following a suggestion by Mrs. Clara Booth Luce that a Truman — Mrs. FDR ticket would be the Democratic Party's only hope for victory. President Truman had later stated that he would not mind having her as a running mate.

The question of Mrs. Roosevelt's candidacy came up after Mrs. Luce, former congresswoman and ardent Republican, wrote in a newspaper article that the President could capture the Negro vote from the Wallace Third Party only if Mrs. Roosevelt ran for vice president. Mrs. Luce said:

"She (Mrs. Roosevelt) is the only person in the party who could take back from Wallace the Negro vote, the labor vote, the underlying minority vote.

"There is because she is the only person in the party qualified to tear the Roosevelt mantle off Wallace and by sharing it with Truman, partially restore it to him. She would keep a strong lien on the vast pro-Roosevelt vote that still

remains in a nation where it became an article of faith that FDR, with all his faults, was for the poor man."

When asked about the article and its suggestion of Mrs. Roosevelt as his running mate, President Truman told reporters it would be all right. He said that he had not seen the story, however.

Miss Malvina Thompson, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, speaking for the former first lady, said that she had "no intention of running for public office at any time whatsoever."

### RUMOR REYNOLDS FOR TOP GOP POST

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Before the Negro Republican leaders left this convention city, they held a meeting among themselves to decide a program for the coming campaign. They were in agreement that one Negro should have a top post in the Dewey-Warren combo, with other Negroes scattered through the divisional headquarters.

Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia was the vast pro-Roosevelt vote that still

### Dewey Promises Fight For Rights Law If Elected

MY MARK HYMAN — Why Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York left Philadelphia Saturday at the Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States, he left behind him an open statement that, if elected, he will use all the powers of his office to enforce a strong civil rights measure.

A few minutes before his departure, Dewey met with a mixed committee which put the civil rights resolutions to him bluntly. Among the members of this committee were Edgar Brown, president of the National Negro Council, Perry Howard, National Republican committeeman for Mississippi; George W. Lee, delegate from Tennessee; C. B. Butler, of Mississippi, and secretary of the executive committee; R. C. Grant, delegate from Nashville; Mary Boze, of Mound Bayou, Miss., and only Negro committeewoman of the National Republican committee, and Corella Warfield, of Buchanan, W. Va., a member of the committee on arrangements.

This ended one of the most dramatic Republican conventions of all times and, indeed, one of the most hopeful for Negroes. There seemed

to have been an air of confidence and hope among many Negro delegates after Dewey's win, even though some of them were staunch Taft supporters. Admittedly they liked Dewey's record as Governor of New York and expressed profound hope that he would duplicate his record on a national scale when in the White House.

### NAACP Asks Royall Ouster

Kansas City, Mo. (ANP) — The NAACP passed a resolution calling for the resignation of Secy. of the Army Kenneth C. Royall for his anti-Negro policies and sentiments, last week at its annual meeting here.

In asking for Royall's resignation the association also attacked the other branches of the armed services for their policies toward Negroes.

Royall was criticized for various statements accredited to him declaring that he did not plan an integrated army. Policies of segregation in the armed forces were condemned.

### Girl Scouts Officials Defy Dixie Hate Mobs

NEW YORK — Despite the invasion of a Girl Scouts training camp near Bessemer, Ala., on June 11 by a band of masked and robed men, officials of the organization refused to be intimidated, it was learned this week, when they announced that they would continue to conduct training centers of the kind throughout the country.

The camp was ordered broken up by the men after two white women instructors had been searched and

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### Draft To Drop Quota System

Washington (ANP) — The quota system of admitting men into the army will probably be dropped under the administration of the new draft law. Secy. of the Army Kenneth C. Royall revealed last week in a press conference.

Royall said that although no definite decision had been made on the quota system, he knew that there would be no reference made to race in selecting men for the peace time conscription army.

This action would be a reversal of the policy followed during World War II which limited the number of Negroes in the army to 10 percent to correspond with the percentage of Negroes in the total population.