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THREAT TO PARTY CHANCES SEEN IN ROW OVER RIGHTS

By JOE SHEPHARD

A strife-ridden and shaky Democratic Party went into national convention this week confronted by the most serious threat to its continued ascendancy which has faced it in nearly a generation.

Despite trumpeted calls for party unity and solidarity by Keynoter Alben Barkley and former Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, the greatest dangers to rest within the party rather than continued Democratic rule still from the opposition.

The key figure, about whose utterances and policies developed first friction, then dissention and finally, downright opposition within his own party is the party's chief and standard bearer, President Harry S. Truman.

Snatched suddenly from the relative obscurity and calm of the Vice-Presidential spot to fill the over-sized shoes of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt during a period of extreme national emergency, Truman's popularity has fluctuated with an almost weather-like uncertainty during the years he has served as President.

Rights Issue To Fore

In addition to the problems of the late war years, reconversion, and of permanent peace, the former Missouri Haberdasher found himself beset by a host of serious, highly controversial and poten-

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FIRST ANGELICAN BISHOP—History was made at Canterbury Cathedral in England when the primate consecrated the first colored bishop ever to be installed in the mother church of the Anglican communion. He is the Rev. Percy John Jones, a West African who is the assistant bishop of Sierra Leone. Photo shows the Archbishop of Canterbury with Rev. Jones after the ceremony at Canterbury. (ANP)

BISHOP DAVIS IN $5,000 SUIT

YMCA Begins Member Campaign

Y DRIVE LEADERS NAMED, GOAL SET AT 1000 MEMBERS

RALEIGH — J. W. Eaton, principal of the Lucille Hunter Public School [illegible] en named general chairman [illegible] Joseph I. Stredwick, manager Harris Barber College has been chosen campaign director of the Bloodworth Street YMCA Thurs

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Bishop H. T. Medford, newly elected official of the AME Zion Conference for the 12 h District comprising the foreign conferences of the church including West Africa, has been appointed to superintend the Albemarle and Virginia Confer-

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M. H. DAVIS SUED BY BALTO. ATTY. FOR LEGAL FEES

BALTIMORE (ANP) — Bishop Monroe H. Davis is no longer presiding over the second Episcopal District but he is still plagued by suits even though located in Mississippi. The $5,235 suit entered in court here July 6 was based, of course, on an old case.

Instituted by a Baltimore attorney, the petition charges the African Methodist Episcopal bishop veteran in court litigation, with failure to pay fees charged for legal services in several cases involving the prelate.

Josiah F. Henry, Jr., the attorney, said in his suit presented here that he defended Bishop Davis before the Federal court and ecclesiastical bodies of the AME church on charges of embezzlement and fraudulent use of church funds.

The lawyer also said he represented the bishop before ecclesiastical bodies and the federal court

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Civil Rights Plank Urged As Democrats Organize Platform

Philadelphia — Endorsement of the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights by the National Democratic Convention was urged today by Walter White, NAACP secretary, speaking before the convention's platform committee on behalf of 21 national Negro organizations with a combined membership of more than 6,000,000.

"We urge and insist", Mr. White told the committee, "that the platform of the 1948 Democratic convention endorse without equivocation the entire program of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and especially those provisions to suppress lynching and mob violence, to ban the poll tax as a voting requirement, to afford equality of job opportunity, and to abolish discrimination and segregation in the armed services, education and transportation."

Support Cited

Mr. White reminded the Democrats of the support which Negro voters have given that party and pointed out that "in reasonably close elections, these voters are a vital factor in some 75 congressional districts in at least 17 border and northern states with a total of 295 electoral votes. In 1944, this vote was essential to the victory of the Democratic party."

In northern and border states,

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STATE DEPT. MUM ON NEW MINISTER FOR LANIER POST

Washington (ANP) — State Department officials as well as the President remain mum on the question of who is being considered as next minister to Liberia, as the termination of Dr. Raphael O'Hara Lanier's services in this capacity was officially announced.

On returning to this country after having served for two years as envoy extraordinary and minister plentipotentiary to Liberia, Dr. Lanier spent a week at the state department on consultant service before leaving Washington last Wednesday to take up his new duties as president of the Texas State university for Negroes.

During his stay here he had an opportunity to talk with President Truman which was reported as a very friendly and amiable visit. But the official na-

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Dr. Marshall Shepard Gives Invocation At Convention Session

The Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, U. S. Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia and pastor of the Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Church of Philadelphia delivered the invocation to open the Wednesday morning Session of the Democratic National Convention which was held in Convention Hall at Philadelphia.

Dr. Shepard succeeded Dr. William H. Thompkins as U. S. Recorder of Deeds upon the latter's death several years ago. The post is one which traditionally has been held by a Negro as a reward for political service since the days of Frederick Douglass.

NO SEGREGATION IN PROGRESSIVE PARTY PLATFORM

WASHINGTON (ANP) — A strong anti-jim crow plank was included in the new party platform made by the Washington committee for Wallace Wednesday.

The platform presented at the convention held in Washington Saturday, July 10, pointed out that racial discrimination is the most undemocratic situation existing in the District of Columbia.

"We demand the abolition by law of racial segregation in the public schools and recreation facilities, in all housing build, financed or loan-secured by the federal government, in the National Guard, in the hospitals, and in all other places of public accommodations, whether publicly or privately owned. We demand legal sanctions against discrimination in public or private employment on account of race, color, creed or national origin; and we call for a fair employment

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First WAVE Enlists In Regular U. S. Navy During D. C. Ceremony

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Miss Edna Earle Young, yeoman, second class, is the first Negro WAVE to be sworn into the regular navy. Miss Young was one of the six women who took the oath of enlistment at the navy department Wednesday administered by Rear Adm. Geo. L. Russell, judge advocate general.

Miss Young is a native of Springfield, and received her education at Technical High school and Bay Patch Institute of Commerce of that city.

She enlisted in the naval reserve in 1945 and received her recruit training at the naval center, Hunter college, New York.

She is currently on duty in the bureau of naval operations where she expects to remain.

In his welcoming remarks, Sec'y of Navy John L. Sullivan stated that the ceremony accepting the first six women into the regular navy marked a milestone in that department.

Although there are only 2,000 women in the WAVES today, Sullivan said, the navy hopes to enlist 6,500 within the next two years.

There are six Negro WAVES among the 2,000 who are on active duty now.

Civil Rights Would Mean Slavery Claim Va. Demos

RICHMOND (ANP) — By a peculiar twist of logic and slave psychology Virginia white Democrats see in the civil rights program for Negroes the enslavement of the white population. The logic is if Negroes enjoy civil rights, whites will be slaves.

This is the kind of appeal that white leaders made last week at the Virginia Democratic State convention. The keynote speaker assailed President Truman's civil rights program as a "hydra-headed federal bureaucracy leading the 48 states and their people into bondage."

The warning was uttered by W. Taylor Murphy, of Warsaw who added: "The illusion of additional civil rights is what the program offers. Control of the destiny of the American people is what the program seeks."

Though Virginia Democrats

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ALABAMA YOUTH GETS REPRIEVE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.— Scheduled for execution early today, Samuel Taylor, 20-year-old rape charge victim, was at the last moment granted a reprieve on order of Justice Wiley Rutledge of the United States Supreme Court.

Justice Rutledge issued his order to stay execution in response to an appeal by Frank Reeves, N. A. A. C. P. attorney in Washington.

Taylor's long fight to escape death in the electric chair followed conviction by an Alabama jury in Mobile on November 19, 1946. Arrested with three other Negro youths, he was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old white girl in the small south Alabama town of Prichard. Beaten and threatened by police, he confessed to the crime. Later he repudiated this confession.

The NAACP, through a local white attorney, Nesbit Elmore, undertook Taylor's defense appeal-

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Va. Schools May Equalize Schools In The State

RICHMOND (ANP) — Funds for a suit to compel Princess Anne County to equalize educational facilities for Negro and white children have been set aside by both the national NAACP office and the state conference here, it was revealed last week.

The NAACP has been ready for months to go into the courts to force a showdown on the nasty situation in the court, but hesitant Negro leaders in Princess Anne have continued to look to the school board, the supervisors and the efforts at two referendums on bond issues which were defeated in both instances.

A spokesman for the NAACP state conference said last week that victory is practically assured once the school equalization issue is carried to court in view of recent Federal court decisions on similar cases in which equal school facilities for the two races were ordered by the court.

An official canvas on the bond

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FELLOWSHIP WON BY SHAW STUDENT

RALEIGH—Dorothy Mills Cheek of Henderson, N. C., a 1946 graduate of Shaw University was among the 198 recipients of fellowships and scholarships awarded by the Graduate College of the University of Illinois for advanced study during the coming academic year. Miss Cheek has been granted a $700.00 scholarship in Education.

The awards are given to outstanding college graduates to help them finance further study, and are for the purpose of stimulating interest in advanced study, the principal aims of which are to develop the

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BUSINESS GROUP MEET READY FOR ATLANTIC CITY

Plans are now practically completed for the coming convention of the National Negro Business League, the National Real Estate Broker's Association and the National Housewives League, which will convene in Atlantic City, N. J. July 19th to 20th.

Attorney William A. Dart, president of the Atlantic City Board of Trade, aid general chairman of a four group preparatory committee has gone to great length with the hope that this year's convention of these national bodies will be a very great success.

John Harmon, executive secretary of the national body, has arranged a most interesting and instructive program. Many well known business men of both groups will participate in the various discussion and Mrs. C. M. Fuqua, president of the Housewives League, promises a program that will

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Negro Workers Barred Only Doctor Deserts Practice in Tenn. Town

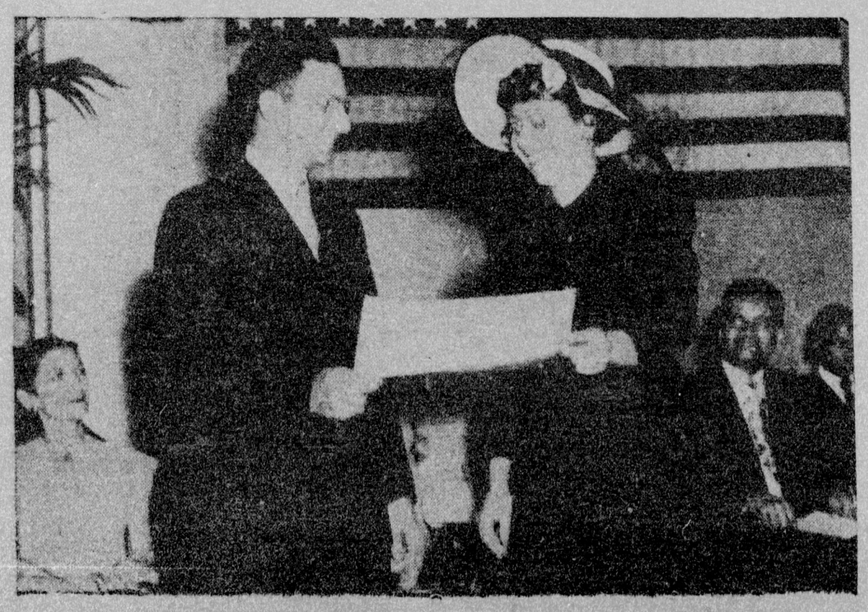
PALMER, Tenn. (ANP) — This East Tennesse coal mining community of 3,000 is without the benefit of medical protection, as of last Thursday because of the action of the only doctor in closing up his clinic and moving to the home of his mother near McRae, Ga.

Dr. Oscar H. Clements, 38, white, moved his family from Palmer and stored his clinical equipment at Chattanooga, after having practiced here for the last 14 years. His moving was in protest against racial discrimination that recently denied Negroes the right to work on his new home.

Accordingto Clements, his construction foreman told him that five men came to the house site after the foundation had been laid and warned four Negro bricklayers from Chattanooga not to begin work. The foreman, Joe Creighton, said one of the five told the bricklayers, "We won't even allow Negroes to come into Grundy county, much less work here." The bricklayers had been imported because there were no local workrs available.

The townspeople want the doctor to return, but are unanimous in saying that Negroes are forbidden to work in Palmer because of racial discrimination. Deputy Sheriff Jim Dickerson at Tracy City investigated the report, but says he would take no action. "There may be one or two Negroes in the county, but I'm not sure."

Grundy is listed as having 11,522 residents.



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Martin Katzman of Berkley, Cal., receiving the certificate award for the $500 Alma Wells Givens scholarship of the Women's auxiliary to the National Medical association. Mr. Katzman is pictured with Mrs. LeCount Matthews of Washington who served as proxy for Mrs. Givens, organizer of the women's auxiliary, and for Mrs. Wilbur E. Pannell, chairman of the Alma Wells Givens Scholarship fund. (ANP)

GOP Congress' Failure On Rights Bill Rapped

NEW YORK — Not a single major Civil Rights recommendation has been adopted by the 80th Congress and that administration has failed to take any measures to implement the Committees report, an analysis of the legislative status of the major recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and the 1944 Republican Party platform has revealed.

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EIGHT DROWN AS BOAT CAPSIZES

Rosedale, La. (ANP) — While enjoying a night of boating during Fourth of July weekend, eight persons were drowned when their power boat capsized in the Atchafalaya river spillway at Ramah, three miles west of Rosedale.

Sheriff C. A. Griffin said that the dead included two children and two women. The victims were from Baton Rouge.

The riders drowned when the boat, ferrying them across the half mile spillway, overturned in the middle of the river. All the passengers, drowned before help could be provided.

According to the sheriff, the boat was overcrowded. It was only 12 feet long and was run by an outboard motor.

Jimcrow Forces White Students To Abandon School Building Plan

EDGEFIELD, S. C. (ANP) — Because white residents of the community objected to the intermixing of white and Negro students at Bettis academy, 28 white students were forced to give up their plan to helping to build a new wing on one of the school dormitories. The group, consisting of 22 girls and six boys, came to the junior college last month from the American Friends Service committee, Philadelphia, but left the school Thursday without accomplishing their announced purpose.

Acording to Clements, his construction foreman told him that the white youths, ranging upward in age from 15 years, had been staying at the academy; and asked that they be made to leave. He and Sheriff Price Fallow of Aiken county made four trips to the school and urged the group to leave "because you are wrong place and it would be best to get out.'"

White said he did not try to invoke the state law which forbids mixing of the races at meals or in living quarters. He said that the school, a private institution straddling both Edgefield and Aiken counties, passed out pamphlets advocating that all races spend summer vacations together.