

# THE CAROLINIAN

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## Gov. Hastie Urges "Color Blind" Rule

LOS ANGELES — Government must be color blind and until government becomes color blind it will remain false to the fundamental principles of our republic and in defiance of the basic law of the nation," Governor William H. Hastie declared last week.

The V. I. Chief Executive spoke at the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which closed here Sunday.

The speaker outlined the government's responsibility for civil rights. "Every public officer in every official act is obligated to respect and be guided by the Constitution of the United States," he said.

"He is bound by the principles of fairness and justice which are a part of our fundamental law. It is his duty to respect the conception of human equality which is the very essence of our national political creed.

"His office in various ways, large or small, can be used to help our community toward becoming a so-

ciety of free men with equality of status and equality of opportunity for all. It is his solemn duty to use it."

Reviewing recent loyalty probes, Governor Hastie said that it was difficult to conduct such investigations without doing serious injury to many innocent persons and without serious infringement of the essential liberties of a free people.

He protested against the attempt to label as "subversive" persons who maintain social friendships across color lines. Citing examples of the kind of questions asked by federal agents, he charged that in many instances it was an attempt to identify friendships with Negroes as a subversive activity.

"As a proponent of Americanism, I resent such assumption of superiority of communism. But beyond that, timid persons are being frightened so that they will not risk association with Negroes. The notion has gotten abroad that government frowns upon such association."

## FIGHT ON HOUSING BIAS TO CONTINUE

LOS ANGELES — Northern congressmen who joined southerners in rejecting non-segregation amendments to the new housing law were accused of "tacit subversion" of the Constitution by Loren Miller, Los Angeles attorney, in an address on "Housing for all Americans" at the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here last week.

In defeating these amendments "northern senators and representatives professed to do so out of fear that adoption of such amendments would lead to the defeat of all housing legislation," Mr. Miller said.

The South had made that threat. Its attitude is familiar and its long success in thus blackmailing the rest of the nation into acceding to its racial policies had made it confident of success, confidence well placed in this instance. However, the well-meaning liberals who bowed to the South on this issue will find that they have affected no solution of the problem. What they have done is to acquiesce in a tacit subversion of the plain guarantees of the Constitution. We shall not join them in that betrayal. We will challenge in the courts the right of any public housing authority to require or impose residential segregation in any housing development built in whole or in part with federal funds."

Mr. Miller was one of the NAACP attorneys who won the Supreme Court decision of May, 1948, invalidating the enforcement of racial restrictive covenants by state or federal courts. He reviewed the long fight for freedom of residence and observed that the development of ghettos "was no accident. They are," he said, "the fruit of a consistently pursued policy."

## BANK DISCARDS RACIAL BIAS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Security First National Bank departed from its previous policy of hiring only white workers on its clerical staff. According to a release by a west coast newspaper, Geraldine Norman was hired as a bookkeeper and assigned to the Arlington and Jefferson Branch. However the appointment of John Fortune to the staff of the branch preceded this assignment.



TO WED IN AUGUST — Miss Elizabeth Louise Copeland above of Cleveland, Ohio will be married August 5 in Cleveland, Ohio to Robert Maceo White of High Point.

The bride-to-be attended South Carolina State College and is employed now at the American Bi-Focal Optical Company of Cleveland. She is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Agnes Copeland of the Buckeye State.

Mr. White is the son of The Rev. and Mrs. M. C. White of Kivett Drive here in High Point. Young Mr. White is aspiring to the ministry and is presently employed as clerk by the American Steel and Wire Co. of Cleveland. His mother, Mrs. M. C. White, will attend the wedding in Cleveland.

## BUILDINGS FOR PAYNE COLLEGE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Daniel Payne college will construct two new buildings for its campus this summer, college officials announced last week.

The new buildings will be a \$20,000 dormitory to accommodate 50 boys and a \$10,000 residence for Bishop Samuel L. Greene, presiding bishop of the Ninth A.M.E. district and chancellor of the college. A new home economics building has already been completed.



PRESIDENT — Dr. Russell A. Dixon is president of the National Dental Association which meets in Kansas City, Mo., August 8-12. Dr. Dixon is dean of the College of Dentistry at Howard University.

## CHURCH SEEKS CLOSER TIE WITH NAACP

LOS ANGELES — The role of the church in racial advancement was recounted by Rev. J. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles in an address before the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here last week.

The Negro church, the Rev. Mr. Henderson said, "was the very first to engage in adult education, furnish our first political leadership, encourage Negro business enterprise, the Negro professional to the group, and offer its physical equipment."

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## HOUSING FIGHT MUST CONTINUE FOR MINORITIES

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Although the Federal housing act authorizing \$10,000 public housing units and other plans for building new homes has passed, the fight for housing has not ended, the race relations staff of the Federal Housing Authority advised last week.

The act will be signed on local levels, the race relations staff warned. Minority groups must get in on the ground floor of housing activities in their local areas. They must be sure they get into private housing developments through the slum clearance plan as well as in the public projects.

To make sure that minority groups get their share of new housing, the staff outlined the following steps:

1. To get in on the ground floor of city and project planning, preferably through representation on local city planning, land acquisition, and redevelopment boards.

2. To effect inclusion of all racial minority families in all developments, private or public, constructed as a part of the redevelopment program. It will be especially important to such admission of minority group occupants of redeveloped areas into any privately conducted housing on those same sites since the legislation makes no provision guaranteeing this privilege. We must see to it that slum clearance does not become Negro clearance.

Leaders of the race relations staff also asked for minority representation on boards and staffs of local housing authorities. Good housing, they said, is essential to American democracy.



PRESIDENT-ELECT — Dr. W. D. Giles, president-elect of the National Dental Association and will participate in several radio broadcasts during the Association's meeting in Kansas City. Dr. Giles maintains offices in Chicago.

## RACIAL BIAS DECLINES ON WEST COAST

LOS ANGELES — Progress in race relations on the West Coast was reported by Corey McWilliams, author of "Brothers Under the Skin" and other works on minority group problems. Today California is in the process of achieving a new social and political maturity, Mr. McWilliams told the delegates and visitors attending the 40th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Pacific coast state, he said, Continued on back page

### LEADER IN HIS FIELD

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche — Top-ranking Director, Department of Trusteeship, United Nations Organization; Acting Mediator for Palestine; former U. S. Commissioner, Caribbean Commission; and Associate Chief, Division of Dependent Area Affairs, U. S. State Department. Shortly to receive the Spingarn Award for Outstanding Achievement at the Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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