

N. C. Legionnaires Win 40-Year Fight For Vote Equality

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"Vice-Commander Benjamin F. Smith wrote the National Judge Advocate, the National Adjutant and Honorable Daniel Foley, National Commander. Upon receipt of these communications, the National Commander wrote State Commander L. J. Phipps, who in turn wrote Mr. Smith as follows:

June 30, 1964
"Mr. Benjamin F. Smith
1913 Cecil Street
Durham, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Smith:

"The higher authority, about which I spoke at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Department of The American Legion at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham on Friday, June 19, has ruled that the provisions of our Constitution setting up Division VI was void ab initio.

"Department Adjutant Nash McKee, Judge Advocate Clarence Boyan, Commander elect Leroy S. Lakey and I had a meeting at Legion Headquarters in Raleigh yesterday afternoon and came to the conclusion that this ruling strikes down the provisions of the Constitution which were objectionable to you and that in the future the North Carolina Department of the Legion should operate as if there had never been any provisions for the establishment of Division VI and further that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee should now revise the Constitution so as to eliminate any reference to Division VI.

"It is my opinion that you and all of the Division VI staff, committee chairmen, area and district commanders should immediately send their resignations to Department Adjutant Nash McKee, and that any records which you have or any records which you, as Vice Commander, the Adjutant, Historian and others have should immediately be filed with Department Headquarters in Raleigh.

"I have suggested to the Department Commander elect that he appoint, as soon as possible, a committee to redistrict on a geographical basis and that in the meantime the 22 Negro posts become members of the 22 districts and 5 Divisions which remain in our amended Constitution and By-Laws.

"Please let Mr. McKee have these resignations so that this matter can be cleared up by the time of the installation of the new officers.
"Yours very truly,
L. J. PHIPPS
Department Commander
cc: Mr. Charles Irving
3035 East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

JOHN WINTERS LUNCHEONS WITH PRES. JOHNSON

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and the telegram at the Southeast State BAPT. The Social Secretary.
A member of the Wake County Democratic Committee, Councilman Winters serves on the executive committee as 3rd vice-chairman.
Upon arrival at The White House last Wednesday, Mr. Winters was ushered into the main dining room

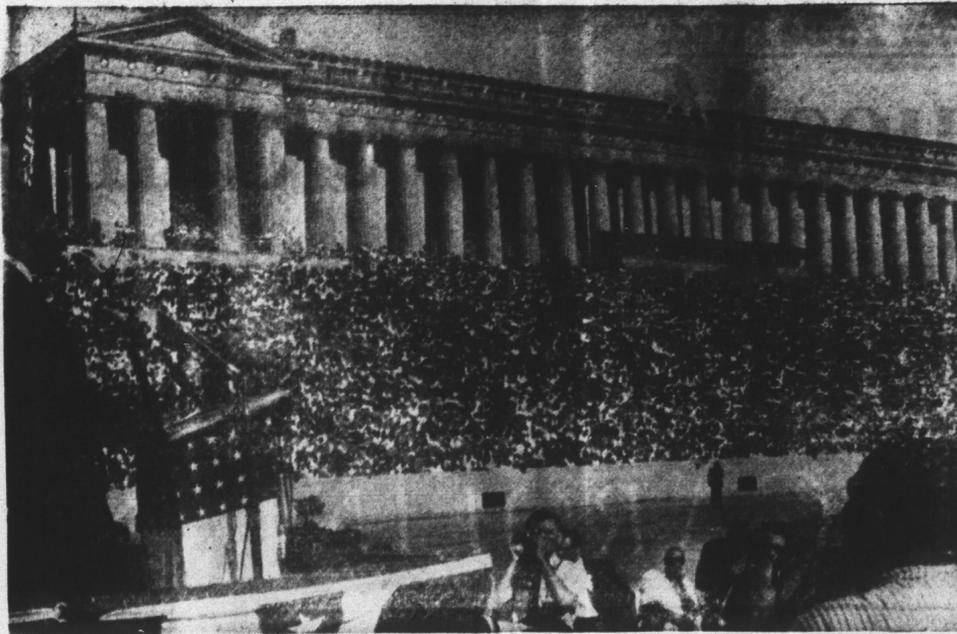
where he was seated at a horse-shoe-shaped table after greeting President Johnson, the Prime Minister, several Congressmen, Carl T. Rowan, director of the United States Information Agency, Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia, Chief Justice Earl Warren and many others.
The menu consisted of cold cream of Sengales, Veal au Marsala, Rice a la Grecque, green beans with almonds, Macadamia of fruit, demi-tasse. Beverages served were champagne and rare vintage wine. Guests were served with gold plated utensils and the dishes were edged with gold.
The President presented Mr. Winters a pack of book matches, stamped with "The President's House." The councilman said, "I'll probably never strike those matches."
Australia's Prime Minister spoke of how his people still hold this country in high esteem, especially the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy.
"Our friendship with America is not for our protection, but because we appreciate your great independence," he stated.
Other moments which Winters received during his visit were two cards with his name engraved on them, and a personal letter from The White House.
It could not be ascertained just why City Councilman Winters was invited to Washington for the luncheon. He admitted that he did not know the reason himself.

POLICE DEPT. CONTINUES POLL PROBING

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Board chairman, William H. Stephenson, assured Mr. Latham that the Board had nothing to do with it, adding that both City Manager William H. Carper and Police Chief Thomas Davis had informed him it was a "misunderstanding and that they were continuing to look into it."
Lloyd Jefferies, chairman of Precinct No. 34 the other polling place visited by uniformed officers, was not in attendance at the meeting.
Councilman Winters called Mayor James W. (Jim) Reid and Reid ordered the cops to leave the polling station immediately, then he contacted Chief Davis and City Manager Carper, thus launching the probe.
Elections Board member Frank Dupree stated he felt that "Possibly some persons with a 'private service' to perform had gone to the Negro polling places just got their hand called."
Results of the police probe are expected to be available later this week.

2,000 NAACP MEMBERS MARCH ON JUSTICE DEPT.

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more than an hour during which, according to Wilkins, "we asked for everything."
But at a hastily arranged news conference held in the corridors of the Justice Department just outside the Attorney General's door, it was apparent that the Attorney General—whose sympathy was not questioned—offered little help.
He repeated Department policy as enunciated the week before by Justice Attorney John Doar who said marshalls or federal men could not be provided for protection before a federal law was broken.
Wilkins who had "asked for everything" and received nothing, appeared somewhat chagrined in relating the results of his conversations with the Attorney General, and implied that Negroes will find other means to protect themselves in the South if they could not count on the Federal government's help.
The missing youths are Andy Goodman, 20, and Michael Schwerner, 24, both white and from New York, and James Cheney, a 22-year-old Negro from Meridian,



DR. KING ADDRESSES OVER 70,000 PERSONS—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is shown addressing a civil rights rally in Chicago last week which attracted over 70,000 persons to Soldier Field. He declared seven southern cities, including Birmingham, Ala., and St. Augustine, Fla., will be testing grounds for the civil rights law shortly after its enactment. (UPI PHOTO).



AT BIG RALLY — Chicago: Shown on speaking platform at Illinois Rally for Civil Rights at Soldier Field here June 21, are (l-r) Mahlin Jackson, singer; Rev. Martin Luther King, who addressed the rally; Rev. Arthur Brazier, master of ceremonies, and Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University. Over 70,000 persons gathered for rally. (UPI PHOTO).



FAMILY VISITS EVERS' GRAVE — Arlington, Va.: The widow of Medgar Evers joined over 2,000 delegates to the NAACP convention in Washington in a pilgrimage to his grave in Arlington National Cemetery last week. The NAACP delegates also visited the grave of former President John F. Kennedy. With Mrs. Evers are her children, (l-t-r): Rena, 10; James Van Dyke, 4; and Darrell, 11. (UPI PHOTO).

Miss. They are part of 1,000 white and Negro youths scheduled to work in Mississippi this summer on the "Mississippi Project," an effort to let Negroes in the state to register and vote.
In an earlier action, the White House became involved in the youth's disappearance when President Johnson assigned former CIA director Allen Dulles as his personal emissary to Mississippi to confer with officials there on the probable breakdown of law and order.
But the White House, like the Justice Department, was playing a "soft shoe" game with Mississippi officials by emphasizing that Dulles was not going to that southern state to "investigate," but

to coordinate "an inquiry." Those who met with Attorney General included Wilkins, Dr. Aaron Henry, president of the Mississippi NAACP; Clarence Mitchell Jr., the Association's Washington Bureau chief; Alfred Williams, chairman of the NAACP National Youth Work Committee; and William Booth, vice chairman of the convention's resolutions committee.

BOY SCOUTS PLAN WORLD'S FAIR TRIP

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All persons who are planning to go on the trip are to meet Sunday, July 5, at 4:00 p.m. at the Tup-

per Memorial Baptist Church, corner Blount and Cabarrus Streets in Raleigh.
According to the Rev. D. N. Howard, Sr., trip director, some parents will be making the trip also.

OVER 500 DELEGATES AT NCCPTA MEET

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George and former president of West College. He discussed the convention focus "Greater Horizons: Perspective for the Future."
It will be the thankless job of the PTA movement to wash the dirty linen of integration and first class citizenship for Negroes. Pro-

sylvania.
On or about June 2, 1964, and after the close of the 1963-64 school term, Mrs. Johnson states, she was notified by defendant L. M. Williams, that her employment contract would not be renewed for the 1964-65 academic year.
The suit also claim, "The decision not to renew plaintiff's employment contract was made by the defendants herein, acting in concert, and was arbitrary, capricious and malicious and without legal cause and was designed to intimidate and deter and harass plaintiff and the members of the classes which she represents in the exercise of their rights under the statutes and the Constitution of the United States as set forth above and to penalize plaintiff solely because of her exercise of such rights."



BOUGHT BY FAMILY — If anyone knows the whereabouts of James Minis, 29, above, who is 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighs about 175 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes, they are urged to contact his mother, Mrs. Minnie Minis, 1166 S. Person Street. Her telephone number is 832-0865. Mr. Minis, a former serviceman, was last seen two years ago. It is urged that he contact his mother.

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