

New York Baptists On Verge Of Split Over Endorsement Of O. Clay Maxwell

NEW YORK — On the heels of one the stormiest sessions in its career one which virtually disbanded in rioting after the passionate flareup of tempers the ranks of The New York City Baptist Ministers Conference were faced with a sharp split and threat of a bitter struggle which may well echo throughout the nation.

The trouble started after the Rev. Thomas S. Harten, pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church Brooklyn, and First Regional Vice President of the National Baptist Convention was unanimously endorsed at the Conference meeting on last Monday as candidate for First Vice President at large to be voted on when the national gathering is held in Cleveland in September.

The Rev. J. Carrington, pastor of Brooklyn's Mount Camel Baptist Church got to the floor and called to the attention of President Twine, that a week prior the Conference had refused to endorse the Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, New York City as a candidate for president of the National Baptist Convention.

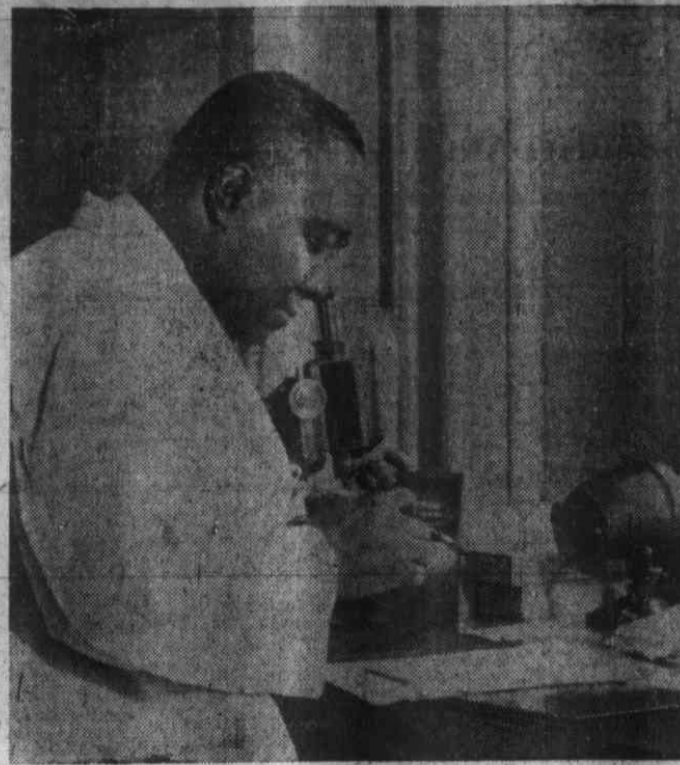
"While I'm on the floor", I'll make a motion that this conference endorse Rev. Maxwell now."

Immediately a dozen ministers leaped to their feet, objecting to the motion, stating that the time was not ripe for New York State to offer a candidate for the Presidency; that the State had only developed her loyalty to the National body through the urgency and leadership of Rev. Harten and that it would be suicidal to offer two candidates for major offices from New York.

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MEHARRY PROFESSOR HONORED



DR. W. S. QUINLAND, professor of pathology at Meharry Medical College, Nashville has been named a member of the editorial board of the Punjab Medical Journal, published in Punjab India, it was announced this week by Dr. Edward L. Turner, president of Meharry.

The medical journal on whose board Dr. Quinland will serve is a record of both Indian and foreign news in the field of medicine, and is the only medical publication in northern India. The Meharry professor is a pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology, is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the National Medical Association. In addition, he is the author of many valuable publications in the field of pathology.

Judge Denies Negro Is Largest of State's Lawbreakers

GREENSBORO (CP) — Judge J. Will Pless Jr. of Marion denied the popular conception that Negroes are the largest lawbreakers in a statement here Tuesday.

He said that in proportion to the population crime among Negroes is less than that among whites.

Persons with less than a tenth grade education commit 95 per cent of the crime in the state he said while persons with high school education commit three per cent, and persons with one or more years of college training only two per cent of the crime in the state.

Judge Pless said he compiled the figures during the ten years he has served as solicitor and the seven years he has served on the Superior Court bench.

Drive For Palmer Gym Succeeding

SEDALIA, (Special) — The drive for funds for a gymnasium at Palmer Memorial Institute is progressing so as to cheer the faculty and students. In less than seven weeks, they have seen the \$800 mark reached and the goal of \$2,500 set for themselves seems more attainable. Not only have various projects been undertaken on the campus in the way of plays, and other entertainments, but parents and friends have contributed generously to this fortieth anniversary gift to the president, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. The building will give a much needed service to both school and community.

Virginia County May Provide School Buses

RICHMOND, Va. — After a colored parent and tax payer of Greenville county, Virginia had filed suit against the board of education seeking to compel it to provide bus transportation for Negro pupils, the attorney for the school board made a venture to settle the matter out of court, and to consider a proposition for the providing of bus transportation.

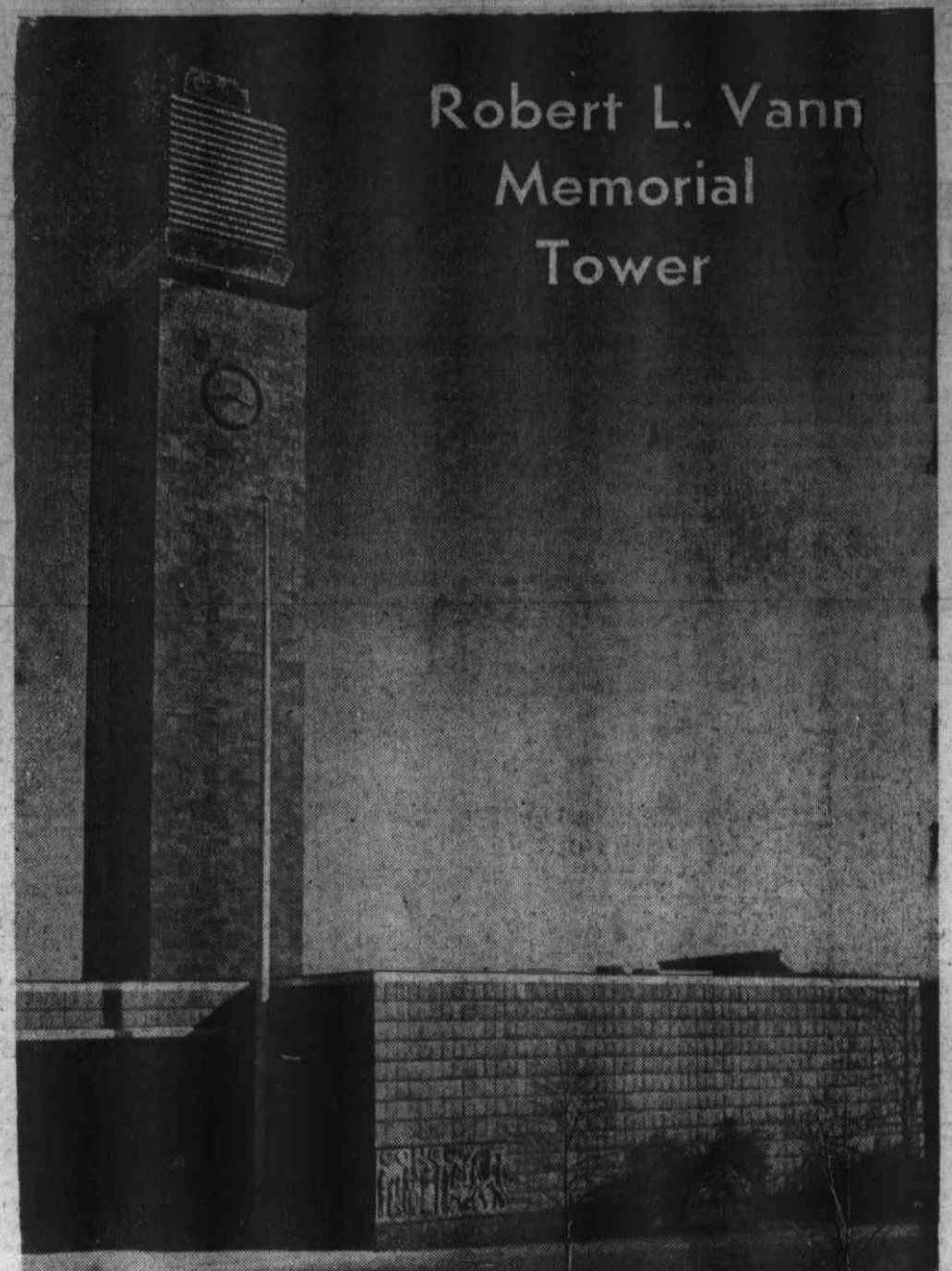
Oliver M. Hill, an NAACP attorney of Richmond, acting for the parents, was approached by Ennis Ennes, an attorney, chairman of the Greenville county school board. Mr. Ennes asked for a conference and indicated over the telephone that the school board desires to settle the case without going to court. Terms of the stipulated agreement, as a basis of negotiation, are being drawn up by Mr. Hill and other NAACP lawyers.

Mercy Hospital "Unvotes" Merger With Douglas

PHILADELPHIA — Mercy hospital, well known hospital here, which a month ago voted to merge with Douglas, the other Negro operated hospital about faced last week, deciding to remain as it is.

At a hectic meeting of the board of directors, many delegates appeared from community groups that support Mercy. They decried the losing of identity, the fact that Mercy will lose its "A" classification as an approved institution and said that merger would make the new medical center just a "colored branch" of the University of Pennsylvania.

The result was a vote of 11-3 in favor of not merging. The move to merge the two local institutions had been in the air for years and under definite consideration for two years. Douglas is the older, is situated in the South Philadelphia section, and is giving little public support. It is not a member of the community fund. Mercy is a member and also gets a substantial sum from the state.



Robert L. Vann Memorial Tower

The tower of the Belgian-World's Fair Pavilion which has been presented to Virginia Union University, Richmond, by the Belgian government, and will be known as the Robert L. Vann Memorial Tower in honor of the late editor and publisher, a graduate of the institution. A nationwide drive is now underway to raise \$25,000 to dismantle the tower at New York, transport it to Richmond and re-erect it.

Yancey Williams Suit Seen As Cause Of Order To Enlist Flying Cadets

WASHINGTON, (ANP) — A suit recently filed against the war department and Secretary Stimson by Yancey Williams, student at Howard university, charging discrimination and asking that he be allowed to enlist in the air corps is considered to be responsible for the new official order sent to each corps area permitting the acceptance of Negro applications for enlistment as flying cadets.

Williams has already been ordered to report for examination and possible acceptance in the army air corps. A preliminary physical examination has already been given him by private physicians to insure his supporters that he is physically fit.

Because of these developments the department of justice which is handling the case for the war department has asked that the suit be dismissed. No action has yet been taken on this plea, however.

The order which went from the war department headquarters

to commanders of the nine corps areas stated that "applications from Negro applicants for appointment as flying cadets will be accepted and handled in the same way as prescribed for white applicants."

The requirements for appointment of Negro applicants will be identical with those for white applicants, also the order stated. Applications should be made to the commanding generals of the corps areas throughout the country according to the geographical location of the applicant's home.

Opening up a new avenue of training for Negroes, this final capitulation of the war department follows instructions laid down in previous legislation by congress which demanded that Negroes should be admitted to the air corps.

Income taxes may be unpleasant but we know of fewer taxes that we hope to pay in large amounts.



The country is safe so long as common people do not give too much importance to the doings of the high society gang. It might be a good idea for somebody to get up a poll to see if anybody pays any attention to the results of the polls. Personally, we have never been able to determine just what methods determine the appearance of pictures in newspapers.

The present generation would do better to stop worrying so much about posterity having its share of the worries.

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Vachel Lindsay's "Congo" and James Weldon Johnson's "Creation" To Be Presented As Dual Feature by CBS

NEW YORK — Two poems expressing the deep emotionalism of the Negro race are to be dramatized by the Columbia Workshop and presented over Columbia network on Sunday March 30. (WABC-CBS, 10:30 to 11:00 P.M. EST. Early broadcast to West at 8:00 P. M., EST).

The first dramatization is to be that of Vachel Lindsay's "The Congo," with the haunting rhythms of voodoo drums and a vivid word picture of the African Negro. Katherine Lane Anderson has given special dramatic treatment to the poem for radio performance. She presented the poetic drama while a student at the University of Southern California and then spent years of effort on perfecting her concept until it was presented last October at Madison Square Garden with a massed speaking chorus, a Negro ballet and musical ensemble.

"The Creation" is a dramatization of a reverent paraphrase of the First Chapter of Genesis, from James Weldon Johnson's book of Negro poems and verse, "God's Trombones." The Juanita Hall Singers are featured in the production, with choric speaking and vocal sound effects devised by Miss Hall. Similar treatment was introduced when "The Creation was presented in Columbia network's "Pursuit of Happiness" series.

George Zachary supervises and directs both productions, which had been scheduled for an earlier Columbia Workshop broadcast, but which were postponed to Sunday, March 30.

No Race Fit For Master, Says FDR

WASHINGTON, (CP) — No race of people is fit to serve as masters over their fellow men, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in his address before the press conference association in a nationwide broadcast here Saturday night.

The president's address was a prepared speech on the lend lease bill which was recently rushed through both Houses of Congress aid to national friendly to our democratic way of life.

"There will be no division of party or section or race or nationality or religion. There is not one among us," the president said, "who does not have a stake in the outcome of the effort in which we are now engaged."

"There never has been, there isn't now, and there never will be any race of people fit to serve as masters over their fellow men."

"The world has no use for any nation which, because of its size or military might, asserts the right to goose step to world power over other nations or other races. We believe that any nationality, no matter how small, (Did this mean Ethiopia in 1937?) has the inherent right to its own nationhood."

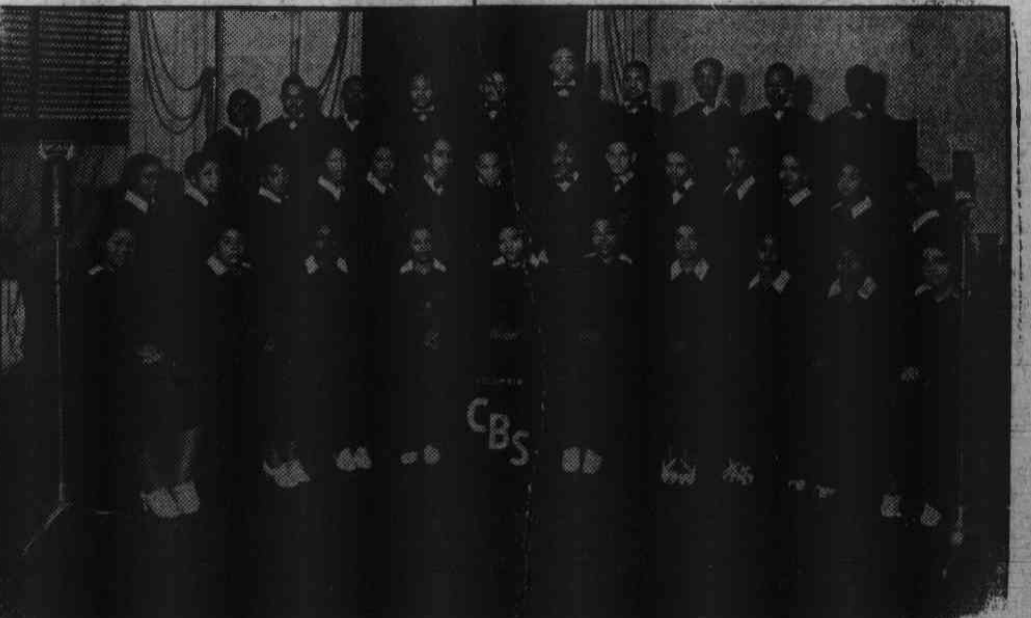
British and Allied sea losses are set at 4,962,257 tons. Second ship sails with Red Cross relief supplies for France.



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