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LEGIONNAIRES THREATEN TO QUIT

Dr. J. C. Austin Not To Head Nat'l Baptist Split

Cotton Festival Queen

U. S. OFFICIALS WARN AGAINST JIM CROW

Washington, D. C.—"It is imperative that in the selection and referral of workers for training and employment under this program the Work Projects Administration maintain its established policy of non-discrimination against workers because of race, creed, color or national origin."

This is one of the important points in recent instructions in a letter from Howard O. Hunter, Commissioner of Work Projects, to State WPA Administrators throughout the country.

Mr. Hunter also called attention to Section 24 of the Emergency Relief Appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, which makes discrimination against workers unlawful and punishable by fine or imprisonment.

The Commissioner ordered that his warning of discrimination against WPA workers because of race, creed, color, or national origin be promptly brought to the attention of all administrative and supervisory employees of the WPA in every State.

Full text of Mr. Hunter's letter to State Administrators follows:

"An Executive Order issued by the President on June 25, 1941, directs all departments and agencies of the Government concerned with vocational and training programs for the defense production to institute safeguards against discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin.

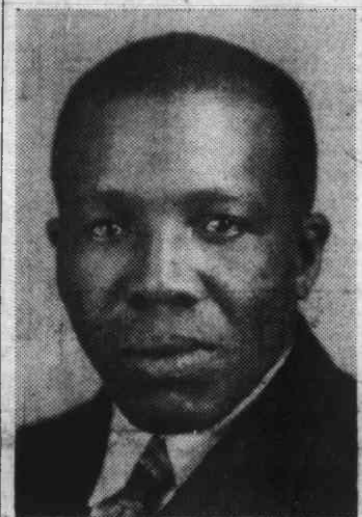
"In this connection, it is imperative that in the selection and referral of workers for training and employment under this program the Work Projects Administration maintain its established policy of nondiscrimination against workers because of race, creed, color, or national origin.

Teachers' Salary Case Opens In Chattanooga, Filed By C. B. Robinson

Chattanooga, Tenn. — Last Saturday, September 20, in the District Court of the United States, Eastern District of Tennessee, argument was heard on the teachers' salary case filed by Clarence B. Robinson, representing himself and the Chattanooga Teachers' Association, against the school board of this city.

This is a preliminary hearing to determine if the court has jurisdiction over this case. W. Henry Elmore is local attorney for the teachers; Thurgood Mar-

Studying At N. C. C.



Chas. M. Alston, assistant superintendent of the Oxford orphanage who has been granted a leave of absence to do further study in the graduate school at North Carolina College of Durham. Mr. Alston has made an enviable record at the Oxford institution where he is expected to resume his duties at the close of this year's school term.

"This will also serve to emphasize Section 24, of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1942, wherein discrimination against workers is designated as unlawful and punishable by fine or imprisonment.

"The intent of this Commissioner's letter shall be immediately brought to the attention of all administrative and supervisory employees of the Work Projects Administration in your State."

According to Alfred Edgar Smith, Staff Advisor, Federal WPA, safeguards against discrimination which would operate to the disadvantage of WPA workers because of race, creed, color, or national origin have been in effect since February 1934. At that time Forrester B. Washington, present Director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, was Director of (Please turn to Page Eight)

Race Legionnaires Dissatisfied With Place Of Meeting

MILWAUKEE, (ANP) — The designation of New Orleans as the site of its 1942 convention has caused much dissatisfaction among the ranks of Negro legionnaires who attended the American Legion convention held here last week. Letters of strong protest are to be sent to the newly elected national commander, Lynn U. Stambaugh, of Fargo, N. D., demanding that the Louisiana committee of arrangement assure Negro delegates they will receive every courtesy; that the color line be broken to give Negro legionnaires a chance to sit with their state delegations and that every precaution will be made to safeguard their lives during the convention.

Negro veterans threaten to sever relationships with the legion because they fear the policy of southern posts of discriminating against them. Louisiana has no Negro legion posts. Negro legion posts and the state commander has refused repeatedly to grant charters for their formation. Hence Negro legionnaires have no organization to act as host and assure them of the usual round of entertainment they are accustomed to. If, however, the national commander refuses to support them, rumors have it that the Negro legion will hold a grand reunion in Atlantic City, N. J. opening on the same day of the New Orleans convention.

In addressing 3,000 legionnaires of both races at Borchert field here, Atty. Euclid L. Taylor, president of the national Bar association, flayed the southern white man for his prejudices and likened him unto Hitler. He asked why the color bar should not be broken for the good of all concerned.

Said Taylor, "The best hearts among Negroes yearn for unity. They extended their hand to the Italian who is a good American, to the German, the Englishman, the Frenchman, the Pole, the Jew, the Irishman, to all the stalwart contributors to America as a nation who are willing to join hands with them against the common foe."

Conspicuous in the parade Tuesday in which 50,000 or more persons marched from nine o'clock in the morning until that night, were Negro legionnaires. Special honors went to the George L. Giles Post No. 87, of Chicago; the Charles Young Post of Detroit; and the James Reese Europe Post Washington.

Navy Bias Is Being Studied

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Following on the heels of the President's recent order calling for the abolition of discrimination against Negroes in all Federal agencies and independent establishments, officials of the Navy Department admitted today to a study of the discrimination practiced by the Navy against Negroes is being conducted in the light of President Roosevelt's order.

The Navy Department, through its public relations official, Commander Berry issued the following statement on the matter.

"The subject is being reviewed carefully by the Navy Department. No public announcement has been made of this study to date. A thorough review of this problem is being made from within the Navy Department in accordance with the recent pronouncements of the President of the United States."

The statement indicated that the review will include a study of job discrimination against Negroes in Navy Yards throughout the country. It is understood that the Navy Department plans to employ more than 100,000 men in the Naval expansion defense program, during the coming months.

Congress officials understood that Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Ralph Bard, is in direct charge of the coterie of Navy officials who are conducting the study.

OIL SHORTAGE?

The special Senate committee investigating the alleged gasoline shortage on the Eastern Seaboard has reported that there was no shortage and that the confusion of the past few months might have been avoided if there had been "an adequate analysis" of the situation. Ralph K. Davies, acting Petroleum Coordinator, replying to the Senate report, reasserts that there is a shortage and that the condition does not warrant complicity.

Succeeds Dr Williams



Rev. J. H. JACKSON, D.D., is the new pastor of Olivet Baptist church, Chicago, called by many the greatest protestant church in America. Dr. Jackson who succeeds the late Dr. L. K. Williams as pastor of Olivet has been serving the National Baptist Convention as Secretary of its Foreign Mission Board. He begins his duties in a rebuilt Olivet, the church having been rehabilitated after being partially destroyed by fire the day of Dr. Williams' funeral.

NORTH AM. AIRCRAFT REVERSES RACIAL POLICY

New York, N. Y.—Negro skilled workers will be employed at the North American Aviation Corporation's plant in Kansas City, Kansas, the Urban League of Kansas City, Mo., announced in a report received today at the office of the National Urban League Negro Citizens all over the country were aroused last winter by a public statement issued by J. H. Kindeberger, President of North American Aviation to the effect that there was no place in his Corporation's plants for Negroes except as janitors, even though some of the Company's plants were erected through defense funds.

WORST PUNISHMENT OF ALL

New York—Referring to a Southern Congressman's blast against Charles Lindbergh for his injection of racism into his recent Des Moines, Ia., speech, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary wrote to the editor of the New York Herald-Tribune last Friday: "A member of the Texas legislature yesterday shouted, 'Lindbergh ought to be shipped back to Germany to live with his own people!'"

"I suggest a far more terrible punishment. Make Lindbergh's skin black and condemn him to live in Texas."

Famous Minister Balks On Disunity Among Baptists

CLEVELAND, (By Herman Clayton for ANP)—Contrary to rumors afloat, the Dr. J. C. Austin, Chicago unsuccessful candidate for president of the National Baptist convention, does not plan any effort to start a new body of Baptists nor to institute court action in contestation of the election, in which, according to Rev. Austin, only a mysterious "hand full" of the more than 12,000 messengers who had streamed from all parts of the country for the express purpose of voting, were so permitted.

Instead Rev. Austin says he plans to form into permanent organization the 1,000 ministers who in Mt Zion Baptist church while in Cleveland voluntarily pledge themselves to fight within the convention the flagrant abuses which have "for too long a time shamed the Baptist convention."

These abuses, Dr. Austin said expressed themselves in the refusal of what he terms the machine-run convention to register opposition delegates and in what Dr. Austin says is the fraudulent practice of issuing non-negotiable checks to cover the expenses of non-eligible machine delegates, in the gross disregard of constitutional provision, and in the "un-Christian, and undemocratic gagging of opposition sentiment."

Proof of some of these abuses Rev. Austin furnishes in the following cases:

The machine, having fraudulently registered most of the high Alabama delegation, upon being challenged, feverishly sought to ent the number down so as to wipe out the disparity between the number of delegates and the amount of money collected. In order to nullify the voting avalanche of opposition votes, the machine totally disregarded the constitutional clause granting to churches additional delegates at \$5 per delegate, and arbitrarily limited the church delegates to 10. When opposition speakers sought to correct irregularities they were howled and heckled down.

"However, these are not matters to drag into court," the militant Chicago pastor said. "I shall continue the fight I started in St. Louis in 1922 for a clean, orderly, democratic, progressive and Christian convention. Though the one past was a far cry from that ideal, I am not dismayed, or discouraged. I have the confidence to believe that those of us who fight on the side of right will in the end triumph."



Miss Helen Wise, beautiful young Charlotte social leader, who will be crowned Queen of the Negro Cotton Festival to be held in the Queen City, October 16. The festival is being sponsored by the Carolina Times and the Negro Chamber of Commerce.

Evidence Of Discrimination Piles Up Against Chrysler, Claims N. A. A. C. P.

Detroit, Mich.—Through the efforts of Gloster B. Current, executive secretary of the Detroit branch NAACP, damning evidence of discrimination in employment by the Chrysler Motor corporation has been gathered and sent to the Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

Affidavits from James Phelps, Eddie Kamp and John Stevens, all of Detroit, substantiate the fact that at the Dodge Truck plant, Mound and Eight-Mile Road here, no Negroes have been hired since 1937 and the few who were hired prior to that time have not been promoted according to seniority. Dodge is a Chrysler subsidiary.

An affidavit from William Kennedy of this city, charges the N. A. Wollworth Company Wanda and Nine-Mile Road, Ferndale, Mich., of barring Negro workers. Kennedy answered a newspaper advertisement placed by the company asking for tool operators, grinders and machine hands, and was told by the employment manager that—"It is the policy of the company not to hire colored."

It was also learned in an interview by officers of the local NAACP with C. T. Winegar, personnel manager of the Chrysler corporation that the present training program is not open to

Negroes. Winegar would make no commitments as to what Chrysler plans to do to offset this discrimination.

Advertising Signs To Be Moved Back From Highways

Advertising signs within less than 50 feet of highways in the State, except in particular circumstances as set forth hereunder, will be unlawful in North Carolina, after Nov. 1st, according to a resolution adopted by the State Highway and Public Works Commission at its meeting in Raleigh, Friday.

The resolution concerning advertising signs along the highways provides that restrictions shall not apply to signs beyond limits of the State Highway right-of-way erected at a place of business to advertise that business, or signs erected on premises advertising it for sale or advertising for sale products produced thereon. Signs already lawfully erected on leased property must be relocated or readjusted to conform to this ruling within 12 months from the effective date.