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ASK CHURCHILL TO END HATRED

NAACP CHARGES BRITISH WITH DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK — Addressed personally to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, a letter setting forth five types of discrimination on the part of British agencies operating in this country, was dispatched by Pan-American Clipper September 26, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The letter, written by Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, urges that the British and American governments make the four freedoms apply to the color line and that the five types of discrimination and other demerations based on color or race be immediately wiped out.

Publicity on the letter was withheld until this week because of the custom of not revealing contents of communications to the head of a government until the communication has had an opportunity to be received and acted upon.

Five days after the letter was dispatched, Colonel R. L. Benson, military attaché of the British Embassy in Washington, called the NAACP national office by long distance expressing great concern over it and particularly over the case of Dr. Walter King cited as an instance of prejudice. No copy of the letter was sent the Embassy, but copies were received by the American Red Cross and the British War Relief Society.

During the conversation Mr. Benson stated that he would like to "get to the bottom of things a little more" and asked for a copy of the letter.

After pointing out the importance of America's 13 million Negro citizens in the national life and saying that the success of discriminatory acts on the part of these British agencies are "building bitter resentment against Great Britain among certain elements of the population of the United States," the five known cases where Negroes were discriminated against were listed.

ASHE CASE LEADS

First was mentioned the refusal of the British Air Commission, Washington, D. C., to accept Charles M. Ashe, fully qualified commercial pilot and instructor, as a ferry pilot solely because of his color. Ashe volunteered for the service and after repeated evasions was told on September 15, by Captain J. D. Muford of the RAF Ferry Command, British Air Commission, Washington, that no Negro would be accepted for ferrying bombers. Captain Muford sent Ashe a copy of the minimum requirements for pilots and copilots issued by the RAF Ferry Command, the ninth of which reads: "All applicants must be of the white race."

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CHAS. HERNDON PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Chas. Herndon, age 72, prominent barber and business man of Durham died at a Raleigh Hospital, Sunday morning at 9:30. Mr. Herndon's death climaxed an illness of several years, although he was not confined to his bed until two or three months ago.

The deceased was well known in Durham where he operated one of the leading barber shops for approximately thirty years.

Mr. Herndon was born in Wake County, but came to Durham a little more than 30 years ago to enter the barbering business.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Herndon and a daughter, Charsie, ago three months. A daughter and son by a former marriage also survive, they are Miss Agnes Herndon of Raleigh and Charlie Herndon.

Funeral services were held from the Raleigh Funeral Home in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. S. P. Perry pastor of the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion in Durham, of which the deceased was a member, officiated.

POPULATION TURNS WHITE

TARBORO (CP) — Edgecombe county was considered a cent white county 25 years ago, 60 per cent Negro and 40 per cent white. Loss of Negroes to northern centers and increased population in Rocky Mount and Tarboro have led to shifts in percentage. Haywood P. Foxhill, chairman of the Edgecombe County Draft Board, said Saturday.

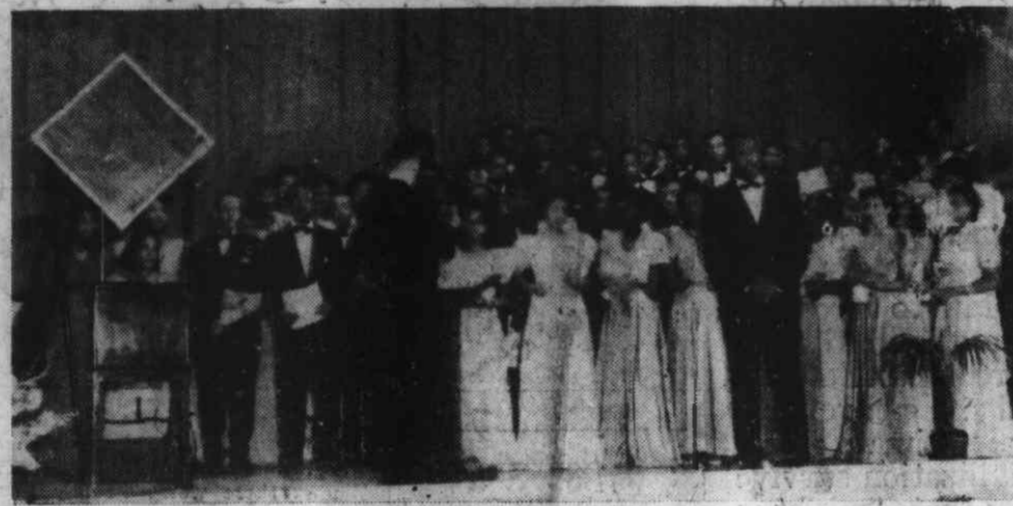
Of the total number of registrants of Edgecombe county men for the draft, 51.8 per cent were white and 42.2 per cent colored, according to Foxhill, and the same proportion could be applied to the total county population.

DETROIT NOMINAE DIGGS FOR COUNCIL

DETROIT, (ANP)—In the city-wide non-partisan primary election here, Tuesday Senator Charles C. Diggs was nominated for the common council despite the fact 122 candidates were in the field. Diggs got 17,000 votes in the lightest primary in a number of years.

This marks the first time since 1927, when George Green polled some 36,000 votes that a Negro has been nominated for the city council. Sen Diggs, who finished 15th among 18 nominees, according to old line politicians here, stands more than an even chance of being elected in November.

Paul Robeson Sings With N. C. C. Chorus



Paul Robeson's recital at N. C. College was said by many to climax all musical events of the season. The noted singer is pictured here as he sang a classic number with the North Carolina College chorus. Every available seat in the spacious auditorium was taken and many persons were forced to stand.

Ten Indicted For Mob Violence In Roxboro By Grand Jury; Trial Nov.

YOUNG STAR



One of the radio's newest stars is New York City's ten-year-old Joyce Michael. She was heard on the Columbia network on "Burl Ives Coffee Club" last Saturday. Youngest of a family of five children, Joyce has already appeared on such programs as "Dr. Christian", the Colgate "Spotlight", where she won the first prize, and "We, the People". She sings without music and has perfect pitch and rhythm. This time on Columbia Joyce sang "Yes-Indeed". (ANP)

S. B. I. Investigates Few Negro Cases In North Carolina

Raleigh, (CP)—The State Bureau of Investigation investigates very few cases of crime concerning Negroes, according to a statement of officials here last week.

Thomas Creedmore, assistant director of the bureau, who has meant of justice, for over two years, said that it is his impression that there have been a minimum of investigated cases in which Negroes were involved on the basis of the population, his observation being later corroborated by another member of the department.

Newspapers reported that 10 members of the C. C. C. camp near Roxboro were fired because of their action the night of the riot in which a crowd of boys are said to have armed themselves with sticks and marched on the jail.

Although the Justice Department did not investigate the incident, it was pointed out that the War Department only three youth were discharged.

Three youth came by the Person County Courthouse at Roxboro on the night of the rioting and hastened to camp headquarters where they told of the mob which was seeking to drag an accused rape suspect from the jail and lynch him. The three youth succeeded in getting together a crowd of ten at the camp which was dispersed before it got within three blocks of the courthouse.

Robboro, Oct. 12.—Following

a blistering denunciation of all forms of mob violence by Judge Henry A. Grady, here this week, 10 white men were indicted by a Person County Grand Jury for taking part in a near-lynching in Roxboro last August 15, when a mob of several hundred attempted to take Cy Winstead, a Negro from the Person County jail, Judge Grady who was presiding over a term of the Superior Court of Person County, immediately issued capias, for the arrest of the ten men and bond was set at \$500. He said that he would request Governor M. J. Broughton to order a special term of court for November to try the ten men.

The 10 men indicted are: Coy Harris, P. I. Holt, Willie Aiken, Johnnie Holt, Leb Dixon, William Green, W. G. Bradsher, Thomas Slaughter, A. P. Spriggs and Evon James.

All of the men have been charged with unlawful assembly for unlawful purpose and breaking windows and doors at the courthouse in which the jail was located.

Conviction of the charges carries a sentence of a maximum of 2 years at the discretion of the judge.

25 lbs Irish potatoes, two dozen fresh eggs, 12 ounces pimentos, two bunches celery and a pound of onions will make sufficient potato salad for 100 soldiers.

"There," Mr. Creedmore said, "is an instance in which Negro newspapers should play up the fact that constitutional authority made no effort to save the man's life rather than playing up the fact in many cases of lynching."

Former Negro Welfare Head Flayed by Jewish Lawyer in Minneapolis

COLLEGE PRESS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET, OCT. 17-18

PETERSBURG, VA.—Delegates from approximately fourteen colleges will gather here at Virginia State College on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18, for the annual meeting of the Colored Intercollegiate Press Association as guest of the VIRGINIA STATESMAN.

Highlighting the two-day meeting will be the presentation of the Goffney Plaque to the staff of the VIRGINIA STATESMAN, rated as the best edited student paper for 1940-41 by the C. I. P. A.

The first meeting is scheduled for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at which time Dr. James Hugo Johnston, Dean of Instruction, will welcome the association, will be meeting for the first time on the Virginia State College campus. To date the principal speaker has not been decided upon. Other persons to appear on the program will be Mr. Lawrence J. Goffney, Chairman of the executive committee of the C. I. P. A.; Mr. Otto McClarrin, President of the National Journalistic Society; William H. Gamble, Chairman of the C. I. P. A.; and William R. Simms, faculty advisor to the VIRGINIA STATESMAN.

A business session and open discussion is scheduled for the evening meeting on Friday at 7 o'clock.

Beginning at 10 a. m. on Saturday, committees will convene to continue unfinished business. According to the program, the meeting at 2 o'clock will find committees making reports, the election of officers and the appointment of permanent committees.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL TO HOLD WHITE HOUSE SESSION

WASHINGTON (ANP)—A two and a half hour session at the White House on Thurs. will highlight the 8th annual meeting of the National Council of Negro Women, according to Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the organization, which meets here this week.

In speaking of this particular session, which will also hear Mrs. Roosevelt address some 600 women, Mrs. Bethune said the best minds of the Negro race would be present to make ten minute speeches.

Included in the impressive array of nationally known figures are Vivian Carter Mason, ranking Negro in the department of public welfare in New York City; Carita V. Roane, head of the Harlem office of the New York

Pleads For Tolerance



Dean Elbert Russell, head of School of Religion of Duke University, who made courageous appeal in a forceful sermon last Sunday morning for greater interracial cooperation. The sermon was broadcast over station WNCN and created much favorable comment in Durham.

Highway Deaths

The Highway Safety Division reported this week that Wake County had 32 traffic fatalities charged against its 1941 record at the close of the eighth month of the year.

The 742 persons killed in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways the first eight months of this year represented a 45 per cent increase over the 509 persons reported killed in the same period last year, and the number killed during August of this year exceeded the number killed during October of last year.

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Talks will be limited to 10 minutes each. Mrs. Bethune will preside at this affair, which will end with tea being served by Mrs. Roosevelt.

The invocation on this occasion will be read by the Rev. (Continued on page eight)

MINNEAPOLIS—(By J. W. Pat for ANP)

More than 600 persons witnessed a heated controversy when they attended a citizen's mass meeting Sunday at Phyllis Wheatley Settlement house sponsored by the Minnesota Negro Defense Committee. The principles in the verbal battle were Jonas Schwartz, white, and Lawrence A. Oxley, supervisor of racial relations unit, U. S. Bureau of Employment Security, Washington.

Mr. Oxley gave a summary of the work of his department in the fight for Negro jobs in the defense program. He referred to the President's executive order against discrimination and inefficiency of Negro training and made an appeal that Negroes not resent the many unpleasant obstacles that may be thrown in their path.

Atty. Schwartz, who is a liberal Jew, was invited by the chairman of the meeting to make a few remarks. He criticized the attitude of the Negro government officials and stated that Oxley knew very little would be done because of the insincerity of those controlling the set-up. Schwartz further disagreed with Oxley in his praise of the Ford Motor company's hiring of Negroes on a percentage basis according to population.

He said, "I believe if five jobs are open and there are five competent Negroes available, they should have the jobs irrespective of racial population."

He concluded his criticism by stating "if those Negro government paid officials were sincere about this discrimination break down, they would resign from their jobs in two weeks after they were employed or force a change of condition."

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Tarheel Farmers Are Asked To Grow More Oats, Barley

"Plant more oats and barley, and less wheat this fall," says the U. S. Government to North Carolina farmers anxious to cooperate in the "Food for Freedom" campaign which has just been started on a nationwide basis.