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R. J. Reynolds Workers Hold Election August 3-4

Tobacco Workers Ought to Do Their Own Thinking

(EDITORIAL)

Like a deadly rattlesnake that hides in the dark and suddenly lunges forward, without warning, to sink its poisoned fangs into the flesh of the traveler, a group of so-called Negro leaders of the Winston Salem struck last week at the Negro workers of the Reynolds Tobacco Company in an effort to poison their minds against organized labor, and to silence forever their attempt to formulate a means by which they may better provide for themselves and their families, live honorably among their fellowmen, free from the curse of fear and the misery of want.

It was a stab in the back, inflicted upon its victims for the sole and selfish purpose of aiding these belly crawlers into the good graces of the Reynolds Tobacco Company and not because a single one of them is honestly concerned about the future of Negro workers. The deed stinks to high Heaven and God alone is able to tell how long it is going to take to bridge the gap that has been made between the laboring element of Winston Salem and those who, because of their education and other opportunities, ought to be willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to bring the tobacco workers into organized labor.

Thank God the aim of these human rattlesnakes has missed its mark, and the tobacco workers of Winston Salem, both colored and white, will be heard, they will be organized—not for the purpose of attempting to destroy the Reynolds Tobacco Company, or to interfere with its successful operation but for the purpose of having the right to bargain collectively with their employer and to enjoy the other benefits that are to be derived from organization.

This right is approved and protected by the government of the United States, it is endorsed by the best students of labor. Against these powerful forces a bunch of professional leeches who have led the white people of Winston Salem into believing that they could influence the Negro masses, are fighting with their backs to the wall in an effort to keep them from finding out that they have no more influence with the Negro masses than a braying jackass.

From information contained in a statement of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, published elsewhere on this page, these so-called Negro leaders have been left sitting out on a limb high and dry. The company's attitude on the matter of its employees joining labor unions leaves it entirely up to the workers themselves to organize or not to organize, to join or not to join and to vote their own choice when the time arrives for them to vote on the question. The statement is fair, to the point and erases all doubt or fear from the minds of the employees of the company. It remains for these synthetic leaders to throttle the movement and to tell the workers of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, that they are doing the wrong thing to organize.

We think the time has come for the Negroes of Winston Salem to awaken themselves to what is going on in their fair city. They ought to do a little investigating into why certain persons of their city always jump into the driver's seat when any momentous question concerning the Negroes of Winston Salem arises. They ought to find out about their frequent visits, private conferences and confidential telephone conversations in which Negroes of their city have time and time again been sold down the river for the purpose of raising the stock of one man or a small group of men. They ought to find out why some of their so-called leaders are not practicing the profession they have been trained to practice. They ought to raise a little money and send an investigator into a far western state and make themselves intelligent on the type of men who have the gaul to attempt to set themselves up as leaders of their race. They ought to get wise, they ought to wake up and live.

The time has come for Negroes in Winston Salem to select their own leaders and not permit them to be hand-picked, or to be placed at the mercy of self-appointed leaders. The hour has come for them to chart their own course and not permit it to be charted by Negro stooges whose motive is selfish and whose object is damnable.

We think the Negro tobacco workers of Winston Salem ought to be organized, they ought to do their own thinking and select their own organization with which they are to be affiliated. That is their right as free men, as American citizens, and any man or group of men who threatens to take that right from them should be recorded in their memory as a traitor to the cause for which men of both races are now bleeding and dying on foreign battlefields.

A. M. MOORE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



Working with the American Red Cross the Negro Division of A. W. V. S. in Durham has opened a Production Room for the making of surgical dressings. As an honor to the late Dr. A. M. Moore, prominent physician leader of civic interests and one of the founders of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. The group is organized and known as the A. M. Moore chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Production Room which is in the basement of the Stanford L. Warren Library is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 6:30 to 9:30. Also each Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 12:30. The monthly quota of dressings is five thousand and during the month of June the chapter made a total of 6125 dressings. The above picture shows the work room in operation. Some of the supervisors are shown standing around the tables and holding the scroll bearing the names of the chapter. The supervisors were given their training at the City Hall under the direction of Mrs. Foy Roberson, Mrs. S. S. Eberly and their assistants Mrs. A. M. Moore, widow of Dr. Moore, shown seated at the left of the foremost table.

All persons desiring to help in this worthy and needed undertaking are urged to meet with the group. No previous training is necessary. The only requisite being the wearing of a cotton dress and a covering for the hair. The latter is furnished at the Production Room. Those directly responsible for the setting up of the chapter are Mrs. E. R. Merrick, Mrs. A. Henningburg, Mrs. Clyde Donnell, Mrs. J. H. Wheeler and Mrs. W. D. Hill.

—PHOTO BY A. S. HUNTER

Tobacco Company Gives Views On Labor Organization

Woman Beaten By Cops Goes Insane, Result Of Brutality

TAMPA, Fla. — Melissa Williams, 35-year-old Negro woman here, who was beaten up by city policemen, has been declared insane by two doctors, and the officers have been cleared by Mayor Chancey, the NAACP revealed this week. NAACP attorneys have filed a complaint with the Department of Justice in Washington.

In response to many requests from its employees for an expression of its attitude with respect to the forthcoming election ordered by the National Labor Relations Board to determine the question of employee representation for the purpose of collective bargaining, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company submits the following statement:

"No employee of the Company is required to join any labor organization in order to hold his or her job; neither will the Company in any manner interfere with, restrain or coerce its employees in the exercise of their rights to self-organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection.

Missella Williams was a principal witness in the federal court peonage case against Joe McGlamery, Tampa sanitary officer. A short time later, she was arrested. She was declared insane by a sanitary commission, which found, however, that she was beaten up by the police just before the mental breakdown.

The NAACP reports that City Prosecutor Feinberg of Tampa, said that he would ask the FBI to investigate her treatment by the officers.

"The Company will not discourage or encourage membership in Tobacco Workers Organizing Committee of the United Cannery Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, (CIO), or Tobacco Workers International Union, (AFL), or any other labor organization of its employees, by discrimination in regard to hire or tenure of employment or any term or condition of employment or otherwise; nor will the Company discriminate in any manner against any of its employees who do not see fit to join either of said labor organizations. Our employees are free to become or remain members of either of the aforesaid labor organizations, or to refuse to join either of them, as they see fit; and the Company will not discriminate against any employee because of membership in either of said organizations, or will it discriminate against any of its employees in the exercise of their free choice to vote for or against either of said labor organizations, or for no labor organization or union, at the forthcoming election.

"With respect to the election to be held on August 3 and 4, 1943, all of the Company's production and maintenance employees, exclusive of supervisory and office employees, located at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and who were on the payroll for the week ending June 26, 1943, will be entitled to vote regardless of whether or not they belong to any labor organization or union or have signed an authorization or application card to that end. A majority of the employees actually voting (not a majority of those entitled to vote) will decide the election. It is important that you vote.

MISS SARAH DODSON NOSES INTO FIRST PLACE IN CAROLINA TIMES BEAUTICANS' POPULARITY DRIVE

The third week in the CAROLINA TIMES Beauticians Popularity Contest saw Miss Sarah Dodson jump back into the lead over Miss Elizabeth Stone but by a small margin of only 24,000 votes.

The greatest gain of the week was registered by Mrs. Margaret Minor who easily passed over from eighteenth place to third position, which was held last week by Miss Margaret Harris who dropped to seventh place to tie Miss Lanay Williams.

Other persons who made spectacular achievements last week were Miss Victoria Moore who advanced to fourth place; Miss Notie Curry took sixth place and Mrs. Estelle Freeland also showed considerable strength in advancing to the eighth position.

THE THIRD WEEK'S TABULATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Miss Sarah Dodson	1,987,000
Miss Elizabeth Stone	1,963,000
Mrs. Margaret Minor	1,557,000
Miss Victoria Moore	1,459,000
Mrs. Notie Curry	1,450,000
Miss Lanay Williams	1,378,000
Miss Margaret Harris	1,378,000
Mrs. Estelle Freeland	1,124,000
Mrs. Hubert Lowe	998,000

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NAACP Seeks Reason For WAC Discrimination At Fort Des Moines

NEW YORK — Colonel Overt Cult Hobby was asked this week by the NAACP to verify reports of discrimination against Negro WACs at Des Moines.

A telegram from the Chicago NAACP stating that all Negro recruiting officers in the WAC have been relieved from all recruiting duties in the United States and ordered back to camp was referred to Colonel Hobby. This is not true of white WAC officers who are recruiting.

The complaint from the Chicago NAACP state that though many of the Negro personnel at Des Moines completed all required training weeks ago they are kept at Des Moines doing almost nothing. On the other hand, the Chicago branch charges, the white personnel is sent out immediately upon completion of training. It was pointed out that the situation, if it exists, is destructive to the morale of Negro WACS and will breed confusion and discontent.

To Perfect FEPC, WMC Agreement This Week

Washington, July 24—(ANP) The "sphere of influence" and "modus operandi" agreement being worked out between the Fair Employment Practice Committee and the War Manpower Administration, it is learned.

According to one source, it will be substantially the same as the agreement that was concluded between the committee and the commission on Oct. 26, 1942, but which never became effective for one reason or another.

The objective of the agreement is to clearly define where each of the organizations will head in the elimination of discrimination in industry, and in securing the fullest possible utilization of manpower.

FEPC meanwhile is going ahead selecting personnel to set up its 12 regional offices. These directorships will be (Continue on Page Eight)

SPEAKER



DR. J. B. DAVIS, prominent Fuquay Springs Physician who was the principal speaker last Sunday afternoon in Lillington, N.C. by the Missionary Sisters at the Free Will Baptist Church.

Honor Student



KATHRYN DAVENPORT

Comely Miss Kathryn M. Davenport, senior student at Bennett College, Greensboro, who is president of the student senate at the institution for the school year 1943-44. One of the most outstanding students of the college, Miss Davenport is majoring in sociology and minoring in physical education. Her other esthetic dancing and psychoanalysis. During her student life she has been active in her class, the Little Theatre Build, and the Board of Marshalls.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Dane Davenport of 608 Green Street, Norristown, Pa.

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