

School Inequalities Rock Durham

End Medical Bias--NMA

Washington—The American Medical Association, which holds its annual convention in San Francisco Monday through Friday, was requested last week to issue a statement of policy against discriminatory practices in the field of health.

The request was made by Dr. W. Montague Cobb, professor of anatomy at Howard University, on behalf of the Council of Medical Education and Hospitals of the National Medical Association, and of the National Medical Committee of the NAACP.

Dr. Peter Murray, physician of New York City, became the first Negro to be seated in the House of Delegates of the AMA last week. Observers see this as a move by the AMA to gain support of the NMA, the corresponding Negro medical organization, in the fight against the Truman Health Insurance plan.

Dr. Elmer L. Henderson, recently elected as president of the AMA, lashed out in his inauguration speech last week at San Francisco at the Truman administration and its National Health Insurance Plan. He called on the association to continue to wage a fight against the plan.

The AMA, according to recent reports, spent the second highest sum of any lobby group in the nation last year in the fight against the Truman Health Plan.

Dr. C. Herbert Marshall, president of the NMA and Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, have forwarded letters to the AMA endorsing the request of Dr. Cobb for the AMA to speak out against discrimination in health.

Part of Dr. Marshall's letter is as follows:

"The value of a mere statement against discrimination on the part of your great organization is self-evident and cannot be overestimated. Certainly your executive officers,

... Board of Trustees ... House of Delegates cannot fail to sense the opportunity for professional statesmanship the issuance of such a statement as this represents."

AFTER GRAHAM DEFEAT

"Hopes For N.C. Dim"-Walls

Poughkeepsie, New York—"My hopes for North Carolina grew dimmer when I was told that Senator Frank Graham had been defeated to represent my native state," said Bishop W. J. Walls, presiding prelate of the second episcopal district of the A. M. E. Zion Church, here last Sunday.

The bishop continued his statement by saying that he had hoped that North Carolina would throw off the yoke of bondage that attends the southern states and take its place among those states which have lined up in the march to freedom and justice.

Bishop Walls is considered one of the foremost church leaders of America. He is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

He was joined in this blast by Bishop H. T. Medford, who is associated with him in the holding of the 129th session of the New York Conference, which has been meeting here since Tuesday. Both of the prelates are native born North Carolinians.

Bishop Medford closed the interview by saying that North Carolina, nor any other state, can not afford to lose the services of so noble a man as Frank Graham and expect to keep pace with the modern trend of liberalism.

NEA Official Plugs Aid To Education

KANSAS CITY, MO.

The National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers meeting here in its 24th annual convention heard Moss H. Kenrix, NEA representative issue a challenge for all-out support for federal aid to education.

The NEA spokesman pointed out many school situations which he felt were striving to give every child an equal opportunity in schooling. He commended Missouri for its equalized spending for boys and girls of all races.

His commendation of Missouri was, he said, lessened, however, due to the fact that in Kansas City boys and girls this year were denied nine months of education and given only eight because of a lack of funds. Returning to his discussion of federal aid to education, the NEA representative pointed out that such a curtailment of the school year in Kansas City would in all probability have been avoided if the nation had a federal aid law.

Kenrix's challenge to the PTA Congress to continue its fight for federal aid to education was stressed earlier by Mrs. J. S. Morgan, Cartersville, Ga., who is national president of the PTA organization.

In her annual message, Mrs. Morgan reaffirmed the Congress report for an adequate federal aid law for assistance to public elementary and secondary schools.



MOSS H. KENRIX

KY. COLLEGE IS HOST TO Y-TEEN SUMMER CONFAB

Frankfort, Ky. — Kentucky State College, served as host to more than 100 delegates attending the Summer Conference of the Kentucky-Tennessee Y-Teen June 10-16. The conference theme: "A Better World Begins With Me," was emphasized throughout the meet.

The conference was characterized by inspiring addresses by conference leaders. Mrs. Minnie Hitch, Principal, Rosewald Training School, Frankfort, Kentucky gave the banquet address; while Mr. Arnold W. Wright, Associate Professor of Economics and Sociology, and Miss Ruth A. Mosley, Dormitory Director, both of Kentucky State College, spoke on "Vocations" and "Leadership Training." (Please turn to Page Eight)

Project Flops; Suits Seen

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Red Purge, Political Action Theme Of NAACP Conference

Power Of Polls Cited By Many

BOSTON

The need for intensified political action to offset congressional inaction on civil rights was the recurrent theme of the six-day 41st annual convention of the NAACP which closed here last week.

Speaker after speaker reminded the 500 delegates from 38 states of their responsibility to expand the Negro's voting strength.

Reporting on political action in the South Kelley Alexander president of the North Carolina Conference of NAACP branches noted the increase in the Negro vote and called for effective organization of that vote.

"It is not enough just to get people registered," Alexander said. "The voters must be organized. We must do more work on the precinct and ward level. NAACP leaders should be concerned about developing leadership on the ward and precinct level, for it is from that level that the power to elect officials stems."

The political impact upon social and economic phases of the struggle for equality was also revealed in discussion on housing, employment and social security.

Participating in the discussion on "The Negro and the Present Economic Situation" were Clarence Mitchell, Jr., NAACP labor secretary; H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL; and Dr. Seymour E. Harris, Harvard economics professor.

Taking part in a session on mobilization for community action on behalf of NAACP program were Emory O. Jackson, executive secretary of the Birmingham, Ala., branch; Daniel E. Byrd, NAACP assistant field secretary; and Rev. Albert C. Keith of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Wilkins Yet Has Hope For FEPC

BOSTON



ROY WILKINS

Intensified and unrelenting pressure on senators can still succeed in forcing the FEPC bill to the floor of the Senate in this session of Congress, declared Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, in his keynote address at the opening mass meeting at the 41st annual convention of the NAACP last Tuesday evening.

Speaking before more than 1,000 delegates and observers in the jam-packed Union Methodist Church, Wilkins sounded a challenge to all friends of civil rights not to relax in their fight to secure cloture on the motion to take up the FEPC bill when this motion once again comes to the Senate floor on July 12th.

"The 'smoothies' in both parties who are juggling human rights for political advantage will find that their tricks are fooling no one," Wilkins said. He told the assemblage that Congress "can be converted" at the ballot box, and warned that members of either party who fail to fulfill their campaign pledges on civil rights will be routed from their seats in Congress next November.

The civil rights issue became the "hottest potato" in the second session of the 81st Congress, Wilkins asserted, because of the pressure put on senators and representatives by the more than 4,000 delegates to the National Emergency Civil Rights mobilization in Washington last January.

Under the direction of the NAACP, and with the cooperation of more than 100 national and local organizations, the Mobilization brought to the nation's capital the largest group ever to assemble there on behalf of any piece of legislation. The sweeping anti-segregation decisions handed down recently by the United States Supreme Court in the University of Texas and University of Oklahoma cases were hailed by the NAACP administrator as "sweet successes" setting the pace of the great strides forward made through the courts during the past year.

Asserting that the decision in the Sweatt case "ripped apart the 'separate but equal' myth," Wilkins told the convention that the way is now open for the (Please turn to Page Eight)

White Says Oust Biased Congress

BOSTON

A concerted drive to unseat members of Congress who fail to support civil rights legislation was urged today by NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White, speaking here at the closing session of the 41st annual convention of the NAACP.

In making his plea for a non-partisan campaign against delinquent and hostile senators representatives, White announced a decision of the NAACP Board of Directors to call a conference of liberal organizations "to plan united action against those politicians in Congress who sold us out on civil rights."

The NAACP official served notice "that no political party will be permitted either to participate in or to influence the decisions or actions of this conference. We shall meet on a completely non-partisan basis as American citizens and voters who are determined to express disapproval, irrespective of political affiliation, of those who failed to keep their party pledge to support civil rights."

It is your responsibility, White told the delegates, "to go back home wherever you live and step up registration and voting. . . . Today the Negro vote is respected and feared because of its political independence. But it is not feared enough. . . . It is not respected enough to stiffen the backbones of Republican and Democratic Senate leaders sufficiently to overcome the opposition of Dixiecrats."

Denouncing attempts of Communists and other political groups to "infiltrate and dominate branches of the NAACP Mr. White declared "we must be utterly ruthless in routing any and all attempts by any political, economic or other selfish group to take over our NAACP."



MRS. P. B. CROOM

Last Rites Held Here For Mrs. Croom

Last rites for Mrs. Pearl B. Croom, 61 year-old well-known resident of this city, were held at the Union Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. J. K. Ramsey, Windsor, former pastor of Mrs. Croom, delivered the eulogy. Members of the Durham Ministerial Alliance, including Revs. M. M. Fisher, S. P. Perry, R. C. Sharpe, William H. Fuller and Harold Roland, assisted in the services.

Mrs. Croom died of a heart attack at her home at 802 Elizabeth Street, Saturday at 10:00 a. m. A resident of the city since 1927, she was born at Whitakers, daughter of the late George and Martha Bullock. She received her early training at Brieks School, Brieks, N. C.

She was married in 1906 to Rev. A. S. Croom, by whom she is survived. Rev. Croom is pastor of the Union Baptist Church.

Also surviving Mrs. Croom are two daughters, Mrs. Dorcas V. Reeves and Mrs. (Please turn to Page Eight)

\$\$\$ Taken From Negro School Pupils

Glaring inequalities that have robbed Negro school children of millions of dollars in educational facilities here for the past 50 years were disclosed in the long awaited equalization suit brought by a group of Negro parents in behalf of their children Monday.

The unprecedented and long-awaited court action which seeks to enjoin local and state educational authorities from discriminating against Negro school children now and forever reached sensational proportions early in the week when counsel for the plaintiffs showed evidence of gross inequalities over a 48-year-old period.

Citing a section of a 135 page, documented survey of white and Negro school facilities under the topic, "School Property Overview Comparisons 1904-04 through 1948-49," plaintiffs testified that the differential in educational facilities between the races has increased along a steady pattern with the widest differential occurring during the 1948-49 school term.

Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary of the Virginia State Teachers Association, and chairman of the School Survey report, testified that in 1904-05 the differential between Negro and white school children was \$39.01 while in 1948-49 the difference favoring the white child had mounted to the staggering figure of \$441.47.

The case which was postponed three times and was filed in May in the Middle District Federal Court, is being heard by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. The plaintiffs are represented by Attorneys John H. Wheeler and M. Hugh Thompson of Durham and Martin A. Martin, Oliver W. Hill and Spotwoods W. Robinson of Richmond, Va. The Durham defendants are represented by the law firm of Fuller, Reade, Umstead and Fuller, Attorney General Harry McMillen and Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody are defending the State Board of Education.

Corroborated testimony of a parade of expert witnesses told the court that flagrant examples of rank discrimination existed in all areas of the entire Durham school system. Dr. Ellis O. Knox, professor of Education, Howard University and Dr. Stephen J. Wright, dean of the faculty at Hampton Institute were among those corroborating the testimony of inequalities made by Dr. Picott.

In a summary of the findings of Drs. Picott, Knox and Wright, it was concluded that in the major elements involved in the operation of the Durham City school system, "the schools provided for Negro children are unequal to those provided for (Please turn to Page Eight)

Local Scouts Arrive In Pa. For Jamboree

Nine Negro Scouts of this city were among the 256 Scouts of the Oconeechee Council arriving at Betswood station at eight Tuesday morning. The scouts were joined at Washington, D. C. by scouts from Mason and Savannah, Georgia.

Upon arrival at the Jamboree the contingent was met by the Regional staff, and walked one and one half miles to the camp site. W. Y. Compton, Scout executive of the Oconeechee Council met the scouts at the camp site, and started them on their work of setting up camp. The scouts were busy all day Tuesday setting up camp.

Negro scouts and scout leaders from Durham who made the trip are A. J. Caldwell, Chapel Hill, assistant Jamboree scoutmaster; J. W. Carrington, Jamboree scoutmaster; Charles Alston, Stephen Starks, James Schooler, Jr., Clarke Egerton, James Atwater Chapel Hill, Erwin Pratt, Ernest Peele, William Eaton, and James Norris.

These Scouts will put on a skit at the Jamboree on July (Please turn to Page Eight)

Much-Heralded Project Falls Flat; Union Denies Connection

Special to the TIMES
Members of the much-publicized "Round The World Study Tour," which Union University officials allowed that institution's name to be connected with until last Saturday, got no farther around the world than Richmond, Va. point of embarkation for the "globe circling tour."

The humiliating and disappointing flop of the widely heralded and acclaimed project came as a climax to a series of persnickety and confusing incidents, involving the venerable institution at Richmond.

Some of the 50 college students and teachers, participants in the project, disgruntled and obviously disappointed over the failure of the tour, indicated

that they planned to institute suits against the University for damages incurred in preparing for the short-lived "voyage." (They got as far as Byrd airport at Richmond.)

Although an inkling of the failure of project had been received by several members of the entourage before Union University's President F. J. Ellison disclaimed responsibility for the institution on the eve of the "departure," his statement disclaiming responsibility for the University, stunned participating members of the tour.

Members of the tour, although they had learned of the shortage of funds for the project, and of the President Ellison's state-

ment, gathered at the Byrd airport on schedule Sunday morning and waited four hours on the "Ralph Bunche," recently christened plane which was to take them on the journey.

The "Ralph Bunche" never showed.

Highly unusual incidents surrounding the affair were brought out this week in an interview with Dr. Harry E. Groves, professor of Law at North Carolina College, and one of the members of the ill-fated tour.

Dr. Groves said that one Professor Clemmon King directed the project. It was learned further that, although Prof. King's employment with the institution was alleged to have ended at the end of the past academic

year, he was listed in the summer school bulletin, issued in March, as directing the tour, which, according to the bulletin, offered semester credit of nine to 12 hours.

Dr. Groves said that the funds collected for the tour amounted to about \$5,000. Prof. Clemmon was quoted as saying, one week before the students and teachers assembled at Union, that the fund was \$30,000 short of the \$75,000 goal.

Attorneys for the institution told representatives of the participants that Union was not liable for the outcome of the tour. The University, however, offered to restore funds to the participating members, provided they drop claims against it.

Fight To Save Man From Chair In Miss.

New York—The Civil Rights Congress pressed its efforts for a national campaign to save the life of Willie McGee, Mississippi Negro, sentenced to die in the electric chair on a count of rape on a middle-aged white woman.

Three organizations and one outstanding personality joined the organization's nationwide appeal this week asking for executive clemency for McGee.

At the same time, the CRC announced that it had instituted a national campaign to save the escaped "Scottsboro Boy" from extradition to Alabama.

The Chicago Union Labor Post No. 745 of the American Legion, The League for Democratic Rights of Canada and Rockwell Kent, famous American artist, all joined the

CRC this week in asking for clemency for McGee. The CRC has charged that McGee is a victim of lynch justice. The organization noted that his conviction was reversed twice after it intervened, but that the third conviction was upheld by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

The Congress also charged that a lynch mob surrounded the court house at each one of the trials.

The Chicago Legion Labor Post forwarded a resolution to Atty. Gen. Howard McGrath and the two senators from Illinois stating that "this veteran (Willie McGee) has been framed, tortured and sentenced to death by the perfectly lawful Ku Klux Klan lynch-law methods currently obtaining in the undemocratic and un-American state of

Mississippi. The noted artist Rockwell Kent wrote Mississippi's Gov. Fielding Wright:

"Willie McGee has been sentenced to death by the courts of Mississippi on evidence and under circumstances that, in the judgement of that larger jury, the American people, are so far from just as to place his execution in the shameful category of legal lynching."

In the campaign to save Haywood Patterson, one of the "Scottsboro Boys," from extradition to Alabama, the CRC has asked that an "immediate barrage of telegrams" be sent to Governor Mennen of Michigan, asking him to refuse extradition.

Patterson was captured by the FBI recently in Detroit.