

Cairo Grand Jury Report Attacked

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — In a special meeting held here this week, the Illinois State Conference of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People took sharp issue with the report of the Cairo grand jury, which had expressed the opinion that no discrimination was present in the public schools of that city and which blamed the NAACP for recent instances of racial violence.

The NAACP conference called upon U.S. Attorney-General J. Howard McGrath to convene a federal grand jury to investigate the situation.

Condemning the grand jury's statement that "outside influence" had disrupted the safety and moral condition of the children to be transferred from segregated schools, the NAACP

asserted that the Association's representatives acted in a legal, lawful, courteous and cooperative manner and had not been arrogant, abusive and non-cooperative as stated in the grand jury's report.

The NAACP also hit that part of the report which said that teachers "should be able to proceed as they interpret the law."

The conference was presided over by Paul E. Thurlow, state NAACP president, of Chicago. Speakers included Gloster B. Current, director of branches; Miss June Shagalloff and Lester Bailey, field secretaries who were arrested for their part in seeking to aid the transfers; and W. Robert Ming, Jr., of Chicago, a member of the NAACP national legal committee.

SIGNET BOOKS ANNOUNCE NEW TRIPLE VOLUME

NEW YORK—The American Library, publishers of Signet and Mentor Books, will issue the first 75c paper-bound reprint designed for newsstand and bookstore sales in April, with the release of the Signet Triple Volume edition of THE FOUNTAINHEAD by Ayn Rand, originally published by Bobbs Merrill.

This Signet Triple Volume will be complete and unabridged, run over 700 pages in length in the conventional Signet size - 4 1/4" x 7 1/2". To avoid price confusion, and to readily identify this new format for consumers and dealers, the Triple Volume simulates in appearance three books in a single binding. The backbone of the book has been divided into three panels, each printed in a different color, with the title, author and number of the book printed on each panel and a newly designed 75c colophon has been reproduced prominently on the front cover, back cover and backbone of each Signet Triple Volume.

The majority of Signet Books will continue to be reprinted at 25c. Mentor Books, the firm's serious non-fiction, will remain at their customary 35c price. Late in 1950, Signet Books pioneered in introducing higher priced books for newsstand distribution, with the 35c Signet Giants and 50c Signet Double Volumes. Although scepticism was expressed in some quarters about the public's acceptance of higher-priced reprints, the first printing of the first Signet Double Volume - Willard Motley's KNOCK ON ANY DOOR was a complete sellout in ten days, and has since been reprinted six times. Double Volumes have turned out to be among the most successful Signet editions, with THE NAKED AND THE DEAD published in January 1951, setting the year's record in sales - over a million copies in 1951.

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EXPERTS SAY SCHOOL BIAS IS HARMFUL

RICHMOND, Va. — The opinions of a large group of anthropologists, psychologists and sociologists, reporting in a questionnaire survey that they believe segregation harmful even when facilities are ostensibly "equal," was cited this week in testimony at the trial in which attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are challenging the constitutionality of the segregated public schools of Prince Edward County.

Dr. Isidor Chein, director of research for the Commission on Community Inter-relationships of the American Jewish Congress, testified that more than 90 per cent of the 600 experts who answered the questionnaire said that segregation harms both

those who are segregation and those who practice the segregation.

The case opened before a special three-judge federal court on Monday. NAACP Attorneys Spottswood W. Robinson, III and Oliver W. Hill of Richmond and Robert L. Carter of the national office in New York are representing the parents of the Negro children who seek entrance to the so-called white public schools of Prince Edward County.

Witnesses for the complainants showed that school facilities offered for Negro students are vastly inferior to those offered whites, and that the county school board had promised for three years to improve the facilities, but had done nothing.

Other witnesses called this week, in addition to Dr. Chein, included Dr. John J. Brooks, director of the interracial Lincoln School in New York; Dr. M. Brewster Smith, chairman of the psychology department at Vassar College; and Dr. Kenneth C. Clark, head of the Northside Center for Child Development in New York.

Exams For Pre-School Age Children Mapped

ROXBORO — Plans for physical examination of children who will enter school at the beginning of next year's term were mapped here this week at a meeting of teachers and principals of Roxboro city and county schools and county supervisor Miss Lottie Villines.

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FAIRMONT SOCIAL NOTES

FAIRMONT — On February 24, Scouts from Troop No. 128, Fairmont were given general instructions in airplane construction and designing at the Lumberton Municipal Airport. C. T. Modlin, manager of the airport was instructor. The scouts have made plans to construct model airplanes. Scouts making the trip to Lumberton were: Roy Wortham, Graham Thompson, James Womble, Jr., Bobby Worley, Walter Waters, Ray Purnell, Jr., James Hill, Grover McNair, Frazier Taylor, Arron Taylor, Isaac Humphrey, Samuel Peace, Hansel Davis, Bobby Walters, Randolph Harris, Clem Baker, Billie McLoyd, James Bethea, Charlie Smith, John Baker, Wordell Moody, Emerson Wallace and Elias Baker.

Arrah Powell is scoutmaster; James Womble is Chairman of the Scout Committee and R. A. Stephens is a member of the Scout Committee.

The week of February 11, Eli Baker received the Merit Badge for Cycling and Graham Thompson received the Merit Badge for Poetry.

Book Club
The Adelphi Book Club met Wednesday February 20 with Mrs. L. B. Arnette and Mrs. H. F. Allen as hostesses. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Arnette which was beauti-

fully decorated in the club's colors. After the business session, a salad course, mints and nuts were served to the following: Mesdames D. L. Linsey, C. B. Moore, J. S. Hill, M. B. Hagins, and Miss H. L. Black.

A program was given at the First Baptist Church Sunday, February 17, honoring the Sixth Anniversary of the Women's Federation Club. The civic clubs of the community were represented and their members were participants on the program.

Reception
The Ward Leaders of the First Baptist Church were honored at a reception sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Club in the dining room of the church. It has been an annual affair for a number of years and was well attended on February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Peace at Thompson's Hospital in Lumberton.

Mrs. Ida Clarence of Greensboro visited in the S. B. Peace home last week-end. She is the sister of Mrs. Peace.

Speaker
Mrs. Fulton Floyd of Fairmont was guest speaker at the regular P. T. A. meeting Monday night at the Rosenwald School. She was introduced by Mrs. Cora Taylor, president of the P. T. A. Mrs. Floyd used as a subject: "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body". Mrs. Floyd stated that happiness to a large extent depends on health. "Wrong thinking is the mother of wrong doing", she asserted. Mrs. Floyd in conclusion, urged the group to "have courage, stand firm, and to remember that courage is the finest test of one's character."



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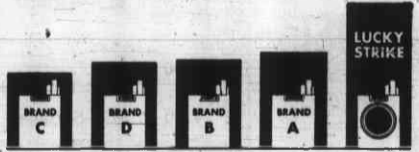
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