

Dawson Censored At Elks Meeting

Solon Scored For Making Political Speech At Confab



DISCUSS STEVENSON CAMPAIGN—Congressman William L. Dawson, left, of Chicago, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, discusses plans for the campaign to elect Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois President, with Stephen A. Mitchell, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Dawson is chairman of the House Committee on Executive Expenditures. He is the first Negro ever to be made chairman of a Congressional committee.

Dawson Re-elected To High Post In Democratic Party

Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago has been re-elected vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Dawson has been advising chairman of the Democratic National Committee since the 1944 Presidential campaign. He has been a vice chairman of the committee since 1950.

He was re-elected at a meeting of the Democratic National Committee held recently in Washington. In commenting on Mr. Dawson's reelection Stephen A. Mitchell, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said:

"Mr. Dawson is indeed a credit to the Democratic Party.

"For ten years Mr. Dawson has been an efficient and extremely effective member of the Congress. He has worked hard not only for the welfare of his own constituents but also for the good of the entire nation.

"As vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, I am sure that Mr. Dawson will continue to be a valuable adviser to me, as he has since he first became an adviser to the National Committee in 1944.

Since 1944 Mr. Dawson has been chairman of the House Committee on Executive Expenditures. This is the committee which checks the activities of Federal agencies.

Congressman Dawson was first elected to Congress in 1924 and has been re-elected four times since then.

Mr. Dawson is 68 years old. He was born in Albany, Ga., and attended Chicago-Kent College of Law and is a graduate of Flak University and Northwestern University School of Law. He worked his way through college as a bellboy.

Mr. Dawson has made his home in Chicago since 1912 and served as an alderman there before being elected to Congress.

He is a veteran of World War I. Being overage for the draft, he enlisted and rose to the rank of lieutenant. He was wounded and gassed during the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Mr. Dawson is married and the father of a son, William L. Jr., and a daughter, Barbara D. Morgan.

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Favor Bus Fare Hike But Want Negro Drivers Willing To Pay More For Better Service

A majority of Negro citizens interviewed here this week by representatives of the Carolina Times on the matter of the proposed increase in Duke Power Company fares, charged on city buses here, appeared not to be as much concerned about the increase as with the curtailment of service for patrons, especially in the Hayti section.

Several stated frankly that if the increase in fare meant better service and that scheduled bus runs would not be lengthened, they would be willing to pay higher fares. One person questioned about the increase said, "I am aware that everything else has gone up and that there may be a need for an increase in fares on the Duke Power Company buses, but I cannot go along with the company if it wants to increase the fare and lengthen the schedule at the same time."

S. C. Hodges, superintendent of transportation for the Duke Power Company told a representative of the Carolina Times that the schedule in the Hayti section would be changed to 15 minutes during the slack hours of the day, but would be stepped up to 10 minutes during the peak.

When questioned about Sunday schedules that had been cut to 20 minutes in the day and 40 minutes on Sunday night, he stated if the Sunday night schedule proved to be unsatisfactory that the schedule would be stepped up to suit the demand. Mr. Hodges admitted that the Fayetteville Street route was about the only one in the entire system that was paying its way.

Several persons interviewed in the Hayti section stated that if the company would put Negro drivers on the Hayti run they would be more kindly disposed toward the Duke Power Company. One of them said, "when a company accepts your hard earned money all the time and then refuses to employ you solely on account of the color of your skin, I don't feel the best toward it about increased fares or anything else."

The same old scarecrow, it won't work' that was thrown up about Negro policemen, was Duke Power Company official's reply to a request made for Negro drivers in the Hayti section several months ago," he stated.

Paul Robeson, noted race leader and successful baritone concert artist, has just completed a very successful concert tour. Music lovers and critics of the music world acclaim him as one of the foremost artists in his field.

Following his own meeting, the former recalcitrant Powell, who had been advocating Negroes to stay away from the polls, told reporters: "There can now be no argument so far as the Negro people are concerned. Now that the Governor has spelled it out with regard to the civil rights platform all doubts are removed from my mind."

NEW YORK
 Rep. Adam Clayton Powell became a Democrat off the inactive list this week after listening to Governor Adlai Stevenson's two rousing speeches on support of FEPC and Civil Rights, besides a personal talk with the Governor at his 17th floor suite in the Hotel Biltmore. Powell, along with thousands of Democrats, became charmed with the Democratic nominee, who literally swept through New York and New Jersey in his two day visit here.

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NEW YORK
 Many prominent personalities have agreed to serve on the committee which will sponsor a dinner in honor of James R. Lawson, President of the African Nationalist Movement on September 5, in the Skyline Room of the Hotel Theresa, it was announced this week by Edward Brown, Chairman of the Committee. Among them are Miss Martha Jones, Secretary; A. J. Johnson, Treasurer; Joe Bostic, disc jockey and Sports Editor of the Amsterdam News; Assemblyman Joseph Pinckney; Joe Howard of Howard Hat Stores; and Mike Headley, Manager of Sugar Ray's Bar. Bishop R. C. Lawson and Miss Lou Swartz are honorary co-chairmen.

The dinner will honor Mr. Lawson for his work to gain recognition for Negroes, and the proceeds will be used to help pay his expenses to Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. He will be in Eretria by September 15 to witness the ceremonies transferring authority in Eretria from the British to the Ethiopians.

Powell Makes Up With Party On Civil Rights

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Bladenboro Youth With 43rd Division

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN GERMANY — Pfc Robert L. Singletary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Singletary, Bladenboro, North Carolina, is serving with the 43rd Infantry Division in southern Germany.

The division, a National Guard unit from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont, joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe last October. A rifleman with Medical Company Private First Class Singletary entered the Army in September, 1951.

He graduated from North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina, in 1951.

Defiance Spreads In So. Africa; Arrests Total More Than 2,750

The Campaign of Defiance of Unjust Laws, directed by the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress, has now reached the stage of mass participation, involving hundreds of defiance volunteers in the various urban centers of South Africa. Today the arrests stand at 2750; by the time you read this it will probably be well over 3000.

The government's attempt to smash the movement before it could get going by arresting the leaders of the campaign has backfired. The result has been greater unity among the forces fighting the government's racist tyranny, firmer determination to go on with the struggle, and a quickening of the tempo of the Defiance Campaign.

The flaming spirit of resistance to oppression among the people is voiced as the arrested volunteers stand up in court, denying their guilt and declaring that they have only violated laws which are unjust and will continue to defy them "until we die". The "Afrika" salute, upraised right fist with extended thumb, and the Africans' own national songs are seen and heard wherever the defiance volunteers go into action.

What are the consequences if the Defiance Campaign continues to grow and spread, extending to the rural countryside, where the majority of the Africans reside? This question has the white rulers of South Africa worried, and their newspapers are demanding stronger measures to crush the movement. We have already seen: Increasing police violence with police firing on crowds of Africans who gathered to demonstrate their support for arrested volunteers at Port Elizabeth; abusive treatment of the political prisoners—in Pretoria jailed resisters were reported beaten with hose-pipe lined with wire;



James Morris, Hillside High School student who won the first prize, a \$100 scholarship, at the 28th annual session of the Interdenominational Unions Association held in Charlotte. Morris is a member of the 1952-53 Senior Class at Hillside.

Wife Of Librarian Ambassador In United States

WASHINGTON
 Mrs. Clarence L. Simpson, wife of the Liberian Ambassador to the United States, arrived in Washington Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Mrs. Simpson flew from Liberia, arriving at Idlewild airport, New York, via Pan American airplane. Due to illness which detained her in Liberia, Mrs. Simpson was unable to accompany the Ambassador when he assumed his new post in May of this year.

Mrs. Simpson, who is a graduate of Liberia College, is also a qualified lawyer and has practiced law since 1929.

The two daughters of Ambassador and Mrs. Simpson, Clarice and Amanda, arrived in the United States on August 8th. Clarence L. Simpson, Jr., has been studying at the University of Massachusetts. Miss Clarice Simpson will enter Boston University this fall.



Dr. Allen Ericson Weatherford who has been named Director of Athletics at North Carolina College. Dr. Weatherford succeeds Coach J. B. McLendon who resigned the post last Spring to accept a position at Hampton Institute.

Moore-Henry Bout Broadcast Over CBS Radio

The clash between Archie Moore of Toledo, hard-hitting light-heavyweight contender, and Clarence Henry of Los Angeles, top notch-heavyweight, will be broadcast exclusively over CBS Radio from the Detroit Olympia, Wednesday, Sept. 10.

(CBS Radio, starting at 10:05 PM, EDT)
 Moore, rated number one, at the top of the country's light-heavyweight list and a veteran of 140 ring battles defeated Clarence Henry in an earlier engagement in Baltimore. Henry has lost only four times.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.
 Elkdom came here last week and with machine-like precision its new chieftain, six-foot, four inch Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia ran it through its paces and won his case to take the nation's biggest fraternal order into the South next year. Atlanta, Ga. gets the 54th annual Elks Grand Lodge.

Important business transacted included the election of Johnson over two candidates who had previously offered but withdrew at the Grand Lodge. A minor tempest took place before the withdrawal of Herbert E. Jones of Washington, D. C., but was settled when Jones took himself out of the race.

CENSORS DAWSON
 Congressman William L. Dawson (D., Ill.) was politely censured on Thursday afternoon when he made a political speech after having been briefed again at doing so by Elk leaders.

Declaring themselves firmly behind a compulsory FEPC, the Elks flung that highly controversial issue squarely into the laps of both Presidential candidates. Neither General Eisenhower nor Governor Adlai Stevenson came to the convention, though both were invited. There were no political overtones to this Grand Lodge, except that injected by Congressman Dawson.

FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
 A full-fledged fight for Civil Liberties Department operating on a full time basis. Demanded in the resolutions were: Federal FEPC on a compulsory scale; anti-poll tax laws; establishment of a Federal Civil Rights Commission, and the complete end of segregation in the Armed Forces. The end of segregation in Washington, D. C., was called for.

Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson was given a \$2,000 a year salary increase by the order.

Grand Secretary William C. Hueston, re-elected for a one-year term, was given an Assistant Grand Secretary, James T. Cooper of Chicago. Judge Hueston's report on the finances of the order showed the net worth of the Elks' Grand Lodge to be \$452,665.98. Of this sum, \$283,765.82 is in cash and U. S. bonds.

Stress was laid on the Elks' Department of Education, still headed by Lieut. George W. Lee of Memphis, Tenn., who announced that the Ford Fund for Adult Education had agreed to support the Elks' adult education program aimed at illiteracy among adult Negroes.

Adult Education Program
 Dr. G. W. C. Browne of Norfolk, Va., one of the nation's top experts in adult education will direct this program which calls for the setting up of experimental schools for adults in seven cities. Passage of an Elk-sponsored bill now before Congress will implement this program with Federal aid and make it available also to whites.

Edward Robinson of Gary, Ind., a senior at Froebel High School there, won the national Elks oratorical contest. James H. Latimer of Tulsa, Okla., placed second.

At the oratorical contest, T. J. Sellers of Charlottesville, Va. read a prepared statement from Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune of Daytona, Fla., in which the veteran educator and leader announced her retirement from the active field of education and public service.

At the Civil Liberties meeting presided over by Grand Director Hobson R. Reynolds, the third Elijah Lovejoy Medal Elkdom's highest public honor was awarded to Branch Rickey, general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball club, who brought Negroes into organized baseball by signing Jackie Robinson in 1946.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS
 Officers elected by the Grand Lodge included: Bertram V. Gregory of Detroit, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight (second in command to Mr. Johnson); Harvey Harris of White Plains, N. Y., Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; the Rev. K. P. Battles, Rocky Mount, N. C., Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Benjamin J. Butler, Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Inner Guard; Dr. L. W. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Husband Pumps 3 Bullets In Body Of Wife Holding Baby

REIDSVILLE
 A peace warrant, a wife's devotion to her baby, nor sheer regard for the law of the land, were enough to stop Fountain Thomas from pumping three bullets into the breast of his wife, Dorothy, here Tuesday morning, according to police reports.

Fountain is alleged to have gone to the home of his mother-in-law, on McGhee Street, about 8:30 A.M. Upon arriving he found his wife with their baby in her arms. Without warning he fired one shot into her chest. As a result of the first shot, Mrs. Thomas dropped the child and attempted to get out of the range of the gun fire.

She made a good target as she fled and it was then that her husband fired two more shots into her body and she fell mortally wounded. She was started to a hospital, but died on her way.

Persons who knew the couple could not give the officers any specific reason for the deliberate shooting. The couple is known to have had trouble for some time and it was for this reason that Mrs. Thomas was not staying with her husband.

It is believed that she had sought safety at her mother's home, due to the many threats he had made. Thomas was under a peace bond when he committed the murder.

After the shooting, Thomas is said to have fled the scene in a truck. He is being sought for murder and is the object of a wide spread hunt, according to police.