

# IKE SAYS "NO" AGAIN TO FEPC

## Gen. Eisenhower Makes Stand Clear On Issue

NEW YORK  
President-elect Eisenhower has said what amounts to "NO" to proposed Fair Employment Practices legislation.

This stand by the successful Republican candidate was revealed last Monday at a conference Eisenhower held with a delegation of Negro clergymen who called at the general's headquarters here.

Dr. W. J. Jernigan, spokesman for the group, said that Eisenhower was deeply interested in the problem of hiring and firing discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups and said that everyone wants to eliminate such discrimination but that there are differences as to the best method.

This was accepted to mean that the general would not use his influence to push FEPC legislation as did President Truman. Whether or not he would use his influence to oppose such if it came up in his administration was not made clear.

The request for Eisenhower to back FEPC legislation was put to him along with several other matters by the group composed of members of the National Fraternal Council of Churches in Washington, D. C. It represents 13 denominations with more than seven million members.

Ike was urged to "use the authority and influence" of the presidency to bring about "the establishment of fair employment legislation which will prohibit the 'starving out' because of color, race or creed those who are otherwise qualified for jobs they seek."

Despite this stand by the President-elect, the NAACP announced this week that plans have been made to launch a drive to secure enactment of FEPC legislation. These plans were laid at a meeting of the Southeast advisory board of the NAACP in Atlanta, Ga.

Eisenhower had since tossing his hat into the ring last summer made clear his lukewarm attitude toward FEPC legislation. The issue, which lost Truman and the Democrats some support in the South but sport in other areas, has continually confronted Eisenhower since he announced his intention to run for Republican nomination.

Shortly after his successful nomination, a delegation of Negroes who saw him at Denver were told that he was for the principle of Fair Employment Practices but that he was not certain that legislation was the method to use in achieving it.

At that time, he was quoted as saying that he felt that much more could be accomplished

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# The Tragedies Spell Bleak Yuletide For Four Families

## Two Dead, One Hurt, 4 Homes Left In Ashes

A bleak Christmas is in prospect for at least four Tar Heel families as fires caused the deaths of two persons, seriously injured another and destroyed four homes last week.

At Fayetteville last Sunday, a two year old boy was burned to death while his four year old brother suffered second degree burns in a fire which destroyed their home. A fire last Tuesday at Oxford left a family of eight homeless. A faulty kerosene stove started a blaze in Burlington last Sunday which burned down the six room structure of another family. A 38 year old farmer of Tyrell County was burned to death in a hunting accident last Thursday.

This note of tragedy was sounded for these four North Carolina families as the rest of the State was in the midst of preparations for the Yule season.

In the Fayetteville tragedy, the life of Wilson Blue, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Blue, was snuffed out in the flames which left the modest home of his family a smoldering ruin. The charred remains of his body were found on a bed in the gutted dwelling by firemen.

An older brother and sister were carried to safety by Mr. and Mrs. Blue, but not before the four-year-old son, Rayfield, had suffered second degree burns. In the confusion and excitement the elder Blues each thought the other had rescued their youngest son. They did not realize, until too late, that he was still inside the burning house.

Rayfield, the older brother, was in fair condition at a local hospital last week. The elder Blues suffered face burns and their nine year-old daughter escaped unhurt.

At Oxford, a family of ten faces Christmas without a home as a result of a fire last Tuesday which destroyed their home. While the father of the family, Young Davenport, was at the hospital receiving treatment for a heart disease, the disaster occurred. A sister of Davenport, staying with the children while the mother attended Davenport at the hospital, assisted all eight children in reaching safety from the five room house.

Davenport was a tenant on the J. B. Overton farm. Flames originating from a faulty kerosene stove which was to be replaced the next day by an electric stove, destroyed the home of a family in Glen Raven, near Burlington, last Sunday morning.

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## Texas CIO Seeks Ban On Public Jim Crow Schools

GALVESTON, TEX.

The fight of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to abolish Jim Crow education has gained the support of the Texas CIO Industrial Union Council which, at its sixteenth annual convention here voted unanimously to go on record as supporting the immediate elimination of all forms of segregation in the public schools of Texas.

Adoption of the resolution by 600 delegates, on December 13, shortly after NAACP attorneys had argued before the United States Supreme Court against segregated education, followed an address to the convention by Herbert Hill, NAACP labor relations assistant. Mr. Hill told the convention that "the continued existence of racial segregation has become the major political and social question in our national life."

Citing the southward expansion of industry and its failure to absorb Negro workers, the NAACP official also told the delegates that "the deliberate and systematic denial of equal job opportunities for Negro workers remains the most important civil rights problem."

In addition to going on record against public segregation, the Texas labor group voted to "continue to work with and extend its assistance and cooperation to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the State of Texas until all citizens are assured equal justice under law."

## N. C. Mutual Gets Spaulding Album From WNC

Following the presentation of a Christmas pageant in the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Friday afternoon, December 19, at 3 o'clock, J. F. Jarman, Manager of Radio Station, WNC accompanied by Norfle Whitted, who is among the oldest employees of WNC presented an album of records containing the funeral services of Dr. Charles Clinton Spaulding, the late president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Appropriate remarks for the occasion were made by Jarman, who made the presentation, and W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President of the company, accepted the gift on behalf of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the two other institutions that the late Mr. Spaulding headed; the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and the Mutual Savings and Loan Association.

Jarman stated that because of what Mr. Spaulding had meant to the City of Durham, WNC wanted to make this contribution to the company and the other institutions.

Norfle Whitted, of WNC, received a round of applause from the employees of N. C. Mutual.



While a patient at Tokyo Army Hospital in Japan, PFC Alexander Baskerville of Oxford, N. C., is visited by Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of the Far East Commander. Baskerville, the son of Mrs. Rosa Baskerville, 702 Hivin Street, Oxford, is a member of Company L, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, which is serving in Korea.—(U. S. ARMY PHOTO).

## Picket Formed Against Sears' Hiring Policy

### Four Va. Tots Die In Flames

By D. E. ELLIS

PRINCESS ANNE, VA.

The lives of four children were claimed by a fire here last Wednesday afternoon which also destroyed the home of a Virginia Beach maid.

Mrs. Sarah Ferree, who works as a maid at Virginia Beach and lives in the landown section, lost three of her five children in the fire. Another child, belonging to a sister of Mrs. Ferree, Mrs. Estelle Plummer, was also burned to death in the fire.

The fire broke out sometime Wednesday morning after Mrs. Ferree had gone to work at nearby Virginia Beach. It was not clear at press time this week whether the children were alone at the time of the fire or not.

The dead are Gladys, Wilford and Warrell Ferree and Caroline Plummer.

Mrs. Plummer is employed at a night club near Bayside and her husband works at the Naval Base.

### Gate City Man Dies In Wreck

GREENSBORO  
Guerny E. Nelson, former dean of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., died Sunday in a Mooresville Hospital from injuries he received in an automobile accident several hours earlier.

Funeral services were held for the 60-year-old educator at the St. Matthew's Methodist Episcopal Church here Tuesday.

The accident occurred on highway 21 north of Mooresville. Nelson's car apparently failed to make a curve and overturned. Nelson was once principal of the Washington Street high school here. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

## Protest Action Starts In Cleveland, Springs To Nation-wide Scale

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — The National Negro Labor Council this week announced its intention to conduct simultaneous picket lines in selected areas across the country against Sears-Roebuck in protest of the claim that no Negroes are hired in any capacity other than menial by Sears-Roebuck.

In a letter released to the press today and addressed to General Robert E. Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears-Roebuck and Company, Inc., Coleman A. Young, NNLC Executive Secretary, described the Convention mandate in the form of a resolution dealing with the "Jim Crow hiring policies of Sears-Roebuck" adopted at the Second Annual Convention of the National Negro Labor Council, recently concluded in Cleveland, Ohio.

One of the features of this Convention was a mass picket line of 1500 people which marched through downtown Cleveland and circled the offices of American Airlines, also in protest of the airlines' "Discriminatory hiring policies."

William R. Hood, National President of the NNLC and Recording Secretary of Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, in describing the Sears-Roebuck Jobs Campaign, had this to say:

"The National Negro Labor Council is now entering its second year of struggle for the full freedom of the Negro people of America. In the past year, we have made great strides, and scored significant victories, toward the fulfillment of our immediate goal—100,000 jobs for Negroes workers in areas of employment from which they are at present excluded."

"In the year ahead we have set for ourselves four (4) national objectives—to crack Jim Crow hiring in Sears-Roebuck and American Airlines; the fight for national and local FEPC; and the opening up of a campaign to stop systematic elimination of Negroes from employment in the railroad industry."

Hood continued, "The Christmas picket lines is only the opening gun, not only in our Sears campaign, which we are determined to continue until democracy wins over discrimination, but in the National NNLC Jobs Campaign for 1953. It is significant that this is the first time that nationally coordinated picketing has been conducted in protest against undemocratic hiring policies."

"Unless there is an immediate about face on the part of those who are responsible for economic Jim Crow, I can assure you that the Sears picket lines will not be the last."

## Talks On Bias At Columbia, S. C. During Christmas

NEW ORLEANS

Young people from 17 Southern states and the District of Columbia will assemble for a conference on "Youth and Racial Unity Through Educational Opportunity" at Allen University, Columbia, S. C., December 29, 30, 31.

Featured speakers scheduled to address the conference are: Dr. Albert E. Barnett, Professor of New Testament, Emory University, Georgia; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President-Emerita, Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, Florida; Dr. Herman H. Long, Director Race Relations Department, American Missionary Association, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; President J. W. Marshall, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas; and Mr. Aubrey Williams, Editor and Publisher of Southern Farm and Home, Montgomery, Alabama.

The conference is sponsored by 425 persons, from 17 Southern and border states and the District of Columbia, headed by Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Secretary, Department of College and Uni-

versity Life, Board of Education, Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Sponsors include students or faculty from 162 Southern colleges and universities.

Ben Binkley, graduate of Vanderbilt University, now a theology student at Emory University, Georgia, is conference chairman.

Chairmen of the four conference commissions are: Miss Patricia Smathers, Student Berea College, Ky.; Miss Willetta Moore, Student Assistant to the President, (Please turn to Page Eight)



HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH — The Our Lady of Lourdes school choir forms a colorful and melodious group as they welcome the holiday season with a singing of the "First Noel" at Christmas tree dedications ceremonies at City Hall Park in New York recently. The interracial choir is greatly in demand during the holiday season. (Newspress Photo.)

## Court Asked To Throw Out Suit Against Person School Officials

GREENSBORO

An answer to a school discrimination suit brought against Person County and State school officials was filed Monday in Middle District Court.

The action was brought by a group of Negro citizens of the county who charge that the discriminatory practices of the school officials are "obvious to the naked eye."

The State's answer to this charge, filed by State Attorney General Harry McMullan, flatly asks the court to dismiss the case.

McMullan's answer to the original charges by the plaintiffs list several defenses:

1.—No diversity of citizenship exists since the plaintiffs and defendants are all residents of North Carolina.

2.—Since the alleged damages cannot be asayed, there is no way for a declaratory judgement to be entered.

3.—The complaint fails to state or cause action upon which relief can be granted.

4.—The complaint fails to specify by what means the defendants as individuals injured the plaintiffs.

The original charge filed by the Negro citizens on Nov. 5 seeks admittance for the Negro students to the superior white schools on constitutional grounds.

The complaint contends that while Negroes make up 42 per cent of the county's school population they had only 19 of the 60 buses, two of the 14 brick buildings, and 2,730 of the 19,125 library volumes in the elementary grades.

## Tucker Named Emancipation Speaker Here

The Reverend C. E. Tucker, presiding elder of the Indiana Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, will be the principal speaker at the annual Emancipation Proclamation memorial services here Thursday, Jan. 1.

Saint John Baptist Church, located at Third Street, will be host this year to the service, regularly sponsored by the local interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. The service will begin at 11 o'clock.

Participants on the program, in addition to those who will represent the several civic and educational organizations of the area are Miss J. M. Wooten, who will read Lincoln's historic proclamation; R. W. Dalton, soloist; and Reverends S. P. Perry, H. A. Smith and C. S. Sessoms who will conduct devotions.

Music for the program will be furnished by the St. John Church choir.

The following persons will represent various organizations of the city:

T. R. Speight, Durham Business and Professional Chain; Dr. C. D. Watts, Negro Professions; W. L. Bradsher, educational institutions; Mrs. Callie Daye, cosmetologist; R. G. Trice, labor; J. S. Stewart, Durham Committee on Negro Affairs; I. O. Funderburg, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Richard K. Barksdale, Greek letter fraternities.

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Leaders at South-wide Youth Conference—to be held Dec. 29, 30, 31 at Allen University, Columbia, S. C. Top row, left-right, Keynote-speaker J. W. Marshall, President Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas; other speakers:

Dr. Herman H. Long, Director Department of Race Relations, American Missionary Association, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Albert E. Barnett, Prof. of New Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia; Aubrey W. Williams, Sr., President, Southern Conference Educational Funds, Inc. Montgomery, Alabama.

Bottom row: Conference Chairman, Ben Binkley, theological student, Emory University, Georgia; Commission Chairman, Grady H. Donald, Student, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.; Carl Schowengerdt, Senior, Central College, Mo.; Patricia Smathers, Junior, Berea College, Ky.; not shown, Willetta Moore, Student Assistant to the President, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

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