

D. C. Doctors Endorse Proposal To Give \$100 Each To NAACP "Fighting Fund For Freedom" Drive

WASHINGTON, D. C. At the regular meeting of its board of Governors on April 20, the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia endorsed the proposal of its president, Dr. W. Montague Cobb, that every Negro doctor in the United States contribute at least \$100 to the "Fighting Fund for Freedom." Dr. Cobb urged this proposal in an address at the 42nd Annual Clinic of the John A. Andrew Clinical Society, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, on April 14. He said, "When the American Medical Association elected to oppose a plan for national health insurance put forward by the President of the United States, it levied an individual tax of \$25 on its members and accumulated a war chest reputed at over two and a half million dollars which was effectively used. The issue involved was the merits of a plan for paying for medical care. This issue was one on which reasonable men might differ.

"The moral principle that medical facilities and care ought to be available to the citizens of our country on the basis of need without racial discrimination of any kind is a principle on which reasonable men may not differ. The affirmative is the only position tenable. It concerns a far higher ground of advocacy than the patterns for financing medical care. It might be assumed, therefore, that to Negro doctors especially, this moral principle would have an importance at least four times greater and that these physicians would be willing voluntarily to address themselves at least four times as much as the American Medical Association assessed its members in a lesser cause. Thus where AMA members bore a levy of \$25 to fight national health insurance, Negro physicians would now eagerly contribute at least \$100 each to banish discrimination from health areas.

"It happens that a well-proved organization exists, dedicated to the elimination of racial discrimination in all areas, including those of medicine. It further happens that this organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in taking stock of the encouraging progress in recent years, has promulgated the brilliant concept that the county can go the whole rest of the way by 1963, the centennial year of the Emancipation Proclamation. To this end the NAACP, at the instance of the distinguished chairman of its Board of Directors, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, has established its "Fighting Fund for Freedom" and has invited contributors from all walks of life. This organization is already equipped and has the know-how to deal with the problems which confront the minority profession, working cooperation with that profession. What could be more inspiring than for every Negro doctor straightway to contribute at least the sum of \$100.00 to the NAACP's Fighting Fund for Freedom. One can think of no more effective means to get the job done that we all want done and of nothing better calculated to gain the cooperation and support of the entire public than the spectacle so provided of doctors putting their shoulders to the wheel with the people for a cause which will benefit the whole people, including themselves. "A one hundred per cent re-

Eisenhower Urged To Consider Negroes For Federal Court Posts

NEW YORK President Dwight D. Eisenhower has been urged to give "careful and sympathetic consideration" to qualified Negroes in making future appointments to the federal courts. Acting on instructions of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman, and Walter White, executive secretary, wrote to the President on April 13 expressing the NAACP's "keen regret that none of several eminently qualified Negro attorneys were included in the nominations announced on April 7 to fill vacancies on the federal bench."

The letter, addressed jointly to the President and Attorney General Herbert Brownell, reiterated the NAACP policy against "asking for political or other appointments for individuals." Nevertheless, the Association spokesmen told President Eisenhower and the Attorney General, the NAACP has consistently maintained that race should not be "a deterrent to the nomination of qualified persons to important posts."

The failure to include a single Negro appointee, the letter said, was "particularly noticeable and regrettable in view of the percentages established by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman in the appointment of qualified Negroes to the federal bench, such as Judge William H. Hastie to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Irvin Mollison of the U. S. Customs Court, and Judge Herman E. Moore as District Judge for the Virgin Islands."

Copies of the letter were sent also to Leonard W. Hall, chairman of the Republican National Committee and to Republican governors.

In response to a call of this kind would yield a war chest of something near \$410,000. While this is much less than two and a half million, the moral principle and demonstration of solidarity concerned would so reinforce the material resource that more could be accomplished with this sum than would otherwise be possible with many millions.

"Then let us not delay. Send your \$100 contribution to the Fighting Fund for Freedom today. Through your local and state medical associations and through the Health Committees of your NAACP branches, urge your colleagues to do likewise. A great opportunity knocks!"

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Mr. and Mrs. Hester Johnson, Greensboro, were the week-end guest of Mrs. J. C. Spinks of Apex. On Sunday they motored to Raleigh to see Mrs. Spinks' husband.

The Hinton Beckwith Home Demonstration Club met at the Home of Mrs. Dorothy Mae McNeil, Tuesday, April 13. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Gatha Lassiter. After the business session a demonstration by our home agent took place on Child's Care, which was very well explained.

Members present were Mesdames Claude Powell, Susie Edwards, Maggie Lassiter, Frankie Thompson, Betty Farrar, Gatha Lassiter, Lessie Spinks, Josephine Stroud, Mae Ruth Lassiter, Mildred E. Payton. Visiting were Miss E. M. McCollum.

The Holland Chapel Senior and Junior Usher Boards held their regular meeting April 14. The meeting was presided over by the president C. R. Lassiter. In the business session all members were urged to attend the Mid-Year session at Creedmoor. Members present were E. H. Powell, Mesdames Annie Powell, Gatha Lassiter, Bertha Thompson, Dorothy McNeil, Mae Ruth Lassiter, Misses Ruth Powell, Willie E. Powell, Joe Powell, Robert Revels, Richard Powell.

On Sunday, April 4 the Harmony Male Chorus of Holland Chapel appeared on the program with other groups of singers at Page's Auditorium in Durham. On Sunday afternoon, April 11 a program was sponsored by the White Rose Club and the Church Progressive Club. Guest were Pastor and Choir of Cedar Rock Baptist Church.

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There's as much difference between the old paper plate and today's paper plate as there is between the old Model T and the new streamlined Ford. Paper plates have gone refined in pretty colors and china-like patterns and as a result are now stock year-round kitchen shelf items. They're used as a matter of course for buffets, eat-and-run meals, TV get-togethers, snacks, youngsters' parties and every form of outdoor function, any time, any place where time is of the essence or when there's a crowd to feed.

Aside from the conventional food service use for paper plates, there are other time- and work-saving uses that benefit every member of the family. The man of the house, for example, finds paper plates handy when painting. A paper plate slipped up the paint brush handle catches the drips when painting anything high. A paper plate under the paint can facilitates moving the can from one spot to the next, catches the drips and provides a resting place for the brush.

Homemakers find many uses for paper plates in the kitchen. Flour and other dry ingredients can be sifted onto a paper plate. When slightly bent, the plate acts as a funnel making it possible



to sift and resift with little chance of spillage. A paper plate near the stove provides a resting place for the spoon when cooking something that needs an occasional stir. Meat or fish can be floured on a paper plate. Small paper plates pinch-hit for soap dishes, while nine-inch plates cut in half pinch-hit for dust pans.

Youngsters find paper plates useful assurance against scoldings for a paper plate slipped up the stick of the candied apple or ice cream pop protects their clothes from spots.

New One-Shot Cure For Gonorrhea Disclosed By Chicago Physician

A new "one-shot" cure for gonorrhea was made public yesterday in a report by a Chicago physician. Dr. Ben Seid disclosed that one injection of the antibiotic tetracycline "rapidly and totally cured" 12 cases of the most common venereal infection in the United States.

The same drug worked in 38 chronic cases after penicillin had failed. Dr. Seid reports in the current issue of the medical journal, *Antibiotics and Chemotherapy*. Development of the first injectable form of a wide range antibiotic, tetracycline intramuscular, has made possible this advance. Of the 38 stubborn cases, 16 required only one injection of the drug, while the other 22 needed two.

Thanks to the antibiotics, gonorrhea is not so widespread as it once was, but 243,850 cases were reported to the U. S. Public Health Service in 1953

and the Service estimates the total incidence of gonorrhea at about one million cases.

Although remarkable progress has been made in the fight against venereal disease, Dr. Seid believes that the development of the tetracycline intramuscular form will offer physicians advantages over both penicillin and streptomycin. He declares that the new drug is "probably the best preparation" he has used for treatment of gonorrhea.

Late in 1944 the War Department directed that penicillin should replace the sulfa drugs as the first choice remedy for gonorrhea. The discovery of streptomycin and tetracycline added other weapons to the fight against the disease. From 1947 to 1952 the incidence of infections declined from 284.2 to 161.1 per hundred thousand population.

In addition to providing a rapid cure for gonorrhea, the

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Conviction, Confidence And Character Important Requirements For Public Office Says Harris

Conviction, confidence, and character" are three important requirements for public office, according to R. N. Harris, Durham City Councilman from the Third Ward.

Harris listed these requirements at North Carolina College Saturday during the Law School's first annual Institute on Municipal Corporations. The all day session was held in the Moot Court Room.

He was one of six Negro city officials and former officials participating in a symposium on "The Elements Necessary for Attaining Negro-White Cooperation in the Election of Negroes to Public Office."

Other councilmen in the discussion were Nathaniel Barber, City Treasurer of Gastonia; the Rev. W. R. Crawford, Winston-Salem; Dr. William Hampton, Greensboro; Hubert S. Robinson, alderman, Chapel Hill; and Dr. W. P. De Vane, former Fayetteville city councilman.

Harris set the stage for the panel's discussion when he advocated more interracial cooperation in "electing men of merit" regardless of "race, creed, or color". He said conviction involved "a bi-racial educational program and he added that "Confidence is short-lived unless it is founded on Christian character.

"You've got to have guts, and you've got to know the score. You've got to be the councilman for the people, because you represent all people," Dr. De Vane said.

The Rev. Crawford said, "If one wants to seek public office, he must have a record of civic participation." The Winston-Salem Methodist minister said the "big payoff in public office comes in doing something for somebody else. It doesn't make any difference whether it's a white or black citizen who's helped. The true feeling of public service comes from a desire to want to do something for an ongoing municipality."

Commenting on Harris' emphasis upon "confidence," Crawford said, "When people have problems, if they have confidence in you, it doesn't make any difference whether you're white or colored."

"It is a sense of gratification to help correct problems," the Winston-Salem councilman continued. "Know your community," Crawford advised. "Establish good human relations and good race relations with the citizens in your community. Establish (continued on page six)

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