

# Negro Leaders Warn Jewish Audiences to "Stop Mounting Platitudes" and Act in Defense of C-R

CHICAGO, Illinois — Two national Negro leaders both scored and warned Jewish audiences at the Conrad Hilton Hotel last night and today to "stop mouthing platitudes" and to begin acting in defense of civil rights not only for the Negro, but for mankind.

Whitney Young, Executive Director of the National Urban League, spoke today (November 31) at a meeting of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, a joint body of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Martin Luther King, Jr. last night addressed rabbinate delegates to the UAHC's 47th Biennial General Assembly at a joint banquet with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The Federation is making its 50th year with the concurrent convention at the hotel.

**URGES PASSAGE C-R BILL**

Urging passage of the Administration's Civil Rights bill, Young wondered why it was generally felt that there was a "radical and revolutionary" bill. "It deals with things all Americans should be able to take for granted — the right to vote, to get a hot dog at a restaurant, to sleep in a hotel."

Young stressed common bonds and said "Since you have also known oppression and suffering, you know what silence and inaction can do." But he was impatient with Jews for using "phony arguments," such as "why can't the Negro be like the Jew?"

The Negro leader was frankly impatient with Jews on several points. He denied that there was a growing anti-Semitism among Negroes. He declared that what is mistaken for anti-Semitism is an anti-white feeling. "The Jewish storekeeper becomes a symbol. The Negro may attack the Jews just as he attacks his own leadership—but only because he expects more from them."

He castigated those Jews who go to great lengths to voice sympathy, but never to prove their feelings. Young also loosed a barb at rabbis who, he said, "mouth platitudes and save peoples' consciences."

"They should keep their eyes on the moral teachings of their faith and not on the faces of their largest contributors," he observed.

If Jews and white people, in general, are to get along with Negroes, he said, they would have to learn to work with Negroes and not just for them.

"They might even have to agree to work under Negroes or to follow them, since it is time for the Negro to lead his own cause. The white community, the business community, the religious community, had their opportunity for leadership, and they lost it."

Dr. King, who received a standing ovation last night, pleaded with his massed audience to write, telegraph and telephone congressmen and others of national influence, urging them to vote for strong civil rights legislation, "and to do it now."

"If men of good will do that, he declared, "we will be able to get our bill." He said that it was rumored that not until the next session of Congress would the bill be brought to a vote. "I say to you," Dr. King declared, "that if this fails to pass, our nation may well be faced with an incurable cancer that will destroy our moral force — and it is urgent for people all over the nation to see and to face the issue."

Dr. King ranged over the entire field of human aspiration and enlightenment, touching upon the character of America, the morality of 20th century life, and the prospects for universal brotherhood in our time.

"America has an almost schizophrenic personality. It is tragically against itself. On one hand, it announces grand ideals and principles, and on the other practices their antithesis." Referring to "Judaism and the Pursuit of Excellence," the theme of the six-day UAHC convention, Dr. King hurled at his audience the challenge that: "What man must do to achieve this moral excellence if democracy is to be a reality in America, and brotherhood a reality throughout the world."

"I cannot be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be," Dr. King said. "You cannot be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the secret of our interdependence."

# Presbyterians Pledge Support to LBJ as He Seeks to Carry Out C-R Policies of the Late President

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The United Presbyterian Commission on Religion and Race has pledged its "unflinching support" to President Johnson as he seeks to carry out the civil rights policies of the Kennedy Administration.

This pledge was made in a telegram to President Johnson from Dr. Marshall L. Scott, commission chairman, and the Rev. Gayraud R. Wilmore, Jr., its executive director.

The telegram expressed sympathy to the Kennedy family and assured the new Chief Executive of the commission's "most sincere good wishes and spiritual blessing."

The telegram said further: "The hate that struck down our beloved President has become a characteristic of the temperament of our people whenever we vie with one another in the arena of public affairs."

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**PROSPECTIVE SCIENTIST** — James Murrell, left, a North Carolina College senior, listens intently as Robert Lee, a representative of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, explains features of the NASA.

Lee, who visited Durham from the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., interviewed NCC seniors for prospective employment during a one-day visit to the campus.

Murrell, a native of New Bern, is completing a mathematics-physics major and minor at NCC.

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President Lyndon B. Johnson. Wilkins expressed confidence that the civil rights program initiated by President Kennedy.

In a special article in the New York Herald-Tribune on Sunday he paid high tribute to the late Chief Executive. "In their long, soul-testing and often heartbreaking trek toward first-class citizenship, John F. Kennedy gave Negro Americans all too briefly a lift upward, lighted by nerve and courage and guided by a love of country above and beyond the petty divisions of region, race or religion," he said.

Wilkins speech at the annual Freedom House dinner on Nov. 26 was covered by CBS and ABC TV networks and also by network and local radio stations. On Nov. 27 he appeared on CBS-TV and on Sunday, Dec. 1 he was scheduled to appear on ABC-TV. A taped radio broadcast by a syndicated news service was also scheduled to appear on Sunday in several cities throughout the country.

# Affainment of '63 Savings Bonds Goal in Sight

Series E and H Bond sales in North Carolina during October amounted to \$3,896,857, an increase of 13.9 per cent over the same month a year ago.

Cumulative sales for the first 10 months of 1963 amounted to \$42,653,242, which is 84.3 per cent of the State's annual quota of \$50,600,000. This is nearly 1.9 million dollars ahead of the January-October sales last year, and represents the best sales for the period since 1958.

W. H. Anderwa, Jr., State Volunteer Chairman, said, "Prospect for attaining the 1963 Savings Bonds goal are better than they have been for several years. In the short time remaining in 1963 we are asking that all North Carolinians put forth extra effort to help put our State in the 'over-100 per cent' group."

# JFK Greatest Rights President of Century: Constance B. Motley

NEW YORK — The loss of John Fitzgerald Kennedy has deprived American Negroes of the greatest presidential advocate of equal rights this century has yet heard.

So spoke Constance Baker Motley, history making civil rights attorney and associate counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Mrs. Motley's statement was the highlight of a two day Women of Conscience Civil Rights Conference sponsored by the National Council of Women of the United States, here this week.

The attractive attorney added that the nation's loss, "has not deprived us of the vision which he, (President Kennedy) encouraged, of a truly desegregated society."

The NCW was founded in 1888 by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others. Since then it has grown to include 56 Councils throughout the free world. It serves as a clearing house for women's organizational activities.

Mrs. Motley said that "official resistance" to ending segregation has led the widespread disrespect for law and order. Moreover, "it has stimulated white citizen resistance in form of economic retaliation against Negroes," seeking freedom, she continued.

In conclusion, Mrs. Motley told NCW members and their Presi-

# 5 DURHAM USHERS ATTEND MEETING

There was a special session of the Interdenominational Association of N. C. Ushers at their home near Franklinton Sunday Dec. 1. Members attending from Durham were: Mrs. Sarah Cates, Burch Coley, J. R. Mitchell, J. M. Husband and L. E. Austin.

Twelve counties have reached quota for this year. They are 100 per cent or better of their Graham, 206.2%; Watauga, 180.8%; Richmond, 13.4%; Hoke, 124.9%; Caldwell, 112.8%; Currituck 111.7%; Durham, 110.1%; Wake 108.8%; Alexander, 108.4%; Iredell, 104.0%; Gullford, 103.6% and Haywood, 103.6%.

Bond sales during October in Durham County were \$173,733 according to Winston Poole, Durham County Volunteer Savings Bonds Chairman. For the year, sales totaled \$1,608,782, which is 110.1 per cent of the County's quota for this year.

# Baha'i Prayers Said for Kennedy

The Baha'is of Durham met for prayers Sunday, November 24 at the home of Mrs. Ludmila Van Sombeck with special focus on the memory of President John F. Kennedy and on the future of America Prayers and selected passages on death and the high spiritual destiny of this country were read with appropriate musical background.

The Baha'i writings contain extensive passages on eternal life the significance of earthly life in creation to life hereafter, and on the progress of the soul. The future role of America to lead the world spiritually toward a lasting peace is also enunciated in the writings.

dent, Sophia Yarnall Jacobs, that the Negro vote is the key to lowering racial injustices.

"That is why current voter education and registration campaigns are a must. These efforts

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# Dr. W. C. Somerville, Lott Carey Executives Vote For Aid to Haiti

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On Wednesday, November 20, the Executive Committee of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, after hearing a detailed report and viewing pictorial scenes of the horrible destruction brought on the Island of Haiti by the recent Hurricane, Flora, unanimously voted to launch an intensive effort to gather funds to restore and rebuild several of the destroyed schools and churches on that damaged land.

According to the Executive Secretary, Dr. Wendell C. Somerville who had recently returned from an on-the-spot investigation, some sections of Haiti, particularly such communities of Leonora, Petit Goave, Miragoane, Pond des Nègres, LaGonave and Petit-Rive, de Nippes, all buildings were destroyed and thousands of Haitians were left homeless and scattered throughout the mountain-sides. Numerous lives were lost and there is a large number of cases of sickness.

Dr. Somerville displayed several photographs of shattered school and church buildings lying in ruins.

The Committee voted to assist

in rebuilding these buildings. The Committee members also pledged to forward other supplies such as clothing and other articles to these impoverished people.

In addition to the above action, the Executive Committee appointed the Rev. Dr. L. J. Shipmon, Charlotte as Superintendent of its Haitian Missions. The Rev. Shipmon is the builder and former pastor of the University Park Baptist Church of Charlotte. This edifice is one of the most modern and attractive edifices in North Carolina. Reverend Shipmon received his A.B. and B.D. from Shaw University Friendship College honored him with a Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1958. Mrs. Shipmon is a teacher in the public schools of Charlotte. They have one daughter, Krishnu, who is a brilliant music student.

The Executive Committee also heard the report of its Personnel Committee. This Personnel Committee recommended the appointment of the following missionary candidates: Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Ray, Baltimore, Maryland, Mrs. Mary Shaw Gibbs, New York, New York, and Miss Inez Alexander.

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