

Baptist Congress Of Christian Education To Meet Here June 21-25

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IN MISSISSIPPI NAACP

Seeks To End Barring Of Negroes From Juries

GREENVILLE, Miss. — A suit, which seeks to crack Mississippi's legal method of excluding Negroes from juries, was filed here this week by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

The action, lodged in U. S. District Court, asks a three-judge federal court to rule that the present method of securing jurors in Mississippi courts is unconstitutional.

It also asks for an interlocutory and permanent injunction against Humphreys County officials, from which the case emanates.

Under the present Mississippi law, one must be a qualified elector or resident freeholder for more than one year in order to serve on a jury.

This practice, Legal Defense Fund attorneys say in their complaint, is unfair, arbitrary, and denies Negroes rights guaranteed under the 14th amendment.

The attorneys base their case on two main points:

• Mississippi Code Ann. 1762 "excludes the overwhelming majority of Negro residents and citizens of the county and the State of Mississippi from jury service" because few are voters or property owners.

Thus, Mississippi juries are not selected from a cross-section of all the state's citizens.

• Mississippi Code Ann. 1762 adopts voting requirements that are "vague, ambiguous, indefinite and confer an arbitrary discretion on the voting registrar."

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MINISTERS PLAN BAPTIST CONGRESS—Four ministers are shown making plans for the Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education to be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, June 21-25. Shown from left are Dr. William Upshaw, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, and Dean of the Congress; Dr. Garland K. Offutt, pastor, West Chestnut Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., President of the Congress; Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor of the host church and chairman of the entertainment committee; and Dr. Charles W. Green, pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and Director General of the Congress. (Photo by Purefoy)



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at Saint Augustine's include from left to right Dr. James A. Boyes, President of the College, Ralph Person, H. E. Brown, principal of the John W. Ligon Jr.-Sr. High School in Raleigh, Mrs. Willie H. High, Acting Chairman English Department at Saint Augustine's, and Lettie Baker, Jr., President of the Student Council. The purpose of the conference is to develop an awareness of student leadership and responsibility on campus and in the community.

Wyatt T. Walker Slated For Union Bapt. Mar. 14

In connection with the Human Relations program of Union Baptist Church, Dr. Grady Davis, the pastor, announced this week that Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, noted minister of New York City, will deliver two sermons at the church Sunday, March 14.

Dr. Walker will preach at the morning worship hour at 11:00 o'clock, and again at 3 p.m. He is vice president in charge of marketing and services for Educational Heritage, Inc., publishers of Negro Heritage Library, and former executive assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dr. Walker's appearance is being sponsored by the trustees and the social action committee of Union Baptist Church. McKinley Cates is chairman of the trustee board, John Edwards is chairman of the social action committee, and W. P. Edwards superintendent of the Sunday School.



W. P. EDWARDS, N. C. Mutual Forum president presents a Citation for valor to David J. Murphy.

N. C. Mutual Employee Honored By Co-Workers for Heroic Act



BOOKER

At the February meeting of the North Carolina Mutual Forum, David J. Murphy, a janitor in the Service Department of the home office, was presented a citation on behalf of all the employees by R. W. Dalton, Manager of the Filing Department and Forum president. The citation was conferred on Murphy for the part he played in rescuing H. B. Combs, an employee of the Carolina Leathercraft Shop, 114 Orange Street from the burning structure on February 2.

Murphy, on seeing the building ablaze with Combs trapped inside at the front door, broke a hole in the glass portion of the door with a bucket to release the trapped man, and hurriedly turned in an alarm at the next corner.

Firemen said Murphy's quick thought and action saved Combs' life as he was unable to open the front door because the intense heat from the fire had rendered the front door knob and lock unusable.

The citation read in part: "To David J. Murphy, whose quick thinking and prompt actions executed unselfishly, courageously, without fauure or regard for personal safety, contributed to the preservation of the life of a fellow human being . . . who undoubtedly would have perished in the flames of his establishment . . . We, your co-workers proudly salute you for this invaluable contribution to humanity."

Murphy has been employed with North Carolina Mutual for four years. He, his wife Annie, and their two children reside at 405 E. Cornwallis Road.

LAUNCH AREA-WIDE DRIVE FOR RESTAURANT JOBS

OAKLAND, Calif. — An area-wide campaign for equal job opportunities at 168 Alameda county restaurants has been launched by Berkeley and Oakland CORE. Minority group members constitute less than 1% of the bartenders and less than 2% of the waitresses in these restaurants.



CAMERON

Last Rites Held At Saint Mark For G.C. Cameron

Funeral services were held for Grover Cleveland Cameron, 64, Tuesday, March 2 at 4 P.M. at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, with the Rev. L. A. Miller, minister of the church officiating.

Born in Durham June 19, 1900, Cameron died Feb. 27. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abner Cameron. He had been employed for many years with the Home Savings and Loan Association.

A longtime member of St. Mark Church, Cameron was a member of the church's Senior Steward Board, the Senior Usher Board, and the Durham Interdenominational Ushers Union. He was married to the former Miss Susie Richmond who survives. They resided at 1009 Willard Street.

Other survivors include three brothers, Frank Cameron and Junious Cameron, both of Durham, and John A. Cameron of Brooklyn, N. Y. Pallbearers were members of the Senior Usher Board of St. Mark. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Minn. Solon Calls For Negroes Participation In U. S. Process

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator Walter Mondale said Saturday that "Congress must adopt legislation this session to permit Negroes full participation in the American political process."

In an address to the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, the Minnesota Senator said "legislation must be adopted that will remove the last remnant of restrictions on Negro voting rights in both federal and local elections. Literacy tests can no longer be permitted to deny Negroes their rights," Mondale said. "Voter registration cannot be left in hostile hands of persons whose very jobs depend on the continued frustration of the Negroes right to vote. And we can no longer justify the token registration of a few Negroes through the tedious process of case-by-case 'trial by combat' through the courts."

"Who are we—we who enjoy all of our rights—to tell the Negro to be patient or to set timetables for the exercise of his constitutional rights? The time for patience is past. The insistent demands for Freedom Now require action now—action by an effective federal instrumentality."

"Other Constitutional and human rights cannot effectively be secured where the right to vote is denied—where political power is absent," Mondale said. "For in the last analysis, it is the local elected official—not the federal marshal or the federal judge—who daily dispenses justice or injustice to the Negro. It is the local Sheriff, the local Chief of Police, the local School Board members, the local voting registrar who set the pace in closing the glaring gap between the federal 'right' and the local 'practice' under which the right is denied."

Mondale, who succeeded Vice President Hubert Humphrey in the United States Senate, said Congress must adopt legislation to:

- Extend voting guarantees to all elections—local, state and federal.
 - Correct abuses in the administration of literacy tests, as
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DR. FORRESTER



MRS. SANDUSKY

SPEAKERS—Dr. Marion Forrester, Division of Commercial Policy, Office of International Trade, U. S. Department of State and Mrs. Annie Lee Sandusky, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., will be featured as speakers during North Carolina College's sixteenth annual Coed Weekend Friday, March 12, through Sunday, March 14. "The Responsibility of College Women in Building Good International Relations as a Basis for World Peace," will be the theme.

Omegas Washington Headquarters Host For Fraternity's Conference

WASHINGTON — Leaders of Greek Letter organizations from throughout the nation held a two day conference at the national headquarters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity here recently, in an effort to coordinate the plans and principles that were formulated at the Community Assembly, sponsored by the National Urban League, December 9-11.

The Greeks went into every ramification of the Anti-Poverty program with an eye as to how it can be propelled to reach the people for which it was designed. They were not only interested in how to enable each locale to participate in the program, but also in how to coordinate the work of their respective organizations, to be called upon, by their national bodies, to give all cooperation possible. It was also agreed that each organization would hold regional meetings, where key people from every walk of life would be called in and briefed as to how the program works and its planned drive on poverty and its kindred ills.

The following persons represented their respective organizations: Lt. Col. Lucious E. Young and Clifton H. Felton, Phi Beta Sigma; Mrs. Marion H. Blunt, Phi Delta Kappa; Drs. Oscar W. Ritz and Charles N. Ellis, Omegas.

Mt. Vernon to Host Mammoth Baptist Session

The Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education will be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Monday, June 25. Some 1,200 persons from 38 states are expected at the Third Annual Congress of which Dr. Garland K. Offutt, pastor of West Chestnut Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is president. Pastor of the host church and chairman of the entertaining committee is Dr. E. T. Browne.

In addition to instruction in Christian Education, the Congress will hold American Heritage Night, Thursday, June 24, with Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, as speaker at 8:00 P.M.

At 10 p.m. the same night a special freedom program will be held with Dr. Gardner Taylor of New York City delivering the major address.

Friday, June 25, Baptist Youth Night will be held under the direction of Miss Violet Peiry of Mt. Vernon, and the Rev. E. L. McCall of Louisville, Ky., national youth leader. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M.

Among other officers of the Congress are Dr. William C. Upshaw, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, dean, and Dr. Charles W. Green, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., director general.

H. Golden Sees South Aided by Revolution

RICHMOND, Va.—A burden is being lifted from the shoulders of white citizens as Negroes gain equality, Harry Golden, author and publisher of the Carolina Israelite, told 3,000 persons at the opening of the 1965 Richmond Public Forum series here.

The speaker, author of "Only In America" and other books, said that benefits of a successful Negro struggle for first class citizenship will be felt all over the nation.

He noted that the white man in the South will benefit particularly, saying: "For the first time in this century, he'll be able to go about his business. He will find outside his door the greatest consumer society left in the country. The Negro . . . will buy everything he doesn't need."

The South, Golden said, "will become the greatest victor in the struggle and will be liberated."

He stated that Negroes are "the first revolutionaries who said, 'We don't want to change a thing. We want in on it.'"

Former Durham Woman Running For Mayor In Cal.

FRESNO, Calif. — Mrs. Mattie Burton Meyers, a native of Durham, became the first Negro woman in history to run for the office of mayor when she filed papers of candidacy here recently.

The wife of a physician, Dr. Earl R. Meyers, and administrative manager of a medical center operated by her husband, she is the first woman to seek the mayor's post in 24 years. She will be campaigning against four other candidates until the April 13 municipal elections.

"My candidacy for the mayor's office," she said, "is based on the belief that good government comes from a sharing of opportunities and responsibilities by all citizens. In order to have a progressive government, there must be a positive and dynamic leadership, and this is what I can provide the city of Fresno."

Mrs. Meyers, who is a past president of the Fresno Branch NAACP, has served on the Study Committee on Patterns of Education (SCOPE) as an appointee of the city school trustees, and is a member of the Fresno Branch Committee on Human Relations. Others in the race are Councilman James Mandella, Attorney Floyd Hyde, former Assemblyman and Supervisor Bert DeLoeto, and union operator Charles N. Ellis.

YWCA PLANS ART APPRECIATION TOURS MARCH 12

The Harriet Tubman Branch of the YWCA has scheduled several Art Appreciation Tours, which will take place during the weeks of March 12 through April 24.

According to persons in charge of tours, visits will be made to the North Carolina Museum of Art at Raleigh, the Ackland Art Center at Chapel Hill, Duke University, The Allied Arts Center and end with a trip for children, to the Children's Museum of Durham.

Any interested persons are asked to get in touch with the YWCA at 312 East Umstead Street for further information.

Simeon Booker To Speak at NCC Newspaper Wk.

Simeon Booker, prize-winning Washington Bureau chief for Johnson Publications, will deliver the Forum address at North Carolina College Monday, March 15, at an assembly marking the observance of Negro Newspaper Week.

The event, scheduled for the college's B. N. Duke auditorium at 10 a.m., is open to the public free of charge.

Booker, whose Washington columns in Ebony, Jet the Johnson publications are read by more than a million persons each month, is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a graduate of Virginia Union University. He was named to a Nieman fellowship at Harvard University in 1950, the second Negro to be so honored.

As a reporter on the Cleveland CALL-POST, he earned the Newspaper Guild's Front Page award for his articles on housing and See BOOKER, page 5A