

LEADERS BLAST 'BLACK POWER'

NAACP Wins New Race For Candidates In Ala.

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Negro Church Leaders Issue "Message To The Nation"

Determination to Exact Full Manhood Rights Is Slated

NEW YORK—Negro Church leaders from all parts of America held an assembly of historic proportions at the Statue of Liberty Thursday, November 3, to denounce racism in American society and to call upon voters across the nation to repudiate "backlash" candidates.

The assembly was convened by the National Committee of Negro Churchmen whose membership includes Negro bishops and leaders of nearly all denominations. Coordinator and principal spokesman of the assembly was the Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, executive director, Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches.

The "message to the nation," read by Dr. Payton from a podium at the base of the Statue of Liberty said in part: "Our purpose here is neither to beg nor to borrow, but to state the determination of black men in America to exact from this nation not one whit less than our full manhood rights. We will not be cowed nor intimidated in the land of our birth. We intend that the truth of this country, as experienced by black men, will be heard. We shall state this truth from the perspective of the Christian faith and in the light of our experience with the Lord of us all in the bleakness of this racially idolatrous land."

Bishop Wilkes Backs Church Leaders Stand

CLEVELAND — Bishop William R. Wilkes of the Third Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in support of the Call to the Nation for moral integrity on racial issue in the November elections, today issued the following statement:

As an integral part of the Negro church the Third Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church asserts that it is a fundamental concept that the Negro of this country is seeking equality of citizenship and opportunity within the framework of the American system of law and order under a government of the people, for the people, and by the people.

It holds that the vast majority of the Negro people do not condone the actions of those who espouse the use of methods inconsistent with democratic processes.

It insists that the Negro people of this country be not penalized by reason of the acts of a minute minority which has

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Important Measures Face The Progressives In State of Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southern Regional Convention is one of the major units of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and it meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, at First Baptist Graymont, 100 9th Cir. W. Birmingham, Ala., pastored by the Rev. R. M. Joseph. Representatives from all over the Southern Region and visitors from across the nation will attend.

Dr. O. H. Stinson, President of the Southern Region will rally the meeting around the theme, "The Hour Has Come." Sermons will be delivered by Rev. J. H. Lockett, of Georgia and Rev. W. L. Hobbs of Alabama. The theme will feature outstanding discourses: Revs. H. C. Cherry, Miss. M. L. King, Sr., Ga. and L. S. Stell, Ga. Panelists discussing "Current Problems of the Local Church," will include Rev. R. M. Lee, Fla., R. W. Norsworthy, Tenn., and Paul Johnson, N. C.

The Convention will have as its closing speaker on Thursday evening, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. The "Progressives" of the South will welcome most of the 169 new Churches which joined the Convention at its September Annual Session in Memphis at this meeting. It is expected that there will be several additions at the Birmingham session.

The meeting in Birmingham is a prelude to the nation-wide Extra Session which will be held in St. Louis, Mo., at Christ Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. See PROGRESSIVE 2A

Met. Opera Star In Recital at NCC Nov. 6

George Shirley, Metropolitan Opera Association tenor, will appear in recital at North Carolina College Wednesday, November 16, in the college's B. N. Duke Auditorium.

The recital, sponsored by the institution's Lyceum Committee, will begin at 8:15 p.m. and is open to the public.

Shirley, one of the few American-born and entirely American trained artists to rise to stellar ranks at the Metropolitan Opera, has moved in five years, since he won the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in 1961, from relative obscurity to become the first Negro tenor ever to assume a number of major roles on different operatic stages.

In addition to his Metropolitan performances in New York and on tour, he recently made an outstanding debut at the Glyndebourne Festival in England as Tamino in Mozart's "The Magic Flute." He also appeared on CBS-TV in this part and at the Berkshire Festival with the Boston Symphony under Eric Leinsdorf. During the forthcoming Metropolitan Opera season he will sing this role, as well as many others, at the "New Metropolitan" in Lincoln Center.

Of special interest in the NCC recital will be Shirley's

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GETS SILVER STAR — (Valley Forge, Pa.) — S/Sgt. Oscar M. Harvey, 36, receives an admiral's glance from his wife, Helen, after being presented with the Silver Star for gallantry in Viet Nam. On May 18, 1966, S/Sgt. Harvey, although badly wounded in the left arm, continued to lead his rifle squad in defense of their position against

a numerically superior force. He received another wound in the same arm, but refused medical evacuation until the assault had been defeated. The award was made at the Valley Forge Military Hospital where Harvey, of Republic, Pa., is recovering from his wounds. (UPI Telephoto)



SHEPARD FAMILY AT CEREMONIES — Members of the family of the late Dr. James E. Shepard and other special guests are shown during the recent 19th annual Founder's Day Convocation at North Carolina College honoring Dr. Shepard.

who founded the college in 1910 and was its president until his death in 1947.

Front row, from left: Mrs. Annie Day Smith, a daughter; Mrs. Lillian Boulware, a sister; and Miss Marjorie Shepard, a daughter.

75 Top Executives Negro Life Ins. Companies Meet In Ala.

ATLANTA — 75 top executives of Negro owned life insurance companies began 3 days of workshops here Wednesday, around the new business concept of "Management by Objectives." They were welcomed to Atlanta by Mayor Ivan Allen, James L. Bentley, Jr., Georgia Insurance Commissioner, and E. M. Martin, first vice president-secretary of Atlanta Life Insurance Co. and a founder of the National Insurance Association.

Wardell C. Croft, president of Wright Mutual Insurance Co., Detroit, chairman of the conference said, the discussions will help decision makers maximize the management

function. The concept which is sweeping the business world includes using primary and derived data to establish objectives, department by department, unit by unit within companies. The process permits pinpointing responsibility and ready review of performances. Croft and L. R. Taylor, secretary, Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Co., Louisville, collaborated on the program.

A panel headed by Dr. Harding B. Young, chairman of the Business Department, Atlanta University, opened the session Wednesday. Dr. Kenneth Black, chairman, Insurance Department, Georgia State

U. S. Appellate Court Reverses Lower Tribunal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorneys won a landmark decision when a three-judge federal court ordered indefinite postponement of the November 8 elections for the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor in Greene County, Alabama.

Mr. Gilmore and Mr. McShan subsequently declared themselves candidates for the two offices in the Greene County Democratic primary held on May 3, 1966 but failed to win.

LDF attorneys contested the primary results (in which at least 1789 white persons voted) on the grounds that there are fewer than 1500 qualified white voters in Greene County. Therefore, the attorneys concluded that "at least 289 white persons participated in the May 3 primary illegally."

Mr. Gilmore and Mr. McShan stand a good chance of winning the election because of the heavy concentration of Negro voters in Greene County.

According to the 1960 census, the total population of Greene County was 13,600. Of this number, 11,054, or 81%, were Negroes, and 2,546, or 19%, were white persons.

In November 1965, the Attorney General of the United States designated Greene County for the appointment of federal registrars after determining that the Negro residents were "intentionally and systematically" denied the right to vote on account of their color.

With the help of the registrars, approximately 3200 Negroes were registered between November 1965 and May 3, 1966, bringing the total Negro registration in Greene County to approximately 3821. Most of the Negro registrants are illiterate.

NAVY PLAN SHIP

WASHINGTON — A new amphibious assault ship is planned by the Navy. The new craft is designed to carry transport helicopters and hundreds of troops for ground and air assault missions.



NCC FOUNDER'S DAY GROUP — Dignitaries and platform guests participating in North Carolina College's 19th annual Founder's Day convocation are shown in a procession to the college's B. N. Duke Auditorium Thursday. The occasion honored the memory of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, who

founded the college in 1910 and was its president until his death in 1947.

Leading the group is Dr. Charles Orr, NCC faculty marshal. Others are, from left: Robert Brown, a member of the NCC trustee board; Dr. Vivian Henderson, president of Clark

College and principal speaker for the occasion; Dr. J. Neal Hugley, college minister; Clyde Shreve, a member of the NCC trustee board; William Jones, chairman of the college's Interim Committee; and Dr. Alfonso Elder, president-emeritus of NCC.

CLARK PRESIDENT

Urges Negro Institutions To Meet Responsibilities

Textile Union V. P. to Speak Meth. Center

Paul Swait, Vice-President and Southern Regional Director of the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, will speak on "Why Unions are Needed in the South" on Friday, November 11, at 8 p.m., in the Methodist Student Center at Oregon Street and Campus Drive. Swait's is the first in a series of talks on labor problems in the South.

Sponsors for the event include the Methodist Student Center, Local 77 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Durham Human Relations Council, Duke University YWCA and YMCA, the Liberal Action Committee of Duke University, and the North Carolina Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy.

Paul Swait is a Canadian by birth. He came to the United States in 1947 at the age of twenty-six. In 1952 he married a southern college teacher from Chattanooga, Tennessee. They now reside in Charlotte.

Swait has a background in the Labor Movement in the United States and Canada. In his teens he played a major role in organizing the Manitoba Steel and Rolling Mills in Selkirk, Manitoba, where he and his father were employed. He returned to high school at the age of twenty-one and then went on to graduate from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Labor Economics and Political Science in 1947.

Manifesto Hits Violence But OKs CR Effort

CHICAGO — Negro religious leaders representing some 10 million American Negroes across the United States this week adopted a manifesto condemning the term "black power" and calling for a more active participation by Negro church leaders in the struggle for civil rights.

Attending a Summit Conference of Negro Religious Leaders on the Present Crisis in the Civil Rights Struggle, in Chicago, were



York — John R. Strachan, (shown in his office Nov. 3), was sworn in as the new Acting Postmaster of New York on Nov. 4. Strachan, the first Negro to head the largest postal installation in the country, is a career employee with 25 years service, a native New Yorker, and an alumnus of New York University. (UPI Photo)

74th Annual Meet Western AME Conference Set

RALEIGH—The 74th annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church, will convene at St. Paul, Raleigh, Nov. 16-20. Bishop George W. Baber of the Second Episcopal District will be presiding.

As a part of the session, the Missionary Women of the conference will celebrate their annual "Missionary Night," Thursday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., with a candlelight and commitment service. The theme of the program will be "The Task of the Church — Helping People to Help Themselves."

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Rose Browne of Durham. A native of Boston, Dr. Browne received her education from the University of Rhode Island, Harvard, and the Rhode Island College of Education.

Among her many and varied affiliations with social and educational institutions, the latter included Professor of Education and retired chairman of that department at North Carolina College.

Dr. Brown, who is the wife of Rev. E. T. Browne of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, is presently serving as counselor to Youth and leaders of Troop 23, Girl Scouts of America, both of Mt. Vernon; the Bright Leaf Council Member. See SESSION 2A

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