

The City-Wide  
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Presents

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Oratorical, Vocal and Instrumental  
CONTEST

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Who have helped to make this booklet possible have made their contributions because of their faith in the young people of Baltimore City and their interest in helping to make the fourth (1934-35) season of the City-Wide Young People's Forum a success from every standpoint.

To reciprocate the interest they have shown, it is here suggested that members and visitors of the City-Wide Young People's Forum, as far as it may be possible for them to do so, pay their respects in the way of PERSONAL CALLS to the firms whose advertisements appear herein and give their patronage. You will learn much of interest about our city and people and will otherwise profit.

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# History of the City-Wide Young People's Forum

"So near is gradeur to our dust  
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When duty whispers low, 'Thou must,'  
The Youth replies: 'I can!'"

On Friday evening, October 2, 1931, the City-Wide Young People's Forum presented its first program to the public of Baltimore at the Sharp St. Memorial M. E. Church, Dolphin and Etting Streets. The project was initiated by the president of the Forum, Miss Juanita E. Jackson. So great was the interest following the first meeting that it was evident that here was an urgent need for the continuation of such discussions. Thus on Oct. 24, 1931, the young people from all over the City of Baltimore formally organized themselves into the City-Wide Young People's Forum. The organization now comprises a membership of five hundred young people, representing thirty-six churches and nine denominations, which presents its programs every Friday night during its 1922-23 and 1933-34 and 1934-35 seasons at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, to an audience that ranges from one to two thousand people.

The Forum was established with the following purposes in mind:

(1) To afford the people of Baltimore information by experts in the various fields concerning the variety of problems which confront them; to provide a place where they might pour out their difficulties, conflicts, and by freely discussing them be led to form safe, practical solutions and conclusions.

(2) To establish an intelligent, trained young people's leadership engaged in a constructive program with city-wide community influence.

(3) To open up avenues and create opportunities of employment for efficient qualified young people.

(4) To discover and develop the talent and rare ability of young people who have not the means of helping themselves.

(5) To provide an opportunity for the making of fruitful inter-racial contacts on a ground of mutual interest.

(6) To convert many of the older people to an interest in and love for young people through the knowledge of and contact with a steady, sane, and intelligent group of young leaders on grounds of common interest.

(7) To stimulate the consciousness of values in life which are not found in material things alone; the realization of which in the hectic bustle and turmoil of this world gives man calm, poise, and faith; to establish a contact with the Divine which will give courage, renew hope, inspire thankfulness and release the physical, mental and spiritual energies that men may better understand God's laws and thus intelligently co-operate with Him to accomplish His plan.

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The subjects and speakers for the weekly meetings have been selected with a view toward meeting vital needs. The open discussions which are conducted after the speaker has presented the problem in its broadest aspect, have given the opportunity to learn what the Negro is thinking socially and economically. After feeling the pulse of the problems and the sentiment expressed, the organization attempts to provide further constructive material for discussion. Many times there have come requests from the audience for certain subjects to be discussed which is an indication of the fact that people come with various problems needing guidance and counsel. The following list of speakers and their subject indicates the range of problems covered during the year:

- OCTOBER 5th—"Haiti and Voodooism"—Dr. J. C. Dorsainvil and Dr. Camille Lherrison (From Haiti on a Goodwill Tour).
- OCT. 12th—"Must Negro Labor Turn Radical?"—Lieutenant Lawrence Oxley, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.
- OCT. 19th—"The Liquor Traffic"—A Symposium. For Repeal: Attorney Calvin Cohen. Against Repeal: Dr. George Crabbe, Supt. Anti-Saloon League.
- OCT. 26th—"Political Symposium"—Candidates for Governor.
- NOV. 2nd—"For Whom Shall I Vote?"—Presenting the four Colored Candidates for the Maryland Legislature—A Symposium.
- NOV. 9th—"World Peace"—Miss Mildred Olmstead, Philadelphia.
- NOV. 16th—"The New Negro Fights for Justice"—Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia.
- NOV. 23rd—"Are We Facing Inter-Racial War?"—Roy S. Wilkins, Asst. Sec. N. A. A. C. P., New York City.
- NOV. 30th—"The New Emancipation"—Professor Charles S. Morris, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- DEC. 2nd—"Science and Religion"—Professor Howard Cornish, Morgan College.
- DEC. 14th—"The Africa We Came From"—Professor Leo Hansberry, Department of History, Howard University, Washington D. C.
- DEC. 21st—"A Christmas Message"—Rev. Howard K. Thurman, Professor of Religion, Howard University.
- DEC. 28th—"My Trip to the Holy Land"—Rev. Samuel H. James, Pastor Leadenhall Baptist Church.
- JAN. 4th—"Problems of Marriage and Love in Times Like These"—Rev. Edgar A. Love, Washington, D. C.
- JAN. 11th—"The Baltimore Emergency Relief and Its Attitudes Towards the Colored Group"—Administrator Howard C Beck; Miss May Reid, Director of Social Work.
- JAN. 18th—"Negro Business Symposium"—J. Logan Jenkins, Jr., Willard W. Allen, George D. Brown.—(Caterer, Insurance, Newspaper: Afro).
- JAN. 23rd—"A Columnist Looks at the World"—Louis Azrael, Baltimore News-Post.
- FEB. 1st—"The Making of A Newspaper"—Rodney Crowther, Baltimore Evening Sun.
- FEB. 8th—"The Church—An Asset or a Liability?"—Rev. Ross W. Sanderson, Executive Secretary, Baltimore Federation of Churches.
- FEB. 15th—"The League of Nations and The World Court"—Miss Jessie Snow, Executive Secretary of the Maryland League.
- FEB. 22nd—"What the State Administration Means to The Colored Group"—Senator Melvin Fine.
- MARCH 1st—Mr. A. E. O. Munsell, Philanthropist—"The Fruits of Living the Principles of Jesus In Times Like These."
- MARCH 8th—"The Creative Genius of The Negro"—James Weldon Johnson, Professor of Creative Literature, Fisk University and Guest Professor at New York University.
- MARCH 15th—"Municipal Music"—Mr. Frederick R Huber, Director.
- MARCH 22nd—Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, Colored Congressman from Illinois.
- MARCH 29th—"Symposium"—Republican Candidates Daniel Ellison and Emmett J. Coleman; Democratic Candidate Attorney Sidney R. Traub
- APRIL 5th—"Public Welfare"—Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter.
- APRIL 12th—"Unemployment Insurance"—Mr. Edward S. Lewis, Executive Secretary, Baltimore Urban League and Professor Frank Trager, Johns Hopkins University.
- APRIL 19th—"Effects of Discrimination In Educational Opportunities In Maryland and a Plan of Attack"—Dr. Charles H. Houston, Dean Howard

University Law School.

APRIL 26th—"Fourth Annual Inter-Collegiate Vocal, Instrumental and Oratorical Contest" between Howard University, Hampton Institute, Lincoln University and Virginia Union University.

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Not only have the weekly programs been presented, but various projects have been sponsored by the Forum. Feeling the need of focusing attention upon young people (their capabilities and possibilities) and of developing a "youth-consciousness" in Baltimore, a City-Wide Young People's Talent Nights, and a "Youth at Their Best Symposium were promoted in 1933. By the ready response of the talented young people in the groups to call for participation in church programs throughout the city and in various civic and social activities, the finer characteristics of trained youth in service have been emphasized.

The Forum co-operated with the Division of Recreation of the Public School System in presenting programs to the unemployed.

In an effort to open up avenues of employment for eligible qualified youth that the mounting unemployment and its resulting ill effects on youth might be decreased, three major projects were initiated in March, 1933:

1. Permission to qualify for positions on the staff of the Enoch Pratt Free Public Library, a tax-supported institution.
2. Equitable distribution of positions in the public school system.
3. Increase in the number of colored welfare workers employed by the Family Welfare Association.

After careful research and thorough study of the situation, with the co-operation of inter-racial groups, under the leadership of the legal advisor, Attorney W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., petitions with thousands of signatures were presented to the proper authorities in each case. The co-operation and support of the people of Baltimore were admirable. As a result of this effort, in conjunction with the efforts of the Urban League, during September and October of 1933, five more social workers were appointed by the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission (the newer set-up of relief and public welfare under the city, state and federal government), which number has been increased to sixteen during 1934.

In further pursuance of the effort to open up avenues of employment qualified young people, the Forum co-operated in the "Buy Where You Can Work" movement, and when verbal persuasion had proved inadequate, actively engaged in the boycott and picketing of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Stores which began on Saturday, November 18th. On Tuesday afternoon, November 21st., the A. and P. authorities granted the requests of those engaged in the boycott,—which gave thirty-eight young men positions as full and part-time clerks in these stores operating in colored neighborhoods. Two of these young men have since been made assistant managers.

When merchants owners of retail stores in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, where the trade is 98 or 99 per cent colored, refused requests for the employment of some young colored saleswomen, the Forum co-operated with Mr. Costonie in the boycott and picketing of those stores involved, which began on Friday, December 8th. The action continued until Friday and Saturday, December 15th and 16th, when the merchants succeeded in issuing court injunctions which prohibited further picketing. This case (the only one of its kind in the annals of court history) argued by Attorney Hughes, the legal advisor of the Forum, and Attorney Warner T. McGuinn, former City Councilman. One hundred and twenty-eight dollars have been raised by the Forum for the defense.

To further aid Baltimore Youth in its efforts for increased opportunities of employment, the Forum on March 27, 1934 opened an office at 1623 Druid Hill Avenue (which building has been donated through the generosity of one of the Forum sponsors) to provide an employment service for trained

young people.

Social injustices have been protested, resulting in a co-operation with Thus in October, 1932. \$73.60 was raised to aid the defense of Euel Lee. other civic and national groups that the aforementioned might be decreased. Representatives of the Forum were active on the Committee for the Repeal of the Maryland Jim Crow Law in 1932-33. The Forum was represented on the Citizens Committee that interviewed Governor Albert C. Richie in protest of the lynching of George Armwood in 1933 and the request made for speedy apprehension and conviction of the lynchers was made.

During the month of February, 1934, one thousand signatures were secured to a thousand form letters which had been printed and were mailed by the Forum to the Maryland Senators, urging their support of Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill, which is being backed by the N. A. A. C. P. The Forum members interviewed Baltimore business firms and secured the co-operation of private citizens who wrote individual letters to the Senators. The president, Miss Juanita E. Jackson, spoke for the Forum at the Senate hearings on the Bill in the Senate Building, February 21, 1934.

During the month of March, 1934 the Forum sent off one thousand letters to the Maryland Congressmen urging them to support Congressman Oscar DePriest in his effort to eliminate Jim Crowism from the House and Senate restaurants.

The case of Mr. Jacob Baggett, an innocent spectator, who was arrested on Friday, December 8th, the first evening of the Pennsylvania Avenue boycott, by an irate merchant in an effort to frighten pickets and to discourage further boycotting, was defended by the Forum and its legal advisor, Attorney Hughes. Arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and collateral placed at the maximum of \$101.45, the Forum's Sponsors advanced the \$101.45 that same night, so that Mr. Baggett might not spend the night behind bars. The case, having been argued by Attorney Hughes, was dismissed by Judge Solter.

Believing that the future well-being of the Negro race lies in trained leadership, the Forum, in June, 1932, as a result of the 1931-32 session's efforts, awarded two one hundred dollar scholarships to worthy young graduates with potentialities for leadership. One, an honor graduate of Douglass High School, was sent to Morgan College on a professional scholarship; the other, an honor graduate of the Vocational School, to the National Training School, Washington, D. C., an industrial scholarship. In 1933 a hundred dollar scholarship was awarded to a Douglass High School graduate to Morgan College. At the Conclusion of the 1934-35 session, the Forum will continue its scholarship activities. Students needing financial aid have also received help from the Forum.

A further stimulus and emphasis was given to the education of Negro youth when on October 14, 1932, fifty dollars (50.00) was raised for the Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; February 17, 1933—thirty dollars (30.00) for the Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C.; November 10, 1933—fifty dollars (50.00) for Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.; December 8, 1933—eighty-five dollars (85.00) for the National Training School for Girls, Washington, D. C.

Realizing the need for salesmanship training, as a result of the openings in this field of employment, the Forum secured the co-operation of other outstanding civic and educational organizations, and presented a petition to the School Board in January, 1934, for a course in Salesmanship to be given at the Douglass Evening High School. The request was granted and in February, the course began with eighty-five in attendance.

The Research Committee of the Forum has been requested as a member of the Citizenship Committee of the National Conference on the Fundamental Problems in the Education of Negroes, to be held in Washington, May 9th-12th, under the auspices of the Secretary of the Interior of the Na-

tional Government, and is preparing a report on "Citizenship and Leisure"

In a further effort to discover and develop the talents and rare ability of young people who could not help themselves, seven young people are studying on music scholarships under Mrs. Constantia Brown Reckling, a former understudy of Mme. Schumann-Heink.

Endeavoring to encourage young artists, on Tuesday evening, December 8, 1933, Mr. Mark Fax, graduate with high honors of the College of Fine Arts, of Syracuse University, was presented in a piano recital.

The gap of conflicting ideas and misunderstanding separating the young people and the adults is beginning to be bridged. Both discuss their views together in the open forum, so that each has been enlightened as to what the other is thinking. A corps of trained young ushers and a courtesy committee greet, welcome, and take care of the comforts of the visitors. This activity has done much toward increasing understanding and fellowship between the two groups. The respect and admiration of the older people for youth has increased as they have put over a program that was said could not be successfully done. They are beginning to point with pride to the young people in the Forum and their belief and faith in them is evidenced not only by their presence and verbal expressions, but by their liberal contributions when financial assistance is imperative.

Fruitful interracial contacts have been made on grounds of common interest, which have done much to weaken race hatreds. To establish a knowledge and better understanding of Negro life, thereby fostering better interracial relations, the Forum conducted a Good-Will Tour in 1932 and in 1933. Each time, young people of both groups visited various Negro business establishments, institutions and homes. The speakers have come from all races. This has presented an opportunity for contact appraisal, and for a realization of the greatest gift of God—human personality. Many groups of white people, young and old, have visited the Forum and members of the Forum have visited white groups, participating in their programs. As a result, such friends as Mr. A. E. O. Munsell, Mr. Joseph Reagan, and others have been constant attendants and they in turn have made interracial contacts possible. There is evidence of a growing realization that, after all, our universal likeness—human nature—is so much more important than our modifications of race, color and nationality.

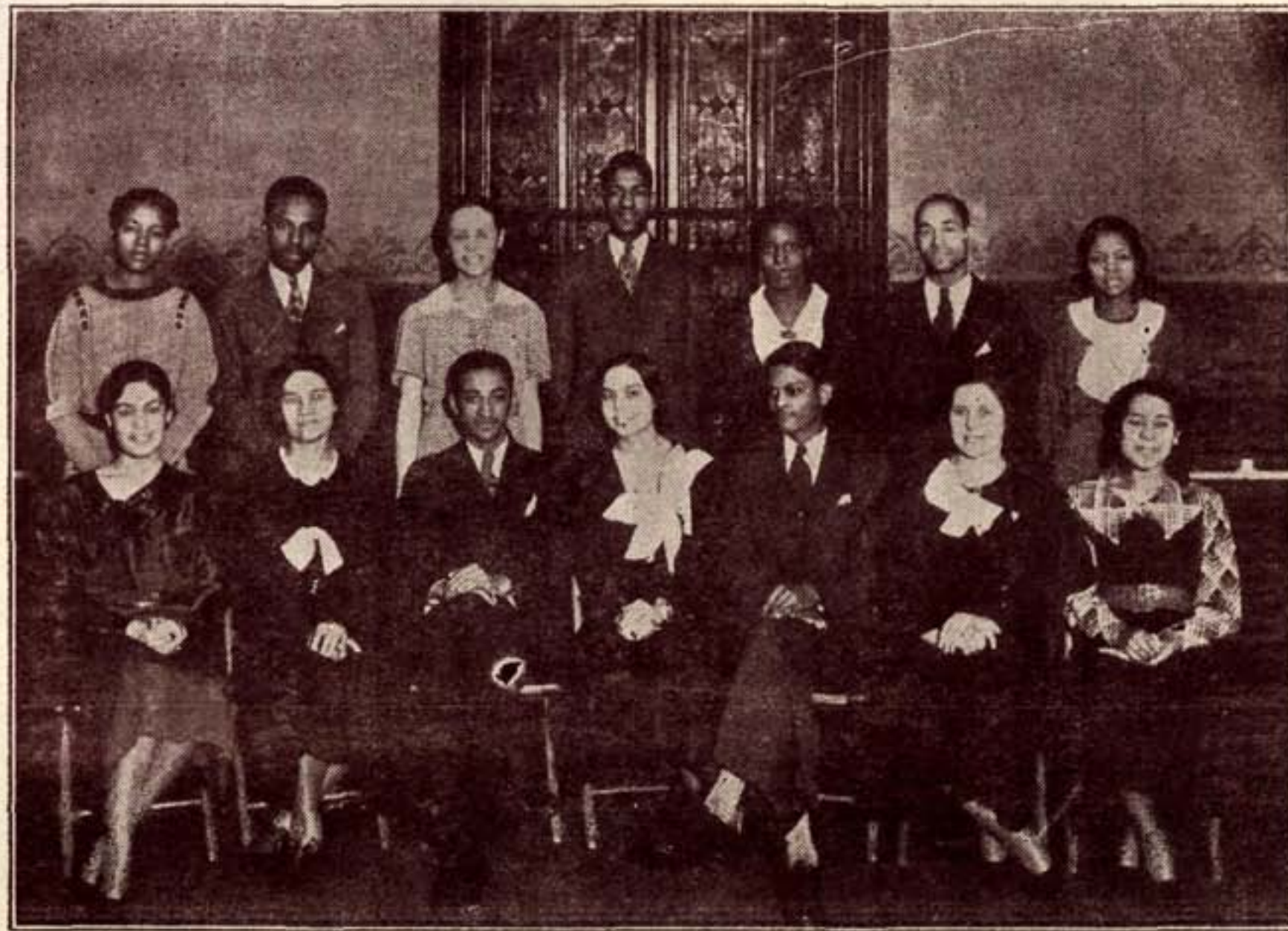
To Mr. A. E. O. Munsell, one of the finest friends of the Forum who has helped us to realize some of our cherished dreams and hopes, we hereby express our sincere appreciation.

The City-Wide Young People's Forum is closing its 1934-35 session Friday evening, April 26th, to reopen its 1935-36 session the first Friday evening in October.

One of the outstanding projects of the 1934-35 season of the Forum was initiated during the November election campaign period. Dr. Broadus Mitchell, Professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins University, running for the position of Governor on the Socialist ticket, came out with a platform of equal opportunities for all citizens. Mr. Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., a vice president of the Forum ran on the Socialist Ticket for the position of State Legislature from the 5th district. This marked the first time a colored man's name had ever appeared on the ballot for that district, it being an overwhelmingly white section.

The Civic Committee, Mr. Elmer Henderson, Chairman, Miss Edna Coleman, Secretary, and Mrs. Josiah Diggs, Treas., coraled a volunteer group of twenty-five members of the Forum who freely gave their service to support Mr. Mitchell in his campaign. A door to door canvas was made and in the registration periods in October, nearly 700 new voters were registered by the Forum. In the election, Nov. 4, 1934, Mr. Mitchell polled over 1700 votes, with white as well as colored voting for him. The advertising expenses of

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## History of the City-Wide Young People's Forum

the campaign were taken care of by the individual contributions of interested citizens throughout the city.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, the Forum participated in the Interracial Peace Parade, held by 1000 young people from all over the City of Baltimore. A float "The Unknown Soldier" was entered and over fifty young people marched.

During the month of March, 1935, 1000 signatures were secured to petitions requesting President Roosevelt to lend his influence to the passage of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill.

The coming of Dr. James Weldon Johnson, the noted author and poet, on Friday night, March 22nd, marked a definite step in the progress towards interracial understanding. There was an attendance of over 2000 people with over 400 white citizens from Goucher College, Enoch Pratt Library System, Johns Hopkins University.

Judge Albert J. S. Owens, of the lower court in rendering the decision made the temporary injunction permanent, which took to take the case to the Maryland Court of Appeals. The case was heard in the away every right, even the freedom of speech. A group of citizens who were interested in helping the youth of Baltimore secure employment, formed a Citizens Committee, with Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, chairman, Mr. Charles Tartar, secretary, and Rev. R. F. Coates, treasurer. This committee in the month of July raised over \$1700, toward which the Forum contributed \$20.00. to take case to the Maryland Court of Appeals. The case was heard in the January, 1935 term of the court, and the decision was handed down April 5, 1935. Although the right to picket was not given, the right to organize, have public meetings, present the cause to the public in newspapers or circulars in a peaceful way, and by propaganda and by personal solicitation, persuade white employers to engage colored employees and induce the customers to confine their trade to those who accede to their wishes, all of which was prohibited by Judge Owens' decree, were granted.

### NO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

The three points upheld by the court's verdict are:

1. Customers of a business may lawfully withhold their patronage and persuade the public to do likewise, until those employed by the merchant to serve them meet with their approval
2. The acts of the members of the "Buy-Where-You-Can-Work" movement do not constitute a criminal conspiracy.
3. The preliminary and final injunctions granted by Judge Owens were too broad in scope and too general in terms.

### CONSPIRACY CHANGED

In his decision, Judge Owens declared the acts to be of the nature of a criminal conspiracy, and banned meetings or propaganda that would serve to hinder the businesses in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

### CASE'S MERIT CITED

The court of appeals calls special attention to the merit of the case in these words:

"That there is some merit in their complaint cannot be disputed, as the planting of a white store in an exclusively colored community is an exploitation of the inhabitants for profit."

It is also held that the cause is not undesirable but the method of picketing, used to further it, is unlawful.

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MEDITATION .....Mr. Elmer T. Henderson, Vice President

## SELECTIONS:

SELECTIONS .....City-Wide Young People's Forum Trio  
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## PRESENTATION OF JUDGES.

VOCAL SELECTION—(a) Nichavo..... Manna Zucca  
(b) On Ma Journey.....Boatner  
Mr. William James Simmons, Lincoln University

ORATION ..... "The Heir of the Ages"  
Mr. Sinclair Swan, Hampton Institute

PIANO SELECTION—Rondo Capriccioso.....Mendelssohn Bartholdi  
Miss Sylvia Ward Olden, Howard University

ORATION ..... "Youth Faces A Challenging World"  
Mr. Randolph O'Neale, Lincoln University

VOCAL SELECTION—(a) Caro Nome (Rigoletto).....Verdi  
(b) Jesus Sitting by the Waterside.....White  
Miss Annette Whitehead, Hampton Institute

ORATION ..... "A Century of Solutison"  
Miss Annie H. Brown, Va. Union University

VOCAL SELECTION—(a) (To be announced)  
(b) (To be announced)  
Mr. Clarence Jacobs, Howard University

ORATION ..... "Liberty And The American Negro"  
Mr. James D. Brown, Morgan College

PIANO SELECTION—Concerto in A Minor Op. 54.....Schumann  
Allegretta Affectuoso  
Miss Janie Mann, Hampton Institute

## RETIREMENT OF JUDGES.

# PROGRAM

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OFFERING—INTERMISSION.

PRESENTATIONS.....Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Vice President

REMARKS.....Rev. C. C. Ferguson, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church

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## Comments of Leaders on the Work of the Forum

"I want to thank you very much for the opportunity of speaking to your Forum. It is an unusual organization."

W. E. WuBOIS, Editor of the Crisis,  
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NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, President of the National Training School for Women and Girls, Inc., Washington, . C.

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WALTER WHITE, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement fo Colored People, New York City.

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"I want to congratulate you on the Forum, and on your fine organization. I have travelled a good deal and I have never seen a forum which approaches yours in the efficiency of its administration."

ELMER A. CARTER, Editor of the Opportunity Magazine,  
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"In my judgment, the City-Wide Young People's Forum' is one of the most vital movements among our people that I know. It is not only inspirational, it is powerful. The inspiration of what you are doing there has gone with me throughout the year."

DAVID D. JONES, President Bennett College for Women,  
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## Comments of Leaders on the Work of the Forum

"The thing you are doing in Baltimore through the agency of the City-Wide Young People's Forum, in keeping up the heart and the hope of our fine young citizens, is absolutely indispensable if our society is to survive. I always feel a wonderful heart warming when I am with you and a desire to have you know, however inadequately, my sense of the value of your fine accomplishment in organizing and advancing your effective forum program."

LESLIE PINCKNEY HILL, President, Cheyney State Teachers  
College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania.

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"I was particularly pleased with the condition of the forum, the enthusiasm of its officers and the cordial good-will which it received from the audience. So impressed was I with your organization that I have begun agitation among the people of Philadelphia to enlarge their Young People's Forum. I got the idea during the meeting that your forum to some extent was responsible for the picketing of a certain store because of the non-employment of Negro clerks. I think that this shows a marvelous understanding of the economic condition of the Negro, because it is absolutely necessary for young people to begin fighting for jobs."

E. WASHINGTON RHODES, Editor of The Philadelphia Tribune  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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"One notable thing about the Forum is that unlike so many organizations of its kind, it has not quietly folded its tent and silently stolen away. In other words I admire the indicated permanency of the movement as well as the liberal and energetic characteristics exhibited by the members. And I believe that I can say in all sincerity that for adopting a program and following it with determination and courage the Young People's Forum has no close rival."—P. BERNARD YOUNG, JR., Managing Editor,  
Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

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"I feel satisfied that if you continue to direct your efforts along the lines indicated last evening, you will do much in behalf of the welfare, education and edification of our colored citizenry. It was indeed a pleasure to be present at last night's meeting."

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SIDNEY HOLLANDER, Member of the Executive Board of  
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HOWARD H. MURPHY, Afro-America.

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"I am afraid that I have already bored my friends and acquaintances telling them the things I saw and heard when I visited your Forum. The work that you and your associates are doing is truly wonderful."

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"I was particularly impressed with the size and calibre of the audience and with the program. The work of your organization must indeed be interesting."—CITY COUNCILMAN, DANIEL ELLISON, Baltimore, Md.

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"It has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated with the City-Wide Young People's Forum from its very beginning. I have seen it grow from a small gathering of a dozen or so young people to its present large membership comprising six denominations and thirty churches. I have seen its audience grow from a few hundred to more than two-thousand. The upward growth and continued success of this young people's organization is to my mind a fine example of what consecrated intelligence youth can achieve.

The varied activities of this organization in its attempt to bring about better conditions for the Negro group in Baltimore, and the enthusiasm and sacrifice put into these efforts with the results attained make me feel that the City-Wide Young People's Forum is the most potential organization of our group in the life of the city."—REV. EDGAR A. LOVE, Dist. Supt.,

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"Certainly you are making a very fine contribution to our community life by the fine spirit in which the members of our organization donate their service for the success of any welfare project."

EDWARD S. LEWIS, Executive Secretary, Baltimore Branch  
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The Forum must be of great value to the race, enabling them week after week to listen to such splendid speakers and to have the opportunity to learn about matters of importance to the race and about things of interest to all the world."—ELIZABETH T. MEYER, People's Unemployment League.

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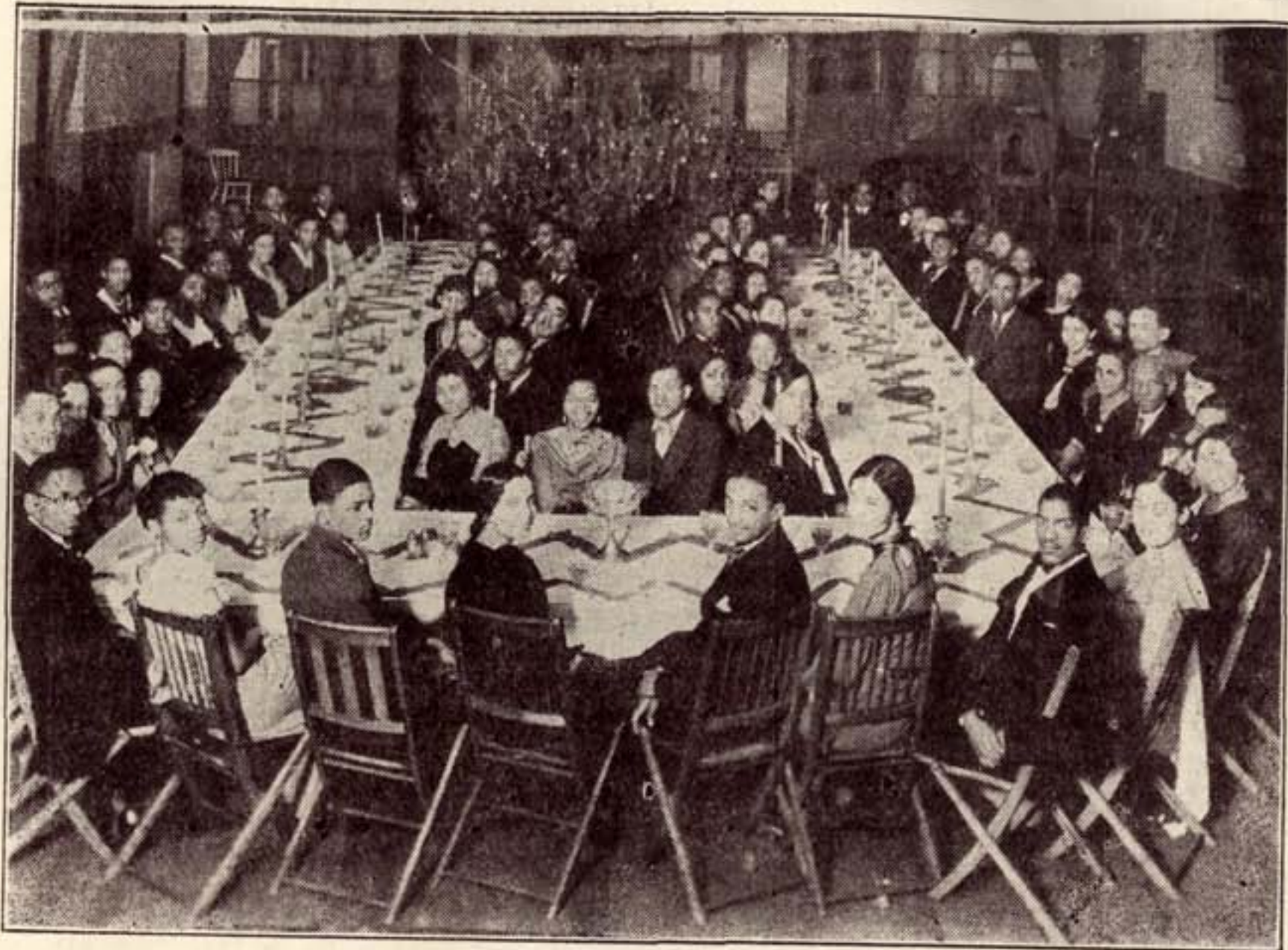
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Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Kiah, of Upper Marlboro, Md.

Presented by Mrs. Virginia Jackson Kiah.

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### COMMENT of JAMES WELDON JOHNSON:

"I have traveled throughout the length and breadth of this country, and never have I seen a Forum anywhere, white or colored, manned and operated, by young people putting over such a constructive program as this."

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Fisk University,

Nashville, Tennessee.