Philadelphians Endorse Alexander for U.S. Judge

PHILADELPHIA — Leading candidate for one of the new Federal judgeship posts to be filled by President Truman is Raymond Pace Alexander, prominent Philadelphia attorney,

RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER

who is being backed by a number of outstanding individuals and organizations.

According to sources close to the Administration, at least two of the 23 judgeships which will be created by the passage of the Mc Carran Bill will go to colored attorneys.

One is more or less ear-marked for a Philadelphian, it was said. There seems to be some difference of opinion over the other post. The field has narrowed down, it is understood, to Thurgood Marshall, head of the NAACP legal division, and Joseph Craigen, Detroit lawyer.

In Philadelphia, the race seems to be between Walter A. Gay Jr., assistant U.S. Attorney, and Mr. Alexander, with the latter out in front by a comfortable margin.

Last week, Alexander was unanimously endorsed for the judgeship by the Baptist Conference of Philadelphia and vicinity, the Rev. Arthur W. Jones, president.

Practiced Here 25 Years

The motion for the endorsement was made by the Rev. Dr. D. W. Hoggard, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and a Democratic member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Mr. Alexander, an honor graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Harvard Law School, who has practiced law here for more than 25 years, in the recent campaign was chairman of the Citizens Committee of Philadelphia County for the election of President Truman.

His wife, Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, was a member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights which, after a year's work, brought forth the report on Civil Rights that proposed the end of the proscriptions suffered by minority group citizens in the nation.

Both Mr. Alexander and his wife have been extremely active in supporting colored citizens in their battle for free and impartial education, freedom from discrimination and segregation in places of public accommodation in the State and in the protection of their jobs.

Local Democrats Attend Inaugural

Five members of the colored division of the Democratic National Committee of Maryland represented that group in Washington, Thursday, at the Inauguration of President Truman and its attendant festivities.

The delegation included Lloyal Randolph, chairman of the State group and his wife, Mrs. Nickki Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. William Adams and Mrs. Vivian Alleyne.

Round of Receptions

They witnessed the Inauguration ceremonies, the parade which followed; attended the cocktail party at the Cimmarron Social Club, at which Rep. William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.) was host, the President's reception and the Inaugural Ball climaxing the festivities for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph, tonight (Friday), will attend the reception to be held in the main ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, by Sen. J. Howard McGrath Dem., R. I.), chairman of the Democratic National Committee for party workers.

Planning Victory Dinner

On the home front, local Democrats are working toward a Victory Dinner to be held in the Morgan Christian Center on Feb. 3.

Senator McGrath and Representative Dawson are to head a galaxy of national and State political dignitaries expected to attend as well as persons representing the various Democratic ward and precinct clubs.

Regular meetings of the arrangements committee are held in the York Hotel Blue Room every Wednesday, when reports are submitted to Dr. Bernard Harris, chairman, and Mr. Randolph, general chairman.

Co-operating in mapping plans for the celebration are the members of the Women's Division of which Mrs. Victorine Adams is president.

45 Students Picket Okla. State Capitol

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Forty Langston University students and five from the University of Oklahoma, members of the Oklahoma Equal Education Committee, staged a peaceful picket at the State capitol last week in protest against inequalities and segregation in education.

The students circulated leaflets decrying a dual, "separate but equal" system of education. The House of Representatives had adjourned a few minutes before the group arrived, but the Senate was still in session and the members showed interest in the demonstration. No violence occurred.

The students carried placards stating "Jim crow must go," "The scales of equal education are unbalanced," "How equal can 'separate equal' be?" "Help put jim crow behind the eight ball," "A State is as intelligent as its most ignorant citizen," and "Separate education leads to bankruptcy—economize with unity."

Favorabe Comment

A white youth asked permission to join the picket line. A Senator stated that the group had a fair cause, and that he din't see why results would not be realized. Other Senators gave favorable comments.

The Equal Education Committee announced it would blend its efforts to the end that segregation shall be eliminated at all levels of education, and will continue to protest against undemocratic inequalities.

Religious Week Held at Florida College

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Counseling conferences and prayer services featured the annual Religious Emphasis Week, Jan. 9-14, at Florida A. and M. College. Dr. James Hudson, college chaplain, and the Revs. H. B. Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; and R. A. King, Jacksonville, Fla.; were in charge.

Howard Students Receive Awards From Philip Morris

Student representatives of fraternities and sororities at Howard University are shown above with the prizes they received from Philip Morris & Co. in a scorecasting contest conducted during the recent football season. From left to right are: Anita Moore of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which was awarded second prize, an Admiral radio console; R. C. Redhead, Philip Morris representative; Ann Lee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which won first prize, an Admiral television set; Herbert H. Wright and Ernestine Hairston, Philip Morris representatives; and George Elliot of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which won third prize, an Admiral radio set. The awards were made at a recent fellowship dance at Howard.

Boston Lawyer Made Assistant Attorney-General

James G. Wolff, Boston lawyer who has the endorsement of the Bay State Democratic Club, Inc., receives an appointment as assistant attorney-general from Francis E. Kelly, attorney-general of Massachusetts. Left to right, are: Mrs. Wolff, Robert L. Merritt Jr., president of the Bay State Democratic Club, Inc.; Mr. Kelly, and Theophilus N. L. Nunes, vice-president of the club.

Wender Continues Battle to Control Golf Courses

WASHINGTON — Is the underlying cause of the smoldering feud between the Interior Department and the Recreation Department over jurisdiction of 62 playgrounds and five publicly owned golf courses the matter of racial policy?

That was the question which arose in the midst of a heated flareup between Chairman Harry S. Wender of the Recreation Board and Irving S. Root, superintendent of National Parks, representing the Interior Department, Tuesday, at the regular board meeting.

Wender argued that the question of racial policy is not before Atty. Gen. Tom Clark at all. It is the ruling of who is to operate and control the playgrounds.

Mrs. Hunter Demurs

However, he was cautioned that he was speaking for himself and not for the board at large by Mrs. Alice Hunter, only colored member, who refuted his statement.

"As a layman who moves around among the people there is a different opinion. Little as we think, the dispute basically is over the matter of racial policy."

Charging that the Interior Department is favoring a monopoly in renewing S. G. Leoffler's five-year contract which expired at the end of 1948, and is now up for renewal, Mr. Wender and James E. Schwab, board member, indicated that the Interior Department was withholding information on financial operations.

May Renew Contract

Root interrupted to say that Leoffler will likely get renewal of the contract.

"I don't think it is anybody's business about what the figures are," he said, adding:

"If the board has a program it wishes to carry out on the golf courses, then why should it not present its program for use of the courses based on recreation.

"You don't need to operate the golf courses to run a program."

Recreation Board Split

Wender stated that if the Recreation Department is allowed to tawe over the courses, the present interracial policy will be continued. "As far as I am concerned, race means nothing any more," Wender injected.

Here Schwab interrupted to emphasize that Wender was speaking only as an individual and the policy of racial integration would have to be decided by the board.

Taking advantage of the indecision among members of the board, Root told them following an agreement to arrange a meeting with Interior Department, "I suggest you reach an agreement among yourselves before coming to the Interior Department."

Segregation Report Tabled

The recreation staff's analysis of the report on the National Committee on Segregation in the nation's capital was released, but board members tabled it until the next meeting.

The report assailed the committee for its condemnation of public recreation in the District, without mentioning the interracial use of certain public facilities for which the recreation board has responsibilities.

"The entire report on recreation tends to be destructive and makes no reference to progressive developments which are related to the changing moves of the community," said Milo F. Christiansen, superintendent, who submitted the study.

Denies It Champions Bias

"The District pattern of segregation in public recreation has always existed and the board did not embark on any new line of enforced segregation practice that was not already prevalent," the report said.

It is true that board is agressively and actively attempting to discharge its responsibility to provide recreation in the District of Columbia but it's absolutely untrue that they intend to operate all facilities on a jim crow basis it set forth.

Ruling in Tennis Case Scheduled

The Supreme Bench is scheduled at its February meeting to rule upon the new trial motion of seven persons convicted of conspiracy in the staging of interracial tennis matches, last summer.

The matches were planned by the Young Progressives of Maryland to test the segregated sports policy of the Park Board. Result was that 22 persons connected with the matches in Druid Hill Park were arrested by park police.

State Fails to Prosecute

Because the State refused to prosecute additional charges which centered around the actual violation of the park rule, the Progressives have since held that the rule is therefore not enforceable.

All others in the case were acquitted by Judge Herman Moser. The seven, all white, were convicted on chares of conspiracy to riot.

Radiator Thieves Won't Need Items for 30 Days

Two young men were charged with the theft of five radiators, Tuesday, but they won't need the heat for at least 30 days, the length of the jail terms imposed by Magistrate Fitzpatrick in Northwestern police court.

Said to have been apprehended with the radiators in their possession, the two were identified as James Crawford, 18, 1313 Woodyear St., and Theodore Streams, 18, 1423 Bruce St.

Aboard USS Helena

Ensign Carl R. Coggins, 23, currently serving aboard the USS Helena, was transferred to the Regular Navy, July 15, 1947, after attending the Navy's V-12 program at Purdue University and receiving his degree in Naval science at the University of Notre Dame in 1946. He was assistant communications officer for the USS Renville from July, 1946, to August, 1948. His home is at 9910 Kempton Ave., Cleveland.

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