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#### LAWYERS HAIL ARKANSAS DECISION

THE Supreme Court's decision reversing the conviction of five colored Arkansas riot victims, has been widely discussed among lawyers and in the press. *The New Republic* devotes two editorials to the legal points involved. Mr. Louis Marshall, noted lawyer, who was counsel for Leo Frank, has written to the N. A. A. C. P. calling the decision "a great achievement in constitutional law" and saying that in this decision the Supreme Court adopted the viewpoint that was rejected in the Leo Frank trial. "Due process of law now means," says Mr. Marshall, "not merely a right to be heard before a court, but that it must be before a court that is not paralyzed by mob domination." Walter Nelles, of counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, states that the Supreme Court not only reversed a lower court in the Arkansas case but hails its decision as one of the most far reaching on *habeas corpus* that the Supreme Court has ever made. The N. A. A. C. P. is gratified that a colored lawyer, Scipio A. Jones of Little Rock, stood at the forefront of the four year legal battle which culminated in this important decision of the United States Supreme Court.

#### ALL TOLEDO DAILY PAPERS NOW CAPITALIZE N FOR RACE

THROUGH the splendid work of the Toledo Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. in appointing a committee which called in person upon each of the editors of the three daily newspapers of that city, the word



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"Negro" will be spelled with a capital N, hereafter the objectionable term *Negress* will be discarded and there will be no emphasizing of race in stories of criminal activity where such mention would not be applied to other races. The committee which did such effective work was composed of the Rev. P. A. Nichols and Attorneys B. Harrison Fisher and Albertus Brown.

The National Office commends the Toledo Branch for this striking achievement and recommends similar action by branches in other cities. A large part of the prejudice against colored people is due to antagonistic treatment of news regarding the Negro in the white press. Intelligent action such as that of the Toledo Branch will do much towards correcting this evil.

#### HARLEM OFFICE SECURES PERMANENT SECRETARY

THE National Office announces the addition of Mr. Louis H. Berry to assume charge of the Harlem Office of the N. A. A. C. P. Due to local difficulties the officers of the former branch in New York City requested the National Office some time ago to revoke its charter and take over its work in Harlem and Mr. Berry's appointment to work in what is the greatest Negro city in the world, where 175,000 colored people live within a radius of one square mile, is the logical following out of that recommendation. Mr. Berry is a graduate of Howard University and of the General Theological Seminary and is a man of energy and intelligence.

#### SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, DEFEATS SEGREGATED SCHOOL MOVE

AFTER a very lengthy and difficult fight, the colored citizens of Springfield, Ohio, have defeated an attempt to force segregated schools upon the colored people of that city. The task was made more difficult because ministers of two of the largest churches of the city openly advocated the creation of the separate school. The fight has extended over more than a year and was conducted by the Springfield Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and a General Citizens Committee. Visits were made to Springfield by Field Secretaries Hunton and Bagnall who aided in the laying of plans for the campaign against this attempt. Meetings were held with the Board of Education when many petitions against the separate school were presented but with no success. Mass and committee meetings were held, parades were organized and the school was boycotted and picketed. Finally an injunction against the school was applied for, which was granted by the court, later being made permanent.

The citizens of Springfield are to be highly congratulated upon this determined fight to prevent encroaching attempts of segregation and discrimination which are being tried in numerous cities of the North and, particularly, in Ohio. It is hoped that the splendid example will have effect upon other cities where the colored citizens are not as awake to the danger as those in Springfield.

#### A REMARKABLE RECORD

EVERY student of the Sumner High School of Kansas City, Kansas, is a member of the Junior Branch of the N. A. A. C. P.! Four hundred and ten students—four hundred and ten members! A drive launched and ended on one day—that is the remarkable record made by these young men and women. And on the same day one hundred and eight students of the Western University of the same city joined the branch, making a total for the day of five hundred and eighteen boys and girls. Such is the accomplishment in one city of March 28, 1923.

At the Sumner High, of which Professor Hodge is principal and Mr. W. P. King is Assistant Principal, the student body was divided into two equal divisions, one under the leadership of Mr. Hodge and the other

under Mr. King. Both men are former presidents of the Kansas City, Kansas, Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. The losing leader agreed to give a dinner to the winner. The drive was started on the morning of March 23rd and ended with a rousing meeting in the school chapel on the same day. Every room reported one hundred per cent membership and the race ended in a tie.

Great enthusiasm prevailed and the excitement was intense. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Matthews, president and secretary of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and Mr. Comegor, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Walter F. White, Assistant National Secretary, were present and spoke briefly to the students.

The party then went to Western University, and through the aid of Bishop W. T. Vernon and President Peck of that institution, 108 young men and women joined. After this remarkable result in Sumner High School and Western University, 800 students of the Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Missouri, of which Mr. Cook is principal, and Mr. Love, the president of our Kansas City, Missouri, branch, a professor, decided that they would not be surpassed by the high school in their sister city. They have pledged in a one day drive to secure 100 per cent of the membership of the school—800 altogether. A splendid example to the other branches of the N. A. A. C. P. and to young people throughout the country has been set by these new recruits in the fight being waged by the N. A. A. C. P.

#### INTERSTATE PASSENGER WINS SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD

AN important decision has just been rendered in a case affecting the right of a colored passenger in interstate traveling. Mr. J. H. Roberts, a colored man of St. Louis, purchased a ticket from St. Louis to McAlisterville, Oklahoma. He rode in a chair car as far as the Oklahoma state line when he was ordered to go forward to the Jim-crow section of the train. Mr. Roberts refused to do so, citing the fact that he was an interstate passenger and therefore the separate coach law of Oklahoma did not apply to him. The Pullman porter who had ordered Mr. Roberts to move brought the conductor and the two of them forced Mr. Roberts to move.