Byrd Asks Dixie Convention Rule

ATLANTA (NNPA)—Sen. Harry F. Byrd (Dem., Va.), speaking at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner sponsored here last week by the State Democratic Committee, proposed that the South demand the restoration of the two-thirds rule at the 1952 democratic National Convention and a resolution reaffirming support of States' rights, as he assailed President Truman.

Byrd said, "he will come before Congress declaring that he has a mandate from the people to enact all of the civil rights measures recommended by his Civil Rights Committee.

Byrd called Mr. Truman's civil rights program "a mass invasion of States' rights never before even suggested much less recommended by any previous President in our history."

Calls FEPC Bureaucratic

Establishment of a FEPC, Byrd said, would "set up another costly, powerful, and inquisitorial bureaucracy of the Federal Government to send the strong arm of the National Government into the daily transactions of virtually every man's private business — to tell employers whom to hire, whome to fire and whom to promote."

Byrd also denounced proposed Federal anty-lynching legislation as unconstitutional and an invasion of States' rights. If enacted, he said it would establish a precedent for the Federal Government to make Federal offenses of other States crimes.

Bird also charged that Mr. Truman "threatens" to deny Federal grants-in-aid to the States and local cities refused to repeal all local segregation laws relating to public schools, public housing, and other public services and facilities.

Holds Action Unprecedented

"I venture the assertion that never before in the history of our Republic has any president requested legislation whereby States and subdivisions thereof," Byrd said, "are directed to change their local laws and, if not, be penalized by the denial of Federal grants, to which the citizens of these States had contributed through their taxes."

Byrd also accused the President of proposing to "create a Federal commission on civil rights with an army of lawyers to direct the FBI on an intensive campaign to strike down any form of any existing law or ordinance which might provide for segregation in schools, hospitals, swimming pools, restaurants and hotels."

Debris Caused by Six-Alarm Fire

This debris was caused by collapsing walls and steps of buildings in the 1100 block Parrish Street where a six-alarm fire occurred early Friday morning.

Alabama Jury Convicts Man

Faces Electrocution; Appeal Is Automatic

COLUMBIANA, Ala.—Convicted by an all-white jury last week, Dooper Drake, an overwrought accused of killing a 4-year-old white boy, faces a sentence of death in the electric hair, but under Alabama law, appeal is automatic in the case of a death sentence.

Drake had been indicted on charges of killing the boy and also criminally attacking his mother, Mrs. A. B. Holley, white, and shoting her several times, but was tried only on the murder count. The woman charged that he left her for dead in a wood following the attack and murder.

Girl Friend, He says

Drake told the court, however, that Mrs. Holley, herself, killed her son. He testified that she killed the boy after he refused to kill her husband and take her with him to NYC. He had been meeting the woman intimately for a long time, he added.

In direct contradiction, Mrs. Holley testified that Drake came to her home Oct. 18 last, seeking permission to do some hunting in a nearby woods. While at the house, he forced her at gunpoint into a bedroom, attacked her, threatened to kill the boy then marched her into the wood, where the boy was slain.

Winner of Clean Block Flag for Achievement

This is the 700 block School St. one of two contestants in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign which won a large American flag last week for having completed the most amount of work for the week. The other one is one unit block of North Castle St.

Ill. Town Ordered to Protect Family

CHICAGO (NNPA)—Judge John P. Barnes in Federal District Court last Thursday warned Cicero town officials that they would find themselves in "serious trouble" if they did not provide protection for a colored family from Chicago seeking to move into a $60-a-month apartment at 6139 19th St., Cicero.

"I want to hear this case myself," Judge Barnes said, refusing to order hearings by a master in chancery. He set hearing for Sept. 11 on the suit by Harvey E. Clark Jr., a bus driver, and his wife, Johnetta, 26, asking $200,000 damages from the town and its officials on the grounds that they were beaten, kicked and harassed by police when they tried to move on June 8, with their two children.

Carolina NAACP Branch Wins Thalheimer Award

ATLANTA—The Clarendon County (S.C.) branch, sponsor of the first suit to end segregated elementary and secondary schools in the South, received the Thalhimer Award, presented annually to NAACP branches for outstanding achievement.

The $100 award was presented to a representatives of the branch at a dinner meeting during the 42nd annual NAACP convention which is closed here Sunday.

Winns Purple Heart

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—Pfc. Robert Blakes, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson of 173 Stuyvesant Ave., has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal by Capt. W. J. James, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. Blakes was wounded in action in Korea.

MADE WARRANT OFFICER

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—M-Sgt. George W. Ponder of 1841 Christian Street, Philadelphia, Pa., was sworn in Tuesday as a warrant officer, junior grade. He is with the 307th Army Band.

When Good Club Members Honor a Leader

Pantographed at the recent testimonial banquet they gave in honor of their leader, Mrs. Vernon Daugher May Holley, are members of the United Cap and Gown Club of the State of Maryland (IBPOEW). Seen from left to right, first row, are Daughters Mamie Kennard, Fannie Thomas, Della Bryant, Martha Lee, Brother Truly Hatchett. Regional Director of the Educational Department of the Elks Daughters Mary White, the honoree; Myrtle Lofton, Frances Coe, Sadie Stewart, Eunice White, Mary Hines, Vera Hatchett and Lola Brown. Second row, left to right: Daughters Marie Jackson, Mary Johnson, Toyella Hicks, Birdie Smith, Marie Mullen, Della Mouton, Laura Gould, Mary Bastfield, Pauline Brown, Mildred Diggs, Elizabeth Frazier, Mildred Lee, Willie M. Ward, Gladys Melburn, Lillian Bennett and Susie Stanbury.

National Youth Congress Attracts 1500 Delegates

Nearly 1500 persons, from 22 States, converged on the Nation's Capital last week end for the 16th Annual Conference of the National Youth Congress of the Churches of God In Christ.

The conference opened last Thursday and continued through Tuesday. Meetings were held at the John Wesley AME Zion Church, 14th and Corcoran Sts., N.W., Temple of the Church of God In Christ, Sixth and H Sts., S.W., and Uline Arena, Third and M Sts., N.E. Bishop Otro Thurston Jones, presided.

Some 2,500 persons attended the Sunday sessions, which were held at Uline Arena. Speaker at the afternoon meeting was Bishop Jones.

Out of Town Delegates

Among the out-of-town delegates and the States they were from were:

New Jersey—Bright Anderson, Jr. and Mrs. William Brown, Pearl G. Brown, V. M. Brown, Elder Bright, David, Ella Davis, Ella Thomas, Essie Mae Farmer, Maude Gray, Louise Johnson, Ruby Jones, Zetedeie Jones, Pearl Keyes, Mattie Knowels, Lee Willie, and Tryphena Lewis.

California—Willie Mae Akins.

Michigan—Dorothy Brunetield, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bell, Mary Bell, Mary Branch, John Cassidy, Estella Cassidy, Ella Cassidy, Mrs. E. T. Clark, Jr., Lillie Clark, Mrs. Jean Clark, B. Gandy, Raymond Gandy, Archie Gray, Louise Gray, Elder and Mrs. A. Gray, E. Gipton, Rev. and Mrs. John W. Gandy, Bessie Holloway, Mrs. A. Tilman, Irene Wakefield, J. C. Beckom, Mrs. E. Jackson, Isaac King Sr. and Jr., Rev. R. Johnson, Mattie Lee, Rev. Mattie Connerton—Mary Bovett, Cora Collson, Ralph Dorris, Piccola Johnson and Pearl Keyes.

Ohio—Herman Braggs, Gladys Bradford, Elizabeth Barwell, B. M. Brown, Anna Clemmons, Joe Clemmons, Alice Dickens, Edith Felson, Elder F. C. Gore, Thelma Gore, Elder W. Gollama, Bernice Gordon, Elder S. Hutchison and wife, Elder S. Williams, Hattie Jackson and Fyie Leonard.

Tennessee — Elder Johnnie Brown and Mildred Jones.

Colorado—Lorraine Burrell, Bernice Burrell, Dora Bolden, Albert Campbell and Rosa Jones.

Iowa—Elder and Mrs. W. L. Battle.

Louisiana — Doris Bivins and Lillie Buckham.

Kansas—Frank Butler, Jessie Frankie and Milton Jackson.

New York—Venus Billingsles, Frances Carter, Bionne Dewey, Bernice Ford, Annabelle Hudson, M. L. Hunter, Smith, Mamie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Gertrude Jenkins, Ruth Jones and Mattie Lenard.

Pennsylvania—Aron Burrell, George Crawford, Mrs. Pauline Streeter, Elder and Mrs. Moses Griffin, Rebecca Good, Madeline Sheddrick, Stephen Hunt, Anna E. Hudson, Velma Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Elder Garrett, C. H. Kellar, and Francis Keith.

Rhode Island — Hilda Jones, Lillie Cross, Georgetta Cross, Patricia Cross, Mrs. Ella Mae Cross, Mrs. Jones.

Indiana—Matilda Bell, Annie Chess, Deborah Chandler, Beatrice Collins, Maud Hudson, Joe L. Hodges, Eva Hodges and Mamie Dee Lockhart.

Virginia—Rosa Jenkins and Mary Coleman.

Illinois — Anna B. Crockett, Henry Davis, Elder J. B. Davis, Mrs. J. Davis, and Jessie Franklin.

Florida—King Christian.

Arkansas—Gertrude Dalton.

Arkansas—Elder Benjamin A. Johnson.

Mississippi—Sam Dixon and Elder and Mrs. E. Jones.

Massachusetts—Hattie Jones

Mississippi—B. S. Lyle.

Texans Take Equal School Bid Higher

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Three Texans are asking Dixie and Deep States Supreme Court ot review a decision of Texas courts that the failure to provide equal educational opportunities for white and colored children is no violation of constitutional rights. E. G. Ragsby, Eugene Robinson and Edward Radford are appealing the ruling of the Court of Civil Appeals, Seventh Supreme Court Judicial District.

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420-Lb. Shoe Repairman Dies From Heart Attack

A shoe repairer who weighted 420 pounds suffered a fatal heart attack in a Madison Ave. garage Friday night. Immediately after eating a substantial meal.

Melvin Tutman, 39, 2432 Francis St., had eaten a meal of crab cakes, potato salad, and soft drinks in the garage in the 2300 block of Madison Ave., and collasped as he stepped out of the doorway.

Attendants of a municipal ambulance who were called to the scene, couldn't lift the man, and to enlist had aid of veteran students from a nearby trade school to put him in the ambulance for transportation to Provident Hospital.

Pronounced Dead

Dr. William Hall, staff physician, pronounced the man dead, shortly after 9:25 p.m. The dead man had been undergoing treatment for a heart condition.

The body was claimed by Mrs. Hilda Bevans a sister. The funeral was held Tuesday. Survivors beside Mrs. Bevans include two other sisters, and three brothers.

Baptists Plan More Training

SAN FRANCISCO (ANP)—Delegates to the Southern Baptist National Convention were urged to provide more facilities to train ministers or to expect to lose many members. Dr. Edward A. McDowell Jr. of Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. declared:

"There are not more than 500 colored men training for the Baptist ministry in the entire country, and of these less than 260 are college graduates."

Dr. McDowell said that the first steps toward improving this situation were taken this spring when all Baptist seminaries were opened to colored students.

To aid further in the training of colored ministers, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, acting head of the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, called for active support of a plan for expansion of three existing seminaries and construction of two new plants.

Dr. Dobbins said that the three seminaries now in use were not adequate. They are overcrowded, undermanned and poorly equipped. Delegates to the convention elected Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans, convention president, succeeding Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tenn.

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