'Conscience Fund' for bombed church

A picture of a woman joyfully clapping her hands was awarded by Drew Pearson Wednesday night to the winner in a drawing at Art Galleries Unlimited.

Those eligible for the drawing had contributed $25 donations to "America's Conscience Fund" for the rebuilding of the bombed Birmingham Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

The picture entitled Hallelujah was donated by its artist, Mr. Samuel Bookatz, who had drawn the picture on the occasion of the Washington March for Equal Rights.

Present for the drawing were Hobart Taylor, executive vice-chairman of the nities Commission; Julius Equal Employment opportu-Hobson; president of the local CORE chapter; and Rev. Edward Hailes, executive director of the local NAACP office.

Minister of week: Rev. Paul Harris

The crucial point in the life of the Rev. Paul J. Harris was the day, some 35 years ago, he realized that he was a church-goer rather than a Christian.

He learned that the hard way - when he became nearly destitute.

"I had no money, my roof was sold from over me, my children had no food and I was in rags," he said. "But God turned me around."

Today, he is the successful pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist Church, 2000 N. Fulton Ave.

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THE REV. Mr. Harris is a controversial minister who has definite ideas of what young people should or should not do.

His attitude, he said, stems from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"I try to preach like Jesus," he said, "when Jesus spoke, he disturbed the people. That is why he was killed."

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THE REV. Mr. Harris was a musician, a violinist, before he turned to the ministry.

He learned his skill by attending Peabody Institute as a special student, during the days when colored students had to get their lessons across the street from the Institute.

During the 1930's, he was a member of the Baltimore City Colored Orchestra and played the Regent Theatre for a stretch of seven years.

To earn an adequate income, he played in honky-tonks and dance halls where he learned the pernicious influence of alcohol in combination with jazz music and dancing.

He said that he had to play in the dance halls because "it was awfully hard for a man to earn a living as a musician and it was doubly hard for a colored man."

He still has visions of inferno-like evils of dancing and drink.'

"I played in night clubs," he said, "and it was the most hellish things imagineable. Because of what I have seen with my own eyes, I preach to my young people that they should not dance, smoke, gamble, night club, play bingo or anything which in contrary to the teachings of the Bible."

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SMOKING, said the Rev. Mr. Harris, defiles "God's temple" (the body) and may be injurous to the body.

He feels that his young people respond to his teachings.

"You know," he said in a moment of reflection," children are man's best friends. They love you so if you know how to treat them."

During the years he was earning his degree and after he had quit playing music professionally, the Rev. Mr. Harris was a barber for ten years.

"Everyone knew me," he said. "I was preaching then."

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THE PASTOR is married to Mrs. Evelyn G. Harris and they have two sons, Tawney W. B. Harris, of Washington; and Paul J. Harris Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Adams, a school teacher.

The Rev. Mr. Harris is quite proud of his three grandchildren and his great-grandchild.

Everyone should take stock of their religious life, warns the Rev. Mr. Harris.

"The words of the Bible will catch up with you," he said.

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Tuesday, December 3, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Rev. Isaac L. Williams Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Sunday School and Junior Ushers
Wednesday, December 4, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	New St. John Baptist Church Rev. Andrew C. Brown Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Senior Choir and Missionaries
Thursday, December 5, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Faith Baptist Church Rev. Walter Paige
Presiding—	Rev. J. H. Williams Memorial Club
Friday, December 6, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Cherry Hill Baptist Church Rev. John Clark Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Youth Choir and Boy Scouts
Sunday, December 8, 1963 - 3:00 P.M.	Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Rev. Jarrette Butler Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Senior Choir No. 2
Sunday, December 8, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	New Friendship Baptist Church Rev. Joseph Culp Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Flower Circle & Usher Board
Monday, December 9, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Lovely Hill Baptist Church Rev. Samuel Grant, Choir & Congregation
Presiding—	Jubilee Chorus and Helping Hand
Tuesday, December 10, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Roy McKinney Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Pastor's Aid and Senior Choir
Wednesday, December 11, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Union Baptist Church Rev. Baxter Matthews Choir and Congregation Perkins Square Baptist Church Rev. Ward D. Yerby Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Nurse's Unit and Peaceful Gospel Singers
Thursday, December 12, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	White Stone Baptist Church Rev. William Howard Thompson Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Male Chorus and Educational Circle
Friday, December 13, 1963 - 8:00 P.M.	Knox Presbyterian Church Rev. Octavius Graham Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Kitchen Committee
Sunday, December 15, 1963 - 3:00 P.M.	New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Rev. Daniel Ball Choir and Congregation
Presiding—	Program Committee

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Rev. Fauntroy is Federation guest speaker

The Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church and area chairman, Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed nationally by Dr. Martin Luther King, will be guest speaker at the 33rd annual awards dinner of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.

This announcement was made by Federation President Henry L. Dixon, Jr., as he said the awards dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., at the Presidential Arms, 1320 G. St., NW.

Mrs. Estella E. Sims is chairman of the awards dinner; Mrs. Anna J. Steen is program chairman; Mrs. Doris Keith is in charge of tickets and reservations.

Benediction to President at John Wesley

WASHINGTON

Prayer and benediction Sunday at John Wesley AME Church was a tribute to the late President. It stated:

"Eternal and everliving God, our Father and our Friend, hear our prayer this day. Assuage our grief, comfort our hearts and endue us with the spirit of courage and daring and give us an abiding faith in Thee.

"May we see in this tragic hour the work of Thy hands and glorify Thee. We would pray for this nation, commending it to Thy merciful care, that being guided by Thy Providence we dwell secure in Thy peace. Grant unto Lyndon Baine Johnson, Thy servant, the President of this nation, upon whose shoulders fall so suddenly the burdens of world leadership and to those at his side, wisdom and courage and strength to know and do Thy will.

"Make them ever mindful of their calling to serve all Thy people in this land, knowing no fear save the fear of Thee, whom to fear is to find love and protection.

"Remember O Lord, those who suffer most in this hour, be Thou their continual help in every time of need. In each of us, may there rest no thought of vengeance or thought of retaliation.

"Let then, the life of John Kennedy inspire a rebirth of mutual trust, tolerance and respect, each man to his neighbor. Unite, O Lord, this torn and sundered people with one band of love."

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Speaker for the vesper services at Bennett College Sunday will be the **Rev. John G. Corry,** college chaplain and pastor of St. Matthews Methodist Church here.

NLRB told bias is unfair labor practice

WASHINGTON

The American Civil Liberties Union has urged the National Labor Relations Board to declare racial discrimination by a labor union as an unfair labor practice under the Taft-Hartley Law.

The ACLU's views were disclosed in a brief submitted recently to the NLRB. The brief was filed in connection with charges of racial discrimination by a segregated local of the Independent Metal Workers Union against an all-white local of the same union. Both locals represent employees of the Hughes Tool Company of Houston, Tex.

The brief included this policy statement, adopted by the civil liberties group's board of directors: "The failure of a union to represent its members without regard to race is an unfair labor practice. When the NLRB finds that a union has practiced racial discrimination among its members, it should, in the first instance, find the union guilty of an unfair labor practice.

"This is preferable to immediately decertifying the union. If, however, decertification is the only remedy sought, or if the Board does not believe that racial discrimination is an unfair labor practice, the Board should revoke the certification of the offending union."

Applying its policy of the Independent Metal Workers Union case now before the NLRB, the ACLU said in its brief that the case is important "because it squarely raises for the first time the issue of whether racial discrimination by a labor union constitutes" an unfair labor practice under the federal labor law.

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9:30 A.M.—Church School—Mr. Warner Brown Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Service — Communion Meditation
6:00 P.M.—Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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10:50 A.M.—Moments of Guided Meditation
11:00 A.M.—Observance of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism
Wednesday:
8:00 P.M.—"Hour of Prayer Service"

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th
10:30 A.M.-11:15 A.M—Special Advent Service in Song

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REV. WARD D. YERBY, Pastor

8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor.
3:00 P.M.—7th Anniversary of the Heavenly Spiritual Singers. Beatrice Wood Gospel Singers — Special Guests. Perkins Square Gospel Chorus. The Gospel Chords and many others.
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1963

6:30 A.M.—Early Morning Prayer Service
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor and Holy Communion
7:30 P.M.—The Enonite Circle Anniversary
6:15 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
7:30 P.M.—Ivy Leaf Circle Special Service

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3:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM. The Emma Clement Guild presents the "Etude Octette."
6:00 P.M.—CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HOUR.
7:30 P.M.—WORSHIP. Meditation by the pastor. Holy Communion. Music by the Sanctuary Choir and Chorus No. 1.

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9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor
3:30 P.M.—We shall worship at Wayside Baptist Church. Rev. T. E. Williams, Pastor.
8:00 P.M.—Evening worship, Preaching.

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6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
7:30 P.M.—Annual Service of the Flower Circle. Special Program

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9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Devotion
3:30 P.M.—Junior Usher's Anniversary
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"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH" —Kocher-Davis
"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"—Holst

11:00 A.M.
CHANCEL CHOIR
"AWAKE MY HEART"—Marshall
"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS" —Purcell

Church School—9:30 A.M.

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WEDNESDAY—Jesus Christ Lives and Works in His Church
THURSDAY—We Meet Christ in the Sacraments
FRIDAY—We Work with Christ in the Church
SATURDAY—We Will Meet Christ in Heaven
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St. Veronica	Fr. Brendan Breen, C.P.

ALL ARE WELCOME

WHITE MINERS PANIC...

LUSAKA, N. RHODESIA —(NNPA) — White miners on the Copperbelt have been in a state of panic following reports, denied by the government, that their savings and pensions will be frozen next year.

PLEA FOR GUILTY

BLANTYRE — (NNPA)— Citizens of Mzuru were told Monday by Orton Chirwa, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, that independence for Nyasaland did not mean luxuries, such as cars and clothes, but betterment of the "people's society."

Angry Malcolm X blasts Robinson

WASHINGTON

In a recent newspaper column, Jackie Robinson was critical of the Black Muslim movement. In response, Malcolm X, No. 2 leader in the movement, accused Robinson of attempting to mislead the minority group politically.

He also defended a recent attack on Ralph Bunche, declaring that he criticized Bunche in self-defense after the UN Under Secretary General opened fire on the Black Muslims.

Part of Malcolm X's reply follows:

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"DEAR good friend, Jackie Roosevelt Robinson: You became a great baseball player after your white boss (Mr. Rickey) lifted you to the Major Leagues. You proved that your white boss had chosen the 'right' colored person by getting plenty of hits, stealing plenty of bases, winning many games and bringing much money through the gates and into the pockets of your white boss.

"In those days I was one of your many ardent fans; your speed and shifty base running used to hold me spellbound. . and, according to the attack you leveled against me and Congressman Powell in your recent column, I must confess that even today you still display the same old 'speed,' the same 'cunning' and 'shiftiness,' and you are still trying to win 'The Big Game' for your white boss.

"Shortly after the white man lifted you from poverty and obscurity to the Major Leagues, Paul Robeson was condemning America for her injustices against American Negroes.

* * *

"MR. ROBESON questioned the intelligence of colored people fighting to defend a country that treated them with such open contempt and beastial brutality. Robeson's brilliant stand in behalf of our people left the guilty American whites speechless; they had no defense.

"They sought desperately to find another colored person who would be dumb enough to champion their bankrupt 'white' cause against Paul Robeson.

"It was you who let yourself be used by the whites even in those days against your own kind. You let them sic you on Paul Robeson.

"You let your white boss send you before a congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. (the capitol of Segregationville) to dispute and condemn Paul Robeson, because he has these guilty American whites frightened silly.

"Your white boss sent you to Washington to assure all the worried white folks that colored people were still thankful to the Great White Father for bringing us to America, that colored persons were grateful to America (despite our not being treated as full citizens), and that colored people would still lay down our lives to defend this white country (though this same government wasn't ready nor willing to defend colored people) even in those days, Jackie!

"In this same recent column you also accused me and Dr. Powell of misleading our people. Aren't you the same ex-baseball player who tried to "mislead" colored people in Nixon's camp during the last presidential election?

"Evidently you were the only colored person who voted for Nixon, because according to the polls taken afterward, very few Negroes were dumb enough to follow your "mislead."

"Today you confess to our people that you now think Nixon would have been the wrong man. Aren't you also confessing that if colored persons had been dumb enough to follow you three years ago that you would have been guilty of misleading them?

"You never give up. You are now trying to lead colored people into Nelson Rockefeller's political camp. If you admit that you were wrong about Richard Nixon three years ago, how are we to be sure that you've become "so politically mature in the meantime to be right in your choice today? Your "shiftiness" is confusing and very misleading.

"We hear that you are about to be appointed Boxing Commissioner of New York State by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Does this have any bearing on your efforts to get colored people into Rockefeller's camp? Just who are you playing ball for today, good friend?"

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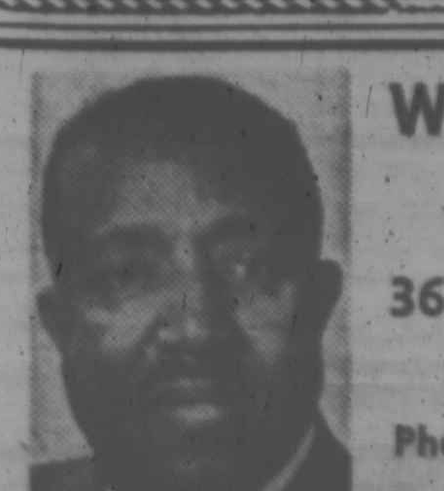

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Anti-segregation march against Belair project

WASHINGTON

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington was the principal speaker at the program which concluded the anti-segregation "march" at the "Belair" housing development in Bowie (Md.) Saturday.

Following the march through the streets of the development, Bishop Lord addressed the crowd of more than a thousand participants in the demonstration sponsored by the Prince Georges County chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE).

"Those who are participating in this demonstration today stand for the equal rights of all racial, cultural and religious groups. The right to choose a place of residence, to enter a school, to secure employment, to vote or to join a church should in no way be limited by a person's race, culture or religion," the Bishop said.

"We declare that racial discrimination in any form or guise is un-Christian and un-American. The myth of race supremacy and the pathological reasoning that permits a first and second class citizenry in our nation is idolatry and a denial of the holiness of God.

"America never was and never can be a 'white man's' country. It is every man's country who merits its blessing and will assume its responsibilities. It is our moral duty to challenge those community patterns in which racial segregation appears, including education, housing, voting, employment, and the use of public facilities.

"Enforced segregation transgresses the rights of all to live with a sense of freedom and dignity. Thus far our colored brethren in their passive resistance to such denial of rights and in their non-violent response to an effort to redress grievances, have demonstrated their moral and spiritual supremecy over their white brethren.

"Wherever there is oppression, discrimination, and segregation in our land, the cause of American democracy is in danger. It means that we are providing breeding places for communism; for communism finds fertile soil in oppression and subjugation.

"We have no one but ourselves to blame if by our prejudice we make desperate people fear that democracy will not live up to its promises.

"We can solve this human problem only if we are compassionate enough to be involved in its pain, and pure enought to become agents of its redemption."

Women's Day at Emanuel

Women's Day Emmanuel C. C. Church brought in $5,260 for the church.

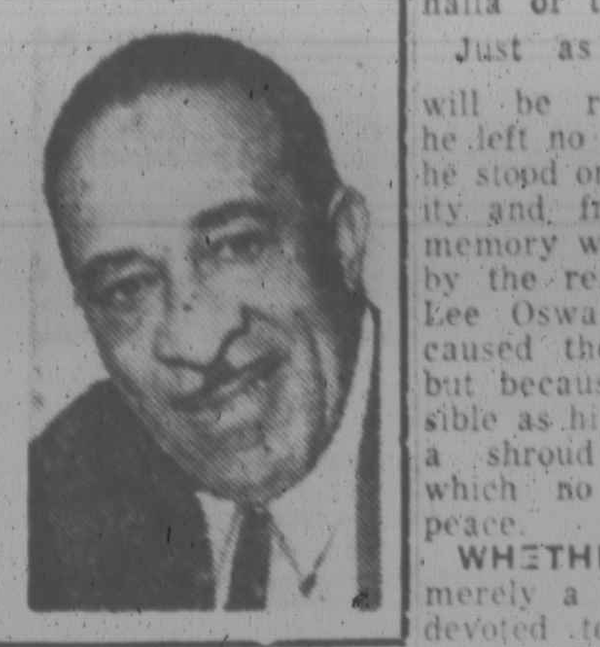
Observation of the day began with an 8 a.m. sermon by the Rev. Mrs. Margaret Gray Allen.

At the 11 a.m. service, the Rev. Miss Era S. Ferrell preached about the need for Christian workers.

At 7:30 p.m. 20 captains under the direction of Mrs. Inez Johnson made their reports.

Mrs. Delores Washington was chairman of the day and Mrs. Johnson, co-chairman.

THINKING OUT LOUD



By Ralph Matthews

WASHINGTON

"The President of the United States is dead!"

Three times in my lifetime have I heard those fateful words uttered or placed in print—Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt and now John F. Kennedy—and each time it has come like a clap of thunder direct from God to remind us ordinary souls that matters not how high a man may climb on this earthly sphere he is never beyond the reach of the long arm of death.

How can one write words of comfort to a sorrowing nation while his own heart is immersed in grief? How can one be objective about a crime so unnecessary and unexplainable that it defies all the laws of objectivity. But this we must try to do because the newspaper profession denies me the luxury of emotional indulgence and requires that I look only for truth even in a tragedy so bizaare that it almost puts fiction to shame.

AS I STOOD ON CONSTITUTION Avenue Sunday afternoon listening to the cadence of the muffled drums as the remains of John F. Kennedy was transferred from the White House to the Capitol rotunda, I realized that during the past 50 years my own experience on the periphery of history had come full cycle.

My first consciousness of the relationship between the chief executive and the ordinary citizen was aroused by Father when I was just a lad when he took me by the hand and pointed out a monument-like trough for watering horses which stood in front of the court house in Belair, Md.

Former slaves of the community insisted it had been erected in commemoration of John Wilkes Booth, a native son who had assassinated Abraham Lincoln, although the inscription had long since been removed.

In the confusion of adolescence I asked my father why anybody would erect a monument to a person who had slain the President of the United States. His answer was one I shall never forget. "Remember, son, in America all human values are altered by the question of race."

MY EYES WERE following the solomn procession Sunday afternoon when I heard the flash that Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected of having killed the President, was himself slain.

And thinking back to the watering trough, I wondered what awaited the memory of this tragic figure who had been selected by fate to play such an ignoble role in the affairs of men and nations.

The manner of his death at the hands of a self-appointed executioner simply desecrated the memory of a great and good President whose life had been devoted to the creation of a better world.

This unnecessary miscarriage of justice condemns the soul of Lee Harvey Oswald to occupy two separate graves wherever men discus the tragic wents of this weekend of viatence.

ONE WILL BE THE grave containing the ahes of the John Wilkes Booths and the Judases whose blood-stained hands and malevolent kisses have sent those chosen by both God and the people to untimely ends.

And the other will be peopled by the restless souls of thousands of defenseless black men who have been slain by mobs and lynched without being given the opportunity to prove their innocence or guilt or have their day in court.

If Oswald is guilty he does not deserve to share the company of these hallowed souls throughout eternity, but the ugly circumstances of his death gave him sesame to this Valhalla of the wronged.

Just as President Kennedy will be remembered because he left no question as to where he stood on the issues of equality and freedom for all, his memory will always be stalked by the restless ghost, Harvey Lee Oswald, not because he caused the President's death, but because man as irrespansible as himself supplied a shroud of doubt in which no soul can rest in peace.

WHETHER OSWALD was merely a misguided psycopath devoted to causes which he never fully grasped, we will now never know. But one refutable fact remains indelibly imprinted on the memory of the nation and the world.

It was not the flags of Cuba or any socialistic power which waved in the breeze as John F. Kennedy proceeded along the streets of Dallas to keep his rendezvous with death.

It was the flags of the Confederacy, symbolizing slavery, race-hatred and defiance of the will of the great nation of which John F. Kennedy was the elected head.

LOOK WHERE YOU will for scapegoats and red herrings to absorb the impact of our collective guilt. The presence of these flags showed that while Oswald, an individual may have defected in his alligance, the whole city had defected too by its idolatrous worship of a cause that was long since lost.

Such an atmosphere spawns both assassins and vigilantes. We know that extremists know no middle ground and swing from left to right with the changing of the political winds.

At the present time the "Hate Kennedy" flames were being fanned not by leftists but by domestic rightists in the Southland. I shall reserve my judgment on Oswald until we know under which banner he was traveling at the moment. Death postpones, perhaps forever, the hour of truth.

Rep. Corbett speaks to Republican ladies

Mobilization of Republican Enterprise was discussed when Rep. Robert J. Corbett addressed the Morning Political Study Group of the D. C. League of Republican Women Thursday, Nov. 21.

Corbett, the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, is serving his 10th consecutive term in Congress representing the 18th District of Pennsylvania.

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A PANEL of local political leaders including the chairman of the D.C. Republican Committee, Carl L. Shipley, answered questions relating to the District Precinct Organization.

The meeting was held in the Colonial Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Mrs. Warren Price, Jr., director of the group presided. Co-hostesses at the coffee serving were Mrs. Clifford M. Tuteur and Miss Lois G. Moore.

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