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Legislator Raps Group

"You Are Out in the Cold," He Says

"You are out in the cold as far as political jobs are concerned," was the blunt assertion State Representative Leon H. Abramson, Democrat, told the non-partisan meeting called by Josiah F. Henry, at Douglas Memorial Church, Wednesday.

Representative Abramson, who is the majority leader in the House of Delegates, called attention to the fact that out of nearly 5,000 Democratic votes, in the Fourth Legislative District, he and other Democratic candidates had received fewer than 400 votes, and that this kind of showing left no claims that Democrats would have to respect.

Will Work for Morgan

Mr. Abramson, however, assured those present that he would vote and work for appropriations for Morgan College and other institutions because he felt that it was his duty to do this, but warned leaders that the party owed them nothing on the basis of support.

In reply to this angle of Mr. Abramson's address, Mr. Henry called attention to the figures in the primary election in which three colored precincts supplied the votes which gave Governor-elect Herbert O'Conor the slight odds which put him over in this district.

Abramson rapped colored leaders for their failure to urge his election on his record. He stated that despite the fact that he got few colored votes he was elected with the largest majority of any candidate in the district.

He stated that in the last session of the legislature he helped to put over appropriations for colored institutions. "Governor Nice stood by colored people like a man," he said, "but it was bad politics for all of the colored voters to turn down their Democratic friends in a Democratic State."

Although Delegate Abramson did not indicate that he was speaking for anyone but himself, his remarks caused considerable speculation among small groups which gathered after the meeting.

Especially was this true among some of those who have speculated not only on jobs, but also on persuading the Democratic leaders to enter a colored candidate for city council in the Fourth District. They were wondering how far the Abramson statement expressed the sentiment of higher-ups.

The House leader also took a rap at communism and nazism, declaring that if the Jews go down in this country the colored people would go down with them. He urged a common front against all isms.

Non-Partisan Parley Called by Democrats

Josiah Henry Urges Solid Front in Setup of New Order

A meeting which its sponsors declared was non-partisan, at which the next steps to be taken to work out a program to be presented to Governor-elect Herbert R. O'Conor and the next State Legislature were discussed and committees named, was held at Douglas Memorial Church on Wednesday evening.

Josiah F. Henry, who headed the group which called the meeting, presided.

Wants Solid Front

In his opening statement, Mr. Henry pointed out that with the inauguration, next month, of a new administration it would be necessary for some group to organize to present a legislative as well as a job program to the new regime.

Since the main objective, he said, was to work out for colored people the best possible program he felt that the matter was more than a party affair and for that reason he had invited leading Democrats and Republicans to sit down and have a frank discussion.

Many Air Views

Among those asked to give expression to their feelings as to what steps should be taken to get best results in the matter of appropriations and legislation, were J. Howard Payne, Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, Edward S. Lewis, Howard H. Murphy, William B. Dixon, Lonny Brasnell, William M. Jones, the Rev. Agrippa Turner,

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Flames Fatal to Woman; Two Men Arrested

Police Suft Theory She Was Hit with Lamp in Fight

Following the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, 36, known as Ruth Miller, who was found unconscious in her bedroom at 314 Diamond Street, with her clothing afire, two men were held on suspicion of arson on Tuesday.

Firemen beat out the flames, after being called by John Parron, a neighbor, who said he noticed smoke coming from the second floor bedroom window. The woman was rushed to University Hospital, where she died.

Working on the theory that one of the men struck Mrs. Wilson over the head with a lamp during a brawl, officers of the Western police station made the arrests. The men were identified as Charles Wilson, 32, and Angie Jones, 31, both of the Diamond Street address.

Asks $1,500 for Auto Injuries

Miss Pauline Knott asked $1500 damages for injuries received when a trackless trolley in which she was riding crashed with an automobile, driven by Edwin W. Seidweitz, Jr., white, on September 15.

The petition, filed in City Court, named both the Baltimore Transit Company and Seidweitz as defendants.

Miss Knott said that the trolley, going east on Dolphin Street, and the car, south on McCollum Street, were being negligently, carelessly, and recklessly handled, thus causing the collision.

She is represented by E. Everett Lane, attorney.

SET FOR RACE

DR. JOHN R. COASEY, who, with Linwood G. Koger, has been picked to make the race for city council on the GOP ticket in May. Dr. Coasey was officially notified of his selection this week and accepted the bid. "I am ready to make the race," he said. The ticket, to be presented to the City Republican Committee, was selected by the Maryland League of Republican Voters, together with ward executives in the Fourth district.

All Is Quiet on the Douglass High Gas Battle Front

With a second attack of gas intended to be made by 12A-3 class halted by impending discipline, and the 12A-2 class back in school, all is quiet again on the Douglass High School front, this week.

Principal Harry T. Pratt stated that following conferences in his office and over the phone, all of the 47 students are back in school. The trouble, he said, involved a serious matter of school citizenship, but had been adjusted.

Class Faced Suspension

It was known, however, that for a while the entire 12A-2 class faced suspension for failure to give information as to who placed a stink bomb in the hall of the school. While the placing of the bomb was regarded as a prank that could have been dealt with more leniently, the matter of good school citizenship involving the refusal of pupils to give information, was regarded more seriously.

The bomb, made in the chemistry class, was a reaction giving out ferrous oxide gas, the AFRO learned.

The plan of the 12A-3 class to repeat the prank was halted when Principal Pratt cracked down on 12A-2.

Court to Review Okla. Vote Case

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court decided on Monday that it will review an Oklahoma court decision refusing to award I. W. Lane $10,000 damages against white election officials who denied him the right to vote.

ROCKS CONFERENCE

DANTES BELLEGARDE, Haitian delegate to the Pan-American Conference, now in session at Lima, Peru, who stirred the assembly on Wednesday by calling for an open stand by the Americas against racial intolerance and a united front against Nazism. M. Bellegarde's speech was filled with emotion and sent an electric shock through the meeting. M. Bellegarde is well known in Washington where he served as his country's minister for several years.

Tiger Fox in Hospital

Claimant of Lewis's Title in Hospital Banked with Flowers

NEW YORK.—No man in his right senses would fight Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Washington, light-heavyweight challenger, especially if the arena was a hotel room with the door locked. But a woman would and did.

Banked with Flowers

Tiger lay in his bed in Harlem Hospital Monday surrounded by flowers from admiring friends and slowly recuperating from a near fatal stab wound inflicted Friday night by Miss Edna Boyd, 452 W. 149th Street.

The fighter had so many visitors that his doctor ordered him to refrain from seeing people late Monday.

"I am all right," Fox said when the reporter entered. He had been reading a story about the wild west. "I am not as bad off as they say."

On a Party

He said his manager had called on him daily. Asked to explain his story of the affair, he said:

"I was on a party with a couple of guys and girls. The others left before the cutting. I was lying across the bed when she stabbed me." He could give no reason for her action, asserting he was asleep when the stabbing occurred.

Hotel employees broke in the room to find a wound below the heart, blood overy everything and Fox trying to beat the girl.

He said he did not believe his wound would halt his fighting career, but feared it would delay his scheduled fight on January 20 with Melio Bettina for the throne vacated by John Henry Lewis.

No, No, No!

Meanwhile Miss Boyd angrily denied herself to a reporter at the Women's Detention Home. After a written query asking for a statement had been sent into her, she sent back the answer:

"No, no, no, I will say nothing."

She will be arraigned in Felony Court, December 15.

Wife Wouldn't Leave Mother; Wins Divorce

Couldn't Get Along With In-Laws; Left, Wife Stayed Behind

His wife, Mrs. Fannie Valentine, would not leave her mother, although he prepared a home for her, Oliver Valentine of 1723 W. Lanvale Street told the court this week, and won a decree of divorce.

Mr. Valentine said that he could not get along well with his in-laws and moved away from their home, at 1340 Fremont Avenue. His wife would not accompany him, he said.

The Valentines were married by the Rev. D. G. Mack on December 10, 1927, and lived together until March, 1932.

Gets Son

Mrs. Elsie Wallace of 1034 West Fayette Street, was granted custody of her sixteen-year-old son, Henry, in a court fight that won for her a permanent divorce from her husband, Henry Wallace, Monday.

Mrs. Wallace, who was married on March 13, 1922, had charged that Mr. Wallace deserted her on August 11, 1923.

Mrs. Jessie O'Connor was also awarded custody of her daughter, Jacqueline, 9, and a $4-a-week allowance for the child, with her decree of divorce from John W. O'Connor of Willow Grove, Pa.

According to testimony, Mr. O'Connor took his personal belongings and left her in May of 1934, after seven years of marriage.

Three persons filed charges in asking for permanent separations, here, this week.

They were:

Mrs. Louise Overton against Rudolph Overton, who she says deserted her on September 15, 1934. They were married on June 2, 1930. She also asks to be allowed to resume her maiden name, Louise Coffey.

Howard Reynolds filed a petition for divorce from Mrs. Bertha Reynolds, who he says was married to him on December 18, 1929, and left him on June 15, 1934.

Charges Adultery

Mrs. Lucille Ferguson charged her husband, Cleveland, with having committed adultery, and asked for temporary alimony, permanent alimony, and counsel fees; in her petition for divorce, Wednesday.

The Ferguisons were married on April 30, 1934, and lived together until May 17, 1936.

Free X-rays Given 529,000 on Relief

NEW YORK. -- The Harlem chest clinics are taking part in the drive here to give free X-ray examinations to 529,000 persons on home relief here as a part of a general campaign against tuberculosis.

Mates Left in 6 of 7 Divorces

Gave Wife Entire Pay, but Still She Left, One Plaintiff Testifies

Testimony that although he gave his wife his entire pay envelope, and in other ways tried to make her happy, she took her belongings and left their home, won a divorce for Charles Williams, 1049 N. Aisquith Street, from Mrs. Mary Williams, Wednesday.

Mr. Williams testified that they were married by the Rev. Simon Williamson, in Faith Baptist Church, on April 14, 1928, and that she deserted him on July 20, 1932. His testimony was corroborated by Waney Walton of 1644 Milliman Street, who said that Mr. Williams had been a good husband.

Found Mate Gone

Mrs. Daisy Grant of Turner Station also won a decree when she testified that she returned home from work, on December 31, 1934, and found that her husband, Fulton Grant, had taken his clothes and left their two children, Columbus, 5, and Minnie, 2.

The Grants were married on September 31, 1930. Mrs. Grant was allowed to resume her maiden name of Daisy Wright, and the husband ordered to contribute $5.50 per week to the support of the children.

William Addison, 701 N. Carrollton Avenue, told the court that his wife, Mrs. Fannie Addison, told him that she was tired of him, that she was earning her own living, that she did not need him, and that she was on her way. He was granted a divorce.

The Addisons were married at Towson, Md., on June 11, 1925, and lived together until April, 1934.

Four other persons had decrees signed. They were: Mrs. Thelma Plair of 1427 Pennsylvania Avenue, who was legally separated from Frank Plair, she allowed to

Two CCC Boys Shot Are Baltimoreans

Silas T. Phillips and Reuben Green, both of Baltimore, are two of the seventeen CCC boys wounded in a shooting affray in Chestertown, late Wednesday.

The enrollees, all members of a glee club from Camp Kent, were fired upon with shot guns as they emerged from a beer garden they had visited after participating in a concert in a nearby church, it was learned.

Phillips and Green were first taken to the post hospital at Fort George Meade, then transferred to the Waller Reed Hospital in Washington. Meanwhile officers from the Third Corps Area in Baltimore began an investigation, it was stated.

Siamese Twin Sues Doctor for $75,000

Damages of $75,000 for injuries sustained as a result of the "Siamese twins" operations performed on John Bonner and his cousin, Clara Howard, are sought in a suit filed in the U.S. District Court, Thursday, in behalf of Bonner by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Moore, 1718 New Jersey Avenue, Northwest.

The defendants are Dr. Robert E. Moran and Dr. Michael P. De Vito, both white, 1532 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, who are alleged to have performed an experimental series of operations on Bonner and his cousin last winter to make them artificial "Siamese twins."

Blames Surgeons

Mrs. Moore charges that her son was caused to submit to a surgical operation by the two surgeons without proper authority and was sent home prematurely.

The two surgeons performed certain operations, requiring the pleating of a portion of the skin together with a considerable quantity of flesh, estimated to be about one and one-half pounds, Mrs. Moore states.

Due to the great loss of blood, she says, it was necessary for him to have six blood transfusions in order to save his life. She also states that he has lost weight and has been confined in the hospital for a considerable period.

Deprived of Play

She adds that he has been deprived of the activities and play that young boys of his age usually engaged in and will be permanently incapacitated from taking part in athletics. She says he has lost considerable time from school.

Slipped on Orange Peal, Woman Hurt

After slipping on an orange peel while walking along the first block of Camden Street, Saturday, Mrs. Margaret Rogers, 37, of 912 S. Sharp Street, was taken to South Baltimore General Hospital in a taxi, where physicians treated her for a possible fracture of the ankle.

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Mayor, Mrs. B., and Huber OK Foundation

Festival of Creative Art to Be Held Week of June 2

Hailing the organization of the Baltimore Foundation of Appreciative Arts as a most important step in making this city of national interest in cultural development, Mayor Howard W. Jackson gave the project his full endorsement, this week.

At the same time, Director of Municipal Music Frederick R. Huber told the AFRO-AMERICAN that he would co-operate with the project.

Mrs. B. Approves

Mrs. Marie O. H. Bauernschmidt, through whose interest the first City Colored Orchestra movement was launched several years ago, also expressed her endorsement of the movement, this week.

In his statement Mayor Jackson said:

"I have read with great interest the article in the AFRO-AMERICAN describing the plan to establish a center of music, art, and drama, which will develop and sustain talented young men and women.

Is Important Step

"The creation of a prize fund of $1000, underwritten by ten prominent men and women, to be administered by the new organization to be known as the Baltimore Foundation of Appreciative Arts is a most important step towards the fulfillment of the project as suggested through your publication.

"Baltimore has been known for many years as an art and educational center, and the added prestige that will be given by the work of the foundation, and by the further development of the Colored Civic Orchestra and the Colored Civic Chorus, will undoubtedly increase national interest in the cultural attainments of this city."

Director Huber Comments

In a conference, this week, Mr. Huber stated that he would be glad to lend his assistance and advice to the movement. He stated that the municipal department of music would be glad to organize and conduct the Baltimore night, at which time he proposed an orchestral and choral presentation, with numbers by one or two of the city's outstanding soloists.

W. Llewellyn Wilson heads the music unit.

In a statement Mrs. Bauernschmidt, through whose interest the first City Colored Orchestra movement was launched several years ago, also expressed her endorsement of the movement, this week.

"No one wishes the annual festival of the Baltimore Foundation of Expressive Arts to be held during the week of June 2, 1939, more success than I, who have watched with great interest the development of the talents of the colored people in Baltimore."

Working Out Plans

At a meeting, Thursday night, the technical units of the foundation continued the work of perfecting plans. The festival is scheduled to begin Friday, June 2, with an interpretative ballet under the direction of Sheldon Hoskins.

On the following Saturday, matinee and talent night will be held. On this evening, there will be presented Baltimore's prize talent among young people. The matinee performance will give all children in the city an opportunity to witness this performance, at which the performers will compete for cash prizes.

To Present Prize Play

On Sunday, there will be a gathering in honor of visiting celebrities here for the festival week, and on Monday evening the Baltimore $200 prize play will be presented by a local group of players. The play writing contest is open, however, to any playwright, professional or amateur, in the country.

The division of recreation festival will be staged Friday afternoon, June 9, and the week will close with a ceremonial ball, at which prizes will be awarded, and an outstanding orchestra will furnish music.

Early in January, the social and recreational unit will begin to organize a series of social functions and tournaments to make the week one of the biggest ever held in this city.

$1000 Income Goes Begging

Mrs. Mahala Chambers, 82, who is believed to be living in this city, is being sought to make claims for $1000 annual income left her by the Bernard estate of Rochester, N.Y.

This information was received in a letter to the Rev. A. J. Mitchell of 1836 McCulloh Street from Dr. D. H. Hargis, pastor of Eden A.M.E. Church in Wilmington, Del., Tuesday.

The letter stated that Mrs. Chambers had lived with Mr. Bernard until his death fifteen years ago. The Rev. Mr. Mitchell asked that anyone knowing her whereabouts contact him or Dr. Hargis.

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FHA Makes 6 Appointments

The appointment by the Housing Authorities of three persons to take census of families in colored areas to be affected by the new housing projects, and of three to make appraisals was announced this week.

Murray Among Enumerators

The persons appointed to take census are: Clark Davis, Donald Murray, and Milton W. Thomas. appraisals are: Dallas Nicholas, William Dixon and William L. Fitzgerald.

The project to study juvenile delinquency problems in Baltimore has been completed by Sam Moses, professor of sociology at Morgan College, and has been submitted to the WPA in Washington, according to Edward S.