Senator Butler meets with NAACP labor delegation

An NAACP delegation asked Sen. John M. Butler last week to lend his support to a proposal which would forbid jim crow in all matters which fall under the National Labor Relations Board.

The members of the delegation were Dr. John L. Tilley, chairman of the Baltimore Branch's labor committee, Roy Green, president of the Roland Republican Club of the 13th and 27th Wards in Baltimore; Dr. Robert L. Gill professor of political science at Morgan State, and also a member of the Republican Club; Joseph Lockett, president of Local 344, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, AFL; Herbert Gardener, member of the executive board of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP; and Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau, NAACP.

At the opening of the conference in the senator's office Dr. Tilley stated that the group represented the labor committee of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP.

The labor committee, Dr. Tilley said, is strongly in favor of getting S. 1831 added to the national labor relations act. This proposal, which was introduced by Sen. Irving Ives (R. N.Y.) at the request of the national NAACP, would forbid discrimination and segregation in all matters under the jurisdiction of the NLRB.

Cites Discrimination

Mr. Lockett, representing the carpenters local, stated that his members encounter much discrimination when they seek work and the Ives amendment would help to correct this problem.

The senator stated that he was opposed to discrimination of this kind and would be in favor of amending the law to eliminate it.

Dr. Gill told the senator, who is a member of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, that the group also wanted him to use his influence in the committee to get favorable action of legislation which would outlaw segregation in interstate travel.

The senator expressed surprise that the problem still exists in inter state travel. The group then told him about the case of a colored lieutenant in the air force who was recently arrested in Florida, while an interstate passenger on a bus.

Not only was the officer put in jail, the group reported, but he was later dropped from the air force because of charges growing out of the segregation incident.

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The senator said he would cooperate in getting favorable consideration for this bill also.

The same committee met with Congressmen Fallon, Garmatz, and Friedel in the Baltimore office of Mr. Fallon to discuss the these two bills.

The congressmen stated that they were for the Ives - Powell bills b:t could not say what wording of the amendment would be best. They assured the committee that without question they were for the proposed interstate travel bill and could be counted upon to support it.

Conferences are being arranged with Senator Beall and the other congressmen. These will be probably, in January.

Church Gives $100

First Baptist church presented the NAACP $100 for its crusade for freedom at the last NAACP membership mass meeting of the year held at the First Baptist church last Sunday. The Rev. V. T. Williams, pastor, made the presentation.

The Rev. Joshua O. Williams, pastor of the Sharp Street Methodist church, gave the Christmas message. The Rev. Eugene T. Groves, H. Octavius Graham, and W. A. Hall brought greetings. The Rev. Matthew Wilkerson gave the invocation. Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president, presented a first hand report of the legal arguments in the school segregation suits before the Supreme Court.

The Gospel Choir of the First Baptist church rendered special music, dedicating a special number to the NAACP.

The next meeting of the membership will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Sharp St. Methodist church featuring the NAACP Youth Council in a Youth Talent program.

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Catonsville News

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, who were recently married, are making their home at 1818 Dukeland st. Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Dorothy Gross.

Mrs. Edna Washington who has been a hospital patient for several years, is now at home with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester France, 2706 Harlem ave.

Jackson and Johnson Memorial Post 303 and Auxiliary of the American Legion, will sponsor their annual Christmas party at Morning Star Baptist Hall on Sunday at 2 p.m. All children under 12 are invited to attend, and parents and guardians have also been encouraged to attend the affair. Mrs. Louise Holley is chairman; Elizabeth Brown, president, and William Holley, commander.

To Attend Funeral

Mrs. Naomi Joyce, Violette Scott, Amy Warden, Sophia Gray and Mary Harris motored to Charlottesville, Va., to attend the funeral of the father of Mrs. Pauline Brown and Mrs. Rosa L. Fields.

Miss Mary Johnson of Baltimore will be guest soloist on Sunday morning at Grace AME church.

Mrs. Nora A. Fields, who was a patient at Provident hospital, has returned home.

The Reserve Circle of Emma Williams Temple of Elks was entertained at its last meeting by Mesdames Frances Pye and Margaret Gaither.

Members of Crescent Lodge of Elks were present at the annual Christmas party given by the Emma Williams Temple of Elks on Tuesday night.

The choirs of Grace AME church will join in the singing of Christmas carols on Sunday at Bethel AME church at 3 p.m. The Sunday school will have its annual Christmas treat on Dec. 27 at 2 p.m.

IN OUR CHURCHES HEDUP

Ushering in the holiday season in yuletide style will be the choir of Knox Presbyterian church, Broadway, Gay and Biddle sts., when it serenades the community with Christmas carols from the roof top of the church, Dec. 23, 24, and 25.

On Dec. 20, at 5 p.m., the Youth Choir will join with the Sanctuary Choir in rendering pre - Christmas music. The Rev. H. Octavius Graham is pastor.

The Sunday school of Mt. Pleasant AME church, Owings Mills will sponsor a Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Christmas Party

On Friday, Dec. 18, the church's Community Club will hold its annual Christmas party.

A Christmas pageant will be presented, Sunday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m., at Emmanuel C. C. church, by the Sunday school class. James Camphor Jr. is superintendent and the Rev. Wilbur H. Waters, pastor.

The church's holiday schedule for the week will be:

Dec. 22, at 3 p.m., white gifts; Dec. 24, 12 p.m., Christmas basket distribution; Dec. 27, 8 p.m., candlelighting services and on Dec. 31, 9 p.m., love feast and Watch Night services.

The Christian Fellowship Circle of Grace Presbyterian church will sponsor a special Christmas Candlelight service in the lecture room of the church, Friday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Howard L. Cornish, director of the Morgan Christian Center, will lead the devotions. Following the program, there will be a cookie sale. Proceeds will be used for the church Lending Library.

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr. is pastor.

Gifts Exchanged

Members of Metropolitan Baptist church, 901 W. North ave., will exchange gifts, Wednesday, Dec. 23. On Dec. 25, a candlelight service will be held, with a Cantata rendered by the Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus. The pastor, the Rev. E. M. Kelley, will deliver the sermon on "The Time Fulfilled."

The Sunday school and Training Union of the Memorial Baptist church, will present the Youth Choir of John Wesley Methodist church, in concert, Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m.

J. R. Dickerson is the director; the Rev. C. E. Browne, pastor.

Song Recital

The Rev. Leonard Anderson, curate of St. James P.E church, and the Morganaires quartet will be featured in a song recital, Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Guild Hall. The Parent's Guild is sponsoring the affair.

On Dec. 24, at 11 p.m., midnight mass will be held. The church Christmas party will be given, Monday, Dec. 28. The Rev. Cedric E. Mills is pastor.

Guests at the Christmas party given by the Washington Conference of the AME church at Turner Memorial AME church, in Washington, recently, were the Revs. H. R. Tomlin, presiding elder of the Hagerstown district, and the Rev. W. N. Edwards, pastor of Union Bethel and Mt. Pleasant AME Churches.

Evangelist To Preach

The Rev. W. I. Snowden, evangelist of Frederick, Md., will preach Sunday morning, at 11 a.m., at the AME Mission at 1634 N. Gilmor st. The Rev. R. F. Stansbury is pastor.

At 8:30 p.m., the Rev. Snowden will again preach at Love Temple, Madison and Lanvale; the Rev. Mrs. F. J. Kelly, pastor.

The Rev. A. L. Bailey, assistant pastor of Enon Baptist church, was recently feted at a testimonial given by the ministers and friends at Zion Baptist church.

Among the churches and organizations participating were: Zion Baptist, Mutual Benefit, Israel Baptist, the Missionary Circle of Enon Baptist church, Leadenhall Baptist, St. James church of God in Christ, the Masons and the Southern Life Insurance co.

Masons revoke 30 yr. expulsion

Thirty-eight years after the Masonic Order expelled the late John H. Murphy Sr., the Maryland Grand Lodge met again last Friday night and reversed its action.

Grand Master Willard W. Allen said:

"The Grand Lodge was called by me three different times in reference to this case and, every phase and detail was gont into thoroughly.

Punishment Too Severe

"At my suggestion, the Grand Lodge considered the punishment of the late John W. Murphy Sr. as too severe for the accusation against him. "In my opinion, it should have been suspension rather than expulsion."

A petition signed by the sons of John H. Murphy Sr., forwarded to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, in asking that the Grand Lodge take action said, "It is our firm belief that if there had been less of temper and more of brotherly love this incident never would have prevailed."

A petition, signed by Isaiah Smith, Isaac D. Hardy, William H. Jones, William Stanley, George W. F. McMechen, W. E. Fletcher, Thomas E. Johnson, George H. Fitzhugh, and Robert H. Croxton, was voted that the Grand Lodge restore John H. Murphy Sr. to his former status as a suspended Master Mason.

A second motion by Isaiah Smith, was approved:

It declared the suspension lifted.

At the conclusion of the lodge meeting, Dr. Allen said, "It is quite gratifying for me to see this matter settled and I am happy beyond measure to know that the late Mr. Murphy's name has been cleared during the lifetime of his eldest son, George B. Murphy Sr.

Hospital board urges first offenders' unit

GOLDSBORO, N.C. — The state hospitals board renewed its plea last week for "first offenders" camp to be set up in connection with the State Mental hospital, here.

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