AS NAACP HOLDS THIRD MEETING IN GEORGIA

Atlanta Amazingly Changed Yet Same In Some Aspects

ATLANTA —The 1500 delegates attending the 53rd annual NAACP convention, here, July 2-8, are finding the race relations climate somewhat better than, but basically the same as, in 1920 when the Association first met here, or in 1951 when it last returned to this southern city.

The monolithic wall of segregation which prevailed in 1920 has been breached in a small way, but remains forbidding and far from leveled. The 1951 picture differed only slightly from that of the earlier convention, the first held by the Association in a Deep South city. Atlanta is still a segregated city.

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IN THE meantime, there has been token desegregation of the public high schools and at Georgia Tech and Georgia State College. It is now possible for a delegate to get a frankfurter and a cup of coffee at a downtown lunch counter or in a department store; but there is no assurance of a meal in downtown restaurants.

The rigid Jim Crow pattern of taxicab service which proved troublesome to the 1951 delegates, particularly in mixed groups, has been sensibly abandoned.

Public transportation, including terminals, has been desegregated as have motion picture houses, legitimate theatres and performances of the Metropolitan Opera, and municipal golf courses. These were still segregated in 1951.

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THE HOTEL situation, unchallengeable in 1920 and unyielding in 1951, remains, on the eve of the convention, an unresolved issue. Efforts continue to have the color bar definitely and permanently lowered in all the city's hotels.

In 1951, Josephine Baker, the celebrated American-born French entertainer, vainly sought admission to downtown hotels for herself and a company of nine colored and white performers.

Turned down despite efforts of the late Walter White to secure State Department intervention, Miss Baker cancelled her scheduled appearance at the convention. No identifiable colored participant in that convention was housed or fed in public non-colored facilities.

In the years since 1920 there has been a shift in the emphasis of the NAACP struggle. In 1920, lynching, mob violence and criminal defense suits were the most pressing problems confronting the 228 delegates from 29 states. There were 65 recorded lynchings that year. By 1951, these were no longer the major issues for the 781 delegates from 40 states.

The great issue before the 1951 convention was the campaign for the abolition of enforced segregation in all public facilities. This was three years before the Supreme Court's historic decision invalidating segregation in public education.

But the cases on which that decision was rendered had already been initiated by the NAACP in Clarendon County, S.C.; Prince Edward County, Va.; Topeka, Kans.; and the four Delaware suits. There were also actions to desegregate public schools in such non-Southern communities as Hempstead, N.Y.; Alton, Ill.; and Phoenix, Ariz.

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ALTHOUGH LEGAL defense in criminal cases (as the Preston Cobb and the "Augusta 14" cases in Georgia) continues to be an important aspect of the NAACP program, the focal point has moved towards implementation of the Supreme Court's desegregation orders. Equally important for this week's delegates are the problems of expanding the vote, creating new job opportunities, and breaking down residential segregation.

Also, increasingly, direct action has been utilized to supplement legal and legislative action and educational programs to attain these goals. Direct action tactics — picketing, demonstrations and sit-ins — were not unknown to the 1951 convention delegates but they were less widely used than today. Even before 1920, some NAACP units had engaged in picketing and demonstrations.

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MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR., was scheduled to welcome the delegates on the opening night of the convention as did his predecessors, James L. Key in 1920 and William B. Hartsfield in 1951.

Of the Association leaders who participated in the 1920 conference, 42 years ago, only Arthur B. Spingarn, president, will be present at next week's convention. Mr. Spingarn was then chairman of the Association's legal committee. He presided at the convention's opening mass meeting.

Some of the speakers who addressed the 1951 convention will be heard again this year. Notably, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Under Secretary and NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, then the Association's administrator, who delivered the keynote address at the opening mass meeting.

Dr. Bunche, who had recently been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, was officially welcomed to the city. He was given a police escort and a 50-car motorcade from the airport to City Hall where he was greeted by Mayor Hartsfield. He was given another police escort to the airport on his return to New York.

CITED — The Rev. L. Francis Griffin, NAACP coordinator in Prince Edward County, Va. was cited during the Association's convention this week in Atlanta, Ga. Presentation was made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, at the annual Ministers' Breakfast.

36 units awarded prizes by NAACP

ATLANTA — Awards for outstanding achievements were scheduled for presentation to 36 local and state units of the NAACP at the annual Freedom Fund and Awards dinner here, Thursday night, July 5, during the Association's 53rd annual convention.

The Ike Smalls award, presented annually to the branch showing the largest per cent of membership increase over the previous year went to the Kansas City, Kans., branch which more than doubled its membership, from 1,069 in 1960 to 2,454 in 1961. The award is named for its donor, an NAACP vice president.

Ten units won Thalheimer awards for exceptional program achievements. Thirteen branches were cited for superior publications. Vcter registration campaigns conducted by 10 branches merited awards. Three units were recognized for successful promotion of Holiday Seals sales.

Scheduled for individual citations were the Rev. Mary G. Evans, pastor of Chicago's Cosmopolitan Community Church, for "many years of outstanding support in the fight for justice and equality, and Dick Gregory, famous topical comic, for his "keen-edged humor which has provided an effective weapon in the Fight for Freedom."

Speakers programmed for the dinner include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Kivie Kaplan, chairman, NAACP Life Membership Committee, and NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, with Judge Hubert T. Delany presiding.

The awards, bearing the name of the donor, Dr. Ross Thalheimer, were presented as follows:

First prize, for branches without paid personnel, Jamaica, N.Y., for outstanding activities in rousing, investigations of police brutality, education, labor and employment programs and voter registration.

Second prize, Fresno, Calif., for the development of a tutelage-study hall program for young people and for getting the support of the Fresno Realty Board for a nondiscrimination policy in housing.

Honorable mentions went to Montgomery County, Md., for its successful protest against a proposed housing site selection and its leadership in securing the first county ordinance in Maryland against discrimination in public accommodations.

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CITATIONS WERE also made to Cincinnati, for its success in breaking down job discrimination in various industries and to Washington County, Pa., for securing additional job opportunities and its campaign against discrimination in hospital facilities.

For branches with paid personnel the top award went to Memphis, the second consecutive year that this chapter has received an award, for acting as a clearing house for food, clothing and relief for Fayette and Haywood counties, voter registration, various job dis- Realty Board for a non-discrimination activities and a membership drive which made it the largest unit in the South.

Second prize, Detroit, for leadership in membership enrollment and for campaigns to eliminate job bias, police brutality and housing discrimination.

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FOR THE second year in a row highest honors for State Conferences went to Florida for a program which included defense of NAACP officials in suits filed as a result of branch protest activities, various desegregation campaigns in recreational facilities and employment and a voter registration drive which added more than 19,000 Negro voters to the rolls.

Prizes also went to New York for its fight for increased civil rights and to Kansas for its successful drive for the passage of a strong FEPC law.

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PUBLICATION AWARDS went to Jamaica, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; Central Long Island and Williamsbridge, N.Y.

Also mentioned were Seattle, Wash.; Rochester, N.Y.; Richmond, Calif.; Elizabeth, N.J.; Paterson, N.J.; New Rochelle, N.Y.; Washington, Pa.; Schenectady, N.Y.; and Spring Valley, N.Y.

In the state category awards went to New York for "Focus"; Indiana for "State Panca Notes"; and Florida for Freedom Fighter."

Honored for outstanding voter registration campaigns were Laurel, Miss.; Haywood and Fayette counties, and Jackson, Tenn.; San Antonio, Texas; Pensacola and Tallahassee, Fla.; and Albany, Macon and Milledgeville, Ga.

Winners of the Holiday Seals awards were the youth council of Kansas City, Mo.; Youngstown, Ohio; and Palo Alto - Stanford, Calif.

PEOPLE

BOSTON — Howard University's Dr. Warner Lawson is guest director for the choral directors' forum headed by Dr. Allen C. Lannom, associate professor of music, at Boston University this week through July 7.

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DURHAM, N.C. — Charles F. Weeks, North Carolina State College junior from Beaufort, has received a scholarship to attend the World Affairs Seminar at Twin Lakes in Salisburgh, Conn., from July 6 to August 24. Weeks is president of the Political Science Club at NCC and an honor student.

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PETERSBURG, Va. —Dr. William T. Carter, head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Virginia State College, is directing a seven-week institute for high school teachers of French and Spanish now in session on the VSC campus.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Lt. Col. Henry Buford Perry, U. S. Air Force and a St. Augustine's alumnus, was a recipient of an honorary doctor of science degree at the College's recent commencement. Lt. Col. Perry saw service in Italy during World War II.

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Milton K. Curry, president of Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, received an honorary doctor of laws degree at Morehouse College's recent 95th commencement.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Dr. Daniel W. Wynn, Tuskegee Institute chaplain, is the author of a new book, "Moral Behavior and the Christian Ideal," which is an explanation of Christian ethics for laymen.

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SAVANNAH, Ga. — Dr. Lynette Sayne of the School of Education, Atlanta University, spoke at the opening assembly of the summer quarter at Savannah State College last week.

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NEW YORK — Alexander Wilson, 826 Hewitt Place, Bronx, was awarded a two-diamond and one-ruby service award pin and certificate representing 25 years of employment by Gulf Oil Corporation recently. Mr. Wilson is in Gulf's Marine Department, a member of the vessel liaison staff.

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HAMPTON, Va. — Dr. A. G. Richardson, associate supervisor of elementary and secondary schools in Virginia, recently visited Virginia State School here and exchanged views with VSS superintendent, Dr. W. J. Holloway, and William H. Walls, chairman of the school's vocational department.

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PHILADELPHIA — Donald A. Young, sales representative for Gulf Oil, recently received a Certificate of Merit for "outstanding service in sales, public relations and marketing fields" from the Philadelphia Charities Inc.

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Dr. Ann Richardson Gayles, professor of education at Florida A.-M. University, is among three consultants selected for the annual College and University Teaching Workshop at Oregon State University, July 30 - August 10.

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PHILADELPHIA— Marion James, singer, has been named Media Religionist of the Year, for his work with faith groups, Gospelaires and others. He formerly toured with the Imperials.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Rev. Vincent M. Brown of Sacramento has been named by the Division of Church Missions of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies as field representative for the Juvenile Protection Program of the ABC.

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DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. Paul M. Smith Jr., associate professor of education at North Carolina State College, is serving as director of the counseling and guidance institute which will run until July 27 at the college.

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Two Southern University instructors in the Department of Mathematics are doing graduate study under National Science Foundation grants. Leroy Roquemore is at Louisiana State University and Miss Doris Matthews, at the University of Illinois.

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Mrs. F. Earle Davis, asciate professor of clothing at A-T College home economics department, attended the national convention of American Home Economics Association at Miami Beach, Fla., last week, then visited Nassau.

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Andrew R. Johnson, 1956 graduate of A-T College, last week, was promoted to senior associate engineer by International Business Machines Corporation where he is employed at the Endicott, N.Y., General Products Division Development Labo-

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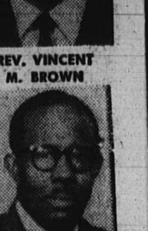

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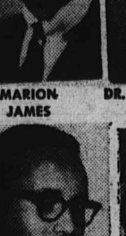

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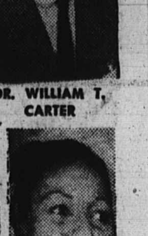

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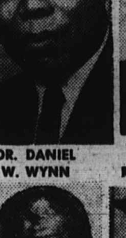

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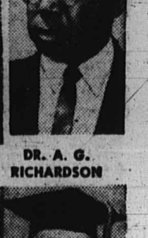

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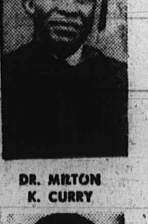

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ratory. He joined IBM staff in 1960.

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WASHINGTON — Dr. Joseph E. Sutton Jr., Corona, N.Y., and Dr. Lysle S. Follette, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., both Howard University Medical School graduates, and Dr. Margaret C. Young, Hampton, Va., Meharry College graduate have been assigned one-year internships at U.S. Public Health Service hospitals. The training terms began July 1 with Dr. Young and Dr. Sutton going to the PHS hospital in Staten Island, N.Y., and Dr. Follette to Boston.

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was awarded his 10th honorary degree at Annadale - on-the-Hudson's Bard College last week. He received a doctor of civil laws degree.

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WASHINGTON — Dr. Frank L. Stanley Sr., editor-publisher of the Louisville Defender, and George Brown, editor, Denver Post, will be among four journalists, to conduct seminars in Africa this summer. They will be in Africa from July 12 to August 31.

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CHICAGO — Robert N. Landrum, real estate broker for 30 years, was slated to be appointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley as a member of the city's urban renewal program, effective July 1, with a budget of $205 million.

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KANSAS CITY, Kans. — Richard H. Sewing has accepted a position as construction engineer on the Grand Neosho Dam outside of Council Grove, Kansas. He is a Kansas State University graduate in architectural engineering.

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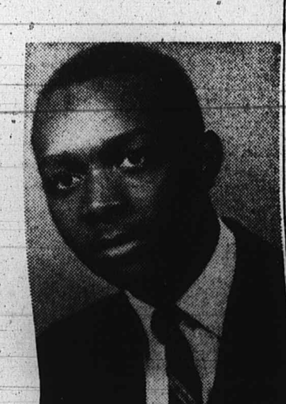
MEMPHIS — Enus M. Moss, 36, set a precedent last week when he was appointed entry clerk in the U.S. Customs office at Memphis by Sam Wyatt, customs collector. Moss has been a



David L. Dunn

S. A. Harmon put on top YS board

PHILADELPHIA

Sherman A. Harmon, a charter member of Philadelphia's Christian Street YS Men's Club, was named to the 11-member executive committee of the YS Men's International last week.

He was elected to the committee at the organization's 38th annual convention at Banff Springs Hotel at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Some 1,200 delegates were in attendance at the convention.

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THE YS MEN is the international service club of the YMCA and operates 670 clubs in 39 countries with a total membership of 16,000 members.

Mr. Harmon was representative of Pennsylvania Region, 27 clubs. He has served as advisor, president and board member of his local club. He started moving up in the international organization in 1956.

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THE CONVENTION, in addition to electing Harmon to the executive committee, cited his region for performance in extension. Under his leadership, clubs were chartered this year in Lansdale, Pa., and Orange, N. J.

Mr. Harmon is a staff member of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.

MERLE J. SMITH JR., son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Merle J. Smith of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on July 9.

Morristowners visit Morristown

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — Some 35 young people from the First Methodist Church in Morristown, N.J. were guests here last week at Morristown College. The group was en route to a board of education meeting and toured Methodist institutions from New Jersey to Nashville.

With them were Dr. William Lencey, pastor; and the Rev. Bainbridge Davis, youth director. Another group visited Morristown College from Reynolds Memorial Methodist Church, Bristol, Va. With them were Miss Peggie L. Broglin, youth director, and Dr. Wallace F. Fowler, pastor.

2 brothers set up Assumption grants

WINDSOR, Ont.—Two annual awards of $330 each for worthy students were established for Assumption University Thursday by two Detroit brothers in memory of their parents.

The donors of the scholarships are D. Alfred E. Thomas Jr. and Samuel H. Thomas. Attending the presentation were the Rev. E. C. LeBel, University president, and Walter Dunne, president, Friends of Assumption, Inc., Detroit.

24-year-old Central grad to study at Sorbonne

By HENRY E. SIMMONS

WILBERFORCE, O. — From the time he was a 10th grade student at Rocky Mount, N.C., Central State College graduate David L. Dunn expressed a desire to teach French. He gave as his reasons, the "fascinating intonations and sounds of the language."

His determination has paid off, and he departed on June 22, as one of a party of Fulbright scholars selected from throughout the United States to spend nine weeks under government sponsorship studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Dunn graduated from Central State College in 1959, and was hired to teach at Pulaski, Indiana. He now has 139 students in five French classes which he conducts daily. These students are a select group, picked as a result of proficiency shown on tests prior to enrollment in the course.

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ALL CLASS instructions, lectures and conversation are in French, and are supplimented by a French laboratory which utilizes the latest audio - visual teaching techniques. Dunn was exposed to the latest in this type of equipment while at Central State.

The Fulbright fellow keeps up his fluency in the language by hour - after-hour of listening to recordings of French drama, history, poetry, short stories, popular songs, opera highlights and fairy tales at his Gary, Indiana home.

He teaches adult classes at Emerson High School in Gary, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and even speaks French around the house with his landlady, Mrs. Robbie Houston, who is one of his evening school students.

Dunn has translated four one - act plays into French, and presented one as part of a Christmas program last December. He is an accomplished actor himself, having played the part of Asagi, a Nigerian, in "A Raisin In The Sun" produced by the Little Theatre Guild of Gary. He has also directed the play, "Night Is My Enemy" for the Guild.

He is presently enrolled at the University of Chicago, working towards the masters degree in romance languages and literature.

The 24 - year - old Dunn's parents are a Baptist minister, the Rev. Henry and his wife, Pennie Dunn, in Philadelphia, Pa., and Dunn usually spends his summers there. However, in 1960, he spent the vacation months studying in special French classes at the Universite Laval in Quebec, Canada, during which time he spoke nothing but French.

So proficient was he in this endeavor, that he was given the part of Monsieur Jourdain in Moliere's play, "The Middle Class Gentleman" during the last week of the session.

Harlem doctor made fellow in College of Gynecology

NEW YORK — Dr. Theodore H. Bullard Jr., assistant director of the Harlem Community Demonstration Project for the Detection of Cancer of the Cervix at Harlem Hospital, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Gynecology.

A specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Bullard is also visiting gynecologist and obstetrician of the Metropolitan Hospital of New York and a staffer at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals.

The American College of Obstetrics and Gyneocology is an educational and scientific organization for physicians who specialize completely in the particular problems and functions of women's reproductive system.

NEWSPAPER CONVENTION DELEGATES — Delegates to the 22nd annual National Newspaper Publishers' Association which met in Baltimore last week at Morgan State College as guests of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co. The Association represents member-newspapers in all sections of the country. Left to right, front row, Harry Alexander, secretary, Cleveland Call-Post; Miss Lucille Bluford, Kansas City Call; John H. Murphy 3rd, AFRO president and vice president of Association; Mrs. Nannie Mitchell Turner, St. Louis Argus, treasurer; E. Washington Rhodes, publishers Philadelphia Tribune, president of Association; Lewis Sengstacke, son of the Chicago Defender publisher; Mrs. Carter Wesley, wife of the Houston, Tex. Informer Newspapers; Mr. Sengstacke, and Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the AFRO board and a director of the association. (AFRO PHOTO BY IRVING PHILLIPS)

'Peaceful' picketing hits Atlanta hotel discrimination

ATLANTA — (NNPA) — Getting down to the basic issues of the fight for civil rights, the NAACP youth corps on Tuesday morning began "peaceful" picketing of major Atlanta hotels and restaurants.

This action resulted from a resolution which was unanimously approved Monday night.

The resolution noted the refusal of Atlanta hotels and restaurants to accept colored guests and urged "peaceful picketing" of these establishments because, "This treatment represents an affront to our entire convention, to our membership, and to colored Americans generally."

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SPECIFICALLY EXCEPTED was the Peachtree Manor Hotel, which has been accepting guests of all races.

The resolution mentioned by name the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel and the Hilton Inn, which, despite confirmed reservations, turned away two NAACP branch officials.

Herbert Hill, NAACP labor secretary, said the following hotels were picketed by between 300 and 400 persons, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily for two days.

Atlanta Cabana, Dinkler Plaza, Piedmont, Americana, Hilton Inn, Henry Grady, Peachtree, Heart of Atlanta, Biltmore, and University Motel.

Although the white-owned University Motel accepts colored, it will accept only colored guests, and for that reason was included in the list, Hill said.

The restaurants picketed include the Ship Ahoy, Lebs, Davis Brothers Cafe, S and W Cafeteria, and the Pickrick.

Kennedy greets NAACP convention

ATLANTA — (NNPA) — "This administration will continue to meet its responsibilities to assure the equal rights of all Americans," Presdient Kennedy wrote Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, on the occasion of the gathering of the organization in Atlanta for its 53rd annual convention.

The President said it was particularly appropriate that the convention take place in Atlanta this year. He asserted that Atlanta was a "city in transition" and is "aware of its problems and is moving toward the goal of equal justice for all its citizens."

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THIS WAS a time for "looking back at the long road we have traveled," Mr. Kennedy wrote, and at the steps which have made progress possible."

But, he added, it is a time for looking forward," to the day when every family will live in decent housing of its own choice, when every child will have an equal chance to develop his abilities and every worker will be employed on his merits."

The Chief Executive told Bishop Spottswood that "it will take a combination of government, action organization effort and community leadership, all within the framework of our democratic processes, to reach this end."

NAACP aide sues hotel for $10,500 in Atlanta

ATLANTA (NNPA) —Dr. James Reed of Amityville, N.Y., president of the New York State NAACP, filed a suit for $10,500 damages Tuesday against an Atlanta hotel which turned him away. because of his race after accepting his check and confirming his reservation.

His counsel, Atty. William H. Booth of Jamaica, N.Y., vice president of the Jamaica NAACP, said the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel was being sued for damages on two counts: failure of a common hotel to accept guests and breach of contract.

The suit, Booth said, was filed on behalf of Dr. Reed by Atty. Isabelle Shelton Tuesday afternoon in the U.S. District Court for Northern Georgia, which is located here.

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HE SAID the action was taken after consultation with Robert Carter, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel recently permitted entertainer Harry Belafonte to use its facilities.

When this fact was mentioned to the hotel manager, Booth, who accompanied Dr. Reed to the Atlanta Cabana, said they were told that Belafonte's case was a special one in that he had a white wife.

Booth said the hotel's night manager told them: "We do not take colored and will not take colored."

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The presentation will be made by Dr. Charles H. Watts, 32°. The guest minister will be Rev. James Ball, associate minister of the Timothy Baptist Church.
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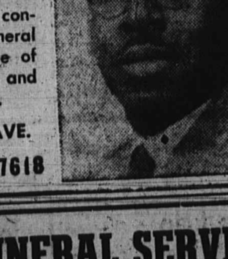

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Klan, Nazi troopers join in picketing NAACP meet

ATLANTA — (NNPA) — Placard carrying members of an organization known as the "White Americans" picketed Municipal Auditorium this week as the NAACP held its 53rd annual convention.

About a dozen white youths rotated in carrying signs reading such things as "Communists and Jews Head NAACP" and "Communists and Jews Not Wanted in Atlanta."

They were joined on Monday afternoon by two "storm troopers" of the American Nazi organization from Arlington, Va. The youths were clad in khaki uniforms and combat boots and displayed swastika armbands.

These demonstrators were participating in a week-long "patriotic" rally around the banners of white supremacy and anti - semitism, which opened in the VFW clubhouse at nearby Stone Mountain. About 100 persons took part in the rally.

Dick Gregory appears at NAACP convention

By B. M. PHILLIPS

ATLANTA — The NAACP Convention was temporarily turned into a night club here Thursday night when Dick Gregory appeared.

For 25 minutes, the comedian told joke after joke similar to those on his albums and to those he tells at the San Francisco night club where he is appearing. He flew here just for the convention.

He explained "when I took the job, I told them I wanted to be off July 5th to come here, and I told them if they d'dn't give it to me I'd be sick a week."

In his jokes, Gregory frequently used the words "Damn" and "What in the Hell" and told off color stories.

The audience loved it at first. There was unrestrained laughter, but as Gregory winded up his presentation, the laughter seemed just polite.

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ONE DELEGATE, who left as Gregory was talking, commented "I've never heard so much profanity before."

Seated on the rostrum were a Catholic priest, Monsignor Archibald McLees, Brooklyn New York; the Rev. Amos T. Holmes, Atlanta; AMEZ Bishop Steven G. Spottswood, chairman of the board; Judge Hubert T. Delaney, who presided and the Rev. Martin Luther King, guest speaker; and Mrs. King. The Rev. Mr. King was not presented to give his main address until 10:25 p.m.

Following Gregory's joke telling, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins presented him a scroll.

It cited his "keen edge humor" as a new secret weapon in the fight for freedom and praised him for helping us to laugh at ourselves in public.

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TYPICAL Gregory jokes: "At rate we're leaving the South, in ten more years, they are going to have to start calling each other "boy", there will be nobody else left."

At another point in telling a story he said, "My wife aggravates the hell out of me." In refering to Kennedy's receiving a degree at Yale, Gregory said, "what in the hell are they trying to do that is like the KKK trying to borrow one of my sheets."

And, "You all sure picked a hell of a poor place to hold a convention.".

Reference apparently was to the fact that major Atlanta hotels and restaurants do not welcome all, and to the unberable heat inside the Morehouse College Gym where the Freedom Fund dinner was held.

The temperature inside was at least 90 degrees, the 1,200 delegates sweltered.

In fact, heat was so intense, many diners did not appear to clear their plates. It's too hot to eat was the comment heard frequently.

Many male delegates followed the presiding officers suggestion and shed their coats.

Unruffled, however, was Dr. Benjamin Mays, Morehouse president. He kept on his white jacket. Women delegates fanned vigorously throughout the evening.

I counted 75 delegates who left the gym to sit outside and hear the program over the speaker.

One delegate, Mrs. Cleo Davis, of Sequin, Tex. became faint and was helped outside.

There was a call for a doctor, but fellow delegates revived her before he arrived.

In his 40-minute talk, Dr. King apologized to the delegates for Atlanta's inhospitality.

He called failure to open public hotels and restaurants downright prejudice. He saw it as "an insult to your dignity."

He praised delegates who have protested segregation by picketing. Judge Dulaney joined the pickets on Thursday.

Local branch of NAACP win protest prize

ATLANTA — The Montgomery County, Md., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was a prize winner at the Freedom Fund Report, and Awards dinner, on July 5, held during the week of the Association's 53rd annual convention here.

Montgomery County received honorable mention for branches without paid personnel in the Thalheimer Awards, given annually for the best and most effective local program activity by NAACP units.

The awards were established in 1941 and bear the name of their donor, Dr. Ross P. Thalheimer of Baltimore.

The $25 award was given to the branch for its successful protest against a proposed housing project site selection and zoning changes and its leadership in securing the first county ordinance in Maryland against discrimination in public accommodations.

—Mitchell

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piece for the Democratic party.

"We must be for the civil rights party," he said.

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MITCHELL severely chided conservative Republicans for forming bottlenecks to civil rights legislation. He condemned the coalition of conservative Republican and Southern Democrats.

Riding headlong into the Kennedy Administration Mitchell declared the New Frontier has failed to come to grips with segregation in all phases of American life.

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HE WAS particularly critical of colored aides in the Administration, when he accused them of giving lip service to the appointments of non-whites to high positions.

Beginning with the President's own staff in the White House, Mitchell said he had counted only three colored persons out of 535 persons holding key jobs in Washington.

This trio, he declared, represents five hundreds of one percent of the principal jobs in the Nation's Capital.

NAACP picket files complaint

ATLANTA-(NNPA) —The NAACP's first convention incident involving the courts occurred Tuesday, the second day of the 53rd annual gathering.

Edgar Holt, a delegate from Flint, Mich., formally accuse Rodger Campbell, white, of jostling him as he was picketing in front of the Dinkler Plaza Hotel, one of the 16 Atlanta hotels and res-

Holt said he is charging Campbell with assault and battery, but resorted to the formal accusation only because Campbell refused to apologize in front of police officers.

THE POLICE court hearing before City Court Judge James Webb was first set for late Tuesday, then scheduled to 4:30 Friday afternoon when Campbell asked more time because his lawyer, arch - segregationist Atty. James Venable, was out of the city.

Atty. Isabelle Shelton, of Atlanta, is representing Holt. taurants selected by the NAACP for its current protest campaign.

NAACP parley makes history

ATLANTA — Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP said Sunday that "time is running out" in the civil rights field because non-whites have become impatient with "half measures and no measures."

In responding to reporters' questions at a press conference preceding the opening Monday of the association's 53rd annual convention, the chief executive officer of the organization regarded as the supreme leader in the social action area also said:

1. Colored people in general are moving to take advantage of newly won civil rights, but many, many more should become deeply concerned with the problem.

2. THE KENNEDY Administration has "created a friendly climate for civil rights, but actual accomplishments fall short of the mark. President Kennedy has demonstrated that "he believes in the Supreme Court decision" outlawing segregation in public schools.

"This puts him miles ahead of former President Eisenhower, who said, "It doesn't make any difference whether I believe in it or not."

3. The NAACP regards the threatened appearance by the Ku Klux Klan on Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, on Wednesday and Saturday nights of this week as of no consequence, since in Wilkins' words, "the KKK just doesn't count; they are absolutely passe." New Orleans segregationist Leander Perez was reported as leader of the nocturnal ventures.

4. THE MAIN thrust of the 380,000-member NAACP during the seven-day conference would be devoted to emphasis on increased voter registration, and elimination of dis crimination in housing and employment.

Wilkins declared that Atlanta was selected for this year's convention two years ago because it stands at the heart and crossroads of the "cultured South."

He said he feels Atlanta's leadership is receptive, not hostile to change. For this reason, he said, the city should be making greater progress in bringing democracy home to the people.

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HE MADE it clear that the NAACP did not come to Atlanta to whip up demonstrations against segregation, but said that with so many "dedicated members" in town it would be strange if some sort of protest did not take place.

Of the 24 largest American cities, he said, only Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans still adhere to a "white only" policy in most accommodations.

Asked if he had attempted to register at a "white" hotel, Wilkins remarked that he had not and explained that, as leader of the NAACP, he could not risk the effort in view of the pressing work ahead.

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HE INTRODUCED Dr. Eugene Reed of Amityville, N.Y., president of the New York State NAACP, and William Booth, of Jamaica, N.Y., vice president of the Jamaica NAACP, who had succeeded in registering at the Peachtree Manor Motel, after being turned away from the Atlantic Cabana Motel Hotel.

Wilkins said the NAACP immediately sent telegrams of protest to movie star Doris Day in Hollywood, a major stockholder (between 40 and 50 percent) in the Atlantic Cabana Motor Hotel, and to Teamster official James Hoffa, whose Brotherhood of Teamsters are reported to be "heavy" financial backers of the hotel.

Extending his remarks on voter registration, Wilkins said in response to a question touching on competition in this area between the NAACP CORE, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and others, that such competition was desirable.

AT NAACP CONVENTION

Bishop hurls gauntlet at South, lauds clerics

ATLANTA — (NNPA) — While Atlanta has made progress, by leaps and bounds, in many directions, it is moving too slowly and still is basically a segregated city, the Rt. Rev. Stephen G. Spottswood, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, said Monday night in a keynote address opening the organization's 53rd annual convention.

"Because of the city's wide reputation as a center of enlightment, the slow pace in Atlanta is especially disappointing," he said, adding that "this city lags behind Richmond, Miami, Houston, Dallas and other cities in school desegregation as well as in public desegregation."

The Bishop of the AME Zion Church paused, however, to commend the action of 200 of the city's clergymen who issued a "significant manifesto" on school desegregation when it was "sorely needed."

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HE SAID the city's newspapers are not afraid to speak plainly on the issues and cited the forthright actions of former Mayor William Hartsfield and present Mayor Ivan Allen Jr., as being "persistent" in urging steps toward new policies.

Turning to the colored voter, Bishop Spottswood said that he is "rapidly maturing," and in many instances is the balance-of-power determining the destiny of candidates for public office.

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THE BISHOP SET the tone of the convention when he said, among other things, that the NAACP is determined to:

1. Wipe out every vestige of second-class citizenship for colored citizens.

2. Witness the end of the ghetto and its damaging inroads into education, public accommodations and travel.

3. Destroy "government by color" and establish in its place government by consent of the governed.

4. See the end of tokenism, quotas and percentages.

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PRECEDING BISHOP Spottswood at the lectern, Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr., declared that the Supreme Court, through its decisions, "has left no doubt in the minds of responsible, thinking people."

Mayor Allen said these decisions of the court "are killing racial discrimination in public and semi-public places."

While the tone of his remarks showed more restraint than his audience had hoped for, Mayor Allen said Atlanta will neither "shun the issues" nor "dodge the responsibilities of decision."

Westley W. Law, president of the Georgia State Conference made an impassioned plea made an impassione dplea for forthright action and said the doors of integration, now partly open, must swing wide or be torn from the hinges.

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EARLIER IN THE day, Burke Marshall, head of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, told a special meeting of NAACP lawyers that individual discrimination at the private level may be a basic American right.

He said that in reviewing sit-in convictions, courts must be careful to distinguish between public and private discrimination.

Forthcoming decisions by the Supreme Court, dealing with appeals of sit-in trespass convictions, were described by Marshall as being "as deep and complex and difficult" as any the court ever faced.

Marshall told the lawyers that whatever decision is made, it will not be easily or quickly reached. Any decision couple who have converted this 130 grassy acres into a summer haven. The club, even though it is still in its is bound to be an unpopular one, he said.

—Nabrit calls

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a delayed action, but full citizenship.

"Let's face it," he declared, "we must fight every inch of the way to full citizenship. It will be expensive. It will be violent. It will be difficult."

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TURNING TO the colored American, Dr. Nabrit, who is co-chairman of the Crime Commission of the District of Columbia, said he thought it high time that the colored man join "wholeheartedly in an all out effort to combat crime, to halt juvenile delinquency and to make our cities safe for all our citizens."

Citing his alarm over the widespread evidence of lack of family cohesiveness and the heavy incidence of crime in our neighborhoods, he said responsibility for eradication of these evils is as much a part of the colored man's fight for equality as any other aspect.

But he made it clear that he feels the system of segregation is "the mother of many evils and colored people are its victims, not its creators."

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IN OTHER points made during a half-hour speech, described by many as one of the most caustic and penetrating commentaries on the present-day social scene that they had ever heard, Dr. Nabrit said:

Physical slavery is gone, colonialism is on its death throes, but the cry of liberty, equality and fraternity is muted and black men are still treated unequally.

Nationalism on the lips of Asian and African tongues has become a nasty word: the Western world would still like to reserve it for whites only.

Southern states vote our tax money to employ lawyers to keep colored people from enjoying their rights.

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A NEW dimension appeared in the civil rights field when President Kennedy commended the freedom riders and U.S. Marshals rushed South to protect them.

Millions of white Americans are united with colored Americans today in heart, mind and spirit, and Atlanta missed a strategic opportunity in not opening its hotels to the NAACP delegates.

The ballot is a powerful weapon and colored citizens must register in massive numbers — at any sacrifice, regardless of price.

The Federal Government should immediately launch a drive to select and train colored astronauts.

"DO NOT TELL me about the progress we have made," Dr. Nabrit pleaded. "I already know. Do not tell me about how far we have come my weary feet have already told me. Do not tell me about this colored first or that appointment. I have been beguiled by these symbols too long.

"We need cabinet status—membership on the Supreme Court, senators, Civil Service Commissioners, Interstate Commerce Commissioners, governors, mayors, chiefs of police, tax assessors, union presidents and membership in everything.

"We need to be highway commissioners, sheriffs, superintendents of schools."

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IN CONCLUDING remarks, Dr. Nabrit said:

"If you think colored citizens can get any of these things without the ballot, you do not belong to the 20th Century. If you think by education or travel you can escape this curse of racial prejudice, you do not know the United States.

"If you must be free, you must see that every ignorant, poor, downtrodden colored person is free. If you would enjoy liberty, the poorly housed must be adequately housed; the poorly nourished must be fed; the poorly trained must be educated, the improverished and unemployed must be employed at equal wages."

Mrs. Viola Todd

Funeral Services were held Thursday at a funeral home in the 1300 block N. Central Ave. for Mrs. Viola Todd, 73, 479 Watty Court, Douglass Homes, who died July 1 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

On June 20, she was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital where death came Sunday, attributed to a stroke.

A native Baltimorean, Mrs. Tood was born July 29, 1889 the daughter of the late Caesar and Elizabeth Dandridge.

Surviving are coursins including Mrs. Carrie Blackwell, Mrs. Helen Woolford and William Carr, and other relatives.

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