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Letter Commends Expose of Facts In Lynching Case

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MIMS, Fla.—In connection with the controversy between Governor Millard F. Caldwell of Florida and "Collier's," the Peninsula State Conference of the NAACP has written a letter to Editor Henry LaCossitt, thanking the magazine for its expose of the facts in the case.

Following the publication of the article, Governor Caldwell issued a statement that he intended to sue the national publication, claiming that the charges were libelous.

The letter, written by Henry T. Moore, president of the Florida State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, pointed out the fact that in too many cases an attempt has been made to "whitewash the unfair racial situation which exists in most parts of the South."

EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE

According to the letter, the NAACP claims they contacted Payne's family, who reported they had been roughly handled by the mob. Payne is alleged to have been shot several times.

"Caldwell ordered an immediate investigation, but that is about all that usually happens in such cases in the South," said the letter. It also stated that "Governor Caldwell admitted that Sheriff Davis was negligent and inefficient, yet he failed to suspend him from office." The NAACP contends the governor's failure to act here set the stage for a wave of police brutality all over the State "and since the Madison lynching our branches have reported several cases of police brutality over the State."

LITTLE FAITH IN GOVERNOR

Mr. Moore, in his letter, went further to say that the NAACP has little faith in the governor's plan of "permitting the citizens of Florida to correct their mistakes in electing inefficient officials. This procedure may prove to be rather expensive in human lives."

The NAACP wrote: "Negro citizens of Madison County comprising approximately half of the voting population, have not helped

to elect a sheriff in forty years." On the other hand it contends, "They have been effectively disfranchised by intimidation and by the so-called "white primary system."

The Florida State Conference of the NAACP president made known in his letter that the Negroes of Florida will not be appeased "by the granting of any proceeds from this suit to Florida A. and M. College." They consider human lives more valuable than a sum of money. In closing his letter to Collier's editor, Mr. Moore said, "The thing that we want is fearless and vigorous action against those responsible for lynchings. We want Sheriff Davis suspended from office."

AKA'S WIN DELTA JABBERWOCK PRIZE

TALLAHASSEE — Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presented its seventh annual Jabberwock in Lee Auditorium, Florida A. and M. College, last Wednesday night to a large and appreciative audience.

The Delta prize was awarded this year to Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for its skit, "Doll Shop." Other skits that were well received were "Water Boy" by Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; "I Was Drafted" by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; "Pocahontas and John Smith" by the Keppa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and a dance number, "Montez and Zola" by the Golden Eagles Club, the local organization of veterans.

The Delta Pyramid Club's skit, "A Modern Version of the Old Woman in the Shoe," although it was not offered in competition for the prize, won favorable comment from those present.

MATTHEW GREGORY NEW PRESIDENT TAMPA NAACP

The Tampa Branch of the NAACP held its annual election at St. Paul AME Church Monday night, Dec. 15th. Rev. R. W. Robinson, after being elected as temporary chairman, presided over the meeting and held the election.

Those elected are Matthew Gregory, president; E. E. Broughton, first vice, Rev. Paul H. Jackson, second vice; James Johnson, Sec'y, H. W. Joseph, treasurer; Rev. E. J. Wright, chairman of Executive committee; W. D. Williams, chairman of legal affairs committee; Rev. M. C. Strachan, chairman of labor and industry committee; Miss Miriam Anderson, chairlady of entertainment and program committee; Perry Harvey, as-

stant chairman of entertainment committee; Dr. J. C. Hodges, chairman of educational committee; Miss Beatrice Black, chairman of Youth Council; Henry Rouse, chairman of membership committee; Rev. M. C. Strachan, chairman of press and publicity committee; Mrs. F. Cargains, assistant chairman of Youth Council. The organization highly praised Rev. M. C. Strachan, for his long years of devoted service given the local branch and he was elected president emeritus. The newly elected officers held their first meeting last Sunday at the Urban League building and all members pledged their support to make 1948 a banner year for the NAACP branch here.

FLORIDA NAACP BRANCHES PUSH TAG SALE

Approximately 40 Florida branches of the NAACP are now helping to push the first state-wide tag sale ever sponsored by the organization in Florida.

On each tag is the label: "Buy A Tag Today To Promote Human Rights". This inscription is very appropriate, in view of the fact that the NAACP is the chief exponent of human rights for all mankind, without regard to race, color, or creed. For 40 years the NAACP has waged a militant fight for the full civil rights of Negro citizens. During this time it has carried to the United States Supreme Court 25 cases involving the

basic constitutional rights of Negroes, and it has won twenty-three of these cases. No other organization in America can boast of such a record.

Every Negro in America today is enjoying a fuller life as a result of the great work being done by the NAACP. And in no state have Negroes enjoyed more tangible benefits from the NAACP than in the state of Florida. It was the work of the NAACP that made it possible for Florida Negroes to vote in the Democratic primaries last May and thus help to elect the new Governor of their state. Possibly a direct result of their part in these elections was shown last month when Governor Fuller Warren boldly "declared war" against the Ku Klux Klan and served notice that these "covered cowards and hooded jerks will not be allowed to terrorize minority groups in this state".

Tags are selling for 25c each, and the money will be divided between local branches and the State Conference. Mrs. Viola T. Hill of Orlando, chairman of the Tag Sale, expressed the hope that proceeds from this effort will help to provide the funds that are so urgently needed to carry on the work of the NAACP in Florida. Mrs. Hill is urging Florida Negro citizens to give their full cooperation to this effort.

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More Appeals To Legislators And Chief Executives

Editor's Note:—Mr. Harry T. Moore, president of Florida State Conference NAACP writes a letter to Legislators and Chief Executives as follows. The reply from the President of the State Senate is also published here:

Mimis, Florida
April 23, 1945

Legislators and Chief Executives
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Sirs:

We feel impelled to express our deep concern over certain legislation pending in this session of the Legislature which seems designed to circumvent the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Texas Primary Case. We have reference to the bill introduced jointly by Senators Mathews of Duval County and Sanchez of Suwannee County, which would remove primary elections from state control.

It is our candid opinion that this bill, if passed, will be detrimental to the future interests of all honest and liberal-minded citizens of Florida, both white and colored. Everyone knows how easy it is for politics to sink into the lowest form of corruption. If primaries are removed from state control, corrupt, selfish politicians will have full sway. Sarcily the better thinking citizens of Florida do not desire such a situation.

We note that the sponsors of this bill seem to be fearful that Negro voters will gain control of the Democratic Primary. We see little foundation for such fears. Sober-minded Negroes do not desire control of any election. All we ask is full and unlimited participation in the affairs of our government. Naturally, this includes the unrestricted use of the ballot. As a minority group, we should not expect more; as loyal citizens of this country, we cannot ask for less.

American democracy is on trial now as never before. Oppressed peoples of other lands are looking to America as a guiding light that will eventually lead them to a fuller enjoyment of those democratic rights and privileges so beautifully expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. If America is to be consistent in her efforts to win these fundamental principles of de-

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For President and Vice President in the National Election to be held Tuesday Nov. 2nd, and urges all registered citizens to go to the Polls in their precincts and vote the straight Democratic ticket.

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For State And County Democratic Candidates Pull
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For Election Day

(Paid Political Adv.)

NAACP Leaders Cite Legal Progress

10/25/48
By CALVIN E. ADAMS

MIMS—Florida branches of the NAACP have been quite busy with legal battles during the past few weeks. Several cases that involve the fundamental rights of Negro citizens are being handled by our branches in various sections of the State," declared Harry T. Moore, executive secretary, Florida State Conference, NAACP.

In the report released late last week, Mr. Moore took the liberty to discuss a few of the legal battles which have been staged in Florida's Courts. In all of the cases mentioned the NAACP has played the leading role.

"On Sept. 7, 1947, A. C. Hopkins, a Negro veteran of Miami, was fatally shot by R. O. Weigand, white policeman of South Miami. The policeman claimed that he shot Hopkins in self defense as the Negro was attempting to draw some kind of weapon from his shirt.

SHOT IN BACK

Officer Weigand also claimed that Hopkins was drunk and acting disorderly. Although several Negro witnesses declared that Hopkins was shot in the back as he walked away from the policeman, the first coroner's inquest accepted Officer Weigand's side of the story and returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

"The Miami branch of the NAACP then entered the case and employed Atty. Leo Sheiner, liberal white lawyer of Miami, to assist with the prosecution. As a result of this action, Justice of the Peace Sutton has ordered Officer Weigand to be held on a charge of second degree murder," Mr. Moore stated.

In further reiteration, it was disclosed that the Daytona Beach and Volusia County branches of the NAACP were responsible for the present status of Aaron Quince, 18-year-old Negro of Daytona Beach, who is now being held for the alleged murder of a white woman near Holly Hill.

CONFESSED MURDER

Quince is supposed to have confessed to the murder when the NAACP moved in on the case. Led by Dr. Dallas Graham, a dentist

of Daytona, Atty. Lawson E. Thomas of Miami filed a motion for delay on the basis that he had not had time to talk with his client or review the facts in the case. The motion was granted.

Attorney Thomas then filed a plea of abatement charging that Negroes were "unlawfully, arbitrarily and systematically excluded from the grand jury." Judge Jackson upheld the defense plea. He quashed the murder indictment against Quince, and ordered the County Commissioners to purge the entire jury list and re-fill it "as provided by law."

The militant political leader further cited the success which has been realized by cities contesting the validity of the "white primary" law. Mainly because of the fights Negroes in St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Brevard County have been able to participate in white municipal primaries. In all cases, the race vote played an important role.

APPEAL FOR MEMBERS

In closing, Mr. Moore made an appeal to all citizens of Florida to become affiliated with this outstanding organization.

"Thus our fight, for justice and equal rights, continues. For thirty-eight years the NAACP has led this fight against various forms of prejudice and discrimination heaped upon Negro citizens. Are you playing your part in this noble fight? If not, you should decide now to join the NAACP and help to support its great work. Join your local branch today and help Florida to reach its goal of 25,000 members for 1947."

Mr. Moore explained, if there were not a branch in a community and one was desired this could be done by simply writing a post card to him at Box 4, Mims, and they would gladly assist in establishing one. Fifty members are required to set up a chartered branch.

—END JIM CROW IN WASHINGTON—

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By MRS. F.

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NAACP Reports Rape Case

The Florida State Conference of the NAACP has reported another case in which a Negro girl was raped by a white man. The victim who was employed as a maid by Mrs. Jack Richardson of Crescent City, Florida. The alleged attack was made by Harold Edge.

According to the young girl's testimony, this incident occurred Tuesday afternoon, February 17th. At that time the young girl at the Richardson home taking care of Bobby Richardson, a 13-year old son. It is alleged that Harold Edge went to the Richardson home during the absence of Mrs. Richardson, threatened the Negro girl with a knife, and forced her to submit to his wishes.

As soon as possible, the 16-year old girl reported the incident to Mrs. Richardson, her white employer. The matter was then reported to local officials, and Edge was arrested that same day. Bobby Richardson substantiated the statement made by the girl and it is alleged that Edge confessed that he committed the crime. Negro citizens of Crescent City are somewhat in the dark as to what disposition is being made of this case, but the rumor is that Edge has been released from the county jail to Palatka.

At the instigation of the local Branch, NAACP an investigation of this matter has been made by Harry Moore, executive secretary of the NAACP in Florida, and plans are being made to employ a lawyer to help prosecute the case. Every possible effort will be made to bring the guilty party to justice.

This is the second rape case that has been taken up by Florida NAACP branches during the past few months. Legal action by Florida branches recently resulted in the conviction of two white men who made attacks on two Negro school girls near Chipley last summer.

Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary

Florida State Conference, NAACP
Mims, Florida - March 11, 1948

FLORIDA NAACP TO HOLD SEVENTH ANNUAL MEET

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Florida State Conference, NAACP, will be held in Lake Wales Nov. 28-30. Sessions will be held in the First Baptist Institutional Church, of which the Rev. Wm. Smith is pastor.

Registration will begin Friday, Nov. 28, at 11:00 A. M., and the opening session will be held at 1:30 P. M. At 4:00 P. M. Friday, Nov. 28, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters' League of Florida at this same church. The Lake Wales Branch is presenting a local program at 7:30 P. M. Friday, at which time Major C. Leroy Hacker, instructor, at Bethune Cookman College, will be the principal speaker. Business sessions will be held Saturday, and the Conference will close with a mammoth mass meeting Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8:00 P. M. The speakers for this occasion will be Miss Lucille Black, membership secretary from the National Office, and Attorney Lawson E. Thomas, brilliant Negro lawyer of Miami.

Miss Black is coming to Florida in an effort to help stimulate the membership campaign. Although Florida has a large number of branches, we are far below our mem-

bership goal for 1947. Miss Black will be with us throughout the Conference, and branch workers are urged to come and get the benefit of her rich experience in conducting membership campaigns.

The general theme of the Conference will be: "An Active Branch of The NAACP in Every Community". Much time will be devoted to a discussion of the problems of local branches, and of methods by which branches can carry on a more active and a more militant NAACP program in their respective communities.

The Lake Wales Branch, under the energetic leadership of Rev. W. J. H. Black, is making elaborate preparations for this meeting. In view of the fact that there is a large number of branches in Central Florida, a heavy delegation is anticipated. And since Lake Wales is located in the most beautiful part of Florida's Citrus Belt, only a short distance from the famous Citrus World, it is expected that friends will enjoy the scenery and to enjoy the programs that will be offered at the meeting. A hearty welcome extended to all.

Harry T. Moore, executive secretary

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"If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
A leader of music, marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head in anguish to be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it."

Dr. D. F. Mays, president of Morehouse college, and first Negro to be elected vice president of the Federal Council of Churches, was in New York not so long ago, and told them that the abolition of the white primary in the south is more important than the abolition of the poll tax.

"Florida has no poll tax, yet Negroes cannot vote in Florida because of the white primary," Dr. Mays said.

"Don't misunderstand me. It is important to abolish the poll tax, but even if it is abolished in those states where the white primaries remain, Negroes will still be unable to go to the polls.

"An increasing number of whites in the south are conceding that the Negro should have the vote. This year an imposing list of outstanding white persons sent a statement to the press urging that Negroes be permitted to vote.

"However, if the Negro is ever to get the ballot in the south the federal government will have to act. The people there themselves are not going to give it to us. They would never have the courage nor the backbone, but they will acquiesce to the government so long as it doesn't attack segregation.

"Segregation is promoted by the upper classes. You hear it's the fellow above who is your friend, but the problem rests with the people at the top and not with the masses. In the schools it isn't the students who object to mixed classes, it is the administrators.

"All through the south there are courses in interracial relations being given in white colleges.

"The south has to be brought up to the economic level of the nation. It probably spends a higher percentage of its income on education than the rest of the country, but its income is less than that of the other sections of the country. The problem of Federal legislation is to supplement the funds of the south from the kindergarten right on up so that a boy in the south has the same opportunity as a boy in New York. It should contain a proviso that the money be equitably distributed. There is a growing conviction throughout the south that equality in education is necessary."

Dr. Mays, as some of you remember, was secretary of the Tampa Urban League some years ago, and this fall paid Tampa a visit to help raise \$330,000 for Morehouse college by June 30, 1945.

Arnall Plants State Agents Within Klan

ATLANTA, Ga., June 6. (UP)—Gov. Ellis Arnall, laughing off threats against him, revealed today that secret agents of the State of Georgia have infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan to gain information necessary to banish the hooded order from the State.

Arnall, who was closing out his reform regime as Georgia governor with a campaign to run the Klan out of the State, said he was paying no attention to renewed warnings and threats against him.

As a matter of fact, he told a press conference, agents of the State are already inside the Klan organization secretly "gathering enough information to curtail it."

This development in the rapidly progressing Klan investigation was immediately denounced by Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the KKK in Georgia.

The Klan chieftain said he knew of one "Judas" in the sheeted order's ranks because "certain facts have appeared in one of the At-

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lanta newspapers that could not have possibly been known to the editors unless they were revealed by a member familiar with the inner workings of the order."

Green said that an applicant for Klansmanship is required to give three references and give his employment record along with personal facts. No one with a criminal record is accepted, he said.

Asked to comment on Arnall's report that he had been threatened by persons representing themselves over the telephone as Klansmen, Green said he wouldn't be surprised if "they came from someone inside the governor's own political camp."

ADDS NEW COURSE

COLUMBIA, Md., June 6, (UP)—The University of Missouri has established a new degree of master of science in physical sciences.

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Georgia Will Take Ku Klux Klan Case To Court This Week

ATLANTA, Ga., June 15, (UP)—State Attorney General Dan Duke said today that Georgia's suit to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan will definitely be filed next week.

He said plans to present the case this week had been delayed be-

cause of a mass of involved detail. He had also hoped to confer with U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington and still has a date with him later to talk about the Klan situation.

But whether or not he sees Clark in the meantime, he told reporters, the case will be in the courts before the coming week-end.

Cook said the state is investigating, at the request of AFL President William Green, the reported flogging of a negro union member at Gordon, Ga.

He said it is the state's purpose to determine if there is any connection between the Klan and the group that beat the negro with a rubber hose. If a connection is found, he said, it will be included in the charter dissolution suit along with other alleged Klan incidents.

Cook said the state will not attack the constitutional right of free assembly in its case against the Klan but will allege that many of the hooded order's assembly activities are illegal and un-American.

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FALSE ALARM IN THE COURIER

The Courier, great American weekly, pays tribute to Jacksonville Negroes and hails Sam B. Solomon of the Miami Whip as the young Moses of the South.

Hold your tongue in check and don't laugh out loud. Sam is our friend, a splendid fellow, and a smart leader, but nothing like what the Courier seeks to build him up to be.

What makes the Jax Negro superior to the Miami Negro, or West Palm Beach Negro, or the Tampa Negro, and lots of Negroes in other towns like Bartow, Sanford, and the like?

Except for an insurance company and a few nice homes, including the mansion of Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Jax Negroes lag behind in practically everything.

What city of important Negro leaders would tolerate and support with fervor Jim Crow pages like the Jax Negroes?

Savannah Negroes refused to have them. Atlanta Negroes, too, and Miami Negroes would not even smell the rotten things. We plead guilty a little bit for Tampa.

Jax Negroes may be superior in whiskey drinkers and gamblers in big places but what city can't brag of its guzzlers and sharpers?

Miami Negroes have come from the bottom to a position close to the top. They have more concentrated wealth, own more Negro business institutions, and making faster progress than Jax Negroes.

West Palm Beach Negroes could show Jax Negroes how to do things. They own some stores, and have plenty of black clerks. Orlando and St. Pete Negroes are not far behind.

The great work of getting the Negro into the Democratic primary does not belong to Sam B. Solomon or any other single man. Sam did his part, and must be honored for his flash and dash, and also remembered for his sound and fury. The major part of the glory belong to Harry T. Moore, the Progressive Voters League, the Supreme Courts of the United States and Florida, Attorney General Tom Watson, and all and sundry who fought and prayed for it, and the gracious white people in general who thought and acted as if they felt it a good thing to do.

**Southern Governors
Opinion On FEPC**

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Read into the Congressional Record of Friday were the telegrams from governors of the southern states, parts of which are quoted herewith:

Georgia, Gov. Ellis Arnall: "The measure is merely a race irritant and will bring about conditions which will result in a disservice to all races."

Florida, Gov. Caldwell: "Will do much to engender racial strife in the south. The progress we are making will be nullified by any such force legislation."

Arkansas, Gov. Laney: "Will do harm to our democracy and is inimical to our way of living."

Tennessee, Gov. McCord: "I find no sentiment for the passage of FEPC bill and have heard no criticism of senators who are opposing it."

Louisiana, Gov. Davis: "I am personally opposed to FEPC bill."

North Carolina, Gov. Cherry: "I feel that our N. C. senators have correctly presented the views of their constituents in opposing the bill."

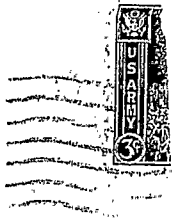
South Carolina, Gov. Williams: "I am opposed to the FEPC. The people of my state are opposed to this bill."

Alabama, Gov. Sparks: "I am opposed to a FEPC. The whole object of the law is to produce social equality under the guise of economic legislation."

Texas, Gov. Stephenson: "This bill will do more harm than good."

Mississippi, Gov. Bailey: "I thoroughly endorse position of southern senators in opposing FEPC bill."

Virginia, Gov. Tuck: "In my opinion the people of Virginia are overwhelmingly opposed to FEPC in any form."



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FLORIDA NAACP YOUTH MEETING IN MIMS

MIMS—The Third annual meeting of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters will be held at St. James Baptist Church in Mims, August 29-31.

The conference theme will be: YOUTH CONSERVATION. The following topics will be discussed during the Seminar Friday afternoon: (1) Youth in the Church; (2) Youth in Society, (3) Youth in Political Science, and (4) Youth in the Economic World.

Registration of delegates will begin at 9:30 A. M., August 29, and the first session will open at 10:30 A. M. At 8 P. M. the Mims Council will present a local program. A business session will be held at 9:30 A. M. Saturday and Saturday afternoon the Mims Council will entertain the delegates and visitors with a beach party. Delegates are advised to bring their bathing suits.

Each youth group has been asked to come prepared to render a number during one of the sessions. A conference chorus also will be organized.

The conference will close with a big mass meeting Sunday at 3:30 P. M., at which time Major C. Leroy Hacker, director of public relations at Bethune-Cookman College, has been asked to deliver the principal address.

It is expected that most of Florida's 19 youth councils and college chapters will send representatives to this meeting. Youth Council advisors, members of senior branches and interested friends also are cordially invited.

Chester S. Satterwhite, Jr., State Youth president; Albert Young, president of Mims Council; Edward D. Davis, president of State Conference of senior branches; Harry T. Moore, executive secretary.

The Negro youth of Sarasota have been successful in the organizing of a NAACP Youth Council with the assistance of Mr. Neil Humphrey, president of the NAACP branch. The council was organized Aug. 17. The following officers were elected: Edgar M. Gibbons, president; Charles M. Jones, vice president; Rosa L. Goodman, secretary; Everette L. Pearcey, treasurer; Charlie L. Wilson, publicity chairman; Kathryn P. Jones, assistant secretary; William J. Lane, membership chairman. Delegates elected to the youth conference which is to be held at Mims Aug. 29-31, are Rosa L. Goodman and Edgar M. Gibbons. Our youth president is asking all youths of Sarasota to join our organization to make us stronger in our preparation for leadership. Membership fee 50c. The senior branch will have its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon after the first Sunday. Charlie L. Wilson, reporter.

to hold the fourth annual meeting in Orlando.

Saturday afternoon all joined in a beach outing and fish fry given by the Mims Council. Saturday night entertainment was furnished by American Legion Post No. 198-C, under the leadership of Commander Joseph Warren, Jr.

The conference closed with a big mass meeting Sunday afternoon at which time the principal address was delivered by Miss O. B. McLin, English instructor at Gibbs High School and advisor for the St. Petersburg Youth Council. Miss McLin reminded her audience that for nearly 40 years the NAACP has led the fight for justice and equal opportunities for Negro citizens, and she commended the young people for having connected themselves with such a militant organization. Henry Finley of West Palm Beach presided at the mass meeting.

Near the close of the mass meeting Rev. W. E. Sloan was presented to install the newly elected officers: Albert Young, Mims, president; George Nixon, Orlando, vice president; Chester S. Satterwhite, Jr., Jacksonville, vice president; Theresa Jones, Orlando, secretary; Leona Holmes, Live Oak, assistant secretary; Evangeline Moore, Mims, treasurer; Johnnie K. Bryant, Ft. Lauderdale, chaplain, Edgar Gibbons, Sarasota, reporter.

Favorable expressions from the delegates indicate that the young people spent an enjoyable and a profitable weekend. The Mims Council and their advisors, Mrs. Dorothy Hester, Mrs. Jocille Daughtry, Crandall J. Warren and W. Van Daughtry, deserve much credit for the capable manner in which the conference was entertained.

other two councils in Brevard County. Among the most outstanding members on this program were Miss Dorothy Strickland's rendition of "Fifty Years," by James Weldon Johnson, vocal solos by W. Van Daughtry and Levi Grant, and a piano duet by Mrs. Jocille Daughtry and Juanita Grant. An inspiring address was delivered by Dave P. Johnson, an instructor in the Cocoa High school.

The regular business opened at 9:30 A. M. Saturday, with Chester S. Satterwhite, Jr., state president, presiding. The delegates joined in a lively discussion of the topic: "How to Vitalize Our Youth Work." All seemed to agree that one of the best ways to maintain an active council is to keep the young people busy doing things worthwhile. The various delegates related how their councils have helped to conduct campaigns for registration of Negro voters, membership campaigns, school surveys, etc. Among those who rendered interesting reports relative to the activities of their local councils were Virginia McGreen of Orlando, Henry Finley of West Palm Beach, Freddie Coward of Panama City, Harvey Hill of Fruitland Park, Edgar Gibbons of Sarasota, Johnnie Bryant of Ft. Lauderdale, Agnes White of St. Petersburg, Albert Young of Mims and Elder J. C. Lester of Live Oak. Rev. T. R. Griffin of Titusville praised the young people highly for the manner in which their business session was conducted.

The conference adopted strong resolutions calling for early enactment of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax, and FEPC legislation. Florida Congressmen also were urged to support bills to provide federal aid for education and a liberal minimum wage law. It was voted

FLORIDA RECEIVES A THALHEIMER AWARD AT NAACP MEETING

Washington, D. C.,
(Special to the Bulletin)

On Thursday, June 26, the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches received one of the Thalheimer Awards which are presented each year to State Conferences and Branches that have done outstanding work with reference to the progress of Negroes. Florida's award was granted on the basis of excellence in fighting the Matthews White Primary Bill and developing a consciousness on the part of Negroes to register and vote.

More than thirty representatives from Florida Branches are in attendance at the Thirty-Eighth Annual Conference of the NAACP which is being held in Washington, D. C., this week. Among the branches represented are Bay County, Greenboro, Jackson County, Tallahassee, Suwannee County, Jacksonville, Crescent City, Brevard County, West Palm Beach, Pompano, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Sarasota, Marion County, St. Petersburg, Orlando, and Tampa. Among other Floridians who are conspicuous in the activities of the Convention are Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Harry T. Moore, State Conference Executive Secretary, Edward D. Davis, State President, Mrs. Anne Hogan Brewer, and Miss O. B. McLin.

There are some 700 branch representatives in attendance from the various sections of the country. Among the most interesting featured have been the addresses by Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas, Congresswoman from the 14th California District, Philip Murray, President of the CIO, and Dr. Percy I. Julian, who received the Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievement in science for 1947.

The Conference voted to hold the 1948 Annual Meeting at Kansas City, Missouri.

Grand Jury Flays Communist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 14. (UP)—A Federal grand jury, deciding that no U. S. laws were broken in the recent Columbia, Tenn., race uprising, today delivered a stinging rebuke at the Communist press which it accused of fomenting racial hatred.

The jury for several weeks has been investigating the riot of last February which claimed two lives and left 11 person wounded. No indictments were returned.

The jury accused the "avowed Communist press" of distributing inflammatory and false accounts of the incident and said it regretted these pamphlets containing "falseness and half truths" did not constitute a violation of Federal law.

"The conclusion is inescapable," the jury said, "that numerous accounts of the Columbia disturbance had been published with 'malicious intent and desire to incite racial discord and intolerance and to cause further racial strife.'"

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Candidate FORMER GOVERNOR WOULD CURB GROUPS PREACHING DISUNITY

By LEON LEWIS

TAMPA, Fla.—Spokesman for former Governor Spence Holland of Bartow, who has cast his hat into the ring for the United States Senate, stated here this week that the former Governor would favor legislation and "definite" action to check reorganization of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida and an immediate stoppage of recent flares.

Holland takes a different viewpoint from that of Tom Watson, states attorney general who issued a statement last week that if he were to probe un-American activity in Florida he would start with "tracing the connection and relationship between the communists of the State and certain CIO leaders."

Watson was among State officials and those seeking election or reelection asked by CIO State President John J. Laviner to state publicly their views on reported revival of the Klan. Watson said:

"It is presumed that the assumption behind such a statement is that the KKK is un-American."

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"If it becomes my duty to investigate subversive organizations in the State of Florida, one of the first investigations that I would want to conduct in so doing would be to trace the connection and relationship between the communists of the State and certain CIO leaders."

Former Governor Holland stated that he would not evade "any issue" that threatened the "inter-racial good will of the State and that he felt it was the duty of every public official and full-blooded American citizen to rally in crushing those evil forces among us that stimulate disunity. Certainly, reorganization of the Ku Klux Klan is undesirable, and can mean no good to the State as a whole."

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Youth Councils and College Chapters Ready For 3rd Annual Session

Mims To Be Host

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Costume Contest Coming To The Legion Home

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the weekly attractions which are held at the American Legion Home. Every Wednesday night a new show takes place.

All local talents interested in appearing on the amateur program may contact Mr. Ernest Shaw, Jr., at the Central Florida Times of

cil will present a local program. A business session will be held at 9:30 A. M. Saturday, and Saturday afternoon the Mims Council will entertain the delegates and visitors with a beach party. Delegates are advised to bring their bathing suits.

Each youth group has been asked to come prepared to render a number during one of the sessions. A Conference chorus also will be organized.

The Conference will close with a big mass meeting Sunday at 3:30 P. M., at which time Major C. Leroy Hacker, Director of Public Relations at Bethune-Cookman College, has been asked to deliver the principal address.

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FLORIDA NAACP YOUTH COUNCILS HOLD THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

MIMS—Approximately 35 youth delegates and senior advisors, representing fourteen of Florida's 20 youth councils and college chapters, gathered at St. James Baptist Church on Aug. 29 to register for the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters.

Registration of delegates began at 9:30 A. M. At 10:30 A. M. the opening session was held, with devotional services being conducted by Revs. J. W. Burno and I. Fayson. After the delegates and visitors had been introduced an introductory remarks had been made by several advisors, a brief musical interlude was presented by Mrs. Jocille Daughtry and members of the Mims Council.

At 2 P. M. the council presidents and advisors met to recommend committee appointments and to chart a more definite course for the conference.

The regular afternoon session was opened at 3:00 with Jocie Mae Seigler, vice president of the Mims Council, presiding. Delegates and visitors were divided into three groups for the following seminar discussions: (1) "Youth In Society," led by W. Van Daughtry, adjutant of American Legion Post No. 198-C; (2) "Youth in the Economic World," led by Rev. R. H. Johnson, president of Good Neighbors, Inc.; and (3) "Our Fight For The Ballot," led by Harry T. Moore, NAACP state secretary. Among the visitors presented to this session were Rev. C. S. Felder of Titusville and Rev. J. R. Thompson of Pompano.

At 8 P. M. a very interesting local program was presented by the Mims Council, assisted by the

Florida Delegation In Washington Urged To Support Anti-Lynch Bill

MIMS—Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary, Florida State Conference of the NAACP, and also Executive Secretary of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., forwarded communications to Senators and Representatives from Florida in Washington last week setting forth the urgent need for Federal action to curb the current up-swing of mob violence and lynching.

In his letter to the Florida delegation, Secretary Moore reviewed un-democratic activities of mobsters in the state since 1943. He also pointed out that several affidavits were secured establishing the fact that another victim had mysteriously disappeared.

Out of the four known cases in Florida since 1943, Secretary Moore reminded the Florida delegation, only one arrest and the jury failed to return an indictment.

Secretary Moore's letter follows:

Florida Delegation,
United States Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Again we must remind you of the urgent need of a strong Federal law against lynching and mob violence. The recent acquittal of self-confessed lynchers in Greenville, S. C., affords additional proof that the states themselves are unable to cope with this great evil.

And our own state is no exception. No doubt you still remember the several lynchings that have blotted Florida's record during the past few months: (1) Cellos Harrison at Marianna in 1943, (2) Willie Jessee Howard near Live Oak in 1944; (3) Jesse James Payne near Madison in 1945, and (4) Sam McFadden at Branford in 1945. These are the recorded lynchings.

There have been rumors and strong

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evidence of others. For example, on January 7, 1946, Leroy Bradwell, a Negro veteran of Midway, Florida, mysteriously disappeared while in the custody of Sheriff Ed-darws and Deputy Maple of Gades-den County. Three witnesses have testified that there two officers carried Leroy from his mother's house about 11:30 that night, and the boy has not been seen or heard of since. Affidavits to this effect were submitted to Governor Cald-well, but no action has been taken.

In only one of these cases (Sam McFadden) has anyone been arrested or convicted. Even in this case the Suwannee County Grand Jury refused to return an indictment, and Federal authorities could move under a weak civil rights statute. Thus a man gets off with only a year in jail and a fine of \$1,000 for committing first degree murder. In the other cases mentioned above the officers were

not even suspended for their failure to protect the helpless prisoners entrusted to their care.

We cannot afford to wait until the several states get "trained" or "educated" to the point where they can take effective action in such cases. Human life is too valuable for more experimenting of this kind. The Federal Government must be empowered to take the necessary action for the protection of its citizens. We need a Federal law with "teeth." We therefore urge you to work for the passage of the Wagner-Moree-Case Bill during this session of Congress.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary,
Florida State Conference, NAACP,

Progressive Voters' League of Florida, Inc.

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From Edward D. Davis
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Mr. Harry T. Moore
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Mims, Florida

Race Awaits Congress Decision On Lynching

Republican Leaders
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Mims, Florida
June 14, 1947

Dear Sirs:

American Negroes are anxiously waiting to see what steps this Congress will take to protect us from the wave of lynching, mob violence, and police brutality that seems to be sweeping the South.

Perhaps you understand the situation as well as we do. Members of our race are being lynched and mobbed with alarming regularity. Many police officers show no respect for us as human beings. Some seem to think it is their sacred duty to beat up, torture, or kill their helpless Negro prisoners. We live in an atmosphere of fear. We have very little confidence in the law, as represented by local peace officers. Too often we find them cooperating with the mobs. And when we seek protection from the Department of Justice, we are told that the Federal Government has no jurisdiction under present laws.

For years Southern Congressmen—and some from the North, too—have been howling about "states rights". Whenever an anti-lynching bill is introduced, they brand it as a dangerous encroachment of the sacred rights reserved for the states. But which is more sacred, "states rights", or the lives of black citizens? For years these "states rights" statesmen have argued that the individual states can solve the problem of lynching and mob violence. Recent events tend to prove that the states have been miserable failures in their efforts to reach the root of this great evil.

Our only hope is a strong Federal law against lynching and mob violence. We therefore urge you to work earnestly for the passage of the Wagner-Morse-Case Bill. But we suggest that you first have the rules of the Senate changed so that cloture can be invoked by a majority vote. Past experiences have proven that this is the only way that a strong anti-lynching bill can pass the Senate.

Since the days of slavery thousands of Negro voters have been Republicans by tradition. And more than 13 million colored Americans are looking to this Republican Congress for passage of legislation that will give us the full protection of the Federal Government against mob rule. The stand that you take on this issue now will determine, in a large measure, how Negro citizens will vote in 1948. We are depending on you. Will you fail us?

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary
Florida State Conference, NAACP
Progressive Voters' League of Florida, Inc.

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Moore Charges GOP Can Pass Lynch Bill

MIMS—"It seems to us that the next move must be made by Congress." The strong Wagner-Morse-Case Douglas bill has been introduced in both Houses. It is now up to the Republican majority to break down any opposition that might develop and hold Congress in session until the bill is passed.

"The Republicans have the power to do this. Will they use this power now to provide Federal protection for the millions of black Americans in the South, or will they cater to the whims of 'States rights' Congressmen and leave us still exposed to the fury of the lynch mob? Liberal voters of the Nation are awaiting your answer to this question," wrote Harry T. Moore, executive secretary of the Florida State Conference, NAACP, in a letter to the Honorable Carroll Reece, chairman, Republican National Committee.

The preceding paragraph closed the letter to Reece, who heads the GOP. Reece, in his letter to Mr. Moore, asserted that to pass an anti-lynch bill, it would be necessary to have a Republican president in the White House before legislation could be enacted. The GOP national chairman further said, "The Republican party will do all in its power to eliminate the disgrace of lynch law and mob violence."

The militant political leader Moore took an opposite stand and

expressed his thinking on the matter by saying:

"We feel that such a delay is not necessary. On several occasions President Truman has expressed his opposition to mob violence. He has expressed alarm at the numerous violations of the civil rights of American citizens, because of their race, creed or color, and he has appointed a special committee to survey this situation and to make certain recommendations to Congress.

"President Truman has emphasized the need of stronger Federal laws to protect the civil rights of citizens and to cope with the evils of lynching and mob violence."

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"In his discussion of this prob-

lem at the thirty-eighth annual conference of the NAACP, President Truman declared that we cannot, any longer, await the growth of a will to action in the slowest State or the most backward community. Our National Government must show the way." In view of these facts, it is our opinion that President Truman will sign a strong anti-lynching bill if it is passed by Congress.

Moore in this letter was acting as spokesman for some twenty-odd branches in the State. In addition to his duties as executive secretary of the NAACP, he also served in the same capacity with the Progressive Voters League, Inc. of the State.

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