

NAACP Youth Councils Urge Strong Legislation

By CALVIN E. ADAMS

MIMS—The Florida State Conference of NAACP Youth Councils and College chapters adopted resolutions "calling for early enactment of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and FEPC legislation" in their third annual meeting held here last week. They further urged Florida congressmen "to support bills to provide Federal aid for education and liberal minimum wage law." Approximately thirty-five youth delegates and adult advisors, representing fourteen of the State's twenty chapters attended the meeting which were held at the St. James Baptist Church.

Prior to the official opening of the three-day meet, the council presidents and advisors met to chart a more definite course for the conference to follow and to recommend committee appointments.

Secretary; Miss Evangeline Moore, Mims, treasurer; Miss Johnnie K. Bryant, Fort Lauderdale, chaplain, and Edgar Gibbous, Sarasota, re-

porter. The conference voted that next conference will be held in Orlando.

PANEL DISCUSSION HELD

The afternoon session was highlighted by seminar discussions with Miss Josie M. Seigler, vice president, Mims council, presiding. Delegates were divided into three groups and the following topics were discussed: "Youth in Society," led by W. Van Daughtry, adjutant, American Legion Post 198-C; "Youth in the Economic World," led by the Rev. R. H. Johnson, president, Good Neighbors, Inc.; "Our Fight for the Ballot," led by Harry T. Moore, State executive secretary, NAACP.

Among the guest speakers were the Revs. C. S. Felder, Titusville and J. R. Thompson, Pompano.

Friday evening delegates were entertained with a program under the auspices of the Mims council assisted by two other Broward County councils. The principal address was delivered by Dave P. Johnson of Cocoa High School.

Saturday morning sessions were under the direction of Chester S. Satterwhite Jr., State president. The conference held an open discussion on the topic, "How to Vitalize Our Youth Work."

MISS MOLIN DELIVERS ADDRESS

The conference closed Sunday afternoon with a mass meeting, with the principal address being delivered by Miss O. Beatrix Molin of St. Petersburg.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly elected State officers were installed in a brief ceremony by the Rev. W. E. Sloan. They were Albert Young, Mims, president; George Nixon, Orlando, first vice president; Chester S. Satterwhite, Jacksonville, second vice president; Miss Theresa Jones, Orlando, secretary; Miss L. e. o. n. a Holmes, Live Oak, assistant sec-

State Voters League Urges Support of FEPC

The following is a copy of letter sent to Florida delegation by the president of the Florida Voters League urging their support for permanent FEPC bill.

Mims, Florida
January 26, 1946
Florida Delegation,
United States Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On June 20, 1945, we mailed each of you a letter, in which we urged, among other things, your support of bills to create a permanent FEPC.

It is our belief that this legislation is urgently needed to safeguard the economic gains made by minority groups during the war. We feel that there should be no special jobs for Negroes, or special jobs for whites, American citizens of all races, creeds, and color sacrificed to help win this gigantic struggle for democracy abroad. It is only natural, therefore, that Negroes, and other minority groups should expect to enjoy a full measure of democracy here at home. And the right of fair employment, without regard to color or creed, is a fundamental principal of any true democracy.

We note that certain senators are teaming up to filibuster the FEPC bill that is now before the senate. We hold that the filibuster is an undemocratic practice, in that it enables a small minority to defeat the will of the majority. We urge, therefore, that those of you who are members of the senate will do everything possible to help break this filibuster, so that the bill may come up for a vote.

Negro voters of Florida, and the nation, anxiously await favorable action on this progressive legislation.

Respectfully yours,
HARRY T. MOORE, President,
Florida State Conference, NAACP.

Seminole Counties made their vote felt in the May primaries. In all counties Negroes voted unhindered but a lack of interest kept the vote down. In some counties, however, Negro voters were barred from voting. The Brevard County Branch of the NAACP is bringing legal action against officials who refused to register Negroes as Democrats in that county. We have been communicating with Attorney Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel, with regard to bringing the necessary action in these cases. Thus we see that our victory is not yet complete. We must "finish the fight."

The past 18 months have been extremely busy ones for your state president. As the NAACP gradually spreads over Florida, our responsibilities naturally increase. Where a few months ago the State Conference was a "small town" business with only 15 or 20 branches, it is now a big "chain" concern with over 50 branches. Although we have worked early and late in an effort to hold the organization together, it has become almost physically impossible to take care of this work on a part-time basis. We must recommend, therefore, that the Conference take immediate steps to place a full time worker in the field. A committee has been appointed to formulate plans for this project.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the various individuals and organizations that have given us such strong support. The Baptist women of Florida, under the leadership of Mrs. Viola T. Hill, recently contributed \$50.00 to help finance the work of the NAACP and the Voters' League. They also invited President Milton P. Rooks of the Voters' League to speak to them in St. Petersburg. Much credit is also due the Negro papers of Florida for giving us such splendid publicity.

And now, fellow workers, let us "finish the fight". Let us intensify our efforts to win a fuller measure of that democracy which American soldiers of all races, creeds, and colors defended on foreign fields. Let us continue to move forward, as Kelly Miller said, with our faces "fixed upon that light which shineth brighter and brighter into the perfect day."

HARRY T. MOORE

June 6, 1946

N. A. A. C. P. Jotting

Well, we had a grand time at the State Conference of Branches at Panama City June 7-8-9. Mrs. Pickett, the new state secretary will run a detailed report of all that was done through the Tampa Bulletin. This column will mention only a few of the high lights.

The weather was good; not a single drop of rain disturbed us; and, situated on the gulf as we were, a good breeze fanned us day and night. All sessions were held in the auditorium of the New First Baptist Church on Cove Boulevard. The opening night, the mayor of the city, Hon. J. R. Asbell, gave the welcome address.

Miss Willie Eva Ingram of Panama City, and Miss Evangeline Moore of Mims, gave two very inspiring orations. The main public address was given Sunday afternoon three o'clock by Mr. Leroy Carter, N.A.A.C.P. who came to the session from New York City.

As a result of the conference, Panama City chalked up 100 new members for its local branch.

The conference voted to immediately place Mr. Harry T. Moore into a newly created office of STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, and Prof. ED DAVIS, of Ocala was chosen as the new STATE PRESIDENT over the 53 branches now operating in Florida. The state headquarters will remain on the east coast until some time this fall. The Tampa representatives at the conference of course made a pull to locate the permanent headquarters here in the city of Tampa. Tampa delegate are now out prospecting for an available lot on which can be erected a suitable office building.

G. D. Rogers, Earl E. Broughton, and Elder M. C. STRANCHAN were retained as members of the STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. 6/15/46

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N.A.A.C.P. Conference

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to go ahead and find some way to bar the Negro vote in a sharp but significant way.

The N.A.A.C.P. has launched a vigorous campaign along all the fronts not only to arouse Negroes and make them vote conscious but to watch the steps taken by whites to bar the Negro from the polls.

Mr. Harry T. Moore, president, gave the increase of membership and branches, and many cases which have been filled. Let us finish the fight. Let us intensify our efforts to wire a fuller measure of that democracy which American soldiers of all races, creeds, and color defended on foreign fields. Let us continue to move forward, as Kelly Miller said, "With our faces fixed upon that light which shineth brighter and brighter into the perfect day."

- State Officer of NAACP:
- Mr. Edward W. Davis, President.
 - Mr. W. J. H. Black, Vice President.
 - Mr. Burton, second vice president, has the unhampered privileges, the very fact that he sits serenely by and says nothing about his vote and does nothing about it, the Whites have accepted this apathy as a signal.
 - Mrs. Emma A. Pickett, Secretary.
 - Mrs. Mamie Mike, Assistant Secretary.
 - Rev. K. S. Johnson, Treasurer.
 - Mr. Harry T. Moore, Executive Secretary.

Highpoints

Mr. Harry T. Moore was elected full time executive secretary of the state.

Injunction be filed immediately

brothers of the New York lodges He said that many of the ex-gates present of the "threat" that he told the more than 75 dele-one of the day's sessions (May 22) session of the Virginia State as-Mr. Wilson attended the annual exalted ruler. this week by J. Finley Wilson, grand very long ago, was confirmed here leaked out from New York not so a "threat" on his life, a report that revolting members of the Bils have

State Conference of NAAACP Held at Panama City 4/15/46

Friday Night, a focal program was held in St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Music was furnished by choir of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church. Honorable J. R. Asbell, mayor of Panama City was introduced by M. Hawkins. He said, "It is a great pleasure in making you welcome. I am glad I had sense enough not to make a lot of promises. I know enough about the colored people that last minute promises will not take with them. Anyone who thinks colored people don't know who to vote for is crazy."

"I offer you the city's welcome, Panama City has been backward somewhat in helping the colored people but in the near future we plan early improvements. It takes time. We have a program in the making which will have to be worked out." He knows and appreciates the negro vote which put him in office.

Mr. Milton P. Rooks gave the keynote address. He said: "The mayor recognizes the power of the negro vote. He is the type of man we need. We want men of 20th Century idea. If he doesn't believe in Supreme Court decisions, we don't need him. They must go."

As soon as books are opened, go down and register. Stop saying let the other man handle the affair. We have an unfinished fight. Our country is based on the ballot. Bilbo is now saying I love Negroes.

You must support your local NAACP so that we can fight these battles. We need to file a series of cases. Unequal salaries. We must contend that we are given equal facilities. We need a man to give full time service. Mr. Moore should be given power to file suits immediately if needs be.

With God, the ballot and firm courage, nothing can stop us.

Saturday Morning, Negro Voting was discussed by Rev. M. C. Strachan. The

We provided that Congress would raising and expenditures. method and Congressional money. We would get some business in the debt limit. In this regard, the law provide for a specific. It is not clear how you have by. except in this to be raised by tax. revenues and expected ex- gress a budget each year showing

THE LIVING SOUTH

By HAROLD PREECE

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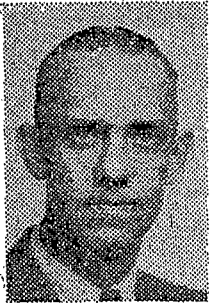
Now I reckon when the Devil got up the breed called the North Florida lyncher that crossed the ugliest old alligator in the Suwanee River bottoms with the most poisonous old water moccasin ever drug out of a Madison County mudhole. And I reckon that the offspring kind of looked like Sheriff Lonnie Davis of Madison or Constable Phil Goff of Live Oak, over in the next county.

God made man in His image and made man to glorify Him in his works. But the Devil, who's always out to mock the Lord, made the North Florida lyncher—made him to mock the image of God by making a lyncher look like a man.

And then the Devil sometimes mocked God's eternal law of "thou shalt not kill" by giving the lyncher a star which made him look like somebody out to enforce that law which God wrote on the heart of man by driving out Cain for killing his brother, Abel.

I reckon after reading a brave little pamphlet, "Lynchings in Florida—1943-45," sent to me by Prof. Harry T. Moore, president of the state conference of the NAACP, that the Cain tribe is unique North Florida. I'm thinking that the star—the mark of office—is also the mark of Cain for Sheriff Davis and Constable Goff.

I'm sorry that Prof. Moore and the other courage colored Floridians who put out the pamphlet didn't add to the list Police Chief Tom Crews of Branford who helped lynch Sam McFadden, last October 29. Branford is in Suwanee County whose county seat is Live Oak, Madison, county seat of Madison County, is just a few miles away. They are all Cain towns and I guess



that we know now what land of Nod was that old Cain found as a hiding place. The land of Nod must have been North Florida.

I'm sorry, too, that the pamphlet lists only three of the more than a dozen lynchings that took place in North Florida from 1943 to 1945. But the stories of these three lynchings make that little pamphlet great literature which generations of fair-minded Southerners will read in the coming New South of freedom and equality. I'd like to urge my readers to write Prof. Moore at Box 4, Mims, Fla., asking for a copy of the pamphlet.

Cellos Harrison

The book starts out by telling about the lynching of Cellos Harrison of Marianna, Fla., by four masked men who took him from the jail in July, 1943. "The highest court of our state," says a letter from Prof. Moore to the then governor and now senator-elect Spessard L. Holland, reproduced in the pamphlet, "already had twice reversed Harrison's sentence on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to sustain the convictions. Each time, Harrison was convicted by the lower court on the basis of a confession which the prisoner declared was obtained under duress.

"Moreover, we question the behavior of the jailer on the night that Harrison was lynched. On a previous occasion, we understand, it had been necessary to remove Harrison to the Tallahassee jail, because mob violence was feared. Why, then, was the jailer so willing and so quick to open the jail at that hour of the night to four strange masked men?"

Willie James Howard

Then the next episode in the grim tale of "justice" in North Florida is the lynching of 15-year-old Willie James Howard of Live Oaks on Jan-

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ing of Sam McFadden.

The third and final episode gives us, for the first time, the real facts in the lynching of Jesse James Payne at Madison on October 1. You know the durned lie that Sheriff Lonnie Davis put out at the time when he left the Madison County jail door open for the lynchers—that Mr. Payne had tried to "attack" a five-year-old white girl.

Actually, according to the pamphlet, Mr. Payne was sharecropping for Sheriff Davis' friend, D. L. Goodwin. He needed money to buy medicine for his three-months' old baby and to pay those who had been helping him with the crop. When Goodwin, in typical landlord style, refused him any cash, Mr. Payne, desperate for funds, had no choice but to turn his crop over to the government.

He was kidnapped while he and his family were visiting relatives who sharecropped on the farm of Arch Davis, father-in-law of Goodwin and father of Sheriff Davis. Three of the Cain men—Goodwin and his two sons—drove up, forced him into a car, and that was the beginning of the end for a good American who had committed the unpardonable crimes of being black and being poor.

"Before we left Madison County," says an affidavit by Mr. Payne's wife, mother, and sister, published in the pamphlet, Mr. Goodwin had gotten a government check for Lucy Payne (mother of the murder victim) from her son in the army. Goodwin showed it to the mother, but he said he was going to keep it. Later we received the check by mail. We still have chickens and other property on the Goodwin farm that we have not been able to get. Mr. Goodwin also has Jesse's share of the crops mentioned above. They tell men to steal from them—that is the long and the short of lynching. I know who should have been hung up there in Madison County. But I know that they hanged the wrong man when they hanged Jesse James Payne.

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Klingensmith Is Inner In County-Wide Race For Co. Commissioner

Recreation Parley Set For Today

Development and expansion of Florida's recreation areas and facilities will be discussed at a meeting today by the members of the recreation advisory committee which meets in the George Washington hotel in Jacksonville for its Fall conference.

Defeats Clark Tuesday In Race For Third Term From District 1

BIG HOME VOTE

Gets Majority In Larger Towns Of County

Ward C. Klingensmith, member of the Board of County Commissioners from District No. 1, was re-elected to that position for a third term in last Tuesday's balloting. He represents a district composed of Indian River City and Titusville.

Mr. Klingensmith lost Indian River City to his opponent, Frank G. Clark of that community, by a vote of 37 to 47. However, he carried Titusville by a large majority, getting 537 votes as compared with 360 for Mr. Clark.

In the entire county, the winner carried ten precincts, tied one, and carried Melbourne "B" precinct.

The total vote was Klingensmith 2189, Clark 2052, with a margin of 137 votes for the incumbent. The vote by precincts follows.

	Klingensmith	Clark
1. LaGrange	30	30
2A. Titusville	302	199
2B. Titusville	235	161
3. City Point	43	62
4. Rockledge	121	106
5. Eau Gallie	123	135
6A. Melbourne	187	240
6B. Melbourne	263	236
7. Malabar	22	60
8. Grant	26	25
9. Lotus	15	18
10. Georgiana	9	16
11. Merritt	91	35
12. Allenhurst	16	23
13. Canaveral	20	19
14. Wilson	12	31
15. Courtenay	38	6

COUNTY OKEHS THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT

The Republican Electors Carried Seven Small Precincts

After all of the campaign arguments, including third-term talk, dictatorship threat, and New Deal vs a business man's type of government, Brevard County swung definitely into the New Deal column in Tuesday's election, along with thousands of other counties in this country.

The Republican electors carried seven small precincts of the county, Rockledge being the largest community to register a preference for the Republican candidate.

Following are the precinct results in this race:

	Roosevelt	Willkie
1. LaGrange	43	22
2A. Titusville	305	148
2B. Titusville	254	136
3. City Point	50	70

A letter from the State NAACP came this week. It proposes to establish the office of Executive Secretary and put Harry T. Moore in it. That's the best thing we've heard in years.

Harry T. Moore is one of Florida's brightest lights—unselfish, capable, and fearless. The NAACP committee, headed by Ed Davis of Ocala, G. D. Rogers and E. E. Broughton, call for a budget of \$7,000 to support the state-wide program. That is too small. We ought raise \$25,000 a year. This is the type of program we should gladly give \$2 per year. Every man or woman can spare it.

What the Negro needs is organization of this kind with intelligent, unselfish leadership. The NAACP is needed in Florida; it is needed in Miami, Tampa, Gulf Hammock, and every nook and corner of this great state. You need it—maybe not now, but somewhere you may. It is better to have a strong NAACP and not need it personally than to need it and not have it.

Tampa is large enough to have at least two taxi lines for colored citizens. Competition makes better service, and cheaper prices. Besides, this is a type of business that a Negro should be allowed to own, if he has money enough, and I think we have enough money. Negroes to launch another taxi line.

The NAACP has hired Harry T. Moore as executive secretary. This was a wise move and no better man could be found.

It takes money, however, to run anything, even the NAACP. Talk is fine but money will do a better job.

If we want Moore to do a good job we must raise enough money to run his office.

Negroes will gladly spend \$2 for a dance which gives them a thrill for two or three hours plus the hangover but won't give \$1 to keep somebody on guard to protect their civil liberties.

We must show more sense and raise money for the STATE NAACP. We could easily raise \$25,000 if we just tried. They are asking for only \$7,000 for a one year's budget. It's worth 7,000 to have a fine man like Moore on guard for us. Let's get it quickly.

NAACP Ready for Panama City Meet

7/13/46

MIMS, Fla.—NAACP branches in Florida are now looking forward to their sixth annual meeting, which will be held in Panama City, June 7-9. This will be the first State meeting since 1944, as the meeting was cancelled last year because of transportation difficulties.

The State conference theme this year will be the slogan of the nation "Finish The Fight" center on the battle for mob violence and police brutality. These discussions will be especially significant in view of the fact that Florida has held a monopoly on lynchings during the past few months, and that Negroes made history in Florida by voting in Democratic primaries this year.

E. W. Edwards, president of the local branch, reports that elaborate

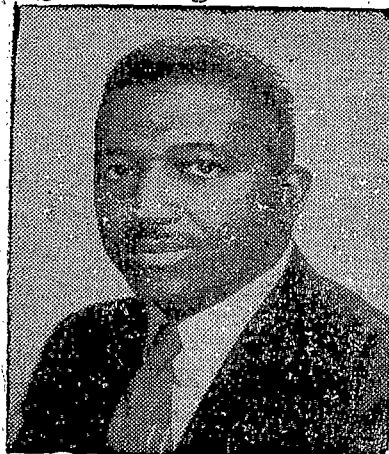
plans are being made to entertain the delegates and visiting friends. Registration headquarters will be at the Elks' Home on Cove Boulevard and Tenth Street. Sessions will be held at St. John Baptist Church on Cove Boulevard.

The crowning event will be a big mass meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9th. Leroy Carter, assistant field secretary, will be the principal speaker. Branch vice presidents will be platform guests.

This has been another period of remarkable growth for the NAACP in Florida. There are now fifty-two chartered branches in the State, as compared with thirty-three branches at the time of the last annual meeting. These branches have a membership of approximately ten thousand.

SENTINEL—Florida's Foremost

N. W. GRIFFIN VISITING FLA. NAACP BRANCHES



N. W. Griffin, West Coast regional secretary of the NAACP, is visiting a number of branches in Florida during the month of July. Officers of the Florida State Conference prepared Mr. Griffin's itinerary during the Annual Conference in Cincinnati, and Mr. Griffin came to Florida at the close of this meeting.

Mr. Griffin is by no means a stranger to Florida. He is a native of Columbia County and a graduate of the old Florida Baptist Academy. For a number of years he served as principal of schools in Tallahassee, Ft. Myers, and St. Petersburg. Because of his militant stand on the question of equal salaries for Negro teachers, Mr. Griffin was finally ousted from the public school system of this state. He was then elected full-time executive secretary of the Florida State Teachers' Association.

Mr. Griffin is an experienced NAACP worker. For several years he served as president of the St. Petersburg and Jacksonville Branches. He also helped to organize the Florida State Conference in 1939 and was elected the first president of that organization. For the past two years Mr. Griffin has been a member of the National Staff of the NAACP.

Among the branches listed on Mr. Griffin's tentative schedule are Fruitland Park, Seminole County, New Smyrna Beach, Winter Haven, Sebring, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Lee County, Miami, Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Brevard County. Mr. Griffin's many friends will welcome his coming to Florida.

The Living South

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uary 2, 1944. I'm going to give you more details from the pamphlet of this murder of a Florida child, two weeks from now. But one of the Cain men implicated in it is Constable Goff who had just killed a Negro employee of the city water works when I went to Live Oak, last November, to investigate the lynch-

It Pays To Advertise

N. A. A. C. P. Jottings

Well, the delegates from the state conference at Panama City have all returned to their home town branches, eager to raise their apportionment of the local money which must go to make up seven thousand dollar requirement to put Mr. Harry T. Moore in the field as an executive and traveling secretary to the state body.

We now have ten thousand Association members throughout the state of Florida, and if Mr. Moore takes the field, it won't be long before that number will be doubled. And what a fine fighting machine this will be if within the next few months or years Florida can pin up 20,000 Negro members to the state N. A. A. C. P.

The plan is, to have every individual member in the state contribute to the budget-box fifty cents every six months, or one dollar per

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NAACP JOTTINGS

RBY KILLING

Moon Was Only Means To Identify Victim

JACKSONVILLE—Justice moved in its usual manner in the Court of Justice of the Peace Sara Bryant, Friday, April 12, 4 P. M., when it exonerated City Detective W. C. Barber and V. W. Newsome for the death of Harvey Anderson Kirby, 627 Court C. These officers were responsible for the fatal shooting Tuesday night, April 9, of Kirby in Springfield Park.

Kirby was well known in the city since he was born and reared here. He was formerly employed by Joe E. Higdon, owner of the Hollywood Music Store, and at the time of his death he was employed by the Jacksonville Gas Company. He was married and had four children, the baby being two years of age and the wife an expectant mother.

DETECTIVES TRAIL VICTIM

At the inquest Detectives Barber and Newsome stated they spotted Kirby fifteen or twenty minutes before the shooting near the concrete bridge which divides Springfield Park and the Negro section of Jackson Street. It was also made known, as the Negro moved slowly toward the bridge they heard two voices which they described as being a white sailor and a white girl.

"As the couple approached the bridge Kirby trailed them at a distance of approximately twenty feet and had something in his hand which resembled a pistol."

Detective Barber opened fire twice with a shotgun and tried the third time but the gun jammed and he fired with his revolver. Then Barber called to Newsome that his shotgun had jammed and that the Negro had something in his hand. Detective Newsome fired once with his shotgun and Kirby crawled west across the concrete bridge before he fell dead.

WITNESSES ANSWER DOUBTFULLY

State Attorney William A. Hal-

lowes, III, asked the detectives where did they find the gun. They answered: "The gun was found on the west end of the bridge and the knife on the east end of the bridge." It was then asked by the State's Attorney "who was the couple and where did they go?" They replied, "We don't know all we saw was a white streak running southeast through the park." "How do you know that the Negro had a gun in his hand?" questioned the State's Attorney. "Well it looked like a gun," was the reply received.

MOON WAS ONLY MEANS OF LIGHT

Kirby was approximately forty feet from the detectives when he was shot. The park was dimly lighted and the moon was in the second day of the first quarter. This was the only possible means for the detectives and the victim to see the rusty .38 calibre pistol supposed to be in Kirby's hand. The pistol was exhibited as evidence but reporters have not yet seen the knife.

According to the testimony of E. R. Hensley, one of the supposed victims of attack by Kirby, stated "there was rust on the gun."

After deliberation, the coroner's jury returned the following verdict: "We the jury find that Harvey Anderson Kirby met his death by shotgun wound fired by Detectives Barber and Newsome, and that said detectives are exonerated."

This is the synopsis of the story as related by the "Florida Tattler," a local weekly.

Miss Catherine Floyd, the office secretary of the Tampa branch, again sends out the word to those whose memberships lapse during the month of December, to give her a ring on phone M-54-552 and she will make arrangements for your renewal. Fifty-one new memberships were received in November.

A new branch is about to be set up at Port Tampa. Mr. Lacey, Mr. Presley, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson accompanied President Strachan to Pt. Tampa last Sunday in order to work out the details.

The Belmont Heights group re-elected all its old officers for the new year. West Tampa and Hyde Park did the same. Central Tampa made a few changes in their leadership. In a few days the entire list will appear in print.

Mrs. M. F. Cargins, vice president of the Belmont Heights group, has just returned from a three-month vacation trip to Chicago and Detroit. Mrs. Addie Hudson, president of the West Tampa group is in New York with her husband. He went on a business trip.

Donations are in order for any one who wishes to contribute to the APPEAL CASE of Edgar Flowers. The attorneys are carrying his case to Governor Holland for commutation of sentence. This will cost the branch \$100. Ring the office if you wish to help.

Matthew Gregory of the Belmont Heights group is now laying plans for a rousing Belmont Heights mass meeting. Watch for the early date announcement of the program. Mr. Henry Williams of the Hyde Park group says listen out for an announcement of his Hyde Park mass meeting.

The new mayor, Mr. Crutis Hixon, has sent a very fine letter to the Tampa branch, which will be read at its next meeting, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, at 4 o'clock at the Grand Union Pallbearers Hall, 1313 Spring street.

Hint 'Miscarriage' of Justice

4/27/45

Innocent Father of Four Killed By Police, Civic Leaders Feel

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Because facts in the case strongly hint that an innocent youth was victimized, colored citizens here have been aroused to strong condemnation of officers responsible for the fatal shooting in Springfield Park, Tuesday night, April 9, of Harvey Anderson Kirby, 26-year-old resident of 627 Court C, Blodgett Homes, charged with the alleged robbery of two white sailors and the criminal assault of one of their 21-year-old companions the night before.

Kirby, according to police reports, was shot around 10:20 o'clock by Detectives W. C. Barber and C. W. Newsome, while he was following a white man and woman in the park. The youth had a pistol and a switch-blade knife in his possession and wore dark glasses, it was testified.

There were at least fifteen city and county police on the scene when Kirby was killed, the reports indicated, because a dragnet was being cast to nab the person or persons responsible for a number of reported robberies and sex crimes in the Springfield Park area.

IDENTIFIED AFTER DEATH

Kirby was identified by the two white girls after he had been killed, one of the young women alleging that he was the man who criminally assaulted her after robbing the two sailor companions of her and another girl of \$110. The time of the crime was placed at about 10:45 o'clock Monday night, April 8, at the Fifth Street Bridge on Hogan's Creek, the exact spot where it is alleged that Kirby was shot the next night as he trailed a white couple.

The general opinion of colored leaders contacted by The Courier is that Kirby did not commit the crime. They point to his high character rating in the community and the fact that his expectant wife, the mother of four children, reveals that her husband had gone to the pharmacy to get some medicine for one of their ill children. It is understood that Kirby had been to Economy Drug Store for medicine and was headed home when, it is believed, he was shot at Madison and West State Streets, with his body then being dragged to where it was later found lifeless.

GENERAL DISBELIEF

It is regarded as ridiculous that Kirby could have criminally assaulted one white girl while holding at bay two sailors and the other girl following the alleged robbery—and it is regarded as likewise a matter of conjecture that Kirby, when dead, could have been positively identified as the guilty assailant when the said attacker supposedly wore dark glasses and the crime took place only about an hour and fifteen minutes before midnight.

In addition to their plans for an effective organized protest, Jacksonville Negroes also intend relief efforts to help the members of the victimized family as well as some form of reprisal if it can be proved that Kirby's death is a case of "mistaken identity."

Final Report on Howard Lynching

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I reckon that Dr. Welfsh was saying pretty much what another Jew, Jesus of Nazareth, said a couple of thousand years ago when he was tearing apart "the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees". You will remember that he pointed out that the scribes and Pharisees went through all the forms of righteousness and all the pretences of having some regard for their neighbors. But he also said, and I'm having to quote from memory without having my Bible with me, that "except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven".

MUST GO BEYOND

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Florida Senators Informed By NAACP Executive Secretary

Seating of Bilbo and Long Debates In Congress Cited

State

MIMS, Fla.—Harry T. Moore, executive Secretary of Florida State Conference, NAACP, sent the following letter to Florida Senators this week.

Mr. Moore informed Florida's national representatives that the State organization was deeply concerned about the important matters now pending in Congress.

Florida Members
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sirs:

Florida's 65 branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are deeply concerned about two matters now pending in the United States Senate.

The first of these is the question of seating Theodore G. Bilbo, senator-elect from Mississippi. We feel the evidence presented to the investigating committees last year is sufficient to substantiate the claim that Senator Bilbo's behavior has made him unfit to occupy a seat in such an honorable body as the United States Senate. His dealings with certain war contractors are questionable, to say the least. And his open appeal to racial prejudice in an effort to keep Negroes from voting in the primaries last summer was contrary to all decent principles of democratic government. How can Senator Bilbo take the oath of office—the oath to uphold the Constitution—when he has publicly urged that certain qualified citizens be denied their Constitutional right to vote. An

oath under such circumstances would be little more than "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal". We urge, therefore, that you firmly oppose the seating of Mr. Bilbo. We suggest also that action be initiated to remove such a character from the payroll and thus eliminate this waste of tax money.

We also are intensely interested in the resolutions designed to eliminate the parties of unlimited debate in the United States Senate. The filibuster is undemocratic. In any truly democratic body the will of the majority should prevail. If a small minority can block a vote on important measures and thus defeat the will of the majority, then we have no true democracy. So long as a small minority in the United States Senate can vote the will of the majority, we cannot justly criticize Russia for her exercise of vote powers in the United Nations Security Council. By all means, let us have democratic procedure in the Senate. We solicit your active support of this movement to outlaw the filibuster. We urge that you help to pass a resolution that will make it possible to limit debate by a majority vote, and thus enable the highest legislative body in our country to dispose of measures according to the will of the majority.

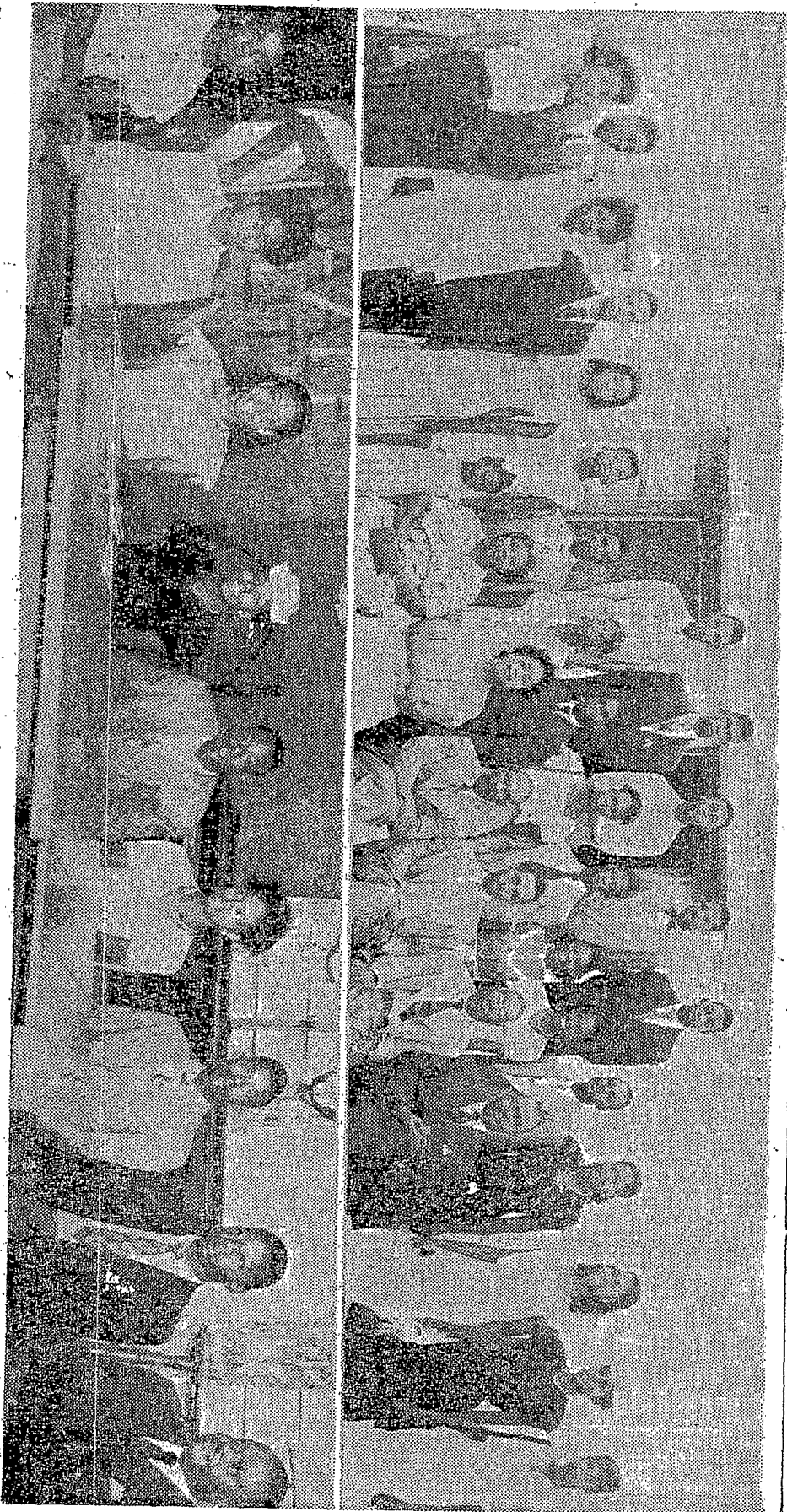
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Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

Florida State Conference, NAACP
Copy to:

- 1. Senator Claude Pepper
- 2. Senator Spessard L. Holland

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AT FLA. NAACP MEET — Delegates to the fourth annual meeting of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters at Orlando, are shown in the top photo with some of their advisers. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Mary Groom, Pompano Council adviser; Miss O. B. McLin, St. Petersburg, State Youth adviser; Atty. L. E. Thomas, Miami, guest speaker; Harry T. Moore of Mims, executive secretary; T. R. Reid, Orlando branch president; and R. V. Crippen, Orlando, State Youth adviser. Lower photo: Newly elected officers. Left to right: Elouise Strickland, Mims, assistant secretary; Kay Frances Dennard, St. Petersburg, corresponding secretary; Evangeline Moore, Mims, treasurer; Lee Etta Powell, Jacksonville, vice president; Henry Finley, West Palm Beach, president; Theresa Jones, Orlando, secretary; George Nixon, Orlando, vice president, and R. V. Crippen, Orlando, State Youth adviser.

Reports Show 'in the Red'

Member Branches Pledge More Aid To Support Work

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IN THE RED

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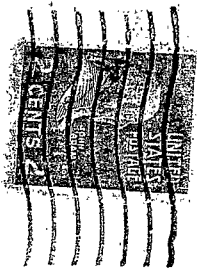
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*Picture of State Women's meeting
Orlando, 1948*



MR. HARRY T. MOORE

BOX 4

MIMS, FLA.

Only 5 Dixie Solons Listed For Wallace

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, (P)—The South, which opposed Henry A. Wallace for a second term as Vice President, could be a stumbling block in the way of his confirmation as secretary of commerce.

Rallying behind Texan Jesse Jones, some Southern Senators today joined many Republicans in expressing disapproval of President Roosevelt's first proposed fourth-term cabinet change.

Capital observers listed only about five of the 20 Southern Senators as sure supporters of the former Vice President in the expected fight over his confirmation.

Senators Maybank (D-SC) and Bilbo (D-Miss) came out openly in favor of the presidential nomination. Announcing he will vote for Wallace's confirmation, Maybank told a reporter:

"I am sorry indeed that Mr. Jones is being removed. He has done a wonderful job. But the President was re-elected overwhelmingly by the people and Mr. Wallace was one of his chief supporters in the campaign."

Bilbo, a member of the commerce committee which will consider the nomination, announced he, too, will vote for Wallace as "eminently qualified for the duties of that great office."

"I don't hesitate to tell the world," the Mississippian told a reporter, "I am for Henry Wallace for secretary of commerce in the committee and in the Senate."

Senators Hill (D-Ala), Pepper (D-Fla) and Fulbright (D-Ark) also are expected to back the Iowan's nomination. Hill, majority whip, predicted, "Wallace will be confirmed."

Several Southerners, including Senators Eastland (D-Miss), Overton (D-La), Ellender (D-La) and Bankhead (D-Ala), refused to comment on the nomination, but others did not hesitate to express their opinions. Among them:

Byrd (D-Va.): "The appointment of Mr. Wallace as secretary of commerce . . . could not have been based on either the business experience, training or aptitude of the appointee for this work. Mr. Wallace is the leader of the most radical groups in America. He is the close friend and co-worker of Sidney Hillman and the extreme elements of the CIO. It may well be that the action of the Senate on this appointment will have a decisive effect on the future of free enterprise system."

Hoey (D-NC): "I am sorry to see the President deprive Jones of the RFC. He'd done a magnificent job."

McClellan (D-Ark.), a member of the commerce committee: "It is with deep regret that I heard of Mr. Jones being replaced. I regarded him as one of the ablest and most competent administrators in the Federal Government."

Chairman Bailey (D-NC) of the

THE MINISTER AND POLITICS

By NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

(Editor's Note: The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, D.D., is pastor of Marble Collegiate church, 111th Ave., New York City).

Occasionally it is said that ministers should avoid politics. If by this is meant that a clergyman should not take a partisan stand in his pulpit by using his sermons to campaign for particular candidates, I am in agreement. Outside of his pulpit, however, it is difficult to support the claim that he has no right to engage in political activity. The minister is as fully a citizen as any layman. As a spiritual leader he should always be careful in the selection of the men he supports.

By reason of his spiritual leadership, he should be respected as a trustworthy guide in public affairs. He can be trusted as a man of conscience. With him human values are always uppermost. Therefore, labor should have confidence in his leadership. Being a religious teacher, all should realize that the minister stands for freedom, democracy and constitutionalism, because these political beliefs grow out of religious beliefs.

No one should assume that the minister engaging in political activity signifies that his church is striving for control. This applies equally to the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant clergy. The principle of separation of church and state is too well established in this country to be in any danger, and clergymen are its most ardent defenders. They realize only too well the crushing power of the super-state.

In the present day there is a definite need for clergymen to be interested in political movements. The present issues are not partisan in the usual sense. The historic political parties are no longer representative of the beliefs of millions of people who, from force of habit, continue to vote under traditional party labels. By and large there are two actual though unnamed parties. One is composed of those who favor the super state; the other is made up of those who do not. This is the great issue of the hour. It is a world-wide political and philosophical battle.

More than that it is a deep and profound spiritual struggle. For centuries man was ground under the arrogant power of the totalitarian state; he had no rights; he was held in low esteem; his chief function was to pay the bills of those who ruled him. But gradually religion began to win the people. Men learned that they are spiritual beings. They began to have a high esteem of themselves as sons of God. Being that, they reasoned, "How can we permit ourselves to be 'pushed around' by these overlords?"

are exceedingly able and clever. They have no party of their own in which they stand where all men can recognize them. Rather, under cover they seek to gain control of old and historic organizations.

They freely admit their opposition to religion. Earl Browder in his book, "What Is Communism?" says: "We stand without reservation for education that will root out belief in the supernatural. We do not distinguish between good and bad religions because we think all of them are bad for the masses."

Men of Fascist tendency, while perhaps not so brazen in their denial of religion, are none the less anti-spiritual, for the reason that they defy the state and its unchallenged control. Religious men hold that God is above the state and that the nation derives its powers only from the sons of God who are their own rulers.

The surest way to combat this growing pagan tendency is to strengthen religious faith in the individual citizen. Also we ministers must, if necessary, not hesitate to emulate our forefathers and employ political action in behalf of freedom.

close how he will vote but said he and Sen. Connally (D-Tex) had talked with President Roosevelt about the appointment.

Bailey said he had asked the President to remove lending agencies from the Commerce Department.

"I told the President it would be the graceful thing to do," he said.

O'Daniel (D-Tex), another member of the Commerce committee, said he would oppose the Wallace nomination "with all my power." He remarked he was not in favor "of swapping this horse off for a lame duck in the middle of the stream."

It came to be a historical truism that freedom in any state rose or fell in proportion to the estimation in which man was held. If religion was strong in a country, freedom was strong, because religion recognizes the rights of individual man. When religion weakened in a state, freedom also declined, for men lost faith in themselves as their faith in God became dim and uncertain.

The reason the fires of freedom burned so brightly in America is because this was the first great nation in all history to be founded on a religious basis.

Now we have a situation where people frankly antagonistic to religion are competing for power, and they are growing stronger. They

FLORIDA NAACP CONFERENCE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

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The first order of business was the annual report of the executive secretary, which reviewed major activities of the past 12 months. Financial reports revealed that the Conference has been forced to operate on an amount far below the budget of \$5000 that was set up at the last annual meeting, and that the year was closed with a deficit of about \$800.00 in unpaid bills. It was revealed also that this unfortunate situation developed because so many local branches have failed to make necessary contributions to the State Conference during the year. It was emphasized that the State Conference is maintained by the branches of Florida and not by the National Office. Some of the delegates present pledged better financial support from their respective branches, and all branches were urged to send contributions at an early date, so that the present strain can be eased.

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DECEMBER 12, 1948

Negro Daily Paper Quotes Florida Sentinel Editorial On Jax Negroes

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Daily World, only Negro daily newspaper, printed in full the Florida Sentinel editorial on Jacksonville Negroes after pointing out that C. Blythe Andrews, editor of the Sentinel, formerly lived in Jacksonville. The World published the Sentinel editorial in its daily edition and all of its 20 weekly papers which it publishes for cities all over the United States.

The World comment and the editorial it quoted are as follows:

"Editor C. Blythe Andrews, former resident of Jacksonville, was publisher of the Florida Sentinel, former organ and newspaper of the Knights of Pythias when this organization was in its bloom in Florida. Due to bad management the paper went down (after C. Blythe Andrews left it). However, it resumed publication (in Tampa) about six weeks ago under the ownership of Mr. Andrews, who found a good reason to criticize the citizens of Jacksonville, his old home town. His reason was based on a recent article in the Pittsburgh Courier about the aggressiveness of Miami's Sam B. Solomon and the leadership of Jacksonville Negroes in Florida affairs.

"The following article appeared in Mr. Andrews' paper and its contents speak for itself about the feeling of Jacksonville's former citizen and leader:

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 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 belongs to H. 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

Two Men in Run-Off For Hamilton Sheriff

JASPER, Oct. 9.—A run-off primary to nominate a candidate for Sheriff of Hamilton County, will be held in the county on Tuesday with the names of Emery Cheshire and Brook Allen appearing on the ballot. In the first primary Cheshire polled 641 votes, Allen 639, Martin Tyne 363 and Rayton Bennett 316. The special primary was made necessary by the death of Lester Sheriff, nominee of the regular May primary.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

Negro citizens have the opportunity of their lives to help their white friends improve political conditions. They can become, if they choose, members of the Democratic party and participate in Democratic primaries.

There are many reasons why Negroes should be happy over this turn of events. For eth one thing, it makes us citizens in deed as well as in theory. We are no longer styled as third-class citizens without the right to a voice in political affairs.

We also have the chance to improve our section by helping to elect candidates who will give favorable attention to our problems. This is very important and Negroes should seize upon it.

The idea of running for office ourselves should not play an important part. We notice some shouting about Negro candidates in Miami running for school board places on the Republican ticket. They are running for the

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Progressive Voters' League For Passage Of Civil Rights Bill

Mims, Florida
July 8, 1948

Honorable Francis J. Myers
Chairman of Platform Committee
Democratic National Convention
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We note that some of our Southern leaders are trying to bring pressure to bear against the inclusion of a strong civil rights plank in the platform of the Democratic Party. These gentlemen are trying to drown out the main issue with their cries about "states rights" and "local self-government."

The main question is this: Shall lynching, mob violence, police brutality, disfranchisement, and racial discrimination in employment continue to prevail in our Democracy, or shall Congress pass strong laws to suppress these evils? Shall those guilty of lynching, disfranchising, and discriminating against minorities still be immune to punishment, or shall the strong arm of the Federal Government be empowered to bring these guilty parties to justice?

Some of our Southern leaders are arguing that lynching has been reduced to a minimum and there is no longer a need for a federal anti-lynching law. This statement is misleading, and we wish to remind your Committee that we have many secret lynchings in the South. Some cases of intimidation, mob violence, and police brutality never get into the records.

We have discovered several cases of this nature in Florida during recent years. One night in January, 1946, Leroy Bradwell, a Negro veteran of Gadsden County, Florida, mysteriously "disappeared" while in the custody of Sheriff Edwards and Deputy Maple. Although Bradwell has not been seen or heard of since, Governor Caldwell readily accepted the officers' alibi that they carried this boy to the county line and turned him loose. Negroes in that same county were "advised" not to vote in the Democratic Primary on May 4, 1948. A few voted anyway, and that night a part of one Negro's home was blown off by dynamite. Another Negro was forced to leave his farm and flee with his family to New Jersey.

Do not be misled. There is urgent need for the enactment of strong civil rights legislation. We therefore urge your Committee to submit resolutions that will pledge the Democratic Party to work for the passage of effective federal laws to protect all citizens from the evils mentioned above.

Respectfully yours,
Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary
Progressive Voters' League
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