JOHN BINNS
CHIEF SPEAKER AT
FIRST CITIZEN BANQUET

John Binns, a Tacoma attorney, and for a number of years a member of the Washington State Board of Higher Education, will be the chief speaker at the Negro First Citizen banquet, at the Nortonia hotel Tuesday, February 20, honoring Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington.

Last year Mr. Binns spoke at the seventh annual meeting of the Washington State Conference of NAACP Branches in Tacoma. His subject of Civil Liberties was so impressive that the meeting stands out as one of the best of its kind in the state. He praised the editorial policy in the Advocate-Register as well as the practical reporting.

BILLY WEBB'S EXALTED RULER HONORED

Dr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. Elks of W., this week sent Commission to Ch 없는 E. Corbett, Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge, 1050 designating Corbett as Grand Organizer of the Order for the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

This is a signal honor and both to Corbett and also to Billy Webb and Portland. The Grand and Corbett have been friends for over 40 years and were associated in Elk work when Corbett lived in D. C.

Congratulations "Exalted Ruler". You are on your way up. Keep up the good work.

TRUMAN EXPECTED TO ORDER F. E. P. C.

WASHINGTON-President Truman is expected to issue an executive order creating and emergency Fair Employment Practices Commission shortly.

Sources close to the president said this week that top government officials have ironed out all kinks in the document and it is on its way to the White House for review and signature.

It was learned that the FEPC order has been delayed because of a general reorganization of Congress and especially the

The Mid-Winter Conference of The Northwest States Association will meet at the Elks' Home, 662 1/2 Jackson St., Seattle, Washington, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 17, 1951.

All officers and members of the association and all Elks in good standing in their respective lodges and temples are eligible and invited to attend this meeting. Elks holding local, State or Grand Commissions are specially urged to attend.

We have invited some of the Northwest's outstanding Elks to speak at our Mid-Winter Conference. Among those invited to speak at the supper session will be Dgt. Anna Morison of Dahlia Temple, No. 202, our Directress of Education for the state of Oregon and Bro. Attorney Chas. M. Stokes of Puget Sound Lodge, No. 109, State Representative 37th District, Seattle, Washington.

Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. Business session will begin at 8:00 p.m. Supper Session from 10:00 p.m. until?

There will be a registration fee of One Dollar and Twenty-Five cents ($1.25). Everyone is required to pay this fee upon registration. This fee is to offset the expense of entertaining the Mid-Winter Conference and to assure you a pleasant time.

The entertainment committee headed by Exalted Ruler Oscar Johnson and Daughter Ruler, Geneva Ward, are making special arrangements to serve all registered members in attendance a full course supper, hot and delicious with all the trimmings.

If you plan to spend the night or weekend in Seattle and wish hotel or housing accommodations, please write at once to Dgt. District Deputy, Birdie Johnson, 505 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

We are planning a constructive and enjoyable meeting. Don't fail to be present and lend your bit toward success.

Also at this meeting invitations will be accepted for a place to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association, to be held the last week-end in May, 1951.

impending selection of a Senate Majority Committee.
IN MY OPINION

RACE LEADERSHIP JEALOUS, FEARFUL, INCOMPETENT—CRITIC

Negro leadership suffers from fear, jealousy, incompetence and selfishness, says Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse college, in an article in a recent Negro Digest.

Pointing out that human nature is the same the world over, Dr. Mays emphasizes that what is wrong with Negro leaders is "wrong with the leaders of the other so-called racial groups."

He goes on, however, to state that fear seems an especial handicap to many Negro leaders, "particularly fear that they will not be well thought of by their white friends and by white people in general. This makes them cautious and the sad thing is that this fear is imaginary and has no basis in fact. It has been demonstrated again and again that leadership can be both courageous and sane. It can take high ground when a principle is at stake and lose non prestige, but, rather, gain prestige."

Jealousy has cut into the ranks of Negro leaders, continues Dr. Mays. "All one leader has to do to gain the enmity of another leader is to succeed and gain public acclaim," he writes. "It has happened among lawyers, physicians, businessmen and educators—and at its worst, among ministers. The lesson is yet to be learned that there is enough light in the sun for all."

According to Dr. Mays, Negro leaders who have become socially and economically secure have tended to become complacent and conservative.

"Too, some of our leadership is not well enough informed, and we must be honest and admit that great effort needs to be made to improve its intellectual competence."

By Fred Shorter

Minister of The Church of the People, Seattle, Wash.
Editor of The New Religious Frontier

WE MUST WIN people as well as battles if we are to stop communism, writes Justice William O. Douglas in Look (Jan. 16). "We have trusted too much of our thinking to the military." Apparently he wrote this before our defeat in Korea. If that is true when we were winning battles it is ten times true now. The generals don't begin to understand the forces that are in motion in Asia. Douglas, after a trip to the Middle East and Southeast Asia tells in this article (which we hope millions will read) what he thinks must be done—not to stop these forces but to work with them. In doing that we shall be able to stop the march of communism.

We should understand these forces because our nation has a revolutionary birth and history. The forces are social revolutionary. The complaints of these people of the Middle East and Asia are as specific as were ours at the time of the war for independence. They are as follows:

1. Ownership of land by a few. Money-lending system by which the tenant is kept in debt perpetually.
2. Lack of education.
3. Lack of doctors and hospitals, clinics.
4. Unjust system of taxation.
5. Corrupt government.

These are what the common people are interested in. They know nothing, and care nothing, about Marxism. The Communists don't bother them with theories; they support the peoples' demands for social reforms. Unless we help the workers and peasants to get these minimum demands we shall see communism spread.

We are interfering with the internal problems of other nations. We should interfere but, in a right way. The trouble is we have tried to prop up corrupt and reactionary governments. We must give direction to the peoples' revolution—not try to stop it. We must be clear and honestly democratic in the application of social reforms.

All these things have been said time and again but it is encouraging to have them said by a judge of the United States Supreme Court. Douglas can't very well be dubbed a Communist! Although probably some people will pin that label on him. We are proud that he hails from the state of Washington.

HAPENINGS IN SALEM

ON OBSERVING POLITICIANS

By Harley Phelps

January 9, 1950

Most of us are familiar with the general attitude or Republican officials toward their constituents and toward the public at large. Be he judge, legislator or executive the demeanor is the same when a wealthy individual puts in an appearance. Nothing is too good for a tycoon. Or even if he is not so oppulent but is known to control a sizeable block of votes in a precinct or district the official will invariably overdo the handshaking, hang around and make small talk, crack jokes and laugh loudly. If the visitor wants anything he has but to drop a hint and Mr. Official will break a leg if necessary to help him get it. But let one of the lesser lights in his bailiwick show up and the officeholder figures at once that he wants something and proceeds to make himself scarce. Just hang around the legislative galleries, the city or county court rooms or police headquarters for a while and if you don't get a belly full of the fruits of Republicanism then you have got the kind of stomach and guts to be a politician and should immediately get yourself on the ballot somewhere for the next election. If you can stand this sort of thing without gagging, you are a man, my son.

Worse yet is a Democrat who by association with Republican bigwigs gets some of their corruption rubbed off on him. This is tragic to the nth degree. In a Republican it is bad enough but when you begin to observe the same thing in a Democrat whom you know to have sprung from a party with and honest, liberal foundation, where then can you turn?

It is unfortunate that so few of us have the time, the means and the inclination to frequent the halls of government. The complexities of society and the frailties of genus homo are too much for most politicians. We cannot depend upon casting a vote only. We have to follow through by keeping our fingers on the officials we elect. It brings us back to the main weakness of the system of representative government illustrated best by the old saying that if you want a thing done well, do it yourself.
BRIEFS

“In My Opinion” column is a column for the thoughts of people with opinions of their own. They are not opinionated by the Editor and are not necessarily the views of this paper, or Editor.

If you want to write and think for yourself, we will be glad to express in print YOUR OPINION. It is interesting and we all may learn something from one another. This is a blanket invitation although we must confess that limited space will not permit all editorials to be printed the same time, but send it in when you write it and we will file it for some date.

If we have asked you to write, it was made in good faith.

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The average grade completed in school by white young people (20 to 24 years of age) is 11.7. In other words the high school graduate is almost an average for white youth.

The average grade completed in school for Negro youth (20 to 24 years of age) is 7.4. In other words the 8th grade graduate is almost an average for Colored youth.

The Negro rural child in the South has poorer school buildings and shorter terms, and usually is not provided with transportation facilities, such as school buses to consolidated schools.

In the recent survey entitled THESE MY BRETHREN which is being distributed for 40 cents a copy by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, it was shown that the distance to a high school from a Negro home was 12.7 miles. This is a long road if school buses are not provided.

The juke joint is only four miles away. A tavern is only 7.6 miles from the average Negro rural home. These facts are a challenge to our churches and to our country.

MORGANS DIVORCED

In a recent divorce case of Morgan vs. Morgan, through the advice of their respective attorneys it was agreed with Charles and Hazel that the decree would be granted by default. Mr. Morgan appeared in court represented by U. G. Plummer. He is traveling supervisor for Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for Pullman Co.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Ann Morrison

The birthday party for Horton Davis was a very beautiful affair for men only, January 18th. Refreshments and Virginia baked ham, with all the trimmings was served buffet style. Songs of cheer for the occasion were offered by Bob Hay ward and Earl Wright, with others helping in songs they knew. Attending party were Louis Johnson, Sam Blanchard, Mack Murphy, T. S. Harris and Oliver E. Smith.

It is with profound regret that this page report the passing of Mrs. Darnita Atkins, wife of V. W. Atkins, and expresses the sympathy of their friends.

Mr. William Davis arrived home from Chicago with a new bride. Mrs. Davis was here last summer as a house guest of Mrs. Ella Smith of S. E. Frances Street.

The Plummers (both families) have returned home after spending the holidays in Kansas City with friends and relatives. Herman said they had a wonderful trip, and reminds us that the Portland Branch NAACP meets every third Sunday in each month. We pass that on to you.

New Northwest Lodge 2554 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, meets every first Tuesday at Prince Hall at 8 p.m.

The Stewardess Board No. 2 of Zion AME church met at the home of Mrs. Lillard Evans Monday, Jan. 8th. The topic of discussion was “Women of the Bible” and the subject was Esther, lead by Mrs. Irene Burgess.

ANTIQUE COLLECTORS’ EXHIBIT

The women’s organizations of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church are holding an Antique Collectors’ Show at the parish hall, corner of N. E. Knott and Rodney Sts., on Sunday, February 4, from 1:00 until 5:30 p.m.

This exhibit will feature many heirlooms of Portland families, including glass, china, jewelry, linen and many other authentic pieces of by-gone days.

Mrs. Lulu Perry Gunderson, the outstanding dealer of the Northwest, and a foremost authority on antiques will be present to identify the articles with their correct names, periods and general information and to answer questions.

Mrs. Mary Fuller will serve tea throughout the afternoon, using an antique samovar.

The show is open to the public, both for exhibiting articles and attendance. Registration fee for the exhibits is fifty cents, covering admission also. Articles may be brought to the parish hall from 9:00 a.m., day of the showing. Anyone wishing to place articles on exhibit may contact Mrs. A. Britton, exhibit chairman, by calling Webster 2781, Mrs. E. E. Cornelius, Garfield 2370, or Mrs. Ida McClendon, Murdock 3918. Early registration is desirable.

Household Ruth No. 844 had installation of officers Jan. 9th at Prince hall. The officers are: Clara Triplett, MNG; Savanah Clark, RNG; Erma Hepburn, Treasurer; Johnnie Mae Evans, WR; Hattie Jones, NG; Laura Martin, C; Alberta Randolph, PMNG and Josephine Morison Counselor.

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