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VICE PRESIDENT DISCUSSES RACIAL ISSUES IN SOUTH

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Twice in the same week Vice President Nixon has called upon the nation to assume the personal responsibility of racial prejudice in this country.

Speaking to the General Federation of Women's Clubs here in Asheville, Wednesday, the Vice President discussed the "controversial but vital domestic issue" which has such far reaching effect on our foreign policy.

The impression people have of America abroad, he said, is determined more by what we do than by what we say. They inevitably ask the question of how Americans can really believe in equality when they practice racial discrimination in their own country.

MUST MEET THE CHALLENGE

He informed the women's group that they should not sit back and expect the government to solve the problem. Truly there are some things the government can do such as enact the moderate civil rights bill now before congress. But in the final analysis the challenge must be met by community leaders.

"It is only through the willingness of public-spirited citizens in all walks of life to assume personal responsibility for removing the causes of racial prejudice that we can assure the progress that eventually will make the American dream of equality of opportunity a reality for all of our citizens."

MAKES SAME PLEA UP NORTH

The Vice President made the same plea to a northern audience in a commencement address at Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich., Sunday.

In this address, Mr. Nixon stated that "a law is only as good as the will of the people to obey it, and this will must come from the hearts of the people everywhere."

He insisted that moderate and constructive action must be taken by people of both races.

TWA's Refusal To Hire Negro Girl To Be Aired

NEW YORK—The New York State Commission Against Discrimination announced this week it would hold a public hearing July 9 into alleged discriminatory hiring practices by Trans-World Airlines, Inc. TWA is accused of refusing to hire a Negro girl as a hostess.

Charles Abrams, chairman of the state agency, said TWA refused last September to hire the Negro applicant, Dorothy W. Franklin, 21, on the ground that she has "poor complexion . . . unattractive teeth" and legs that are "not shapely."

J. Edward Conway, investigator for the commission, said the reason the girl was not hired was because she is a Negro.

News Of Interest You Should Know

JAMESTOWN, Va.—Rene MacColl, reporter for the London Daily Express, recently questioned whether the Queen should attend the Jamestown Festival in October because Eisenhower said "no to Jamestown" and the "red-hot color problem" in Virginia.

NEW YORK — Leading social scientists met in a private home here Friday upon the call of Dr. Alonzo Moron, president of Hampton Institute, to discuss the establishment of an academic center to study the processes of integration on a world-wide scale. The proposal was first made by Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force, in the commencement address at Hampton.

DYERSBURG, Tenn.—The Rev. J. W. D. Mayes, who retired at the age of 102 after suffering a broken hip in a fall on ice, died last week at 104. He was buried in a grave he dug for himself.

CLINTON, S. C.—Jobie Shelton, 28, and his stepfather, William T. Hill, 60, and Thomas D. Jacobs, 59-year-old white man, last week were arrested on charges of plotting to kidnap a banker's son and hold him for \$350,000 ransom. Jacobs is the grandson of a prominent state educator.

BALTIMORE — John Moses Billy, who fathered the "love baby" of blonde Shirley Howard, is being sued for divorce by his wife, Myrtle. Miss Howard was indicted under an ancient Maryland statute making it a crime for a white woman to give birth to a baby by a colored man. Chief Judge Emory Niles on April 16 held the 250-year-old law unconstitutional.

Doctor Kills Teacher, Slays Self

GERMANTOWN, Pa.—"Magic roots" which he was accused of scattering over his neighbor's lawn and rose bushes, led to a bloody tragedy in the fashionable Musgrave residential section here last week.

Slain were next door neighbors:

Mrs. Ethel Thomas, 24, a social leader and Philadelphia public school teacher, a bullet in her chest.

William Y. Cavell, 70, wealthy Virginia-born root doctor and self-

and statute making it a crime for a white woman to give birth to a baby by a colored man. Chief Judge Emory Niles on April 16 held the 250-year-old law unconstitutional.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Mrs. Melba Jean Davis, who on last April 8 killed her 19-month-old son and stuffed his body in a furnace, was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a jury Wednesday. She has been ordered confined to a state mental hospital.

BALTIMORE — Mrs. Helen Gray, who served as personal maid for Mrs. Bernice F. Van Horn, who was found slain on June 2, has been willd \$30,000, which is to be placed in a trust fund earning her \$60 a month for life.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Quintuplets born to an African mother of twins, triplets and quadruplets, died last week. The multiple births occurred in Vila de Jose Belo, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa.

FT. RILEY, Kans. — Angered because they had reprimanded him, Sp. 1/c Paul A. Barrier, 29, of Jacksonville, Fla., seized an M-1 rifle Monday and killed Lt. Jerry Humphrey, 22, of Auburn, Neb., and M/Sgt. Ralph Stilson, 29, of Flatrock, Mich.

FT. RUCKER, Ala.—Sp. 3/c Earl Stewart, 20, of Memphis, has been charged with murder in the fatal stabbing of M/Sgt. Henry J. Brown, white, 28, of Cogswell, N.D., outside the non-commissioned officers' club. Stewart said Brown called him an insulting name.

EDITORIAL CIVIL RIGHTS BILL UP TO THE U.S. SENATE NOW

Last week's vote in the House on the question of civil rights proves conclusively that regardless of the discontent among minority groups, and especially Negroes, the conscience of the nation is determined to do something about the right of the Negro to vote in sections of the country where he is largely in the majority. That is the real issue at stake in this controversy, after everything has been said and done.

For a long time nothing has been said about the right of the Negro to vote in areas where he is actually in the majority. It is the basic majority vote that Southerners fear. Somehow the southern white man feels that he will lose face and that racial superiority will go out the window the moment he permits majority rule, regardless of who the majority may be, or to what race it belongs, other than white.

There are some sections of the country where political subdivisions are in control of Chinese, somewhere Japanese, Mexicans and other nationalities would determine who is elected to office. That's too much democracy for the South, and strictly in opposition to its way of life. Down in the Deep South there are many counties where the black man is in the majority. The Brownell proposal will immediately place the Negro in position where he not only can register, but vote.

Regardless of the fact that during the past ninety days the President or the Vice President has not spoken out on issues that flame luridly in the skies, it can be safely said the Republican party, under President Eisenhower, has

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U.S. Winning War On Dope

WASHINGTON — The illicit traffic in narcotics is being stamped out throughout the world despite the active non-cooperation of Communist China, says an expert in the field.

Harry J. Anslinger, U.S. commissioner of narcotics, told newsmen the Red Chinese are reaping an "enormous" harvest of foreign exchange from dope addicts the world over.

The China mainland, Anslinger said, is the source of about 65 percent of the narcotics found in illicit channels.

"Other countries are making an effort to stop the traffic," he said. "The Red Chinese government is doing nothing at all."

"The narcotics come down from Red China to Burma, Thailand and Laos. Some of it then finds its way to Hong Kong and Japan, thence to the United States."

"Aside from Red China," Anslinger said, "the main source of heroin has shifted to Syria. Last year Lebanon was the chief source of heroin smuggled into the United States," he said, "but pressures from the Lebanese government forced the smugglers to move their operations to Syria."

"Turkey grows much of the opium poppy crop found in that region and converts the poppies into legitimate drugs."

"Dope traffickers, however, buy the poppies from farmers and smuggle them to Syria. There, in clandestine laboratories, the poppy seeds are converted into opium, then morphine, then heroin."

"The situation has grown so bad," Anslinger said, "that the Turks recently mined their borders to keep the smugglers out."

Worldwide Integration Plan OK'd

HAMPTON, Va.—The proposal for an academic center to study worldwide integration made here last week by Thomas K. Finletter, former secretary of the Air Force, in the commencement address at Hampton Institute was accepted by the college president, Alonzo G. Moron.

Dr. Moron regards Finletter's proposal as "a challenge and a step that can be taken by our country towards the solution of the twin problems: Peace and the achievement of human equality."

In reviewing Finletter's suggestion that a group of distinguished social scientists be brought together to conduct research into the problem of world-wide integration, President Moron underlined the importance of the address.

In evaluating the speech, Moron compared it to that made by Gen. George C. Marshall at Harvard, in which he outlined the Marshall Plan. Two other commencement addresses were ranked by Moron with Finletter's today:

Winston Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., and President Eisenhower's speech last year at Baylor, Texas. The President's Texas address was the occasion for the unveiling of his People-to-People program.

"Hampton stands ready to accept this challenge," Moron stated. "Because of our 90 years of history as an interracial facility for education," the college president explained, "we seem to qualify for consideration as a location for the kind of center proposed by Mr. Finletter."

He pointed out that the school's success has been achieved in spite of its operating in what is regarded as an unfavorable situation for the prospect of integration.

Discrimination At Medical Arts Building

A highly qualified young Negro dentist has been denied office space in the Medical Arts Building because of his race.

The dentist is Dr. Clarence O. Pruitt, who graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1954, and served two years as a dental officer in the U.S. Air Force. Upon his discharge last June, Pruitt received an appointment as instructor in the Dental School's crown and bridge department.

In April of this year, Pruitt and a white fellow staff member in the Dental School, proposing to establish a joint practice, found a vacancy in the Medical Arts Building which would be highly suitable to their needs. This office was already equipped for dental practice, having been occupied by Dr. J. H. Rossman, a dentist who had passed away suddenly around the first of the year. The equipment was available at modest cost. However, the waiting room would be shared with two physicians.

As Dr. Pruitt relates it, his fellow dentist, Dr. Harry Lundeen, approached the two physicians, Dr. John J. McCallig and Dr. Verner E. Ruedy, and both stated they would welcome Pruitt. However, when the building manager, Gerard Macnamara, was approached, Macnamara flatly rejected the proposed arrangement, declaring tenants would move out of the building and that objections would be voiced by patrons if a Negro were to move in. Pruitt asked Macnamara who owned the building. This information was refused. "What I told you is final," Macnamara declared.

Pruitt said Ruedy and McCallig expressed disappointment when they learned he had been refused admittance.

Pruitt reported the matter to the Urban League in April, but did not wish the League to take any action at that time, as he had been advised to seek the help of

the Dental Association, which he was doing, and he wanted to give them time to take constructive action. This month he informed the League that the Portland District Dental Society, at its May meeting, had voted to condemn the owners of any building who refused office space to a member of the Society solely because of race, religion or national origin.

Pruitt stated further that, through the efforts of Dr. Paul W. Kunkel, president of the Oregon Dental Association, he had been able to obtain space in the Selling Building, and would open his office there on July 1. He stated that his proposed partner, Dr. Lundeen, had been under some financial pressure to get a practice started as soon as possible, and that Lundeen had entered a business arrangement with another dentist. Pruitt also said that the move to the Selling Building would cost him approximately \$7,000 for new equipment, whereas he and Lundeen would have been able to take over the equipment in Medical Arts for a total of \$600 between them.

This article is intended to inform you of a matter which we believe deserves community attention.

As you know, the Urban League seeks to translate the ideals and principles of American democracy into common practice by encouraging general acceptance of the principle of equality of opportunity for all people. This recent denial of office space, admittedly based solely upon racial considerations, is a significant benchmark of the democratic maturity of our community.

The primary interest of the Urban League in this regard is that this incident will stimulate such positive and constructive community action as may minimize the probable recurrence of similar denials in the future.

Welfare Applicant Commits Suicide

PHILADELPHIA—Aged and ill, Mrs. Ella Ewell Gaskins had waited a long time for welfare officials to clear her application for an emergency food order.

The order was finally "cleared" on Friday. But by that time, the despondent woman had killed herself.

Mrs. Gaskins, believed to be in her 70's, lived with blind John G. Richardson, 87, and his invalid daughter, Mrs. Glendora Hibri, 60, at 1110 Baring St., in Camden.

She was given a room there in exchange for minor chores she performed for the handicapped couple. But they could not give her sufficient food, so she made application for help from the Welfare Bureau.

A neighbor said the application was made last April. The emergency food order was finally authorized and was to have been delivered on Friday—the day Mrs. Gaskins was found suffering three bullet wounds of the chest. She died the following day in Cooper Hospital.

According to Detective Jacob Naressa, Mrs. Gaskins usually took her blind landlord for a morning walk. Mr. Richardson was waiting downstairs for her when the fatal shots were heard.

Mrs. Mary Downard, next door neighbor, who took an interest in the three unfortunate people was called. She summoned the police.

Authorities had difficulty in es-

tablishing Mrs. Gaskins' age, which was somewhat responsible for the delay in approving her application for welfare assistance.

No birth certificate could be furnished. Mrs. Gaskins was born in Haymarket, Va., at a time when no such records were kept for colored children.

The welfare investigator finally located a death certificate for her husband, Annanias Gaskins, who died on January 1, 1928 at the age of 51. But neither did this record have the wife's age.

They also had been checking the lead that Mrs. Gaskins had worked for 30 years as a domestic in Hadonfield, N. J. They were trying to establish her age and Social Security benefits.

After her death, an insurance policy was found made out to a woman friend in Virginia. It gives Mrs. Gaskins' birthdate as January 1, 1900 which would make her age 57.

Her closest survivor is a niece, Mrs. Irene Tutt of 635 Van Hook St., Camden.

Police surmise that the ancient gun which was the suicide weapon, belonged to her late husband. Hundreds of viewers, many out of morbid curiosity, passed the pier Tuesday night at the Carl Miller Funeral Home. Burial took place Wednesday afternoon (June 11) in Sunset Memorial Park at Pennsauken, N. J.



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EDITORIAL

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL UP TO THE U. S. SENATE NOW
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placed its finger directly upon the cause of the entire trouble. We ought to stop and give them credit for this. Let the Negro vote down in Georgia and Mississippi undisturbed, and he will settle himself most of his present and current problems. Let the sheriffs in Deep Dixie counties realize that Negroes in majority elected him to office and lynching will end instanter. That's what Brownell means when he says the federal government should have the right to step in and enjoin state government when it threatens to do a thing that constitutionally is illegal.

The final vote showed that Congress is pretty well mixed up on this subject. On the final roll call it did better than it did on the question of "trial by jury" the bill went through. In that instance the liberal view won by 30 votes, but when it came to a vote on the unamended proposal it went over with 160 votes to spare. The significant thing about that vote is that its strength came from coalition between 168 Republicans and 118 Democrats.

The hold-up now will be in the upper house. Perhaps the impressive 160 majority will have proper effect. The Republican strategy will stem from action coming from the Republican leadership, headed by Senator Knowland. The most stupendous filibuster ever launched in the upper house may start rolling. It will be recalled the House passed civil rights legislation two years ago, but it was halted in the Senate, where members of this great deliberative body are not as responsive to the will of the people as are House members.

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Mr. Chesley E. Corbett,
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Portland, Oregon

Dear Chesley:

Thank you very much for your fine editorial which appeared in the June 13, 1957 issue of the Northwest Clarion. Your assistance in this important fight against narcotics is greatly appreciated.

I hope you are feeling fine now, Chesley, and fully recovered from your recent illness. Best regards to you.

Yours truly,
TERRY
Mayor

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MOTOR TRAVEL LESS THIS YEAR

A 1.5 per cent drop in Oregon motor vehicle travel so far this year was reported today by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

Latest month to show a drop was April when travel fell off about 12,000,000 miles from that recorded for April a year ago. So far this year, January has been the only month to show an increase in total motor vehicle mileage.

The rather low travel figure for April of 589,990,150 miles was matched by a drop in traffic deaths with 31 reported for that month. The state's death rate was 5.3 persons killed in each 100 million miles of travel. This compares with a 6.5 death rate for April in 1956.

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Bus, City Park Jim Crow Ends in New Orleans

On Wednesday morning in Federal District Court, Judge J. Skelly Wright signed orders permanently stopping enforcement of all city and state laws calling for segregation in city parks and on buses and streetcars in New Orleans.

The permanent injunctions would become effective, said Judge Wright, only after all appeals are exhausted by legal counsel representing the city in both suits.

The signing of the permanent injunctions was more or less expected inasmuch as Judge Wright had ruled on May 15 that all city and state laws requiring segregation in City Park and on buses and streetcars was unconstitutional. He had further indicated that he would sign the permanent injunctions.

The fact that city attorneys in both cases will appeal means that the injunctions will not become effective for quite a while yet. The granting of time to exhaust appeals in the two cases is routine and is simply a judicial courtesy. The city, through its attorneys, does not have to prolong the issue through exhaustive appeals because it is quite clear the injunctions are going to stand. Whether the city goes through with its appeals depends on the character and courage of the mayor and city council.



Beaver Lodge No. 38, F.&A.M. stated communication nights first and third Thursdays.

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Mississippi Negro Legionnaires Told 'Oust Agitators'

MAGEE, Miss.—Mississippi Negro American Legion posts were warned in a news release from Jack Pace, state Legion commander, to "rid their membership of radical agitators or face expulsion from the organization."

Pace, in the release from the state Legion's public relations division, contended that "there had been several incidents of late, such as Negro Legion post commanders condemning law enforcement agencies, radical Negro speakers being invited to speak to Negro Legion meetings and efforts on the part of some to stir up trouble."

"Strong measures" would be taken to halt such practices, Pace warned.

Pace, of Magee, Miss., also criticized an inquiry by U.S. Congressman Charles C. Diggs (Dem., Mich.) to the National Legion about an alleged meeting of two white Mississippi Legion posts and the Jackson Citizens Council as "none of his business."

Following his address to a meeting of Mississippi NAACP branches, Congressman Diggs wrote W. C. Daniel, national Legion commander, about the joint Legion-Citizens Council meeting.

Negro Musicians Want Segregated AFM Locals

Negro musicians attending the convention of the American Federation of Musicians in Denver, Colorado, last week went on record in favor of continuing their segregated locals and the union shelved a resolution which would outlaw segregation.

Two exceptions were the largest locals, New York's 802 and Los Angeles' 47 (both mixed), and the latter local offered the resolution to end segregation.

Most cities have two locals, one Negro and one white, in the AFM and from the sound of the Negro musicians who spoke at the convention, they want it to remain that way.


PETRILLO WON'T FORCE

AFM President James C. Petrillo declared that he was personally opposed to segregation but stated he was opposed to compelling locals to integrate.

Petrillo then went on to attack Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, whom he charged is doing more harm for Negroes in pushing integration in schools, labor and other areas than anyone else in the public eye.

Petrillo seemed to excuse the present integrated setup by declaring that the smaller Negro locals would be swallowed up by the larger white organizations if mergers were enforced.

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By ANN MORRISON

It is with a great deal of pride we salute Miss Machetta Kinnard for being elected head supervisor of the Allen Christian Endeavor League of the A.M.E. Church in the Puget Sound Conference. Miss Kinnard was elected during the district conference meeting in Bremerton, Wash., last week. We congratulate you and wish you much success for the year.

Mrs. M. Johnson and Miss Erma Jean Crump of Eugene, Ore., spent the week end visiting in our fair city. Miss Erma Jean is the daughter of Mrs. Edna Crump, a former resident of our city.

The many friends of Mr. Herman Baker are very glad to hear that he is home from the hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. Junita Brown arrived home last week after visiting friends for a fortnight. She had a fine time but glad to be back home.

SICK LIST

Mrs. Nelsine Campbell and Mrs. Lenora Gaskin are indoors because of illness.

Mrs. Nina Jackson was taken back to the hospital for further treatments due to injuries from an automobile accident.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Helen Harpole was hostess in her charming home at 723 N. Morris Street for the Young Matrons' Club, Thursday evening, June 27.

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ANNUAL DEBUTANTES' BALL PRESENTED

The Les Femmes Club held their annual Debutantes' Ball in the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall last Friday evening, June 21, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Eight debutantes were presented to society. The young ladies were the Misses Virginia Brown, Mary Ann Bosh, Jodie Hoggans, Jean Patterson, Bessie Ann Winston, Joe Betty Jones.

The hall was beautifully decorated with many lovely flowers, and the lighting effect was magnificent. The Lewis and Clark orchestra furnished the lovely music. Each deb was officially introduced by her father to their delightful friends who were out to welcome them socially. Mrs. Aldridge Johnson, the club president, and her co-workers went all out to make the evening an affair to be long remembered.

Mrs. Willie Mae Hall and young son Junior Hall are back from Oakland, Calif., to make their home again in our city.

WILLIAM-JOHNSON NUPTIALS

Miss Shirley Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Johnson, became the bride of Mr. Henry Williams, Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the House of Prayer of All Nations. The bride was very charming in a floor length white lace gown and veil. Miss Joan Johnson, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor. She wore a lovely blue lace waltz length gown. Misses Barbara Johnson and Theresa Searce were the bridesmaids and they wore green lace waltz length gowns. Mr. Harvey Daniels, cousin of the bride, was the best man. The ushers were Mr. Delbert McSwain and Mr. Clarence Rose. Mrs. Helen P. Hardy played the wedding march. Mrs. Bernice McCuller sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because." The Rev. Searce officiated.

A reception in honor of the happy couple following the ceremony was in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Johnson, at 4327 S.E. Long Street.

First Negroes Graduate From D.C. Page School

WASHINGTON—Vice President Richard M. Nixon presented Presidential Certificates to 18 graduates of the Capitol Page School, last week, two of whom were Negroes.

This was the first time in the history of the Page School that Negroes have had an opportunity to attend. The two graduates were Charles Vernon Bush and Frederick J. Saunders, both of Washington.

Bush was born in Tallahassee, Florida in 1939, and graduated from Banneker Junior high school at the age of 14. He was then appointed as pageboy to the United States Supreme Court in 1954, being the first of his race to receive such appointment.

Saunders, 18, is a native of Washington. He was appointed Library Assistant at the Supreme Court in September 1956. He plans to enter Lincoln University in Pennsylvania next fall.

Bush is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bush. His father is educational director of Clarke Hall, Howard University. He took the Required College Entrance Examination for the Air Force Academy this spring, making second highest grade.

Since the District of Columbia is only allowed one vacancy at the Air Academy, Bush was classified Alternate Appointee.

Mrs. Seatta Medlock and Mr. Neal, Jr., were among the Lewis and Clark College June graduates this year.

Ethiopians Don't Need Undertakers

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—An undertaker would starve to death in Ethiopia.

Of course, people die in Ethiopia. Yet there is not one undertaker in Addis Ababa, a city of about 400,000 people. Nor is there an undertaker anywhere else in the country.

Ethiopian religious customs don't permit undertakers to operate. Embalming is forbidden. Burial is quick. If a person dies in the morning of one day, he must be buried before sundown of that same day.

Wrapping and preparing the body for burial is the duty of relatives and friends. A hearse can be hired from the city hall, but often men march through the streets carrying the coffin on their shoulders.

Ethiopia's quick burial practices often cause shock to acquaintances and friends of the deceased. Before word reaches all, the dead person has already been buried before sunset of the day on which he died.

Some people, knowing that a person is sick, will ask a friend in the street how he is coming along. The answer often is that "He was buried day before yesterday" or "He was buried last week."

GROUND BREAKING PROGRAM SUNDAY

A ground breaking ceremony for the Union Baptist Church, 7th Avenue and Delaware Street, will be held Sunday, June 30. Rev. R. H. Williams, Longview, Washington is pastor and Sister Rosa L. Fisher is clerk. event. Sister Rosa L. Fisher is Clerk of the church.

Guest churches participating include: Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, Rev. O. B. Williams, master of ceremonies; Morning Star, Rev. S. McCollum; St. John, Rev. E. Boys, Jr.; St. Paul, Rev. R. Rogers; Truevine, Rev. M. Lewis; New Shiloh, Rev. J. H. Anderson; New Jerusalem, Rev. Jeff Sanders; House of Prayer, Longview, Wash., Rev. LeRoy Hart; First Baptist, Kelso, Wash., Rev. Mayberry; Mt. Siani, Rev. M. Check; Bethel Temple, Longview, Wash., Rev. and Mrs. Harris.

FIRST NEGRO VETS' CHIEF TAKES OFFICE

WASHINGTON — William R. Ming, Jr., of Chicago, has taken office as the first Negro national chairman of a veterans' organization in the country, following his election at the American Veterans' Committee 10th annual convention in April.

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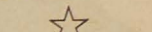
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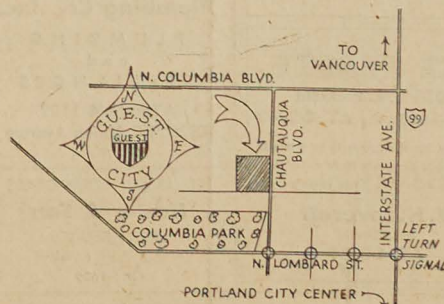
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