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NAACP MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF MEETING
Start of 1951 Drive . . . 1000 New Members Goal

The NAACP membership drive that started April 1st will run through the month of April. At a meeting Sunday, Luke Roberts, Program Director of KOIN gave a transcription of a broadcast of February 16 entitled "Who Killed Dr. Drew." This was to spur the Campaigners on . . . As Chairman of the Drive is Mrs. Anna Mae Lee and Raymond Wilson, Co-Chairman; Lillian Cadney, U. H. Leverette and Lucius Ellison as division leaders. Mr. Leverette is not shown in picture. Herman Plummer is president of the Local Chapter. Join the NAACP, invite all your friends and don't take "NO" for an answer. Everybody can Join. Ask Your Employer, your neighbors, relatives. Below is place to mail your $2.00 Do It NOW.

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From Oregon Statesman
Opponents of the bill to repeal the law banning marriages of persons of different races cite the existing prejudices. True, repeal of the law will not erase the prejudice, but the repealer doesn't force any mixed marriages. Prejudices will still prevent them. What the repealer does is to remove the legal ban against such intermarriage.

We congratulate them on their 100th birthday (Editor).

Editor Leaves,
Smith BPA Employee

Oliver E. Smith, former editor and founder of The Advocate Register, was appointed last week as employee of Bonneville Power Administration. Smith, active in politics in this area from 1940, now comes under "the Hatch Act," and no longer is able to participate in partisan political activities. He says he will not be far removed from community and civic activities.

"It is almost liking to losing a leg," said Smith.

Since his recent illness and major operation last year, he founded and continued as Editor of this paper. Through his efforts, The Advocate Register has gained national leadership.

The paper and the Democrats must suffer a loss of his services. Mr. Smith will retain an interest in the paper. The editorial policy has not changed. The opinions of the readers are yet welcomed. It is with a great deal of regrets of our loss and pleasure for BPA's gain that we wish him much success on his new job.

Summer Workshops

Two Interracial Workshops will be held this July—one in Washington, D. C., and the other in St. Louis, Mo. Persons interested in participating should get in touch as soon as possible with the national office of CORE, 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, N. Y.

Official Photographer

Manly M. Baltzegar will take pictures of events or persons for publication. A fee to cover the cost of engraving, photographing and developing will be charged. We are glad to print your pictures but we do not have the necessary money to engrave pictures free.
IN MY OPINION...

SHORT SHORTS

U. S. POLICY TOWARD THE FAR EAST

By Alice Franklin Bryant

We cannot prevent a new day from dawning. We cannot keep a great river from eventually reaching the sea. It will flow with a minimum of destruction if we do not attempt to do so. But if we exhaust ourselves building higher and higher a dam that we fondly hope will contain it, eventually that dam will give way, and most destructive will be the flood that carries away our homes and those of our neighbors.

Change is as irresistible as this great river. It cannot be prevented, but if we showed sufficient wisdom we could have a hand in guiding it.

In Asia and Africa change is overdue and cannot be long delayed. The miserable masses demand a better life. People tired of colonialism are rebelling against it. Our country started by revolutionary means: and if our early fires had not cooled, it is we who would be providing the inspiration and leadership for the peoples of Asia and Africa instead of trying to bolster up regimes that are doomed.

If we stopped sending planes and bombs to devastate Asia and to create hatred against ourselves; and concentrated rather on such constructive measures as resettling Arab refugees in Iraq, controlling floods in China, sending our surplus food to famished countries, and throwing our moral weight against racial injustice—both here and in South Africa—we would still have a chance to rally the people of Asia and Africa to our banner.

PEACE WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE

A visit was made to the Capitol to see the much advertised Peace Crusade to Washington on March 15, arranged by the so-called American Peace Crusade, an organic part of the Communist Party, as reported by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. Ironically the delegation from New York City did not have a peaceful trip to Washington, as a young riot among the passengers developed on the train and police were called to remove some of the "peacemakers" at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Silver Spring, Maryland, on the outskirts of Washington. It is a sad commentary, but a true one, on the peaceful motives of Communism generally. The rather thin line of visitors that finally reached the Capitol was kept moving by the police and small groups only were allowed to see the Congressmen in their offices. The line seemed even smaller than in other days in the past when on one excuse or another, Communist organizers rallied their followers and duped sympathizers to a march on Washington. How aptly Scripture has warned of those who cry "Peace, peace when there is no peace." Incidentally, the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, in a letter to Congressman Carnahan of Missouri, on February 15, 1951, wrote in part: "There is no doubt that this 'Crusade for Peace' will try to use the standard weapons of the Partisans of Peace—divide and conquer, infiltrate and confuse."

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

By John M. Swomley, Jr.

You have undoubtedly been as surprised as everyone else at the vigor with which popular opposition to conscription has expressed itself. The Senate debate has lasted longer than any debate on conscription in the past ten years. Despite this opposition in the Senate, we expect even stronger opposition in the House of Representatives, and that is where we are concentrating most of our efforts.

Will you once again, no matter how many letters you have already written, write to your own Congressman, Homer D. Angell, asking him to make sure that there is a terminal date in the bill so we aren't saddled with permanent conscription, and to separate the permanet Universal Military Training feature from the draft bill so that Congress may consider each on its own merits and not have to take U. M. T. in one package with Selective Service. Most Congressmen who are opposed to U. M. T. are for Selective Service. They will be able to vote against U. M. T. only if it is not a part of the Selective Service bill.

NEW TECHNIQUE FOR MEETINGS

In the brand new book New Ways to Better Meetings by Bert and Frances Strauss we may have the answer to that feeling we have all had at one time or another: "I'll never go to another meeting!" Remember when you started off to a real hot gathering on some current subject all fired with enthusiasm for the "cause"? Wot happen? You had two or three good meetings and then someone decided you had to have a constitution and the next few meetings were devoted to arguing about bylaws until only the bylaw committee was left and no one at all with any enthusiasm to go on with the "cause". Everyone has had similar experiences. The Strauss' book says it doesn't have to be so. In simple, humorous style they tell us how to get members of a group, small or large, to participate, how to reach decisions of the whole group without the straightjacket of Robert's Rules of Order.

One of the most interesting chapters in the book is called "Can the Chairman Stop Being Boss?" This interesting thesis is developed: A chairman can bolster his confidence in the members of his organization if he considers three points which are actual findings of scientific investigations of group behavior made in recent years:

1. Though a few superior individuals may be better in their judgment ability, the average of group judgment is superior to most individual judgments. When a problem involves a number of people, group thinking will produce better results than the thinking of any one person.

2. A group is more likely to accept good suggestions than to reject them.

3. Groups do not err as soon as the average individual does.

Sounds like good old democracy to us. If any chairman feels unsafe in relinquishing the gavel, here are further words of encouragement. "A chairman should remember that the reward for waiving his old rights and privileges includes the greater interest with which the members will carry out decisions. For when he steps down as authority and lets the members really share the responsibility of planning, defining, and deciding, he is bound to enlist and release a new energy in his group."

The book is published by the Viking Press of New York. $2.95.

The Oregon Forum on Intergroup Relations sponsored by the Oregon Fair Employment Practices Advisory Committee will meet in the evening, April 26 and the morning of April 27—Meeting place to be announced later. Watch for further notice.
BRIEFS . . .

Oliver E. Smith Jr., returned to Portland, Easter Sunday but not until he said his Easter recitation at his Sunday School class Program at 9th Ave. Community Church in Longview, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Smith were in the audience to see the program in the church that Mr. Smith had participated in similar programs years ago.

Many people turned out Easter Sunday to the Iota Philander Sorority annual Silver Tea at Mrs. Beatrice Reed's, 2107 N. Vancouver Ave.

D. C. Polls Show 84% Opposed To Segregation

Washington, D. C.—In 9 polls of patrons held over a 1-month period at the Playhouse Theater, the Interracial Workshop found that 94.2% of the 1162 persons answering favor establishment of a non-discriminatory seating policy. Only 183 persons, or 15.8% felt that the theater should be discriminatory.

A Workshop report on the polls (with breakdown charts) sent to Victor Orsinger, local representative of management, concludes: "These data certainly confirm the already-known experience of the Dupont, little (both under the same management as the Playhouse, but unsegregated) and the plaza Theaters, and the Gayety and Arena stage houses, that non-discrimination does not adversely affect patronage."

All nine polls were taken in an objective manner. The patron was handed a pencil and a slip of paper bearing the question and "yes" and "no" check boxes. The pollsters then stepped back and directed his attention elsewhere. No conversation passed between patron and pollster, nor did the pollster see the patron's answer. The question was whether the patron believed members of all races should be admitted to the theater.

This paper of independent thought may be continued by four (4) subscribers per day (6 days) for 52 weeks. 1248 subscribers is our goal. This minimum will just cover printing, postage. Other services are volunteer and non-profit.

Important Meeting Notice

NAACP Meetings — Regular meeting date changed for next time! The April meeting will be held on the fifth Sunday (April 29) instead of the third. Why? Because the regional meeting will be Saturday on the 28th and we can have Regional Director Franklin Williams from San Francisco on the 29th.

Bishop Oxnam Questions
AMA Stand Against Health Insurance

Speaking before the American Protestant Hospital Association in Chicago early in March, Bishop Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church said:

"Protestants demand the freedom necessary to render medical service which is at once an expression of Christian love rendered in an atmosphere that is Christian in spirit, and that maintains the highest of professional standards. They are opposed to bureaucratic dictates from the state, and are equally opposed to the reactionary propaganda of the American Medical Association relative to the extension of insurance plans for the payment of medical and hospital fees."

The bishop said that an assessment put upon every American doctor by the AMA to raise a propaganda fund is a "national disgrace." He charged that this fund "is being used to misinform a nation."

"There are no better doctors in the world than the American doctor. Let these doctors, in co-operation with the national health needs, work out progressive answers to the problems, rather than pay their assessments to a little oligarchy that has fought advance for a generation."

Declaring that the issue is not "socialized" medicine nor "governmental" medicine, he added "Americans want neither, but they do want good health, and they want a way to pay for it."

Editor's note: Bishop Oxnam was one of many American citizens singled out by John T. Flynn in "The Road Ahead" as a menace to American life. "The Road Ahead" was heavily financed by the AMA and somehow every doctor had a copy and was urged to aid in the distribution of the book which would be better titled "The Road Backward." We like to think that the day will come when the good doctors will recover from their habit of letting "a little oligarchy" do their social and political thinking for them because they are so busy being the best doctors in the world. They will then thank the Bishop Oxnams who are fighting so valiantly for what every doctor worth his salt wants—more and better medical care for all of our people. O. S.

SCOUTS AT WORK ON CIRCUS

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts all over Portland are canvassing their friends and neighbors offering tickets to the forthcoming Scout Circus and Craft Show which is to be held at the Pacific International Arena on April 13 and 14.

This year, the Cub Den and the Scout Patrol or Crew that sells the most tickets will receive as a prize a special charter flight above the Columbia Gorge and over the mountains. Already Scouts and Cubs have made visits to Portland Airport to inspect the DC-3 in which the prize-winning flight will be taken.

Generally the coming weeks are to be busy ones for every Cub and Boy Scout in Portland. In addition to selling tickets to the Circus, they are busy preparing their acts and demonstrations for the annual event to be held this year on April 13 and 14. For the first time the craft exhibits are being made a major part of the show, having equal importance with the circus itself. In the Craft Show, all the skills associated with Scouting will be demonstrated. Such activities as woodworking, pottery, taxidermy, bee-keeping, first aid to animals, radio, archery and many others may be seen by friends and parents of Scouting. During the entire Craft Show, Scouts and Cubs will be in the booths actively demonstrating the skills as well as explaining the exhibits.

The circus part of the show will be a gala event with 12,000 boys from northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington taking part. There will be dramatic demonstrations of mountain scaling and rescuing by Explorer Scouts, Sea Scouts will build a square rigger ship on the spot, exciting Indian dances and ceremonies, knot-tying with foot-thick hawsers and many other dramatic Scouting activities.

Friends and parents of Portland Scouts are urged by the Area Council office to purchase their tickets to the Circus and Craft Show early, and to purchase them from their neighborhood Boy Scout or Cub Scout.

Hughes Memorial Methodist church presents The Cordsmen at Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, 1410 S.W. Morrison St., Friday, April 6. Admission is $1.00 plus tax. Come out and support this fine group.

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Billy Webb, lodge No. 1050, Elks, will be host to the Past Exalted Rulers' council No. 29B, Saturday, April 14, when this migratory body meet in Portland. The Elks plan a big "initiation" on Sunday, April 15.

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