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CITIZENS PRAISE GULFPORT POLICEMEN

Miss. Youth Now Full-Fledged Carrier Pilot

Ensign Jessie Leroy Brown Of Hattiesburg Receives Commission As Flight Naval Aid Officer Abroad Aircraft Carrier USS Leyte

Hard Work For Education Brings Outstanding Honor To Former Eureka High School Student

Great Lakes, Ill., Ninth Naval District, April 25 — The first Negro to receive a commission as a Naval aviator is Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Route 1, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who recently received his commission aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, at sea.



The road to commissioning was not an easy one for Ensign Brown. Born in 1926 in Hattiesburg, Miss., he attended public elementary school, after which he entered Eureka High School. In order to attend high school, it was necessary for him to work nights as a waiter in a night club and during summer vacations on the family tenant farm, or at such odd jobs as laundry truck driver. One summer he worked at Camp Shelby, Miss., as a laborer. After graduation he entered Ohio State University, only to find that he had to work twice as hard as he had in high school in order to meet expenses. He began working in campus fraternity and sorority houses waiting on tables, but found his income insufficient and was forced to take a job as a laborer with the Pennsylvania Railroad loading boxcars.

Prof. Anslem J. Finch of Brandon, widely known and gifted writer and orator is now being referred to as Mississippi's most quoted Negro.

At the state Teachers Convention held recently in Jackson, Prof. W. Milan Davis, president of the Negro State Teachers Association in response and address by Governor Fielding used the phrase — "Inside Neglect is worse than outside interference."

Invention of the phrase which is now being often and widely quoted is credited to Prof. Finch, who during his remarks in presenting Miss Hazel Brannon to the 1948 Teachers Convention said, "Inside Neglect is far more detrimental to the progress and development of Mississippi than Outside Interference."

He first enrolled in the Navy V-5 program at Cincinnati, Ohio and after completing his second year at Ohio State was ordered to duty as a seaman apprentice, Naval Reserve, at the Naval Air Station, Ottumwa, Iowa in April 1947, he began his pre-flight training. While at Ottumwa, Ensign Brown was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy and was then sent to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., to complete his training. Ordered to the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. for advanced and operational training in the P-6F Grumman "Hellcat" fighter plane, he qualified as a carrier pilot on the aircraft carrier USS Wright and received his pilot's wings on Oct. 21, 1948.

Georgia Judge Says 10 In Mob Already Known

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 25 (Special) — A high Georgia jurist, speaking Friday before members of the Chattanooga Civitan Club, condemned mob violence and defended justice under the law, when he charged Dade County Sheriff Lynch and three of his deputies with assisting hooded mobsters in the flogging outrage upon 7 Negroes near the Tennessee and Georgia line.

The judge was J. M. C. "Red" Townsend, of the Georgia Court of Appeals, who denounced the



First Negro to receive a commission as a Naval Aviator is Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Route 1, Hattiesburg, Miss. Ensign Brown is shown receiving his commission at sea from Capt. William L. Erdmann, USN, Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, while his Squadron Commander, Lt. Commander E. D. Williams, USN,

Talmadge Says Real Purpose Of New Georgia Vote Law Is To Move Negroes From Voters List

Say Certain Politician Hope To Use Negro "Bloc" Vote As Political Weapon

Counties Balk A Heavy Expense To Enforce New Law

Atlanta, Ga., April 25 — Governor Talmadge made no attempt to conceal the purpose of the State's Registration law, enacted into law by the recent legislature.

Speaking before the annual Association of Georgia County Commissioners last Tuesday, Mr. Talmadge said there were approximately 150,000 Negroes on the voting list, and:

"The only way we can remove them from the lists is to strike the old lists in its entirety and start over."

Talmadge's speech followed statewide repercussions to the enforcement of the law in Georgia's 159 counties, due to the heavy expense involved. In Bibb County, where new registrars have already been appointed, it was estimated it will cost upwards of \$5,000 to re-register the eligible voters.

In Cobb County Monday, where the April term of the Grand jury was ordered to set about selecting six registrars, Judge Howell declared:

"I don't know whether it is a good law or not, I know one thing, it's going to be costly."

Under the Cobb County plan, the jurors will choose six names and from these registrars will be appointed at a cost of \$7.40 a day until the county's 20,000 odd voters are registered.

In his address to the Commissioners' Convention Tuesday, the governor charged failure of the counties to process the new registration ruling to certain politicians who have and hope to solicit and use the bloc votes "as a political weapon". He stated that there are approximately 150,000 Negroes on the state voting lists and said:

"Everyone knows that many of them are not qualified under the constitution of Georgia or the laws of our state. Those of this 'Bloc' he said, 'Know little or nothing of the candidates or issues involved in elections.'"

State Wide Membership Started By State Democrats Association

The Mississippi State Democrats Association, the recently formed organization for Negro citizens of the state pledge to support the principles of the Democratic Party announced the beginning of a state-wide membership campaign from its headquarters at 119 1-2 N. Parish Street early this week.

Membership in the association which is pledged to foster inter-racial cooperation and good will through the education of the Negroes political action and party responsibility is open to both men and women.

Membership in the organization is on a statewide basis. All members being first members of the state organization. However, in any locality where a number of members choose to do so they may come together and form a local organization. The membership dues and other means of financing the local organization to be determined by the local membership.

Under the leadership of C. W. Burton, a member of the Executive committee of the State Organization plans were already underway here last week for organizing a local Democratic Club.

The membership dues in the state organization is \$2.00 per year; Out of the \$2.00 membership \$1.00 will be set aside for a special fund for legal action and for political contributions.

Every man and woman old enough to vote even though he

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune Proclaims Negro Loyalty To America

Washington, D. C. April 22 — Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder-President of the National Council of Negro Women, told newsmen today that she speaks for 800,000 American Negro Women when she says that "Negroes have always stood by America in any emergency and Negroes will always stand by America in any emergency."

Mrs. Bethune said that "As far as 800,000 American Negro women are concerned, Paul Robeson does not speak for the Negroes in America." She said that the report of Mr. Robeson's remarks at the "So-called Peace Conference being held in Paris" has "chilled my blood." "I just cannot understand it," Mrs. Bethune added. The text of Mrs. Bethune's statement is as follows:

"Negroes have always stood by America in any emergency and Negroes will always stand by America in any emergency. The 14 million Negroes of America will always be loyal to America. Whatever our difficulties may be here, we stand as one against whatever intrusion might come upon us as a nation. We feel that we are Americans. We have always defended and will always defend the American ideals. When there are weak points in those ideals we will use our brains to strengthen those weak points."

"As far as we are concerned, Paul Robeson does not speak for the Negroes of America. He speaks for himself and for those who think as he thinks. He was not elected by the Negroes of America to go to the Paris Conference. He was not appointed or delegated by the Negroes of America to attend the so-called Peace Conference as their representative. He, therefore, is in no position to speak for them."

United Negro College Fund Opens Sixth Annual Nation Wide Campaign

New York, April 28 — More than 400 persons heard Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, and Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress, urge support of the United Negro College Fund at the opening of its sixth annual nationwide campaign here yesterday in the Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center. Harold Stassen emphasized the role of the 31 accredited private Negro colleges in the Fund in "Education and Humanitarian Progress." The Fund is seeking \$1,400,000 or 10 percent of the combined operating budgets of its member schools.

John R. Suman, Vice President, Standard Oil (New Jersey), chairman of the 1949 campaign, presided at the meeting. Sponsors were Winthrop W. Aldrich, Fund treasurer, and chairman of the Chase National Bank; Claude A. Barnett, vice-chairman of the current campaign, and director of the Associated Negro Press; John W. Hanes, director, U. S. Lines; and Walter Hoving, President Hoving Corporation, both national council members; Don G. Mitchell, President of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., and chairman of the Fund's Greater New York Committee; Thomas A. Morgan, president of the Sperry Corporation, council member; John D. Rockefeller, Jr., council chairman; Frank Totton, vice president, Chase National Bank, council member; and Mrs. Chauncey L. Waddell, daughter of the late Charles E. Hughes, and associate chairman of the council.

The speakers addressed the gathering from a dais which included such well known Fund supporters as Dorothy Maynor, soprano, who sang a group of songs; Ruth Whitehead Whaley, Executive Assistant to New York City Department of Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard, and Co. chairmen of the Fund's Greater New York Committee; and the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Robeson, of the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, New York City, who made the invocation.



Negro Policemen Complete First Month Service In Gulfport

Gulfport, Miss., April 25 — Two fully uniformed Negro policemen with a cruising car have already completed their first month of duty here in the principal city along with the Mississippi's rapidly developing Gulf Coast.

With their first month of service behind them the two Negro officers have already won the highest praise from leading Negro as well as White citizens of the city.

Prof. J. B. Greene, long time principal of the Gulfport High School who can well be regarded as the spokesman for the leading Negro citizens of the city proclaimed the appointment of the two Negro policemen as the most constructive move in the civic life and development of the city. Prof. Greene said their conduct of their duties and sense of responsibility has been highly praised. He said their appointment has already had a very noticeable effect on the attitude toward law enforcement and obedience of the law, and had greatly increased the pride and spirit of the Negro community.

The two Negro policemen equipped with a car to cover the widely scattered Negro communities of the city who were appointed on March 1st are Malachi Lee and Z. H. Durr.

Negro Citizens Hear Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

A number of Negro citizens were among the large crowd that heard Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, noted Radio Minister at the City Auditorium here last Tuesday night.

Dr. Sockman, speaking from the subject "The Road Ahead", gave his large audience a clear presentation of the crisis now facing the nation and the challenge to the Christian and the Western world in the controversy that has developed between communism and democracy.

At the conclusion of his address a number of Negro citizens were among those who ascended the rostrum to shake hand and congratulate the distinguished speaker.

Dr. Sockman appeared under the auspices of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association.

South-West Africa Bill Passes

CAPETOWN — (Atlas) — The House of the Assembly approved last week, the third reading of the South-West African affairs amendment bill on the eve of the resumption of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The measure proposes to make South-West Africa fifth province of the Union of South Africa. The bill would consist of six Assemblymen and four Senators, and virtual financial autonomy.

Germany Likes Music

War or no war, Germany certainly likes its music. It now has 184 large orchestras, according to the National Music Chamber. Most of the orchestras are engaged in opera and concert presentations.

Advocate Editor Commencement Speaker

Jayess, Miss., April 29 — Percy Greene, Editor and publisher of the Jackson Advocate will be the principal speaker at the Commencement exercises of Hope Vocational High School here tonight.

is not a qualified voter but desires to become one is eligible for membership in the organization. Send your membership fee to the Mississippi State Democrats Association, 119 1-2 N. Parish St., Jackson, Miss.

All members of the organization will be issued the official membership card.

Officers of the Association are: Percy Greene, President and Executive Director, Jackson; Gentry Black, Vice president, Ruleville; James L. Oliver, Secretary, Jackson; Rev. W. O. Wouillard, Treasurer, Hattiesburg.

Southern Catholics Set Inter-Racial Convention

Lexington, Ky., April — (Special) — John Yancey, Chicago, distinguished chief of the A. F. of L. transport service employees, will share the platform with Maurice J. Tohn, United States Secretary of Labor, and other top economists in the interracial convention of the Catholic Committee of the South here next month, it was announced today by the Rev. Fred G. Bamberger, convention chairman.

The eighth annual convention, May 10 to 12, will bring Catholic Bishops, priests and laymen from all parts of the South to discuss means of wiping out racial barriers, organizing labor and dealing with educational and other problems of the region, all in accord with Christian principles.

Among Negro priests and educators on CCS' program are the Rev. Anthony C. Bourges, S. V. D., Lafayette, La., and the Very Rev. Daniel J. Bourke, Albany, Georgia.

Father Bourges will speak at the social action conference for priests at the opening session, Tuesday, May 10, on the Southern Negro's contribution to the Catholic Church.

A workshop session on race relations will be led by Right Rev. Monsignor T. James McNamara, Savannah, Ga., head of the CCS racial justice department. Father Bourke and Father Bourges will join with him and others who are working toward elimination of segregation in Southern education and job opportunities. The workshop is expected to reach definite conclusions as to steps to be taken by CCS during the next year.

A feature of the convention will be the giving of CCS' annual award to the Most Rev. P. O'Hara, Catholic Bishop of Savannah — Atlanta, for his long and zealous career of work in the South for racial justice. Previous awards have gone to Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Baptist educator; Dr. George Washington Carver, scientist; David E. Lilienthal, atomic energy chief, and others.