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POLITICAL OVERTONES CAUSE VARIED REACTION AT NAACP NAT'L. MEETING

NAACP Meet Held In Detroit

DETROIT (NRPC) — The NAACP membership left its National Convention here torn between a leadership wanting to turn the organization into a political tool and those wanting to focus on the real purpose of the organization's creation.

Endorsements for several Presidential candidates were echoed from the podium. Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood, Chairman of the National Board of the NAACP openly blasted President Nixon in a sharp attack, which sounded very much like the rhetoric used by two of the leading contenders for the Dmocratic Party nomination. A delegate given the floor attempted to denounce these tirades of political rhetoric had the mike turned off and he could not be heard in the huge convention room at Cobo Hall.

A maverick NAACP Branch from Highland Park, Michigan, fanned the frustration felt by most delegates when they started circulating a petition to have Alabama Governor George C. Wallace placed in nomination for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. The Rev. Aretha G. Bailey, president of the branch, made a strong appeal to Blacks to "become realists in the stems of politics," and support Wallace on the Democratic ticket.

The Boston Branch called for ousting the White President of the NAACP, Kevie Kaplan. The Detroit News commented on the convention in an editorial in its July 6, issue, by asking the question: "Is the NAACP turning militant, too?" The editorial said in part that "it is disappointing because the NAACP traditionally has been a voice of moderation and common sense on civil rights issues."

The Rev. Jessie Jackson, head of People United to

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Angela Davis Here Aug. 3-4

The Black Liberation Front will present the Buffalo Black Drama Workshop, which will feature Angela Davis, Thursday and Friday, August 3, and 4th, at 8:30 p.m., at the Buffalo State Teachers College, in Upton Auditorium, 1300 Elmwood Ave.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the National United Committee to Free Political Prisoners.

For ticket reservations call 862-5531, 885-4187 or 831-3704.

Religious Ed Week Held At Gethsemane

Religious Education Week is being held at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 55 Grape St., Monday, July 24, to 28th. The Rev. H. V. Reid, is pastor.

The instructor is Mrs. Ruth V. Banks, of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Congress U. S. A.

President of the Empire State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union of New York State, Mrs. Banks is nationally known for her work with youth.

H. B. Shaw Honors Mrs. Baptist Clergy

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Buffalo, New York and Vicinity, Rev. J. W. Moore, President, is sponsoring an Appreciation Service for Mrs. H. B. Shaw, a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church. This affair is being given in her honor for her many years of srvice to the Baptist Denomination and to the Christian family in general.

Mrs. Shaw is a native of South Carolina. She attended the Brewer Normal Boarding School for girls, Greenwood, South Carolina.

Her life as a Minister's wife began in Elizabeth, New Jersey, wheree her late husband, the Rev. H. B. Shaw, accepted the pastorate to the Liberty Baptist Church. These brief years established the ground-work for the responsibilities she now nobly carries as President of the Baptist Minitsers' Wives of the Empire State.

She has been the recipient of fany awards and citations for her work in Baptist Circles. Mrs. Shaw is a life member of the National Baptisa Convention, U. S. A.; a life mefber of the Women's Auxiliary, Empire Baptist Auxiliary, Empire Baptist Missionary Convention New York; treasurer of Western District Baptist Association Church; board member; member of the Buffalo Civil Rights League, Inc.; Superintendent of Church School at Gethsemane Baptist Church, board member of the Multiple Scllerosis Society; President of Baptist Ministers' Wives of New York State; and is amember of the board of directors for Food Nutrition and Beverage, Inc.

The public is cordially invited to attend the "H. B Shaw Appreciation Service," on Sunday, July 23, at 7 p.m., at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 55 Grape St., the Rev. H. V. Reid, pastor.

Theme of this week's meeting is: Youth Responds to the Challenge of the Seventies." There will also be seminars for adults on the same theme.

Mrs. Banks is also a former aide of Governor Rockefellow.

LE'VART'S AWARD'S NIGHT SCENE

This scene took place in the beautiful Terrace Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel, July 8, where the LeVart Travel Club presented its Dinner - Dance and Awards Night. In the rear Mrs. Jessie Mae House is shown presenting a citation to Frank E. Merriweather, Jr., dean of area minority community worker and editor-publisher of The Buffalo Criterion, one of Upstate N. Y.'s oldest Negro firms. 1972 marks Mr. Merriweather's 50th year of area activity. Mrs. Louise Wright, left, club founder-president looks on.

Seated, second from left are guest speaker, Juanita Young, of WGR-TV, who pleaded for more community help and interest from black professionals and middle class citizens; Herb Bellamy, outstanding business, political and community worker, and Mrs. Judy Johnson, a secretary to Mayor Sedita.

C. Q. Price and band rendered the music. Mrs. Elizabeth Rainey was general chairman. Criterion Photo.

Le Vart Club Fetes Honorees At Dinner

A very enjoyable evening was spent with the Le'Vart Travel Society, when they presented an Awards Dinner and Dance, in the beautiful Terrace Room of the Hotel Statler, on Saturday, July 8th.

Following the processional of honorees and members, the Negro National Anthem was sung and the Invocation by Mr. John Ogden.

Mr. Leon Hall rendered two vocal selections.

Mrs. Juanita Young, Coordinator of WGR TV and Radio, was the very interesting speaker.

She was a recent visitor of Ghana and gave a wonderful description of their manners and customs of living and governing their country, some of which we would do well to emulate.

Mrs. Youg also made a plea to all of us, as interested and active citizens to take an interest in our young people, who are so badly in need of steering in the right direction.

She was introduced by Mrs. Lucille Barlow.

Mrs. E. Rainey, Historian, gave the history of the club, organized in 1969, with eight members and now has twelve. Their motto is: "Education through travel is Seeing and Believing."

Honorees were: Mrs. Thelka McCall, Mrs. Ora Wrighter, Mrs. Martha Meadows, James Bell, Herb Bellamy, Counciiman Horace C. Johnson, Mrs. Irene Soules, and Frank E. Merriweather.

History of honorees and presentations, were made by Mesdames Ruth D. Andrews, Jessie Mae House, Sidney Rhodes, Nola Brown, Ruth Ogden, Addie Ogden and Barbara Hairston.

Music was furnished by C. Q. Price and his band.

Mrs E. Rainey was General Chairman and Mrs. M. L. Wright, Pres.

ROCHESTER HOSTS STATE MUSICAL

The State Music Conference of the WNY Church of God In Christ, Jurisdiction No. 1 will convene Thursday-Saturday July 27-29 at the Power-House Church Of God In Christ, 48 Clifton St., Rochester, N. Y. Service begins at 8 o'clock each evening.

The convention will feature music work shops, musical talents of bands, choirs, gospel singing groups, soloists and testimonies.

Participants will be there from Lackawanna, Buffalo, Rochester, Auburn, Niagara Falls, Albany, Syracuse, Ithaca and other parts of the state.

Awards will be presented to the most outstanding talented groups and individuals.

The public is invited. Elder H. Newkirk is host pastor; Rev. Leroy Anderson is Bishop; Rev. James Stovall, Ass't. Bishop; Mrs. Callie Pringle, State Mother; Mrs. Ann Nelson, Ass't. State Mother; Elder James McIntosh, Executive State Secretary; Elder James Owens, Pres. Education Dept.; and Bro. Joe L. Courton, Director of Public Relations.

Dies In Calif.

Mrs. Boyd (Jeraldine) Hall, passed away in San Jose, Calif., July 13, 1972, after a lengthy illness.

The Hall's had lived here for several years on Hamlin Road and were members of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church. She had been a teacher at School 39. He is an engineer.

Funeral services were held July 16, in Roanoke, Va.

Survivors besides her husban, are two teenage children, two sisters, two brothers and many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Bullock attended the funeral.

Rev. William H. Horner, former pastor at Lincoln Memorial Church, also attended the funeral.

Leads Crusade

National Evangelist (Baby Face) Stokes. (above) of Virginia, is conducting a World-Wide Crusade, in the Tent, Michigan and William Sts., every evening, in co-operation with the Community Church of God In Christ, Elder Q. Ross, host pastor.

Evangelist Stokes, expects to be here until August and invites you to bring the sick and come and be blessed.

Services are held twice daily—noon and 8 p.m.

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BANKING PUPILS MOVE UP

Graduates of the "Youth Opportunity In Banking Program," sponsored by Marine Midland Bank—Western, received diplomas at a commencement ceremony and graduation banquet in the bank, July 6th.

Graduates include: from the left, first row: Martin Baity, East High School, 253 Eagle St.; Stephanie Pacheco Bennett, 215 Englewood Ave.; Dennie Lavender, East, 54 E. Willet Pk. Second row: Cheryl Matter, 21 Arnold Ave.; Geraldine Cheatham, East, 312 Perry St.

Third row: Harold Blair, Bennett, 363 Lisbon Ave.; Carmen Hidalgo, Bennett, 46 East Oakland Pl.; Joyce Lee, East, 36 Orange St.; Casimiro Rodriquez, Grover Cleveland, 708 Linwood Ave.; and Linda Smith, Fosdick Masten, 237 East North St.

PRESIDENT CLASPS HAND OF VISITOR

Harrisburg, Md. — President Nixon toured flood ravaged Southeastern Pennsylvania recently and landed at Harrisburg, where an eight-year-old, who only identified herself as "Jess," grasped the President's hand as he circulated among crowds of victims. "The most moving thing was the kid grabbed my hand," Nixon told his escort at William Penn High School. "Children often grab the hands of older people. In something like this, people want something to hold onto."

MOWM CLUB DISOLVES

The March On Washington Movement Club met Tuesday evening, July 18, 1972, at 8 p.m., at 65 Hamlin Road.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Jennetta Smith. After a brief business period the members decided to discontinue the club.

Attending the meeting were the following members.

Mr. McKinley Sims, Mrs Bessie Sims, Mrs. Lottie Curry, Mrs. Elizabeth Meadows Lockett and Mrs. Jennetta M. Smith.

CANADIAN CHURCH BLESSED

God is alive. Blessings untold have happened to us within the last 60 days; a miracle has taken place in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, says Brother Buddie.

"God has answered our prayers. He has given us a Church to worship in; a Mission to house and accommodate 40 homless people, a radio broadcast to go out onto the highways and hedges, to compel people to come to Christ."

"We welcome you to come and be a part of this living miracle. Services will begin at 8 p.m. daily until July 25th.

"Our broadcast is on Saturdays at 6:30 to 7 a.m.; Sundays from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. The program is titled, "The King and You."

"If you would like a prayer cloth and be a pen partner with us in Christ, please write to: Bro. Buddie, 4598 Morrison St., Niagara Falls, Ontario."

HELP SET FOR KIDNEY VICTIMS

Donald I. Downing, Executive Director of the Kidney Foundation of Western New York, Inc., today announced the start of a "Medication Bank" program for victims of kidney disease and members of their family.

Pointing out that victims of kidney-related problems are generally faced with large prescription drug bills Mr. Downing explained that these new program "allows these patients to purchase their drugs on a cost basis, with the entire transaction being done by mail."

Noting that all that is required is an initial fee, Downing declared that applicants for the Medication Bank services must show, by letter from their physician, that they, or a family member is currently being treated for a kidney disorder.

Each person, upon approval of their application, will be issued a credit card with an identification number and a postage paid mailing envelop. The card and their prescription is sent to the prescription center which fills and returns it on the day of receipt at a special rate offered to the Kidney

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AID GOES TO MALCOLM X COLLEGE

Warner Bros. will contribute 10% of its share of the net profits from the film, "Malcolm X," to Malcolm X College, an accredited undergraduate college in Chicago, with more than 8,000 full-time students.

The announcement was made recently by Frank Wells, Vice President of Warner Bros. and Mrs. Shabazz, widow of the assassinated Black leader. Warner Warner Bros. and Mrs. Shabazz, are associated in the presentation of the film, which is based on the best-selling "Autobiography of Malcolm X."

Dr. Charles G. Hurst, president of Malcolm X College, was notified of the Warner Bros. action in a telegram from Mr. Wells. The telegram also stated that the company was immediately sending "a check for $5,000, which will apply against the profit participation, in order to insure that, regardless of how successful the picture is some meaningful contribution has been made in memory of Malcolm X."

The payments are being made to the Malcolm X Educational Foundation, a charitable organization which supports the college. In addition, Warner Bros., is giving its

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