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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Main Speaker—
DR. CHARLES A. LEWIS
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FRIDAY, JUNE SEVENTH
Commencing at 1:00 P. M., to
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There is also the possibility that
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CHILD HEALTH DAY

Child Health Day observance as featured by the Rochester Assembly of Negro Youth.

Hotel Sagamore.

Joining with the Health Association in sponsoring the observance of a campaign to combat infection among children by adults, the Rochester City Health Committee of the County Medical Society will bring here as principal speaker at the noon meeting of the Rochester Medical Society the principal speaker at the noon meeting of the Health Association at the 22nd annual meeting of the Child Health Day observance last Wednesday at the Hotel Sagamore.

Other officers re-elected include Dr. John J. Lloyd, Association vice-president; Dr. Robert Schanz, Association treasurer; Dr. Harvey G. Whipple, Dr. Clarence V. Sweeney, John C. Malloch and Dr. Edwin Fauver, Henry D. O'Connor, Raymond Hunter, Mrq.

The meeting is open to the public and is in charge of the Rochester Assembly of Negro Youth.

The object of the Assembly is as follows:

1. To be united with the Negro Youth of Western New York in an intelligent discussion of the many problems by which they are commonly confronted and thereby stimulate thought action which may contribute to a satisfactory solution.
2. To share the experiences and opinions of the leaders of our community in an effort to determine the true facts, causes, results, and suggest remedies for the school of intelligent thought and action.
3. To bring together with the Negro Youth of Western New York in the sympathetic fellowship of some annual activity.
DEWEY FAVORS ANTI-LYNCH BILL

New York City—During his recent speaking tour through Indiana and Missouri, Thomas E. Dewey, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, made at least two definite statements supporting a Federal anti-lynching measure. His position in this matter was made clear in a letter to the nation in the NAACP last week, but the two statements in the West were even more pointed.

During an interview in Omaha when asked about the lynching measure he declared: "I believe it should become a law. I am 100% for it."

Asked the same question by a woman reporter in St. Louis, Mr. Dewey replied without qualification: "I am in favor of it, heart and soul, in favor of it." 

SPEAKER LASHES THE NEW DEAL

Detroit, Mich.—The Democratic municipal political machines of the New Deal are the Red Presidents, the Kelly-Nash machines in Chicago, the Grimes-Dodge outfit in New York, the Thomas E. Dewey, leading Republican Presidential candidate, was a main speaker.

"Where a corrupt city government is flat-out against the law, there are bosses dealing in stolen public moneys! ... there is no longer time to wait for a government."

Dewey replied without hesitation: "Rivers concluded that this solution is particularly serious for the Negro when the prestige of the church is discarded by government. "If the government can put aside church guides and precepts while fighting its proclaimed social program, and abandon the needs of the Negro and other minorities for the duration of the war and ever afterwards, church ideals are completely abandoned by a government which was supposed to fight as a government of a government."

The church, however, faces a much more difficult problem where it is the national government which applies these corrupt local government techniques in national administration, and that problem is even harder where a national government, while not practicing all these vices, yet, nevertheless, wins and keeps its great power by alliance with and support of these powerful corrupt local political machines; where it sanctions such crime elements in order to consummate a new social program, and again a social program does not bear any resemblance to the church's and its teachings."

"But like everything else, there was a simple and correct solution to the problem. In these modern push-button times we find a simple, usually red, volt circuit for each station designed so that a simple push-button switch to connect or disconnect the system requires no motors or whirling magnets."

"In such a case, however, Rivers continued, "the problem of the church fighting the encroachment of such a machine is not insuperable. The goal of such reform is to secure a government of public plutarchy and they are without lofty arguments. It is to protect the public from those who use public moneys."

In his position in this matter was made clear in a letter to the nation in the NAACP last week, but the two statements in the West were even more pointed.

"It is not an excuse for a government to declare a mistaken form of the church's ideal to claim that it abandons its policy of law enforcement in order to consummate a new social program, and again a social program does not bear any resemblance to the church's and its teachings."
Directs Bennett College Choir Before a Large Audience

Dr. D. Nathanial Bennett returns home with Bennett College Choir

ASSOCIATION SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL N. A. A. C. P.

Nearly 200 Rochesterians, representing a cross section of the city's music lovers, were on hand yesterday evening as sponsors of the concert given by the Bennett College Choir under the leadership of Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett in the Baptist Temple on Monday night.

Dr. Dett, distinguished Negro composer and choral director, who has toured Europe with other choirs was brought here by the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Rochester is his former home.

Sponsors and their captains were announced by Miss Rebecca Rosen-berg, committee chairman, as fol-

low:

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Mrs. P. B. Holmes, captain; the Rev. Frank L. Brown, Eugene Reid (Virgil Ewing), Franda J. G. Leo, Miss Minerva Phillips and Miss Edna M. Chase.

Mrs. Emma B. Sweet, captain; the Rev. David R. Williams, Mrs. Louise Elsworth, Mrs. Laura March, Mrs. M. T. L. Gannett, Mrs. A. M. Spekler, Mrs. A. C. Stalshmidt, Mrs. Wade H. Reid, Mrs. Nelson Spencer, Mrs. John C. Weinrich, Mrs. Mamie J. Schmitt, Mrs. Ovilia Shepard, Mrs. R. L. Harr, Miss Marion Meyers, Dr. D. Levy, Mrs. Enid Myers, Mrs. Chloe Fish, Mrs. Anna O'Boyle, Jack Kerridge, Mrs. P. M. Schreoeber, Mrs. Robert Walls and Mrs. E. P. Tarrant.

Directly after the recital a reception was given in honor of the Choir and Dr. Dett at the Gannett House. The singers left the next morning for Philadelphia.

ALBANY CONFERENCE

The fourth annual state confer-

ence of the N. A. A. C. P. branches was held in Albany, N. Y. Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th, at the Rooster T. Washington Community Center, 122 Second Street.

A discussion was held on the sub-

ject "Recent Legislation and its ef-

fect on the Negro," led by Earldie John, New York City lawyer, Francis E. Rivers, Assistant Di-

strict Attorney for New York City, spoke on a subject sponsored by the conference by Sunday, May fifth.

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"My Son is Guilty"

Another of Universal-International's recent pictures, which is a mystery story, has been released. It stars Michael Redgrave as a man who is set free after serving a long sentence for murder. His only hope of proving his innocence lies in finding his ex-girlfriend and uncovering a plot against a great corporation. It is directed by John Farrow.

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