A New Voice Newspaper

BY MILDRED JOHNSON

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A New Voice newspaper, what a blessing to have a Rochester newspaper that will edit news for the Negro people. I do hope that all who read this interesting newspaper will contribute to making this a more interesting one and one which belongs to the people.

In order to have a newspaper that belongs to the people, the people, which means you, must contribute and send in news articles to the writers so that they can print the news of the masses. I truly hope that I will be receiving news articles every day from the newspaper readers who have news of interest.

What do we consider news of interest? Anything that concerns people here in Rochester and where there are over 20,000 of us in this city, means that many things are happening that we should know about. In order for this to be known, you must send us the news of you and your friends.

What are our many churches doing? Most of us know only what our church is doing and not what the others are doing. This should be of concern to each and every church goer. Probably there are other churches who can give us some idea as to what would help our church to progress and maintain 1111 cooperation.

ELECTED—Stanley Thomas, president of the New York State Elks Association, was elected Esteemed Loyd Knight at the Elks Convention in Chicago last week. He defeated Harvey L. Harris of Mt. Vernon. The only other change in the cabinet was the election of John B. Reynolds of Philadelphia as Grand Exalted Ruler. Mr. Thomas, also the president of the NAACP state organization.

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GLEANINGS from THE NEWS and PREDICTIONS BY GEORGE H. KATLOR

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"THE GREAT SEVENTEENTH WARD" holds the balance of power between the Democratic and Republican party in the city. This ward is important because of the great number of Negroes who live there.

Dr. King's trial was brought up before the committee. The following statement was read:

"I am writing to you to ask that you help me in my fight for freedom. I am in jail in Georgia and I need your help. Please write me at the address below."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has strongly protested the action in telegram to Atlanta's Mayor Hartsfield, Gov. Vandiver of Georgia and President Eisenhower.

AFL-CIO President George Meany wired Gov. Vandiver urging him to "grant executive pardon to Rev. King inasmuch as he was not interested in trying to affect the authority of the courts." The telegram was released by the New York Times.

Dr. King is in jail in Georgia and has been there for several months. He was arrested with more than 50 others and is being held in a proposed educational prison. He was arrested because of his activities for Civil Rights.

The Congress of Racial Equality termed the imprisonment "a gross miscarriage of justice" and asked President Eisenhower if he does not constitute a violation of our civil rights laws.

The Douglas Association of Rochester is now making plans for its forthcoming vehicle, entitled, "The American Expulsion of Progress," to be held in the Rochester War Memorial in honor of the Great Emancipator whose statue stands on the mall in beautiful Highland Park.
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L. Ernest Du Bois is a graduate of the Rochester public Schools; he has been an active civic worker in the Rochester community and a leading fraternal and church leader for over a quarter of a century.

Seven hundred fifty delegates and almost an equal number of special visitors at St. Paul, Minnesota, gathered for the 51st Annual Convention of the N.A.A.C.P. They were from all walks of life, many states.

The young and adult and rich and poor; professional and unskilled; Negro and white, but regardless of position or race, uppermost in their minds was Civil Rights and Human Dignity for all regardless of race, creed or national origin.

The Municipal Auditorium platform was graced by such of the N.A.A.C.P., Arthur B. Spingarn, National President of the outstanding personalities as: Roy Wilkins, Vice President. It has been a most meritorious and often desperate period for all concerned, and it is as it is so much more common than a common cold and can be more devastating in the long run than the short. It thrives in the rich and operates in the poor and unknown. It is also is a force that brings large problems to small communities.

The mind which conceives, understanding not the truth of being, is the one that would shut the door of its bosom to its brother, and that is the one which is in danger. For whether we are together in the struggle of all minority groups for equal rights and opportunities.

That our struggle for human rights and equality can become one that enlists the enthusiastic and dedicated support of men of all colors from the white race who have and are going beyond the "sympathy stage" in the Negroes' fight for civil and human rights.

Here in convention you learn first-hand about the boycotts, sit-ins, demonstrations and the picket lines, because you can view the terrific impact they have financed on establishments that refuse to sell or serve the Negro, especially the Negro business man or the farmer if he dares to become a member of the N.A.A.C.P., or registers to vote.

This nation which was founded upon the principle "that all men are created equal," and daily gives "lip service" to the word freedom has not set its eyes on freedom in order.

In spite of the fact that we are the most powerful nation in the world, and have access to more material resources than any other nation, we appear to be the most frightened people on earth.

For discrimination is born of ignorance and fear, and like a deadly serpent that has no back with its fangs, its poison is slowly but surely sapping the strength and vitality of this nation both at home and abroad.

Four integrations. We can't take away the challenges and problems of life, but we can develop an understanding that helps us to meet them, search life affirmatively and we will find an inner strength which transcends any other.

Faith dissolves fear, and with faith the spirit of life can conquer even the most desperate crises.

As a nation and as a people we cannot begin to do, not say only, but to do, what we have set up, that integrate, rather than persist in those things which perpetuate the "Us and Them" segregation as incompatible with functioning democracy.

IT WAS fitting and proper that Roy Wilkins, the Executive Secretary be awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award" by the University of Minnesota, its Alma Mater. And that Langston Hughes, Author, Poet and Playwright be awarded the 51st Spingarn Medal, by the N.A.A.C.P.

Philadelphia, Penna., is the site of the 1961 convention, and in 1962 the national convention will convene in Atlanta, Georgia.
Housing, Employment, Education
Means Negro Progress, Says Governor

MIAMI BEACH—Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida said today that progress for Negroes is basically a matter of better housing, employment and educational opportunities—and not "a matter of school administration or service-at-lunch-counter policies."

Governor Collins told the 25th anniversary dinner of the Florida Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, meeting at the Diplomat Hotel here, that fear, hatred, and violence aroused by racial antagonisms have been "the most damaging manifestations of a very difficult period for human rights."

THE GOVERNOR was presented the Leonard L. Abess award for inspired contributions to the brotherhood of man. His speech was considered by his audience as a direct address on civil rights before he leaves office in January to become president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

"I frankly believe that very little progress in race relations can be forced by litigation or by public demonstrations," he said. Instead, Governor Collins appealed for the extension of opportunities to Negroes in local communities — better homes, better employment opportunities, better education, better health standards, more recreational opportunities" if Negroes are to be able "to progress in American society according to their individual ability and diligence."

The Governor warned however, that if any opportunities for progress in race relations are "wholly neglected," the result will be a building up of "resentments and frustrations which find outlets in irresponsible acts, open aggressions and racial violence."

"When we allow bigotry and prejudice to enter our lives, we have built the jails in which we are imprisoned," he said.

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League said that "we must take the distinction between the right of freedom of speech and acts that incite to riot."

"Jacksonville, Florida, and New Orleans are the two latest cities whose reputations have been besmirched by the hoists and antics of hoodlums and bigots who are not, in any way, representative of the total community." Epstein said that peaceable solution of the Southern dilemma is "always possible." He cited the cases of St. Louis, Mo., and Nashville, Tenn., where "the determination of citizens' groups to prepare for crisis situations in consultation with civic officials assured successful transitions in desegregation situations." Epstein also commented that "the recent election campaigns have raised "strong doubts that the use of prejudice and smear campaigns has any real effect on the way people vote."

He said that bigoted campaign literature was larger in volume in 1960 but not as victorious or violent as in 1920.

Civil Defense Unit
Gives Kids Boat Ride

Marine Civil Defense Unit of Manatee County, provided a boat occasion this summer on Lake Ontario for boys and girls of the Baden Street Settlement.

The members of the Civil Defense Fleet who participated were surprised at the good conduct displayed by the children and extended an invitation to them to come again, as their special guests. The Marine Civil Defense Flotilla comprise 38 ships and 110 members. Plans are now underway by the Unit to purchase a $40,000 Fireboat to provide protection for the Rochester Water Front.

MORTGAGES — These mortgages, backed by Section 221 of the Federal Housing Act, are for homes costing up to $9,000. Rochester banks and other lending institutions have promised to take up to 120 such mortgages, or up to more than a million dollars' worth.

CONTRAST — The Mack Dillard family owns this home (above) at 90 Elba St., thanks to no-down-payment mortgage. They used to rent at 10 Rhine St. (below) inBaden-Ormond area. Rhine street house has been damaged by vandals since Dillards left. It will be razed.
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Holiday Trinity Baptist Entered On Second Half of Campaign

Breaking ground recently for the new Holy Trinity Baptist Church at 397 North St., (from left) Rose Beaman of 472 Alexander St., representing older members of the 750-member congregation; Lansing Cummings, 8, of 25 Jefferson Ter., representing youngest members; Vice Mayor Joseph Farbo, and the Rev. Milton L. Daniels of 50 Concord St., pastor. The new church building, replacing one razed last year, is expected to be ready for use next spring. It will cost about $150,000. The architect for this project will be the prominent Thomas W. Boyde, Jr. of Rochester, who has designed some of the city's most beautiful buildings. Howard W. Coles, editor, assisted the Committee in planning the campaign.

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THE EDITOR

CIVIL RIGHTS SEESAW

Dear Mr. Coles:

I am enclosing a copy of our last issue of the "NAACP Advocate", in case you have not already received out through our regular membership mailing. Although I have not seen an issue of your newspaper, I learned about it through someone who had a copy. I wish every success in this project, and look forward to securing a subscription to THE VOICE, so that I may read it regularly.

Sincerely,

MRS. PHILIP L. HARRIS

Dear Mr. Coles:

Please accept our thanks for the copy of "The Voice", which we left with you. They are being distributed to our Board, staff and families when we serve. Thank you also for your inclusion of material from our 60th Anniversary performance for thus helping us to keep people informed about our problems, services, accomplishments and unfinished business.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD C. McClary
Executive Director
The Baden Street Settlement

Mahalia Jackson

Mahalia Jackson was born in New Orleans, the home of blues and Dixieland music. Since her father was a lay preacher, however, she heard only sacred music at home. It was on the nearby playground that she heard records of the great blues singers like Ma Con and Blues, Mamie and Clara Smith. Mahalia admired them just as she admired the voice of the great Caruso. Although she listened to blues and opera, her interest lay chiefly in sacred music. Aside from such hints and ideas on phrasing and pronunciation as those records gave her, Miss Jackson has no musical training.

She sang in her father's church choir from the time she was five years old. After reaching the eighth grade, she was forced to knock doors to a job. She nursed babies, worked as a maid and laundress, and dreamed of becoming a nurse.

At 16 Mahalia left New Orleans and went to Chicago, where she joined the Greater Salem Baptist Church and its choir. After hearing her, the choir director seized the opportunity to form a quintet of singers featuring Mahalia Jackson. The quintet toured many churches.

Her record "Move On Up a Little Closer" for a small recording company has sold over 2 million copies to date and through it Miss Jackson has revolutionized the gospel singing field. Today, her records on the Columbia label are among the best selling in the country.

Miss Jackson takes her religion seriously. She refuses to sing in nightclubs, although fabulous sums are offered for her services.

She has enthralled audiences wherever she has appeared: on leading television shows such as "The Dinah Shore Show," on the concert stage of European countries such as France and Denmark, and at New York's Carnegie Hall, where she has sold out every time she has appeared.

Looking on the other side of the ledger:

- In Macon, Georgia, three white children have been denied admission to a Georgia high school because their families are members of Koinonia, a community which believes in racial equality and non-violence.

- Largely as a result of the pupil placement laws enacted by Southern legislators to circumvent the Supreme Court Desegregation Decision, only 511 Negro children were integrated in Southern public schools last year. If the 1959 rate were to continue, it will take 4,000 years to desegregate the Southern schools.

- A study conducted by the American Veterans Committee charged that at Veterans Administration hospitals and regional offices in the South, there are no Negroes in white collar jobs.

- In Columbus, Ohio, a formerly all-white local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, his papers have been processed through the Ohio NAACP, has agreed to drop questions of race and religion from all application forms as well as the request for photograph from applicants for admission.

- The first Negro electrician to work in the nation’s capital on a Federal Construction project has been hired. A member of a Detroit Local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, his papers have been processed through Washington Local 26, a formerly all-white Local.

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Despite the fact that the majority of the American public realizes that discrimination has no place on the American scene, a small group of diehards—frightened and selfish—still oppose democratic practices. Evidence of progress in civil rights is all around us, but progress comes harder in some areas than in others.

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Dr. Bertrand Boddie, author, humorist and editor of the "Carolina Israelite," has managed to find a few laughs in the civil rights tug of war taking place in the South. Discussing the sit-ins, Golden described the beautiful Sears Roebuck store recently erected in his home town of Charlotte, North Carolina. The building included a shiny, new cafeteria. However, the sit-in protests began at the same time that Sears opened, so, with quick thinking, they put up a big sign on the door of the cafeteria: "Closed for Repairs." In another city, Negro student sit-in demonstrators entered a variety of stores following by some white citizens against the Negro protesters. The store manager assumed they were with the Negro students and began to go out them out. The white demonstrators, unable to convince the man-

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The panel of NBC Newsmen, gathered from their observation posts around the world, will discuss such subjects as: (top, l. to r.) the U.S. Presidential election, Soviet Premier Khrushchev at the United Nations sessions, the riot-forced cancellation of President Eisenhower's trip to Japan; (center, l. to r.) sit-in demonstration in the South, the U.S. Tiros weather satellite and other space developments, the Congo crisis; (bottom, l. to r.) the meeting of Khrushchev and Cuban Premier Castro in New York, and the capture of Nazi war criminal Eichmann. The hour originates in New York.

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