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BOMBS DAMAGE CHURCH, HOME OF ALA. LEADER



T.V.'s FAMOUS SPELLER, 14 year old Gloria Lockerman, personable Baltimore lass who captivated a nationwide television audience and earned \$48,000 for her spelling ability, visited Memphis Friday night and was crowned "Queen of Rhomania" at Sigma Gamma Rho sorority's annual Rhomania project held in LeMoynes' Bruce Hall.

Dr. Mays Urges Churches To Aid Desegregation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (SNS) — Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, speaking at the opening of a three day conference on Christian faith and human relations at Scarritt College here, asserted that the church is in the most favorable position of any organization in America to eliminate segregation.

St. Andrews AME Church Highlighted Easter Sunday

FULL DAY'S PROGRAM TOLD BY ROSA BROWN BRACY Activities under the present pastor, the Rev. H. Ralph Jackson, reached an all-time high recently when members of St. Andrews AME Church presented one of the most spiritually impressive Easter services which the writer has ever witnessed.

Healthy To Have Differences In GOP Ranks ---Ike

BY ROBERT E. CLARK AUGUSTA, GA. — (INS) — President Eisenhower, whose budget and legislative program have drawn sharp attacks from some Republicans, said Friday it is "healthy" to have differences of opinion within GOP Ranks.

But the president also put in a strong plug for "Modern Day" Republicanism in a telephone talk to conference of New England GOP leaders in Providence, R. I.

The expressed hope that "A Stronger, Completely Up To date" Republican Party will emerge from the series of regional meetings called to map battle for the 1958 Campaign.

Mr. Eisenhower declared: "There are differences of opinion within our party and I hope there always will be. Under a two-party system, a national party must contain within it divergent points of view reflecting varying opinions on National issues from State to State Region to Region.

"This is a healthy condition as long as the fundamental beliefs within that party provides a common nucleus of thought, a common ground."

The President said there is much on which Republicans can agree, and expressed confidence their differences will be resolved to the best interests of the American people.

The never-ending task of the Republican Party, Mr. Eisenhower said, is to make itself "responsive to the modern-day needs and aspirations of all the people."

Atty. Horton Opens Law Office Here

Attorney Odell Horton, Jr., recently opened offices for the practice of law here at 145 Beale. Attorney Horton, a former native of Bolivar, Tenn., is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta. He took a law degree at Howard University School of Law, Washington, D. C.

The young attorney is a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps and is married to the former Miss Evie L. Randolph of Bolivar.

ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES

The launching of the first man-made satellite early next year was predicted by the head of the satellite project in the National Academy of Sciences. The artificial moon will be fired into space for its globe-circling journey from the east coast of Florida.

Approximately 300 Southern church leaders attended the three-day conference, co-sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Churches. Faith is the "evangelical oil," Southern Churchmen and 85 individual religious leaders.

Charging that "it is too bad" that the churches had to wait for the Supreme Court "to lead the way" and further contending that "still most of them do not follow the desegregation policy," the noted educator declared "until the local church can declare an open door worship policy to all who embrace that particular faith, it is not in a position to criticize segregation anywhere in the secular order. It is this point where the ministers and the church people's hands are tied."

Elimination of segregation in the church will strengthen and extend her missionary program around the world, Dr. Mays said. "If democracy cannot work in the United States, I am quite convinced that it cannot work anywhere," Dr. Mays avowed.

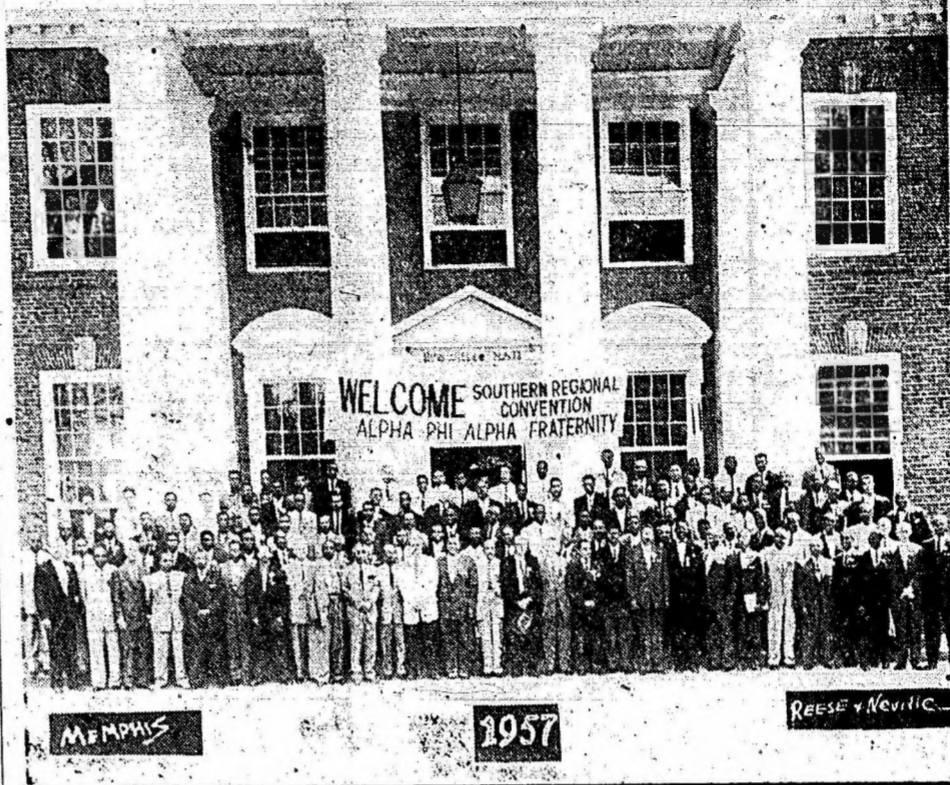
The Morehouse president then listed several conditions favorable for a functioning democracy in America. Pointing out that Negroes and whites "speak the same language, worship the same God, follow the same Christ and fight for the same flag," Dr. Mays con-

"The Resurrection," Rev. DeLyle proclaimed, "There will be another Resurrection. We too shall rise." Rev. DeLyle, speaking from the 5th Chapter of Matthew on the five Virgins said "Five of them were wise and five were foolish. To walk in the procession of Jesus, you must have light. Light is the evidence of oil." This sermon was a challenge to Christian to keep a supply of oil and their lights burning so that on the great day they too will be prepared for the great Resurrection. The Holy Communion was then served.

EASTER PAGEANT

At 8 p. m., historic St. Andrews was thronged with members and guests to witness the Easter pageant, composed and directed by (pastor) Rev. H. Ralph Jackson. Against a colorful back drop of numerous Easter lilies, a 50-voiced white robed choir furnished the music.

The pageant, beginning with the



ALPHI PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, oldest of the Negro college Greek-letter societies, opened its fifty-first year in Memphis, Tennessee Easter weekend with the first of a series of regional conferences. Delegates and visiting Alphas are shown in front of Brownlee Hall, LeMoynes College, scene of the three-day session which opened Friday, April 19th, and continued through Easter Sunday morning with special services at Saint James A. M. E. Church.

The conference was highlighted with three major addresses, delivered by Rev. Martin Luther King, who appeared under auspices of Kappa Alpha Psi and Beta Sigma Fraternities as well as the Alphas; Frank L. Stanley, Sr., of Louisville, Ky., General President; and Dr. William H. Hale, Director of Educational Activities,

10,256 Negroes Lopped From Local Voter List

FAILURE TO VOTE SINCE '52 CAUSES VOTE LOSS

By Raymond F. Tisby From an all time high of 53,651 permanent Negro voter registrants in Memphis and Shelby county, failure to vote in the 156 statewide election has caused some 10,256 Negroes to lose the ballot here. The loss of voting privileges has cut the Negro's voting strength locally to 43,395 - 37,532 in the

city proper and 5,872 in the county. All told, some 38,374 local registrants lost the ballot, bringing Shelby County's record voter registration from 211,700 down to 172,896.

Tennessee law requires that in order to remain on the permanent registration roll, you must vote in a statewide election at least once every four years. So long as this

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Mrs. Bumpus Re-elected State PTA President

Mrs. Georgia M. Bumpus was re-elected president of the Tennessee (Negro) Parent Teacher Association at the group's annual convention held last weekend at Knoxville College.

Mrs. Bumpus is also president of the Bluff City PTA Council. Another Memphian, Mrs. Olga Huggins, was elected historian.

Some 250 delegates attended the three day meeting whose theme was "Building Together for Better Human Relations." The organization was welcomed to Knoxville by Mayor Jack Dance, from the city schools by Supt. Thomas N. Johnston and from Knoxville College by President James A. Colston

Complete Report On 1957 High School Essay Contest

The following is a complete report of the 1957 High School Essay Contest:

As chairman of the Essay Contest I would like to say that any credit for the success of this year's contest does not belong to me but to the other fine advertising people who worked on the contest to make it successful, especially Alex Bonner, as co-chairman Archie Grinalds, as chairman of the Colored Division and Keith Neighbour, chairman of the white division.

A committee meeting was held in December with a luncheon meeting at the King Cotton. At this meeting members were assigned to each of the Memphis high schools and promotional material and official entry blanks were distributed. Each committee member then contacted the principal of the school or schools to which he had been assigned, explained about the contest and requested support and cooperation from the English teachers.

All principals, English teachers and high school editors were invited to a Coke Party the following week and the contest was again explained thoroughly and enthusiastically cooperation requested. Jack Starr, publicity director, furnished publicity for our contest to the radio and TV stations and both newspapers. We are in-

Terror Pattern Strikes Bessemer

BESSEMER, Ala. — Terror intimidation of the church and Negro leadership which has brought repeated dynamite blasts in Alabama flared anew Sunday as explosions ripped the Bessemer home of a labor leader and the Allen Temple AME Church.

The blasts followed a pattern that has been evident in Montgomery and Birmingham during tests of segregation laws by church leaders. The bombings followed almost to the letter explosion leveled at the home and church of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery and against the residence of Rev. J. M. Shuttlesworth, the Birmingham segregation fighter.

It was the first outbreak of violence in this small industrial suburb of Birmingham and the resulting damage, according to police reports, was small.

DYNAMITE BLASTS Bessemer Police Lt. C. T. Mullen indicated that the explosions "apparently dynamite," occurred at the residence of Ashbury Howard International Vice-President of the United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and the Allen Temple AME Church.

Damage to both facilities was

King Outlines Aims, Plans For Pilgrimage

Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. at a press conference in New York today described the objectives and plans for the May 17 Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom of which he is co-chairman along with Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

These aims, as stated by Rev. King, are "to demonstrate unity of Negroes in the struggle for freedom and justice, to provide a means for people in the north to act in common on a great issue with the southern freedom fighters, to protest the crippling of the NAACP in the south, to protest violence against those in the south who stand for equality and freedom and to press for civil rights legislation before Congress which stands a chance for the first time since Reconstruction days of being enacted."

He added that the "ease with which the Dixiecrats bottled up civil rights legislation adds great urgency to the Pilgrimage."

Regarding southern participation in the Pilgrimage, Rev. King announced that a southern headquarters has been opened in Montgomery by Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who along with himself was a leader of the year-long bus protest action. Active mobilization is taking place in Atlanta, Birmingham, Tallahassee, Baton Rouge and New Orleans as well as in other cities.

In other sections of the country seven headquarters have been opened. Rev. King quoted a west coast organizer of the Pilgrimage as stating that 3,000 persons are coming to Washington on May 17 all the way from California. Over 50,000 persons from all sections of the country are expected to converge on Washington for the Pilgrimage in chartered buses, trains

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Mississippi Notaries Discuss Renewal Ban

GREENVILLE, Miss. — (ANP) — An alleged refusal by Gov. J. P. Coleman to renew notary public commissions for Negroes here, was the topic of discussion at the Regional Council of Negro Leadership meeting last week. Coleman has allegedly denied renewal commissions to Negro notary publics.

The session was held in conjunction with the Council's sixth annual meeting where it presented its "Man of the Year" award to Dr. J. R. O'Leary, ousted president of Alcorn College in connection with a student revolt there following a series of anti-Negro articles written by Prof. Clennon King.

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Latest Donors Push YWCA Drive Near Halfway Mark

\$16,363 OF \$40,000 GOAL REPORTED AT FRI. MEETING

After two weeks work the Vance Avenue Branch division of the overall \$40,000 YWCA Building Fund campaign is nearing the mid point in the branch division's \$40,000 goal.

At a report meeting Friday, branch drive leaders A. Maceo Walker and the Rev. S. A. Owen, listed latest drive donors whose donations pushed the branch's total to \$16,363.

Table listing donors and amounts: Miss Annie M. Allen \$50.00, Geraldine M. Anderson 30.00, Mrs. Lucile Armfield 30.00, 697 Baltimore 30.00, Irene Askey 30.00, Evelyn Bagby 1.00, Mrs. Nanles Banks 30.00, Mrs. Magnolia R. Bass 30.00, Mrs. Helen Batts 30.00, Mrs. Ruth Biggs 30.00, Johnny Black 35.00, Mrs. Cora A. Blackmon 30.00, Andrew B. Bland 1.00, Mrs. Carlee E. Boyd 30.00, Mrs. Flora V. Bonds 30.00

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BRONZE QUEEN AND COURT — Beverly Coleman, pert 17 year old Booker Washington senior of 1436 Britton, sponsored by the Wisconsin school PTA, will reign over the community's Clean Up, Fix Up and Paint Up campaign as 1957's Bronze Queen. Queen Beverly won the coveted title over 20 other contestants last Wednesday night at the Abe Scharff YMCA. Flanking the queen are members of her court Myrie Miller, 18, Manassas student; Princess Clean Up, Marie Gordon, 18, Booker Washington senior, Princess Paint Up, and Claudia Ivy, 17, Douglass coed, Princess Fix Up. (Photo by Withers)

