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URBAN LEAGUE BOARD MEETS

Prominent National Figures Confer on
Negro Welfare.

The Executive Board of the National Urban League held its fall meeting on Wednesday last to hear reports on progress during 1925 and to make its plans for 1926.

A. S. Frissell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fifth Avenue Bank, who has been the treasurer of the league for more than 15 years, tendered his resignation on account of advanced age, although remaining on the board, and was succeeded as treasurer by Lloyd Garrison, the grandson of William Lloyd Garrison.

The executive secretary, Eugene Kinckle Jones, rendered his report on developments in the league's work in additional cities requesting the establishment of the league's program and of progress being made towards expanding work already inaugurated. Charles S. Johnson, editor of "Opportunity" Magazine, and T. Arnold Hill, director of the Department of Industrial Relations, presented reports on the accomplishments in their respective departments.

The treasurer's report showed that the league had received for its national work to date the sum of \$51,000 and that with pledges and probable income would expend over \$60,000 during the current year.

Resolutions were passed expressing sorrow at the death of Mrs. Booker T. Washington, who had been for nine years a member of the Executive Board. A budget of \$60,000 was authorized for the year 1926. Announcement was made of the Urban League Conference on Industry planned for New York City, February 2nd to 5th, 1926.

There were seventeen members of the board present, among whom were Dr. George Cleveland Hall, of Chicago; Dr. James H. Dillard, Mr. C. C. Spaulding, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. L. Hollingsworth Wood, president of the board; Mrs. Albert S. Reed, Dr. E. P. Roberts, Mr. Fred R. Moore and Miss Evangeline Brewster Johnson.

The National Urban League seeks to co-ordinate social service activities in cities in the interest of Negro welfare and specializes in securing better industrial conditions for Negroes. Its 45 branches, as well as the national

Native Students May Have Hotel

Appeal to Negro Members of American "Y" for Building in South Africa.

New York, Oct. 10.—Construction of a hotel for native students in South Africa at a cost of \$20,000 has been made the subject of an appeal to 32,000 Negro members of the American Y. M. C. A. by Max Yergan, an American Negro, who pioneered in organizing associations in Bantu Land. The proposed clubhouse would be located at Fort Hare College, Alice, Cape Province.

Officials of the Colored Work Department of the Y. M. C. A. National Council here expect other men to be sent soon to South Africa to aid Yergan, who in his four years there has organized almost single-handed 26 associations throughout the native wildernesses and travels a circuit of 3,000 miles to keep them in operation. Yergan's request will be referred to the Conference on Colored Work, which will be held in Washington, D. C., October 21 to 23.

The pioneering movement was conceived and has been supported entirely by Negroes in this country, to bring about "the spiritual, moral and social uplift" of their 5,000,000 South African brothers.

WM. C. MATTHEWS OF BOSTON RECEIVES NEW APPOINTMENT

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—William C. Matthews, of Boston, Mass., formerly Harvard University football and baseball star, was today appointed a Special Assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States and immediately ordered to proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska, to represent the Government in certain Federal prosecutions.

Mr. Matthews was at the head of the Colored Division of the Republican National Executive Committee during the presidential campaign of 1924. He is a graduate of Tuskegee and has been a successful practicing attorney in Boston, Mass.

organization, are governed by leading white and colored citizens and promote better race relations. It has been in existence 15 years and maintains headquarters at 127 East 23rd Street, New York City.

British Take Steps To Remove Last Vestige Of Slavery

Geneva, Oct. 24.—The last spot on the British Empire's map where human slavery exists is said to be the Hukawing Valley in the upper portion of the Indian province Burma. By next May Britain hopes to have removed the last vestige of degradation from the dominions and colonies directly under her control, and from those bordering as well.

It is said that the local potentates have agreed that a fixed price shall be set for each class of slave in the Hukawing Valley, and once it is fixed the bondsmen in question shall immediately become free and enjoy all the rights and privileges of other free men. According to the proposed plan, the slave is then to work out the purchase of his freedom by paying easy annual installments.

NEGRO LEAVES A FORTUNE TO HELP CHILDREN

Aged Proprietor of Candy Shops—
Invested Pennies Found to Have
Accumulated \$125,000.

Mays Landing, N. J., Oct. 28.—For over a score of years a kindly little colored man greeted youngsters of the city in a worn, but dignified, shop, where he sold delicious edibles that were always sure to satisfy their appetites—from lollypops at two cents a piece to huge chocolate bars at 10 cents each. The candy shoppe of John W. (Dad) Underhill was known to the school children far and wide.

But today the quaint little shack bears mourning, for the passing of its proprietor, and its many youthful patrons turn away from its heavy closed door in sadness.

Not all is grief, however, for it was revealed Tuesday in the reading of Dad Underhill's will that the amiable candy salesman had left a good sized fortune to the school children. The will, filed at Mays Landing, N. J., left an estate of nearly \$125,000 to be used toward aiding the school children.

In designating the disposal of the estate the Underhill will read "spend it so that the children may enjoy the fruits of my years of labor."

Underhill had no known relatives. He lived as a hermit.

CONTRIBUTE TO STREET DEFENCE

Colored people of Washington, D. C., through the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., raised \$464.50 for the Sweet defense fund, at a special meeting held Sunday, Oct. 25th, at which the chief speakers were Walter White, assistant secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and Samuel A. Browne, colored Staten Island postman, who has successfully resisted mob attempts to oust him from his home.

With Neval H. Thomas, president of the Washington N. A. A. C. P., in the chair, the meeting contributed \$548.50 in cash, of which \$464.50 goes to the N. A. A. C. P. legal defense fund. Pledges as yet unpaid bring the total amount from the meeting to \$705.11.

In addition James A. Cobb, chairman of the legal committee of the Washington branch, reports that the organization of oldest inhabitants voted on Monday night, Oct. 26th, to give \$100 to the defense fund, and that Messrs. McKinlay and Mortimer Harris have given \$25 each. John R. Hawkins, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church, gave \$100, \$25 each for himself, wife and daughter and \$25 in memory of his son.

A. Aug. Marquis, assistant secretary of the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers, has sent \$32 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for the defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet and ten other colored people charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a Detroit mob. Mr. Marquis writes:

"The Amsterdam News of the 21st inst. carries on its front page an appeal from the association which I read with great pleasure. Feeling a deep sympathy towards this noble action to vindicate Dr. O. H. Sweet and others who are charged with murder for defending the doctor's home, I made a personal appeal to my comrades in the cigar factory where I am employed, to which they have responded in a liberal way. The spirit with which they received the appeal was evidently sympathetic and I trust that all whom your appeal reaches will give the support necessary to defray the expenses for the defense of the doctor and the others."