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YOUNG PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE AGAINST SCHOOL INEQUALITIES

NEW YORK—One hundred and seventy-five youth councils and college chapters of the N.A.A.C.P. throughout the country united in a nationwide series of youth mass meetings against inequalities in public education Wednesday, November 10. This is the day during American Education Week, November 7-13 which has been set aside for discussion of 'Our American Youth Problem' On this day youth councils and college chapters emphasized unequal education opportunities for Negro youth as a great problem. Walter White, executive secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. made a nationwide broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System from 3.15 to 3.30 p.m. E.S.T., emphasizing the work of the Association as it combats racial discrimination in public education.

In Boston, Mass., Dr. Clarence R. Skinner, dean of Tufts University, school of theology spoke for the Boston Youth Council mass meeting. His subject was "Prejudice and Its Effect on Negro Education." In Gary Ind. effort will be made to have discrimination abolished in Froebel, a high school which does not allow the Negro pupils to go in swimming, nor play in the band. Negro teams are not allowed to compete with the white in athletics because of the state Athletic Association, so they have been told.

Rev. E. Franklin Fisher spoke at the youth mass meeting in Detroit, Mich., pointing out the discriminations which Negro youth face in a unified school system.

ONE MILLION CHRISTMAS SEALS ON SALE BY N.A.A.C.P.

New York, Nov.—One million Christmas seals are being placed on sale by the N.A.A.C.P. this year to raise funds for the general work of the association. The 1937 seal is a new, striking design by Louise E. Jefferson, young colored artist of Harlem. A quarter million of the new seals were distributed by Nov. 1, and additional one are going out daily. Orders may be sent to N.A.A.C.P. headquarters, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York.

JOHN DAVIS AND WIFE IMPRESSED BY RUSSIA

MOSCOW, USSR—(By Chatwood Hall for ANP)—John P. Davis, secretary of the National Negro Congress, and his wife, Margaret were interested onlookers along with workers' delegations from many nations as Moscow turned out en masse at the Red Square to observe the 20th anniversary of the Socialist revolution during which more than 1,500,000 citizens paraded after a huge military demonstration.

"One of the most thrilling sights of the entire observance was that of young Paul Robeson, Jr. carrying the banner for the schools of the entire district in which his school is located."

of Sverlovsk," said Davis after-

61 NEGRO H. SCHOOLS LISTED IN MISSOURI

JEFFERSON CITY—The enrollment in colored schools in Missouri shows a large increase over a period of years, the number of colored high schools has increased more than 10 times. The records show 6 high schools in 1920; 14 in 1925; 15 in 1930; 38 in 1932; 51 in 1935 and 61 in 1937. The following cities have colored high schools designed as first class by the publication, "Missouri Schools": Cape Girardeau, Carutherville, Charleston, Columbia, Hannibal, Independence, Lincoln University High School in Jefferson City, Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Kinloch, Mexico, Moberly, New Madrid, Popular Bluff, Bartlett High School in St. Joseph, Booker T. Washington, Sumner and Vashon High Schools in Saint Louis, Sedalia, Springfield and Webster Groves. Forty-three other towns have second, third and unclassified high schools.

In the last 17 years more than half of the school buildings housing colored children have been remodeled or rebuilt.

BOOKER T. VOCATIONAL PLAN IN CHI. SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, — (ANP) — Chicago's schools may adopt the vocational training plan started many years ago by Dr. Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute, it was learned this week with the announcement by Superintendent of schools W. H. Johnson of a plan to change the curriculum of the city's high school so as to throw an 80 per cent emphasis on vocational training.

Following the school head's announced plan it was said to have the approval of the school board of Mayor Edward Kelly and many PTA groups and civic leaders. Many teachers, however opposed the idea, discussion of which soon took on the proportions of a city wide controversy. The Chicago Teachers Union described the plan as "more Fascist or Communist than American."

HOWARD BEQUEATHED \$300

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—As a result of a will in Manhattan Surrogate court Thursday, Howard University in Washington will benefit to the extent of \$3,000 through the wishes of Anna E. Brown who died on October 25.

RETAIL STORES OPERATED BY NEGROES

New York City, with the largest Negro population (327,700 in 1930) of any city in the United States, reported 960 retail stores operated by Negro proprietors in 1935, according to Director Wm. L. Austin of the Bureau of the Census.

The number of retail stores had increased from 391 in 1930 to 960 in 1935; total value of sales increased from \$3,322,000 to \$3,805,000 during the same 5-year period and the total pay roll, which does not include compensation for the services of proprietors, increased from \$293,482 to over \$472,186.

New York led all the other cities having 50,000 or more Negro inhabitants in the number of stores operated; in the value of sales and in the amount of wages paid to employees. The combined sales of the 449 food stores and the 172 eating and drinking places amounted to \$3,043,000 or approximately 80 per cent of the total sales, and with the exception of the \$397,000 sales reported by the mixed classification of "Other Retail Stores," no other group classification reported 5 per cent of the total sales.

The highest average sale per store of \$21,600 was reported by the combination stores (groceries and meats) operating expenses of the 960 stores—followed by the drinking places, with average sales of \$16,350. Total constituted 30.8 per cent of total sales, and the pay roll represented 40 per cent of the operating expenses.

The average operating expense ratio in 1935 for all Negro retail dealers in the United States (23,490) was 23.2 per cent of the total sales and the pay roll was 44.2 per cent of the total operating expenses reported. The 960 retail stores in New York City gave employment to 1,801 person, including 793 employees and 1,008 active proprietors and firm members not on the pay roll, and the average sales per store amounted to \$3,964.

SUES G.O.P. BOSS FOR \$100,000 SLANDER

CLEVELAND, — Declaring that statements made concerning him as a result of a recent fiasco probe into the mayoralty expenditures by the board of elections by Rees H. Davis, chairman of the Republican Executive committee, are "utterly false," Dr. D. Ormand Walker, president of Wilberforce university, filed suit against the chairman here recently for \$100,000 alleging slander.

Just what will really happen to the controversy is hard to forecast.

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