

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN



HIGH LIGHTS

21st Biennial Convention  
National Association of Colored Women

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BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 4—Highlights of the twenty-first biennial convention of Colored Women's Clubs which received a riotous welcome here last week in the city of its birth, were many and varied. But the speeches were not among the least of them.

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"I believe so firmly in my people that I am convinced that they can do anything anyone else can do, give them training and time." You can guess this was Dr. Mary Bethune and you will be correct. Political leaders everywhere had best heed the words of National President Jennie B. Moton which though spoken quietly carried potential dynamite for every candidate for 1940.

... we are inclined to vote for the party which will do the most to give us a square deal—and a square deal is all we ask."

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In case some hard-headed politicians don't exactly get the drift of Mrs. Moton's words, let them try these others on their phonographs:

"The colored people are a grateful people. It may be in the matter of votes many are switching from the Republican ranks to the Democratic ranks, but as citizens of the United States, we will cooperate with the government no matter who is elected . . . The pledge of allegiance includes the phrase, 'with liberty and justice for all,' and we, as a race, like to remember that."

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Just why the women have Miss Jane E. Hunter as national chairman of the Phyllis Wheatley club division might be discovered in the expressions here of the lady from Cleveland, I like 'em.

"No buying where we cannot work would have many good results . . . It will open the eyes of our people to the fact that they can be storekeepers and heads of small businesses if they will go to school and apply themselves."

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Another reason Miss Hunter is so highly esteemed is because she has established no less than 10 Phyllis Wheatley homes for girls.

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The gold brooch, formerly the possession of the Women's Club founder, Mrs. St. Pierre Ruffin, was presented at a special exercise at A.M.E. church here to the present national leader, Mrs. Jennie B. Moton.

Every succeeding national president will now receive this inspirational token.

Mrs. Madeline Dugger, energetic and attractive widow of the late Col. Edward Dugger, and mother of Eddie, the Tufts track star, was right in the midst of the meeting and entertained members from Massachusetts, Washington, Chicago and Wilberforce. It looks

as if the organization has won over another worker.

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It also looks as if a 1940 Republican victory to Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, who is chairman of the Republican Women National Association with an office at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Fleming, who came here from Cleveland, told Bostonians she looks for an organization of 50,000 women by November 1.

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However, if Roosevelt runs again, President Jennie Moton will probably vote Democratic.

"I do not think there has ever been a finer man in the White House than President Roosevelt," stated Mrs. Moton here last week.

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What about Father Divine and how does he stand with the club women from all over the nation?

"So far as this organization is concerned," replies the president, "he couldn't make a dent in it . . .

but . . . If he says his great principle is 'peace' and he lives up to that principle, then at least there may be some good in his work.

"There is a large stratum of the colored people, who, as you know, are terribly poor. They are starving. Father Divine, I understand, feeds them and finds them a place to sleep. Certainly there is no harm in that."

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Well after this impartial attitude of the Women's clubs, Father Divine ought to invite them to meet in one of his very fine mansions next year.

But it's a cinch that they'll all want to meet soon again in the old "Hub City" of Boston.