

# National GRAPEVINE

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## I HEARD ME SOME BIG TALK

**"MOVE** out of the state if you don't like its segregation laws,"—Gov. Wright of Mississippi addressing Negroes.

**"The South will go ahead with its regional educational plans with or without the support of Congress."**—Gov. Caldwell of Fla.

**"Almighty God saw fit in his infinite wisdom to segregate the races in the beginning and we earnestly believe that the will of God will be best served by continuation of total segregation of the black and White races."**—Southern Methodist Church Conf.

**"White is Right!"**—Summer sign on cotton apparel stores.

**"The man who nourishes in his heart prejudice against his fellow man because of differences in race, color or creed, is really a sick man,"**—Phil Murray of CIO.

**"The unwillingness of laymen and the church to stick their necks out in the name of Christ is defeating the purpose of the church,"**—Rev. Fremont Tittle of Evanston, Ill.

**"People who are trying to prevent Negroes from voting just can't do it legally on the basis of race or color,"**—Justice Dept. Civil Rights Chief Rosen.

**"Although the Negro race has progressed in the past 80 years we are not yet sure of our own liberty,"**—Willard Townsend at Tuskegee graduation.

**"To separate people, or animals, for that matter; to set them apart, is to create only fear and distrust. The key to the problem lies in association and understanding between the races, not alienation of one from the other,"**—Jas. Wallace in "Segregation on Common Carriers" prepared for Fellowship of Southern Churchmen.

## I RISE TO NOMINATE A MAN, ETC.

In Chicago, an expert on the matter tells us the picture will be "interesting but unfortunate." He says the progressive party will enter a full slate and will probably draw most heavily from the Dems. For instance if Earl Dickerson actually runs for Congress on the Progressive ticket, he will probably draw votes that would otherwise go to Bill Dawson. This could mean election of a Republican, Wm. King. In the Senate, Paul Douglas did have a good chance of beating Curly Brooks, but with a progressive on the ballot, Curtis McDougall, Brooks will probably be reelected. So it looks like a GOP sweep. Leastways, that's what the expert says.

On the National front, Gov. Earl Warren of California broke silence and said nominated or, elected he is for civil rights. Hank Wallace says he'll get more votes than he anticipated. Glen Taylor refused to speak to a segregated audience in Oklahoma and needled Justice on his Alabama arrest. Harry Truman grinned at Southern ravings and expects nomination on second ballot. Bob Taft, Tom Dewey and Hal Stassen played a which-two-to-the-wolves waiting game. And a new book, "The Balance of Power; The Negro Vote," his the stands (by Henry Lee Moon).

## ISSUES OF THE WEEK

Bill Dawson and Adam Powell voted against the infamous Mundt Bill which nevertheless passed the House. Adam summed feeling of bill opponents,—"It's not outlawing communism, it's outlawing Americanism... we are taking the first step in scrapping the American way of life." Senate Judiciary Committee at this writing (Thursday) is deciding what to do with anti-lynch bill, which GOP insists will pass if called up. Rep. Bender of Ohio is forcing action on his anti-poll tax bill before Senate, and joint conferees on the passed WAC bill which allows segregation, have agreed.

In Labor Department, farm labor is the headache. Farmers clamor for hands while city USES offices are cluttered with unemployed, who first use up their unemployment compensation then insist on waiting for placement at their "highest skill" as law allows. White and black they refuse farm work, even Negroes with farm background who have newly come North and who regard return to any farm, north or south, as return to slavery they just escaped. USES forced to import West Indian and Mexican farm labor has hit a snag here—Mexico now says because of past discrimination no more Mexicans will be sent to Texas, Arkansas or Mississippi. And off record, Jamaica has stopped certifying workers for employment south of Mason Dixon.

## POWER OF THE PRESS

Capital Press Club annual dinner this year was notable. First it was at Howard U, marking rapprochement (to the dictionaries, men) between school and press. Second, presence of Tom Young, Negro Publisher's prexy marked official rapport (again?) between front and back offices.

Main speaker, Drew Pearson, without script told Negro Press plainly as he could without being insulting, that it's time to get down to real business of facts and leave distortion to the professional propagandists. But on matter of his dad, first U. S. Governor of Virgin Isles, Pearson got sentimental and incorrect. Gov. Pearson did not start the social reforms, but merely allowed democratic practices to resume after they had been banned by the U. S. Navy which introduced color prejudice and ruled for a time just after the purchase of the Isles' from Denmark. But thanks to Drew for a grand talk.

Incidentally, this new mutually beneficial friendship between Howard U. and the Press may be credited directly to Otto McClarrin, Howard's public relationist and a newsman himself, and should be a hint to other schools.

## ISSUES OF THE DAY—CONTINUED

Inability of Congress and Armed Services to decide on a draft plan or UMT is due solely to the issue of segregation. Army brass and some Congressmen are determined that there shall be no integration. They insist that a white enlistee be allowed to say whether he wants to serve in a lily white outfit or a racially mixed one. By the same token Negroes would have to be allowed to choose and this is the rub. Our prediction is there will be a lot of brave talk but complete segregation in army, no matter who is in White House.

Navy announced 2,622 high school kids and enlisted men passed the exams to take Naval ROTC courses in college which at tax payers expense will in four years turn them into Naval Officers. Our problem Mister Anthony is how manw, if ary, are colored boys, no statistics being kept on race in Navy's new integration. We'll let you know if we find out. And oh yes, colored John Lee, who becomes an Ensign as he graduates from Rhode Island this Spring from one of these courses, will do a graduate study stint in Officers Naval Gunnery School in D. C. before being assigned to ship.

United Nations, or that part of it concerned with Palestine has shown clearly it is just hot air and a waste of tax payers money, and should give up. Meanwhile as the Arabs tear young Israel, the Jewish Republic, apart, the Church, Catholic and Protestant, which makes great pronouncements on everything else, is as strangely silent on this massacre as it was when 5 million Jews were massacred during the War.

## ARE YOU READY FOR THE QUESTION?

What Negro leader agreed not to push for a non-segregation clause in a bill regulating one armed service branch, because it might kill the bill and the branch, and who did not attend that now-historic conference of Negro leaders which back-fired in Defense Secretary Forrestal's face?

Speaking of questions, the question of a stage show theater in downtown Washington for integrated audiences appears solved by Uncle Sam's reluctant agreement to relinquish the old Belasco theater across from the White House. It is a government warehouse now. Interested in taking over art White House aides Dave Niles and John Steelman, Alan Johnstone of FWA, George Frain, and Joseph Curtis of Columbia Pictures.

## JUST A MINUTE

Robert (Bob) Weaver is latest presidential candidate for Hampton according to "informed sources"... Elsie Austin, personable attorney and Delta official is recovered and in a new job with National Labor Relations Board. She got an assist from Thomasina Johnson of USES.... Arthur Davis of Howard U., not out of running for Hampton, will see one of his books "Isaac Watts," published in England.... Gunnar Myrdal who did Carnegie's encyclopedic study on Negro Life, is Howard Commencement speaker, June 6.

Census and Housing point out that there are more Negroes and less houses for them all the time, mainly because they move around more than whites.... Justice Department at last has a justifiable reason for doing little or nothing about civil rights,—"We ain't got enough money"... University Women in D. C. are still fighting like cats over the matter of whether to admit Mary Church Terrell, who would become first colored member.... American Vets Committee gave awards to Sen. Morse, W. E. B. DuBois, Ida Fox and Jimmy Weschler.

Maryland is sweating under charges that Negroes are excluded from Juries.... We may have to expose here how some Washington colored bigshots who have been loud in their cries for a chance to send their kids to an integrated school, are reneging and coming thru with neither the cash nor the kids they promised, now that such a private school has been opened.... TWA employment office, La Guardia Field, New York, is advertising for co-pilots with specifications exacting but with no mention of race.

**BUY ANOTHER U. S. SAVINGS BOND. MISTER, and remember there cannot be segregation without discrimination,—KEEP YOUR SOUL MING!**