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HURJA CHARGES SECRETARY WITH "DISCOURTESY"

N.A.A.C.P. Official Scores Democrats For Failure to Act In Texas Primary Fight

Emil Hurja, assistant to James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, charged last week that the protests of Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to several Democratic senators against the failure of Mr. Farley's office to act on the barring of Negroes from Texas Democratic primaries "constitutes an act of discourtesy." The accusation was contained in a letter addressed to Mr. White on August 18, following the receipt of Mr. Hurja of copies of letters written by the N.A.A.C.P. secretary, telling senators of futile efforts to get any action from him.

Replying to the accusation of discourtesy in a letter dated August 23, Mr. White declared, "I would, however, far rather be accused of 'discourtesy' than be guilty of failure to take every possible step to prevent gross violation of the federal Constitution and the flouting of decisions of the United States Supreme Court by the officials of certain state Democratic Committees.

"In the present instance we are faced with a fact and not a theory. The fact is that continued correspondence between Mr. Farley and yourself on the one hand and this Association on the other has failed signally to elicit a single definite statement from you that the Democratic National Committee, its chairman, or its assistant to the chairman, have taken or will take any steps whatever, even in the way of advice, to prevent the barring of qualified Negro voters from participating in the state primaries."

Citing communications dated May 22, June 12, July 20, July 23, and August 1, received from Mr. Hurja's office which were acknowledgements of his letters urging action and failed to state definitely what action, if any, would be taken, Mr. White expressed astonishment that in three months' time Mr. Hurja had not "at least some contact" with Mr. Farley in order to take up such an important matter as violation of the federal Constitution [[Constitution]] and flouting of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on the primary voting issue.

"This illegal action by state

LABOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES HOLD PICNIC

The employees of the United States Department of Labor had their first picnic last Saturday at Elk Grove Villa. With baseball, basketball, volleyball, dodge-ball, horse shoe pitching, card playing, etc., the picnic was reported a success. Thomas Flourney was chairman. Some of those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Glascoe, Mr. and Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Miss Edna Brown, Mrs. Pauline Smallwood, Max K. Steele, Percy Anthony, Theodore Robinson, Mrs. Solon Larry and son, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Compton and their three children; Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Compton and their four children, William J. Ballard, Thomas C. Burts, Mrs. Alice Burts, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Briscoe, Mrs. Margaret Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lafoon, Mr. and Mrs. John Briscoe, Misses Ruth and Esther Carter, Leroy Brown, Mrs. Geneva Williams, Mrs. Felina Carter, C.C. Johnson, Mason Winston, Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, John Robinson and the three singing Robinsons, Walter, Nina, and Alfred; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Garner and their children, Messrs. Parks and Morgan, Misses Montague, Mayfield, Blake and Carter, the Messrs. Howard and



Charles Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Madden, Mrs. Mary Mason Jones, Mrs. Charles W. Brown, Carrison Neil, Jones I. Pare and William Brady, Lawrence Hawkins and Edward J. Ward, member of the Board of Review of the Bureau of Naturalization and Immigration. From the Bureau of Labor Statistics came Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, Chief of the Division of Negro Labor; Mr. Fitzgerald Chief Clerk of the Bureau and his family; Thomas S. Flournoy, John A. Davis, Cromwell Tyler, Miss Clementine Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dodson, Mrs. Elizabeth Kind and daughter, Mrs. Ogden Groomes, George Goodlow, Miss Estelle Smith, John Hunter. Mrs. Mary Jones, Miss Essie Ayers, James L. Willis, Mrs. Ida Contee, Mrs. Anna Wilson, Mrs. L. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Mrs. Clementine Benton, and Crawley Smith.

Democratic Committees in the South," Mr. White's letter continues, "as a matter which does not belong exclusively to the assistant to the chairman of the Democratic National Committee. It is a matter of concern not only to him, but to the well-being of the party as a whole. In a larger sense it resolved itself into a question as to whether or not the Democratic National Committee through yourself or Mr. Farley is going to remain inactive and therefore give approval of and consent to an illegal act."

Y. PROGRAM TOO CONSERVATIVE

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social contacts between young men and women.

All persons appearing before the committee agreed that the "Y" should widen its program to reach larger groups of people due to the greatly increased leisure time of the employed as well as unemployed people. Another development that the committee has under consideration at present is the promoting of an adult education program. This program will include panel discussions and forums, parental instruction courses, lectures, dramatics, music and hobby groups.

The following persons responded to invitations to confer with the committee: Rev. J.D. Pair, President of the Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations; Garnet C. Wilkinson, First Assistant Superintendant of Schools; Miss Anna R. Goodwin, General Secretary, Community Centers, Divisions 10-12, Public Schools; Thurman L. Dodson, President, Washington Bar Association; George B. Murphy, City Manager, Afro-American Newspaper; Col. West A. Hamilton, printer and editor, Washington Sentinel; Edwin B. Henderson, Director of Physical Education in the Senior High Schools; George W. Beasley, President of the Federation of Civic Associations; Woolsey W. Hall, Secretary of the Federation of Civic Associations; Hon. Perry W. Howard, lawyer; H. Naylor Fitzhugh, Administrator, New Negro Alliance; Franklin Thorne, Emergency Relief Division, Board of Public Welfare; Belford V. Lawson, lawyer; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Professor of History, Howard University and Presiding Elder, A.M.E. Church; and F. Morris Murray, publisher of the Washington Tribune newspaper.

The personnel of the Re-Study Committee is as follows: Dr. Howard H. Long, chairman; John R. Pinkett, Campbell C. Johnson, W. Lewis, Walter L. Carter, Walker L. Savoy, Rev. A.F. Elmes, Dr. W.O. Claytir.

The report of the committee will be made to the committee of management of the "Y" at its first regular fall meeting- September 12.

ASHBY HAWKINS RETIRES FROM HEAD OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS

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NORRISTOWN, Pa. - At a special meeting of the Supreme Lodge Pythians, of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere, W. Ashby Hawkins, of Baltimore, who has been supreme chancellor since 1905, announced

his retirement. He was made supreme chancellor emeritus, and William H. Martin, attorney of Boston, and formerly supreme vice-chancellor, was elected to succeed Mr. Hawkins.

Other officers elected were: John H. Lock, Philadelphia, supmere [[supreme]] vice-chancellor; George E. Gordon, Boston, supreme keeper of records and secretary of the Beneficiary Department; Charles W. Custus, Hartford, supreme prelate; Richard S. Barclay, New York, supreme master of arms; H.B. Moore, Kansas City, Mo., inner guard; James M. Mead, Norristown, outer guard; P.F. Marshall, Boston, major general uniform rank; W.A. Heathman Providence, treasurer of Beneficiary Department, W.H. Willis New York, and J.R. Farrar, Bridgeport, supreme trustees; J. H. Walden, Boston, secretary-treasurer.

HOWARD BEGINS 66TH YEAR
SEPT 25

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Howard University will begin its 66th academic year September 25. Registration for new students will begin September 22. Classes will begin the following Tuesday. A faculty reception to the freshmen will be held on the evening of September 20.

What Others Think

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ton's eloquent appeal strikes a responsive cord int he hear of every Negro citizen and it is hoped that now with the opening wedge having been forced in, that leaders will follow close the advantage, however slight. - CALIFORNIA NEWS

N.A.A.C.P. OFFICERS MEES [[MEET]] WITH HOUSING EXPERTS

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Foreigners Made "Sick" By Sights In Washington Slum Districts

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Five members of the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. met last Friday in a two-day session at the Interior Department, with a trio of European housing experts, who are touring the principal cities of the United States. The tour is under the direction of Ernest J. Bohn, president of the National Association of Housing Officials. The European visitors were Sir Raymond Unwin and Miss A. Mallor-Samuel of England, and Dr. Ernest Kahn of Frankfort-on-Main, Germany.

The N.A.A.C.P. was represented by Mrs. Robert J. McGuire, president; A.S. Pinkett, secretary; LaFayette M. Hershaw, Mrs. Victor Daniel, and the Rev. R.A. Fairley. Other groups which met with the distinguished European visitors were representatives of the Public Works Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Home Owners' Loan Corporation, Subsistence Homesteads, and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. John H. Ihlder, chairman of the Washington Committee of Housing, invited the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to send a sponsoring committee to meet with the European Housing Group.

If all visitors to Washington could be taken "sightseeing" through the slums and alley dwellings of the city, as well as through the beautiful and spacious government buildings and expansive parks, it would not be long until the squalor of these inhabited alleys would be abolished forever, it is agreed byt he trio of European housing experts who toured them last week.

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