

Mrs. Spaulding Gets Post Under Mrs. Oveta Hobby

NEW YORK.—(G)—The first major appointment of a Negro to an important government post in the Eisenhower administration was announced this week, with word that Mrs. Jane Morrow Spaulding of Charleston, W. Va., has been appointed Assistant to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the new Cabinet office which eliminates the Federal Security Agency.

Mrs. Spaulding's duties will be carried on in the fields of education, social security, child welfare and health. Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, who had been assistant to the Federal Security Administrator since 1949, will remain on duty for a month to help in the transfer of duties.

Mrs. Spaulding was born in Kentucky and educated in the Nashville, Tenn. public schools, and at Fisk University. After her marriage to Dr. A. L. Spaulding, she moved to Charleston, W. Va. where her husband was a physician and Assistant Health Commissioner. Dr. Spaulding died some time ago.

The new Cabinet Assistant will be a leader in labor union and welfare work, served for four years as state director of Negro relief for the West Virginia Relief Administration.

During the 1952 campaign she served as a national organizer of Negro voters in the national head

quarters of the Citizens For Eisenhower and N.A.A.C.P. A son of Mrs. Spaulding, also a doctor, is married to Marva Trotter, former wife of Joe Louis.

Negroes had long been impatient to hear what plans the Eisenhower administration had for appointing Negroes to policy-making posts in the government, and word in Washington and in the UN is that since Mrs. Spaulding's appointment has broken the silence, other appointments will soon follow. Still to be filled are many posts in the Labor, Treasury, Post Office Departments, as well as several diplomatic appointments.

In regard to diplomatic posts, Global's UN Correspondent, Jas. R. Lawson said that Mrs. Robert L. Vann is almost certain to receive the appointment as Ambassador to Haiti. According to Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Vann will receive the approval of the Haitian government in a very short time. On the subject of other diplomatic posts, Mr. Lawson said:

"The Rev. Arthur J. Payne, is pastor of the Ebon Baptist church in Baltimore, has the inside track as Ambassador to Liberia. He is a life-long Republican and a staunch Dewey man.

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Noah Williams, who is chairman of the Saginaw Valley Interracial Committee of Saginaw, Michigan, has the backing of the Taft wing of the GOP for the Ambassadorship to Ethiopia. Mr. Williams, he continued, "visited Ethiopia two years ago, and was received by Emperor Haile Selassie, at that time, he made a brief study of the country."

"This looks like the beginning of things, and we should soon hear about other appointments," Mr. Lawson concluded.

Dinner to Mark Detroit YWCA 60th Anniversary

The Fountain Room in Masonic Temple will be the scene Thursday, April 23, of the sixtieth birthday dinner of the YWCA of Detroit.

Civic and community leaders who will join with YWCA members to mark the climax of a three months' anniversary celebration will hear an address by Mrs. Edward W. Macy, of New York, national YWCA president. Mrs. Macy's topic will be "The Past is only Prologue."

The dinner also highlights National YWCA Week for the local Association. During this week, April 19-25, YWCAs in 440 communities and 640 colleges and universities in the United States join in emphasizing the role of the YW in the community and in the 65 countries where it works.

Miss Annetta B. Eldridge, metropolitan executive director, will give a five-minute talk on the Detroit YWCA's hopes and dreams for the future.

New techniques in the field of entertainment will provide an interpretation of YWCA activities. Tape recordings made at Central Branch of the sounds of activities which fill a YW building through the day.

Mrs. Macy will be introduced by Mrs. Thatcher W. Rea, chairman of the 60th anniversary committee. Greetings will be given by Mrs. Kins Collins, president of the Association. Mrs. Charles Boyd, dinner arrangements chairman, will preside.

John Ray, attorney and member of the World Trade Committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce, will speak at a "World Trade" luncheon Monday (April 27) at Central Branch YWCA.

The luncheon is sponsored by the YWCA metropolitan public affairs committee. Mrs. Ben R. Donaldson, chairman, will preside.



Seated above, left to right, Mr. Barton Beatty, Mr. Alonza Moron, president of Hampton Institute, J. J. Jeffrey, vice president, Great Lakes Steel Corp., State chairman of Michigan Campaign on the United Negro College Drive Fund.



"STAND-IN" FOR HERO—Lt. Herbert J. Taylor of Columbus, Ohio, escorts Mrs. Altae M. Ford of Fayetteville, N.C. at a review of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg last week. Major Gen. Gerald J. Higgins made a posthumous Silver Star award to Mrs. Ford, wife of Capt. Wilfred M. Ford, killed saving the lives of two buddies during a Korean action last July. Lt. Taylor and Capt. Ford served together in the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd. (News-press Photo.)

Interracial Council Plans Communion Breakfast

The Catholic Interracial Council, at Blessed Sacrament of Detroit will sponsor a Cathedral, Woodward and Belmont Communion breakfast Sunday beginning with Holy Mass at ten Edward Turner, president of

Widow of Truck Driver Wins Compensation Case

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(C)—The U. S. Court of Appeals ruled this week that the wife and children of a Negro driver who was shot to death by a Virginia deputy sheriff, should be given damages under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Thus Mrs. Carrie Robinson, widow of the slain William Robinson, will receive about \$20,000.

Refused Relief
This decision reversed a District Court verdict, which refused compensation on the grounds that Robinson's death was not a result of his employment.

The Appeals Court said Robinson died in an unusual manner and had been "agitated" from

the long trip he made for his employer, William Bradshaw, a contract lumber hauler.

The tragic trip was made in August of 1950. Robinson had driven a tractor trailer for his employer from North Carolina to Wakefield, Va., where he made a stop. Here the court said: "About an hour later he appeared on a porch of a Wakefield, Va. residence screaming and hollering that a mob was after

him."

Deputy Shoots
When police caught up with him, he was still shouting and throwing up his hands as if he were trying to stop someone. But they said, nobody was chasing him. He was locked up and while he attacked his jailers, Deputy Sheriff S. P. Lane shot him. testimony showed.

The court ruled that his long trip had left Mr. Robinson "agitated, fearful, and confused." Previously he had suffered from a nervous disease and the court ruled the trip had aggravated this.

Color Question Touchy Point in West Says Bishop

"The one touchy point in Asia with reference to the West is the color question," declared senior Bishop William J. Walls of the AME Zion first Episcopal District, giving his impressions of conditions abroad, especially in connection with the spread of Communism.

Bishop Walls recently returned from a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Lucknow, India. "The Negro is the touchstone of America's international influence. By the black man, this country's prestige stands or falls. On this

and every other human question the Communists are watching, propagandizing, and influencing wherever they can give us trouble," he explained.

Asian Struggle
There is a struggle between democracies and communists movements in nations everywhere in Asia," continued Bishop Walls. So far, the democracies have the upper hand and I think they will continue to do so. In my judgment, the one touchy point in Asia with reference to the West is the color question. "It is not possible to make

Asia believe that America will be fair in dealing with colored people in Asia and Africa if she continually fails to give clear and decisive justice to the colored people in her own midst."

Progress Steady
Bishop Walls stated that when often asked abroad, "How does the United States treat its minorities, especially Negroes?" just as often found himself explaining, "The situation is improving steadily. The Negro loves his country and fights for his rights with a great number of friends upholding and leading him in areas looking toward better relations."

The Bishop, who visited Italy, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Burma, Siam, Thailand, Hongkong, the Philippines, Japan and Hawaii as well as India, feels that to improve our relations with these countries we must continue our relief and aid in encouraging growth in self-supporting ventures through point four programs, the churches, educational and social enterprises.

Academic Freedom Seen as 'Jeopardized'

the Detroit NAACP, will speak during the breakfast. He will be introduced by the Rev. John Finnegan, pastor of St. Patrick's and moderator of the Council, who will also explain work of the Council.

Also on the program will be Joseph Verhele, chairman of the Detroit observance of Brotherhood Week, and presentation of an award to John May, one of the Council founders, in recognition of his many years of work recently curtailed by illness.

The award will be presented by Charles Rawlings, who holds the Hoey award, annually given by the New York Catholic Interracial Council.

Community singing will be led by John Lewis, an assistant supervisor of Parks and Recreation. Assisting with the serving will be students from Marygrove College and the University of Detroit.

Chairman of the committee is Mrs. Snowden Williams. Assisting are: McLean Morrison, Bill Ryan, Mrs. Nellis Huntsberry, Mrs. Marie Oresti, Anthony Thomas, Jesse L. McCauley, Miss Angela Luken, and Miss Joanna White. For reservations, call TO. 9-2347 or LA. 7-2510.

BALTIMORE, Md.—There is a real danger that academic freedom in America is currently jeopardized by fearful opposition to communism, declared Dr. Richard I. McKinney, Morgan State College philosophy department head.

Dr. McKinney spoke on "The Significance of Academic Freedom to the American College Student" during the first of a four-week series of Wednesday evening forums on current issues being sponsored by Morgan's Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The philosophy professor pointed out that "in some areas an increasing number of teachers are becoming afraid to express their true judgments on matters pertaining to Marxism or allying themselves with liberal movements."

Threatens Foundation
He held that this was threatening the foundations of colleges, emphasizing that "a college exists primarily for the propagation of learning."

"If teachers become afraid to face frankly and to teach candidly both the good as well as the evil of any particular economic, political or religious system, the process of learning will be thwarted and students will be likely to develop distorted ideas of the very principles of which they should have full knowledge," Dr. McKinney declared.

He predicted disastrous results on college students in the absence of academic freedom, and stated that a loss will mean that many students "will not develop power of critical analysis of the forces which now and which will later vitally affect them."

Keep Status Quo
"The result is that instead of a liberal education, the student will have an education calculated to maintain the status quo and to inculcate unthinking allegiance to the past and the present."

"Students have the right to know the whole truth," he declared.

Church News
Ninth Church Christ Scientist Elect New Officers

The newly elected officers of Ninth Church of Christ Scientist are Mr. Earl Conway, first reader, and Mrs. Grace Davis, second reader.

The Wolverine Bar Association will re-enact the trial of Jesus of Nazareth at Second Baptist Church, 441 Monroe ave., at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22nd. They will seek an opinion as to whether the trial was fair and just according to existing law.

This courtroom scene is a part of the April Anniversary of the 6th anniversary of Pastor A. A. Banks, Jr.

The Rev. H. B. Sissle, pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian church, will preach at Second Baptist church Sunday evening, April 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

On Wednesday, April 29, Dr. Horace A. White, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, will preach at 7:30 p.m. closing the April celebration of the 117th anniversary of Second Baptist and sixth of Pastor A. A. Banks, Jr.



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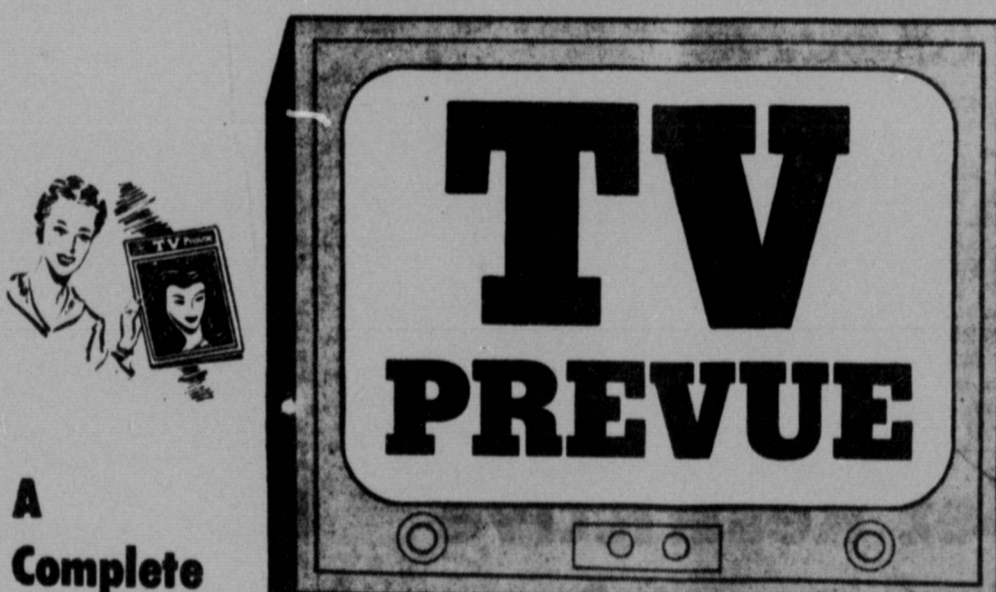
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