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ALLIANCE ALSO CHECKING N. R. A. CODE VIOLATIONS

Surveys Distribution of Jobs in Negro Sections

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — The New Negro Alliance working on a code prescribing boycott for establishments depending largely on colored patronage but refusing to employ colored help is gaining momentum, enthusiasm and attendance at its last meeting held at the Twelfth Street Branch Young Men's Christian Association last Saturday night indicate.

Elder L. Michaux, widely known evangelist pledged his support to the movement, praised the objectives of the alliance and urged continuance of the predominant idea behind the movement. "To be a servant," he said, "is the greatest thing on earth. But to serve faithfully is the only kind of service which will demand respect." That idea, he said, must be instilled into every colored person for whom the alliance obtains employment.

Says "Be Men"
Elder Michaux stated that his purpose in attending the meeting was to give the movement his endorsement. He urged the members to forget their race and acquit themselves as men and women.

His wit and humor kept a degree of levity running throughout his serious remarks.

John T. Rhines, an undertaker, 901 Third street, southwest, also pledged his cooperation, and invited the alliance to send a speaker to address the Southwest Civic Association.

The meeting heard reports of several cases which the alliance is working on.

Reports From Field

Robert Grayson McGuire, Jr., reported that Shep's Meat Market, 420 Florida Avenue, northwest, is willing to hire a colored driver or solicitor, provided the one he gets is punctual.

The proprietor of Mostow's Farm Market, 400 Florida Avenue, northwest, which has 98 per cent colored patronage, it was reported, claims he uses his family in the store, but when business is better he will hire colored help.

The Ideal Meat Market at Second and Florida Avenue, northwest, the case committee reported, claims to have used several colored boys but found them dishonest. It now employs the family of the proprietor and an extra white clerk.

One Case Dropped

With respect to Brown's Corner at Seventh and T Streets, northwest, James Lee reported that the proprietor had told him that when business is better he hopes to be able to employ a colored clerk. The family now does all the work at the store, but a colored odds-and-end man is employed, Mr. Lee reported.

The proprietor informed him, said Mr. Lee, that he contributes regularly to needy children attending the Cleveland School and to the Elks as well as to colored welfare organizations. The committee recommended dropping the case for the time being.

William H. Hastie, an attorney, reported that a committee had had a conference with Louis Hurwitz, proprietor of the Temple Luncheonette and Drug Company at Tenth and U streets, northwest, and his attorney, Perry W. Howard.

Temple Lunch Probed

During the conference, Mr. Hastie said, Hurwitz, through his lawyer, contended that he was complying with the temporary codes for restaurants and drug stores, but when questioned as to the specific wage scale in effect he would make no response except to say he was complying with the codes covering his business.

Through further investigation, Mr. Hastie reported, his committee found out that waitresses at the luncheonette were promised \$14.50 a week provided they would turn over their tips to the management.

Upon failure to agree upon this arrangement, Mr. Hastie said, the waitresses were continued on a salary of \$3 a week, from which deduction is made for their meals and the laundering of their uniforms.

Must Eat At Temple

Mr. Hastie said his committee learned authoritatively that at the end of the week one girl owed Hurwitz. He stated that the waitresses are required to eat at the luncheonette.

His committee promised to get in

touch with Hurwitz or his attorney before taking action, Mr. Hastie said. A definite recommendation as to action to be taken, he promised, will be made at the next meeting of the alliance.

It was reported that Braglo Ambrogi, 238 Rhode Island avenue, northwest, had promised to put a colored man to work in his delicatessen September 26.

Miss Catherine Grey made public the names of three new committees, which are to confer with the Palais Royal, a department store, the Southern Dairies and the Colonnade Luncheonette.

John Davis, chairman of the alliance, presided at the meeting.