

# Over 800 Attend Event Honoring Dr. Mary M. Bethune

Over 800 members and friends of the National Council of Negro Women—attended—its—imminently successful . Brotherhood luncheon honoring Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder, president emeritus of the organization. The event was held in the spacious and

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beautifully appointed grand ball room of the Willard hotel in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. William T. Mason, president of the council presided. Mrs. A. Carrington Ewell was general chairman. Mrs. Howard Thurman, chairman of the 20th anniversary formally opened the celebration with a brief ceremony which included the reading of the council pledge.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the principal speaker, herself a life member of the council said "The work of Mrs. Bethune and the National Council of Negro Women has been not only for your own people but for the general interest of the country." She reminded the audience that the time for giving lip service to the ideal of Brotherhood is past; that instead, actual practices must follow if we are to strengthen our democracy and love securely within ourselves.

Mrs. Bethune, who was presented by Lt. Lawrence Oxley, spoke briefly in her inimitable manner. She said in part "On this splendid occasion our many friends show by their very presence their endorsement of the efforts of the council to bring mankind nearer to God; to take away the spirit of segregation and to bind us together as one." She said she was aware of an underlying spiritual note in the program which formally opened the 20th year celebration of the council and threw out a challenge for the present and future saying, "Keep your hand in God's hand and your feet firmly on the ground as together we build a bridge to the fellowship the world needs today."