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## First to Land in Africa



U. S. ARMY MEETS LIBERIA—Napoleon Edward Taylor, private first class of Baltimore, Maryland, first U. S. Engineer to land on African soil in Liberia, meets admiring native Liberians.

## NAACP HAS BANNER YEAR

**NOMINATE 1943 BOARD MEMBERS**  
New York, N. Y. ... Announcing its 35th Annual meeting to be held at 2 o'clock January 4th, at the NAACP national office at 69 Fifth Avenue, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated this week that the record shows 1942 to have been the year of greatest activity in the association's history. Organized in 1909 the Association is one of the country's most powerful civil rights

organizations and has a paid up nation wide membership of 160,000 citizens, Negro and white. There are throughout the country 603 branches and youth councils and more than ninety percent of the NAACP's financial support comes from Negroes themselves.  
Among its major 1942 accomplishments the NAACP lists the setting up of its Washington Bureau in the nation's capital to serve as a "watch-dog" of the interest of Negroes themselves.  
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## John Bowman Omaha Boy in Clerk School



CLERKS' SCHOOL IN ARMY PROCEDURE—Members of an Engineer battalion in training at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. Seated around the table from left to right are: Corp. James Hicks, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sgt. Edward Bell, Chicago; Pfc. John Bowen, Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. Robert Cross, Louisville, Ky.; Pfc. Criswell Hardy, Waco, Tex.; Corp. John Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.; Sgt. Alvin Rountree, East St. Louis, Ill.; Corp. Jesse Taylor, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.; Lt. W. H. Schermer, St. Louis, Mo.; Pfc. Charles Muss, Danville, Va.; Tech. Sgt. James Barker, Lovejoy, Ill.

## TUSKEGEE REPORTS 5 LYNCHINGS

### WAR DEPT. QUERIED ON NEGRO POLICY IN V-1 SETUP

New York, N. Y. ... Will the Army and Navy impose upon northern and border state colleges to be used in the recently announced program for the training army and navy men its traditional limitations based on skin color, the NAACP asked this week.

Reminding the War Department that to date the Navy has refused to permit Negro students to participate in the V-1 program the NAACP in a wire to Henry Stimson, Secretary of War and Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said:

"Grave questions of policy affecting educational systems of colleges, universities, professional and technical schools in northern and border states are raised by plan of Army and Navy to train teen age draftees in medicine, engineering and related sciences as well as older members of armed services in these schools. We ask War and Navy Departments to formulate and make public what they propose to do with respect to training of Negroes. Will Navy continue to exclude Negro students from V-1 program in northern universities attended by both white and Negro students? What practices will be required by armed services with respect to training of Negroes in public and private schools selected in southern states which now exclude Negroes? What plans do Army and Navy have for utilizing and commissioning Negro educators in implementation of training program? In asking these questions we do not suggest establishment of Jim Crow units. Instead we

ask regarding the utilization of members of the armed forces and civilian instructors on the basis of their training, experience and character. There are many Negroes who have qualifications equal to and, in some instances, superior to Americans of other races already invited to serve. Finally we register most emphatic protest against introduction of pattern of segregation and discrimination of deep south into northern and border states where up to this time there has been no such segregation or discrimination."  
**McNUTT STAND ON CAPITAL TRANSIT WINS APPROVAL**  
Washington, D. C. ... Learning Paul V. McNutt, chairman of War Manpower Commission had personally addressed a meeting of the Capital Transit workers in an effort to balk any conflicts stemming from feeling against the employment of Negro street car and bus drivers as ordered in the recent FEPC directive the NAACP sent this week the following wire to McNutt:  
"Our congratulations on your recent address to members of the Amalgamated Association of St. Railway and Motor Coach Unions with the President the NAACP takes the stand that all available manpower must be utilized to make real the winning of the peace and toward this accomplishment, discrimination and segregation must be absolutely

crushed."  
Both W. D. Mahon, president of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach Unions and J. G. Bigelow, president of the Unions' Washington local appealed to white workers to accept Negroes in their ranks.

### NEGRO TEAMSTER'S SENTENCE COMMUTED BY GOV. POLETTI

Governor Charles Poletti of New York has commuted the five to ten year sentence of Carl Gilmore, Negro teamster of Binghamton, New York, to the two years he has served on a charge of assault. The Governor's action was warmly applauded by Rev. Laurence T. Hossie, chairman of the Workers Defense League, which handled the pardon campaign.  
Gilmore, a member of local 693 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, was jailed in August, 1940, charged with assaulting a strikebreaker. He was charged with assault in the third degree, a misdemeanor, and released on \$200 bail, but when the indictment was drawn, it was for assault in the second degree, a felony, which is far more serious.  
Convicted, Mr. Gilmore was fined \$1.00 and sentenced to an indeterminate term of nine to ten years in jail. On appeal the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New

York, N. Y. ... Voicing vigorous opposition to the Red Cross plan to continue with the introduction and extension of segregation in England and other places by labelling certain Red Cross clubs as "exclusively for Negroes in the European theatre of operations". The NAACP this week stated in a letter to Mr. Norman H. Davis, President of the American Red Cross—"It is our information that prior to the above action Negro soldiers have eaten, used the recreation rooms, lounges and shower rooms and all other facilities of non-segregated American Red Cross Clubs without difficulty of any sort with but a very few exceptions. This makes all the more indefensible and inexplicable the attitude of the American Red Cross. Insistence upon it of Jim Crowism not only is a needless irritation to Negro soldiers and officers who are, presumably, in the American Theatre of operations to fight for democracy but it will inevitably accentuate prejudice or ignorance on the part of some American white soldiers so far as Negroes are concerned. And I need only mention here the wide spread and growing resentment of English people at the fostering of American racial segregation patterns on Englishmen and English territory. We further understand there are a considerable number of white Red Cross workers who are bitterly opposed to this introduction of segregation which more accurately fits a Hitlerian than a democratic way of life."  
Very truly yours,  
F. D. Patterson,  
President.

### A RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR—(by RUTH TAYLOR)

"Resolved: To live with all my might while I do live."  
Such a resolution is worthy of the keeping, for it calls for the best that each and everyone of us has to give. Philip Brooks once wrote "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle."  
That is what we need to do this coming year—to rise to the demands that will be made upon us—not to translate those demands into what we want to do. Most of us can do a lot more than we are doing—most of us can give a lot more than we are giving—in our homes, our unions, our communities, our nation. We must live with all our might today when the fight for right is at our very doorsteps.  
Overseas the helpless people of the conquered and subjugated nations are forced into acts utterly foreign to their own religious and national ideals, while in the totalitarian countries the souls as well as the bodies of men are regimented. They hate and worship at the nod of a power-drunk dictator. But here we are still free to think. No one can make us do anything we do not want to do. No one can make us lie, or cheat, or steal, or be cruel, or intolerant, or bear false witness against our neighbor. We are free to make our own decisions and we are free to do right. We can make a resolve—and we can keep it.  
It isn't particularly important what happens to us as individuals if we stand firm ready to fight or to die for those things which we know to be just and right. But it is important what we ourselves are. If we shrink on the job, if we fail to cooperate if we grouse hardships, or if we don't lift our end of the load, we are not only hurting others, we are hurting ourselves—and we are not living with all our might. We aren't doing the best of which we are capable.  
Let's make a new resolve this New Year. Let's make this world a better place just because we are in it. Let's work to the best of our ability and then do a lot more. This is our world—and it will be just what we—you and I and our neighbors, rich or poor, Black or White, Protestant, Catholic or Jew, in shop or office or home—make of it. Let's LIVE with all our might, carefully distinguishing the false issues from the real, while we strive with every effort to do and preserve what we know to be the right.

### MARIAN ANDERSON TO SING AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Marian Anderson, noted Negro contralto, will sing at a special ceremony at the Department of the Interior on January 6, it was announced by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Miss Anderson will appear in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior building for a ceremony to be attended by a group of prominent Federal officials, members of the diplomatic corps, civic leaders, outstanding Negro representatives and other prominent persons. The occasion will be the formal presentation to the Federal Government of a mural painting representing Miss Anderson's first concert in Washington when she sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday, 1932.

While all details of the program for January 6 have not been completed Secretary Ickes said that Miss Anderson would sing several selections. The program will be conducted in recognition of the great contributions made by Miss Anderson Secretary Ickes said.  
The mural to be presented was arranged for by the Marian Anderson Mural Committee, under the chairmanship of Edward Bruce. It depicts the scene at the Lincoln Memorial at Easter, 1932, when Miss Anderson sang an outdoor concert to a crowd of 75,000 persons gathered before the Lincoln Memorial.  
Use of the Memorial was granted by Secretary Ickes at that time following refusal of the use of Constitution Hall for a concert by the Negro singer.  
To memorialize that event, the Marian Anderson Mural Committee was formed. Funds to finance a painting were raised by thousands of contributions from school children and others throughout the nation interested in the strengthening of racial relations. Mitchell Jamieson was chosen to paint the mural after a national competition. The mural has been installed in the Department of the Interior building, and will be formally presented to the Government on behalf of the Mural Committee. It will be accepted for the Government by Secretary Ickes.  
Complete details of the program will be announced later, Secretary Ickes said. In addition to participation of Negro leaders in the event, plans are being made for the attendance of a representative group of Negro school children who will appear on behalf of the many children who made small contributions to the fund which financed the painting of the mural.  
Miss Anderson's appearance at the Department of the Interior auditorium will precede her initial appearance in Constitution Hall when she sings there on the following night, Thursday, January 7, on behalf of the United China Relief.

### CONTINUES ATTACK ON JIM CROW RED CROSS

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Growing out of the Donovan-Hague feud, the Bayonne arrests of the women were based on their own forced testimony given at the Jersey City trial of tavern owners on vice charge. George, the prosecuting attorney, who held the women in the Hudson County jail has been their only adviser since last June and has repeatedly told them they did not need a lawyer, Crichton reported.

### JERSEY "WITNESSES" FACE INDICTMENT

Bayonne, N. J. ... Following arraignment on charges of disorderly conduct and prostitution subsequent to their dismissal from Hudson County jail, five of the ten Negro women who had been held incarcerated for six months as "witnesses" to the operation of local vice establishments were released into the custody of William George, Hudson County prosecuting attorney, who appeared in their defense here and who is responsible for the original Hudson County jailing of the women, Donald Crichton, NAACP counsel announced this week.

### LYNCHING POLL TAX SPUR NAACP SEAL SALE

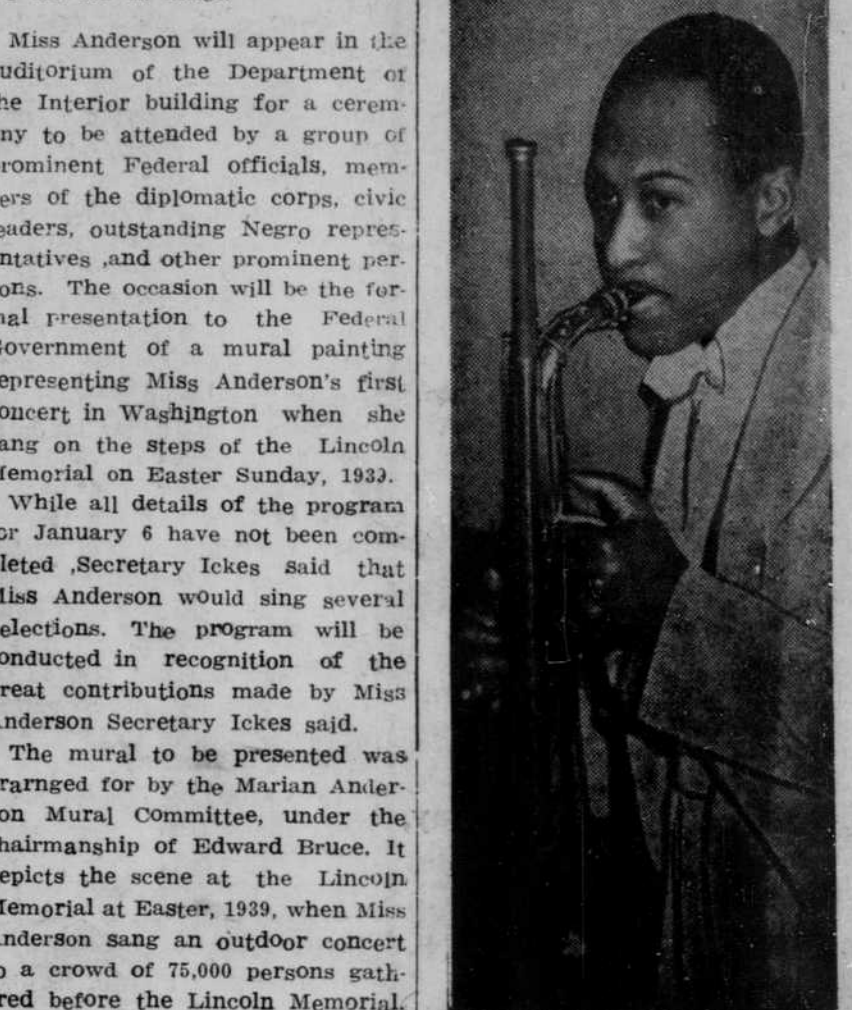
New York ... Prowded by 1942's six lynchings, and increase of one over 1941 and the failure of anti-poll legislation, Negroes and progressive white throughout the country made their protests known this year in a record purchase of 117,500 NAACP Christmas seals, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced this week. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps each year go into the NAACP general funds to help in the fight for wiping out racial inequalities, the prevention of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and other remedial legislation. Largest sale of seals according to the reports reaching the national office so far was made by the San Francisco, California branch.

## THE LEAST WE CAN DO



## SNUB MOSLEY

"The Man with the Funny Horn"



SNUB MOSLEY, will be at the Dreamland Hall with his funny horn, January 3, 1943. Yes! Yes! Hot stuff boys and girls! Come on out and hear him and his Decca Recording Orchestra. A big evening and plenty of fun!

### A F O T O INVESTIGATE WEST COAST RACIAL BIGOT

New York, N. Y. ... Acknowledging receipt of a telegram from William Green, President of American Federation of Labor, in which Green promised that an inquiry would be made this week into the segregated union proposal of Tom Ray of Local 72, Holmermakers Union at the Kaiser shipyard, the NAACP expressed surprise at learning that the NAACP was the first to inform Green of Ray's proposal.  
"The NAACP pointed out that discrimination in the Portland shipyard had been widely publicized in the press for the past two months and that the AF of L represented by John Frey, the AF of L had participated at a November conference in Portland at which representatives of the War Manpower Commission, the War Production Board, and the Maritime Commission met to take action on the situation.  
Green's telegram to the NAACP stated: "Your telegram conveys to me first information I have received regarding race discrimination at Portland, Oregon. I will inquire into matter immediately because it is the purpose and policy of the American Federation of Labor to prevent race discrimination and instead to establish and maintain the exercise of all rights of workers regardless of race, creed or nationality."  
If they are indicted on the disorderly conduct and prostitution charges they will be tried by George the prosecuting attorney the same person who "advised" them, kept them in jail six months and into whose custody they have now been released.

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