

NEW ARRIVALS AT FORT HUACHUCA—Here are new inductees and WAACS as they appeared on the first day of their training period at the famous Arizona Army post. The boys have been provided with their issue of uniforms and hasten to the barracks. The girls seem well pleased with their new outfits. Uncle Sam's soldiers are the best dressed in all the world.



Mr. Julian reports a conversation he had with a colored boy in Piccadilly Circus and some of the facts he learned were: Negroes are treated better by the British than by the Americans. Several American officers resigned because they did not want to lead colored troops. Negro soldiers are not welcome at the American Red Cross clubs, and special clubs are being set up for them. "Now, really! Such goings-on are a little shameful, don't you think so? Supposing on the field of battle, an American boy was dying and needed assistance. Let's suppose a Negro buddy came to his aid. . . . Do you imagine he would refuse? Do you think he would let racial prejudice interfere with what may be a chance of safety for that American white boy? And if the colored boys are good enough to die for America then at least they deserve as good a chance to live in America—or any other part of the world for that matter—and pursue normal, honest lives.

"One of the principles for which we are fighting this war is equal rights. . . . and now can we demand cooperation in this respect from other nations if we can't get a good example ourselves.

"Right now is a good time to start pulling down these racial prejudices that have so long deprived us all of more Dr. Carvers and Paul Robesons. The armed forces would be the logical place to begin. If some kind of educational program could be sandwiched in among the military duties, whereby the white soldiers could begin to erase their color prejudices, then those millions who will come back to their peace-time homes and occupations will be a strong wedge to start ousting racial discrimination among civilians.

"I know this is a difficult subject and one that will make many of my listeners violently agree or disagree with me, but at a time when our leaders are setting up blue prints for the post-war world in which we, and the generations to come, hope to live at Peace, I think it is high time we brought this subject into the open and aired it more thoroughly.

"All arguments that the Negro is dumb, slow, lazy and stupid are of no avail. We must consider the

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USO-CENTER NEWS

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RECREATION ROOM

Christmas definitely was in evidence at the Soldiers and Sailors Recreation Room Christmas night. A mammoth tree bedecked with various colored lights, covered with snow and icicles surrounded by many gifts attractively wrapped.

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and other decoration throughout the Center carried out the motif of Christmas. Candies, nuts and home made cookies were placed on tables about the spacious room for the pleasure of the soldiers. The many soldiers from Fort Omaha and Fort Crook who frequent the Center were overjoyed with the spirit of the occasion.

In keeping with the time of the manpower shortage and the fact that Old Saint Nick has gone to war, our waiting Santa Claus in the presence of Miss Urice Meadows decked in the regulation red and white suit with long whiskers made a very impressive substitute for the old gentleman. Admiring the cheer of approval and happy gesture from our soldiers in attendance each one's name was called and as his presented theme with their gifts and a cheery wish for "A MERRY CHRISTMAS", howls of glee and gratitude rocked the Center. The gifts that each soldier received consisted of a regulation army tie, a handkerchief, a pack of cigarettes

and a big ball of pop corn. We are indeed grateful to the Meno club who were hostess for the night and for their assisting in the success of this gala affair. We tender thanks to Miss Belle West, Telephone Exchange Girls, USO, and Girl Reserves of the YWCA for the part that they played in bringing Christmas cheer to the soldiers a special bouquet to Room 7 of the Lake School for the enjoyment of our boys.

The personnel of the Soldiers and Sailors Recreation Room desire to extend their appreciation for the assistance rendered in bringing to the men of the armed forces the bit of Yuletide spirit, though many miles from their home ties, we trust have made them feel that the sacrifices they are giving in this for the four freedoms is not going unnoticed.

In addition to the affair at the Center, many of our boys were the recipients of many courtesies in various homes. The soldiers were very happy in having been received by the people of the community. Several of our soldiers were fortunate enough to receive leaves and furloughs for the holidays, among them were Privates Gilliam, Bobo and Perry. Private First class Connor is confined to the hospital at Fort Omaha we wish for him a speedy recovery. We wish to extend to Pvt. Dukes our sincere sympathy in the death of his father. Visitors to the Center for the holidays were: Sgt. Richard Rice, Indiantown, Penn., Ray Skillman of the U. S. Navy; Frank Barbee of the U. S. Navy; Sgt. Whiteside, M. T. Murrell, U. S. Navy; Pvt. Martin Anderson and Ray Young of C. I. We wish to thank all of the organizations and individuals who have contributed service and gifts to the Center for the comfort of the boys and trust that your patriotic spirit shall prompt you to continue this humanitarian effort. Let us combine our forces and strive to make this ensuing year one of outstanding achievements for the comfort and relief of the Soldiers who have access to the facilities of the Soldiers and Sailors Recreation Room. This may be accomplished if everyone remembers that he or she has a moral obligation to assist in building up the morale of our gallant men. Now should any person having time to render volunteer aid in this most worth while service please call Jackson 9828 after 4 p. m.

RACE HATRED HIT BY RADIO COMMENTATOR

(Continued from page 1) ed reports of clashes between Negro and white American troops stationed over there. Unfortunately he stayed only a short time, and then reported that the claims were exaggerated. However, I am inclined to think that he felt it would be more diplomatic to adopt the attitude "the less said the better."

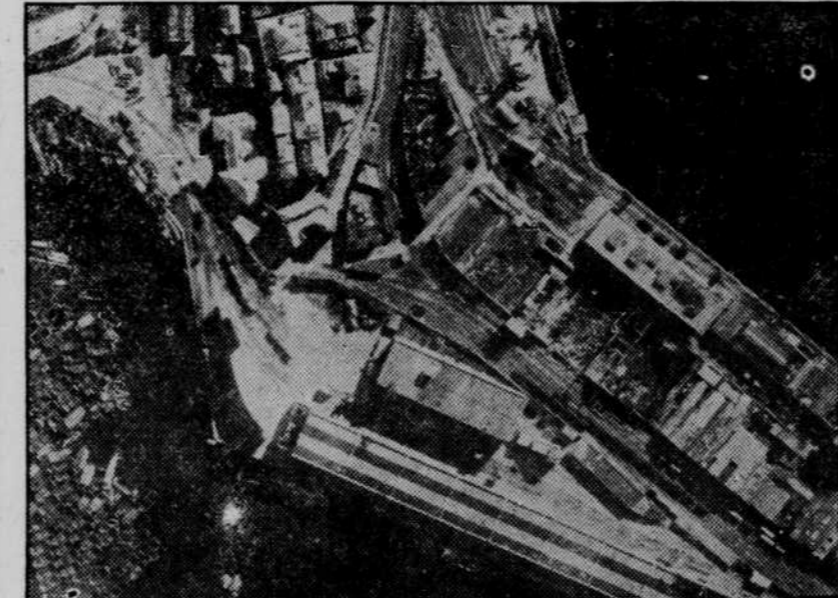
"Recently Joseph Julian related for the magazine, "The Nation," the personal talks he had with some Negro soldiers stationed in Britain. It seems that orders or requests have been issued by the American military authorities to the English townspeople to the effect that white and colored troops should not be permitted in the same civilian canteens. And in some cases the townspeople have refused to comply. In fact, many of them are distinctly annoyed at this discrimination against the colored troops.

SUPREME CHAMPION BULL IS STAR BOND SALESMAN



CHICAGO, ILL.—At the Union Stock Yards here at an official welcome rally auction, Royal Rothes, the \$13,000 Supreme Champion Shorthorn bull from Perth, Scotland, sold \$38,525 worth of War Bonds. Royal Rothes, who is less than 2 years old, was brought to the United States from Scotland on the steamship, Empire Bittern, which left Glasgow about August 17, in a convoy of about 40 ships.

GENOA PIER HEAVILY DAMAGED BY R. A. F.



GENOA, ITALY.—One of a series of reconnaissance photos made over Genoa after the series of heavy bombing attacks on this important Italian seaport. This picture shows the warehouses and sheds covering an area of 2 1/2 acres on the Mole (pier) Vecchio almost completely destroyed by fire. The R. A. F. estimate damage by their bombs and resultant fires have levelled roughly 77 acres in the dock areas and business section of the town. Note many barges at lower left.

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situation were the positions reversed. Would we have any initiative or ambition if we knew beforehand that sooner or later we would come up against the stone wall of racial discrimination? You bet we would. . . . And before we condemn the Negro at least let him have a few generations in which to prove his ability and patriotism without the many artificial barriers that hold him back. "The important thing to remember when discussing this subject is . . . "Rome wasn't built in a day" . . . and no one who wants to better the lot of the Negro, expects it to be done overnight. The change can only be made over generations of patient determinations to do away with racial discrimination."

PRIORITY

by RUTH TAYLOR We have a new word in our dictionary, a word that is on everyone's lips, that comes into every conversation, that hangs over every predated part in our daily lives. It is the word "priority". Just what does priority mean? The answer is very simple. Priority is simply putting first things first.

As a nation and as individuals, we have one job today—the job of winning this war. This must come before anything else, because, if we don't win it, there won't be anything else. And defeat would be unthinkable to any of us.

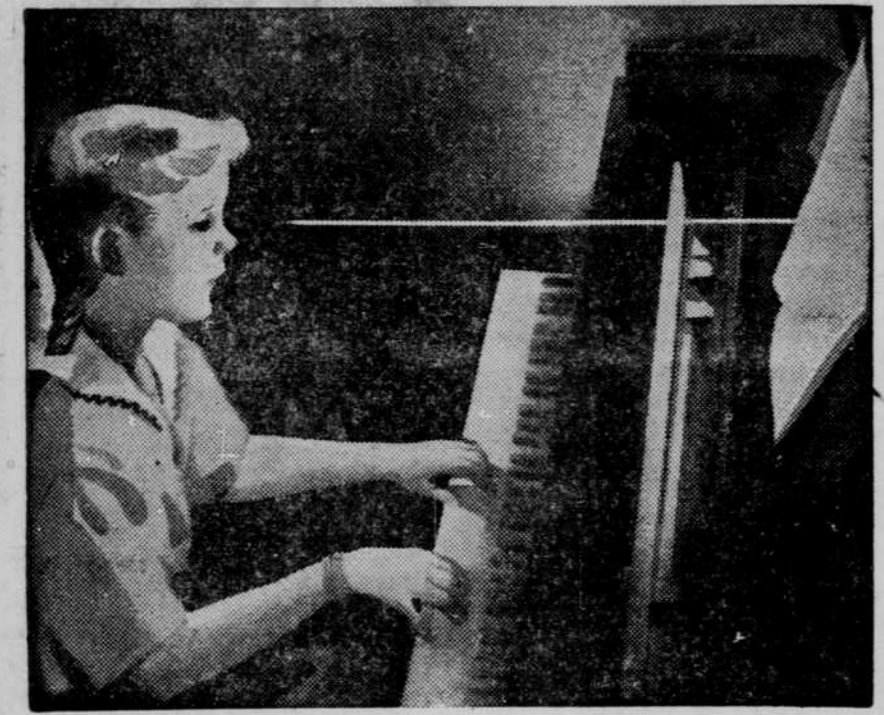
The quicker we win the war, the sooner can we return to the way of life we want to live, to the full enjoyment of the advantages and happinesses of the democratic way of life. The quicker we win it, the sooner can our factories revert to the production of those things which make life easier and more enjoyable. The quicker we win it, the sooner will our boys come home, our families live again as families should, in peace and prosperity, free from fear, free to plan again for the future.

Here is where priority comes in. Priority means that we must put the war effort first. We must ask ourselves before we buy anything, whether or not it is essential. We must use our money for war bonds not for luxuries. War bonds have priority on all spare cash—and spare cash means all that is not needed for bare living expenses. We must remember that non-essentials not only take money, but they take man-power to make and transport; they take space needed for war materials; they use up steel and rubber and gas to move them from place to place. Luxuries do not have priority. They are "out!"—for the duration.

Priority means that we must work hard at those things which are essential. In industry, if we have the strength. In civilian defense, and other volunteer war tasks, if we cannot give all our time. We must remember that there is priority on our ability to work, and because of that priority we must keep fit and ready to do our share.

Priority means that we have no time to indulge in hatred, prejudice or discrimination, or in resentment for real or fancied wrongs. All of our energies, mental as well as

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