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WAAC'S NEED NEGRO WOMANPOWER!



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money" U. S. Treasury Department Courtesy King Features

Sentence Sermon...

by Rev. Frank Clarence Lowry for Associated Negro Press
I. There will be many graves with crosses this Easter, because men have failed to recognize the cross of the Redeemer.

"Chinese Vengeance"

(BY RUTH TAYLOR)

We have all read of the great speech made by Mme Chiang Kai-Shek in Madison Square Garden in New York. Thousands of people gathered there to pay homage to her and through her to the Chinese people, whose brave and steady fight against what seemed like hopeless odds, has stirred our imaginations and quickened our spirit in our own dark hours.

must have equal opportunity of development. Those who are stronger and more advanced should consider their strength as a trust to be used to help the weaker nations to fit themselves for full self-government and not to exploit them. Exploitation is spiritually degrading to the exploiter as to the exploited.

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Six Dixie Governors Meet To Consider Negro And Blast Democrat New Deal

Washington, April 14 (ANP)—Quietly, governors of six southern states assembled last week to discuss the future of the Negro, Democratic party, and the old south. In attendance were the governors of Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Louisiana. They met in Tallahassee and in a united front opposed the New Deal and all that it stands for in progress and human relations.

Unsettled whether they wanted to form a new southern Democratic party, align with the Republicans or string along with the New Deal, the group decided to do nothing about endorsing the policies of the present administration until it had another meeting.

Chief sore spot irritating the governors was the attitude of the New Deal toward the Negro problem which was particularly vexing to the state leaders. They vociferously asserted that Mrs. Roosevelt was the chief offender in the matter of race relations and they wanted some definite understanding as to the future problem. Southern (Continued on page 4)

Suit To Enter Kentucky Uni. Set For May 5th

Lexington, Ky.—Charles Houston member of the NAACP legal staff representing Charles Lamont Eubanks, Louisville student who is seeking admission to the University of Kentucky gave notice in Lexington Court here on April 13 that he will demand the court to include damages sustained by Eubanks during his year's absence from school. The trial has been reset for trial on May 5th and 6th.

Eubanks charged he had been denied admission to the University of Kentucky in violation of his constitutional rights and is seeking a court order to compel the university to admit him. He also is asking \$5,000 damages from the

City, Mo., has headquarters in the Urban League building. Office hours daily from 9 am. to 5 pm.

Austin-Wadsworth Bill Sample, Cited by NAACP

WANTS MILLION NEGRO WOMEN ON THE FARMS
Washington, DC.—A letter has been received by a government agency in Washington from a white man in Mississippi urging that a million Negro women be forced to work on farms.

Poll-tax Issue Quickly Breaks Up Mme Kai Shek's Calif. Press Conference

(BY HARRY LEVETTE)
LOS ANGELES, April 12 (ANP)—"How important do you consider the part the darker races are playing in the winning of the war?" was question No. one prepared by me as representative of the Associated Negro Press to be asked Madam Chiang Kai Shek at her press conference at the Ambassador hotel Friday.

Ask Negro FEPC Head

New York, April 12 (ANP) Suggestion that a qualified Negro be given consideration for the chairmanship of the FEPC was made in a letter dated April 8, to Manpower czar Paul V. McNutt from S. Clair Bourne, well known New York Negro newspaperman.

KAPPAS START WEEK ON "WINGS" BROADCAST

Detroit, April 12 (ANP) "Wings Over Jordan" will broadcast from this city Sunday morning, April 18, at which time the program will be dedicated to Guide Right week of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which opens its 21st annual observance that day and continues until April 24.

16 NEGRO CHAPLAINS AMONG HARVARD CHAPLAIN'S SCHOOL GRADUATES

Cambridge, Mass., April 12 (ANP) Sixteen Negro chaplains, commissioned 1st lieutenants and captains, were among the approximately 400 student chaplain graduates of Harvard university on April 3. It is estimated that more than 235 Negro chaplains will be needed by 1944. Thus it is seen that the army policy for commissioning chaplains is far different from that of the navy where there are no chaplains.

SENATE TO PROBE U.S. ARMED FORCES DISCRIMINATION

(BY ERNEST E. JOHNSON)

Stimson Says Army To Promote Negro Officers According To Their Ability

WASHINGTON, April 14 (ANP)—Almost simultaneously with the announcement of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that his department will promote Negro officers according to their ability, it was learned in another quarter that the block system of promotions has been eliminated and that colored commissioned personnel will be raised in rank as the individual qualify.

The secretary's reply came in answer to a question at his Thursday morning press conference as to whether the policy stated by Under secretary William Patterson last week in a letter to the Washington Federation of Churches, would be followed throughout the army wherever command of Negro troops is involved.

The block system is the method whereby Negroes could not be commissioned as lieutenants until an equal number could be elevated to the rank of captain, and this latter would not be done until there was an organized unit of sufficient Negro personnel to require the particular number of captains.

It was this limitation on advancement that was lifted out of a speech of Major Gen. Frederick Miller, commanding general for the 93d Division stationed at Fort Huachuca, a few months ago and highlighted in the Negro press. It was not generally known, however, that even at that time, Gen. Miller had submitted to his superior officer the recommendations for the promotion of several qualified officers at his base.

The probability is that these and possibly other names will be set upon for promotion at an early date, although no specific promise was available.

Sec. Stimson also declared that "the policy of the war department is to utilize trained Negro troops wherever they can be used to further the war effort." He disclosed that there are now more than 75,000 Negroes in the various overseas theatres of operations. This number includes not only service troops, he said, but combat troops as well, such as coast artillery and infantry.

(Negro tank units are reported to be engaged in action now going on at the Tunisian front where they are credited with having taken an important sector from the axis.)

"Negro troops of all the principal arms are now under training," Stimson said. "Typical of these are the following: two infantry divisions, one cavalry division and a number of infantry regiments and field artillery battalions."

"The 93d divisions is now under going maneuvers as a division. This is an advanced stage of training for this unit. I think that these evidences give clearer indication of our policy to utilize the Negro soldier in combat as well as in active theatres of war."

Congressman Howard Buffett Named Representative to Food Study Committee

Howard Buffett, member of Congress from the Second Congressional district, is the Nebraska representative on the Republican Food Study Committee. This committee was set up last week by Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. to investigate various phases of the serious food problem that confronts the nation.

WASHINGTON, April 14 (ANP). The senate committee on military affairs will hold preliminary hearings into the charges of racial discrimination in the armed forces preparatory to the appointment of a five man subcommittee to undertake a full dress investigation into the matter.

This is the procedure which will be followed as a result of a resolution introducing in the senate last Thursday by Sen. Sheridan V. Downey (D) of California calling upon that committee to conduct a full and complete study and investigation with respect to the status of the Negro and other minority groups in the armed services as well as the WAACs, WAVES, SPARS, and marines, women's auxiliaries.

Introducing his resolution Sen. Downey declared on the floor that complaints of violations of the non-discrimination provisions of the Selective Training and Service act of 1940 had been made by responsible persons, notably William H. Hastie, the civilian aide to Secy of War Henry L. Stimson who resigned in protest, which complaints have created "anxious concern among large segments of our people."

The senate made it clear in his remarks that he is not now attempting to judge the veracity of the charges but rather to point out the intent of the President and the legislation establish selective service that the objective be attained without racial discrimination. He pointed out the Negroes are greatly restricted in the armed forces, particularly in the air corps.

"By the end of this year there will be more than one million Negro Americans serving their country in our armed forces," he told the senate. "They will represent more than 10 percent of all Americans under arms. Their heroism, their loyalty is unquestioned. The records of such Negro heroes as Dorie Miller at Pearl Harbor offer living testimony of the worth of the Negro people to defend the heritage of freedom and democracy which is the birthright of all Americans."

It becomes vital to the successful prosecution of American's war of survival that the morale of the Negro Americans in our armed forces and of the 12,000,000 more who are working on the home front, be not impaired by failure of any government agency to live up to the letter and spirit of existing laws against discrimination. It is essential that there be full and unhindered use of all America's manpower in the conduct of the war."

MISS. SOLDIER IS AWARDED GOLD WATCH

Portland, Ore., April 12 (ANP)—At the regular monthly dinner of the Portland Footprinters club, held at the Portland Army air base last week, Staff Sgt. Edward U. Audley of Shelby, Miss., received a gold watch in recognition of his record as an outstanding soldier.

Audley's commanding officer, Capt. Eugene G. Smith, complimented him as a "good soldier and absolutely dependable." Capt. Smith also mentioned the fact that Audley, of his own initiative, attended night school to prepare himself to assume responsibility of his present duty.

Mrs. Gladys Councillor Wigington Succumbs

BURIED IN FAMILY LOT AT FOREST LAWN
Mrs. Gladys Councillor Wigington, age 52 years, died Thursday evening April 8th at St. Paul, Minn., where she had been making her home the past several years. She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Councillor, and was born and reared in Omaha. She is survived by her

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and was also chosen for the group investigating farm machinery and farm labor.

Congressman Buffett is planning to come home for a few days during the latter part of April. "I am anxious to get back to Nebraska and absorb again some of the genuine sense of the Middle West and enjoy once more the wholesome atmosphere of Cornhusker Land," he concluded.

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