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EDITORIAL

The Herman Lewis Case

Tuesday of last week the Omaha City Council, after three days of a hectic trial of Herman Lewis on charges of interfering with officers and resisting arrest, by unanimous vote, dismissed Mr. Lewis from the fire department, thus ending his seven years of service.

The dismissal of Herman Lewis or any other fireman is not in itself important. But the dismissal of Herman Lewis because he questioned the right of a police officer to invade his home without a warrant and make an arrest without seeing an offense committed in his presence, is a violation of the rules of law and justice.

The evidence in the trial of Mr. Lewis disclosed a practice which should be terminated at once.

The unanimous vote against Herman Lewis has no reasonable explanation; it was brutal; it was unjust; it smacks of COLOR PREJUDICE; it reveals endorsement of incompetent leadership.

The case should be appealed and every legal remedy exhausted to right the wrong done Mr. Lewis by the Council. Indeed the Colored People must see to it that police officers themselves obey the law; that they shall not force their way into homes of Negroes without legal right and arrest anyone illegally in their homes or anywhere else. They must see to it, also, that Nazi Gestapo police methods under which persons are imprisoned, without right of trial by a court shall not be permitted here in Nebraska. Reference was made to this very important principle of civil liberty by counsel for Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis should pursue every legal remedy under the constitution and laws. All of us should remember that the question of civil liberty here involved is vital and transcends all questions of jobs inside the fire department or our of it.

We WARN THE NEGRO that it is Herman Lewis today, but it will be someone else tomorrow. And although the Omaha City Council has brushed this vital right aside where a Negro was involved, other Negroes who are not subject to their prejudices, must fight to vindicate the civil rights of a minority group.

Here is a fine opportunity for the Omaha Branch of the NAACP, to justify its existence.

"ALUMINUM FOR THE WINGS OF DEMOCRACY"

"Aluminum for the Wings of Democracy"—that is the slogan the Nebraska Advisory Defense Committee voices this week during the state and nation wide Aluminum Recovery Campaign.

The actual campaign, in progress during the ten day period of July 21-30, has drawn excellent response in the organization stages and early days of the effort, according to the State Advisory Defense Committee.

Practically every community is participating in the house to house canvass for donations of spare aluminum ware, the committee said this week.

In a speech at Lincoln Saturday afternoon, Governor Dwight Griswold outlined the campaign and told of Nebraska's part in the National Defense program.

"The present war is an industrial war, not a bayonet war," he said. "Our surest way to preserve America and its way of life is to be sure that the machines so sorely needed by Great Britain reach her."

He told of the organization of the Nebraska Advisory Defense Committee early this year and outlined the work this committee has been doing. He termed the current aluminum campaign a practical way for Nebraskans to aid National Defense.

"Making sure that Great Britain receives adequate supplies and weapons is our best way of protecting America," Mr. Griswold said, "and it is the surest way of preventing the use of American boys on foreign soil."

The Advisory Defense Committee also announced that Governor Griswold would recognize outstanding campaign efforts in Nebraska towns and counties with citations signed by the Governor following the campaign.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TO CONVENT IN OHIO

Chicago, July 22 (ANP)—The National Junior League, an organization of young women working in the interests of civic, social and cultural activities in the communities, is holding its fifth annual conference in Dayton, Ohio, July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. This is the first time the conference has been held out of Chicago and a record from various parts of the country is expected.

The conference will deal specifically with broadening the activities to the extent of making it one of the foremost national organizations of young Negro womanhood. The junior league prepares these young women in the methods of good government and citizenship and the need for higher cultural and social achievement.

Mrs. William E. King is executive secretary and founder of the National Junior League. She hopes to establish a junior league in every city of the nation and believes this conference is the nucleus of such an effort. A large delegation from Chicago will attend.

The national headquarters are located in Chicago in the Poro Building, 4415 South Parkway.

PRES. APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES IN NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

MACHINERY ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE VIOLATIONS OF PRESIDENT'S JOB EXECUTIVE ORDER

"Wings" To Award \$10,000 In Scholarships

Cleveland, July 22 (ANP) Rev. Glenn T. Settle announced on the July 13th program of "Wings Over Jordan" over the Columbia Broadcasting system that during the fiscal year from Sept. 1 to Sept. 1, 1942, this program will award \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving Negro students.

The winners of these awards will be selected through essay contests which are restricted to these students enrolled in a senior high school located within the United States. Students who expect to be enrolled in senior high schools, however, are also eligible for this contest.

The closing date for entries for this contest is Sept. 15. It is expected that the first 33 scholarships will be awarded on or about Jan. 1, 1942.

Many prominent Negro educators of America have consented to serve on the educational commission of this contest. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases.

One of the objectives aimed at the perpetuation of Wings Over Jordan is that of training and developing Negro youth talent. Believing that the present attitudes of various races in America toward each other can be in a considerable measure influenced for good by a wider distribution of educational and cultural developments on both sides, this offer has been made by Wings.

To enter this contest it is only necessary for a person to write his name and address plainly on a penny postcard and mail it to—"Wings Over Jordan" in care of the Columbia Broadcasting system station through which he hears this program. Upon receipt of this postcard full and complete instructions for the contest will be mailed.

SURVEY OF NEW YORK WPA DIMISSALS BEING CONDUCTED

New York—Following up a complaint of the NAACP, that recent dismissals from the New York City WPA, were unfair in that a very heavy percentage of Negroes was dropped, the NAACP has been advised by J. M. Brown, Chief of the Labor Relations Section, that a survey is being conducted at the present time "in connection with this matter, and that the Association will be advised of the results of the investigation."

In its letter of complaint, the NAACP, cited heavy dismissals of Negroes from the high school teachers' project.

CONDUCTS FARM GARDENING CLASSES

Tuskegee Institute, July 23 (ANP)—Frank E. Pinder, FA's most recent Negro appointee has been here for the past three weeks conducting classes in farm gardening for the Alabama in-service teachers of vocational agriculture.

As an extension agent in Alachua county, Mr. Pinder developed several highly successful marketing cooperatives and with the FSA will serve as assistant cooperative specialist.

While here at the Institute, Mr. Pinder also visited cooperative enterprises in connection with FSA projects in Prairie Farms and Gee's Bend.

NEW YORK, July 23 (ANP)—That greasing operations on machinery intended to handle expected complaints of violations of President Roosevelt's executive order barring racial discrimination in employment policies and practices of holders of defense contracts, have been quietly going on for several weeks was officially confirmed here early last week at the district office of the bureau of employment security, Federal Security agency. This information was disclosed exclusively to the ANP.

Within three days after the issue of the order on June 25, and in spite of the delay in naming the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, Office of Production Management, charged with administering the order, instructions were forwarded to all regional offices of the United States Employment Service covering methods to be used to give effectiveness to the announced policy of the administration.

In addition to these instructions it was learned an in-service training course for employees of the New York State Employment service, cooperating agency of the USES, will be instituted in a week or two designed to "adjust the thinking" of the workers and give "implementation" and meaning to the order to the end that its terms and intentions may be successfully carried out.

On Thursday, Dr. Warren Brown secretary to the National March on Washington committee, conferred here for one hour on the subject of procedure with D. J. Hoese, in charge of in-service training within industry, OPM; and S. Parks Harman, officer in charge, bureau of employment security, FSA. By virtue of his heading up the regional office for this bureau Mr. Harman is also chairman of the labor supply bureau of the division of labor supply, OPM, for the same area. It is in the latter capacity that he will function as the representative of the fair practice committee.

The basic points covered in the discussions were boiled down to the following method:

1. Any complaint of racial discrimination is to be reported to the local office of the state employment service. A field worker will be directed to ascertain the facts of the case from the sides of both applicant and employer.
2. In the event the employer is found at fault, he will be informed of the President's executive order and immediate adjustment will be sought.
3. Failure to reach a solution through these preliminary efforts will result in a referral of the case to the office of Mr. Harman for review and adjustment.
4. If satisfaction is not then obtained, the entire case is to be referred to Washington for the consideration of and adjudication by the five man committee.

Mr. Harman, who confirmed the authoritativeness of the moves already made, explained it as the desire of his office and that of OPM, to get and settle the complaints as close to their sources as is possible and just as quickly.

The procedure outlined here was said to be the same as that which will be followed in the 48 states and three territories. In this way the necessity for establishing new machinery is expected to be obviated inasmuch as each state is similarly organized as New York in order to participate in the benefits of social security.

"There will be a conscious effort," Mr. Harman stated, "to use all resources available to imple-

MILTON P. WEBSTER, V. P. BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS UNION AND EARL B. DICKERSON, CHICAGO ATTY. ARE NEGRO MEMBERS

NAACP. News Report Says Hillman Stumbling Block To Faster Assembling of the Committee

SHEET METAL STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

Mr. Bernard Gyger, Personal Supervisor for the National Defense Training Program vocational department of the Omaha Public School System of which Mr. W. C. Cuming is in charge, announced through Mr. Arthur B. CcCaw of the Omaha Branch of the NAACP, the appointment of the following Negroes to take the training course in sheet metal.

Mr. Herbert White, 2530 Charles St., and William Clark, 2515 Maple Street will take their training at Technical High School while William Edson, 2728 Charles St., and McKinley Buckner of 2530 Charles St. have been enrolled in the sheet metal classes at South High school.

To be eligible for these classes applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 35, must pass a physical examination and be able to produce a birth certificate High School graduates are preferred, however applicants who have had three years in high school and who meet other requirements may be selected. Applications for this course are being accepted at the Nebraska State Employment Office, 210 South 18th Street, and WPA workers may make application at the local WPA office, 2055 Harney St., by an appointment with Mr. Case.

At the present time 50 students are enrolled in sheet metal classes, four of them being Negroes. There will be another class started on September 1, 1941. These training courses consist of a seven hour day, five days per week.

ment the national policy as stated in the President's executive order and dealing with the problems of labor supply in national defense industries. The more clearly we all see the problems involved and the reasons for the policy, the less our problems are going to be."

Difficulties are definitely anticipated both by government officials and representatives of the march on Washington. One difficulty identified is expected to rise out of the activity of "pressure groups of younger white employers" who are seeking to keep out the Negro worker in spite of a probable willingness on the part of employers to hire them.

In the conversation of July 10, Dr. Brown was informed that industry prefers to employ "green horns" rather than graduates of trade schools. The reason is that firms engaged in the performance of intricate operations find it easier to acquaint the unskilled worker from the start with the way they want a thing done than to have to undo what has been taught in the schools, which can only give a fundamental insight into plant operations.

Dr. Brown nevertheless emphasized the importance of Negroes continuing to register for vocational courses wherever it is possible.

STONE TO LECTURE IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, July 23 (by Warren Marr for ANP)—It was announced here this week by Mary Cardwell Dawson, president of the National Association of Negro Musicians that Theodore Charles Stone, internationally famous baritone and lecturer, will lecture at one of the sessions of the convention to be held here Aug. 24-29. Mr. Stone will speak on "Finnish Culture."

"GOVERNOR GUILTY OF LYNCHING ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN GEORGIA"

—Herbert Agar.

PUBLICIST



SHERMAN BRISCOE who has just been named to a post in the U. S. Department of Agriculture as an assistant agricultural research writer. Briscoe, a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Southern University, was publisher of the Southern Broadcast and more recently on the editorial staff of the Chicago Defender. (ANP.)

It was the feeling of those who have carried on the fight for an effective committee that the group be composed of eminent, citizens, black and white, of such independent character that they couldn't be intimidated by employers, labor or government officials.

For this reason, the suggestion was urged upon Mr. Hillman that if representatives of the two wings of labor must be on the committee those representatives should be Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, President of the A. F. of L. These men, it was pointed out, would bring the prestige of their offices to the committee and would compel respect in the whole labor movement.

FRONTIERS CONVERGE ON AKRON FOR THIRD NATIONAL GATHERING

When N. B. Allen, Columbus, President of the Frontiers of America Inc., sounds the opening gavel at 10 a. m. July 26 in the Akron Association for Colored Community Work, the third national convention will officially open with a record breaking crowd of delegates, members and friends of the Frontiers movement gather in Akron for the epoch-making two day meeting. Continuing all day Saturday, July 26 with a luncheon meeting at the Akron YWCA and a dinner reception at Benny Mason's Farm on the program, the convention will conclude Sunday July 27, with a worship service at the Wesley Temple AMEZ church at 10:45 a. m. and a business session and directors meeting scheduled for 3:00 p. m.

Shuffling through a stack in his Columbus office, J. S. Himes, Jr., secretary declared, "Official reports of member clubs coming in daily contain an amazing record of community service and leadership by several hundred Negro business and professional men who are Frontiers Club members." The convention calls for official reports of local clubs and national officers at the morning session and will bring to the floor such well known persons as J. Harvey Kerns secretary of the Cincinnati Club, Samuel Shepard, Secretary of the Akron Club, Raymond R. Brown, Omaha, Nebraska, Western Organizer, Dr. J. J. Carter, Columbus national treasurer and A. P. Bentley, Mid-Western Organizer under whose direction clubs have recently been set up in Dayton and Canton, Ohio.

In an effort to develop satisfactory types of projects to be sponsored by local clubs, one business session will include a prepared discussion of various suggested projects. Referring to this discussion, Secretary Himes pointed out: "We have not only asked these men to study and report on suggestions made by various clubs we have written reports on the experiences of the older luncheon clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions."

Delegates, members and local business and professional men of Akron will attend a luncheon at the Akron YWCA at which N. B. Allen, President of the Frontiers of America will be the principal speaker. Dr. George E. Haynes, New York, Executive Secretary of the Department of Racial Relations

Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia is "guilty of lynching academic freedom in Georgia" by his ouster of a university dean and a state college president, Herbert Agar declared today in a telegram to Talmadge, speaking for the executive committee of Fight for Freedom, Inc.

In a separate telegram to L. W. (Chip) Robert, of the Georgia Board of Regents, Agar said, "Fight for Freedom, Inc. is ashamed that you, a former assistant Secretary of the U. S. Treasury and former secretary of the Democratic National Committee should have been a leader in the disgraceful campaign to oust two of Georgia leading educators, Dr. Marvin S. Pittman, president of Georgia State Teachers' College, and Dr. Walter Cocking, dean of the school of education at the university of Georgia. We can discover no evidence that their records have been anything but laudable." Agar stated.

At the same time, Agar informed both Cocking and Pittman that they have the "full support of the Fight for Freedom, Inc. in your fight against intolerance and bigotry in Georgia."

"Fight for Freedom believes the survival of democracy is predicated on the military defeat of Hitler," Agar added. "But we also feel certain that your ouster because you believed democracy was for all races and creeds is a blow to freedom in our own country."

Agar told Talmadge and Robert that his principles have won a battle in America without the firing of one shot or the dispatch of one division. The Axis agents who were sent home today on the West Point could not have done better.

"The Four Freedoms which President Roosevelt has outlined cannot survive unless Hitler is defeated. But they cannot survive in our own country if persons who prate about American principles practice the methods of Hitlerism here."

ions of the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America is scheduled to deliver the main address at the worship service in Wesley Temple and Atty. Artee Fleming, Akron, chairman of the Board of the national body, will preside.

Frontiersmen will return to their homes after the Sunday afternoon business session at which time officers and directors are to be elected and the convention city for 1942 is to be chosen. Dr. W. T. Nelson, Cincinnati, first Vice President asserted; "We are going to have a tough time deciding where to go next year. Already half a dozen cities have put in their bid for the convention. I guess the fellows will decide where they want to go."

JUDGE TO PROTECT SOLDIERS WHIPPED THREE AT A TIME BY LONE NEGRO

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 22 (ANP)—Seeing as how Uncle Sam's army was getting defeated, three soldiers at a time, without a declared war, Judge Fleming took steps this week to remove the "enemy."

The enemy is J. C. Armour, 22 Monday night he met Pvy, Ceal Hammond and two other white soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga. at Main and Market streets and fought all three with his fists. Hammond told Police that Armour "beat hell out of all of us."

A policeman told of seeing Armour beat up three other white men at one time a month previously when he met them in front of the American theatre.

When brought before Judge Fleming, the court declared: "He's a bully and a criminal, and I'm not going to let him get away with it. I think too much of the army."

Armour was held under \$5,000 bond pending the return of the soldier to press charges.

WORKMAN'S PICNIC AT BENNINGTON, NEBR., AUG. 10th

On August 10th at Bennington Park at Bennington, Nebraska, the Workman's Club will give their annual public picnic at which time they will give away A Hot-Point Electric washer. Will you be that lucky person? There will also be a baseball game between two of Omaha's strongest amateur ball clubs—Horse shoes, volley ball, and other games and sports.