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## Ford Workers File FEPC Petitions

### Clinch Funeral Will Be Held in Lincoln

Funeral services for 1/Sgt. James Clinch who was killed in Germany last week, will be held in Lincoln after his body is returned from Europe.

Sergeant Clinch served 19 months in Germany before his discharge and re-enlistment. He returned overseas in March of this year. He was a member of Newman Methodist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Jean Stephenson, Lincoln; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Washington; two aunts, Mrs. Edna Lewis and Dorothy Washington, all of Slater, Mo.; two uncles, Carl Washington, Kansas City, Kas., and LeRoy Washington Philadelphia

### Anniversary

Members of Mt. Zion Baptist church entertained Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Favors with an anniversary party. The Favors were married a year ago on November twenty-fifth.

### It happened in New York

NEW YORK (ANP)—The lights are on again all over Harlem and elsewhere in all the boroughs.

Florence Murray, editor of the Negro Handbook, announced that 459,000 Negroes in various skilled trades were affected by the coal strike. This did not include the large number of those employed in public utilities, transportation and communications.

### Negro Journalism to Get Willkie Award

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Furthering its purpose of extending public recognition to accomplishments of the Negro press, the Wendell L. Willkie Awards for Journalism corporation will provide three annual cash prizes for excellence in Negro journalism, it was announced here last Tuesday.

In addition to giving meritorious recognition to deserving Negro journalists, the corporation, which bears the name of the 1940 Republican presidential candidate, also seeks to encourage cooperation between white and Negro authors, journalists and publishers. Willkie died in 1944.

### Truman Names Two Negroes To Civil Rights Committee

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Two nationally-prominent Negroes were named Thursday by Pres. Truman to serve on his civil rights committee to combat hate groups.

Carefully selecting the nation's most outstanding progressive leaders, Truman named Mrs. Sadie T. Alexander, assistant, city solicitor of Philadelphia and secretary of the National Bar association, along with Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes fund and former senior secretary of the national council of the YMCA.

Blasting organized groups which ran "hatred and intolerance," the President's executive order declared that the action of those who take the law into their own hands "gravely threatens our form of government." His committee will study and recommend civil rights legislation and other measures to protect "all parts of our population."

The federal government is hampered by inadequate civil rights laws, the Chief executive said. They should be expanded and improved to provide the Justice department "with tools to do the job."

Freedom from fear has been "gravely threatened," Truman declared. "It was so after the last war when organized groups fanned hatred and intolerance until, at times mob action struck fear into the hearts of men and women because of their racial origin or religious beliefs.

"In some places, from time to time, the local enforcement of law and order has broken down, and individuals, sometimes ex-servicemen, even women, have been killed, maimed or intimidated."

### N. A. A. C. P.

The president of the N. A. A. C. P. has announced that there will be an election of officers on Friday evening, December 20 at 8:00 p. m. at the Urban League. Everyone is asked to be present.

### Ford Workers Beat Deadline

DETROIT—(ANP)—Members of Ford's UAW-CIO local 600 beat the Dec. 1 deadline to file petitions for a state fair employment practice act.

Basis for local 600's active support of the state-wide petition campaign for a state FEPC law is the declaration of independence, said Peter Kasper and Dewey McGhee, chairman and secretary respectively of the Local's FEPC committee.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," they quoted.

"Workers have learned that they must fight discrimination and bigotry instead of fighting one another," they continued. "Labor in white skin can never be truly free as long as labor in black skin is in slavery. The long history of union struggles in America proves that wherever any kind of discrimination is practiced, all workers suffered."

Tracing the history of the labor movement back in 1867, they referred to a statement of Sylvis, head of the National Labor union, American's first nation-wide labor federation, that year on the subject of organizing all workers regardless to race, color, creed or national origin.

"Any other policy would allow the capitalists—north and south, to foment discord between whites and blacks and hurl the one against the other," Sylvis was quoted as saying, "allowing the employers to maintain their ascendancy and contains their reign of oppression. Lamentable spectacle, labor warring on labor, and capital smiling and reaping the fruits."

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### RECEIVES AWARD

Bertram Cooke, Cathedral's backfield star has been awarded an honor certificate in recognition of his outstanding performance turned in for Cathedral in the last four years of play. This selection was made by coaches of opposing teams. Cooke's superior playing ability and sportmanship during his play have been the deciding factors in him being given this award.

Cooke, who has lived in Lincoln for about 8 years, formerly lived in Chicago. He weighs about 200 lbs, 17 years old and stands about 6" 1'. He has a well trained passing arm and a consistent ground gain. He is not only powerful but stands up with the best of them in speed.

Cooke plans to attend University upon completion of his school term. Here he plans to continue his football career and follow in the footsteps of his idol Ozzie Simmons.

