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HONOR GRADUATE—Ernestine J. Dimitry (W), USN, was recently graduated from Wave recruit training at the Naval Recruiting Center, Great Lakes, Ill., with top honors. She was chosen as Honorwave from a company of approximately 150 recruits, and was presented with a letter of commendation signed

by Capt. K. L. Nutting, USN, Commanding Officer of the Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Dimitry of New York City, she is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and holds a B.S. degree in physical education. (ANP).

Racial Groups Seek To Block Wherry Sidetrack

3 Kids Die As Home Flames

DES MOINES, Ia. (ANP). Three tiny tots living in a one room home with their parents were burned to death here last week while their mother stepped out of the house a few minutes to go to the store.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson. The dead children are Larry, 3, Ethel Joan, 21 months, and Blanch Marie, 8 months.

The mother, 18, said she went to the store for some groceries leaving the children alone. They were huddled together in bed. When the mother returned the home was a mass of flames. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Emergency Conference To Be Held Jan. 15-17 In Capital

WASHINGTON. (ANP). That civil rights will be the big issue before the Congress in the opening days of the second session is generally conceded by political observers and commentators. Dramatizing the issue will be the presence here of delegates from more than 20 states attending the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, Jan. 15-17.

The mobilization, initiated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and sponsored by 50 national church, labor, civic, fraternal and minority group organizations, has focused widespread attention on the impending fight for enactment of FEPC and other civil rights measures.

Efforts of Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, republican floor leader, to sidetrack the bill for a Fair Employment Practice Commission, replacing it with an anti-lynching bill, will be opposed by the sponsors of the mobilization, Roy Wilkins, chairman and acting NAACP secretary, announced.

"The collaborating organizations have agreed upon top priority for FEPC," Mr. Wilkins said. "Discrimination in employment affects more people and more different groups than does lynching, the poll tax or any other evil for which congressional remedy is now being sought. We will insist upon a showdown fight for FEPC."

Accredited delegates to the mobilization will register at the Twelfth Street Y.M.C.A., 1816 12th St., N. W. The afternoon of Sunday, Jan. 15, will be devoted to briefing delegates on lobbying techniques. That evening a mass meeting will be held. On the following morning, delegations will visit their respective congressmen and senators in an effort to get commitments of support for FEPC and other civil rights measures.

Monday night, Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, majority leader, and other congressional leaders

will address a mass meeting. Tuesday will be devoted to the followup work of visiting congressmen and reporting to the conference on results of these visits. The conference will also be addressed by leaders of the co-operating organizations and by congressional sponsors of civil rights legislation.

\$425,000 For Pershing Hotel; Marva To Testify

CHICAGO. (ANP). The Pershing hotel, recent scene of the fatal shooting of a co-owner by a partner, was sold last week to a local syndicate at an estimated price of \$425,000.

New owners are Saul Plast and associates, operators of six other Chicago hotels. Sellers were Dr. Elmer E. Howard and his son, Elmer, jr. Co-owner Charles Cole reportedly had sold his interests in the hotel earlier than last week.

Plast announced that he plans to spend \$100,000 for improvements at the hotel.

Mrs. Marva Louis, divorced wife of the retired heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, will be called to the stand this week in the murder trial of Charles Cole, who is accused of murdering his partner, Winston Howard, in the Pershing lounge, Sept. 29. Both were part-owners of the Pershing hotel.

At a preliminary hearing she denied any connection with the ownership of the building, although admitting that she and Howard were friends.

AKA Sorors Elect Laura Lovelace

HOUSTON, Tex. (ANP). Mrs. Laura Lovelace of Cincinnati was elected supreme basileus last week by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at its annual conclave. Meetings were held on the campus of Texas State university.



Among the other officers elected were Carolyn S. Blanton, Louisville, Ky., supreme gram-mateus; Zeno-bia Allen, Los Angeles, supreme epistoleus; Irma S. Clark, Chicago, supreme tamia-thus; Lucille M. Scott, Atlanta, editor-in-chief, The Ivy Lead, and Rosetta E. Nolan, Kansas City, Mo., parliamentarian.

Principal speaker at the banquet was Miss Ida L. Scott of Chicago. Miss Etta Moten, famed concert artist, sang at the banquet.

Attending the conclave from the Omaha area was Mrs. Robbie Davis, Omaha, Midwestern regional director. She participated in a panel discussion with six other regions. The conference, under the theme "New Horizons in Human Relations," attracted 376 members from 35 states.

We appreciate the interest which prompted Mrs. W. R. Bartlett, Fort Bayard, New Mexico, to send us these:

We're wise if we but bear in mind,
When counting up our treasures,
That sharing them does not divide
But MULTIPLIES our pleasures.

The Builder

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan,
Nothing is worth the making, if
It doesn't make the man.
Why build those cities glorious
If man unbuilds goes?
In vain we build the work, unless
The builder also grows.

—Edward Markham,



DODGER CREW GIVES BLOOD—Five members of the National league champion Brooklyn Dodgers joined New York police and sanitation workers and a city magistrate in giving blood for four year old Linda Pietrassa at the Brooklyn Center of the Red Cross Blood program last Wednesday. In all nearly 100 persons have given blood for the little girl who needs a pint of blood a day. Shown giving blood are pitcher Rex Barney, foreground, and Judge Sala. Standing, left to right, are: Nurse Frances Perry, first baseman Gil Hodges, pitcher Ralph Branca, second baseman Jackie Robinson, pitcher Don Newcombe, Captain Bob McAllister, 69th Precinct Police department, Edward Revere and Inspector Rocco Trupiano, Sanitation department. (ANP).

Mrs. Roosevelt To Stay On NAACP Board

NEW YORK. — Reversing an earlier decision to resign from the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People because of the pressure of her duties at the United Nations, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has consented to complete her present term as a board member, Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP secretary, has announced.

In a letter to Arthur B. Spingarn, NAACP president, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote, under date of Dec. 26: "I am very glad to stay on for a year." Her three-year term expires on Dec. 31, 1950. Mrs. Roosevelt has been a member of the board since 1945.

Her decision to continue her board membership followed requests that she reconsider, made by Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Wilkins, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Alfred Baker Lewis and other NAACP officers.

"We are, of course, very happy to have the continued interest, counsel and assistance of Mrs. Roosevelt as a board member," Mr. Spingarn said upon receipt of her letter. "Her contributions to the work of the association have been invaluable and deeply appreciated by the officers and membership."

American democracy means that every man, regardless of his race, color, or creed, may rise as high as he has ability. If he reaches the heights by following the paths of good will, justice and righteousness, he will be loved by his fellow-men—not for the race he represents, but for the man he is. May America never lose this dream and reality of brotherhood.

Southern Publisher Tells Alphas 'Gradualizers' Are Not 'Liberals'

BY WILLIAM A. FOWLKES
ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS). Alpha

Phi Alpha's 35th general convention entered its third session at Clark college. Principal convention address for the day was delivered by Attorney Arthur D. Shores, of Birmingham, Ala., who has figured in many prosecution cases involving civil rights in the south.

Wednesday night saw the public program at Wheat Street Baptist church, the Rev. W. H. Borders, pastor.

In a far reaching address, Aubrey Williams, liberal white publisher of The Southern Farmers and former head of the NYA, hit those who would compromise or push for a course of gradualism in Negro's fight for full and complete citizenship.

Williams said there might have been some reason for compromise on the segregation and discrimination issues twenty or thirty years ago, but that the shell has been cracked, that Negroes are entering the state universities of the South and that student and faculty polls show that their en-



EZZARD CHARLES IN HOLLYWOOD—World Heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles seemed in the mood for deep concentration recently during his visit with Groaner Bing Crosby on Paramount set of "Mr. Music". Not so with "der Bing" and Charles' manager, Jake Mintz, for the groaner gave out with the joke and Mintz with the laugh. When the sleek heavyweight champion disclosed he had developed a new style of bop on his kingsize base fiddle, the groaner promptly invited him to appear on his nationwide radio show Jan. 15. (ANP).

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