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EDITORIALS

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Removing the Color Line

North and South the various Army camps, have removed the artificial barriers of color, assigning white and colored to the same units, barracks, recreation places and dining halls, although admittedly there is still much room for improvement.

These changes have come about in the last year or two, although the various Army training, schools have been moving toward complete integration for nearly a decade, and most of them have achieved it.

The problem has been more difficult in the South, as might be expected, because of the segregated pattern of the camps' surrounding territory, but even there the achievement is creditable.

In all fairness it should be pointed out that attaining integrated status in the Navy and Air Force has not been as difficult because the latter is new, the former has a history of integration except during the twenty-year period between

World wars I and II, and proportionately neither service had as many Negroes as the Army.

While in theory the military authorities should not consider the prejudices of personnel, they have to do so in practice—every army has to; and so the fact that these changes have been brought about with so little dissension, is marked evidence of the improvement of race relations in America.

But for all its progress, the Army is still a long way from erasing the color line, notably in combat units.

There are still all-Negro regiments, battalions and companies, and there should NOT be because these colored and white servicemen are of the same creed, culture and nationality, speak the same language and have grown up in the same localities.

Considering these facts there is no reason why very distinction based on color should not be eliminated by the Army at once.

Help Rebuild BTW Building

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE, Va.—Interest is continuing to mount in the Booker T. Washington Community Service Clubs, and President S. J. Phillips of the Booker T. Washington Memorial is urging still greater interest in the clubs and also in the drive now on for funds to rebuild the burned-out administration post office building here.

Seventy-five thousand dollars is urgently needed—now to rebuild the building which was destroyed by fire last Christmas. You are urged to send a contribution today to Booker T. Washington Birthplace, Booker Washington Birthplace, Va. Contributions do not have to be large; small contributions from 75,000 persons would do the job.

Meanwhile, local community self-help groups are urged to form Booker T. Washington Com-

munity Service Clubs. Full details of the movement are printed in handy pamphlet form, and these pamphlets are available by writing to Booker T. Washington Community Service Clubs, Booker T. Washington Birthplace, Va., or 918 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nebraska Governors—28

Arthur J. Weaver, who served as governor of Nebraska from 1929 to 1931, was born on a farm near Falls City, November 18, 1873. His parents were pioneer Nebraskans, having emigrated to the new state from Massachusetts in 1869. His father, Archibald J. Weaver, was prominent in pioneer public affairs, serving as a member of the constitutional conventions of 1871 and 1875, as district judge, and as a member of Congress.

After attending the public schools in Falls City, young Arthur went to the University of Nebraska, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1895 and a law degree the next year. He returned to Falls City to begin the practice of law, but public activities and agriculture absorbed an increasingly greater portion of his time.

He was city attorney for Falls City, 1899-1901, and Richardson County attorney, 1901-03. He served on the city council from 1910 to 1916, and was chairman of the committee responsible for much of Falls City's improvements in paving, sewage and lighting.

Mr. Weaver's long participation in state affairs began with his election to the state House of Representatives, where he served from 1899-1901. He followed in the footsteps of his father with his election to the Nebraska Constitutional Convention of 1920, and served as president of that body.

Nebraska Republicans supported him successfully for appointment as Secretary of Agriculture in President Coolidge's cabinet. In 1928 he won election as governor. He was re-nominated in 1930, but was defeated by Charles W. Bryan. Ten years later he unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for

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U.L. Campaign 1/3 of Goal

NEW YORK—Dwight R. G. Palmer, president of the General Cable Corporation, and over-all chairman of the 1951 Fund Campaign of the National Urban League, announced this morning at a breakfast meeting at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria the drive has netted \$205,230 of the \$600,000 goal.

As Mr. Palmer spoke, Mr. Milton L. Ehrlich, president of Milton L. Ehrlich, Inc., builders, announced a personal gift of \$1,000. This morning's breakfast opened the second section of the drive, which began on April 24th. Robert W. Dowling, president, City

United States senator, being defeated by Hugh Butler.

Governor Weaver was intimately associated with the agricultural development of Nebraska. He was one of the state's leading orchardists, and served as president for two terms of the state horticultural society. He was agricultural director of the Omaha branch of the Kansas City federal reserve bank from 1924 to 1926, and served for eight years as a member of the state board of agriculture. He was one of the organizers of the Nebraska Dairy Development Society.

He was actively concerned with the development of inland waterways. He served as president of the Missouri River Navigation Association and of the Mississippi Valley Association.

Another of Governor Weaver's interests, was the state historical society. He was elected to the society's executive board in 1935 and served until his death, October 18, 1945. From 1939-41 he was president of the society. During these years, one of the features of each annual dinner was the famous Weaver apple which graced each plate.

Investing Company, and Edward F. Boyd, assistant sales manager, Pepsi-Cola Company, are co-leaders of this section of the drive.

Mr. Palmer and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director, Phelps-Stokes Fund, headed the two-week effort just concluded. Mr. Palmer announced receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Marshall Field Foundation for "support and expansion of the industrial relations program of the National Urban League." The campaign chairman termed this a crucial area of League work, and cited the League's success in placing Negroes in important positions in American industry.

CIO Urges FEPC By Executive Order

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer and chairman of the CIO committee to abolish discrimination, dispatched a letter to President Truman here last week asking the establishment of a fair employment practices commission by executive order.

Urging the president not to wait for congress to act, Carey said, "Job discrimination is a vital shortcoming of the defense-mobilization program and should be ended by presidential action without further delay."

Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation in the State Capitol at Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 24, 1951, until 10:00 o'clock A.M., and at that time publicly opened and read for SAND GRAVEL FOR SURFACING and incidental work on the WAWERLY NORTH Patrol No. 11082 State Road.

The approximate quantity is: 800 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Surface Course Material

The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

Compliance by the contractor with the standards as to hours of labor prescribed by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," approved June 25, 1938 (Public No. 718, 75th-Congress), will be required in the performance of the work under this contract.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) per hour, except that a minimum wage of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to:

- Crane Operators
- Dragline Operators
- Power Shovel Operators

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be ninety-five (95) cents per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor employed on this contract shall be seventy-five (75) cents per hour.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen and information secured at the office of the County Clerk at Lincoln, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to 100% of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work, the bidder must file, with his proposal, a certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation and in an amount not less than seventy-five (75) dollars.

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