

The Works Program
National Youth Administration

To Continue Aid To Worthy Colored Students

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19—A few changes will be made in the National Youth Administration's program of work-aid for needy students during the coming school term, Aubrey Williams, executive director, announces. To continue benefits to Negro students through the School Aid and College and Graduate Aid programs, the announcement stated, a special fund of \$70,000 for Negro graduate students has again been set aside.

The school aid program will give financial assistance to students in approved institutions not requiring high school graduation or the equivalent for entrance, while the College and Graduate program will help those in approved institutions that have such minimum requirements. Last year 30,000 colored students benefited through the former program, while more than 7,000 were added by the latter. The figures represented an increase of more than 9,000 over the previous year's totals.

Greater emphasis is to be placed this year upon need as a factor in determining the eligibility of student applicants. Those desiring, NYA work must demonstrate that without such employment, they would not be able to enter or stay in school.

All students aid is limited to young people between the ages of 16 and 24 inclusive. They must be fulltime students, carrying at least three-fourths of the normal schedule. Only youths who are citizens of the United States, or who have filed declaration of their intention to become citizens, will be eligible. All must be of good character and possess such ability that they can give assurance of performing acceptable scholastic work. Students who fail to do good classroom work will be dropped from NYA employment.

Work payments will remain the same as last year: a maximum of \$6 a month for elementary and high school students, an average of \$15 with a maximum of \$20 for college undergraduates, and an average of \$30 with a \$40 maximum for graduate students.

Maximum hours of work will be eight hours a day, thirty hours a week. Wage rates will be the same as those prevailing in the locality for the type of work performed. Clerical, library, classroom and laboratory assistance, construction of small buildings, research and surveys, and supervision of recreation will constitute the chief types of employment.

In setting employment quotas for school aid, provision is made that "the number of young men and women of any minority racial group school aid shall not represent a smaller proportion of the total number aided than the ratio which this racial group bears to the population of the school district or state."

Because it is realized that many universities make no provisions for the enrollment of colored graduate students, the special fund created last year for this group has been continued. During the 1936-1937 school term it aided students from many states to do graduate work at nineteen different colleges and universities. In addition, it was used to finance a number of special training projects for worthy

SCOTTSBORO BOYS AND TWO OF THEIR MOTHERS



day. Harten, in shirt.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Harten is shaking hands with Mrs. Viola Montgomery of Atlanta, Ga. Just back of her is Miss Alice Montgomery. On the other side of Dr. Harten stands Mrs. Ada Wright of Chattanooga, Tenn. She is the mother of Roy Wright who was released and Alan Wright who was sentenced to ninety-nine years in prison. Standing left to right are: Roy Wright, Willie Robinson, Eugene Williams and Olon Montgomery.

non-graduates in smaller institutions.

All applications for any form of school or college and graduate aid must be made directly to the administrative office of the school or college which the student desires to attend. The determination of need and the selection of students to be aided is the responsibility of the school. Special application forms and a form for certification of need must be filed by all applicants before they can be assigned to a work project. Investigations will be made by NYA authorities into any cases in which the need of the applicant appears to be questionable.

For other details about the NYA program, Negro students are advised to communicate with their State Youth Director or to write to Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration, 1340 G street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Daily Worker Editor To Speak In Omaha

Clarence A. Hathaway, of New York, editor of the Daily Worker, only daily labor paper printed in English in the United States, will speak at the Dreamland Hall, 24th and Grant, on Wednesday, September 1st, at 8 p. m. It was announced today by Ed Richards, state secretary of the Communist Party.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Communist Party of Nebraska, and is open to the public.

Hathaway is a trade union leader of long standing. He has edited the Daily Worker for five years, and is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist party. The Daily Worker was the first paper in the country to expose the Scottsboro frame-up, and during the whole six and one-half years of this case has rallied the progressive and liberal forces and the Negro people to the defense of the nine innocent boys. Mr. Hathaway has played a leading part in this work, and is an outstanding champion of Negro rights. In 1932 Mr. Hathaway gave the nomination speech for James W. Ford as the vice presidential candidate of the Communist party. He has made many speaking tours through the South, speaking to audiences of both Negro and white, in defiance of the landlud jim crow laws.

This will be Mr. Hathaway's first speaking engagement in Nebraska.

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