

# CRYSTAL BIRD FAUSET WILL NOT SEEK MRS. BETHUNE'S POST

Philadelphia, Sept. 20 (ANP)—Mrs. Crystal Bird Fauset, member of the state legislature of Pennsylvania, does not expect to leave her present post to take the place now held by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune as NYA director in Washington.

There are several pertinent reasons why the rumors which have come from the nation's capital during the past month are incorrect. The brilliant and charming young lawmaker declared Tuesday as she sat in the living room of her attractively furnished and immaculately kept West Philadelphia residence.

In the first place, she explained the NYA job has never been preferred to her and the first she had heard that there was any definite likelihood of her accepting it was when she read the story in the newspapers. Then she pointed out, she has just begun

work in her post as a member of the Pennsylvania assembly, her election to that post marking the first time a Negro woman had ever sat in the legislative halls of any American commonwealth. She is enjoying this new experience, she said, aside from the clouds of tobacco smoke which envelope her each working hour, and she is growing accustomed to that.

Mrs. Fauset has reason to be pleased with her prospects. In the brief time she has served in the state's capitol, she has won the respect of her fellow representatives. In the first place, she is thoroughly familiar with public affairs, her many years with the national YWCA and the American Friends Service Committee having given her that experience. Next, she is a remarkable public speaker and has more than held her own with her male colleagues in the

debates which have taken place on the floor of the house. Although she has served only seven months and has introduced several measures which, while they did not pass because her Democratic party is in the minority, still attracted attention because they were designed to help the entire population and not her own group alone.

Even the rumors that Mrs. Fauset is already looking toward congress in the near future are wrong. It is true that many of her admirers in Pennsylvania and other states where she has been speaking this year, have expressed a desire to see her in the national law making body, thus becoming the first colored woman to go to the national legislature; but she wants to be realist. She feels that the way is not open for a colored woman to be elected to Washington from Philadelphia, and therefore she says she has not included a possibility in her thinking.

The immediate objectives of Crystal Bird Fauset, one would gather, are to become an effective and capable legislative representative of her district, two

thirds of whose voters are white, as well as of her own people; and then to establish the ability of a colored woman to successfully and

capably represent a great district in the law making body of a great state.

## What Do You Know About Health?

By FISHER BROWN and NAT FALK



Answers: 1. This is the process which protects milk from harmful bacteria through heating to not less than 142° F. for 30 minutes. It takes its name from Louis Pasteur, great French scientist. 2. No matter how deep an excavation is made in the toe to get the "root," the corn promptly reappears

if the same tight, pressure-producing shoes are worn. 3. He shared the Nobel prize of medicine in 1929. He is at the University of Cambridge in England and is credited with demonstrating that there are food substances other than proteins, fats and carbohydrates which are necessary for growth.

# NEGRO SHIPYARD WORKERS FORCED OUT BY A. F. OF L. LILY WHITE UNION IN TAMPA

Protest sent to William Green and Executive Council by NAACP City Negro Skilled Hoisting Engineer Now Picking up Paper

New York, Sept. 20—Negroes have been forced out of more than 500 jobs with the Tampa (Fla.) Shipbuilding and Engineering company by two Lily-white unions of the American Federation of Labor, it was charged here today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The charge was made in a letter sent to William Green, A. F. of L. president, and to the executive council of the federation in session this week in Atlantic City. At the same time, Walter White, NAACP secretary, appealed to the U. S. Maritime Commission to hold up the signing of contracts with the Tampa company for five new ships to cost \$1,814,430 in order that a clause might be inserted prohibiting discrimination in employment on account of race, creed or color.

Perfect Double-Crossing The Tampa situation was investigated personally by Secretary White late in July. Highlights of the NAACP memorandum. The Tampa situation is a perfect illustration of double-crossing of Negro workers by union Lily-whitism. Prior to June 1, 1938 the Tampa Shipbuilding company employ about 1,200 workers, divided between white and colored about 50-50. Twelve Negroes and one white man led in a strike which in turn resulted in the formation of a union among the workers, who, heretofore, had been unorganized.

The new union was Local 1207 of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America. A verbal agreement was made to continue the division of the work on a 50-50 basis. Shortly afterward, however, one William Sullivan, white, raised the question of Negro and white union members meeting in the same hall, voting, etc. In the

meantime the Tampa company signed a closed shop agreement which went to effect June 1, 1938. As soon as this contract was signed the union was divided into white and colored units, with a white man, H. L. Sanders, as business agent of the Negro unit. He is said to have unbalanced the ratio of jobs and to have continued certifying more white than Negroes.

When the colored union members complained they were given a "custodian" by the International union. This custodian, Charles Silva is known as an enemy of Negroes and Negro labor. He took all books, papers and bank accounts out of the hands of the Negro unit of the union.

Barred by Boilermakers As work progressed on the ships then building, more and more skilled and semi-skilled workers were needed, Silva thereupon organized a local of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America. Negroes were refused admission to this union, but were told they would be given an auxiliary charter for a unit of their own. They never got it. Where Negroes, before the rivet driver has been forced to accept work as a common laborer. J. J. Bradley, a skilled hoisting engineer with 20 years of experience, is now picking up paper in the yards, John Walls, operator of an air compressor for more than 25 years, had a white helper forced upon him by the union. As soon as they thought the white man had learned the job, Walls was discharged. Within a few days, the white man had wrecked the machine completely. Walls is now working as a greaser. There were on Aug. 1, 1939, 190 paid up Negro members of Local 1207 walking the streets without work, but Sanders, business agent of the union continues to certify white men to jobs—non-members of the union, whom he allows to work on a permit.

## District Chairman Says Negro Nurses Will Get Jobs in D.C.

New York, Sept. 21—Assurance that Negro nurses would be employed at Glen Dale sanatorium, the District of Columbia's hospital for tubercular patients, was given to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today by Representative Jennings Randolph, of West Virginia, chairman of the House District Committee.

Randolph made the statement in a letter to Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP in response to a telegram dated August 11 urging him to back up the D. C. Commissioner's determination to appoint Negro nurses from the civil service list to the hospital in accordance with the D. C. budget law.

The West Virginia colon wrote the letter shortly after discussions with Commissioner Hazen, and Dr. George Ruhland, D. C. health director. His letter said:

"I am pleased to say that I have taken up this matter with both Commissioner Hazen and Dr. Ruhland and I am advised that Negro nurses will be appointed at Glen Dale Sanatorium. They will be appointed when they are certified by the Civil Service Commission and when vacancies occur for which they might qualify. I feel sure there will be no discrimination."

On Monday, August 14, it was learned that two white nurses had resigned from the hospital staff rather than work with Negro nurses. It was also learned that hospital officials were planning to quarter Negro nurses outside the regular nurses' home. Approximately fifty per cent of the patients at the hospital are Negroes.

## JUDGE FINES UNION \$500

Chicago, Ill. Sept. 18—Is the American worker entitled to freedom of speech.

Superior Court Judge John J. Lupe in his ruling against the Chicago Newspaper Guild prohibits it. He found the Guild guilty of violating an ancient anti-labor injunction, and fined the union \$500.

For the months, members of the Chicago Newspaper Guild were permitted freedom of speech in their strike against William Randolph Hearst's Chicago Herald-American and Sunday Herald-American. Then seven months after Superior Court Judge G. Cleveland Niemeyer granted the injunction, another judge decided it was violated.

Hearst Counsel Edward Woods announced: "We are going to fine the American Newspaper Guild out of business," following Judge Lupe's decision, and immediately proceeded to supplement his statement by filing more petitions against the Guild.

Wood's specific charges are the CNG and the ANG have no right whatsoever to tell the public of the huge firms that advertise in the Hearst papers. These concerns

## NAACP Pays Tribute to Former Jewish Leader

New York, Sept. 19—Mrs. Walter White wife of the executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Rev. John H. Johnson, of New York, member of the organization's national board of directors, represented the Association at a pilgrimage to the grave of Louis Marshall, eminent Jewish lawyer in Brooklyn's Salem Fields Cemetery, Monday, September 11, at 4 P.M. it was announced here today.

The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, The American Jewish Committee and Congregation of Emanu-El of New York. Mr. Marshall, one of the most famous constitutional lawyers in the country, died Sept. 11, 1929. He was a member of the Association's national legal staff and a board member from 1924 until his death. On Monday, Sept. 11, the Jewish Telegraphic agency will release an article by Walter White, dealing with the lawyer's contribution to the work of the NAACP.

are financial strikebreakers for Hearst, contributing money in an attempt to defeat unionism.

Awaiting the answer to freedom of speech is the entire Union rank and file throughout the nation. Already unions and individuals have made known their great displeasure to Judge Lupe for attempting to enforce injunctions as a strikebreaking weapon. Numerous vigorous protests have been sent to the Judge in the county building here.

Meanwhile Guild Attorneys Ben Meyers and Hart Baker are perfecting an appeal which they will place before the Illinois Supreme Court at the October term.

Meyers and Hart refused to participate in the hearings against the Guild attending court only in the role of observers. The case was originally set for Sept. 20 when Judge Lupe suddenly set forward the hearing to Sept. 7, giving the Guild's lawyers less than four hours to prepare defense. The judge also refused to grant a change of venue.

The injunction against the Chicago Newspaper Guild virtually prevents the strikers from every thing but breathing and is the most un-American action ever taken by a court of justice, according to labor leaders.

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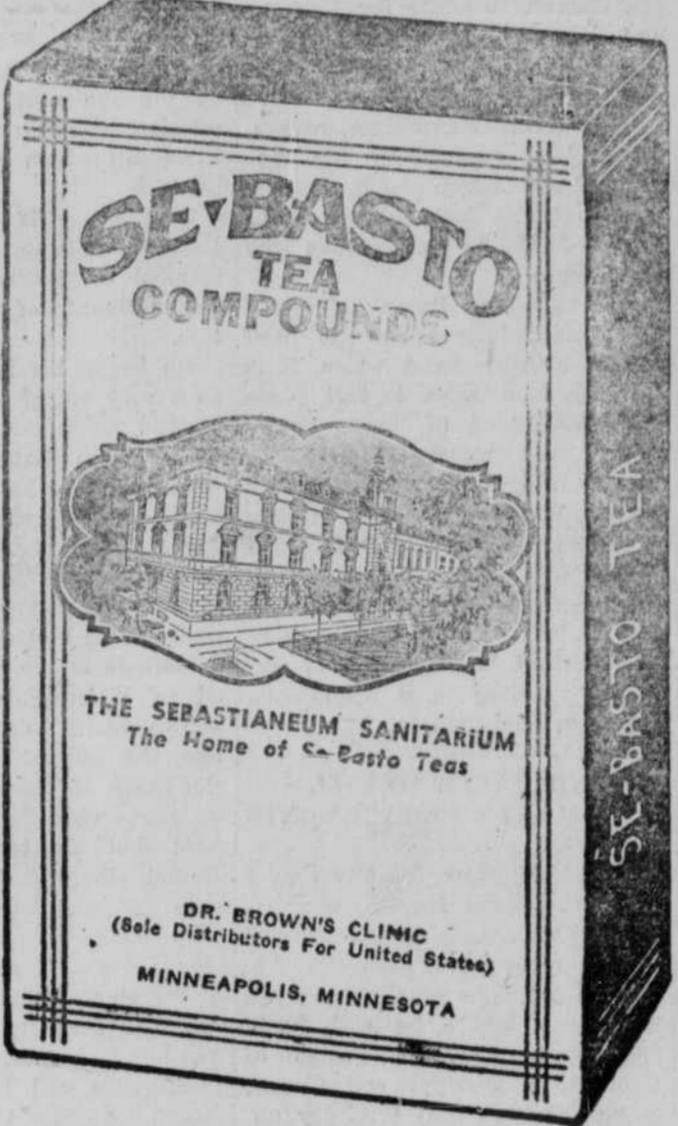


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