

NAACP TAKES UP CALLOWY CASE AFTER DRAFT BOARD DENIES ARMY JIM CROW APPEAL

(Continued from page 1) the margin of the page and indicated certain social concepts which were my intention to incorporate into religious training and beliefs. I placed a check in both squares to indicate my unwillingness to serve in any capacity. Also an informal statement was attached to the questionnaire (not a sworn affidavit) outlining certain racial

inequalities existing in the armed forces. "In injecting the question of racial discrimination in the armed forces," he said, "it was not my intention to narrow it down to a purely 'racial issue', as was later assumed by my draft board, but was prepared to consider it in a much broader perspective."

Contending that the board did not have before it the full facts, and in denying him the right of appeal acted in an "arbitrary manner" contrary to the provisions est-

ablished by the Selective Service Act." Calloway said:

"I was under the impression that I was supposed to receive from my Board Form 47 upon which to establish my formal case of conscientious objection. This I did not receive, but instead a card which placed me in 1A classification with the instruction that I had five days in which to appeal this classification, if I desired. Attempting to comply with the five day limitations, I presented the appeal notice before my Board.

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"I maintain that I have not presented any formal case upon which the Board may possible arrive at a fair decision. As to the procedure the Board has followed it is arbitrary and contrary to the provisions established by the Selective Service Act and the instructions (form 5) issued to draftees at the time of registration. The informal memorandum I presented was merely to prepare the Board for my formal and much broader case of conscientious objection on the grounds of religious training and beliefs which incorporate certain social concepts and I feel that the Board exceeded its authority when it refused to supply me with form 47 and to arbitrarily render its decision in the absence of this form and without a proper hearing."

The complete text of the "informal statement" outlining his objections, which Calloway sent to the draft board January 1, follows "My objections of conscience towards participation in the Selective Service Training Program extends beyond the pale of religious training and belief, and is based upon certain fundamental social concepts which are unalterably opposed to racial discrimination, be it in the army or the civilian life of the nation.

"As a Negro, I have accepted many of the responsibilities of my limited citizenship without benefit of a number of its blessings. To me, the present United States Army is the most anti-democratic institution in American governmental life. Its colors disregard for the elementary principles of fair play with Negro citizens, reeks of 18th Century 'mercenaryism' instead of an army, by, for and of the people.

"The constant refusal of this military branch of our government to pursue a non-discriminatory policy in its attitude towards all the citizens is far out of portion with the large measure of social, economic and political progress that has been made during the past few years in America. For a number of decades, the U. S. Army has withstood democratization, especially in its relations to Negroes, and there is no visible indication of an immediate change in this vicious racial status quo despite the fact that American democracy is preparing for its greatest struggle against the forces of ignorance, prejudice and dictatorship.

"The practice of relegating special types of service to Negroes and refusing their services in other branches of the armed forces, is neither conducive to effective mor-



S. LOUISE ALGEE, Wilberforce, Ohio, has joined staff of National Tuberculosis Association as special field worker on Negro Program.

ale or obeying the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United States. When the U. S. Army denies me or any other Negro the right and opportunity to make an equal contribution to the welfare and defense of my country, it violates a basic right guaranteed to me by the Constitution.

"Therefore to insist upon my participation in the Selective Service Training Program without giving me the guarantees of equality of citizenship in the operation of the armed service places certain liabilities upon my honor, integrity and self-respect. For these reasons, I cannot accept the responsibility of taking the oath upon induction into military service under the present anti-democratic structure of the U. S. Army, and ask to be exempted from military training until such time that my contribution and participation in the defense of my country can be made on a basis of complete equality."

This Week In Religion and Thought

BY ROBT. L. MOODY

The "More Excellent Way"—Many churchmen listened to a very inspiring talk by Bishop Alexander P. Shaw at Clair Chapel Church last Thursday night. I wish to pass onto the readers the kernel of this message.

Bishop Shaw reviewed many different ways that Negroes have followed in trying to solve the race problems. He said that much has been done through all of these methods, such as professional training, industrial and vocational education and legal prosecution. But he stated that the best way that any individual or minority group can succeed in life is to "excel all others." "Be able to do something as well and better than all others in the field of competition"

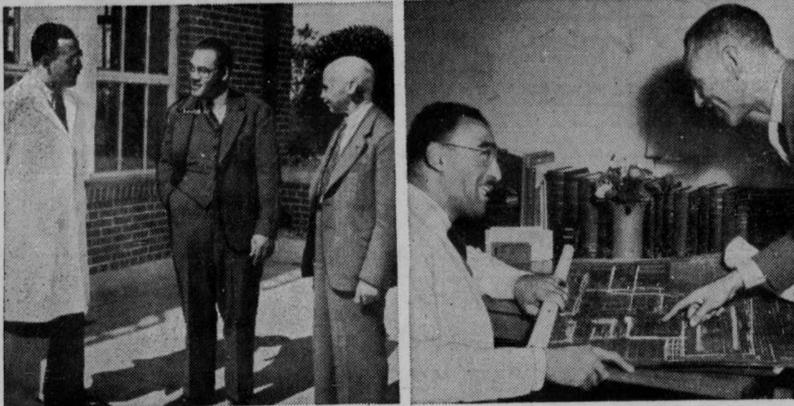
This seems to be a hopeful philosophy and method for all of us, especially the scores of Young Negroes in Omaha and other cities. It carries with it the feeling that "A Man's Gift Maketh Room for Him." Most of us are waiting for and seeking opportunities. We need them very much because many opportunities are withheld from us. I feel sure that we can accept the Bishop's "More Excellent Way" by becoming very efficient in one or more things, but we must have opportunities to show this excellence. We must have someone make them for us or we must make them ourselves.

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DEDICATE TUSKEGEE'S NEW INFANTILE PARALYSIS HOSPITAL

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tunity for training doctors and nurses who will in turn combat this disease on a nationwide basis"

The hospital was made possible by a grant of \$161,350. It was authorized under the direction of Basil O'Connor, president of the Foundation, and the Foundation trustees, after long study of the problems in cooperating with Dr. Patterson.

Tuskegee was selected because it is devoted to the welfare of Negroes and because of the marked success Dr. John W. Chenault, director of the orthopedic work, who was sent here by the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago to work among crippled Negro children.

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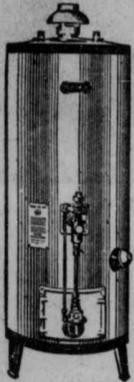


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