

# JAPANESE ATTACK U. S. POSSESSIONS

Last Sunday the Radio brought the intelligence that Japan had made attacks by bombers upon the Hawaiian Islands and that naval craft and submarines had also begun their sea war on American and British shipping.

Thus, the "War of the Pacific" has begun, and thus too, the rea-



Saburo Kurusu, special envoy from Japan, who it is said Japan had invested with great power for amicably settling any major differences between America and Japan.

son now arises to the surface as to why we shall need ten million soldiers, with ten men behind each soldier in total war.

Regrettable as this war is, all Americans have but one course open to them.—UNITY of all the people to prosecute this war with full vigor to a speedy conclusion. And in this effort, there must be but one color,—the OLIVE DRAB; there must be but two parties, patriots and traitors.

The causes which have led to war can no longer be debated; war is here and all of us must support the government to defend its domain.

For this effort, millions of men and women will be needed, and loyal men and women alone will be safe as soldiers and sailors and workers in the war effort. That Japan would make her first attack in American waters came as a great surprise; that she would do so while her envoys were pretending to discuss ways to sustain the peace, if the envoys were informed of the policy of the government, marks the worst example of a nation's conduct in the story of the modern world.

The term which fully explains the acts of Japan is TRICKERY. Let us speedily put an end to Japanese pretensions.

### LET US PROVE IT

Let us prove that we can put a stop to the marauding "world bandits" while at the same time we maintain our democratic institutions. For constructive criticism of the government in war time may be as fine a service as can be rendered by soldiers on the battle field. Let us prove we can survive and grow surrounded by enemies of our theory of government. Our faith is that we can and will.

### GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

Christmas will soon be here. It is the period of "Good Will Toward Men". How tragic it must be to Him whose birthday it commemorates as He looks down upon this troubled, mangled world. No wonder, the ancients had many gods; their tragedies and sorrows made them feel one was not enough.

### AND NOW WE HOPE AND PRAY FOR GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

### THE SITUATION IN HARLEM

Harlem, New York City, is still in the headlines. The charge is made that there is a crime wave there. They had a few of them during the early days of the first world war, but President Wilson ordered all men of sound body and mind to work or fight. And may we suggest that it might be a good plan to draft the energetic young men of Harlem and permit them to expend their energy on the Japanese or on work which will lead to their undoing, the Japanese.

### WATCH FOR SABOTAGE

Sabotage is a real danger in this country. We have been so busy cultivating "sojourners" among us who have no proper concept of our government and its purposes as to expose ourselves to ruin. In this respect we are the most careless government in the world. And we may wisely use our Negro population in many ways for our safety; as workers in defense plants, as guards on all property which is being used in any way for defense purposes, as well as in our armed forces.

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The present Pastor, Officers and members of St. John A.M.E. church wish to make it known that the former Pastor, Rev. T. A. Sears, is no longer connected with St. John's A.M.E. Church, nor the A.M.E. connection in anyway, and that the Church, Officers and Members shall not be responsible for any bills contracted by Rev. Sears, henceforward, nor any personal bills contracted heretofore or hereafter.

Signed—  
Rev. E. F. Ridley, Pastor,  
Geo. Woods, Treas. Trustee Board,  
F. W. Starns, Sec. Trustee Board

### PRESIDENT'S FEPC TO MEET FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th

The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice will meet Friday, December 12, 1941 at 10 A. M. in the Social Security Building, Washington, D. C. Mark F. Ethridge, chairman of the committee, announced today.

The Committee will give consideration to the dates for proposed public hearings in Chicago and New York City, and will further deal with complaints received from job seekers who allege they have been barred from defense employment because of their race, creed, color or national origin.

Mr. Ethridge also announced the appointment of Daniel R. Donovan, of Lakewood, Ohio, as field representative of the Committee. Mr. Donovan has had long experience in the labor movement, and was a railroad worker, a machinist, an organizer and a labor editor before he assumed several public posts. He was the labor member of the Compliance Council of the NRA; labor relations advisor in WPA, and more recently was the labor information representative with the Social Security Board in the Cleveland area.

Once a resident of Massachusetts, Mr. Donovan was a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention of 1917-18. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy, North Brookfield, Mass. Mr. Donovan is married and is the father of two sons and a daughter. One of the sons is in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

### MR. ADOLPHE HICKS STRUCKEN WITH HEART ATTACK

Mr. Adolphe Hicks, husband of Esther Hicks of 2422 Erskine was stricken with a heart attack on Thursday, Dec. 5. Dr. Margolin heart specialist was called to Mr. Hicks' bedside. He was given the best of attention by Dr. Margolin of the Medical Arts bldg. Shortly after about a minute later he was stricken again and the ambulance was called from Lincoln and Mr. Hicks was rushed to the Veterans hospital there.

Mrs. Hicks was so stricken with grief by her husband's sudden illness that she fainted by the side of the ambulance as it drove off and Dr. Margolin was called to attend her.

Mr. Hicks is resting, but he is very ill in the veterans hospital. Mrs. Hicks has regained her nerves and is doing nicely. Mr. Hicks has been in ill health for about a year and a half before he was employed at the Police Dept.

### NAACP ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Omaha Branch of the NAACP will hold its Annual Election of Officers at the Urban League, Sunday, December 14, at 3:15 p. m.

All members are urged to be present. Arthur B. McCaw, President, J. Westbrook McPherson, Program Chairman.

### FIRE DAMAGES HOME

The home of Mrs. L. Bryant, 2125 North 28th St., was badly burned by fire Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bryant and family are now residing in South Omaha while repairs are being made on their home.

## NEGRO PATRIOTS TRY TO ENLIST IN UNITED STATES NAVY CORP.

Last Tuesday a score of Negroes visited the Navy Recruiting Station in Omaha and tried to enlist for service, but were advised that there was no place where Negroes could be used in the navy at this time, the Negro jobs in the mess section having already been filled.

This curious development in recent years marks a backward trend in this respect. In the war for American Independence, Negroes served as first-class seamen and gunners and as petty officers. They served in the same capacities in the war of 1812 and in the Civil War.

Such incidents will doubtless be used by enemy nations to prove that even in war-time in America, loyal, patriotic citizens are refused the right to serve their country on account of color. This matter will be "played up" to our detriment.

Comparisons are being made now with the conditions prevailing in the first world war. In that war the navy policy was as it now is, but more than a thousand colored commissioned officers were in the armed forces. Now they are absent, except in token numbers.

The Axis powers cannot be beaten without national unity and that cannot be achieved if color prejudice is to control the policy of the armed forces of the nation.

## EMMETT CUNNINGHAM TALKS CAUSES LATEST DETROIT GRAFT PROBE

Detroit, Dec. 10 (By Robert Crump for ANP) The taxpayers of this city are still cursing the lantern in search of an honest man in the city government, for year after year during the past several years there comes a sudden flare-up of charges of graft, corruption, embezzlement of funds, bribery and what not in one branch or another of the government here.

Some years ago there were two cases of embezzlement of thousands of dollars of welfare funds, one following hard on the heels of the other. Then came the conspiracy to obstruct justice and graft to protect the policy, and clearing house racket for which some city and county officials are now on trial. Later three councilmen were convicted for accepting graft money for a certain type of construction of government housing projects and now comes an investigation by the county prosecutor in charges of irregularity, padded payrolls and the use of county funds for political purposes which flared forth a few days ago, which involves several Negro men holding prominent positions in the Wayne county government setup.

This latest mess which grows deeper day by day grew out of the summary dismissal of six county employees of the tract index department who were charged with gross insubordination and unlimited and unaccounted for absence without leave.

Emmett S. Cunningham, prominent political leader who headed up political activities around the county building and the only colored man among the six dismissed employees, squealed loudest when informed of his discharge. Cunningham claimed that his days of AWOL were when he was out campaigning for reelection of some of the official heads of the county government and that he had been given that permission by those in authority to go the limit. He charged further that he used county funds given him by his bosses with which to pay campaign expenses.

These statements made, it is believed, in a boastful manner to the daily newspapers by Cunningham caused a stir in county circles and a search into the records is said to have revealed irregularities, laxity in administration and padding of payrolls. The money angle of the charges brought in the name of Benjamin Pelham, 79, known as the boss of the county government and administrator of the \$23,000,000 a year county business.

No man alive knows more about the Wayne county financial status, its revenue, its operation than does Pelham. While listed as a clerk in the auditor's office, he is in truth, auditor himself. No pur chases could be made, no appropriations set aside, no appointments made or money spent without the consultation with the sanction of Mr. Pelham. Yet no one believes

that a finger will be pointed at him other than the fact that he is a Negro holding down the biggest job of the third richest county in the nation. Pelham has carried on the business of the county for 40 years and was always honored and respected by the hundreds of county employes from top to bottom and was instrumental in placing so many Negroes in the county setup.

This investigation which may go to the grand jury has other cases of irregularities, is aimed directly at the three county auditors who hold elective positions. While the affair was being aired before the 32 members of the board of county supervisors Monday, opinion was freely expressed that Cunningham riled over his discharge, stepped off on the wrong foot and that he has sung his political swan song.

## JERSEY POLICE CHECK MOB OF WHITE TENANTS IN HOUSING PROJECT

Jersey City, N. J.—Attempted mob action to prevent the first colored family from moving into the LaFayette Gardens, low cost housing project here, was stopped last week by Jersey City police and the local Housing Authority, the Reverend S. E. Hardge, local head of the NAACP announced Friday.

In spite of pronouncements by federal officials, Mayor Frank Hague of this city, and officials of the Housing authority, white tenants held a mass meeting in protest against the moving in of the colored family. The meeting was broken up by the police, and a petition to the Department of Public Safety for permission to stage a march on the office of the Housing Authority was refused.

The J. C. H. A. also issued a statement that it is a federal policy that there shall be no discrimination on account of race or color in the U. S. public housing program and that it intends to follow this policy.

A request to Mayor Hague and the J. C. H. A. to evict any white tenants who attempted to molest or in anyway stop occupancy by colored families was considered at an emergency meeting of NAACP executive committee, Friday night, December 5.

In his letter he points out that this is a splendid contribution to a very worthy cause.

In Omaha, 643 employes gave a total of \$720.50 and the 65 employes living in Council Bluffs contributed a dollar each by an appropriation from their joint civic contributions fund. The Council Bluffs employes handle all their contributions to civic and patriotic activities through this fund which is made up by voluntary payroll deductions.

All of the 56 employes in the smaller communities the company serves, contributed an average of a little more than a dollar each in their local Red Cross roll calls.

## CIO CONVENTION BACKS DRIVES IN SOUTHLAND

WORK IN SOUTH SEEN AS AN OUTSTANDING TASK FOR CIO IN COMING YEAR

Detroit, Nov. 29—Organization of the South is one of the outstanding tasks facing the CIO during the coming year, CIO President Philip Murray told delegates to the CIO convention.

"I don't mind telling you" Murray declared, "that in so far as the CIO is concerned, nothing is going to stand in our way of organizing the South during the current year. We have to do it; we are going to do it. Let us pledge ourselves to see that this job is done before your convention meets next year."

In furtherance of this policy, the convention adopted a resolution urging CIO officials to formulate and put into effect plans in conjunction with all interested national and international Unions designed to bring about organization of all Southern workers into unions of the CIO.

In the discussion on southern organizing from the floor several delegates from Unions active in the south spoke on the problems to be faced in this drive and the progress made so far.

The work done by the Textile Workers Union in the South during the last four or five years was described by Delegates George



EARL BROWDER (hat in hand with friend visiting the remaining Scottsboro boys in Kilby prison while on a tour of the south prior to his imprisonment in Atlanta penitentiary on charges of passport irregularities. Release of Browder, who led in the fight to save the lives of the Scottsboro boys, is currently being sought by nationally known Negro and white leaders who consider the sentence exorbitant and a form of persecution because of Browder's affiliation with the Communist party. (ANP Photo)—

## SOUTHERNAIRES OFFERED LEGAL AID IN JIM CROW AT AIRPORT DINING ROOM

Washington, D. C.—The District of Columbia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has pledged to aid the famed radio quartet, The Southernaires, in any action the group may take against the Washington airport for its refusal to serve them with white patrons in the dining room of the airport last week. Although the airport serves the District of Columbia, it is located within the state boundary of Virginia.

The singers had just returned from Williamsburg, Va., where they were guests of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and were enroute to Cincinnati, Ohio, according to the manager, the airport is operated by the Air Terminal Services, Inc., of Virginia.

The Southernaires were served at the Williamsburg, Va., Inn along with other guests. At the airport dining room, the singers were told after an hour's wait, that arrangements had been made for them to be served in the main dining room upstairs. They were to be waited on by colored kitchen help and the room was not to be occupied by any other person.

As an alternative, they were advised that they could eat downstairs in the eating place for colored help. Pictures were taken by a staff photographer of the Baltimore Afro-American showing the basement dining room, the entrance to which was littered with debris and dirty scrub buckets.

A reporter from a local white daily questioned the NAACP representative on his plans for legal action and was told that further investigation will have to be made before a statement can be issued. There is a question as to whether the dining room is under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia or the state of Virginia.

That was written on the Negro and dated from Mobile, Sept. 21, 1914. It was signed 'Andrew Jackson, Major General Commanding.' This was the superlative tribute of a great American to the soldiers of a race, most of whom were in slavery. Look at the date, nearly 127 years ago, when very much the same sort of government tyranny was being resisted as we now meet in November, 1941. I expected you to arms. I invited you to share in the perils and to divide the glory with your white countrymen. I expected much from you, for I was not uninformed of those qualities which must render you so formidable to an invading foe. I knew that you could endure hunger, thirst and all the hardships of war. I knew that you loved the land of your activity, and like ourselves you had to defend all that is dear to man. But you surpass my hopes. I have found you united to these qualities, that noble enthusiasm which impels to great deeds. Soldiers, the President of the United States shall be informed of your conduct on the present occasion and the voice of the representatives of the American nation shall applaud your deed. The enemy is near. His sails cover the lakes. But the brave are united, and if he finds us contending among ourselves, it will be only for the prize of valor and fame, its noblest reward."

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The sorry role played by the A. F. of L. in its feeble attempts to organize the South was mentioned by Paul Christopher, regional director in Tennessee. "As frequently as the years rolled around," Christopher recalled, the AF of L. used to say, "We are going to organize the South," but it was never done.

John Schuler, delegate from the Alabama Council urged international Unions to send organizers into the South to aid in a task that is "a matter of fundamental importance to every Union in this country."

Complete Equalization Throughout South Will Cost \$43,000,000

Richmond, Va.—That the South now realizes it can no longer avoid paying equal salaries to colored and white school teachers is brought out in a recent editorial in the widely-circulated daily, the Richmond News Leader which states that the local school board will lose if it goes to court in the equal pay action begun here, the NAACP announced this week.

Richmond teachers have petitioned the school board for immediate adjustment of their salaries to the level of that of whites with equal training and experience. The News Leader says that "pay ought to be equalized" and places the cost of the increase at \$22,000 per annum. The NAACP is assisting Richmond teachers at their request.

From the United States Office of Education, the NAACP learned this week that approximately \$43,000,000 annually would be needed to bring educational standards for Negroes in the South into parity with the standards for whites.

This figure includes \$26,036,421 in additional funds needed to equalize colored and white teachers salaries; about \$8,000,000 to bring supplies to Negro schools into approximately equality with whites, and \$9,000,000 for additional Negro teachers to make the ratio of pupils per teacher equal with that in white schools. The ratio as it now stands is 29 pupils per white teacher and 39 pupils per Negro.

## URBAN LEAGUE, BUILDING TRADE COUNCIL TO SPONSOR A PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion sponsored by the Urban League and the Northside Building and Trades Council and arranged by Workers Service will be held December 18, 1941 at the Urban League auditorium.

Members of the panel will be Chester Adams, State Supervisor of Workers Service as chairman; Mr. Ballard of CIO; Mr. Brewer of the AF of L.; Mr. Farland, Mr. Greger; Mr. Briston; and Mr. Robert Rucker. The subject discussed will be—how can we speed up defense production and at the same time preserve free labor.

The Gospelists will sing. There will be no admission charged and the public is cordially invited.

## PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD "GIVES THE GATE" TO DRAFTSMAN APPLICANT

Philadelphia, Pa.—"Take him to the Gate."

This was the only comment of the personnel officer at the naval aircraft factory in the Philadelphia Navy Yard after looking over the application of James S. Mosley, seeking employment as engineering draftsman.

Mosley is a former student of Hampton Institute, Va., with specialties in drafting and machine shop practice. He is on the civil service list as apprentice engineering draftsman with a grade of 91.6. He told his story last week to the Philadelphia NAACP.

Mosley went to the navy yard December 2, after having received a card from the chief clerk requesting him to report for an interview in connection with a job. He was interviewed "by a man who appeared to be the chief clerk," and was told by this man: "From the appearance of this, your qualifications are more than necessary for the job." The clerk then took Mosley to the office of the personnel officer who came out and without speaking to Mosley, handed his application to an attendant with the remark, "Take him to the gate."

Mosley has made formal complaint in affidavit form, to the Committee on Fair Employment Practice. Mosley's complaint states that he questioned the personnel man and was told that he had "almost no chance at all" of appointment because "some applicants with higher grades were to be interviewed and they could undoubtedly do better work." Mosley wanted to know if he would be notified by mail if he got the appointment.

The officer said Mosley was "almost certain not to get it" and volunteered to state that it was not because of his color and that "you people seem to have a chip on your shoulders."

hospital, Henderson, \$5,770; Lincoln hospital, Durham, \$14,932; Mercy Hospital, Wilson, \$5,969; Richardson hospital, Greensboro, \$6,794; St. Agnes' hospital, Raleigh, \$16,458 and Susie Cheatham Memorial hospital, Oxford, \$2,072.

The three special hospitals included in the report are Juvenile Research association, Winston-Salem, \$1,309; Roaring Gap hospital, Roaring Gap, \$1,881; and Spartanburg Baby hospital, Spartanburg, \$2,714.