

FEPC N.Y. Hearings To Be Held February 16th and 17th

The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice today opened a branch office in New York to begin preparations for a public hearing on February 16 and 17 on the employment practices of defense industries and government agencies in the New York area.

The New York offices are located at Suite 723 Chanin Building, 122 East 42nd Street. The preliminary studies and the hearing are part of the government's program to eliminate discrimination against qualified and needed workers because of their "race, creed, color or national origin," in keeping with an executive order issued by President Roosevelt on June 25, 1941.

In that order the President declared that "the democratic way of life within the Nation can be defended successfully only with the help and support of all groups within its borders," and he called on employers and labor unions "to provide for the full and equitable participation of all workers in defense industries."

The President also created the Committee on Fair Employment Practice and named Mark Ethridge, Louisville Publisher as chairman. Other members of the Committee: William Green, President of the American Federation

of Labor; Milton P. Webster, International Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Chicago; David Sarnoff, President, Radio Corporation of America; Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago, and Philip Murray, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The preparations for the hearings are being made by representatives of the Committee, of the Negro employment and Training Branch of OPM, and the Minority Groups Branch, OPM. The President's executive order directed the Committee:

1. To "receive and investigate complaints of discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin" in violation of the executive order.
2. To take "appropriate steps to redress grievances which it finds to be valid."
3. To "recommend to the several departments and agencies of the Government of the United States and to the President all measures which may be deemed by it necessary or proper" to carry out the provisions of the order.

NAVY MAY CITE HEROIC NEGRO MESS ATTENDANT

New York... The heroic Negro mess attendant who distinguished himself at Pearl Harbor, December 7, may get official recognition for his valor from the U. S. Navy the NAACP announced this week. December 31, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox answered the NAACP request of December 26, that the mess attendant be given the distinguished service cross, saying: "Please be assured that an investigation will be made relative to the reported heroic action of the Negro mess attendant. The Navy Department will certainly recommend proper recognition for any such heroic action."

A similar reply was received by the NAACP from Lieutenant Commander Paul C. Smith, press relations officer for the Navy Department, to whom President Roosevelt referred the Association's request to him for recognition of the Negro hero.

BIRMINGHAM TO ERECT MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF NEGRO, FIRST REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Birmingham, Jan. 12 (ANP)—Announcement was made here last Wednesday by Ralph Parker, assistant city attorney, that a memorial table would be erected to Julius Ellsberry, 20 year sailor reported killed at the outbreak of hostilities in the American Japanese war. Ellsberry is the first in the county reported killed in action.

The announcement was made during services held for the deceased at sixteenth street Baptist church, where the Rev. R. M. Whitt's second sermon preached for the war dead, the first delivered in Perry county in the first World war. Said Grace Knox of the Citizens Committee of Army welfare "There is no black and white in this war. We are all Americans."

VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD GIVES IN ON EQUAL PAY ISSUE

Richmond, Va.,... After the action of the Richmond School board to adopt a five year plan for the gradual equalization of white and Negro teachers salaries, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, met with the teachers and their local attorney, Oliver W. Hill, Friday, January 9, to determine how the school board's action will affect their suit filed December 24, in the Federal District court here.

The adoption of the five year plan, by a margin of only one vote is a reversal of the attitude which the school board had maintained consistently up to the filing of the suit. Prior to that time they had refused to consider any plan for equalization in less than 12 years.

TODAY'S WAR IN PACIFIC



Pixpage—The numbers on the map are: (1) Timor (2) Sarawak (3) Penang (4) Manila, (5) Hong Kong, (6) Manchukuo. These are the important places of the war in the Pacific at the time of going to press.

REDS TURN TABLES



Pixpage—Red pincers turn tables on Germans in Russia. Both Nazi arms to encircle Moscow—the north arm had reached past Rogachev, the south past Venev—have been beaten back. Arrows denote Russian attacks. The big German army is threatened with destruction or a disastrous retreat.

In addition to adopting the five year plan the board removed from its salary schedule that clause which allowed it to grant increases at its discretion after ten years of service, and made the annual increase automatic up to fifteen years for all teachers.

PRESSURE MAY KEEP CRAMER AT FEPC

Washington, Jan. 12 (ANP)—Rumors are rife that pressure brought to bear has almost caused Lawrence Cramer, executive secretary of the FEPC, to reconsider and withdraw his contemplated resignation despite the offer received from Harvard university to teach at that school.

No comment was made on the matter by those close to Mr. Cramer, but there are those who say the possibility of a post in the state department would be more to Mr. Cramer's fancy than the teaching post at Harvard.

While the whole thing is still in the air, the executive secretary is carrying out the functions of his office capably and, as he explained to the group of Negro editors who were assembled in his office on Dec. 9, with a view of establishing a long range program for the bettering of conditions for Negroes generally throughout the industrial areas of the United States.

MANY THOUSANDS MORE NEEDED FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE HERE IN OMAHA

Hundreds of Omaha Citizens have registered for volunteer work with the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, 620 World Herald Bldg., but many thousands more are needed, according to Mrs. W. J. McMartin, Chairman in charge of the office.

The Volunteer Office is part of Mayor Butler's Omaha Civic Defense Council which was established recently to prepare men, women and children to be ready to better their community and to better the health and economic security of Omaha as part of a National Civilian Defense program.

All persons who will participate in the Civilian Defense program must register at the Volunteer Office. Persons registering will be classified in accordance with the knowledge and availability or desire for training in connection with the following: Foreign languages, Home Economics, Mass Feeding, Clerical Work, Group Leadership, Hospital Aid, Personalized Service, Research, Motor Corp., Education

Negro Educator Joins U. S. Defense Savings Staff



JESSE O. THOMAS, noted Negro educator, former field secretary of Tuskegee Institute, and founder of the Atlanta, Ga., School of Social Work, being sworn in as a member of the Defense Savings Staff, United States Treasury Department. He will help promote the sale of Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps among American Negroes in the National Defense Savings Program.

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Applicant will also report military records and type of blood if known. For those interested in special training programs, volunteers will be informed of courses now available. These include home economics, leadership training, hospital aid, emergency service, motor corp. work.

TAKE 100 PER SAFETY MEASURES WHILE DRIVING

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 10—Sleet and ice conditions now prevailing may bring a traffic death or serious injury to some member of your community unless every driver takes proper precautions, Capt. C. J. Sanders of the state safety patrol warned today.

"Any owner who knows that his car is not fully prepared to meet winter hazards should have the good sense not to drive windshield and road conditions are extremely slippery," he said. "Any car owner who is not sure his brakes are equalized should have them tested immediately and put on his tire chains while skidding is such a hazard.

"Headlights, windshield wipers and defrosters should be tested and weak or defective ones replaced. There is no excuse for cars with one dead headlight on inadequate windshield vision. These hazards are always dangerous but more so now when the ice condition of streets makes it difficult to turn out to avoid hitting what looks like a motorcycle but is actually a car.

"One of the best times to avoid a winter driving accident," Captain Sanders concluded, "is before you step on the starter."

WIFE BEATS UP WHITE RIVAL, CAUGHT WITH HER HUSBAND IN LOVE NEST

Los Angeles, Jan. 12 (ANP)—Separate maintenance, custody of two children and \$60 per month was the speedy court award given an attractive housewife this week, following her discovery of a honey moon cottage occupied by her mate and his red headed white girl friend, early last Monday morning.

Accompanied by a police officer the attractive housewife, Mrs. Beulah Jones, assertedly surprised her husband, Eddie, city employe, in the embrace of the woman in a house allegedly occupied by Jones as a rendezvous. Mrs. Jones was represented by Atty. Crispus Wright.

Mrs. Jones admitted to the ANP reporter that she beat up her white rival before allowing her to leave the "love nest."

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REPORTS STRAUS RESIGNATION

Washington, Jan. 11 (ANP)—The resignation of Nathan Straus, administrator of the Federal Housing administration, has been reported written and forwarded to the President. Pressure of southern congressmen, who voiced their disapproval of the administrator's policies is believed responsible for the resignation. At one time, some \$300,000 voted by congress, for the erection of emergency housing was diverted from the capable staff built by Straus to another agency, but with the reported resignation of Straus, this money was again promised to the USHA.

the statements of Judge Hastie, civilian aide to the secretary of War, that approximately 1,000 Negroes would be employed in the war department before the end of 1941.

WAR DEPT ADDS STENOGRAPHERS

Washington, Jan. 14 (ANP)—A new increment of stenographers was reported to be assigned to the "pool" in one of the temporary buildings of the war department last week, of which three fourths were colored. The pool numbered about 150. The new number of Negroes thus employed bears out

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