

EDITORIALS of the week

THE PEARL BUCK LETTER

Last week we published a letter from Pearl S. Buck, world famous writer, to the Colored People of America. It will, doubtless, be read by more Negroes than any similar publication from the pen of a white person during our history.

What she said is true. Negroes need to read it and white persons need to read it. It says, in effect, that if Japan and Germany should win the war and subjugate all white race and repeat with emphasis the injustices practiced by white races upon darker ones, the last estate would be worse than the first. She wants us to renew

our efforts to educate white persons in the sphere of understanding and tolerance.

Colored men have been at this task here in America for about five hundred years and in South America many years longer. According to some authorities Africa and South America were once connected by a land bridge across which men travelled back and forth freely in the dawn of history. During all those years, dark men were foremost in the world. They oppressed other white and dark men. And when white men became first in civilization they applied the lesson they had learned from their dark preceptors. It is

THE 99TH PURSUIT SQUADRON

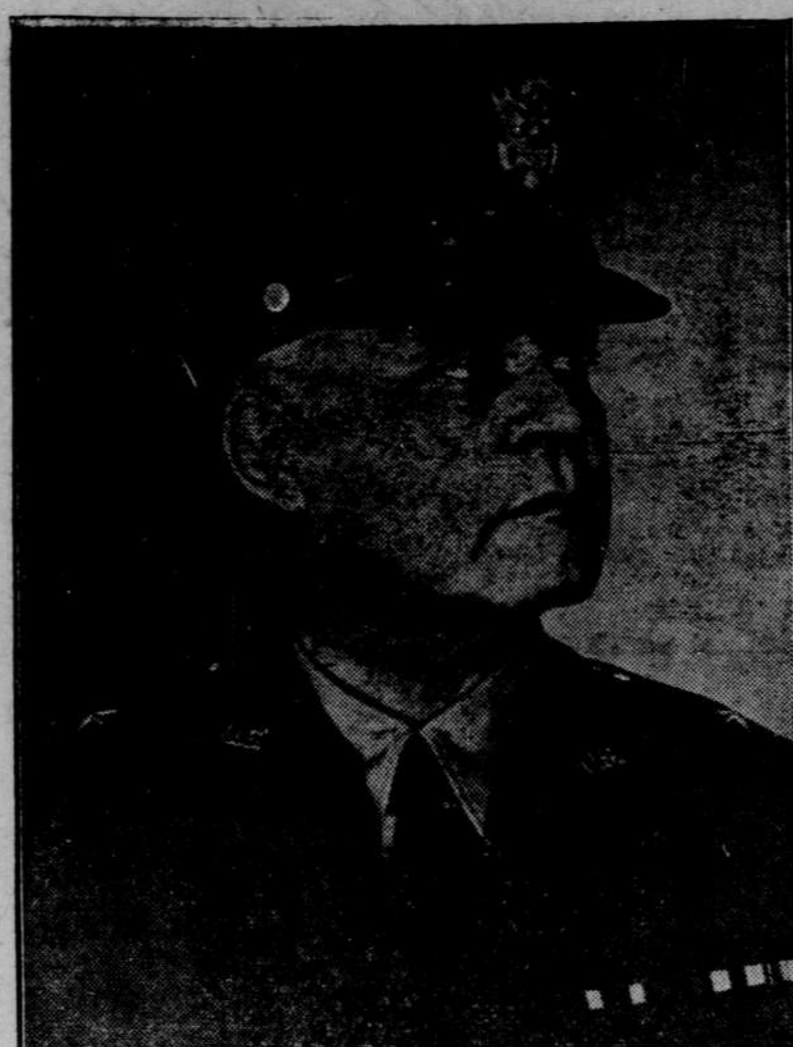
The 99th Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee has graduated its first pilots. Many others will follow them and they will be integrated into the air forces of the United States. This is the slow, tortuous route decreed by COLOR PREJUDICE, but is better than no route at all. Finally, as the losses become larger and larger in our air forces, color will be far less important than it is now. When that critical period is appreciated, any colored or white person seeking to serve in the airplane will be welcome at training centers.

All hindrances to our war effort should be banished at once, for in the long run that is the only safe course to pursue. We will have to stop thinking in terms of color and race and think rather in terms of freedom against slavery; of right against wrong.

And we must remember as the graduates of the 99th pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee do, that this war cannot be won without the loss of human lives, perhaps millions of them. And these boys of the air force, like those of the infantry with General MacArthur, that death is preferable to cowardice; even more desirable than running away to save one's hide.

Remember, young men, when you are in the air fighting the Axis airmen, you are fighting for human freedom, including your own and that of dark men in Africa, India and China and the Americas. Then you will have won the right to enjoy freedom and its fruits.

BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMIN O. DAVIS



OR.

Give the Negro half a chance, treat him halfway right and the "bogies" of "columns" and "isms" will vanish in a day.

PICKENS AND THE NAACP

William Pickens on Friday the 13th appeared to "JUSTIFY" him self before Walter "Caesar" White. Well, that is the way it was in the days of Old Rome. Be careful, Walter, Calpurnia has had several very bad dreams of late.

GENERAL MACARTHUR STANDS FAST

Since the start of the war our allies have been chased out of one island after another by the Japanese, but General MacArthur and his brown and black warriors with a sprinkling of whites, holds on. Why?

Old Age Assistance Director Voght claims that 22 percent of the charity charges are Negroes. If the governmental agencies hereabouts, such as the School Board, Metropolitan Utilities District and Federal agencies were to give the Negroes their proportionate share of employment as they should the charity rolls would be cut in half.

CAPITAL AND ITS SOURCE

Capitol as we know it is derived from land and labor and Mr. and Mrs. Public, collectively accumulate it and distribute it. The people, although they have not fully understood it, are supreme in this land of ours. Immediate control, to be sure, is centered in comparatively few hands, but the ultimate control rests in the people. Our hope is that when they do they will apply it wisely and constructively.

THE LAW AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

All branches of the so called sciences boast many books recording their achievements. Nearly all of them make special pleas and set up classes and castes.

Works on the subject of the law and the New Testament rise above each of them to a plane of freedom for all. When injustices occur under either it is because the human instrumentalities depart from the principles laid down.

Chiang Kai Shek, head of the government of China recently declared: we are fighting for democracy and freedom for all peoples everywhere.

Winston Churchill said: The two great English speaking peoples (Great Britain and the United States) will walk together in majesty, in justice and in peace.

Here you have a measure of the limited or comprehensive vision of two world statesmen.

General Davis, on duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, as a brigade commander of the 2nd Cavalry Division, was born in Washington, D. C. June 1, 1877.

He entered the military service on July 13, 1898, during the War with Spain, as a first lieutenant of the 8th United States Infantry. He was mustered out on March 6, 1899, and on June 14, 1899, he enlisted as a private in Troop I, 9th Cavalry, of the Regular Army. He was promoted to corporal sergeant-major and on February 2, 1901, was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry in the Regular Army. He was promoted through all the grades to that of brigadier general on October 25, 1941.

General Davis' first service as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army was in the Philippine Islands with the 9th Cavalry in the Island of Samar. On August 9, 1901, he was assigned to duty with the 2nd Squadron of the 10th Cavalry and returned from the Philippines with that organization and served as Adjutant at Fort Washakie, Wyoming. On September 1, 1905, he was made Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University, Ohio, remaining there until September 1, 1909, when, after a brief service at Fort Ethan Allen, he was detailed as Military Attache at Monrovia, Liberia, remaining on that duty until January, 1912. He was then assigned to duty with the 9th Cavalry at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, and at Douglas, Arizona. He remained with his regiment on border patrol duty until February 1915, when he again was assigned to duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University, remaining there until the summer of 1917, when he went to the Philippines for duty as Supply Officer of the 9th Cavalry at Camp Stotesenburgh. He returned from the Philippines in July 1920, and was assigned to duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, remaining there until July 23, 1924, when he became instructor of the 372nd Infantry of the Ohio National Guard with station at Cleveland, Ohio.

On July 1, 1929, General Davis again returned to Wilberforce University (Great Britain and the United States) will walk together in majesty, in justice and in peace.

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GEORGE SCHUYLER AT WEST VIRGINIA STATE

Institute, W. Va., March 11 (AP)—George S. Schuyler, well-known editor, writer and lecturer

will address the Sunday evening chapel service in the auditorium of the West Virginia State college Sunday March 15. The subject of the speaker's lecture will be "Propaganda," a timely topic in these days of war and nerves.

NAACP PLANS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

New York... Plans for an office of the NAACP to be set up in Washington, D. C., were submitted to the Association's board of directors, Monday March 9, by a committee headed by William H. Hastie. The Washington office will be for the purpose of lobbying and dealing directly with government agencies for the protection of the rights of Negroes.

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DETROIT HOUSING RIOT SHOWS NEGROES "FED UP" WITH DEMOCRACY TALK

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City, legal action, finance and other matters, are given each day. PICKET CITY HALL A picket line has been thrown about the City Hall calling on the Mayor for action. About 300 pickets were in the line March 5. Neighborhood leaders are doing house to house work in the five main sections of Detroit. A running fight is being carried on by this committee which includes the local branch NAACP and dozens of other organizations, churches, labor unions, clubs, fraternities, lodges. Factional rivalry is being buried temporarily while an "all out" fight is carried on to see that Negro families get what the United States government promised them... homes in the Sojourner Truth project.

NAACP GOES BAIL

The Detroit NAACP through Dr. J. J. McClendon, president got bail reduced from \$1,000 to \$500 on a number of concealed weapon cases and went the bail. The branch also got several cases dismissed where the charge was disturbing the peace. Much of the office work of the Citizens' Committee is being done out of the NAACP branch office at 446 E. Warren, where Glover Current is executive secretary.

OPEN LETTER

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The public schools of the nation constitute the most vital agency in our national life and any weakening of them strikes at the heart of our free institutions. But they must not only be strong and efficient; they must comprehend all our people, including the Colored People, in the student body and the teaching personnel.

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CHICK! LOOK OVER THERE AND TELL ME... DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?