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Local Negro Medical Society To Hold A Series of Meetings On 'Venereal Diseases'

Land Grant College Conference Up In Arms As... Navy Refuses to Reconsider Exclusion of V-1 Program

YOUR PRO-RATA OF EMPLOYMENT



PETER MEHRENS

Mr. Peter Mehrens who some of us have known for 37 years is yet on the firing line for justice. Mr. Mehrens was in the Guide office on July 14, to make a statement to the Acting Editor, C. C. Galloway in regards to his candidacy for County Commissioner of the 1st District of Douglas County. Mr. Mehrens states that he yet believes in the Negroes' pro-rata of employment in proportion to the taxes we pay and the votes we cast and that that will be his position if he is nominated and elected for the 1st District of County Commissioner of Douglas County.

Mr. Peter Mehrens is a wealthy man at 66 and is not running for an office for which consideration in salary and is not in it for himself. He wishes to be placed in a position where he can render a service to the people who made it possible for him to accumulate his wealth in the last 29 years.

29 years ago Peter Mehrens was just an ordinary chef cook in a second rate hotel, known as the Merchants Hotel on Farnam between 15th and 16th streets on the site where the World-Herald building now stands.

He has been a pioneer in the working and building of Omaha. He is considered as a successful business man. He wants to serve the people who made it possible for his success. If you live in the 1st District—you can't make a mistake by voting for Peter Mehrens for County Commissioner. He will do for the Negro as County Commissioner, what he has done as a member of the Board of Education.

There has been a number of statements made as to who put Negro teachers on the school board payroll and Negro janitors. We will admit many Omahans have tried in the last 29 years, but up to the time when Peter Mehrens went on the Board of Education from the date of Mrs. Ulla Overall's resignation, there was not a Negro on the school payroll system. Today we have five janitors, two janitresses and three teachers.

The janitors are J. C. Bates, Howard Kennedy, Leon Hodson, Duell Hill, Henry Hadden, Long, Charles Solomon, Lake; Janitresses Mammie Spriggs, Lothrop, Esther Hicks; teachers Eugene Skinner, Tech, Robbie T. Davis, Tech, W. Fletcher, at Howard Kennedy; Enumerator Florence Terrell—a total of ten employees all placed on the payroll since Peter Mehrens has been on the Board of Education, not a single one was there before.

Peter Mehrens sat right here in the Omaha Guide's office and said to the acting Editor, C. C. Galloway that if he was elected as a member of the School Board he would do everything within his power in getting our pro-rata of the work as teachers and janitors in our public school systems. I will ask you if the above is not some evidence that he has made a fine start in keeping his word. Mr. Negro voter you can

(By Hazel L. Grigs) WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANP)—Declaring that the U. S. Navy and worked out no plan for use of Negro officers and that the navy was not disposed to train men for officers and then not use them, Addison Walker, assistant to Sec. of Navy, Knox and Dean Barker, director of the navy training program, last week told Dean C. H. Thompson of Howard university and Charles E. Houston, noted attorney, representing the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant colleges, that the navy could make no further expansion in the navy program to train Negroes at this time.

Mr. Walker and Dean Barker, in effect, declined to recommend that Negro colleges and Negro students be permitted to participate in the new V-1 training program, which is designed to provide officer candidates for the navy out of quotas of college students, and over protests of the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges and other representative organizations throughout the country, stood adamant on the navy policy of discrimination.

Under the V-1 program, as it now stands, no Negro college may participate and no Negro student enrolled in a white college, may take advantage of the opportunity for future naval service to his country. In accordance with the plan, the navy has a quota of approximately one-third of the nation's college students, who are permitted to enlist in the navy, pass to the naval reserve, remain in college until graduation and then go into the V-1 program for commissions in the navy. As long as the student's college work is on a satisfactory level, he is not sent to active service. If he fails in college, however, he is sent immediately to active duty.

The purpose of the plan is to furnish the navy a continuous supply for the duration of the war of trained and intelligent potential officers. Mr. Walker and Dean Barker stated to the land-grant representatives that it was contemplated that recruits for officer training would come from the men now being trained at Great Lakes naval station and at Hampton, "when and if their quality as officer candidates."

The training at Great Lakes and Hampton is not designed to qualify sailors as officers, but for the enlisted ratings, the committee pointed out, and an officer candidate has the further disadvantage of the requirements of a year's sea duty and the recommendation of his commanding officer in order to take examinations to qualify for a commission. Dean Thompson and Mr. Houston declared that the condition that the sailor be recommended by his commanding officer was a "loophole and a snare for the elimination of all Negroes" and that in effect the navy has not opened the way for Negroes to become commissioned officers.

Impetus to the action by the land-grant conference, headed by John W. Davis, president of West Virginia state college, came when the conference learned, during its two day meet at Hampton recently, that Howard university and several other colored schools had applied for participation in the V-1 program and had been refused. This stand had been taken by the navy while the army had invited all colleges belonging to the AERC. The army's

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not go wrong voting for Peter Mehrens. He is absolutely a straight shooter in every sense of the word. A hard worker and a good business executive. I have personally known Peter Mehrens for 37 years.

Chief Lay Leader



DENNIS A. BETHEA, M. D., of Hammond, Indiana.

Dr. Bethea, as president of the Board of Lay Activities of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, is one of the Reception Committee for the National Council of Methodist Conference Lay Leaders at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, July 8-10. The Conference lay leaders of the nineteen Negro Conferences over which Dr. Bethea presides are meeting jointly with similar officers from the other ninety-five Conferences of The Methodist Church in connection with the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary.

OPEN LETTER TO CAMEL RADIO INCIDENT

Mr. C. C. Galloway, Omaha Guide, 2418 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: My office has been flooded with letters from most of America's Negro publishers requesting that we at Interstate United Newspapers check with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. to find out if they were sufficiently responsible for the insult to Dorothy Maynor as recited in Miss Ilka Chase's best seller, "Past Imperfect" to warrant a nationwide boycott of Camel Cigarettes by Negro Americans.

In this regard the writer contacted Mr. S. Clay Williams Chairman of the Board of Directors of the R. J. Reynolds organization. In the lively exchange of letters which ensued from the photo-static and original copies of letters sent you by your readers and then sent on to us were sent to the makers of Camels so that they could see first hand how much Negro Americans resent being denied their rights as Americans to appear on commercial radio programs and all other types of racial prejudice.

We are convinced that the J. I. Reynolds Tobacco Co. was in no way responsible for this insult to the race in general and Miss Maynor in particular. The insult was made by someone not connected with the makers of Camel Cigarettes and not authorized to set or determine the policy of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

In view of the foregoing and because of the fact that the R. J. Reynolds Company is one of America's biggest employers of Negroes plus the fact that it has a clean bill of health with the Federal Government a regards employees' working conditions... plus the fact that we need all of our fighting energies to help lick the axis in this war at home and abroad, we herewith request that you pass the word along to all organizations in your community, Civic, Social, Church and Fraternal asking them not to stamp a war at home by boycotting Camel Cigarettes because we feel that an organization headed by a man as

RECORD BAN HARD ON NEGRO ARTISTS

PETRILLO DECREES END TO RECORD MAKING

(By Frank Marshall Davis)

CHICAGO, July 17 (ANP)—Unless James Petrillo, czar of the American Federation of Musicians, changes his mind and rescinds his ban on the making of phonograph records and electrical transcriptions scheduled to go into effect July 31, Negro musicians will be hard hit.

Petrillo has informed all record manufacturers that the 140,000 Negro and white members of this powerful AFL union would stop making records except for war agencies, unless the companies found a way to prevent their use by radio stations and in juke boxes. Since the manufacturers know of no way to insure exclusive home use for platters, they plan to sit back and await developments.

The union leader bases his stall on the contention that members receive about \$3,000,000 annually in recording royalties but "lose" \$100,000,000 yearly as a result of the reduced employment opportunities. He says that many places which would otherwise employ musicians now use "canned music," estimating that between 8,000 and 9,000 musicians could be put to work in places that now rely on juke boxes.

Record companies say they cannot

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SIDAT-SINGH TO AIR CORPS

Washington, July 17 (ANP)—Wilmet Singh has been ordered to report to the aviation training center at Tuskegee institute on Aug. 7. Singh, former Syracuse basketball and football star, is now at the metropolitan police force, having been appointed several months ago.

LAYLE LANE TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Miss Layle Lane, Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers, has been nominated by the Socialist Party as Congressional candidate at large, from New York.

Miss Lane played a very active part on the committee that tried to save Odell Waller, of Richmond, Va. from the electric chair. Waller had been convicted of murder of a white share-cropper who had been unfair to him in business relations. "We lost," states Miss Lane, "not because our case wasn't good, but because Roosevelt still thinks he has to cater to the Southern Democrats. He does not want their opposition to legislation, especially regarding finances, so he refused to intervene. Governor Daren is a creature of the Byrd regime in Virginia, so he did what the machine wanted him to do. The case convinced me that white people still don't think 13,000,000 Negroes count. Our only hope is in strong organization with sufficient power to take what we want."

Miss Lane is a very attractive and outstanding citizen and there is no reason why she should not be elected Congressman at Large from the State of New York.

astute and fair minded as Mr. S. Clay Williams has shown himself to be, will always see it that the Negro is treated fairly by the makers of Camel Cigarettes.

With best wishes and the assurance that we present a solid front to all our enemies at home and abroad, we are,
Very truly yours,
Interstate United Newspapers Inc.,
William G. Black,
Sales Manager.

First of Articles Begin In this Issue

As a part of the national and local campaign for the control of venereal disease, the Nebraska Negro Medical Society is cooperating by instituting a refresher study course in venereal disease treatment.

The Society has gone on record as recognizing that the war effort demands a healthier nation, and that venereal disease is one of the major health problems. To take an active part in the educational campaign, they have planned a series of five meetings under the direction of S. L. Pearlman, M. D., Director Communicable Disease Control, City Health Department. The meetings will deal with the attitude, diagnosis, an treatment of syphilis and gonorrhea, and educational and class material will be given through literature, lectures, and films.

Of public interest will be the results of the meetings, which will be summarized in a series of educational articles appearing in this newspaper, beginning this week, under the signature of the cooperating physicians.

All the meetings are being held at the Northside Clinic except the final lecture. This will be at the home of S. B. Northcross, M. D. at 2731 12 "Q" Street.

The physicians taking part in this course are: Dr. Price Terrell, Dr. D. W. Gooden, Dr. W. W. Solomon, Dr. Wesley Jones, Dr. Herbert Wiggins, Dr. G. B. Lennox, Dr. S. E. Northcross, and Dr. A. L. Hawkins. Dr. Craig Morris, who is president of the Nebraska Negro Medical Society stated, "This series of meetings should be a precedent for further organized community effort to control venereal disease. Similar refresher courses on other health topics of emergency interest are planned for the future because the medical profession realizes that these are times when we must keep pace with the advancement of science."

The following article is the first of a series of articles contributed by the members of the Nebraska Negro Medical Society. These articles are presented as a public service in the interests of better health for National Defense. Because control of venereal disease is the least satisfactory in our present program, this series will deal with this subject.

WHAT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD VENEREAL DISEASE SHOULD BE

(By DR. G. B. LENNOX)

Despite our present critical world situation, some victories are being won on other fronts. The war forced us to take a realistic attitude toward health. This is particularly true of syphilis and gonorrhea. We now speak freely of these serious health problems. When these two diseases slow our effort to victory, it is too expensive not to talk about them. We must speak of syphilis and gonorrhea as disease problems, for that is what they are.

The sick person needs treatment. No person should deny this fundamental fact.

Any attitude which might discourage a sick person from applying for adequate and reliable treatment is unhuman.

No Christian basis can be found for forcing any person to conceal a serious, crippling, killing and contagious illness.

Disease is not a punishment for sin. That attitude should have been discarded with the idols of wood and stone.

GALLOWAY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE CLUB

TO HOLD MEETING

AN INVITATION TO YOU

If you are a registered voter and live in the 5th legislative district and by chance have met Mr. C. C. Galloway in the last 29 years in Omaha and want to do your part in the interest of his nomination on August 11, 1942, for the Legislature Representative of the 5th District, you are hereby invited to be present at a get-together meeting on Tuesday evening, July 21, 1942, time 9 P. M.—place, the Omaha Guide Publishing Company Assembly Room, 2420 Grant Street.

We must win the nomination on August 11 or we can't be elected on November 3. Mr. Galloway's success depends on how many of his friends are willing to put their shoulders to the wheel and help carry the load. Mr. Galloway has helped many and it is not often he has asked any returns for his services. If you have lived in Omaha very long, you should know something about the work and sacrifice he has made for you and yours in these past 29 years. So remember my friends, it is your opportunity now to help place him in a position where he can double his services for you and yours in the future.

HERMAN FRIEDLANDER ENDORSES C. C. GALLOWAY FOR STATE SENATOR

(By HERMAN FRIEDLANDER) 3211 Myrtle Avenue

Mr. C. C. Galloway is a candidate for State Senator of the 5th District. Mr. Galloway not only deserves our vote, but we should take it upon ourselves to see that our friends and neighbors go to the polls and vote for him alongside of other deserving candidates.

I have known Mr. Galloway more than 25 years. He has always been interested in civic affairs and contributed much of his efforts to make Omaha a better place to live in for all of us.

C. C. Galloway was not always on the winning side but he stood for what he thought was right. Let me cite you a few instances as an illustration of his good judgement and his foresightedness.

Many years ago and now, he was actively part in the control of the

active part in the control of the blood test if it is not offered, and if it is suggested, the patient should feel that the doctor is alert and progressive.

You have no personal immunity to germs. All classes, creeds, and peoples have died from undiscovered or untreated syphilis.

Most infections occur at an early age—15-25. This means that these people must look to the community for help. The public attitude toward this problem will probably decide how adequate this help will be. We cannot afford to fail the next generation.

Our attitude toward education in the schools should be a positive one. We should demand that our high schools acquaint our youth of the dangers of syphilis and gonorrhea. The reports showing the great numbers of young people infected, show that they know a part of the truth, but they do not know enough to avoid the dangers or get a cure.

SCRAP METAL — SCRAP RUBBER

CONTRIBUTE YOUR PART

LET'S GO-IN AN ALL OUT SCRAP GATHERING CAMPAIGN

SCOUR YOUR ATTICS, YARDS, ALLEYS, DUMP HEAPS FOR ALL SCRAP METAL AND RUBBER—

PURPOSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN:

To encourage the collection in Nebraska of every possible pound of scrap metal and rubber to help meet the nation's war needs; to make Nebraska first in the nation to complete an exhaustive clean-up of these materials, thus setting an example for other states to follow; to supplement and encourage all activities of other agencies gathering these vitally-needed war materials.

PLAN

Prizes will be given by The World Herald to the Nebraska county, business firm, individual and units of junior boy or girl organizations turning in free or selling to dealers the most scrap metal or rubber in the three weeks, July 19-August 8 inclusive, according to the prize rules. It does not matter whether the scrap metal or rubber is given free to the government or sold to dealers. It all counts in the prize competition. The main purpose is to get all the scrap for the government. One pound of rubber scrap will count as five pounds of metal scrap. Get a receipt to show your county committee.

PRIZES

Prizes given by The World-Herald

will be as follows:

\$1,000 War Bond will be awarded to the county reporting the greatest total poundage of Scrap metal and rubber collection per capita (1940 census) to be used as to county population;

\$500 War Bond to the county reporting the second largest collection per capita;

\$300 War Bond to the business firm turning in the largest poundage of scrap;

\$150 War Bonds and Stamps to the individual delivering the largest number of pounds.

\$50 in War Stamps to the local junior organization delivering the largest poundage.

These Bonds and Stamps will have present cash value of \$1,000, \$500, \$300, \$150, and \$50, hence are equivalent to cash.

The prizes going to counties are to be used for some charity or public purpose of general value to the county, such use of the prize, if received, to be announced by the local committee in charge BEFORE the contest begins.

ELIGIBILITY

Every person residing within a county is eligible to contribute to that county's total collection. Persons and their families engaged in the business of buying and selling scrap iron and rubber, or collecting it on a commission, are not eligible to compete as individuals or firms. They may, however, help to increase the county's total by initiating scrap collections, the contest credit to go to the original owner.

GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY TO MINORITIES, FDR TELLS NAACP

Los Angeles, Calif.—"As Chief Executive of this whole American Nation, I assure you that your Government will accept its responsibility to you," President Roosevelt wrote in his greeting to the 33rd annual conference of the NAACP which opened here Tuesday night, July 14, in the packed auditorium of the Second Baptist Church.

The President stressed the importance of minorities to the success of the war effort and praised the Association's conference theme, "Victory is Vital to Minorities" saying that it might be reversed and given to the nation as a slogan "For today as never before in our history, 'Minorities are Vital to Victory.'"

The full text of the greeting reads "It is with gratification that I extend greetings to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its Thirty-third Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

"I note with satisfaction that the theme of your significant gathering reads 'Victory is Vital to Minorities.' This theme might well be reversed and given to the Nation as a slogan. For today, as never before in our history, 'Minorities are Vital to Victory.'"

"We are, in a sense, a Nation of minorities. By race, by religion, by color, by ancestry, each constituent group is a minority when viewed in relation to our total population. But it is the essence of our democracy that our very differences have welded us into a Nation. And the democratic way of life within that Nation can be defended successfully only with the help and support of all groups within its borders.

"Your striking theme 'Victory is Vital to Minorities,' does more than answer our enemies... both domestic and foreign... who seek to accentuate our differences in order to divide our strength. As Chief Executive of this whole American Nation, I assure you that your Government will accept its responsibility to you.

Very sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

CBS TO BROADCAST WILLKIE SPEECH SUNDAY, JULY 19

Los Angeles, Calif.—The address of Wendell L. Willkie, climax of the 33rd annual conference of the NAACP meeting here this week, will be heard over the nation-wide hook up of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Sunday afternoon, July 19, from 6:15 to 6:30, Eastern War Time, or 3:15 to 3:30, Pacific Time, from the Shrine auditorium.

Mr. Willkie is expected to reveal important information about the national and world problems of color in this crisis, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, will also speak at this meeting, over which Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, national field secretary, will preside.

NAACP officials said that Army orders will make it necessary to keep crowds at the closing meeting to 5,000 as gatherings larger than that number are forbidden in the interest of defense.