Conduct Drive For Up-Grading and Employment of Negroes In Organized Plants In Pennsylvania

The United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, is conducting a concerted drive for the employment and upgrading of Negro workers in organzed plants in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower Commission was informed.

Specific steps designed to speed the integration of Negroes into war product were reported to Chairman McNutt by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Director of the Negro Manpower Service, WMC.

According to Dr. Weaver, District Council No. 1 of the UERMWA has unanimously adopted a program submitted by its Negro Affairs Committee. This program, which covers 40 plants under contract to the union stipulates:

"1. That we seek to secure, thru the Fair Employment Practice Committee, set up by the President, written letters from the employers to the effect that they will employ minorly groups, including Negroes. The local unions involved shall receive copies of the above mentioned letters.

"2. In plants where no Negroes are now employed, their employment shall be encouraged in such a manner that upgrading is possible.

"3. In plants where Negroes are now employed, the upgrading process shall be encouraged.

"4. Departmental meetings shall be held to educate in the direction of infiltration of Negroes into classifications where they have never been employed before.

"5. Unions and management shall hold meetings to determine the departments where Negroes can best be employed with the least amount of disruption, the policy to be established by this committee.

"6. Periodic meetings shall be held to discuss the progress of the employment of Negroes and their effect on production in general."

In New York City, Dr. Weaver reported, Local 1227 of the [illegible] union has just announced that 20 percent of all persons placed by the local since January, 1942, were Negroes. In announcing this development, Carl Geiser, President of Local 1227, declared:

"The policy of our union for all out production to win the war cannot be fully carried out unless all available manpower is put to work. We have broken down the barrier of discrimination wherever it has existed in our shops. We not only believe the Negro people must be afforded equal opportunity to fight for this country, but we also believe they must be given equal opportunity to work for this country."

In Connecticut, the Bridgeport local of the UERMWA has issued a large "Victory Thur Unity" poster to be placed in union halls and war production plants. The poster, issued by the local's Job Discrimination Committee ,contains pictures of Corp. Meyer Levin and Capt. Colin Kelly of the U. S. Air Corps, and Dorie Miller.

LAND GRANT COLLEGE CONFERENCE UP IN ARMS AS NAVY REFUSES TO RECONSIDER EXCLUSION OF V-1 PROGRAM

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quota, also, is one third of the eligible male students in the nation's colleges.

Moreover, it was brought out at the conference that the only opportunity for service in the navy open to Negro college students and graduates is on the level of apprentice seamen. This situation seems paradoxical, the conference pointed out when according to authorative sources, the navy needs a reservoir of trained manpower badly.

After discussion of the prevailing condition, the conference immediately took action by appointing a committee, consisting of John W. Davis, Hrace Mann Bond, president of Fort Valley state college, and Charles H. Thompson, dean of the college of liberal arts, Howard university, to carry the conference's protest to the navy department. When President Davis and Bond were unable to be in Washington on the date scheduled for the meeting, Dean Thompson and Charles H. Houston, noted Washington attorney, met with navy representatives.

When Dean Thompson and Mr. Houston indicated that the group was interested in seeing that the navy get good recruit material, and that it did not want to see all the intelligent and forceful Negroes enter the army, Mr. Walker and Dean Barker said they appreciated this position and it was probable that they were missing some fine men by the limitations on Negroes in the navy program, but that for the present the navy felt it "had gone as far as it could in one step."

If the war continues another two or three years, the committee declared, the United States navy would need officers so badly that the color of the officers would be immaterial. Mr. Walker and Dean Barker evidenced that in that case "the navy would take the men regardless of race."

The Land grant college conference demands that: (1) Negro colleges be immediately authorized to participate in the V-1 program; (2) Negro students in colleges which have been approved to give such training be allowed to participate as other students; (3) equitable provisions be made for prospective Negro enlistees to receive rating through examinations as are now made for prospective white enlistees.

The committee left the naval conference with the understanding that a formal statement from the navy department would be made to Negro publications.

PETRILLO DECREES END TO RECORD MAKING BAN HARDER ON NEGRO

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legally enforce any restrictions on the use of records once they have been sold. Platters designed for home use have for some years carried a label forbidding their use over the air but the courts have ruled this has no legal standing. The same would happen were an attempt made to restrict juke boxes, manufacturers say.

Some of these companies believe that the pressure of public opinion an dthe desire of topranking bands to continue to cash in on the popularity of their discs would compel the union to change its stand.

Manufacturers, however, will retain the right to make as many copies of the pre-Aug. 1 stock as they wish, within the limits of the WPB order of some months ago cutting 1942 production to 30 percent of the 1941 output. It is expected that recording activities will be greatly accelerated the rest of this month in order to build up a stock of new platters for release after the ban goes into effect.

The Petrillo order will work a greater hardship on colored musicians than on white. Most of the colored musicians bands depend largely upon records played over the radio or in juke boxes for their popularity as well as part of their income. White bands can expect to have considerable air time on the big chains, thus keeping the organization before the public, but Negro orchestras seldom get a chance to broadcast. Most of those who do have only the smallest of local outlets.

Recrds have built up a following for many leading colored artists that mean money when these musicians appear personally. Lil Green zoomed from the relief rolls to a star now earning several hundred dollars weekly on the strength of one recording, "Romance in the Dark". Louis Jordan is currently drawing crowds because of the popularity of his "I'm Gona Move to the Outskirts of Town," while Erskine Hawkins was greatly aide by "Tuxedo Junction."

The Petrillo order is unwarranted in view of existing conidtions. Priorities have ended the manufacture of juke boxes, which means than when those now in use wear out they cannot be replaced. The cut in record manufacture is also having its effect on nickel-in-a-slot phonographs. At the same time, it is well known that many leading bands have been hard hit by selective service, with many of the best musicians already in the army. Some leaders are having dificulty finding adequate replacements and are considering using girl instrumentalists.

If unemployment is so great among AFM members, the hard hit leaders should have no trouble finding replacements. Often it is lack of ability that is responsible for joblessness. A large portion of the public would prefer records by first rate musicians to in-the-flesh performances by fourth-raters.

Petrillo, incidentally, is generally feared but not too well liked by Negro musicians who accuse him of race prejudice. The Chicago local of which he is head negotiated a contract specifically barring Negroes from radio employment, and for many years he refused to allow Negro orchestras to appear at any of the better clubs and cabarets in white sections of the city.

PEOPLE'S VOICE SUED FOR $25,000

SIX MONTHS OLD PUBLICATION HEADED BY THE REV. ADAM C. POWELL, JR., CITY COUNCILMAN SUED

In an action brought here this week in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, James H. Hubert, Executive Director of the New York Urban League, through his attorney, William T. Garvin of 217 West 125th Street, sued the Powell-Buchanan Publishing Company, Inc. for $25,000.00. The Corporation is charged with publishing articles "intended to injure Plaintiff in good reputation in connection with his position as Executive Director of the Urban League." The Plaintif brands as "false, malicious, defamatory, and intending to impute there by inefficiency and purposeful neglect."

Declaring that the Plaintif, James H. Hubert, has worked diligently for the purposes of the League and subordinated all personal interests, striving at all times to maintain its objectives and ideals the suit affirms that he is well and favorably known to thousands of persons. A judgement of $25,000.00 is demanded, together with costs and disbursements of the action.

A Committee of League members, headed by the Rev. Gerald Hamilton, Chiarman, Dr. March Moreland and Mr. Ernest Dimitry, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Investigating Committee, has been conducting an inquiry nto the charges. According to a member of the Investigating Committee, "All evidence unearthed so far tends to show that the attack is an attempt on the part of certain individuals to gain control of the League and dictate its policy."

"It is to be deplored," said the Rev. Gerald Hamliton, Chairman of the Membership Committee, "that the People's Voice, headed by the Pastor of famed Abyssinian Baptist Church, the dynamic Rev. Adam C. Powell, Jr., which began with such a flurry and promising that where the People's Voice could not build up it would not tear down, is now faced with a suit based on libeling of a citizen's 24 years of unselfish work in Harlem. I sincerely trust that the parties envolved may in some way amicably settle this matter."

LYNCHING RECORD FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1942

Dear Sir:

I send you the following statement concerning lynchings for the first six months of this year. I find according to the information compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research that there was one lynching recorded in the first six months of 1942.

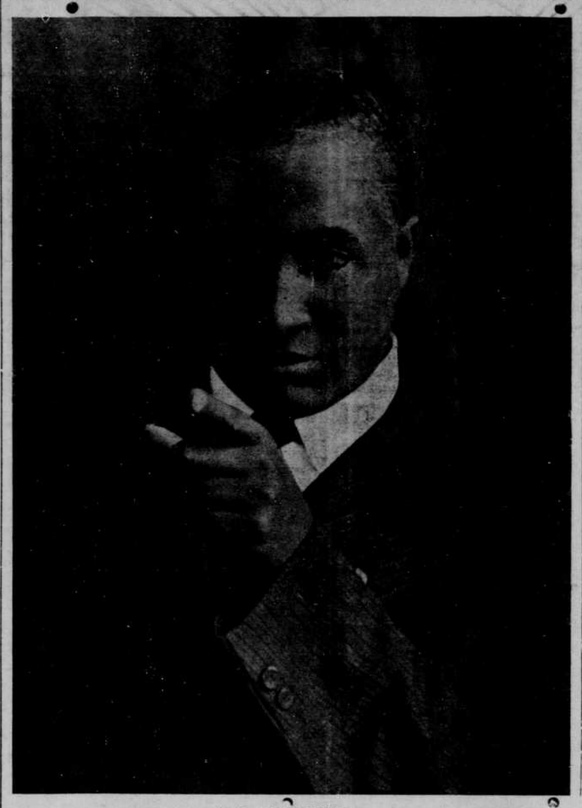
The person lynched was a Negro. The offense charged was: Suspected of criminal assault. The state in which the lynching occured is Missouri.

A reported case of lynching in Texas is now under investigation.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson, President.

FILES FOR... State Representative



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C. C. GALLOWAY, ACTING EDITOR OF THE OMAHA GUIDE FILES FOR STATE SENATOR

July 2nd Acting Editor C. C. Galloway, filed as a candidate for State Senator in the Nebraska Legislature. He announces a brief and comprehensive platform, as follows:

1. Make an ALL-OUT effort to win the war.
2. Safeguard our theory of Individual Liberty.
3. Continue to give labor a square deal.
4. Protect, defend and promote Agriculture.
5. Help LITTLE BUSINESS as well as Big Business.
. No new taxes and no increase in old ones.
7. Provide ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED.
8. Be prepared to meet the problems of the Post War Years.

In addition to announcing his platform, Mr. Galloway states that "many problems may arise during the war and afterward which will tax experienced men in the service of the state. My many years in business have taught me something about the difficulties encountered by the common man, as well as business men. I believe I can be of service to the people of my district and my state when I am elected to the Legislature. I am one of eight candidates in the race in the Fifth LegislativeDi strict. I especially desire the votes of all men and women who at one time or another have been "hard up", or "broke". My competitors may have all the others.

NEGRO FIRED ON FOR SALVAGING SCRAP RUBBER

Houston, July 16 (ANP) —Charles Sugar, knows from personal experience that Texas is not all bad, despite the rumor circulated that "the devil owned Texas and hell, and made choice of living in hell and renting out his Texas."

Sugar learned his lesson as follows: He was wounded by a white watchman who saw him gathering odd pieces of discarded and scrap rubber outside of the auto part building where the watchman was on duty.

When Sugar was brought before the justice of the peace, W. C. Ragan, he upbraided the white watchman and said:

"I don't think much of your patriotism for leaving scrap rubber lying around when the country is in such great need of it."

Later the justice declared:

"It is ridiculous to charge anyone with a crime for picking up old rubber that has been thrown away when everybody in America is being urged to salvage every ounce of rubber they can find. I have picked up a number of pieces myself and have thrown it on the scrap pile."

So Charles Sugar went free Tuesday "to collect more rubber for Uncle Sam's war effort,' and, what's more, a white watchman was officially, sternly and publicly rebuked for shooting the Negro who was displaying his patriotism.

U. S. SERVICE BARRED TO BIASED EMPLOYERS

New York—As part of a comprehensive code to guard against racial or religious discrimination in jobs fillel through the United States Employment Service, Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, regional director of the Social Security Board, has inducted all public employment offices in New York not to make placements for any employer who "refuses to employ otherwise qualified applicants solely because of race, color, creed, national origin or descent."

In a memorandum sent to all U. S. E. S. administrative employes, Mrs. Rosenberg said it would be the official policy of the agency to "stimulate the fullest utilization of the labor supply" by encouraging employers to eliminate from their job orders any specifications, including age or sex, that were not associated with ability to perform the job.

The memorandum added that service was to be withheld entirely from employers who would not hire workers for racial or religious reasons and that the same policy was to apply to refusal to employ aliens unless the exclusion of non-citizens was specifically required by the Army or Navy.

Labor unions, acting as agents for employers under closed-shop contracts, will also be denied service if their membership rules exclude persons solely because of race or creed, Mrs. Rosenberg ordered.

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NEW YORK GIRL WINS JIM CROW SUIT

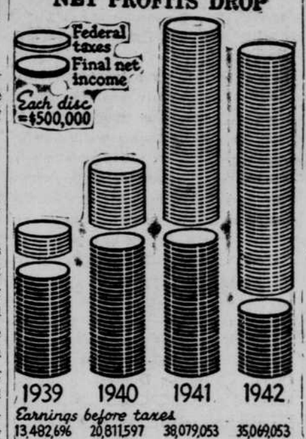
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAYS SHE WAS BARED SOLELY BECAUSE OF COLOR

White Plains, N. Y., July 17 (ANP) Hilda B. Proctor, 15 year old school girl of Yonkers, last Monday was granted $300 damages by Supreme Court Justice Leo Parsons Davis against the Mount Vernon Arena, Inc., operator of a public roller skating rink, because rink officials, last October, refused the girl admittance although her schoolmates were allowed to enter.

The defense of the rink operators said Justice Davis, was that the plaintiff was under 16 therefore not entitled to admittance, but this excuse he termed "an afterthought." Justice Davis ruling stated, in part:

"It is clear under the proof, that she was not excluded for the reason now advanced, but solely becauce of her color. The defense is an afterthought. Plaintiff is a girl of refinement, a member of a refined family. Not only has there been a violation of her statutory rights, but she has been needlessly and callously humiliated in public before her schoolmates and friends."

NET PROFITS DROP



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Earnings before taxes	13,482,696	20,811,597	38,079,053	35,069,053
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Final net profit	10,931,016	14,450,385	14,824,053	6,919,053

PIXPAGE — Using Inland Steel Company totals as an example, the chart shows how war financing and increased costs reduce net profits for industries operating under price ceilings. Without new wage increases, now being asked before the War Labor Board by SWOC-CIO, the 1942 war taxes and known higher costs will reduce this year's net profit well below the last prewar year, 1939.

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