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HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING THE U. S. WAR AND COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN

WAKE UP MID-CITY—LET US GO OVER THE TOP.

A nimportant part in the United War and Community Fund Campaign to raise $800,000 from October 19 to 29 will be taken by Division H, of which Mrs. Walter Ervin is chairman. Mrs. Ervin is shown here discussing the official campaign poster with Mrs. W. J. McMartin, the general chairman of all residential district divisions. Benefitting from the drive will be the Urban League, the Colored Old Folks Home, North Sde branch of the YWCA., and Woodson Center in South Omaha. In addition to these Omaha Community Chest agencies, the fund will be allocated to war service groups serving th armed forces, and to relief agencies helping civilian victims in our allied nations.

Mrs. Ervin, formerly the executive of North Side Branch of the YWCA., recently returned to Omaha from New York where she served on the national board of the YW., supervising its work with Negroes over the nation.

Speakers are available to explain facts about the drive at meetings of civic and private organizations. Telephone Speakers Bureau, JA. 8232.

LITTLE ROCK TEACHERS CASE MAY BE HEARD BEFORE JURY

Little Rock, Ark.....First open trial in a suit to equalize teachers' salaries since the famous Norfolk, Va., teachers salary case, will proobably be held here soon, according to Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, in this city last week to confer with attorneys for the school board and with the Negro teachers' association.

The case will be tried on its issues, and Mr. Marshall stated that the school board's lawyers have agreed to waive rules for taking deposition, thereby making possible speedy action in the suit.

The Little Rock school board has consistently resisted efforts by the teachers to obtain equalization, answering the first petition filed by the Negro teachers for equalization by distributing some extra funds on an unequal basis, making the differential even greater.

The teachers came back with a suit filed in February of this year. Again the school board attempted to scotch equalization with a motion to dismiss which was heard on May 20 and which was not upheld.

In this latest action, the issues will be brought into the open. Mr. Marhhall, who with Attorney Scipio A. Jones, is handling the case for the teachers, states that after records have been checked, the teachers will be ready to go to trial.

LEGAL REDRESS FOR BAPTIST MINISTERS MAPPED BY NAACP LEGAL COMMITTEE

New York.....Plans for legal redress for assaults on the Reverends J. C. Jackson, Hartford, Conn., and S. A. Young, Washington, D C, who were attacked and beaten by white passengers in a Memphis bound train, September 8, will be mapped at a special meeting of the NAACP national legal committee in the Washington Bureau of the Association this week.

The Association has announced that it will throw every bit of its machinery behind the ministers to bring their assailants to justice.

Reverends Johnson and Young with Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, went to Washington, Monday, September 21, to confer with U. S. Attorney , General Francis Biddle, although it was stated that there is considerable question as to whether a federal law was violated in the attack.

The NAACP national office asserted that both the attorney general and the civil liberties division of the Department of Justice, headed by Victor Rotnem, are concerned about the over-all picture of violence against minority and particularly against Negroes in the South.

"If attacks on two distinguished clergymen can go unpunished," Walter White stated, "then no Negro is safe in the South."

Governor Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut, Reverend Johnson's home state, has plelged his help to the case and hts made a contribution to the prosecution fund.

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR TO OFFICIATE AT NEGRO COLLEGE

Durham, N. C., Sept. 24 (ANP) — Gov. J. M. Broughton, of North Carolina will officiate Sunday at the first official vesper services of the new school year at North Carolina College for Negroes The institution opened Monday with a heavy enrollment which indicated that despite the demands made upon young Negro men in the state by the draft last year's regular enrollment of 784 students might be exceeded. The governor, who has visited the institution on several occasions, has shown deep interest in Negro education.

President James E. Shepard, who has headed the institution since its founding in 1910, called attention to the fact that the North Carolina College for Negroes is the only tax supported college of liberal arts established in the entire south. It is, therefore, the logical place for graduate work to develope insofar as this state and region are concerned.

"North Carolina", said Dr. Shepard, "has made every effort to carry out the spirit and interpretation of the directions of the United States Supreme court in the Gaines decision, which reads: "That Negroes shall have the same educational facilities as those of the white people." This has bee nmade possible here through the close cooperation of Duke university and the University if North Carolina, both located adjacent to our institution."

Faculties of both neighboring universities are represented upon the staff of the colored college and faculty members of the white institutions direct graduate courses and in law. Dr. R. L. Flowers, president of Duke university, is chairman of the board of trustees at Dr. Shepard's institution. Dr. Shepard is vitally interested in the cultural, religious, and civic interests of the community, state and nation as well as in his educational work. It is the recognition which has come to him nationally and without seeking on his part, which attracts attention to his utterances upon public questions.

WOMAN CONGRESSMAN AIDS POLL TAX MEASURE

Washington, Sept. 22 (ANP) The opportunity to vote upon the Pepper-Geyer anti-poll tax bill draws nearer and nearer as one more and then another congressman sign the petition to discharge the bill which has been held up in committee.

The latest to sign the petition is Congressman Frances P. Bolton, noted philanthropist and friend of the Negro from Cleveland. Mrs. Bolton, who has always refrained from sgnng petitions for withdrawal, broke her rule for the first time because she felt that injustices were being perpetrated upon Negroes and poor white groups in the south.

She made a brief speech and among other things said:

"I want to register my attitude upon the poll tax. I trust we shall show that intolerance in this country is something we will no longer permit, that we will move toward a true democracy, that we will register ourselves as wanting to give full citizenship to everyone, so that our boys, all our boys, whether in this or some other country, will have the opportunity of expressing their preferences and judgements in all matters pertaining to their government."

Mrs. Bolton has been a staunch friend of Negro measures in the nal of congress whenever she has felt them sound an dhas supported measures which were liberal regardless of their effect upon people of any particular group.

NEGRO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOC. BEHIND "ALL-OUT" SCRAP DRIVE

September 22, 1942

Dear Publisher:

I have been requested by our President, Mr. William O. Walker, to write you about a matter which is serious and of vital importance to our war effort. As you probabl know, the War Production Board is confronted with a very urgent need for scrap metal. Recently Mr. Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, called a meeting of newspaper executives to discuss this problem and to solicit the cooperation of all newspapers in an "All-Out Salvage Drive". I attended this conference, and it is my pleasure to pass on to you the information discussed at the sessions which were held in Washington on September 4th.

As you have probably noted in the daily press, the American Newspaper Publishers Association has already begun its campaign. It is the sincere hope of Mr. Donald M. Nelson and Mr. Walter M. Dear, President of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, that all newspapers, white as well as Negro will cooperate together to achieve the ends of this drive in their respective communities.

This is the first time the Federal Government has called upon us to undertake an important overall job in our war mobilization. Therefore this invitation should serve as a challenge to our Association.

Inasmuch as the campaign is based largely upon the initative of the local newspapers in the several communities, no nation-wide plan has been developed for the scrap collection. It is suggested that you contact your regional salvage manager for suggestions and ideas. The attached list will tell you the name and address of your regional office. One point, however, is very important, and that is you should assume and maintain the leadership in your own community.

We can make a definite contribution towards the war effort and show the real power of the Negro Press. Start the work today by contacting your local salvage committee and let me know your progress, for it is important that we know the total amount of scrap collection stimulated through our Association.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Sengstacke.

DRAFT LAWS LOWER WILBERFORCE ENROLLMENT

Wilberforce, O. Sept. 25 (ANP)—More than 160 freshmen registered during "Freshman Week" according to an announcement this week by officials of Wilberforce university. Over two thirds of the registrants were women. Demands of the draft apparently diminished the male enrollment.

Despite the small number of men returning to school this fall, Col. Hamilton, in charge of ROTC training at the school, said a concentrated program of military tactics would be in full swing beginning next week.

The annual convocation exercises begun six years ago will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, in Shorter hall on the campus.

ANOTHER OMAHA GIRL HAS MADE GOOD

Miss Mary Heddy Wiggins who has recently graduated from the St. Agnes School of Nursing has been appointed as school nurse for Palmer Institute at Sedalia, North Carolina.

BETWEEN THE LINES

(BY DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK FOR ANP)

THERE IS CONFUSION

The old adage, "Be sure you are right and go ahead", sounds good but will not stand close inspection. One can never be sure one is right, for it will take a thorough understanding of all creation to make one sure that one is right. Hegel had it right when he said that every thesis has its antithesis and Ella Wheeler Wilcox was approaching the truth when she said,

"I know as my years grow older
And my eyes have clearer light;
That in each rank wrong somewhere
There lurks the seed of right"

The person who debates with himself too long the matter of being exactly right is lost at the beginning. Very often we must get right as we go ahead. In the current conflict wherein the natiins are locked in mortal combat, it would be fine to have time to really ascertain more nearly just "who is who" in the realm of right. The axis nations and the United nations both cannot be right. From where we stand the united nations are right and upon this conviction we proceed, even unto the death.

Dorothy Thompson said in one of her recent releases that a soldier from the fornt wrote her that he was confused. As with him most probably it is with millions of soldiers along the far-flung battle fronts in many lands. It is even so here at home that many of us are confused. There are reasons for fighting and there are reasons for not fighting; but when we consider the consequences of not fighting with those of fighting, we resolve to fight unto death. But this resolution does not resolve our confusion.

Why would English soldiers be confused when Great Britain refuses India the very thing for which she is fighting: Why would not American soldiers be confused when the resurgence of Negrophobism in this country runs counter to all the principles which commit them to a bitter war unto death against the foreign elements which complement the Negrophobes in this country. There is confusion when isolationists with their isolationism threaten to hand over our nation to Hitler an his henchmen without a struggle There is confusion wherever nations and men will not do unto others what they want that others do unto them. There will be confusion as long as one man wants to lord it over his fellowmen.

Let us cease doing our utmost until all issues are clarified and all confusion is dissipoted. We have the long, long, future to untangle issues but we must win this war to have a hand in the untangling. Woe unto us if we have to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the nations while Hitler and his henchmen ponder the grave issues of human destiny. Confusion will be less confounded with victory for the united nations!

"SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS"

Wherever there is more than ordinary commotion among Negroes the attention of the country is directed towards ferreting out the activities of 'subversive elements". Whenever certain Negro elements become restive under the chafing pressure of prejudice and seek recourse to measures of resentment the work of "subversive elements" is suspected. It seems as if sight is lost of the fact that Negroes are human and seek like humans to relieve in time of crisis the painful pressures to which they are relentlessly subjected.

Sociologists tell us that in times of national upheaval, the subject elements of a nation must struggle for relief. During the current war even as World War I, the leadership of the race was well within the province of reason when they made and are making efforts to improve the Negro's status. The Negro is well within the province of self preservation when he therefore strives individually to improve his lost even though such attempts may run counter to the traditional mores.

When the Negro gets restive then in times like these it were useless to invariably suspect "subversive elements" when the KuKluxKlan is riding or 'Georgia's Terrible Talmadge" is doing his stuff. There are little Talmadges all around and they are stirring within the Negro a resentment that stands out in bolder relief in times like these. The most dangerous "subversive elements" are not foreign but domestic. One Talmadge is more "subversive" than a hundred Hitler henchmen.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SKYROCKETS DURING WAR ACCORDING TO PM.

New York....That juvenile delinquency has sky-rocket in America during wartime, what has brought about its increase, what is being done about it and what can be done about it, is revealed in a series of four articles published in the New York Daily, PM beginnning Monday, September 21, and running through Thursday, Septtmber 24.

Judge Justine Wise Polier, of the New York Domestic Relations court has written the first of the series is New York's children. This article was followed by a report on the nation ot large by PM's national news staff.

Special attention is called to the series by the NAACP which stated that the problem of juvenile delinquency is esp ecially serious among the Negro population. NAACP branches, it was suggested, might well give considerable thought to the problem and its solution in their communities.

Randolph Recognizes Violence In Capitol March

(by ERNEST E. JOHNSON)

New York, Sept. 23 (ANP)——A. Philip Randolph ,national director of the March on Washington movement, gave clear recognition to the possibility of violence in any projected march upon the capitol when he addressed 3,00 persons at a meeting in the Golden Gate ballroom here Friday, but heavily underscored his determination to stick to the objective. "It is written in the scripture," he declared ominously, "that there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood." He said this immediatelp following a recitation of the sins of government that have been practiced against Negroes.

The meeting was sponsored by the local division of the MOWM for the purpose of permitting the national director to make his undelivered speech, orginally scheduled for the Madison Square Garden demonstration in June, and to permit the public to see the play presented that night which told eloquently of the Negro's complaint with democracy in America.

Mr. Randolph began with a hope and desire for a victory of the United nations over the axis but saw no "certainty" of a new order" in such a victory unless we press now. He held that the conference approach to a solution is now inadequate, that pressure must be exerted. Thus the establishment of the movement. He justified its existence by citing similar methods being practiced by the American Legion, the famous bonus army, the Daughters of the American Revolution ,labor organizations and other special groups. He criticized the transfer of the Fair Employment Practice committee to the War Manpower commission.

Mr. Randolph called the federal government itself the "carrier" of the "germ of race discrimnation" and pointed to the tendency of American soldiers abroad to transplant their home grown prejudices to the soil of ordinarily unbiased cuntries. He complained of the refusal of the President to confer with him on Negr problems although "he always finds time to talk to representatives of AFL and CIO, or other groups seeking a hearing. The trouble, he said is that "the President has not been made to understand that Negroes are an important factor in the American economy." The director here reiterated the intention of his organization to go forward with the march. "We have no intention of his organization to abandoning the march", he stated. "This is our major strategy and the MOWM will lead such a march. Personally I have no doubt that the march will be necessary during this war to let the President and the nation know that the Negroes are not going to take a licking from jim crow lying down.

"If the President wants to stop our agitation then let him stop discrimination. If Negroes are afraid to fight and go to jail for their rights, then they should be made to get off the earth so that men of stout heart can do the job."

Mr. Ranolph close his addresse with the reading of Claude McKay's poem "If We Must Die," and was greeted with a timultuous burst of applause.

ANESTHETIST

MRS. EOLA LYONS TAYLOR, who resigned her position as director of nurses, Flint-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans, to give full time to the hospital's department of anesthesia. She is one of the very few Negro Nurses qualified to administer anesthetics.

GOES SOUTH FOR COLLEGE

CHARLES WASHINGTON, young Omaha sportsman left Saturday night for Oakwood Junior College in Huntsville, Ala., This is his first year in College. Charles was very actice in sports and civic work while in Omaha. He was a member of the Inter-City Youth Council, the Senior Boys Advisors Committee, the Urban League, and a number of other groups.

He has made quite a number of speeches and lectures both over the radio and to important organizations. His last public lecture was made over Radio Station KOWH on September 3rd, the subject "Race Relations and the War."

Also quite active in his church work, he was a member of the Senior choir, and also the Young Peoples' Choir.

He is the son of Mrs. Julia Washington, 2037 Florence Blvd.

CAPTAIN RISKS LIFE TO SAVE MESS ATTENDANT

Washington, Sept. 23 (ANP) —Although the names of one of the men involved was given, the briefest communique on the loss of the USS. Yorktown, told of the heroism of the cmmander of the ship, Capt. Buckmaster, "the Old Man", who leaped into the surging seas and grabbed a wounded mess attendant hoisted him into a whale boat, where only one seat remained and threshed about swimming in the water until he was pulled aboard a life raft and saved.

NAACP TELLS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Washington, D. C. (Special, NAACP Burcau).... In a new and stronger objection to the transfer of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice from independent status to the War Manpower Commission, the NAACP told President Roosevelt, last week, that the chairman of the Commission "has made clear that the Committee can hold public hearings only as and if he approves and that field representatives of the Committee are subject to the control of area officers under he War Manpower Commission."

War Manpower Commission chairman is Paul V. McNutt.

The President issued a statement on August 17, after numerous complaints had reached him about the transfer in which he said that the intention of the transfer was "to strengthen.....not to submerge ....the Committee and to investigate....not to repeal.....Executive Order 8802."

The NAACP told the President last week: "We submit that this does submerge and does not strengthen the Committee and is obviously contrary to your purpose and intent."

Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, stated this week: "The present method of control of the FEPC, where Mr. McNutt, instead of the President has the final say as to what investigations shall be made and what shall be done with the results of the investigations, goes beyond the powers even held by the President. The situation has reached the point where it would almost be beter to have no Committee on Fair Employment Practice, than to have one which is hamstrung and completely controlled to fool people into thinking that it will protect their rights."

WRITE TO FDR TO RESTORE FEPC TO INDEPENDENCE

.....Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.....Every organization, labor union, fraternal and religious group and every branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and interested individual is urged by the National NAACP office to send telegrams or to write strong letters appealing for the restoration of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice to completely independent status with an increase in staff. The leters or telegrams should be addressed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, The White House Washington, D. C. The NAACP. states that the FEPC can not be effective under the control of the War Manpower Commission.

FEPC TO ABSORB WEAVER GROUP GET $500,000

MANY STORIES FOLLOW "SECRET" MEETING WITH McNUTT

Washington, Sept. 22 (ANP) Conflicting stories without confirmation circulate throughout Washington concerning the issues of utmost importance to colored America. What did Paul V. McNutt do about the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice when he met with that group on Friday?

It is reported that the full comanittee did not meet with Mr. McNutt of the War Manpower commission under whose administration the committee now functions. Present, according to information were Chairman Malcolm McLean and committee members Brophy, Dickerson and Webster. Some statement was made by Mr. McNutt but it is further reported that a special meeting of the full committee is being called for next week.

A sidelight on this situation expressed by a close friend of the committee was that this attendance showed an intent of breaking up the group.

A second "inside information" said that the FEPC had been granted all of the power it requested. That it has been given a budget of half a milion dollars; that it had absorbed all of Dr. Weaver's staff now distributed among the manpower commission regional offices; that it had absorbed his office personnel, files and correspondence

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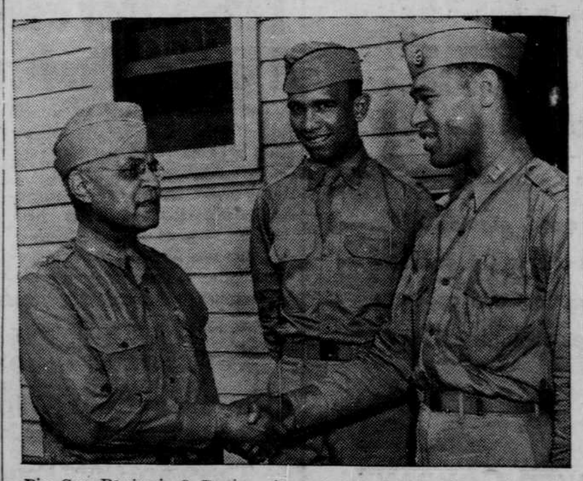
FT. BELVOIR GRADUATES FIRST CLASS OF NEGRO OFFICERS



Big. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, only Negro general in the U. S. Army congratulates Lieut. W. F. Jones, (center) and Lieut. William H. Collins on their graduation with the first class of Negro officer candidates to finish special training at the Fort Belvoir, Va, Engineer Officers' School. Gen. Davis is assigned to the Inspector General's Department, Washington. His son, Lieut, Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., is in command of the Negro aviation cadet training unit at Tuskegee University, Ala.

Negro To Command Liberty Ship Named For Booker T. Washington

Marian Anderson, celebrated contralto, will be on hand to christian the ship when the 10,000 ton vessel is launched.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23—The Liberty Ship Booker T. Washington named for the late Negro educator, will be placed in charge of a Negro captain, the maritime commission announced

The commission Hug Mulzac of Brooklyn, the only Negro to hold a mtster's certificate, had been assigned to command the vessel. The Booker T. Washington's crew will be composed of both white and Negro officers and men.