

World News in Pictures

CANDY XMAS TREE FOR SERVICE MEN



CHICAGO, ILL.—Servicemen visiting the USO lounge at the Rock Island Station here during Christmas week will not want for a Christmas tree, nor Christmas candy, just because they are away from home. Through the cooperation of Curtiss Candy Company with the Travelers' Aid Society, which furnished and maintains the Servicemen's lounge, a tree has been provided and decorated with Baby Ruth Saf-t-pops, and Virginia Draper, shown above, hostess of the lounge, will help make Servicemen's Christmas both a merry one and a sweet

WOOL AND THE WAR EFFORT



TRENTON, N. J.—Planes, tanks and guns are used to carry the war directly to the enemy, but the conservation of wool is important, too. Snowball, chosen as "queen of the nation's lambs" at the recent New Jersey state fair, plans to use her cedar chest to safeguard her wool shearings from destructive moths. It requires shearings from fifteen lambs like Snowball to make one of the laskin-lamb flying suits worn by army and navy pilots and bombardiers and shows with her in the chest.



CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

LAWYERS' GUILD URGE LYNCH PROSECUTION BY GOVT

Washington, D. C.—Attorney General Francis Biddle met this week with a committee of the National Lawyers Guild who demanded a more vigorous prosecution by the Department of Justice against persons and State Officers responsible for lynching and the denial of the franchise to Negroes in Texas, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. Present at the Conference were Eugene Compton, Martin Popper, Wendell Byrd, Victor Rotnem, Chief of Civil Liberties Section, Dept. of Justice and William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War and Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel for the NAACP. Robert Kenny, president of the National Lawyers Guild is the recently elected attorney General of California.

The Committee sought the filing of a brief amicus specifically in the

Texas Primary Case and criminal prosecution of all recent lynchings. The Attorney General assured the committee that "careful consideration" would be given all cases mentioned.

JERSEY 'WITNESSES' FACE RE-ARREST ON NEW CHARGES

Jersey City, N. J.—Upon their release from the Hudson County jail following dismissal of cases against tavern owners several of the ten Negro women who had been held incommunicado for a period of six months as "witnesses" without charges, were re-arrested Dec. 18th by Bayonne police on charges of prostitution and disorderly conduct. Donald Crichton, NAACP counsel announced this week.

Intimidated by reports that Harriett De Wirth, white, who while under duress gave a statement concerning the case and later repudiated that statement was sentenced for 3 years for perjury, the Negro women did not retract their stories concerning the operation of vice houses by the tavern keepers when they testified at the recent trial, and on the basis of their own forced testimony now face sentences on disorderly conduct charges.

OPEN NEW LUCY D. SLOWE RESIDENCE HOTEL

The \$760,000 Lucy D. Slowe Residence Hall, first government constructed hotel for Negro women, this week was helping to relieve the crowded housing conditions occasioned by the influx of war workers to the Nation's capital. Opened less than 10 months after ground breaking ceremonies, it is in one of Washington's quietest residential sections at Third and U streets, N. W.

Built by the Defense Homes Corporation and named for the first Negro dean of women at Howard University, the Lucy D. Slowe Residence Hall offers modern and comfortable accommodations to 322 Negro women. Within ten days of its opening on December 5, more than two score war workers had already taken up residence there and more were moving in daily.

Occupancy of the 299 outside rooms, 22 of which are double, is confined to Negro women war workers who have come to Washington since July 1, 1941. Each room is completely furnished and maid service is provided once a week.

—money, possessions, luxuries, a way of life that we once held essential to our happiness.

Frankincense is the gift of toil, of unending labor, of effort sustained beyond our strength because it is for the common welfare.

Myrrh is the gift of sacrifice—the immolation of self, the free giving up of our own desires in the one burning aspiration to attain freedom of soul and spirit for all mankind.

These are the gifts called for at this Christmas season. We are called upon to fight for Him whose name is Emmanuel—"God With Us"—to see that men are free still to worship Him according to the dictates of their own consciences. Gifts we bring—in His honor—gold of ambition, frankincense of work, and myrrh of sacrifice. So may His Kingdom reign over us from everlasting to everlasting—and, according to the promise given unto the Prophet Isaiah, "with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and remove with equity for the meek of the earth; they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord."



"THE THREE GIFTS"

by RUTH TAYLOR

Three were the gifts of the wise men of the East bore to the manger where lay the Prince of Peace. Three were the gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.

His birthday dawns today in war-torn world where the forces of violence are waging relentless war. Desolate are lands that once welcomed His day with the chiming of bells and the caroling of voices.

Only in the British Commonwealth of Nations and in our own beloved land are men free to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Only on this continent will the sound of ringing bells mean the celebration of the great holiday of the world, which for centuries had brought joy and gladness to all people, even to the humblest homes.

Three are the gifts we must offer on this Christmas Day if the forces of right are to prevail and peace reign on earth. As they were centuries ago the gifts are still gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is the gift of material things

statement that individual associations must make their own decisions. He indicated, however, that no such gatherings would be justified, in view of war burdens on the transportation system, unless they would help shorten the war.

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NEGROES HAVE VITAL POSITIONS IN PLANTS THAT TURNS OUT ARMY AIRPLANE WINGS



and be assigned skilled jobs at the plant.

Officials offer this to substantiate their policy of non discrimination, declaring that any Negro who is hired is allowed to advance to any position his ability permits. The work of Negroes is described as "thoroughly satisfactory" in the aircraft division, just as it has been through many years in peacetime manufacturing pursuits.

HARMONY PREVAILS

Since it's no novelty for Negroes to work at Pullman and white employees realize this, there have been no interracial incidents. Integrated throughout the plant and using the cafeteria and other facilities without segregation or discrimination, they are accepted by the white employees at face value. As for the unions, plant officials say this is a personal letter with each employee whether he belongs and the company has adopted a strictly hands-off policy.

Trained skill is required for fabricating wings for U. S. Army cargo and troop carrying airplanes. Riveting the bottom skin on a wing tip in the aircraft plant of Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. are Mitchell Johnson (left), 3915 Prairie ave, and Robert Hughes, 4826 Indiana ave., both graduates from a special school the company has established for prospective aircraft workers.

NEGRO LEADERS OFFER RACIAL PLAN TO DEVELOP SOUTH

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South to the extent that they were equally capable. Labor unions which bar Negroes from membership or otherwise discriminate against them are working against the best interest of the labor movement," the group declared. It urged that service workers be organized into unions.

FOR BETTER TENACY SYSTEM

Recognizing the fact that the South is economically handicapped and that "many of its disabilities are deeply rooted in agricultural maladjustments", the group proposed establishment of sufficient safeguards in the system of tenancy to promote the development of land on a home ownership and long-term security by "written contracts, longer lease terms, higher farm wages for day laborers, and balanced farm programs, as well as adequate Federal assistance on an equitable basis.

Minimum health measures, it was stated, would include mandatory provisions that a proportion of the facilities in all public hospitals be available for Negro patients.

Of the friction that arises where Negroes are in training for the armed forces, the statement said: "Negro soldiers, in line of military duty an dim training in the South, encounter particularly acute racial problems in transportation and recreation and leave areas. They are frequently mistreated by the police. We regard these problems as unnecessary and destructive to morale."

In addition to Dr. Johnson, chairman, the other members of the committee who signed the statement were Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia Union University; Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College; Ernest Delpit, president, Carpenters' Local (AFL), New Orleans; Dr. Rufus E. Clemmet, Atlanta University; Dr. Horace Mann Bond, Fort Valley State College, (Ga.); James E. Jackson, executive secretary, Southern Congress; William M. Cooper, extension work, Hampton Institute and Dr. P. B. Young, publisher, Norfolk Journal and Guide.

Accepted On Merits At Pullman Works

(from the Chicago Sun)

Of all industries devoted to the war effort aircraft production probably has been the most difficult for Negro workers to get into.

The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice has held hearings on the matter, the new defunct OPM took up the problem, and there have been delegations of Negroes descending upon Washington for the sole purpose of obtaining federal support in the fight to get qualified Negroes into jobs at certain aircraft factories.

However, there has been a bright side to the picture. Some plans have gone ahead hiring personnel on the basis of ability instead of race. Among them is the Aircraft Division of Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. in Chicago. In normal times, Pullman officials hire many Negroes in the construction of luxurious railroad coaches on which still other Negroes work as porters. It was only natural, therefore, that Negro workers be included as the company turned its immense facilities to the manufacture of instruments of war.

Turns Out Planes Wings

The aircraft division is separate and distinct from other Pullman-Standard activities. Operated only a few months, this plant—physically apart from other company works and as such a complete unit of its own—turns out nothing except plane wings for U. S. Army aircraft. Nearly all workmen here must be highly skilled. The demands are so exacting, in fact, that Pullman puts applicants through a special course of training at the Chicago Vocational School Annex. Since this is a project of the Chicago Board of Education, trainees learn without cost to themselves. If an applicant applies for work at the aircraft division

and is accepted, he takes a special course and on passing, is assigned to work at the plant. All of this is necessary because the material used is both expensive and scarce. Officials can take no chances on workers ruining these vital materials.

Currently there are 15 Negroes on technical jobs in the aircraft plant, all of them having graduated from the training school to skilled production jobs since the plant opened. They are at work on wing tips, allons, wing assembly, welding, riveting of doublers on the root end of main wings, riveting on trailing edge of main wing, sub assembly, sheet metal fabrication, etc. All draw pay commensurate with their classification, with some of them in the highest paid jobs available on the production lines.

ACCURACY IS ESSENTIAL

One young Negro woman is employed as a rivet sorter. This means that she must distinguish speedily and accurately on sight between small pieces of metal that often vary no more than one 32d of an inch, and distribute them properly. A mistake in this job means slowing down of production and possible injury to critical materials when the riveter attempts to use the wrong rivet.

One of the valued Negro employees is Harriett McAllister, maroon in charge of women's facilities at the plant. A graduate of Illinois State Normal College, Miss McAllister also is working on her master's degree at the University of Chicago. She has helped integrate women in the aircraft division when company officials decided to add them last January. Another Negro woman in this department is Eulah Reese. There also are several janitors and window washers on the payroll. Some of these have been sent to school and are expected to graduate



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URGES NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS TO CANCEL MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR Negro civic, social, religious, fraternal and labor organizations were urged this week by Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, to abandon all meetings and conventions that will not contribute in an important way to winning of the war. A number of Negro organizations have already taken this step. Responding to requests for the attitude of the Office of Defense Transportation on the holding of conventions involving intercity travel, Mr. Eastman said in a formal