

A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A GREAT MAN—HE GAVE TO ALL MANKIND, THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR...



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Carver, Great Negro Scientist Dies

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 5.—Dr. George Washington Carver, the great and noted Negro scientist, died at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at his home at Tuskegee Institute which he as a member of the faculty, had been attached since 1894.

Dr. Carver had been in failing health for some months and was confined to his bed for the past 10 days.

Born of slave parents, at Diamond Grove, Mo., he was never sure of his birth date, but once estimated that it was "about 1864."

Dr. Carver was recognized as one of the outstanding scientists in the field of agricultural research. He was a guest this summer of Henry Ford in Detroit, where he went to discuss the utilizing of the soy bean.

He developed a cure and his price to that grower and all others was merely the postage stamp necessary to mail it. This is just one of the many things in his work for which he asked no price in monetary reimbursement.

CARVER, LOUIS, AND ROOSEVELT



DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, JOE LOUIS, AND MR. K. ROOSEVELT, WHEN THEY APPEARED ON THE AIR TOGETHER LAST YEAR.

EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK

(from the Des Moines, Ia., Register December 28, 1943)

The official announcement of figures on Negro draftees and enlistments quashes two ugly rumors. It ends the rumor that Negroes were not drafted in proportion to their numbers in the population— they were, and a little bit more, though at first the rate was slower. For with segregation in the ranks they sometimes had to wait on new facilities and the organization of new units.

It also ends the rumor that Negroes don't think the country worth defending. They are justifiably critical about the way they are sometimes treated. But this is THEIR country, too, and 16 percent of the "volunteers entering the army through selective service" were Negroes. Moreover, 10.1 percent of the soldiers "inducted into the army through selective service" were Negroes, though Negroes make up only 9.8 percent of the population.

Continuing fight to block Jim Crow Union. Portland, Oregon.—The Portland NAACP branch announced this week that it intended to "stand pat" against the proposal of Tom Ray, business agent, for a Jim Crow auxiliary to the Boilermakers Union of AF of L Local No. 72 at the Henry J. Kaiser shipyards.

Eight Dead In South Africa Riot

Pretoria, South Africa, (C.) Seven Negroes were fatally shot and 50 wounded and a white soldier was stabbed to death in a riot last week following a meeting of natives employed by the Pretoria municipality to demand immediate payment of higher wages.

Basie to Play for NAACP Dance

35th NAACP Birthday Dance to Have Basie Music Feb. 26. New York, N. Y.—As their part in a gala tribute to be given by the amusement world to the NAACP for its successful effort in getting bus transportation for Negro orchestras, Count Basie and his band will contribute their playing to the NAACP Birthday Ball commemorating its 35th anniversary. It was learned this week, the dance, at which will be presented many outstanding personalities, Negro and white, from the entertainment world, will be held this year at the Golden Gate Ballroom on Friday, February 26.

EISENHOWER PRAISES NEGRO TROOPS ACTION IN AFRICA INVASION



ENGLAND—Soundphoto—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, left, shown with his deputy, Maj. Gen. Mark W. Clark who is in charge of advanced front-line headquarters in North Africa. The two officers are shown when they briskly saluted while walking in London recently.

SHOW GREAT COURAGE AND DARING IN UNLOADING EXPLOSIVES UNDER ENEMY FIRE

North Africa (via London). Lieutenant Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in North Africa, has commended the courageous service of the American Negroes in the United States Army during action in North Africa. Among the American units in those operations are several Ordnance ammunition battalions and one Quartermaster Truck Regiment composed of colored troops.

General Eisenhower reported that Negro soldiers had taken part effectively in the campaign. Americans of the colored race should be proud of the service of their representatives in combat, the General continued. He cited especially the steadfastness and bravery of the Ordnance Company which successfully handled the delivery of high explosive bombs at Arzew, continuing to put the bombs ashore under heavy fire at this little port near Oran.

NAACP QUESTIONS U. S. CENSORSHIP OF NEGRO NEWS

Washington, D. C.—Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship here, was asked this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, if a rule barring the sending out from the U. S. of any news regarding the Negro and Negro-white relations in the United States has been established, what categories of news have been barred and what purpose does the Office of Censorship expect such censorship to serve.

The NAACP stated that the existence of such a censorship is evidenced by the fact that newspapers and magazines printed in the United States and containing such item are received in other countries with these items cut out of the issues. The Nation for example, reports that one of its subscribers in Mexico received an issue of the magazine from which an editorial dealing with the Rome, Ga., attack on Roland Hayes had been cut.

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ACE WHITE COMMENTATOR HITS RACE PREJUDICE

Navy to Investigate Vallejo, Calif. Riots

NAACP URGES PUNISHMENT OF INSTIGATORS

Vallejo, Calif.—The wounding of two Negro cooks during the riots December 26-27 involving some 275 Negro and white sailors and a few civilians here brought from the NAACP in New York the following telegram to Secretary of Navy Knox: "Attack by southern whites on Negro sailors and civilians to prevent latter from continuing as in past to use places of public accommodation in Vallejo, California, emphasizes again necessity for stronger policy by Navy Department in summarily punishing those who attempt to enforce southern racial patterns on northern communities. It is ironic and disheartening to read press statements that the disturbance was quelled when marines turned machine guns on the Negroes. It is also significant that only Negroes were injured, when the evidence seems to establish that white southerners were the aggressors in attacking Negro patrons of tavern. Courtmartial and punishment to full extent of law in this and similar cases will do more than anything else to prevent further outbreak. We respectfully urge such action."

Following the disturbances 1800 Negro sailors were confined to quarters at Mare Island Navy yard while authorities investigated the rioting in a town in which before the wartime influx of workers and marines and white sailors from Texas, Oklahoma and other southern states, there was no apparent prejudice against Negroes, no segregation so far as restaurants and bars were concerned.

The first fight on Saturday night December 26, which seemed to crop out of a false report that a white marine had been stabbed by a Negro sailor, followed mounting complaints of discrimination against Negroes. Negro sailors had complained that they were being barred from restaurants, bars and other public places. The injured Negroes, Leo Shaw, 18, and George Carpenter 26, were first taken to Vallejo Hospital where they told the attendants they were "innocent bystanders" and had nothing to do with the fighting. Later they were removed to Mare Island Hospital.

OUTBREAK EXPECTED; WILKINS DECLARES:

New York—The outbreak at Vallejo, California, was "in the cards" and its occurrence is "no surprise," it was declared here by Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP, who returned two weeks ago from a two months tour of the Pacific coast. "I was in Vallejo on November 9," said Mr. Wilkins, "and Negro sailors who had been transferred there from the Great Naval Training Station were already bitterly complaining about the treatment they were receiving from citizens and white sailors. The heavy influx of southerners into California cannot be imagined; it has to be

Charge Jim-Crow Pattern Forced on North by Army, and Navy

Washington, D. C.—Repeated attempts on the part of southern army and navy personnel to enforce southern race patterns on non southern areas were assailed again this week by Walter White, executive secretary to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who in a letter to the Secretary of War Stimson said: "We submit again that the War Department needs to speed up the formulation of a more clearly defined program in accordance with the highest standards of democracy to avert further trouble and to serve notice upon bigots that the decent thoughtful people of the United States who constitute the overwhelming majority, are going to determine the patterns of action of the country as a whole and not the bigots themselves."

The NAACP called Stimson's attention to a memorandum issued by order of Major Ralph S. Hardiman through A. J. Brown, 1st Lt. QMC, Adjutant of Headquarters, Second Battalion, 47th Quartermaster Regiment at Fort Sil, Okla., in which were quoted sections 201, 204, 207 and 209 of the Oklahoma Statute providing for segregation in federal carriers with penalty for violation thereof and to which was added the further note that "the following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned."

The NAACP inquired if Secretary Stimson believed it to be a proper function of the War Department to assist states in the enforcement of laws enacted to discriminate against citizens on account of race or color. Stimson believed it to be a proper function of the War Department to assist states in the enforcement of laws enacted to discriminate against citizens on account of race or color.

AFL TRANSIT UNION FLAYS BIAS IN DC. BUS DISPUTE

Washington, D. C.—The Capital Transit company agreed this week to abide by executive order 8802 and consider Negroes for employment as conductors, motormen and drivers on its street cars and buses. In officially notifying the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice of its decision, the company brought to a close a long struggle of Negroes here for transit jobs.

No obstacle to the employment of Negroes now remains since W. D. Mahon, international president of the union, which holds a contract with the transit company ordered J. G. Bigelow, president of local 635 here, that there is no bar to Negro membership in the union.

The fight for jobs as motormen, conductors on trolleys and as drivers on buses was an old one here as it is in other large cities where Negroes are barred from these jobs. No favorable action on the part of the company was secured, however, until the FEPC committee classed it as a war industry and ordered it to comply with Executive Order 8802 which forbids discrimination in the employment of workers because of race, creed, color or national origin.

TRIES TO STALL

In response, the company asked that it be allowed a period of time in which to comply with the order. It gave as reason the need for preliminary work to make the Negro workers acceptable to the whites. The FEPC committee, however, in a brusque note, ordered the company to comply immediately. In its letter last week the company signified that it would obey. Mahon in his letter to head of the

PREJUDICE IS ACQUIRED NOT INHERITED, SAYS ANA HUNTER

Chicago, Ill.—Now and then, unheralded and unexpected—like a bolt of lightning in a clear, summer sky—comes a brilliant, vigorous, protest against the white man's inhumanity to the Negro; a voice of disapproval and of censure, exposing the inner nature of the white man and laying bare his hypocrisy and deceit in his studied effort to stifle economically, socially and politically his brown, American fellow-man whose greatest misfortune is but his accident of birth.

But dynamic force and lasting effect are given the protest when voiced not by a Negro, but by a white person. Such was the voice of famed radio commentator, Ann Hunter, giving her popular broadcast, "A Woman Views the News," a feature of Station WALT. In a pleasant, well-modulated tone, she said:

"The strange thing about racial prejudice is that we are not BORN with it! It is something we ACQUIRE as we grow up!" Continuing her exhortation of race prejudice, Miss Hunter said: "Suppose for instant you were able to bring up several children—one black, one white, one brown, one red, one yellow and so on—let them all have equal opportunities and never let them know any of the prejudices that mankind had developed.... Do you suppose that, white child would have any reason to suppose he was superior to the black child, or the brown child superior to the yellow? And so on. I think not. Racial prejudice is a fly in the ointment of civilization, and unless the existing intolerance such as the white people display towards colored races, gradually die away—then even this war will not secure the peace for which we are all hoping. Don't you think that if—over generations of course—the Negroes in this country were given better living conditions, better educational facilities, more tolerance and less social distinctions—they could become as well bred and clever as their white cousins? I think they could!"

NEW YORK ORGANIZES FOR ALL OUT CAMPAIGN TO PASS ANTI-POLL TAX BILL IN 1943

New York, N. Y.—A city wide committee which will coordinate the forces of labor and Negro and white people's organizations for organized action to fight for passage of a federal Anti-Poll Tax Bill in the 78th Congress, will be set up here at a conference called by the New York People's Committee for January 9th at the Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Councilman A. Clayton Powell Jr. and Dr. Channing Tobias are co-chairmen of the People's Committee, which includes virtually every civil, labor, social, youth, fraternal church and educational group in the City's five boroughs. The conference will outline a program of action for 1943, in conformity with the Harlem Charter adopted at a huge Pearl Harbor Anniversary meeting held at the Golden Gate Ballroom December 7.

MULZAC BRINGS IN LIBERTY SHIP

New York (C.)...The first colored skipper in American merchant marine history, this week reported on the maiden voyage of his charge, the 10,000 ton Liberty ship, Booker T. Washington. "The men all got along nicely," said Hugh N. Mulzac, 66, captain of the ship. "It's a good crew and she's a fine ship." Twenty five percent of the crew is colored. The rest of the crew is white and Mexican.

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