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Questions Austin-Wadsworth Bill To Conscript Labor

SAYS RESERVOIR OF VOLUNTARY NEGRO LABOR UNTAPPED

Washington, D. C.—Concern for the implications and possible harmful use of the Austin-Wadsworth bill to "provide for the successful prosecution of the war through a system of civil selective war service," was expressed this week by the NAACP.

The NAACP stated that it is making an exhaustive study of the bill in order to point out its potential dangers. First among probable objections to such legislation is the existence of unused Negro labor that could be mobilized through volunteer methods but is not utilized because of traditional prejudices. The NAACP stated also that there is considerable doubt as to the establishment of sufficient safeguards to protect citizens under such legislation against arbitrary action by local boards. It is likely that the NAACP said that compulsory service legislation before the exhaustion of voluntary method violates the 13th amendment to the Constitution which prohibits involuntary servitude. In its present state the Austin-Wadsworth bill contains no safeguards which require the employer to insure the employee of the establishment of safety measures in plants or of the extension of other established rights to workers. The Washington NAACP Bureau has held conferences with a number of Senators regarding introduction of amendments that will prohibit racial and other discriminations.

In favor of the present Austin-Wadsworth bill known as S666 are the War Department, the American Legion, National Association of Manufacturers, American Farm Bureau and United States Chamber of Commerce. Opposing S666 are the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organization and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Farmers Union.

Father Divine Keeps One Wing Ahead of Sheriff On "Angel's" Charge

New York (CNS)—Father Divine, who went to live in Philadelphia last October, has been quietly visiting his "angels" in the "heavens" above 119th Street, on occasional Sundays. It was reported this week.

Weekday visits are out, because an undersheriff is on the watch for Father Divine, Sundays, the day when a warrant is not legal, the undersheriff eyes the clock closely



Private R. Stewart, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., once, one of the two assistants of the late Dr. George Washington Carver, eminent scientist, is now a private in the Chemical Warfare Service.

HENRY ALLEN BOYD IN OAKLAND

Oakland, Calif., March 18 (ANP)—Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Secretary-treasurer of the National Baptist convention, unincorporated, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church here Sunday. On Monday he spoke at Parks chapel under the auspices of the local Ministerial alliance.

White Children Elect Negro Boy as Mayor

IGNORE PRIEST'S OPPOSITIONS

Chicago, March 18 (ANP)—When the boys and girls in the Carlini homes went to the polls Wednesday they elected 14 year old Charles Brown as their "mayor." More than 200 children, both whites and Negroes, gave preference to Brown even though several whites were

seeking the office, and even though Father Luigi Giambastiani, white priest, advocates a policy of segregation among the Negro and white tenants in the project homes. The Frances Cabrini homes have 586 dwelling units. Of this number, 117 are to be occupied by Negro families. Eighty-five are now housed in the project.

Verinda's attorney, William Lowell, threatens to sue in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to make the judgment effective in those states. Meantime, Father Divine has been appearing Sundays at Rockland Palace, a Harlem mission, says Attorney Lowell.

Discrimination In Tulsa Defense Plants Forces Young Men To Seek Employment Outside of the State

Two New Halls for Negro DC. Government Workers

Wake and Midway Halls—two residence halls for Negro Government workers—will be available for occupancy about April 21, William J. Bissell, manager of residence halls for the Public Buildings Administration of the Federal Works Agency, announced this week. The buildings are to be completed by April 1, and approximately three weeks will be required to install furnishings. Extensive landscaping will get under way shortly. These halls, located in northeast Washington, are part of a large

residence project which includes an infirmary, a cafeteria, and a recreation building. They will accommodate about 1,000 women in 832 rooms, 767 of which will be single and the rest double. These rooms are being furnished in 15 different color combinations and have comfortable and attractive furnishings, including dresser, bureau, easy chairs, floor lamps, and draperies. The monthly rentals have been set: single rooms, \$24.50 per month; double rooms, \$16.50 to \$24.50 for each occupant. These fees cover

the use of all facilities, including health service and infirmary for emergency and minor ailments, ordinarily handled by home remedies. The infirmary will be operated by the United States Public Health Service. Trained personnel will have charge of the recreational program which will be centered in the fully-equipped recreation hall. The Office of the Manager of Residence Halls is engaging qualified personnel to operate the halls. It is expected that the complete staff will be announced shortly.

TULSA, Okla., March 17 (ANP)—According to figures released by the board of education here, the annual school census points out that the Negro school population in Tulsa has decreased since the establishment of defense industries in this area while the white school population has greatly increased. School officials say that the enrollment in the senior class in high school is the smallest in the last 12 years. Numbers of young men between the ages of 18-21 have left the state to seek employment elsewhere. Many of these men have taken courses in defense training. Negro leaders are alarmed over this exodus, inasmuch as these young men would be able to obtain employment in this locality where there is a crying need for manpower if it were not for the fact that defense plants are oppo-

ed to hiring skilled Negro workers. They feel that the condition warrants the attention of the FEPC. These leaders have repeatedly approached the Douglas Aircraft company officials because of their attitude against Negro skilled labor. In those defense plants which utilize Negro services, the workers express the fact that discrimination is practiced throughout the plant. HAMPON PLAYERS GIVE "WUTHERING HEIGHTS" Hampton Institute, Va.—Members of the Communications Theatre of Hampton Institute presented Randolph Carter's stage version of Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights" in Orden Hall at the college last Friday and Saturday evenings, under the direction of Mrs.

YALE GRANTS HARRY ROBERTS HIGH DEGREE

New Haven, Conn., March 18 (ANP)—The name of Harry W. Roberts, head of the social science department at Virginia State College, appears in the graduate school reports of Yale university here as the recipient of a doctor of philosophy degree. Dr. Roberts, who did his undergraduate work at Wilberforce and Yale Divinity school, wrote his dissertation on "The Life and Labor of Rural Negroes in Virginia."

WILBERFORCE'S ACCELERATED PROGRAM BRINGS COMMENCEMENT TO APRIL 27

As part of the general program of accelerated education to which Wilberforce University has fully committed itself and to meet the request of the government to take as soon as possible, 400 inductees under the Army Specialized Training Program, Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Wilberforce University, announces that the annual baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, April 25, and that the commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday, April 27. To facilitate the program of acceleration, Wilberforce University has changed from the semester system to the quarter system and will hold a regular one quarter summer school beginning the first week in June of this year. This will complete a year-round period of instruction. There has been no summer school at Wilberforce since 1932.

SIXTY-ONE ERC, CALLED FROM LINCOLN UNL

Jefferson City, Mo., March 17.—Sixty-one members of the Army Enlisted Reserve Corp at Lincoln University have been called to active service with the army on orders of the commanding officer of the Seventh Command, Major General Uhl.

The first group of reservists received notification March 6th and will report March 20th to the Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; the second group will report to the same center March 22nd.

Lincoln's male enrollment was one hundred sixty for the semester beginning February 4, 1943. Eighty men were enlisted in the reserve group; of the group sixty-three have been called to active duty. Among the seventeen ERC men remaining are those enrolled in the departments of Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Agriculture, Pre-medical students and members of the Air Corp Reserve.

They don't begin to think until they grow up. They don't learn to discriminate until they've begun to take the trend of the environment. Housing authorities ignored the serious petitions submitted by followers of Father Luigi, threatening a wholesale withdrawal of the white families from the project unless Negroes are immediately segregated or evicted.

Granger Blasts 'Happy Am I' OWI Policy

White Cabinet for Race

WASHINGTON, March 18 (ANP)—Severe criticism of the Office of War Information for its handling of news and information regarding the Negro and the pursuance of a "happy am I" policy, was generously lashed out here by Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, Wednesday afternoon at the downtown YWCA. One hundred and fifty "integrated" luncheon guests of the Washington branch of the league responded enthusiastically to the remarks. Significant, too, was Mr. Granger's observation that there is emerging in the capital a "white cabinet" to which questions of policy toward Negroes are increasingly being referred for solution; his plea for the rejuvenation of the "black cabinet" which, he said, has disintegrated considerably since its creation in the early days of the New Deal; and his admonition against making of the race's struggle an exclusive fight. "The recent OWI publication called 'The Negro and the War' is a monumental mistake and a disservice to the government and the Negro," he declared. "I say this not because its contents are not true, but because it is like kicking a man who is down, and congratulating him because he is not yet dead. I am criticizing OWI because of its ineptness. We want to see the job done that can be (continued on page 22)

ROLE OF COLLEGE WOMEN TO BE DISCUSSED

Hampton Institute, Va.—"College Women and Victory" will be the theme of the annual Women's Day at Hampton Institute next Saturday, March 20, when the Women's Senate of the college will sponsor an all day program devoted to women and the war effort.

SPELMAN GRADUATE NINE DOCTORS, 30 NURSES ARRIVE SAFELY

Atlanta, Georgia, March 18 — Word has been received in this country that Lt. Marja August, R. N., a graduate of the Spelman High School and Nurse Training Department, has arrived "somewhere in North Africa" with a detachment of thirty nurses and nine doctors. This group comprised the first colored hospital personnel staff to reach African shores since the American occupation. Lt. August is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and resides at 338 An-

HIS Words are with them

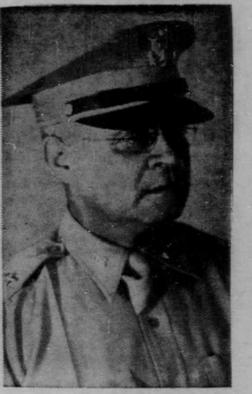


By Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Dept., Wash., D. C. Chaplain J. R. C. Pinn, of Washington, D. C., conducts an informal Bible class on shipboard enroute to Liberia. Chaplain Pinn is now back in the United States.

Hastie To Get Spingarn Award

New York, N. Y.—Judge William H. Hastie will receive the medal for 1942, the NAACP Spingarn Award Committee announced this week. The Spingarn Award of which Hastie will be the twenty-eighth winner was instituted in 1914 by the late J. E. Spingarn, chairman of the NAACP Board. It is a gold medal awarded annually to the American Negro who has made the highest and noblest achievement during the preceding year or years. Announcing the award the Committee said: "William Henry Hastie is selected as Twenty-eighth Spingarn Medalist for his distinguished career as jurist and as uncompromising champion of equal justice. Though young in years his record of achievement is notable measured by any standard, however absolute or high. "His scholastic career as honor graduate from Amherst College and as Doctor of Juridical Science from the Harvard Law School has been continued in quality of service in several capacities. His was a distinguished career as Assistant Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. He made a brilliant record as the first Negro to serve as Judge of a United States District Court, serving in the Virginia Islands. He established a high standard of scholarship and of service to mankind for the students during his period as Dean of the Law School of Howard University. As Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War he refused to temporize with racial bigotry, segregation or discrimination. Men of lesser character and of greater selfishness would have closed their eyes to prejudice in order to maintain themselves in a remunerative position. But Judge Hastie refused to do this, resigning in protest a-

Back To DC.



After completing his third visit in 31 years to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, important military post, Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., only Negro General in the United States Army, has returned to his headquarters in the Inspector General's Department, Washington, D. C.

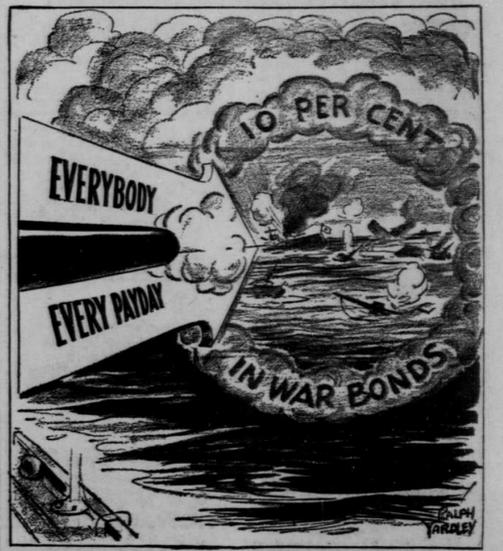
which more aptly would have charged perpetuation of practices which more aptly would have characterized the racial ideology of a dictatorship than of a democracy. His every act, and particularly his protest against racial bigotry in an army fighting for the preservation of the democratic processes, has established a standard of character and conduct which the Spingarn Medal Award Committee is honored to recognize by the selection of Judge Hastie as Twenty-eighth Spingarn Medalist.

First Negro Medical Personnel Reaches Africa Shores Safely

gler Avenue. Following her period of training at Spelman, she spent part of a year as dietitian at Mac Vicar Hospital (the Spelman Infirmary), and for six years she was instructor in home hygiene and care of the sick at Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta. In 1941, Lt. August entered the Defense Program at Fort Bragg, N. Carolina, serving in Hospital No. 2 with a group of 24 Negro nurses. It was from Fort Bragg that she wrote President Read of Spelman College that the army was a great place to gain experience, and "you may count on me to do

my best because to my mind the highest calling for service is when one is called to serve his country". In the years that have passed since she left Spelman, Lt. August has had additional training at the Pennsylvania State College, at University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; in the extension departments of Morehouses and Morris Brown Colleges, and in the Atlanta University Summer School. For five years she was vice president of the Spelman Alumnae Association and at one time she was treasurer of the Atlanta-Spelman Club.

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