

5c Worth of Good Reading

### Ship To be Christened Robt. L. VANN

The Maritime Commission announced today that a Liberty ship, assigned to a South Portland, Me. shipyard, will be named for the late Robert L. Vann, noted Negro lawyer, and founder and editor of The Pittsburgh Courier, a weekly newspaper.

The ship, fifth in a series named for outstanding Negro Americans, will be launched in late September or early October in the South Portland yards of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation.

The first three ships of this series, the SS Booker T. Washington, the SS George Washington Carver, and the SS Frederick Douglass are now in active service, two of them with Negro captains with mixed crews. The fourth, the SS John Merrick was recently launched at Wilmington, N.C. warship, the destroyer Escort Leonard Roy Harmon, was launched last month by the Navy Department at Quincy, Mass.

Robert Lee Vann, was born at Ahsokie, N. C., August 27, 1879 and died in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 24, 1940. Educated at Virginia Union University and the University of Pittsburgh, he was admitted to the bar in 1909 and practiced in Pennsylvania until 1936, when he decided to give his full time to his publishing business.

He was one of the founders and incorporators of The Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company in March 1910, and served as editor of the paper and president and treasurer of the publishing company until his death.

Under Mr. Vann's direction, the Courier became one of the largest Negro newspapers in the world with an ABC circulation of over 200,000 and readers in most English speaking countries.

Mr. Vann also enjoyed a distinguished career as a lawyer in 1917 and 1918, he served as assistant city solicitor for Pittsburgh. In 1924, he was named by President Coolidge as a member of a five man commission to investigate conditions in the Virgin Islands. In 1925 he served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to revise the state constitution.

### MAN SUFFERS STAB WOUNDS IN QUARREL

Jeese White, 33, of 2423 Blondo street, is in Doctors' hospital with knife wounds in the abdomen, left arm and ear as the result of a fight early Sunday, police said with Wilbur Pettis of 2623 Caldwell St. Pettis is being held for investigation. The fight occurred at 24th and Grace street after the two got into an argument in a dice game and White went to his home to get a shotgun. He met Pettis en route back to the game.

### Compromise Plagues FEPC

Washington, Aug. 18 (ANP)—If Chicago developments are any indication, the Fair Employment Practice committee's famous "Mobile compromise" is going to dog the Negro's fight for integration from here on out.

Employers in the Windy City have been told through a publication serving the Employer's association of Chicago, under Labor News Brevities, that so long as FEPC has given the practice its blessings, segregation of workers is all right.

## Rev. Williams-Family, and K. C. Singers Have Big Day in Omaha

The Very Reverend John S. Williams, now of Kansas City, Missouri and formerly of Omaha, came back to town Sunday along with his wife and children who are never far distant from him, and bringing his glorious choral ensemble of 40 voices, made last Sunday, August 15th, "Rev. Williams' Lay".

In the morning he brought forth a message to the congregation and friends of Cleaves Temple church. Those who heard him cannot and could not doubt the bigness, the pure of heart and soul of this man.

The afternoon after greeting his old friends and acquaintances, he took his choral ensemble to the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where Omaha's expectation of a great musical treat was more than fulfilled. The huge overcrowded audience of both white and colored patrons, listened spellbound to those high and low tones, overtones, and melodious voices of those Kansas Cityans whose voices lifted your very soul from your being.

The Williams who were graciously feted and honored while here, left Sunday night for home. A few of the members of the ensemble remained until Monday evening before leaving.

The Musical was under the auspices of Cleaves Temple Church of which Rev. L. A. Story is pastor. It was a grand success, both socially and financially.

Various members of the Choral Ensemble who arrived Sunday morning, visited the churches of our city, where they rendered solos to the appreciative congregations.

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## John H. Sengstacke, A. Philip Randolph Oppose Migratory Policy

**Hits Negro Leaders and Press**

### DETROIT FACT FINDING BOARD PROBING RIOTS

DETROIT, Aug. 18 (ANP) In a lengthy report submitted to Gov. Harry F. Kelly, last week by his committee investigating the June 21 race riots here, Negro leaders who have "exhorted" gatherings in press for "racial equality" and Negro press that has appealed for "justice by violence" are accused of being partly responsible for the riots. The committee's report declared that "no subversive elements inspired the riots," and that they were "not premeditated."

Prosecutor William E. Dowling headed the investigating group known as the Dowling committee. He was assisted by Atty. General Herbert J. Rushton, Detroit Police Commissioner John W. Witherspoon and State Police Commissioner Oscar Olander.

Pointing out that if the "tension existing between the white and Negro population" were eliminated the riots never would have occurred, claiming the lives of 34 persons—25 of whom were Negroes, and injuries to 700 others, the report stated:

"Perhaps most significant in precipitating the racial tension existing in Detroit is the positive exhortation by many so-called responsible Negro leaders to be 'militant' in the struggle for racial equality."

"Such appeals unfortunately have been commonplace in the Negro newspaper. Can it be doubted that they played an important part in exciting the Negro people to the violence which resulted in Detroit on June 21?"

### Biddle Answers Granger's Letter

**RANDOLPH SAYS PROPOSED POLICY WOULD HEIGHTEN RACIAL TENSION**

Honorable Francis Biddle, U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I note in the New York Post of August 9th, a news item which states that you are recommending to the White House that the Government limit and possibly prohibit further migration of Negroes to overcrowded War Production centers. You can readily see how this will be interpreted in relations to the Negro. It will be used to limit the employment opportunities of Negroes in their efforts to secure work in war plants. Moreover, as I see it, it is a violation of the Constitution, because it limits the freedom of movement of American citizens. Instead of preventing race riots, it will help constitute a fuse which may touch off the social, economic, racial political magazine of dynamite which is the result of a long series of injustices and abuse and discrimination and segregation to which the Negro people have been subjected.

As one who is interested in racial peace and the victory of the United Nations over the Nazis theories of racialism and tyranny, I want to urge you to rescind this order, if it has been made, in the interest of racial cooperation and harmony. This proposed policy is the grossest kind of segregation and discrimination. What about the poor whites that are flowing from the rural districts of the South into the War Production centers? Nothing is suggested about limiting their migration, but they are the main carriers of the germ of racial hatred and are certain to create trouble unless the causes of race riots are fearlessly and constructively dealt with. These causes are segregation in the armed forces, defense plants and government departments as well as on various means of transportation, housing, recreation, law enforcement, etc.

I am sure that upon a careful examination of the national situation in regard to race relations, you will see the fallacy of this proposed policy. It is not the increase of the Negro population in War Production centers that causes race riots, but it is the fact that Negroes have never gotten a fair break, and just a reasonable opportunity in a time of American life that is at the bottom of these conflicts. One of the most fundamental and immediate remedies for these social explosions at the present time would be for the President to issue a national proclamation abolishing segregation in the armed forces. Nothing would be more effective than this.

Sincerely yours, A. Philip Randolph.

regard for law, order and judicial process, in seeking the racial equality to which they are entitled."

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### Govt Must Undertake Sound Housing Program in War Industry Areas Says Sengstacke

In a statement issued today John H. Sengstacke, President of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association and Publisher of the Chicago Defender Weekly Newspaper, went on record opposing the recommendation which it has been reported that Attorney General Biddle made to President Roosevelt proposing that the migration of Negroes be ended or restricted.

Sengstacke urged that instead of national unity being strained further by such an unwise and impractical move, that the government immediately undertake to finance a sound program of housing commensurate with the needs now existing in large industrial centers where Negro workers have been called, like other Americans, to work in war plants.

Further, Sengstacke recommended that the unfortunate waves of rumors, charges and counter charges which create tension be brought to an immediate end. He suggested that the Attorney General call a conference of those Agencies of the Federal Government concerned and involved in the problem creating and resulting from war strains and tension, as well as those organizations both white and Negro concerned with Negro welfare, and the Governors, Mayors and law enforcement officials in critical areas where racial tension is mounting and racial disturbances may occur.

Sengstacke ended by saying that we must work on a coordinated basis to keep our war machine rolling—America is the only loser in racial strife.

In conclusion I would like to emphasize the fact that I know of no present plan to prohibit migration—either private or governmental, either white or Negro—that is now being considered.

Sincerely yours, FRANCIS BIDDLE, Attorney General.

constituted government and social order," asserted the review. Conclusions set forth in the Dowling document are:

- "The riot was not planned or premeditated."
- "The riot was not inspired by enemy subversive influence."
- "The riot resulted from smoldering racial tension which was inflamed as the result of several disconnected incidents on Bollo Isle, provoked by a group of Negroes."
- "The looting and accompanying riot followed the spreading of a false inflammatory rumor by Tipton, to the effect that whites had killed a colored woman and"

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## Omaha wife Meets Hubby thru U.S.O.



Buffet suppers and a reunion service go hand in hand at the Del Monte USO Club, Monterey, California. Highlight of this week's supper was the first meeting in over a year between Sgt. Earl Allen and his wife, arranged at USO on Mrs. Allen's arrival from Omaha, Nebraska. It's part of the service done by the newly organized wives' Club, whose 20 members combine to solve housing problems and organize entertainment programs for USO. (Press Photo Service.)

### "Tired of Lena Horne" ...



LENA HORNE

## Hubby Sues Lena For Divorce

(by RUSSEL A. JACKSON, Ohio State News)

The delectable and lovely Lena Horne became a defendant last week among whites. Up to the end of the year, no program had been worked out to remedy for this condition, and the inclusion of Negro educators in conferences on the

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### APPROVE TUSKEGEE HOUSING UNIT

Atlanta, Aug. 18 (ANP) The approval of funds to erect forty family housing units and community facilities near the Tuskegee Army Air base was announced Wednesday by John P. Broome, regional Federal Public Housing authority director here. The project will cost approximately \$86,000. The contract has been awarded to Algemor Blair, Montgomery, Ala.

### NAACP STAFF TO GIVE TO CHINESE BLOOD BANK

New York.—Members of the staff of the national office of the NAACP, led by Walter White, secretary will contribute to the Chinese blood bank, 154 Nassau street, New York City, because the Chinese bank, unlike the American blood banks under supervision of the American Red Cross, is unsegregated.

### NEGRO AVIATORS SHOWN IN CLICK MAGAZINE

New York—Click magazine for September has a three page picture story on the "Black Panthers" Negro fighter group, now finishing training at Escoda, Michigan. The men in this group finished their first training at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. The article declares the group is "tough, smart and daring to go," and declares the instructors of the squadron say the members fly and fight "intelligently, bravely and skillfully."

Intimates of the couple have long awaited a domestic showing between the well known actress and her husband, but the filing of the petition this week came in the nature of a surprise.

At present, Miss Horne is residing in Hollywood, where she is under a long term contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. Her latest starring picture, "Stormy Weather" coincidentally opened at the Lincoln Theatre, this Thursday, the same date on which Jones filed his petition in the Franklin County court of domestic relations.

Jones at present is employed as an advertising representative for the Ohio State News at Columbus.

This week marked the second time that Jones has filed suit for divorce against his spouse. In Allegheny county, (Pittsburgh, Pa.) in 1941 he entered proceedings and charged Miss Horne with having deserted him. This martial crack-up came after a series of misunderstandings which, it is said, centered around Miss Horne's resumption of her theatrical career. Miss Horne had retired from the theatrical whirl upon marrying Jones at Pittsburgh on January 1, 1937, but reentered the entertainment field, August, 1940, having left Jones, according to his assertions, on August 1, of that year.

Jones never withdrew his petition for divorce in Allegheny county, having, he related to the writer this week allowed the divorce to be held up in order to allow her to obtain the decree. This was at the request of Miss Horne's attorneys, Jones pointed out. However, since the date the original petition was filed at Pittsburgh, Miss Horne is said to not have made any attempt to proceed with the divorce. Attorney for Jones is L. R. Curtiss of Columbus.

In seeking the divorce, Jones asks the court that the present arrangement concerning the children be sustained.