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Elk Convention in Pittsburgh Monday night when Lt. George W. Lee, chairman of the April War Savings Bond drive on Beale St., received a citation and a \$200 war bond prize "for leading all colored communities in America."

ROBESON STARTS REHEARSALS FOR "OTHELLO" TITLE ROLE

New York, Aug. 31 (ANP)—Paul Robeson began rehearsals for his starring role in the Margaret Webster production of "Othello" with Miss Webster directing, announced the Theatre Guild last week.

Virginia Gilmore will play the role of Desdemona and Stefan Schnabel will appear as Iago. The latter two are white.

HASTIE, JEAN MUIR AMONG SPEAKERS AT NAACP LINCOLN U. YOUTH MEET OCT. 29-31

Chester County, Pa.—With "A Blueprint for Action" as their theme students from colleges throughout the country will meet for the fifth annual NAACP student conference here at Lincoln University October 29-31.

Mrs. Ruby H. Hurley, NAACP director of youth work, stated this week that the conference will be an instructional meeting to post students on techniques for the procurement of a full franchise for the Negro in America, equality in education, and on the problems of organizing labor. A program of activity for college students to carry back to the schools will be formulated.

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REJOINS HAMPTON
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Rubel Blakley rejoined Lionel Hampton's band as a star vocalist here last week. This was announced by Joe Glaser, personnel manager of the unit. Mr. Blakley supplanted Joe Williams who took Blakley's spot several months ago.

ELKS PARADE THRILLS PITTSBURGH

Grand Treasurer Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia, and Grand Commissioner of Education William C. Juxton, was unanimous following their annual reports that revealed substantial progress for the past year. A balance of more than \$68,000 was reported in the treasury and a large gain in memberships announced.

WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO AUSTIN-WADSWORTH DRAFT LABOR BILL

New York, Aug. 31 (ANP)—The Workers Defense League has announced plan to print statements from prominent people opposing the Austin-Wadsworth draft labor bill. The act will be a part of the league's "Free Labor in Free America" campaign.

Last week the Rev. James Myers of the Federal Council of Churches, stated that the Austin-Wadsworth bill "would constitute in America a big step toward the Nazi and Fascist concept of compulsory labor." Mr. McLaurin, speaking for the March on Washington movement, emphasized the loss of manpower due to discrimination against Negroes in hiring and in upgrading.

A quote from Sam Baron, general manager of the New York Joint board of the Textile Workers union of America stated:

"I am against all compulsion in labor matters. I believe the Austin-Wadsworth bill will defeat whatever worthwhile end is contemplated."

DENY JOB TO EAGER APPLICANT, BUT YOU'VE NEVER GUESS WHY

Topeka, Aug. 31 (ANP) Alex Bryant who has been doing part time janitor work for the University of Kansas since 1918 decided last week that he wanted a permanent job, but was frustrated in his attempt. When Bryant applied to take civil service examinations his career was blocked because he had to answer a question about his age. His answer: "I'm 112 years old."

AIDE TO NEGRO MISSION DIES

Media, Pa., Aug. 31 (ANP) The Rev. Laurence A. Deering, white, pastor of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and long a worker in Mother Catherine Drexel's mission for Negroes died here last week. He was 72 years old.

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ARMY URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION CENTER FOR NEGRO TROOPS

Charleston, S.C., Sept. 1 (ANP) — Mayor Henry W. Lockwood announced last week that he had been advised in a telegram from Senator Burney R. Maybank that the proposed North Charleston recreation center for Negro troops is being curtailed by the War Department as essential to the war effort.

The recreation center has been urged for several months by Negro leaders and by Brig. Gen. James T. Duke, commanding officer of the port of embarkation, who pointed out that recreational facilities here for Negro service men are totally inadequate.

The telegram to Mayor Lockwood from Senator Maybank stated: "Rest assured I will keep behind officers of the PWA and will do everything I can to assist."

HELENE SACNE, ONE OF THE SWEETEST OF THE "SWEETHEARTS"

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ROBESON SANG FOR THE SAILORS

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ARMY MAKING ENGLAND LIKE JIM CROW SOUTH

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prevented by some of the few Negro MPs who came up and rescued the officer. Yet an MP sergeant (white) at the same time insulted a Negro officer who had tried to quiet the soldiers. At MP headquarters, the Negro officer said that he was insulted by the provost officer (white) in front of the other MPs, who were enlisted men and arrested as being drunk. The coolness of the four Negro lieutenants, the colored MP's and the colored American Red Cross personnel prevented a probable riot during the night.

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The state of Florida is said to be adhering to the method of restricting labor's flow to out-of-the-state war jobs, in order to maintain a consistent labor surplus, to keep wages down, and to "protect" a long time underpaid labor group from contact with more advanced, and better paid workers elsewhere.

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