

ANP Exposes Rife Prejudices Irregularities at Ft. Huachuca

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R.R. Hearings Start Sept. 15

Post Commander, Ala. General, Calls Men "Niggers"; Restricts Training to Marches, Drills; Wants Them To Go Abroad; Troops Say They're Untrained

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 8 (ANP)—Confidential information has been obtained by the Associated Negro Press of startling and sensational discriminatory practices imposed upon soldiers of the 92nd infantry division stationed at Fort Huachuca. Sources cannot be revealed for fear of reprisals upon the informants.

The shameful situation threatens to develop into a national scandal, and more important, according to observers, unless the federal government and the army high command takes immediate, forthright action to correct the disgraceful conditions. It is believed that all the fury of an overseas battlefield will explode in this desert community.

Black American soldiers who a few months before had entered the U. S. army filled with patriotic determination to help win the war for democracy, even to the point of sacrificing their lives, are now reported to be emmeshed in the doldrums of frustration and despair, as a direct result of the heartbreaking inhuman treatment meted out to them by commanding general and white officers alike.

Specifically the shocking charges made by army personnel attached to the fort are:

1. That the commanding general, E. M. Almond, of Anniston, Ala. refers to his Negro charges both in and out of their presence as "niggers."

2. That the commanding general is formulating plans to convince the war department to ship the division overseas for combat duty, although the division is miserably unprepared for such service.

3. That Gen. Almond is not a top flight commander and was not assigned to a white unit because he lacked necessary qualifications. The war department foisted him upon the Negro group it is charged because it was necessary to place him somewhere.

4. That the commanding general orders the post Gestapo to hold a "shakedown" of enlisted personnel after each live ammunition practice to detect possible bullets secreted away for an allegedly planned "insurrection."

5. That a quota system operates in the making and promotion of Negro officers with a few ever reaching the rank of first lieutenant. Most of the Negro officers are "frozen" at the second lieutenant level.

6. That enlisted personnel is trained with obsolete combat weapons and not given instructions in modern methods of warfare. Instead, training consists almost exclusively of marches and drills around the confines of the army post.

7. That the food served in mess halls at Fort Huachuca is the "worst in the army."

8. That although present conditions on the military reservation have existed ever since the division moved into Arizona last May, Atty. Turman K. Gibson Jr., acting civilian aide to the secretary of war, and Brig. General Benjamin O. Davis, inspecting general from the inspector general's office, Washington, on a recent inspection here found conditions to be "in excellent shape," morale "high," training "good," and the overall picture "gratifying."

Personnel at the army post are said to be greatly puzzled over how they can reconcile the vicious dictums of Gen. Almond and his staff of white officers to commitments of a nation pledged in a war to carry the four freedoms and democracy to the far corners of the world. Rumors are being circulated in Tucson that the soldiers are so restive under the "slavery" rule at the camp that a flareup of serious proportions is expected almost momentarily. Only positive intervention of the federal government with drastic punishment delivered upon the heads of responsible authorities is seen as a possible preventative.

Soldiers complain that at a recent meeting of mess officers and mess sergeants Gen. Almond deplored the alleged waste of food and declared before the mixed group:

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Texas Minister To Conduct Salem Revival

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BAPTIST CONVENTION GETS UNDER-WAY



Pittsburgh, Pa.—Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, in a statement this week to the representation of this paper said he was proud to announce that the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Convention had adopted unanimously a resolution making Chicago, Illinois its meeting place for 1944. In the above picture is shown left—the Grand Exalted Ruler and District Deputy (Chicago) Exalted Ruler James W. McCaskell. Mr. Wilson will attend the Baptist Convention in Chicago and will be the house guest of the McCaskells. He also announced that more than 125,000 dollars worth of savings bonds had been purchased by the members of his organization at the convention. (Press Photo Service.)

U.S. Calls... To Hawaii



S. B. Danley, who will head the western, His family resides at 6154 Evans Avenue, Chicago. (Press Photo Service.)

4 MEDICS TO SERVE ARMY WIVES

Birmingham, Sept. 9 (ANP) Fourteen Negro doctors here have given their consent to cooperate with maternal home delivery program or wives of enlisted men in all branches of the service, attaches in the Jefferson County Health department indicated this week. Doctors agree to give their services for the minimum rate of \$25. Prospects were doubtful as to whether the Jefferson hospital, in view of the need of 12 nurses, would be able to undertake the program. Authorities expressed the feeling that provisions would be made for the wives of colored enlisted men in the event the hospital program was put into operation.

BAPTIST CONVENTION GETS UNDER-WAY

Reelection Expected



Dr. Jemison

Chicago, Sept. 9 (ANP)—The largest body of organized Negroes in the world, the National Baptist convention, Inc., representing more than 4,000,000 persons, is holding its annual meeting in Chicago Tuesday through Sunday with headquarters at Monumental Baptist Church. Over 5,000 delegates and 3,000 visitors were expected to attend.

The opening session was held Tuesday at the Eighth Regiment armory. The Rev. James L. Horace, pastor of Monumental Baptist church and president of the Baptist General State convention of Illinois, announced that in a very short time the convention sub-committees had planned a significant and comprehensive program giving special attention to housing, transportation and entertainment for the delegates and visitors.

One of the outstanding attractions was a pre-convention musical at the armory Tuesday night at which a 1,000 voice chorus under the direction of Willa Jones, Thomas A. Dorsey, George A. Gullatt and Dr. A. J. Offord appeared. The general convention session opened Wednesday morning.

Mrs. S. W. Layten of Philadelphia, president of the Women's auxiliary, and Mrs. Jessie C. Mapp, first vice president and general chairman of the Chicago branch, made elaborate preparations for the women's convention which met at Olivet Baptist church.

The youth sessions, directed by Miss Primrose Funches, western director of the young people's department of the convention, are being held at Pilgrim Baptist church. The Primrose chorus, a group of youth singers directed by Miss Ethyl Helena Smith, is appearing on the program.

On Friday evening, a Citizens Victory reception will be held at the Parkway hall to honor the national, state and local officers of the convention. Mayor Edward J. Kelly and Hon. Wendell L. Willkie are expected to address this gathering.

Numerous courtesy receptions have been planned. Rev. Horace has cooperated with him these members of the executive committee: Rev. C. V. Johnson and J. H. Jackson, co-chairmen; W. A. Johnson, general secretary; Rev. J. C. Austin, youth group; Rev. N. C. Lunceford, laymen; Rev. J. H. Jackson, women and Rev. Sterling A. Crayton, moderators. Dr. D. V. Jemison of Selma, Ala., is president of the convention and is expected to be re-elected.

The national and local officers will be honored with presentations of war bonds and stamps. The convention is cooperating with the United States Treasury department in putting over its third war loan drive. Baptists have bought bonds to a large extent and have a number of chaplains serving with the armed forces.

SALEM TO START REVIVAL SUNDAY SEPT. 12TH

The Salem Baptist Church's City Wide Revival begins Sunday, Sept. 12th conducted by Evangelist O. R. Short, D. D. of Bonham, Texas. The entire populace is invited and urged to attend and all religious agencies are asked to cooperate. Time Sunday, Sept. 12th, 1943. Place 28th at Decatur Sts., at the Salem Baptist Church.

14 States Takeup Gov. Griswold's Hog Wager

Fourteen states have taken Governor Griswold up on his offer to bet a Nebraska hog against any state which thinks that it will over-subscribe its Third War Loan quota by more percentage points than does Nebraska. The bets range all the way from a buffalo thrown in by Governor John C. Vivian of Colorado to peanuts and tobacco by the great State of Virginia.

"Some of these States have a lot lower quota than our \$103,000.00," said Griswold, "but knowing the people of Nebraska as I do, I'd say that with any luck at all we should definitely come out on top."

The States taking Governor Griswold up and the Third War Loan quotas assigned to them by Washington are as follows:

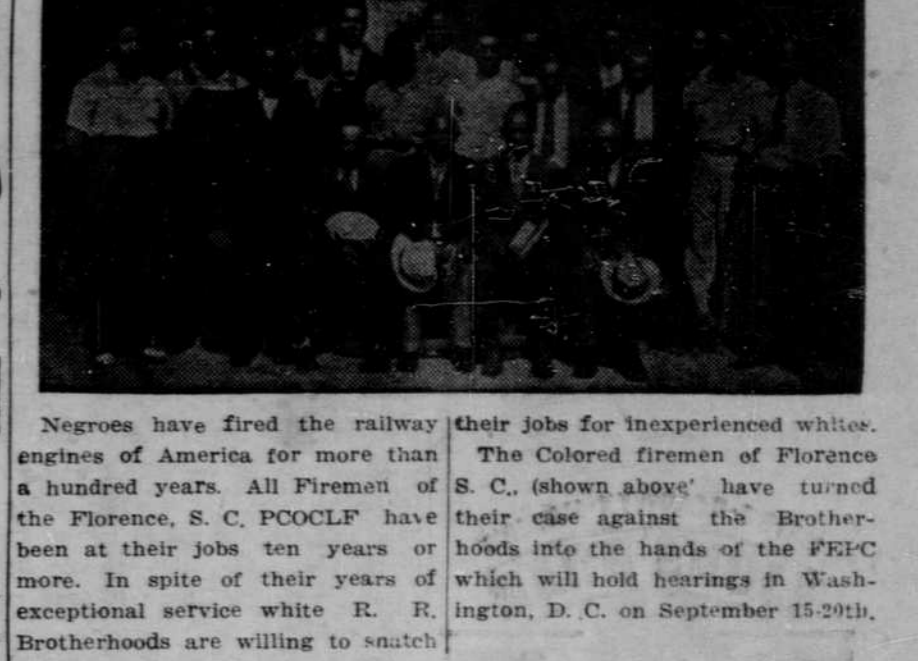
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| Arkansas, \$58,000.00; | Colorado, \$72,000.00; |
| Idaho, \$25,000.00; | Illinois, \$21,000.00; |
| Indiana, \$257,000.00; | Iowa, \$196,000.00; |
| Kansas, \$112,000.00; | Michigan, \$451,000.00; |
| Minnesota, \$216,000.00; | North Dakota, \$29,000.00; |
| Oklahoma, \$100,000.00; | Vermont, \$152,000.00; |
| Wisconsin, \$298,000.00. | |

Wm. S. Lawson Dies

PIONEER RESIDENT

Mr. William S. Lawson, age 69 years, died Monday morning at his home, 2511 Corby Street, after an extended illness. Mr. Lawson came to Omaha fifty-one years ago and was former head waiter at a local hotel for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson were married July 15, 1892 and to this union were born ten children, all who survive. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Lawson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Lawson was a member of Zion Baptist Church and was a man who was genial, hospitable and an ideal companion and a warm-hearted friend. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Lawson, seven daughters, Mrs. Blanche Blair, Mrs. Grace Stanley, Mrs. Bertha Moore, Mrs. Ruth Rice, Mrs. LaVene DeLispipe, the sons, Mr. William S. Lawson, Jr., Mr. Clifford Lawson, Mr. Lyle Lawson, all of Omaha, one sister, Mrs. Mildred Parks, Pittsburgh, Pa., twenty-one grand children and three great-grand-children. The body lay in state at The Thomas Funeral Home until the funeral hour. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Zion Baptist Church with burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

"To use all foresight in creating the atmosphere in which no battles between our people can occur" was announced this week by sixty Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic Clergymen throughout America. Among the signers were the Rt. Rev. Magr. John A. Ryan of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, New



Previously Scheduled Hearing Almost Doom'd F.E.P. Committee

L. A. STORY TO TENN.

The Rev. L. A. Story, Pastor of Cleaves Temple C.M.E. Church, and well known as a civic and spiritual leader of our city, has been appointed by his Bishop, J. A. Hannett of Kansas City, Kans., to a pastoral charge at Memphis, Tenn. He is expected to preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, Sept. 19th. He will be sorely missed by his congregation and his many friends.

EDUCATOR SAYS FIGHT ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SHOULD BEGIN IN HOME

Washington, Sept. 8 (ANP)—Apparently juvenile delinquency is being attacked where many progressive social welfare workers have long maintained it should be combated—in the home. Indications are further that some progressive thinkers on social problems believe that the term "juvenile delinquency" is a misnomer and should properly be called "adult delinquency."

Mrs. Harry Grattan Doyle, president of the Washington board of education, writing in the current issue of the Chevy Chase Citizen, tells of the findings of a study of the problem sponsored by the board in the junior high schools. Both Negro and white school surveys agree that the first and primary reason for delinquency is (1) lack of discipline in the home, and (2) broken homes. With variations the two groups said other contributing factors were insufficient effort in the home, and bad environment caused chiefly through sub-standard housing.

Measures have been suggested by teachers to correct the condition with the cooperation of parents and public officials. School areas of community councils will be formed composed of parents, teachers and community leaders who will seek to impose checks upon the social life. An advisory committee of parents, religious leaders, social and recreational leaders and others will be created to plan long range programs to consult with the board in its effort to solve the problem.

"Many parents feel that strict discipline hurts children, warns them through curbing their childish instincts and therefore shield their children from all things disagreeable including hard work," stated Mrs. Doyle. "There is no unkindness to children greater than turning the mout into the world as individuals who do only the things they want to do and who have not been made to stick to a job until it is finished."

Mrs. Doyle added that the plan of the board "will play an important part in the training of young people in this war to be useful citizens, but the first responsibility for children lies in the home. Homes where mothers and fathers together see that their children are disciplined, that they attend church that they have clean living conditions and wholesome food, that they have proper recreation, are now, as always, the strength of our country."

MAN HELD AS THEFT FROM FRIEND PROBED

An Omaha man was held Sunday by police on an open charge on the complaint of Leroy Newland, 42, of 2917 Grant Street, who said the man, his friend, robbed him of \$12 Saturday night.

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