

3 of 5 Investigating Senators Praise Negro Soldiers In War Areas

Negro soldiers abroad were praised by three of the five United States Senators, who have just returned from a round the world investigation of the American war fronts and centers of Allied war direction at a press conference held in the Senate Office Building on September 29. The Senators who held the conference were Richard D. Russell, Democrat of Georgia; Ralph E. Brewster, Republican of Maine; and James M. Mead, Democrat of New York.

The group made the trip as representatives of the Senate Military and Naval Affairs Committees and the special committee on Investigating War Activities which is

headed by Senator Truman of Missouri.

The other two members of the Committee—Senator Albert B. Chandler, Democrat, Ky., and Senator Henry Cabot Jr., Republican, Mass., were not in Washington at the time of the interview.

"American armed forces constitute the toughest fighting machine the world has ever known," said Senator Russell, who acted as chairman. "They are the best trained and equipped of all soldiers in this war and are ready and anxious to get on with the war so they can return home," he continued.

Asked about the opening of the Burma Road and American troops in Indian and China, Senator Russell told of present difficulties of getting supplies to the Chinese. He told of how the supplies had to be unloaded from ships, reloaded on trains, transferred several times from different railroads because of the difference in the gauge and the trip finally completed by airplane to the fighting forces. Most of this work of handling these supplies is done by American Negroes.

"These Negroes," said Senator Russell, "can unload a ship in four days, where it formerly took the native Indians and British troops two weeks."

Inquiry was also made about the French troops now fighting with the United Nations. These troops were trained and equipped by the United Nations and are mostly colonial from North Africa. They are the most feared of all the soldiers now in Europe, said Senator Russell.

Senator Meade was also enthusiastic in his remarks about Negro soldiers. He praised the coordination of the American armed forces in the Southwest Pacific and pointed as an example of this coordination the fact that the American soldiers, sailors and Marines in this area all dressed alike. "You can't tell what branch of the service they belong to from their appearance," he said.

He paid special tribute to the work of Negro Seabees of the Navy who have built roads, airports and handled much of the supplies going into the Southwest Pacific area. Negro Seabees and soldiers in this area were highly thought of by their officers from General MacArthur down he said.

Enroute home the Senators stopped in Hawaii where they were greeted by a Negro Anti-Aircraft regiment from New York, under command of Col. Chauncey M. Hooper. "This regiment is doing a great job," said Senator Mead.

Senator Russell, speaking for the group, said that he thought most of the people at home had underestimated the strength of the Japanese. He said no one who had not been there could understand the bitterness of the fight against the Japanese in the South Pacific. Senator Brewster added, "The nearest thing I can think of is what American pioneers were up against fighting Indians in our early days."

Asked for opinions on how long the war would last, Senator Russell replied that he thought Germany might crumble any day but said the German Army was still a tough fighting force which should not be underestimated.

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THE WEEK
U. S. Senator Wheeler of Montana admitted the defeat of the bill to halt drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until January 1, 1944.

U. S. Senator A. W. Barclay of Kentucky or some other of the opponents would present arguments against it on Monday October 4th.

U. S. Senator Brooks of Illinois presented a resolution calling for appointment of a committee to investigate the manpower situation to determine the need of father soldiers.

President Roosevelt told the country's news boys they are doing a very important war job, preparing themselves for good citizenship.

Read the Omaha Guide for all the latest news.

Two wet goods salesmen Mr. Goldie Davis and Mr. Brooks talk things over on 24th and Grant St.

James Robinson and two friends on 24th and Burdette St.

Troy Jackson an outstanding citizen of Los Angeles, Calif., in Omaha.

Charles Solomon and H. W. Smith talk things over in a north-side business house.

Lake St. Shoe shop repairing many shoes these days.

Bud Green the streamlined usher and city fireman very much out in front.

Panama city Fla., in the army and navy.

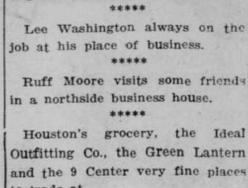
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Ed Killingsworth working in a cotton field in Texas.

Capt. Langley on North 24th St. with a beautiful lady.

Dean in a northside business with some friends enjoying a lovely evening. They were all smiles.

John Dotson on the sick list.
Mrs. Ruth Taylor has changed her residence from 2812 Caldwell St. to 2635 Parker St.
Many ladies and gentlemen enjoy themselves at the beautiful Legion Club rooms.
Lee Washington always on the job at his place of business.
Ruff Moore visits some friends in a northside business house.
Houston's grocery, the Ideal Outfitting Co., the Green Lantern and the 9 Center very fine places to trade at.
Baseball world series the headliner.
Charles Trimble very much better from a sick spell.
The Urban League is very much in need of your membership.
Executive board held a very important meeting.
Joe Thomas and Virgil Shobe on 15th and Farnam St.
U. S. Congress expected to vote a big tax on luxuries Liquor, beer, tobacco, gum and pop.
October 15th is the last day to send Christmas packages overseas.
Wendell Wilkie talked in Omaha on October 4th.
Gov. Dewey addressed the N. Y. and Brooklyn federation of Jewish Charities. He outlined a program for more effective economic social welfare.
Zion Baptist Church closed a very successful anniversary program on Friday evening October 1st. All the auxiliaries made good reports and the Wide Awake Master of ceremonies Mr. E. O. Mels was up to the minute on introducing each one that was on the program. Each service was well attended and we hope to see all of our churches cooperating as there is much to be done by the earnest working religious body of Omaha and all over the world.



EDGAR BROWN ASKS TO PROBE "SHOOTIN' COLONEL'S TRIAL"

Washington, D. C.—Rep. Paul W. Shafer, Michigan Republican, chairman of the House Investigating Committee responsible for bringing Col. W. T. Colman to trial (The Colonel was recently demoted to the rank of a Captain for the shooting of a Negro soldier, at Selridge Field, Michigan), and Edgar

12. A watchful eye must be kept on the public services and social gains already achieved as a part of our war-time planning if the United States Employment services should be returned to the states.

13. Provisions for war housing, health and child care made possible under the Lanham act must be carried over by proper legislation into the post-war period with effective precautions to insure the extension of those benefits to Negro citizens.

14. We urge that all media of public education, pupil, press, radio schools—should accept the democratic responsibility which is theirs for creating the proper racial attitudes and understanding by presenting all matters pertaining to the education of the public in an unbiased and constructive manner.

One of the specific steps taken by the conference was the sending of a telegram to both the senate and house appropriations committees pointing out to them the "intolerable housing and living conditions of whites and Negroes" which they said, constitutes "one of the basic causes of racial tension" and a peril to the war effort. As an essential step toward easing racial tensions, promoting national unity and winning the war," the group urged, "the immediate appropriation of the balance of \$200,000,000 for war housing and of \$150,000,000 for associated war public works and services already authorized by the congress under the Lanham act," should be made.

Both Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois and Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago had proclaimed the period of the conference as "Victory Through Unity Week," to which President Roosevelt, in a strongly worded message, gave his endorsement. The President further wrote that he could not see how America could "stand before the world as a champion of oppressed peoples unless we practice as well as preach the principles of democracy for all men."

The two speakers participating in the opening session of the conference last Tuesday afternoon agreed that the status of public morale in terms of minority and race relations adjustment is at the point where a lack of full participation on the part of all citizens is hampering the war effort. They attributed the cause to traditional hostilities against the Negro in the armed forces and in industry. The speakers were Frederick B. Sweet, director, public relations and membership activities of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers, (CIO), and Dr. Ira De A. Reid, sociology department, Atlanta university.

Mayor Kelly appeared on the program of the first evening meeting, attended by nearly 2,000 persons in the Wendell Phillips High School auditorium and declared that "Americans are standing together as their brother's keeper, fighting the common fight for decency, and the destruction of racial discrimination." It was here that Granger first outlined his program.

Dr. Louis Wirth, professor of sociology, University of Chicago, was an attempt on the part of the enemies to make of this a racial war and warned that this pitfall must be avoided. He pointed to the "uniqueness" of this war, in that our slogans have all been made for us by the enemy. "Democracy is in antithesis to dictatorship," he said, "racial bigotry is in antithesis to racial equality."

"The Negro would do best if he is allied with the forces of progress rather than the forces of reaction," he said, "because he suffers the greatest disability under the status quo. If he can arouse the con-



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G. Brown, Director, National Negro Council, urge Rep. Andrew J. May of Kentucky, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee to initiate a full scale probe to wipe out the Colman whitewash and bring the Colonel to a new trial. Reading from left to right: Representative Shafer, Mr. Brown, and Representative May. (Press Photo Service.)

science of the nation, he can help the rest keep their heads now."

Harold A. Lett, executive secretary, Newark Urban League, was on the same program with Dr. Wirth on Wednesday afternoon. Lett outlined the procedures of establishing interracial committees and discussed some of the techniques of committee work.

Col. Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the director, national selective service system and Mark A. McCloskey, director of recreation, office of community war services, Federal Security Administration, spoke on Thursday afternoon. The topic was "The Service Man and His Family."

Col. Johnson reviewed the work of the war and navy departments under the Allotment and Allowance act of 1942 as they attempt to meet the problem, and brought in a description of the efforts of the Army Emergency relief, the Navy Relief society, and the local community welfare services. He declared the problem confronting all these agencies is getting the families of servicemen acquainted with the whereabouts of these solutions in meeting their needs.

McCloskey thought that in the post-war period the government will have to provide facilities for recreational purposes. He felt that private enterprise had done an inadequate job.

The Illinois State-Wide Conference on Racial Problems convened Friday at luncheon and heard the Rev. Archibald J. Carey Jr., of Chicago, discuss "Home Front Fascists." The conference is primarily supported by the Chicago and Springfield branches of the Urban League.

That afternoon the summary and findings of the Urban League conference were heard in the report prepared by a committee of league staff members and read by John T. Clark of St. Louis. On Saturday a luncheon and round table was held. "Stabilizing the Employment of Negroes in War Industry" was the subject, and Charles L. Horn, president, Federal Cartridge corporation, Twin Cities Ordnance plant, was the main speaker. It was attended by industrial and labor leaders and league executives.

The conference concluded with the rally on Sunday where James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer for the Congress for Industrial Organization and Joseph D. Keeman, labor vice-chairman, War Production board, representing the American Federation of Labor, declared that labor must not permit inroads to be made on it by those who are opposed to the New Deal, and that the best friend of the Negro is labor.

Willard S. Townsend, international president of the United Transport Service Employees of America (CIO) and Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, KAM Temple, Chicago, were the other speakers.

Color was added to the occasion when detachments of several patriotic and civilian defense women organizations assisted with the handling of the crowd and availed themselves of the opportunity to display colorful uniforms. Representatives of several of the members of the united nations were present and sat on the platform at Orchestra hall. Aubrey Pankey, noted baritone, sang.

All the morning sessions of the way Community center whose director is Horace R. Cayton. These were open only to league secretaries. Public meetings were conducted at the Central YMCA, in downtown Chicago.

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