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Mississippi Gives Negro Soldier Right to Vote

BREAKS TRADITION OF LONG STANDING;
DROPS POLL TAX PAYMENT

Jackson, Miss.—Civil war barriers to participation in Mississippi elections by Negroes were broken Tuesday by the house when it sanctioned an absent voter law to permit those in the armed forces to vote without either the \$2 annual poll tax payment or prior registration.

Senate passage was considered almost certain. The State of Georgia has denied Negro soldiers the right to vote in their primaries.

Appeal to Americans to Insure Freedom to 13,000,000 Negroes

New York, N. Y.—An appeal to Americans to insure freedom "as a right to 13,000,000 American Negroes, our fellow citizens" was issued today by Dr. William Allan Neilson, chairman of a newly organized "Committee of 100."

The myth of the "master race" has suffered damage at Stalingrad and at El Alamein and in Tunisia," the Committee statement said. "But it remains inviolate among certain circles in our own country who stand for the poll tax, 'illy-white' primaries, for discrimination against the Negro in industry, and for the right to lynch. Their ideas are articles for export; they have brought riots and bloodshed to the industrial cities of the North and East and have divided our citizens as at no time since the War between the States. Such ideas can triumph and lose us the stakes though we win the victory, unless men of good will form a powerful bulwark against this shame.

"We cannot bring freedom as a gift to peoples throughout the world without having assured it, as a right, to 13,000,000 American Negroes, our fellow citizens: freedom not as a Fourth of July abstraction, but as a concrete realization of the things which make the free man—equal opportunity for jobs and education; the right to vote; the abolition of discrimination and segregation in all their forms; the immediate right of the young man of color to serve his

CIO Holds Meetin'

NATIONALLY KNOWN MEN, WOMEN O. K. CIO AS BARGAINING AGENT

The CIO meeting held at Dreamland Hall, Sunday, January 26th, was very instructive as well as constructive. There wasn't a speaker on the program who was not well acquainted with his or her subject, and presented it in a way that left no doubt in the minds of their listeners in regards to what they wanted to convey to them.

Space will not permit of a lengthy review of the meeting and isn't really necessary at this time. For next week the Omaha Guide will present to its readers as many facts of the election that was held Friday, February 4th, as can be gathered. However, a brief summary of what went on will be given here.

Raymond Brown, Executive Secretary of the Urban League made the opening address and introduced Frank Cronin, Regional Director of the CIO of Iowa and Nebraska, who was Master of Ceremonies. Cronin spoke briefly then introduced Rev. Father Moylan from Saint Benedict's parish, who gave the invocation.

When addressing the audience each speaker explained with amazing clarity why the CIO should be selected as the bargaining agent to represent the workers of Omaha, stressing the lack of discrimination in regards to race workers.

The tenure of the audience displayed a decided leaning toward the CIO, as the union with which the Negro should affiliate. And there isn't much doubt as to the outcome of the Friday election. The rally terminated Nov. 26th, 1943.

Rev. C. C. Harper had been in charge as pastor just four months up to that date. The sum of \$10,000.15 has been raised up to this time, which is an enviable record.

The church owed \$18,000 indebtedness when Rev. Harper took charge.

This shows a group working in unity and love for their church.

As advertised in this and other papers, the meeting was opened to the public, although primarily for the workers employed at Glenn L. Martin Bomber plant, which the CIO is attempting to unionize. But there was more of the general public present than Bomber plant workers which Mr. Frank Cronin took care to bring to mind. He stated though not in these exact words, that it had been sometime since so many plant workers had been called to work on Sunday, and it was worth noticing that this urgent call came on the very Sunday that a meeting to unionize the plant was to be held. And his im-

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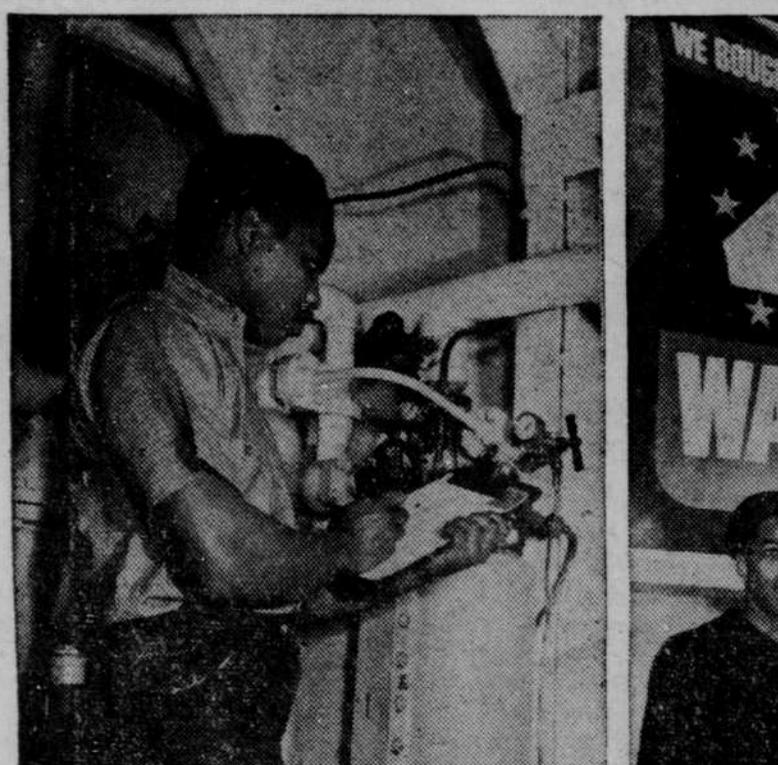
Rev. C. C. and Mrs. Harper formerly lived in Omaha. Rev. Harper was pastor of Zion Baptist Church for a few years. They have a legion of friends in Omaha and all are eager to extend and wish them continued good wishes for success in their great work.

Some of the members gave over a hundred dollars in the rally at Fort Worth. This rally took place along with the installation of the pastor, Rev. C. Columbus Harper.

May new Mt. Gilead Baptist church grow and succeed under Rev. Harper's fine leadership. More power to him!

4# WAR LOAN
Let's All Back The Attack

LIBERTY SHIP SELLS WAR BONDS TO WASHINGTON, D. C., SIGHTSEEING CROWDS



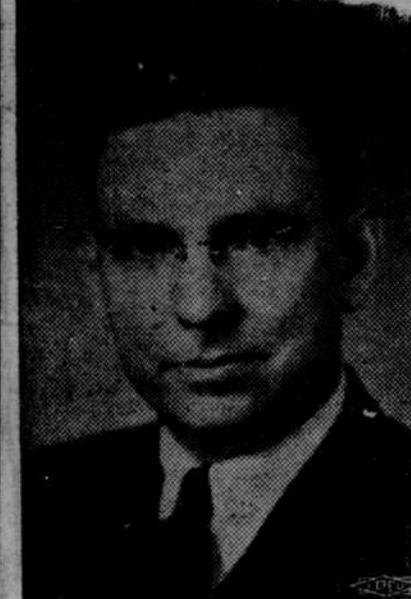
Harrison Kennedy, 44 South Orange Avenue, Newark, N. J., upper left, and Francis Jones, 1618 Harlem Avenue, Baltimore, Md., were the only two Negro trainees aboard the American Mariner when the Liberty ship, first ever to appear in Washington, poked its proud nose up the Potomac River last week in conjunction with the Fourth War Loan Drive. The ship is in use as a trainer for the Merchant Marine Service. Kennedy and Jones, who hope to qualify as engine-room men, have only 1 more week to complete the 13-week training course before going on a 6-month trial trip at sea. The American Mariner was a mecca for sightseeing crowds which averaged 5,000 daily and who bought Bonds to the amount of \$17,500 during the first 2 days. The Bonds were sold at Bond booths manned by WAVES aboard the ship. Kennedy and Jones are members of the ship's Bond-buying club. They heartily endorsed the Fourth War Loan Drive.—U. S. Treasury Photo.



May Set Race Relation Pattern



Files for Republican Nomination to Congress



CONGRESSMAN HOWARD BUFFETT

In filing for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Second District, Congressman Howard Buffet issued the following statement:

"Eighteen months ago, I became a candidate for Congress under extremely unfavorable circumstances. I was politically unknown and without office-holding experience. I had no organization, no financial backing, and no support from special interest groups.

"Campaigning among the people I found they shared my hope for better management in Washington. Today it has close to three thousand operating units, serving the fighting forces and the forces behind lines all over the western hemisphere. And the troops of USO, Camp Shows, are playing in every combat zone around the world.

"As your Representative, I have tried to keep faith with you. I have vigorously opposed the bungling that delays victory and the return of your loved ones. I have fought against inflation and bureaucratic controls. They crush the honest man and allow the bootlegger, chiseler, and black marketer to run wild. Only a return to free and honest business methods in America can prevent moral collapse.

"If reelected, this fight to save freedom in America for our soldier boys and our children will be continued."

POLICE COURT NEWS.....

FINE \$300 FOR BLACK MARKET SALE OF HALF PINT LIQUOR

In police court Monday morning January 31st, Judge Dennis O'Brien fined Charles Lucky, (Lucky?) \$300.00 and costs for selling on the black market a half pint of liquor to a soldier. The arrest was obtained through the use of marked bills given to the soldier by Sgt. King of the Moral Squad. From evidence given by the soldier in court, he paid Charles Lucky \$2 for the liquor and then tipped him one dollar bill in his pocket at the time of his arrest or at least one marked bill.

Charles Lucky, who is a shoeshiner at the Burlington Station, said that as he kept changing money it must have been in that way that the marked bills got in his pocket, and that he didn't go out of the place to get anything for the soldier. But his statement went for naught. Lucky was very unlucky in police court Monday morning.

DIDN'T STOP FOR GREEN LIGHT

Joe Allen was in too much of a hurry to suit the officers who arrested him. They saw him, they testified, go against a red light at one intersection, cross on the amber light at another, so halted him and gave him a ticket. He was fined \$10 and costs.

DRUNK

Charged with being drunk Lorenzo Harney was fined \$1.00 and costs. He appeared in court with a hand bandaged that he claimed was injured by being cut with a knife. Also he stated he was hit in the mouth with a rock by one of two men with whom he got into a scuffle with near 24th and Franklin street. He lives, he stated at 28th and T Street.

RIDING THE BLINDS

Willie Douglas was arrested for riding the blinds into town. As he was on his way home and had just arrived in town, he was given a

EDWIN R. EMBREE, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund and chairman of Chicago's Mayor's Committee on Race Relations which will begin a series of conferences February 1 that are expected to set a new high watermark in community approach to racial situations. The top industrial, commercial, social work, police and judiciary personalities in Chicago have accepted

Mayor Edward J. Kelly's invitation to become part of this conference which will inaugurate a month's serious study of and develop proposals for the solving of Chicago's racial problems. Since the formation of the Embree committee 137 municipalities, and other governmental bodies have formed similar race relations bodies.

Gets Red Cross Overseas Post



Washington, D. C.—James E. Jackson (right), first Negro to be appointed as accountant by the American Red Cross, is congratulated by Jessie O. Thomas, assistant to the Red Cross administrator of general services. He will serve as club accountant for Negro staffed Red Cross clubs in Great Britain.

Mr. Jackson was formerly employed as finance officer by the Philadelphia regional office of the War Manpower Commission, assigned to the National Youth Administration in the State of New Jersey.

Washington, D. C.—First Negro studied accounting at West Virginia State College, at Institute, W. Va., where he achieved "all-state" scholastic standing. He was on the varsity football and basketball teams.

Active in Community and church affairs in Camden, Mr. Jackson was cub scoutmaster and committee man for the Boy Scouts of America, and served on the committee of management of the YMCA in that city. He was chairman of the board of trustees of St. John's Baptist Church.

In joining the Red Cross staff, Mr. Jackson followed the lead of his former supervisor in the War Manpower Commission, Howard M. Stoner, who is a Red Cross assistant field director. In his new job he sees an opportunity for his "most effective contribution to the war effort and to the betterment of relations between the races." He is one of many Negroes serving in Red Cross clubs in all theatres of war.

CHAT AT NEWLY OPENED SERVICE CLUB



SYDNEY AUSTRALIA.—William O'Shields of St. Paul, Minn., assistant club supervisor of the newly opened Red Cross Service Club in Sydney, chats with three Yank sol-

POLIO BOX REPORTED STOLEN FROM OFFICE

Mrs. Mildred Brown of the Omaha Star, 2216 North 24th street

reported a contribution box for the infantile paralysis march of dimes

was stolen from the newspaper's office.

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