

# Senators Dodge Cloture Pledge on Poll-Tax Bill

MISS. EDITOR DEFILES HIGH COURT ON PRIMARY  
New York—Regardless of the U. S. Supreme Court, Negroes will not vote in Mississippi declared Frederick Sullens, fiery editor of the Jackson, Miss., Daily News, in the following sharp editorial appearing April 4:  
**NOT IN THIS STATE**  
"The United States Supreme Court rules that Negroes can vote in party primaries—including Democratic party primaries.  
"They can't in Mississippi.  
"The supreme Court may think so, but it is quite wrong, insofar as Democratic primary elections in Mississippi are concerned.  
"If anybody doubts that, let 'em try."

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## Woman Driver Hits Girl while Driving Through Amber Light; No Driver's License; Freed by Judge



Lillie Cunningham was crossing Farnam Street from the South to the north on the west crosswalk at 16th Street; and was struck by a Pontiac Sedan License 1-81378 Nebraska, being driven east on Farnam street through an amber light that was turning red by Mrs. Simon Corelick, 609 North 39th St. Lillie was carried on

### Case Reports

The case, April 22, 1944  
Central Police Station  
To The Chief of Police, Auto-Policeman Acc.  
Sir: I respectfully report the following case of occurring in this city. Date, April 13th, 1944. Time 7:00 pm.  
Name of person: Lillie Cunningham. Age 26. Occupation: Elevator Operator. Sex: Female. Color: Colored.  
Residence address: 2421 Caldwell St.  
Where and How: 16th and Farnam St., struck by automobile. By whom found and residing. Officer Charles Ward, Police Officer. Nature of Accident or Injury: Fractured right sides, bruises and abrasions both knees.  
How disposed of: To Drs. Hospital by Barger and Wilhelm, attended by Dr. Doyle, interne and released. Property found on body and remarks.

### 3,000 NEGROES, WHITES MEET TO OUST BILBO

WASHINGTON, April 21 (ANP)—Three thousand Negroes and whites, one of the largest mixed audiences of its kind ever seen in the nation's capitol, joined in a protest meeting and called for the immediate resignation or removal of Sen. Theodore Bilbo as chairman of the senate district committee last Wednesday night.  
They filled the main auditorium and large basement room of the Asbury M. E. Church pastored by the militant Dr. Robert Moten Williams.  
Held under the auspices of the Sponsoring Committee to Oust Sen. Bilbo, the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution calling for his removal "because of his undemocratic opposition to these ideals for which we are fighting and because of his demonstrated inability to act on behalf of the voiceless citizens of the nation's capital."  
A rough \$557 was collected to compete the job.  
Charles H. Houston, recently ap-

Houston praised Russia for its lack of color discrimination and attributed that policy as the reason for the victories the red army is scoring on the eastern front.  
Dorothy Strange, secretary of the Oust Bilbo group, described the Mississippi senate as the "shame of a nation" and asserted that Washingtonians have made up their minds that "Bilbo must go."  
**WAR DEPARTMENT PROBING AUSTRALIAN RAPE CASE**  
New York—In response to a telegram by the NAACP to President Roosevelt, the Judge Advocate General's office of the War Department has announced that it is requesting a report of the facts in the case of the conviction and death sentences of four American Negro soldiers and one American Negro merchant seaman on a charge of rape in Townsville, Australia.

### Senator White Says He "Thinks" Most Republicans Will Favor Cloture; Eleven Definite Promises Made

Washington, DC.—With the anti-poll tax bill scheduled to come up in the Senate sometime during the week of April 24, the stage is set for a bitter debate in which race hatred speech are almost certain to be featured.  
The Southern Senators from poll tax states announced many months ago, after the bill passed the House, that they would filibuster against it. Loudest among them is Senator Bilbo of Mississippi, who at first promised to talk "for 30 days," but on March 21 before the Mississippi legislature revised his pledge to "18 months."  
The only way a filibuster can be broken effectively is through the voting of cloture (limitation of debate) and in order to do this a two thirds vote of senators present is necessary. There has been some indication that the Senate may vote cloture. Senator Wallace H. White, Jr., of Maine generally regarded as Minority Leader followed the death of Senator Charles McNary, announced recently that he "thought" most of the Republicans would vote for cloture.  
Most Senators are very cagey about making a positive pledge on cloture, but in answer to a letter from the NAACP last winter, the following Senators definitely promised to vote cloture: Barkley (D. Ky.); Capper (R. Kans.); Gillette, (D. Iowa); Johnson, (D. Colo.); Wagner, (D. N. Y.); Walsh (D. Mass.); Taft, (R. Ohio); Lucas (D. Ill.); Reed, (R. Kans.); Vandenberg (R. Mich.) and Ball (R. Minn.).  
Although Senator Gillette of Iowa promised to vote for cloture because he does not believe in a filibuster, he announced that he is not in favor of the anti-poll tax bill. He only believes it should have a free and fair debate.  
Among the Senators who voted for cloture when the anti-poll tax bill was up in 1942 are: Barkley, Bone, (paired for), Brewster, Capper, Green Thomas of Utah, Truman, Davis, Johnson of Colorado, Mead, Thomas of Oklahoma, Wagner, Walsh, Taft, Danaher, Murray (paired for), Reed, Tunnell, Vandenberg, Wiley and Ball.  
Seizing the possibility that cloture will be voted and the filibuster thus killed, the southern Senators have perfected a new plan to delay a vote on H. R. 7 indefinitely. They are said to have drawn up about 1,000 amendments and every amendment is debatable, even under the limitation of cloture.  
NAACP branches in 34 states have written their Senators urging support of the bill, after receiving a letter of advice from the Washington Bureau of the NAACP here.

The national office of the NAACP speaking for local chapters throughout the nation wired Senator James M. Mead, of New York, as follows: "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with 570 local chapters throughout the nation on eve of debate on anti-poll tax bill remains confident you will carry out pledge to lead proponents of measure and stand firm against all procedures which would prevent fair debate and free vote on this legislation. With filibuster announced in advance invocation of cloture absolutely necessary to insure vote."  
The matter has been brought to the attention of the council by Spaulding's parents in Chicago through the Rev. J. H. Horace of that city, a representative of the organization.  
Adding to the drama, the ANP learned that the young wife of the 22 year old soldier who wanted more than anything to be a civilian pilot instructor, pregnant for three months has been seriously ill here since the incident occurred.  
Meanwhile the Rev. William H. Jernagin, director of the Washington liams are discussing possible steps which the group might take regarding the matter, it is understood.  
The other two men involved in the pact are both in the armed forces. Their identities were not revealed but it is learned that one of them is with a fighter group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and the other is a member of the coast guard. Only recently, one of the two corresponded with Spaulding and brought up the subject of their pact.

## Editorial Comment

### ANTI-POLL TAX SHOW DOWN ISSUE, ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT BEFORE THE SENATE

Washington, April 21—With Congress resuming work after its Easter vacation, one of the most important issues before the Senate will be the anti-poll tax show-down, with both sides girding for an all-out fight. Already the southern block has announced its intentions to filibuster the bill to death in the Senate.

NEED CONTENTION TO GET BILL OUT. "Although tremendous support has been rallied behind the major issue, voters must not be complacent about its passage", Mrs. Thomasina Walker Johnson Legislative Representative of the AKA Non-Partisan Council, warned in a release sent throughout the country this week. "We must not put too much dependence in the effectiveness of cloture", she warned and urged thousands of members of her sorority and the voters of the nation to back the bill by taking the following actions:

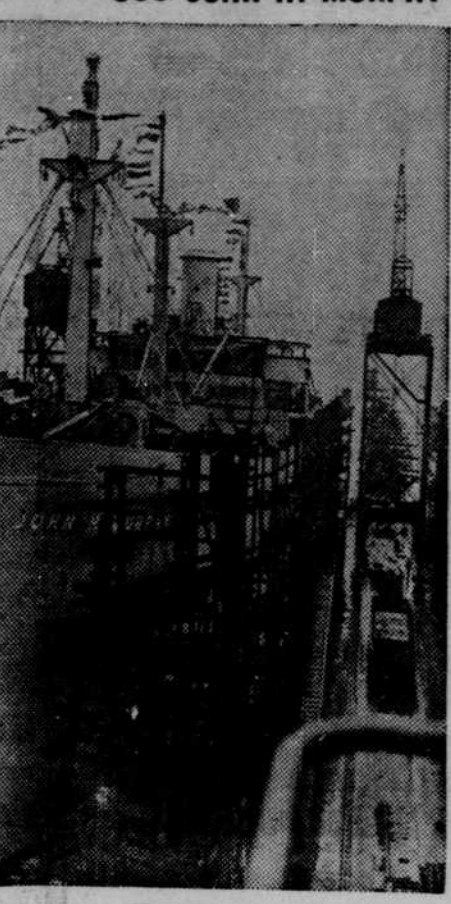
1. Write your Senators to be present at any and all sessions.
  2. To vote for cloture as often as a cloture vote is brought up.
  3. To sign the petition for cloture as often as necessary.
  4. To vote against any motion to table or recommit the bill.
  5. To vote against any motion to postpone action.
  6. To vote against adjournment and to vote for a recess until the bill is voted on.
  7. TO VOTE FOR THE BILL.
  8. To insist on a roll call on every vote.
  9. To enter into no "gentlemen's agreement" to postpone or help to defeat the bill.
  10. To accept no amendments or substitutes for the bill.
- "The whole case", she insisted, "must be vigilant throughout the whole consideration of this measure"

# TRIES TO KILL SELF OVER ARMY JIM-CR'W

## Former Howard Student Entered Suicide Pact with Two Others; Wanted to be Civilian Pilot Instructor

(by ERNEST E. JOHNSON)  
WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANP)—A suicide pact was entered into two years ago by three students at Howard university as a protest to what they considered the unfair treatment of Negroes in the armed forces, and the treatment generally accorded Negroes in the United States. The act was to be perpetrated on the steps of the Capitol.  
Three weeks ago one of them, Pvt. Norman W. Spaulding of Chicago, slashed his wrist four times with a razor blade in an attempt to live up to the agreement he and his classmates had solemnly entered into. Today he is confined to a "restraint ward" at Walter Reed hospital.  
That is the dramatic sequel to the story which was told exclusively to the Associated Negro Press on Tuesday by the Rev. Dr. Robert Moten Williams, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred of the Fraternal

### 12TH LIBERTY SHIP USS JOHN H. MURPHY



Here is a close up of the 10,000 ton Liberty ship named in honor of John H. Murphy, founder of the Afro-American newspapers. This was the 12th Liberty ship named in honor of a Negro. (ANP Photo)

SS Robt S. Abbott Launched At Richmond Shipyard  
Amid the shrill blasts of horns and the cheers of hundreds of shipyard workers and visiting dignitaries, the SS Robert S. Abbott, third Liberty

### Local USO Director Gets Promotion

John R. Butler, who has served as Director of the USO club since December, received word last week of his being transferred and promoted to the directorship of the Douglas USO Club in Lawton, Oklahoma, effective May 1st. This club which serves the men at Fort Sill, is the only federally constructed building in this region and has an attendance of approximately 30,000 per month, with 12 employees serving the group. Many improvements have been made at the USO Club here since last December and through the help of the volunteers an outstanding program has been carried out.  
Atty. Ralph Adams, chairman of the Committee of Management has announced that a new director will be on the scene around the first week in May.  
Kearney Trip Postponed  
Due to the road conditions the trip to Kearney, Nebraska which was scheduled for last Tuesday, had to be postponed until Tuesday, April 25. Trips for that week include the Kearney trip on the 25th, Fort Crook on the 26th, and Grand Island on the 27th.

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4-H CLUB GIRL'S STEER WINS FIRST PRIZE AT STOCK SHOW  
Florence, S. C. April 10 (ANP)—Placing their animals in competition with the finest array of livestock ever exhibited at the South Carolina fat stock show, Miss Lena Mae Fore and Alfred Graves, 4-H clubbers of Marion county, took first and second awards last week for their grand champion and reserve champion Hereford steers.  
Nearly 1,000 4-H clubbers, rural and urban people were in attendance to witness the exhibition of 70 steers and shorthorn heifers at the seventh annual fat stock show. Miss Fore's grand champion weighed 860 pounds and the reserve champion weighed 850 pounds. She received a prize of \$84 and 4-H Clubber Graves received a prize of \$59.  
Other winners were Benjamin Stevenson Jr., third; Wesley Adamson, fourth; Huyh T. Conner, fifth; C. E. Tomas, sixth; and William Gamble, seventh. Within two years Harry E. Daniels, Negro district agent for the states, has developed the colored 4-H stock exhibit into one of the outstanding features of the entire show. Prizes were provided by friends of the 4-H club work, and by local business houses.

ment discontinuing the WTS program on the grounds that there was a sufficient supply of instructors available.  
Toward the end of January, Spaulding was shipped to Greensboro, NC, for reclassification in the army air force. After mental, physical and psychological examinations, he was finally qualified as an army aviation cadet. In March he was given a 14 day furlough and he came to Washington to visit his wife.  
It was on the evening of the last day of his furlough, March 28, that he committed the act.  
From this point on his wife, whose full name and address are being withheld, told this story to the ANP:  
"We sat here most of the evening and Norman was talking about committing suicide, but I didn't think he was serious. He always talked about the problems of the race and how badly Negroes are treated. He wanted to do something about it but some how felt helpless.  
"I went out of the room for a moment and when I returned I could see blood spurting from his arm. I was dazed and for several moments I did not know just what to do. Finally I got myself together and tried to apply a tourniquet. I used a pretty lace handkerchief which his mother had given me as a present, and for which I feel very proud.  
"Then I called the hospital. We didn't have any money since it was just near the end of the month. That is why I didn't call Freedman's. I called Walter Reed and they came down and took up there immediately.

## Lena Horn Expected To Appear On Program At '44 American Negro Music Festival

ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN THREE CITIES; ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT  
CHICAGO, April 20 (ANP)—Lena Horne, Dorothy Maynor, Duke Ellington, the Southernaires, Ethel Waters and Hazel Scott are among the stars of stage and screen expected to attend and participate in the fifth annual American Negro Music festival to be held in Chicago July 8; St. Louis, July 10; and Detroit July 12. The search for Talent Contest, conducted in Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio will constitute a unique phase of this year's program.  
The proceeds of the festival will go to the Army and Navy Relief fund. The American Negro Music festival was conceived in 1940, before the country entered World War II, with the following objectives:  
1. To bring together an array of internationally known artists.  
2. To make a tangible contribution to recognized war relief agencies.  
3. To discover new talent and give it a chance to make a contribution.  
4. To establish interracial goodwill and to bring about a better and more human understanding between all.  
The annual festivals have featured such stars as Roland Hayes, tenor; Ann Brown and Todd Duncan, stars of "Porgy and Bess"; the Southernaires, Wings Over Jordan, choral group; under Directors J. Wesley Jones and Thomas A. Dorsey; Eddie South, "the Dark Angel of the Violin"; Canada Lee, LaJulia Rhea, grand opera singer, Louise Burge, contralto from Washington, DC, Miriam Rahn, soprano from New York and Frankie Fambro, dramatic soprano of Chicago.  
The proceeds from the festivals have gone to such organizations as the American Red Cross, the USO, and the Chicago Service Men's center, and out of the benefits from last year's festival more than 500,000 cigarettes were sent to our fighting forces abroad.  
In former years the festival has limited its activities to Chicago but because of a popular demand, the fifth annual affair will be held in three leading cities. W. Louis Davis president-director, recently announced that negotiations have been completed for the use of Briggs stadium, Detroit; Sportsman's park, home of the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis and White Sox Ball park, Chicago, for festival activities.

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MRS. BERTHA J. DIGGS of State Department of Labor by Gov. Buffalo, N. Y., who has just been appointed secretary of the New York (ANP Photo)

## "Miss March"



Hazel (the great) Scott was selected a pin-up queen for the month of March by a terrific majority vote compiled by PPNS through contact with our boys at USOs, Service Centers and the many fighting fronts. Miss Scott won the Queen of March

2 Big Features: **ANDY KIRK & his Clouds of Joy at the City Auditorium April 22**  
**Jimmy Lunceford at the Dreamland April 28th.**  
Come on girls and help us entertain the Soldiers from Fort Crook and the Sailors from Hastings