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## Campaign Goal Is \$994,290

Omaha's United War and Community Fund Drive will have a campaign goal of \$994,290 when it starts October 9, general chairman of the drive, Linn P. Campbell, announced. "It is the largest single-fund raising job Omahans have ever been called upon to undertake, but the need, both at home and abroad, is greater than ever before," Campbell said in announcing the goal.

Most of the increase, about 25 thousand dollars over last year's quota of 968,388, will go to strengthen welfare and health programs of Community Chest agencies, it was indicated. Such problems are expected to shoot upward in number as the war ends and veterans return to the community, the drive leader said.

He termed the job of raising the drive quota a real one, but said the combined efforts of all Omahans to put it across assures its success. A decrease in the number of contributors can be expected this year, Campbell said, because more of our men are in service than ever before, and it will take more money from more people to make up this deficit.

Home front allied front and war front agencies derive their support from the single drive. There are 52 in all. Slogan for the drive, "Compare Your Giving to Theirs," refers to the blue-starred service flag which is the 1945 campaign emblem, to be used in a city-wide display acquainting Omahans with the drive.

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## Attend Skeegee Forcian Tilt



Pretty Mary Ann Hall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Tate, 6121 Calumet Ave., was made the official booster of the Tuskegee and Wilberforce game last week, by Daniel J. Faulkner, Chicago Tuskegee Club President and classic publicist.

## Leaders Say We MUST Have BIG Registration

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## No Discrimination Order Back-Fires

(by Arthur B. McCaw)

NEW YORK—Last minute, frantic attempts by the Democratic Administration through Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Franklin D. Roosevelt to do something concrete about mistreatment of Negroes in the armed services backfired last week, when, despite a July 8th order banning discrimination on army posts, the army itself set up a separate and segregated redistribution station at the Pershing Hotel in Chicago for Negro officers and enlisted men of the Army ground forces who have returned from overseas duty. The Pershing Hotel is in the middle of Chicago's slum area. Overseas veterans will now come back from the war for freedom abroad to find "for white only" signs on swank resort hotels in California and Florida. Reports also indicate that the army plans to take over hotels in New York, Detroit and elsewhere in colored communities to house the returning Negro veterans and to avoid race mixing in hotels taken over in white neighborhoods. The Army is persisting in this violation of Adjutant General Ulio's anti-discrimination memorandum of July 8th, although spokesmen for Negro groups had reminded the Army that it was discriminating itself in denying Negro veterans from overseas combat zones admission to the already established rest and recreational facilities which are scattered throughout the country. These redistribution centers where tired combat soldiers undergo a period of relaxation and rehabilitation before they are reassigned for duty, had been closed to Negro soldiers even at the time when the War Department acting on last minute political pressure from the White House, sent out an order to Army posts, mostly in the South, to stop discrimination against Negroes. The all-Negro redistribution center at Chicago's Pershing Hotel is to be one of several which will be scattered over the country.

The Chicago Defender complained loudly in an editorial last week about

the selection of the Pershing Hotel for a redistribution center, declaring, "Evidently the War Department now is determined to appease Dixie once more and show it will uphold the doctrine of 'white supremacy' to the bitter end of the war." The Defender points out that the location of the hotel will find the Negro overseas veteran coming home from "the muck and slime" of battle to an area where kitchenette hovels abound on all sides while the white soldier, "according to Army placements," will come home to hotels in Miami, Lake Placid, Santa Barbara, California and Hot Springs, Arkansas.

## URBAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE TO OPEN SEPT. 28th IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

TO FEATURE SECOND VICTORY THROUGH UNITY WEEK

New York—The National Urban League, interracial agency for social service among Negroes, announced its second "Victory Through Unity Week," to be observed during the period September 24—October 1. This week signifies the League's annual conference, which opens in Columbus, Ohio on September 28, and calls the attention of American citizens of all races to the great need for unified thought and action as we approach the day of victory.

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## So That Our Vote Can Help Shape Our Future

NEW YORK—(CF.)—Negro citizens are urged to register and vote in the November 7 election by outstanding leaders in education, labor, business, social welfare and the arts, who this week issued a joint statement.

## FIGHTS ARMY "INVASION"



Osborne T. Shelton, a former Pittsburgh Courier representative, headed the Pershing Hotel Guests' protest meeting, Monday night, against the army taking over the Windy City hotel for officers quarters. The meeting was held in the lobby of the hotel and was well attended. Mr. Shelton's contention was that with the already housing shortage in the Negro district and the army taking over the hotel, it would become more acute. He also sent programs to Mayor Kelly, Senators Brooks and Lucas, and Congressman Dawson and Royan, branding the army with rank discrimination, in view of the fact that it already has numerous hotels available for housing, but because of the locations and so called "white districts, Negro soldiers are not permitted to live." Shelton said that when one of the army officials were asked as to where the Pershing Hotel tenants would live, if the army took over, the official is said to have answered, "the niggers can sleep in tents."

Further supporters are Canada Lee stage, screen and radio actor; Walter Hardin, UAW-CIO; Judge William H. Hastie, Dean, Howard University Law School; Lester B. Granger, Executive Director, National Urban League; E. Franklin Frazier, Professor of Sociology, Howard University; Roscoe Dunjee, publisher of The Black-Dispatch; Rev. Sylvester L. Carothers, President, Non-Partisan Negro Ministerial and Pastoral Association of USA.; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President, National Council of Negro Women; James H. Culver, President, Local 98, United Rubber Workers, Warren, Ohio; George L.P. Weaver, Secretary, CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination; and Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Director, Department of Social Sciences, Fisk University and Director, Race Relations Division, of Julius Rosenwald Fund.

country issued proclamations setting aside "Victory Through Unity Week" as a special observance. Replies already received from two widely separated states suggest even more general participation in 1944. Governor Darden of Virginia has released a statement indicating that a proclamation would be issued. Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, in a recent press release commending the observance of "Victory Through Unity Week" said: "This is a timely action, since it will call the attention of all Americans to the need for working unitedly in order to achieve speedy and lasting peace. . . . Now that victory is drawing ever closer, we must strive to see that this unity is in no way disrupted, so that victory will not be delayed and so that we all may enjoy the benefits and opportunities which the days of peace will bring."

Last year, nine governors and mayors in many cities throughout the

NAACP To Hold A Membership Meeting

SEPT. 24TH AT CLEAVES TEMPLE CME. CHURCH

The public is cordially invited to attend a meeting of the NAACP Sunday afternoon at Cleaves Temple 25th and Decatur streets at 4 o'clock. A fine program has been arranged. Come and hear what the Association has done and is doing in Omaha.

"SAUL OF TARSUS" DRAMA TO BE PRESENTED, FRIDAY EVE, SEPT. 29TH AT HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—8 o'clock

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## Fr. Flanagan to Speak at G. E. Biven's Tabernacle

On Saturday, Sept. 23 1944 at 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. the G. E. Biven's Tabernacle, 2711 North 24th street, will sponsor a program as follows:

Master of ceremonies, Mr. Henry Washington. "God Bless America", song. Scripture and Prayer. Solo: Mrs. Brooks, accompanied by Mrs. Madison. A stirring address by Father Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town. Solo: Miss Gladys Henderson from Chickasha, Oklahoma. Response: Sgt. Bivens, Tabernacle founder. Refreshments served. A Juvenile delinquency picture will be shown. All boys from 8 to 12 years are eligible to join a new Scout troop. The younger boys may come in as Cub Scouts. Biven's Tabernacle is a big success. Come and bring your boys—it's a wonderful thing.

## Soldiers Blast Prohibition

Servicemen overseas are worried and angry over the activity of prohibitionists who are taking advantage of the men's absence to dry up their home towns, according to today's most famous war-writer, Ernie Pyle. In his best-seller book, "Here Is Our War," Pyle writes on page 300: "There is a great deal more talk along the line of, 'Those bluesoes back home better not try to put prohibition over on us while we're away this time,' than you hear about bills and resolutions looking toward the postwar world."

UNFORTUNATELY . . . in the opinion of this column, the voters of Nebraska are going to vote on the wet and dry issue this fall. We say, "unfortunately" because that is just the way we feel about it. In the first place we feel that the very idea of prohibition is a snare and a delusion and in the second place we think it is entirely out-of-order to vote on such an important matter when over one hundred thousand of the cream of our population are in the armed forces, fighting our battle. They are fighting this war and offering their lives to preserve the ideals of this nation—and the right to speak and publish what we think, eat, drink and wear what we please is, in our opinion among those ideals. These fighting men and women are sacrificing everything to protect these ideals. Who are we to say we shall pass on any of them while they are offering their lives for us?

Minneapolis, September 1:— Home building in two Nebraska cities, Lincoln and Omaha, last year reached the third lowest level in 14 years in point of volume, D. E. Ryan, vice president of Investors Syndicate, revealed here.

There were 94,409 dwelling units (Continued on Page 4)

## MYSTERY SPAR FOUND



New York—"Mystery Girl" of last week was this spar whose picture was taken over a month ago by an Acme Newspictures photographer as she held little James Jefferson, Jr., while his foot was freed from a subway turnstile in New York City. Numerous requests for her name had come from readers who observed her picture in a National Weekly Magazine and the Coast Guard wished to give her an Official Citation. The mystery Spar Helen J. Merrill radioman class, was found in San Francisco. She is from Portland, Oregon and was on leave in New York City from training at Atlantic City, N. J., when the incident occurred. The above picture was the cause of the nation-wide search for her. (Continental).

## Novelist Eye Her



Valida Snow, New York trumpeter and one of the best known actresses of America, was lauded by Airlane Commentators last week for the relentless fight she made to free herself from Nazi concentration camp in 1942. The Commentators refused to divulge the name of one of America's best novelist who, after hearing Valida's story during a war bond rally agreed to write a book on her life with Hitler. Miss Snow was held by the Germans for several months in a concentration camp, after they had bayoneted her, and robbed her of expensive furs and jewelry, she is now on a theatrical tour in the south.

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