

NAACP Charges 34TH BATTALION OF NEGRO SEABEES TREATED AS PRISONERS, CRIMINALS,

Herded into Overseas Ship at Bayonet Point

Humiliation Apparent Because of Pressure Applied Against Discriminatory Practices; Removal of Commander J. P. MacBean

NEW YORK—Relying upon reports from its observers on the Pacific Coast, the NAACP charged April 27 in a wire to Secy of the Navy James V. Forrestal, that the 34th Construction Battalion (Seabees), who went on a hunger strike March 2-3 in protest against discriminatory conditions, were herded on to their ship bound for the Pacific by an "armed guard with drawn bayonets."

3 Years in So. Pacific Enjoys Month's Visit



Mr. Clifford Sessions one of the wide awake naval blue jackets has been stationed in Honolulu for 3 years and has enjoyed a month's visit with his mother and sister in Omaha at 2417 North 22nd St.

Manhandled on Train; Gets Cash Settlement

New York—The Southern Railway company has made a substantial cash settlement in the suit brought by Miss Edith Johnson of Brooklyn, who charged that she had been manhandled on a New York Atlanta train when she refused to give up her reserved seat and go into a "jim crow" car.

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101 Officers Released; Bomber Group Moved from Freeman's

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Twenty-four hours after 101 Negro flying officers were ordered released from confinement at Godman Field, Kentucky, the 477th Bombardment group, a Negro medium bomber outfit, had been ordered away from Freeman Field at Seymour, Indiana, it was announced this week by Theodore M. Berry of the Cincinnati NAACP.

Birmingham Teachers Win Equal Salaries

Birmingham, Ala.—Salaries of Birmingham Negro School teachers will be equalized with those of the whites beginning September, 1945.

TRAIN PORTERS HOLD REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Train Porters in the South-eastern part of the country will assemble in Atlanta, Monday, May 21st and 22nd in the Atlanta YMCA, Auburn and Butler Streets, for a

30th Spingarn Medal Award to Paul Robeson

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PAUL ROBESON

New York—Paul Robeson, internationally famous actor, concert artist, and athlete, has been awarded the 30th Spingarn Medal. It was announced April 26 by Dr. John Haynes Holmes, chairman of the award committee.

Mr. Robeson received the award for his outstanding achievements in the theatre, on the concert stage and in the general field of racial welfare. The latest triumph in his long public career is his appearance in Margaret Webster's production of "Othello."

He gave his first concert performance as a singer in 1925, and made his first concert tour of America in 1929. His "concert tours of Europe occurred in 1924-25, 1931 and 1938 with a memorable tour of Russia in 1936.

Mr. Robeson is a graduate of Rutgers college and Columbia university. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a four letter man at Rutgers and was all American end on Walter Camp's team in 1918. He is married and has a son who is now a sophomore at Cornell.

The Spingarn Medal was instituted by the late J. E. Spingarn for many years president of the NAACP to go to the "man or woman" of African descent and American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor.

The award to Mr. Robeson is considered the Spingarn Medal for 1944. The award is customarily presented at the annual conference of the NAACP, but on account of wartime restrictions the conference has been cancelled this year. In view of this circumstance the medal will be formerly presented at a date and place to be announced later.

was withheld from the Courts-martial. This alone is adequate ground for releasing the petitioners now.

The opinion also held that the prisoners had been "vigorously and ably defended" by lawyers appointed by the Army. This proposition was likewise rebutted by the petitioners. Fisher and Lorry "have filed affidavits" the attorneys stated, "charging that they first saw appointed counsel less than 24 hours before their trials."

"Whatever the vigor of counsel may have been we deny their ability to defend adequately under these circumstances. It is submitted that no reviewing authority can reasonably say that the petitioners had the substantive protection which the right to counsel and the right to call and examine witnesses are intended to afford, Hastie and Marcantonio concluded.

Discuss Plans for Mid-City Hospital

Pres. Medical Assoc., Calls Meeting of Civic Leaders to Discuss Plans for a Class-A Hospital; Colored People Should Underwrite Project



PRESIDENT NEGRO MEDICAL SOCIETY, DR. CRAIG MORRIS

Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. Dr. Craig Morris, President of the Negro Medical Society called together a few Civic minded Citizens for the purpose of discussing ways and means of laying a foundation for a Class A Hospital in the Mid-City section where real democracy will ring true to its meaning on the plot of ground in the Bedford Park edition which is owned by Mr. Dee, president of the Realty Improvement Co. Inc.

Peonage Wide-Spread in Florida

New York City—(WDL) "Involuntary servitude is reported commonplace in Florida," reported Morris Milgram, Workers Defense League national secretary, after a month's work there on cases of peonage and involuntary servitude, which the League has brought to the attention of the Department of Justice for prosecution.

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2-Day Business Clinic Closes at Lincoln Uni.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25, 1945 The first annual Business Clinic, sponsored by the Lincoln University (Mo.) Department of Economics and Business Administration on its school's campus April 24 and 25, closed a successful session which presented outstanding personalities on its program.

White Corporal Sends NAACP Gift of \$100

New York—Corporal Irwin Ross, serving with a transportation unit overseas, has directed Liberty Magazine to send the NAACP \$100, part of the money he received for an article to appear May 19, entitled "They Kept the Army Rolling"

Ensign Cooper to Serve as Personnel Officer

Use The Omaha Guide As A Medium of Advertising

Mrs. Cora Thomas Dies in Lincoln

MEMBER PIONEER LINCOLN FAMILY; ACTIVE IN CIVIC, SOCIAL, OES, CIRCLES LAID TO REST IN WYUKA CEMETERY

Mrs. Cora E. Thomas, 71, 324 C Street, a resident of Lincoln since 1907 died there at a local hospital. She had been a resident of Lincoln since 1907. Mrs. Thomas was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, she was graduated from the public schools, attended Teacher's State Normal there and taught school in Oklahoma while it was Indian territory in 1897, after her marriage to Lon B. Thomas she moved to Kansas City and from there to Lincoln. Her husband preceded her in death having died in 1917, leaving a widow with five children who she raised to adulthood alone. Mrs. Thomas never did remarry.

She was a member of the Stewardess Board of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Worthy Matron of Amaranth Chapter O. E. S. No. 3 and Grand Ada of Amaranthus Grand Chapter of Nebraska and Jurisdiction. She had been ill two months. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Agnes I. Holcomb, Lincoln, four sons Sergeant Francis E. Fresno California, Corporal Lonnie B. U. S. Army over sea, Herschel, Lincoln, Wendell, Omaha, three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, Mrs. Maude Johnson, Mrs. Vashli Mosby, all of Lincoln, five grand children, five nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, with Rev. L. S. Goolsby, officiating assisted by Rev. O. J. Burchardt, Rev. T. T. McWiliams, Rev. C. C. Reynolds, President Elder John Adams, Eastern Star rites were in charge of the Amaranthus Grand Chapter of Nebraska and Jurisdiction, with Grand Worthy Matron, Cloma Scott presiding. Burial was at Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln.

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Music Observance to be Dedicated to 1,571 Hamptonians at War

The annual observance of National and Inter-American Music Week at Hampton Institute May 6-12 will be dedicated to the 1571 former students and workers at the college who are now in the armed forces. Miss Irene Sanders head of the music department announced.

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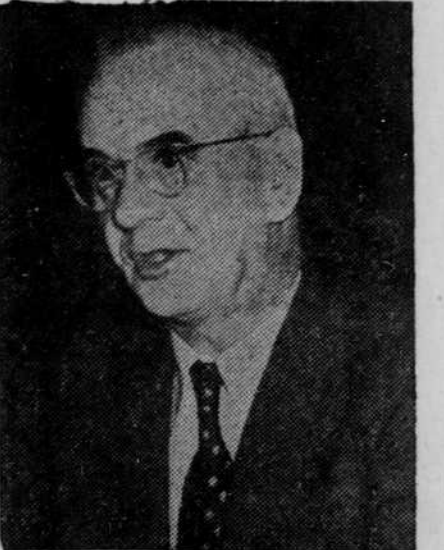
CIO Convinced "Price Ceilings Not Cause of Meat Shortage" Says Murray

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In a letter to all members of Congress today, Pres. Philip Murray, of the Congress of Industrial Organizations said that the CIO is "convinced price ceilings are not the cause of the meat shortage, and that relaxation of price ceilings will not produce more meat."

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"Publicity emerging from the hearings conducted by the sub-committee seems to point more toward relaxation of price control than to strong action on black markets. One Senator is quoted as condoning the purchase of meat on black markets in the absence of meat available through lawful channels. If



Philip Murray

our fighting men have given their lives."

Text of President Murray's letter (continued on page 5)