NAACP Charges 34TH BATTALION OF NEGRO SEABEES TREATED AS PRISONERS. CR

to Overseas Shinat B Humiliation Apparent Because of

Discuss Plans for Mid-City

2420 GRANT ST

"Largest Accredited Negro Newspaper West of Chicago and North of KC.

Saturday, May 5, 1945

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

upon reports from its ob- Enjoys Month's Visit servers on the Pacific Coast, the NAACP darg ed 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

geles branch of the NAACP con ifornia post where the battalion mander MacBean

all sides the Navy department reretaliation for the just complaints of the men, the battalion in being reshipped overseas was humiliated by Loing handled like prisoners or the NAACP. criminals. In the wire to Secretary Forrestal the NAACP, through Roy Wilkins assistant secretary

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is advised from West Coast that 34th Construction Battalion embarked under armed guard with drawn bayproved beyond doubt its ability and loyalty. We are also advised that last minute transfers out of battalion over and above usual replacements have left unit merely a shell of one which made excellent record

"Feeling on West Const is that Parley Kill Colonial 34th is being humiliated and punished because of vigorous protest of Systems at Conference were not harmful to morale as adopted.

ale to new low, This coupled with barton Oaks agreement. high percentage of inexperienced replacements presents battalion system the NAACP consultants urgwith tremendous job to maintain ed an international agency to which high standard of previous overseas the colonial powers would be re-

NEW YORK—Relying 3 Years in So. Pacific



Manhandled on Train; Gets Cash Settlement

way company has made a substan was stationed on February 27 and brought by Miss Edith Johnson tial cash settlement in the sui recommended the remofal of Com- Brooklyn, who charged that she had been manhandled on a New York Atlanta train when she refusgo into a "jim crow" car. The suit has been in court about a year and a half. Oliver D. Williams! handled the case at the request of

Miss Johnson, a senior student at complaint filed on her behalf by the NAACP that although she held a "through" reservation from New a conductor and several police her refusal to remove herself vol-

der J. P. MacBean resulted in Mac World Security Conference here trial the WDL leader declared, for turned down Mr. Dee stated that h Bean's transfer We enter vigor- were over on April 25, a proposal the workers pay the \$25,00 bond in felt sure that the Realty Improve ous protest against this action If was made on the morning of April order to be released. It is commonly ment Co., Inc. would deed the lot to Navy investigation determined that 26 that the colonial system be a- understood that the bond is the the Hospital Committee for the sum MacBean should have been trans- bolished, that equality of races be fine, and that no appearance for, of \$3000.00 definitely for a hospital ferred men of battalion should not recognized, and that a bill of rights trial is desired by public officials only. It was concluded by the me be penalized, If MacBean policies for all the people of the world be involved,

"Subsequent treatment of 34th NAACP consultants to the American While they would work willingly Medical Society was meeting th battalion suggests strongly unwor- delegation. hey asked the Amerthy punitive action by Navy depart | ican delegation to request that the urday work, many Negro workers | which time he would put the mat-

101 Officers Released; Bomber Group Moved from Freeman's

Cincinnati, Ohio,—Twenty- four Birmingham Teachers were ordered released from con Win Equal Salaries ky, the 477th Bombardment group, Birmingham Negro School teachers Th destination of the bombardment

effect at noon April 26 Release of the 101 officers who ed the war department, including a wire from Congresswoman Helen Gahagan ouglas of California Rep Douglas wired Secretary Stimson

The mas release leaves only three men still under arrest. Lieutenianapolis branches and its national headquarters in New York is press. Special counsel of New York and indicated that if they are TRAIN PORTTERS HOLD brought to trial legal counsel will REGIONAL CONFERENCE supplied by the Association. The Train Porters in the South-

the judge of the Federal district court reads that he "defendants ty, Alabama and J. ... Bryan, Suson County, Albama and the agents

"The operative effect of this decree is postponed until the school as Personnel Officer ton Bureau, its C'ncinnati and In- were Arthur D. Shores of this city Comdr. L. F. Moore, commanding cepting pay for work done in con-

Judge William H Hastie will be eastern part of the country will aschief counsel for the men and Theo- semble in Atlanta, Monday, May dore Berry of the Cincinnati NA- 21st and 22nd in the Atlanta YMCA. Auburn and Butler Streets, for a

been stationed in Honolulu for ?

New York-The Southern Rail-

Proposes San Francisco

charged he should never have been The proposal was made by Dr. W. E B. DuBois and Walter White gainst their will, fearing arrest

Instead of the present colonia

B. F. McLaurin, Int'l. Field Organ-

will be equalized with those of the Brotherhood Wins Election on GM&O. RR. the School Board of Jefferson Coun of Sleeping Car Porters conferred school's campus April 24 and 25. with Mediator Albert Smith at the, perintendent of Schools of Jeffer- Battle House Hotel, Mobile, Ala- presented outstanding personalities bama on the case of the Train of the said defendants and each of Porters and attendants on the Gulf Contesting the election was the White Corporal Sends from discrimination in the payment Brotherhood of Trainmen Brakemen of salaries against the plaintiff and Porters. Switchmen. Firemen and any other Negro teachers and prin-, Railway Employees, Inc. The Brotherhood work the election

Ensign Cooper To Serve

27, 1942 Attorneys for Bolden C. Cooper has been selected by Lt. and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP officer of the Naval Training School nection with his Army duties, Hampton Va., to serve as his personnel officer, The Navy Depart ment announced this week.

Use The Omaha Guide

Medium of Advertising

People Should Underwrite Project Craig Morris, President of the Negfew Civic minded Citizens for the

Entered as 2nd class matter at Post-office, Omaha, Nebr., Under Act of

March 8, 1874. Publishing Offices at 2420 Grant Street, Omaha, Nebr.

Pres. Medical Assoc., Calls Meeting

of Civic Leaders to Discuss Plans

ior a Class-A Hospital; Colorea

"Involuntary servitude is com

ported, Negro citrus workers em-

The result of the arrests is to

force citrus workers to labor a-

if they received extra pay for Sat-

threat of imprisonment.

izer will be in attendance.

The conference will close with dinner at the Club Poinciana.

proper foundation of obtaining funds to build a hospital, the land should be deeded to the principal conplace in Florida," reported body that will have the work of Morris Milgram, Workers Defense laying the foundation for this hos-

The Realty Improvement Co., In peonage and involuntary servitude, being the owner of this plot of the attention of the Department of this meeting Mr Dee stated that the In central Florida. Milgram re- that the value the firm had on said ployed regularly five days a week this firm had been offered \$6000.00 because they refuse to work Sat- thought was not essential for the the opening formalities of the urdays, These cases never come to Community and that offer had bee Dr. Craig Morris stated that t following Friday evening and at now work Saturdays only under ter up to the members of said Society and that he felt that it would be acted on favorably

Dr. Craig Morris said he had al ready inquired from the Auxiliary program to safeguard their jobs of the Society asking what the could do to help build the hospital It was suggested in the meeting entation from practicly every that the Hospital Committee be enlarged and that the Douglas County Medical Society Auxiliary be represented on the Committee. The meeting was closed with all concerned feeling certain that the money for the ground would be raised and that the hospital would be built

2-Day Business Clinic Closes at Lincoln Uni.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25, 1945 closed a successful session which on its program.

NAACP Gift of \$100



★ 10c Per Copy ★

PRESIDENT NEGRO MEDICAL SOCIETY, DR. CRAIG MORRIS

Mrs. Cora Thomas Dies in Lincoln

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

Mrs. Cera B. Thomas, 71, 324 tended Teacher's State Normal there students and workers at the college rape. and taught school in Oklahoma who are now in the armed forces, five children who she raised to

ardess Board of Quinn Chapel A M E. Church Worthy Matron of Am-Grand Ada of Amaranthus Grand Chapter of Nebraska and Jurisdict-

day afternoon from Quinn Chapel adequate control of the supply from time controls should be proposed to A. M. E. Church, with Rev. L. S. the slaughter house right through to ease these difficulties he O J Burckhardt Rev. T. T. McWil buy their meat." causes, including the NAACP This lams Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Presid- hearings conducted by the sub-com- properly shared and strictly rationis the second gift of this nature re- ing Elder John Adams. Eastern Star mittee seems to point more toward ed. To perform oonly a part of our eived by the NAACP, the first be- rites were in charge of the Amar- relaxation of price control than to vitally important obligation to the ing \$1,000 early in 1944 from Sgt anthus Grand Chapter of Nebraska strong action on black markets, hungry people of Europe we shall John Sweet who gave away the and Jurisdiction, with Grand Wor- One Senator is quoted as condoning have to maintain strict rationing, our fighting men have given their money he received for acting in the thy Matron, Cloma Scott presiding, the purchase of meat on black We are fully prepared to do what is lives." British motion picture, "A Canter- Burial was at Wyuka Cemetery, markets in the absence of meat av- necessary to make good the liber- Text of President Murray's letter

New, Appeal Filed in Army

Our 18th Year, No. 13

asking for the immediate release of Negro soldiers sentenced to life im- omon's Mines", "Jericho" and oth-New Caledonia in 1943, was filed with the War Department this week of the International Labor Defense. ing a native French woman. The sentence of Fisher was reduced to 10 years and that of Loury to 8, after Hastie and Marcantonio, serving as their counsel on appeal, made oral arguments and submitted briefs on their behalf in 1944. The new plea is made under the rules of the War Department providing for

Citing the fact that the woman accepted three dollars from the soldiers immediately after having had relations with them. Hastie and Marcantonio reiterated the postime they expressed grave doubt American jurisprudence in which

The new petition took sharp isretary of War reducing the sent- prisoners had been "vigorously and guilt. The Departmental opinion ed by the Army. gation. If investigation indicates that such action is warrented and pointed counsel less than 24 hour. the Commanding General approves before their trials ...

that in the Fisher-Loury case "the ity to defend adequately under recommendation of the investigat- these circumstances ing officer who thoroughly examin mitted that no reviewing autthor ed all witnesses was that the facts ity can reasonably say that the uated from the public schools, at- be dedicated to the 1571 former did not warrant prosecution for petitioners had the substantive pro-



ong public career is his appearance

"The Hairy Ape," and "Stevedore." "Emperor Frank Fisher and Edward R. Loury "Saunders of the River" "King Sol-

He gave his first concert performance as a singer in 1925 and made his first concert tour of Amby Judge William H. Hastie chair erica in 1929. His concert tours man of the NAACP national legal of Europe occurred in 1926-28, 1931 and 1938 with a memorable tour of

Russia in 1936 Mr. Robeson is a graduate of Rutgers college and olumbia university. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a four letter man at Rutgers and was all Amer 1918. He is married and has a son

The Spingarn Medal was institut ed by the late J. E. Spingarn for izenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the The award to Mr. Robeson is con sidered the Spingarn Medal for 1944. The award is customarily of the NAACP but on account of wartime restrictions the conference view of this circumtance the meda will be formerly presented at a date and place to be announced later

ences but upholding the finding of ably defended" by lawyers appoint contended, "Before any case is pre- was likewise rebutted by the peti sented to a general courts-martial tion. Fisher and Loury "have filt is subjected to pre-trial investi- ed affidavits" the attorneys stated

"Whatever the vigor of counse Counsel for prisoners point out may have been we deny their abil "His recommendation" the peti- and the right to call and examine while it was Indian territory in Miss Irene Sarders head of the tion continued, "was ignored and witnesses are intended to afford

band preceded her in death having died in 1917, leaving a widow with Cause of Meat Shortage" Says Murray

Relaxation of Ceiling Prices will Not Produce More Meat

Music Observance to be

Hamptonians at War

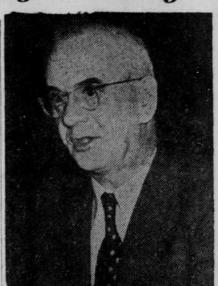
The annual observance of Natio-

Dedicated to 1,571

gress today, Pres. Philip Murray of quiry is leading to, It cannot be Mrs. Agnes L. Holcomb. Lincoln, ation said that the CIO is "convinced price ceilings are not the cause of no California, Corporal Lonnie B., the meat shortage and that relazat- of the Congress is willing to lend U. S. Army over sea, Herschel, Lin- lon of price ceilings will not produce itself in any degree whatsoever to

tinued and fortified" he said that difficulties with respect to a dimin

"Publicity emerging from the of us in this country, provided it be



Philip Murray