

HUNDREDS EXPECTED AT URBAN LEAGUE OPENING, FAIR

Back to Standard Time



HOUSE VOTES RETURN TO STANDARD TIME

Washington, D.C., (soundphoto)—The House Interstate Commerce Committee has voted to do away with war time at the end of the

month. Representative Lyle H. Boren of Oklahoma, author of the measure, is shown checking his wrist watch with clock on his office wall. Standard time will start at 2 a.m. Sunday, September 20th.

L. B. Granger Tours Pacific Naval Bases

Reports Lag in Naval Policy in So. Posts

Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, left New York on September 15th for San Francisco, California, from which city he will start overseas on September 25th for a tour of Naval bases in the Pacific. Accompanying him on that tour will be Matthew W. Bullock of Boston, Mass., Chairman of the Massachusetts State Parole Commission, Harry McAlpin, White House Correspondent for the National Negro Publishers Association, Lieutenant Robert Roper, representative of the Bureau of Naval Personnel and Lieut. (jg) Sylvester White, representative of the Navy's Bureau of Public Information. The party's itinerary includes Pearl Harbor, the Philippine Islands, Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides, Manus Island in the Admiralties, Tinian and Saipan in the Marianas, and the famed battle islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

The party will return to the United States about the first of November. As personal representative of Secretary Forrestal, Mr. Granger will conclude a series of inspections on which he has based a number of recommendations to the Navy Department for improvement of service conditions affecting Negro personnel. The first trip was made to West Coast installations in June of this year, and the second to certain bases in the South. **CRITICIZES CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN BASES** In a recent report to Mr. Forrestal, the Urban League executive severely criticized certain conditions which he found in Southern Naval bases—conditions which he described as being "sharply at variance with the Navy's official racial policy." On the basis of observations made at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, the Naval Repair Base, New Orleans, La., and the Naval Mine Depot at Yorktown, Va., Mr. Granger declared to the Navy Secretary "Several of the activities which I visited

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The Bigots Are Working, While We Sleep.

TRUMAN TO UNVEIL ROOSEVELT PLAQUE IN RECORDER'S OFFICE
Washington—President Harry S. Truman will speak at the ceremony unveiling a plaque of the late President Roosevelt in the Recorder of Deeds Building, Monday afternoon, September 21, at 4 p.m. Marshall L. Shepard, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, announced this week. The plaque is cast in bronze and presents the late President in bas relief, featuring the four freedoms, and will hang in the beautiful lobby of the Recorder of Deeds building.

The artist, Miss Selma Burke, of New York was selected for the work in a competition conducted by the United States Fine Arts Commission. She began work on the plaque in 1944. President Roosevelt sat for the artist twice and was scheduled for a third sitting at the time of his death. Funds for the plaque were granted by the Federal Works Administration through the efforts of the late Recorder of Deeds, Dr. William J. Thompson, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The present Recorder, Dr. Shepard, expedited the completion of the plaque and planned the ceremony which included inviting President Truman to participate. Attending the ceremony will be members of the Supreme Court, the President's Cabinet and staff, members of Congress, and persons high in the religious and civic life of the community.

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"During the years of war production we made substantial progress in overcoming many of the prejudices which had resulted in discrimination against minority group. In the reconversion period and thereafter, we should make every effort to continue this American ideal. It is one of the fundamentals of our political philosophy, and it should be an integral part of our economy."
President Harry S. Truman, September 6, 1945.

CONTINUED FIGHT FOR \$25 JOBLESS PAY URGED

Washington, DC.—The NAACP this week blasted the Senate Finance Committee headed by Senator Walter F. George (D. Ga.) for striking from the Kilgore Unemployment Compensation Bill provisions to give jobless workers throughout the United States the maximum weekly benefits of \$25 per week for 26 weeks.

M. Kilgore (D. W. Va.) that it heartily endorses all the provisions of his bill and urged him to stand firm against compromise. It was public statements by Senator Kilgore to the effect that he would continue the fight on the Senate Floor to restore the \$25 weekly job aid. In addition, the Kilgore unemployment compensation bill would extend compensation to federal employees, merchant seamen and workers handling agricultural products and increase GI unemployment benefits. This measure, the NAACP pointed out, is of particular importance to Negroes during the period of employment cutbacks and of reconversion. It urged messages to Senator Kilgore pleading support and telegrams to senators.

Reunion At TAAF



It was a happy family reunion for Captain and Mrs. Homer L. Starks at Tuskegee Army Air Field when the parents and sister of Mrs. Starks were visitors there recently. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers, hail from Omaha, Nebraska

where Mr. Myers has operated a mortuary for over 20 years. Reading left to right, they are: Mrs. Hazel Jordan (sister), of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Myers; Capt. Starks of Portsmouth, Ohio; Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Starks, Capt. Starks is Commanding Officer of the Training and Operations Squadron at TAAF

while his popular wife, the former Miss Florence Myers of Omaha, is employed as treasurer in the Officers' Club Office there. (Official U. S. Photo by AAF Training Command

IMMEDIATE ACTION ON FEPC "MUST" FOR NATION RECONVERTING TO PEACETIME NEEDS

The weeks since V-J Day have emphasized with tragic starkness the need for some immediate, interim action on the present FEPC and for the definite establishment without further delay, of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission. In the layoffs which immediately followed the end of the war, Negro workers and workers from other minority groups, frequently having been through existence of prejudices of long-standing, the last hired, felt the axe of unemployment most heavily.

At the same time, cancellation of war contracts is taking many plants from the jurisdiction of the present temporary (Executive Order created) FEPC. As presently constituted, the agency's jurisdiction extends only to Government agencies and to businesses engaged in war work.

Just as full employment is the concern of the entire nation, so the full exercise of democracy in the distribution of employment is the concern, not only of a few, but of every American. Jobs must be available to all Americans, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. Unless we achieve this, we face a period of chaos in which civil liberties will inevitably be drastically curtailed. Such conditions would strengthen the hand of all pro-fascist forces in the country.

150 Delegates Meet On FEPC Problem

One hundred fifty delegates from thirty states, representing local groups affiliated with the National Council for a Permanent FEPC concluded a two day session with a dinner at which they heard Senator Wayne Morse, Republican of Oregon pledge his support and urge wider public education for the principle of fair employment.

He told the interracial gathering that "this issue is so great that it cannot be compromised. Unless the concept of economic democracy is held to political democracy," he added, "you lose all basic governmental conceptions for which we fought not only this war but the last and those preceding."

The purpose of the two day meeting was to acquaint "the folks at the grass roots" with the work being done in Washington, and to enable them better to carry out their end of the job.

SPINGARN MEDAL TO ROBESON OCTOBER 15TH

New York—The 30th Spingarn Medal will be presented formally to Paul Robeson, internationally famous actor and singer, on Thursday, October 15, at a dinner in the Hotel Biltmore here, it was announced last week by the NAACP.

The presentation address will be made by Marshall Field, Chicago publisher. There will be a special music for the gathering of distinguished guests expected to tax the capacity of the grand ballroom of the hotel.

Mr. Robeson was awarded the medal by a special committee last spring, but because of his theater and concert commitments, including a USO tour overseas, the formal presentation has been delayed until now. The citation accompanying the award stated it was for "distinguished achievement in the theater and on the concert stage."

MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS LONDON, ENGLAND, U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE LEFT SHAKES HANDS WITH RUSSIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER

Molotov as they met at opening of conference of Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia, China and France in London. They will tackle problems of post-war world, of which there are many, not the least of which is the fear of a flare-up in the Balkans.

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Committees and Staff Work Hard To Put Over Community Affair

The Urban League Fall Opening next Monday, September 24, promises to be one of the most outstanding events to be staged in this community according to Miss Mae B. Taylor, Chairman of the Neighborhood Committee of the Urban League.

Entries are coming in fast. Those who have entered at last report are Mrs. Helen Curry, Mrs. Dorothy Greer, Mrs. Mary Alfred, Mr. Rudolph Gerren, The Omaha Guide, Mrs. Beulah Watts, Mrs. S. Newman Pearl, Miss Billingsley, Mrs. Gertrude Brooks, Mrs. Vera Cowan, Mr. Paul Gibson, Mrs. Valaria Lee McCaw, Mrs. Alma Longmire, Mrs. Edith Grant, Mrs. Eva Peel, Mrs. Minnie Dixon, Mrs. Connie McDonald, Mrs. L. C. Clarke, Mrs. Emma Simpson, Mrs. Ella Haynes, Mrs. Anna Ruth Davis, Mrs. Stella Glover, Mrs. Ernestine Speege, Mrs. Bertha Williams, Mrs. Lada Rivers, Mrs. Pinkie Speese, Mrs. Doreane Holliday, Mrs. Olive Hawkins, Mrs. Edna Burrell, Mrs. Rebecca Evans, Mrs. J. D. Thornton, Mrs. Ethel Gardner, Mrs. Ruth Burleson, Mrs. Ernest Brown and Mrs. Elma Lloyd.

Rev. T. J. Douglass Will Close Work at Cleaves Temple CME Church, Sunday Sept. 23rd.

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SEN. BARKLEY PLEDGES AID ON LEGISLATION

New York—Legislation affecting Negroes will have the "earnest and serious consideration" of Senator Alben W. Barkley, Majority Leader.

This pledge was contained in a letter to the NAACP following an exchange of correspondence started by Senator Barkley after reading an editorial in the Crisis magazine. Senator Barkley, writing to Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary and editor of the magazine, said "I realize the force of the statements contained in your letter of August 28 and shall give them my earnest and serious consideration in connection with the whole problem of legislation affecting those for whom you speak and millions of others who are similarly situated."

STIMSON QUERIED ON "GAG" ON NEGRO TALK

New York—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury, Fred M. Vinson were asked this week by the NAACP whether the instructions to 23 Treasury women employes by an Army lieutenant not to discuss the Negro question during their stay in Germany represented official policy of the two departments.

The letter of inquiry pointed out that military censorship in Europe had been abolished and termed "incredible" the idea that American civilians should be denied free speech on any question. According to the original report of the "gag" on the women, revealed by one of them after the group arrived in Frankfurt, they were told that discussion of the Negro question would "hasten" a revolution in the South.

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