

# NEGRO INSURANCE COMPANIES LOOK TOWARD VICTORY LOAN

(BY WILLIAM PICKENS)

Although one of the companies, which has always been among the heaviest investors, has not yet sent in its report to C. L. Townes, Chairman of the War Bonds Division of the National Negro Insurance Association, the report sent in by 49 of the 42 companies shows that a total of more than 24 million dollars in War Bonds had been purchased by these companies as of July 10, 1945. More than 5 million dollars of that amount was bought during the 7th War Loan and more than 4 million dollars during the 5th War Loan.

The largest holder of war securities in this latest report is the North Carolina Mutual, with \$4,760,990 invested. Other companies that hold more than 2 million dollars in war securities are the American Women and the Atlanta Life. The latter has yet reported its 7th War Loan achievement. Still other companies that hold more than a million dollars in War Bonds to date are: The Afro-American (Jacksonville, Fla.), the Supreme Liberty Life, (Chicago, Ill.) and the Universal Life, (Memphis, Tenn.)

Those holding between a half million and 2 million dollars are as follows: Metropolitan Life and Accident, Metropolitan Funeral System, Mammoth Life and Accident, Great Lakes Mutual, Excelsior Life, Southern Aid, Pilgrim Health and Life, Golden State Mutual and Victory Mutual. Many other companies hold securities in six figures.

Here is an excerpt from a letter written by Mr. C. L. Townes, Richmond, Virginia, September 7, 1945.

Dear Mr. Pickens:

I've received a communication from Mr. Charles C. Craft in which he enclosed a copy of the August 16th issue of the "Minute Man", giving points regarding the EIGHTH or VICTORY LOAN DRIVE which will be conducted October 23rd through December 8th. Since this is supposed to be the last organized drive to sell Victory Bonds, I am quite sure the Interracial Section of the War Finance Division is planning an all-out selling program. In this connection, I want you to know that I stand ready to render any service that you may call upon me to perform. Even though the war is over I think that it is important that our people go to "shock absorber" should we face a situation similar to that of 1929 thru 1933. I think this point should be emphasized in our various Victory Bond campaigns that will be sponsored among Negroes.

Very truly yours,  
C. L. Townes,  
Consulting Expert,  
(War Finance Division, Treasury Dept., Wm. Pickens.)

lives at 2629 Parker street. Hope you see you get married, but it's still a good little old Deal!

I pause for station identification. Club meeting Thursdays. All Welcome,  
Club Rejoice—"The Unseen"

### THE WEEK

(BY H. W. SMITH, HA. 0800)

Ford Motor plant shutdown and 50,000 persons are idle. Henry Field, the second says the output in 2 1/2 months was less than three hours in normal times.

The United Press says that general Motors provides the best test for a union proposal for a labor blockade to enforce demands of CIO.

The U. S. army will cut the ranks of doctors, dentists and nurses before the 1st of January, 1946.

A U. S. army plane crashed near Fairfax field and burned early last Saturday Sept. 15th. A crew of 2 men and 21 passengers.

President Truman was very silent when asked by two of South Dakota's democratic officials.

New York trolleys will be replaced by buses in 1946 was announced by Victor McQuislen president of the 3rd Ave. transportation Sept. 4.

A 15 year old boy tried to blast the jail in Kokomo, Indiana with dynamite on Sept. 14. He was refused a visit with his brother in the jail.

Five painters were ordered to stop work when union officials are ordered to investigate the trouble of the 10,000 on a strike in N. Y.

President Truman and his family arrived at their home last Friday evening Sept. 14 by plane and were greeted by a large group of friends and neighbors of Independence, Mo.

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Two men were killed in a trainer plane crash north of Louisville, Nebraska Saturday Sept. 15th.

U. S. Senators Johnson of Colorado and Wherry of Nebraska, both agreed that meat rationing should be ended as the western ranchers are shipping their cattle to the markets.

Loveland, Colorado had 8 inches of snow Sunday Sept. 16th.

Mr. John Hartford president of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company says the loan of \$600,000 to Elliott Roosevelt was a bad debt as he only got back \$4,000.

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### OUR GROUP ON THE POST WAR PLANNING BOARD

This writer was one of a group of the Executive Board of the NAACP who called on Mayor Leeman to get information on the members of our group who were selected to represent our race in postwar planning. We were received very cordially and very friendly and the Mayor made a very plain explanation as to what procedure was in force and he made it very plain that all citizens and their interests would be given very careful consideration at all times.

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GENERAL WAINWRIGHT AND NURSE—New York (Soundphoto) Lt. Adolpha Meyer of St. Louis, Mo. shown as she renewed acquaintance with General Jonathan M. Wainwright at a press conference at the Waldorf following the ovation given the General by 4,000,000 New Yorkers last week. An army nurse, Lt. Meyer was with the General at Bataan and Corregidor.

### COMMANDER WILLIAMS OUTLINES INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM FOR ENSUING YEAR

At the first meeting of the Executive meeting of Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30 American Legion, Commander elect Charles Williams outlined a very interesting and instructive program for the ensuing year.

First said Commander Williams I intend to use every resource of the Post to assist in assisting the boys and girls of our community in securing better recreational and athletic facilities, thereby lessening juvenile delinquency.

Secondly, I intend to use every means available to see the returning Veterans get all assistance possible and all available information on the rights given them under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Hence in a meeting for all Ex-servicemen on this matter to give them information and answer all questions pertaining to this vital phase of Post War adjustment.

Thirdly, a strong Post War Planning Committee will be appointed to study methods to assist our returning buddies in readjustment.

Fourth, I will do all I can to revive all Legion activities that the Post shall again assume its position as a definite asset to the community, state and nation.

Fifth, every effort will be made to engage more activity in the civic life of the community and that more and practical aid will be given to all organizations engaged in these worthy enterprises.

### FINAL PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CHEST HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS CAMPAIGN MADE

Final plans for their house-to-house canvass in October were made last week by chairman and division heads of the Women's Division of the Omaha Victory Fund and Community Chest. Meeting at the home of Mrs. Hermas Johnson, head of the division, the group of 25 heard James L. Paxton, Jr., associate chairman of the campaign, as he emphasized the need for continued support of the USO and other war-time agencies that still require home-front support.

Support of these and the 30 local agencies which provide family welfare service, youth guidance programs and social service is the job of the Chest this year. Division chairman and co-chairmen for the drive were chosen by Mrs. Johnson.

- They include: Mrs. William J. Shewan; Division B, Mrs. Frank Hansen; Division C, Mrs. Earl Allen and Mrs. William Davis; Division D, Mrs. F. E. Marrin and Mrs. John Kenly; Division E, Mrs. James M. Northrup; Division F, Mrs. Franz D. Ramer; Division G, Mrs. Bryce Crawford and Mrs. Richard Baker; Division H, Mrs. Frank Blackwell and Mrs. Hazel Miller; Division I, Mrs. John Barton; Division J, Mrs. Frank Hamilton and Mrs. N. P. Dodge; Division K, Mrs. Norman Harted and Mrs. Herbert Lindquist; Division L, Mrs. Hobart Corning and Mrs. Roland Wachtel; Division M, Mrs. R. H. Schmel and Mrs. A. J. Offerman; Division N, Mrs. Glen

### GRANGER TOURS PACIFIC NAVAL BASES

REPORTS LAG IN NAVAL POLICY IN SOUTHERN POSTS (Continued from page 1)

seemed to surrender Navy standards to the racial practices and prejudices of their surrounding communities." Among the violations of official policy which he reported were extreme racial segregation of Negro from white personnel in film shows, mess halls and canteen service; lack of regard for the convenience and self-respect of Negro personnel traveling back and forth from towns adjoining their bases when on liberty leave; rough handling of Negro seamen by white shore police; and in one case, segregation of Negro seaman in Navy buses transporting them to and from liberty leave.

Mr. Granger's strongest criticism was directed at the Naval Air station at Corpus Christi and at the Naval Mine Depot at Yorktown, Va.

In pleasant contrast to the Naval Mine Depot were conditions at the Naval Training and Distribution Center at neighboring Camp Peary, Virginia. In the schools and training command of that center, he found little evidence of racial discrimination though he criticized the fact that no Negro instructors had been assigned to work in the classes for illiterates where some 700 Negroes are being trained.

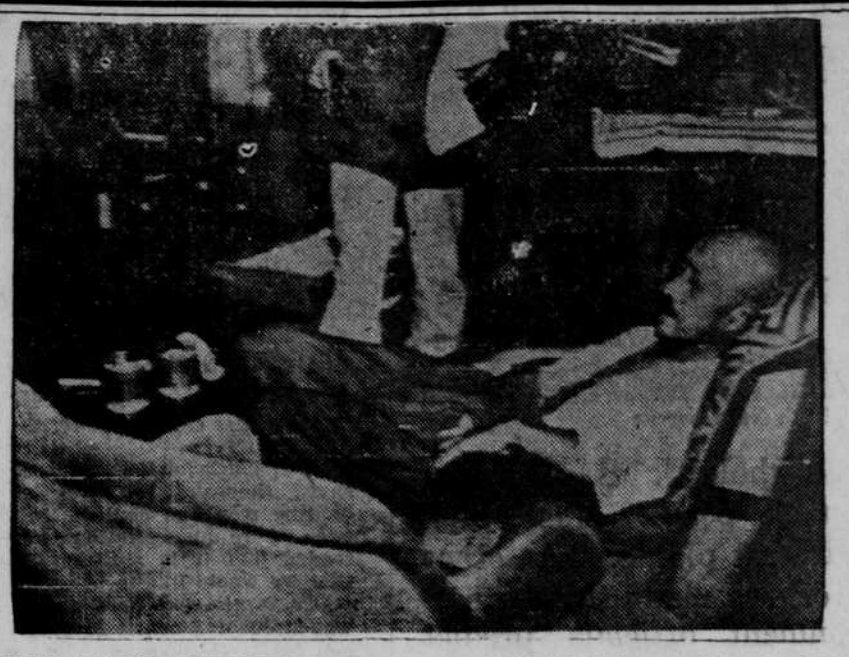
### BETTER JOB DONE ON RATINGS

The Granger report informed Secretary Forrestal that even in deep South bases the Navy maintained a fairly advanced position in the matter of assignment of Negro personnel to duties in accordance with their training and ratings.

Thus, at Corpus Christi, in spite of the deplorable segregationist practices referred to, the inspection disclosed Negro seamen and petty officers serving in such posts as signalman, deep sea diver, structural draftsman, education specialist and stoker-keeper—the latter having a detail of Negroes and whites assigned under his authority.

### SEGREGATION SIGNS TAKEN DOWN BEFORE GRANGER'S ARRIVAL

In at least one base, the Naval Repair Base in New Orleans, the Urban League executive was informed by Negro seamen that "For Colored" signs had been taken down by a detail sent around a day or so before the arrival of the inspecting party. In commenting on this fact, Mr. Granger referred to it as being absolutely pointless in view of the fact that his inspection methods carry him throughout ships and barracks where he has a chance to talk freely with Negro personnel without any officers being around to listen in on the interviewwise method encourages com-



TOJO AFTER ATTEMPTED SUICIDE—Tokyo, Japan—the mighty leader of the Japanese empire at the time of start of war. Premier General Hideki Tojo is pictured here as he lies in a semi-coma condition after shooting himself. U. S. officer in background is holding gun used in the attempted suicide.

pletely frank conversations with the Negro personnel and many faces embarrassing to local commands have thereby been disclosed.

In concluding his report to Secretary Forrestal, Mr. Granger commented: "Constant attention needs to be paid by the Bureau of Naval Personnel to make certain that in Southern areas especially, commanding officers are doing their utmost to resist the influence of local conventions and to bring their racial practices up to the level of those other sections of the country. The wide variance of racial practices in different Southern bases shows that a hard-and-fast rule does not need to be made regarding what can and cannot be done in Southern states. The attitude of the commanding officer is of pri-

### URGES NEGRO ENLISTMENT IN REGULAR NAVY SERVICE

The Urban League executive, before leaving New York, strongly urged Negroes who contemplate remaining in regular Navy service to make applications at an early date for that the Navy has announced its plans for increasing its regular

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enlistment. "Now is the time," Mr. Granger said, "for enlisted and commissioned Negro personnel to clinch on a permanent peacetime basis the wartime gains that have been made in their Naval status. The present Naval policy is one of no discrimination in choice of service or advancement in rating. The policy has not been in effect long enough to become firmly set. We can advance the 'settling' process by enlisting now in the regular Navy—and becoming firmly established in the positions which we've gained at such great pains."

"The Negro public should remember that Navy leadership is not continuous. It is already known that Admiral Jacobs, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel will shortly be relieved through regular rotation of duty. Admiral King will likewise be replaced by another Commander of the Naval Fleet. Secretary Forrestal himself is expected to resign in the not-too-distant future, according to newspaper reports. It is entirely possible that a change of Naval administration might result in a gradual or abrupt regression to the earlier undemocratic service practices. The earlier that large numbers of Negroes enlist in the various branches of the service and have their ratings affirmed on a regular Navy basis, the more solidly they will be entrenched in the higher positions which this war and organized efforts have won for them."

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