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## To Hold 1st Lutheran Services for Omaha's Colored People

### Natl President DAR Declines To Meet Omaha Civic, Labor And Women's Organizations

Mrs. Julius Y. Halmadge, national president of the Daughters of the American Revolution last week declined to meet leaders of Omaha's civic, labor, and women's organizations who wished to meet her for purposes of protesting against the society's recent ban on a racial by Hazel Scott, Negro artist, in the DAR's tax-free Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C.

In an exchange of correspondence between Mrs. Talmadge and David B. Bleicher, president of the Omaha Progressive League, Mrs. Talmadge said that she appreciated the invitation to meet with the group, but was "quite busy" and had "a crowded schedule". She was at the Blackstone Hotel for a meeting of Omaha DAR chapters. Bleicher had written Mrs. Talmadge, "Leaders of the Omaha Interracial Committee, the Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Omaha Council for a Permanent FEPC, the Omaha League of Women Voters, the Omaha Central Labor Union, the Iowa-Nebraska States Industrial Union Council, the Nebraska CIO Women's Auxiliary, the Omaha chapter of the League of Women Shoppers and the Omaha Progressive League would like to meet you briefly at your convenience this noon or afternoon to discuss the DAR position on the use of Constitution Hall by Negro artists."

"We regard this as a matter of vital importance to the future of democracy," Mrs. Talmadge replied. "Please pardon the informality of my reply, but I am quite busy at this time, I appreciate your invitation to meet with your group, but it will be quite impossible to do so because of a crowded schedule for the week."

"Like Mrs. Talmadge, all the people who wished to meet her are busy people," commented Bleicher. "They too have crowded schedules. However, they were anxious to drop their other affairs and take the time to protest against the

DAR's discrimination against Negro artists. "Mrs. Halmadge's ancestors were not too busy to talk about democracy. Why is she?" The delegation planning to see Mrs. Talmadge included Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. Mary Hyde, Rev. C. Adams, Mrs. Robbie Turner Davis, A. M. Witzling, George J. Paulson, Mrs. Joseph Millen, Mrs. Frank Cronin, Mrs. Viola Beeson, Mrs. Earl Graham, Mrs. W. E. Schaefer, Mrs. Katherine Leslie and John H. Becker.

### Naacp. Opposes Tax Exemption On Dar Hall

Washington, D.C.—Legislation proposing the removal of the tax exemption from Constitution Hall, owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, will have the support of the NAACP throughout the country, it was announced here this week. The DAR refused the use of the hall to Hazel Scott, pianist, for a concert because she is a Negro. The organization is free of taxes on the building and land because it claims to be public institution, serving all the people of the District.

The movement to remove the tax exemption is being initiated on the grounds that since the hall bars Negro artists, it is now a private enterprise and should pay taxes. In New York, Walter White, NAACP secretary, issued the following statement: "There is no more complete barometer of the low estate to which the Daughters of the American Revolution have sunk than the fact that the organization's sole defenders are Rankin and Bilbo. Refusal

of the use of Constitution Hall to artists because of race or color, coming at the close of war against Hitlerism, is appalling. The action of the DAR, however, is not without value if it arouses Americans to a realization that they have helped destroy Hitlerism in Germany but permitted it to grow unchecked and unrebuked here in the United States. The NAACP Legal Committee and the Association as a whole will leave no stone unturned to effect the withdrawal of tax exemption and other benefits which the DAR enjoys as a quasi-public institution.

"The public might have forgiven Mrs. Truman for attending the luncheon the invitation for which she had accepted prior to the denial of the use of Constitution Hall to Hazel Scott. But her reply 'Why Not?' in response to a newspaper man's inquiry as to whether she would accept future invitations from the DAR is most disappointing, particularly in contrast with the action of her distinguished predecessor as First Lady."

### Hits Printing D A R Reports at Gov't. Expense

Washington, D.C.—The fact that annual reports of the Daughters of the American Revolution are printed at Government expense was disclosed today by Leslie Perry, NAACP Washington Bureau, in a telegram of protest to Senator Carl Hayden, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing. Perry said that the DAR has issued annual reports for the past 47 years, all of which have been printed by the Government Printing Office as Senate Documents. The last report, which was printed in 1945, in a 202-page booklet, Perry said.

The NAACP urged Senator Hayden and other members of the Committee to introduce and consider legislation immediately to repeal the section of the law, contained in the Act incorporating the DAR, authorizing the Daughters to make

### FORMER PELLA LUTHERAN 30TH & CORBY STS. TO BE SCENE OF INAUGURATION

The first Lutheran Services for Colored people will be held Sunday at the former Pella Lutheran Church, 30th and Corby streets. The services will begin at 10 o'clock with the Rev. W. C. Ollenbergs preaching on the topic, "The Salvation of All Sinners." A general invitation is extended to the community to attend this initial service. The Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) acquired the property a few months ago with the intention of organizing a congregation. Pella Lutheran Congregation, the former owners, are relocating and intend to build at 42nd and Dodge streets.

In the very near future, the present owner will place a full-time resident pastor in the community, to live in the parsonage, 2721 N. 30th street. Pastor Ollenbergs of Mt. Olive Lutheran in Florence, will be in charge until the regular pastor arrives. At that time a Sunday School will be started and also church membership classes.

An annual report of its activities to the Smithsonian Institution and Congress.

The full text of the NAACP telegram to Senator Hayden was as follows:

"The Act of Congress incorporating the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution which was approved on February 20, 1896, authorized the society to report annually to the Smithsonian Institution and Congress. Undoubtedly its privilege of having its reports printed and circulated at the expense of the American taxpayers was predicated upon the assumption that the DAR would live up to the lofty purposes set forth in its charter. The certificate of incorporation lists the DAR's purposes: 'To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence, to cherish, maintain and extend the institution of freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.' In the light of the racial practices of the DAR, which are currently receiving wide public attention, it can hardly be said they are discharging the high responsibilities which which they are charged under the law. Frankly, in our judgment, to entire charter should be declared forfeited, but in no event is there any justification what ever for continuing to permit this organization to print and circulate its reports at government expense. We strongly but respectfully urge that your committee introduce and consider immediately legislation to repeal laws giving their reports the status of public documents."

### ASK CLEMENCY FOR SOLDIER

The NAACP is filing a petition for clemency in the case of Purdie S. Jackson, 24750231, formerly of Company "F" of the 1311th Engineer (GS) Regiment, Jackson was tried and convicted by general court-martial in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 7, 1944, for assault with intent to do bodily harm on three white civilians. He was convicted and sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and twelve

### Hallowe'en Wed., Oct. 31

### BALLOT CASES TO BE APPEALED BY NAACP

New York—Cases in which Negroes sought to register in Alabama and Louisiana which were dismissed in the courts in those states will be appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the fifth district, it was announced here this week by Thurston Marshall, special counsel of the NAACP. Judge Caillout dismissed the Louisiana case on September 17 and Judge C. B. Kennamer dismissed the Alabama case on September 12. The two cases are the first ones brought to enjoin the policy of registration officials in Louisiana and Alabama from subjecting Negroes to tests not required of white registrants.

NAACP lawyers stated that these two cases are a part of the program to break down all types of discriminatory practices preventing Negroes from voting in the South. These cases, along with the recent primary case in Jacksonville, Fla., and new cases in Orlando, Fla., are part of the sustained program of the NAACP which will continue and increase until every semblance of discrimination against Negroes in the exercise of the right to vote is abolished.

Mr. Marshall also stated that the victory in Georgia, in which Judge T. Hoyt Davis ruled that Negroes must be permitted to vote in the Democratic primary was instituted and carried forward by the Mason barnch of the NAACP.

### ROBESON RECEIVES 30TH SPINGARN MEDAL

New York—Characterizing Paul Robeson as a "man who exemplifies the finest in American and American Negro traditions of accomplishment, sportsmanship, and contribution to public welfare," Marshall Field, Chicago publishers, formally presented the great actor-singer with the 30th Spingarn Medal at a dinner here October 18 at the Hotel Biltmore.

Before a distinguished gathering of more than 500 persons, Mr. Field reviewed the accomplishments of Mr. Robeson and declared that the 30 winners of the Spingarn Medal, "pre-eminent pioneers of a people fighting for its rights on the frontiers of intolerance and bigotry, have been and are at least as heroic figures as those of other peoples who have fought on these and other frontiers, whether those frontiers be physical or spiritual. 'A white man can talk of what such Negro pioneering means, but it is with great difficulty that a white man grasps and appreciates the cost of outstanding accomplishment by an American Negro. When a white man becomes a leader in business, science, authorship, civic

## Race Passengers Ordered Out of Cab; Driver Then Solicits White Trade

Omaha, Nebraska, October 16, 1945

MR. C. C. GALLOWAY, Editor-Publisher, OMAHA GUIDE.

MY DEAR SIR:

I am writing you this letter, first knowing that it will be one sure method that Mr. and Mrs. Omaha will know of what is getting to be a rather Chronic Condition existing in Our Fair City, and knowing, personally of your feeling toward such happenings, I am trusting sincerely that you publish this letter. On October 15, 1945 at 8:45 p. m., my brother and I arrived from St. Joseph, Mo. via Burlington Zephyr. Having heard excellent service by the Burlington Ry. We ascended by way of escalator. We approached and entered a Checker Cab. There were additional passengers who had also entered the cab all coming north to 24th and Lake streets. We were approached by the driver and ordered from the cab. He

began soliciting white passengers asking, "Where to?" It so happened they were going several directions as well as in the same direction we wanted to go. After having been ordered from the cab I checked his report sheet for his driver's number. His report gave his number a No. 24 Cab 64. The irony of it all Mr. Galloway is that while I was in Missouri (mind you Missouri) we were accorded excellent cab service under similar conditions. Now in the Metropolis of Nebraska which is supposed to be a liberal one, I find conditions worse as to compared to the ex-slave state of Missouri. I have heard numerous similar complaints from others arriving here by train and cannot secure cab service from the depots. Frankly speaking something should be done about this. Thanking you in advance, I remain, respectfully, EARL A. THOMAS.

## A Negro Appointed Conductor-in-Chief of Berlin Orchestra

Hollywood (CNS) While white people in America are making a great-to-do over the great need for teaching the German people our "democratic way of life," the German people have shown that they will shortly be in a position to do some talking back to the Americans.

For last Monday, the startling news came over the French radio that Rudolph Dunbar, Negro conductor, had actually been nominated Conductor-in-Chief of the 65 year old Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, long a bulwark in European musical life, and a musical institution respected all over the world. Rudolph Dunbar had been invited to conduct several concerts at the beginning of September, about which he had heard so many tales of race prejudice in the past ten years. But the more fantastic aspect of the situation is that there is at present NOT ONE symphony orchestra in democratic America which would do the same thing, no matter how capable the Negro candidate for such an honor might be. It is true that William Grant Still and Dean Dixon have been guest conductors with several of our great orchestras, but none have ever been accorded an honor like this.

Generously, they admitted that they had been wrong and took the new young conductor to their hearts. When they wanted to elect a permanent leader, they first offered Dunbar the post of Associate Conductor, Dunbar declined, because of his many other commitments. Then it was decided to offer him the chief post.

This is a fantastic thing to have happened in Germany, about which we have heard so many tales of race prejudice in the past ten years. But the more fantastic aspect of the situation is that there is at present NOT ONE symphony orchestra in democratic America which would do the same thing, no matter how capable the Negro candidate for such an honor might be. It is true that William Grant Still and Dean Dixon have been guest conductors with several of our great orchestras, but none have ever been accorded an honor like this.

## flash! A New National Radio Program "CIO for America."

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GEN. MARSHALL AS HE APPEARED BEFORE SENATE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C.—General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. A., told congress last week that unless the United States has a unified military command, there is little hope, that the nation can secure a "lasting peace". General Marshall is shown as he appeared before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

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## U. S. Marines Occupy Tientsin in China



Washington, D.C.—U. S. Marines Photo (Soundphoto). Thousands of overjoyed Chinese flocked out to greet the First Marine Division on October 1, 1945 when the Leathernecks occupied the city. For most of these, people it meant the end of eight long years of Japanese suppression.

years of hard labor. The record discloses that the altercation started when Jackson sat at a table reserved for whites in a drug store in Nashville, Tenn., and that his so-called white victims were actually the aggressors. The NAACP through its petition for clemency seeks to have the remainder of Jackson's sentence commuted and have him restored to duty with the opportunity to earn an honorable discharge.

## Jackie Robinson, Monarch Shortstop, First Negro To Enter Big League 'White' Baseball Organization

Jackie Robinson Breaks Contract with Kansas City Monarchs; Signs with Brooklyn Dodgers

Montreal—Speaking for the Brooklyn ball club, Branch Rickey, Jr., said Wednesday, October 24, 1945, the Dodgers may have the alligator by the tail in signing the first Negro ball player ever admitted to big league (white) baseball, but if trouble's ahead "we won't avoid it." The son of the Brooklyn president predicted it "even may cost the Brooklyn organization a num-

ber of ball players." "But even if some players quit," the Dodger farm system director added, "they'll be back after a year or two in a cotton mill." "I realize what I'm going into," Jackie Robinson former star shortstop of the K. C. Monarchs said. "I also realize how much it means to me, to my race and to baseball. I'm very happy over this chance, and I can only say I'll do my very best to come through in every manner." GOOD LUCK JACKIE!