

"Joe Louis, American"

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clared "Boxing writer, who thought they knew all about the heavy-weight champion will add greatly to their background by reading Miss Miller's book on Joe Louis." And Nat Fleischer, editor of the Ring Magazine predicts that it "will go over with a bang."

JOE LOUIS: AMERICAN is a thrill-packed saga from the day when the young Alabama cotton picker determined to win the battle

against poverty, through the period of his ever-increasing reputation as the Brown Bomber, to his army days, Louis knew hungry childhood, early disappointment and heartache, bitter defeat at the height of his fame, but these experiences molded the champion into a man as well as an athlete. He has become an American institution. Not only has he held the championship longer than any boxer since the days of John L. Sullivan, but whether winning or losing, in peace and in war, he has said and done the right thing at the right time. The quickly terminated Carnera bout, the defeat of courageous Max Baer, the furious fight of Louis and Schmeling, the quick decisive defeat of Lewis, Galento, Buddy Baer and Nova, the close battle with Billy Conn are all fast and colorfully described. Determined to clear the prize fighting ring of any tinge of rowdiness, Louis has taken good sportsmanship as a serious duty.

Now that he has been released from the Army, the attention of the country is centered upon Louis as a leader of his people. He was honored as a model soldier, and a

warded recently the Legion of Merit by Major General Clarence H. Kella, commander of the New York Port of Embarkation. According to the citation, his services to the Army "entailed considerable risk to his boxing future as the champion heavyweight of the world, but his willingly volunteered such action rather than disappoint the soldiers who desired to see him in the ring."

Margery Miller, the author, saw her first championship prize fight at the age of fifteen—the dramatic second Louis-Schmeling bout. Since then she has avidly followed every major heavyweight fighter, either from the ring or through the newspapers. As a student at Wellesley College, from which she was graduated with honors last May, she spent her weekends at the ring side in Boston, where the boxing enthusiasts soon accepted her as one of their own. This friendship with the insiders of the fight world stood her in good stead in writing JOE LOUIS: AMERICAN. In New York she has been receiving much publicity for her complete and honest picture of the champ. The New York Times has published a long interview with her, and the Daily Mirror a feature article.

She has told Louis's story simply, clearly, and directly, for she realizes that Joe's life has been one of those rare stories which words can tell but not improve. Its publication is a fine tribute to Louis both as a sportsman and as a noble American.

MARYLAND NAVAL CENTER SEGREGATES VISITORS, NAACP TELLS SECRETARY FORRESTAL

Washington, DC.—A protest has been lodged with the Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal by the NAACP for segregation of visitors to the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Maryland.

The NAACP letter relates that colored visitors are forced to use a janitor's hall, must meet their relatives in uniform in a separate hall set aside for Negroes only, and are not permitted to leave the hall during the visit, whereas white sailors and their friends have the freedom of the grounds. The letter to Forrestal related the following report of a visit:

"On Sunday, October 21, Mr. and Mrs. Blank, with two other persons visited her husband's brother, who is a seaman in the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Maryland.

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Center at Bainbridge, Maryland. This visit was made during regular visiting hours. At the entrance to the grounds, all visitors had to leave their automobiles. They proceeded inside with other visitors to a large auditorium, where the boys were lined up with alphabetical initials. As the seamen were joined by their respective guests, they left the auditorium and went out on the grounds.

"Upon inquiry, Mr. and Mrs. Blank were advised that if Blank was colored, they would have to go back of the entrance and take a bus to the drill hall. They did so. Upon arrival, they found all of the colored congregated together without any particular order, waiting for their visitors. As the visitors arrived, they took them to various places inside the hall, wherever space could be found. Several times during the afternoon loudspeakers announced that the colored boys were not allowed to leave the hall. During all of this time, the white boys were strolling around the grounds with their visitors. Guards were there to prevent the colored boys from leaving the hall. Visitors were forced to take a segregated bus back to the entrance although there were other buses available in and around the grounds."

GARY PUPILS STILL ON RACE STRIKE

Gary, Ind., (CNS) 1,000 white students of Froebel High School were yet on their anti-Negro strike despite an order from the Board of Education to return to school.

Backed by their parents a mass meeting of the strikers was held which gave a stirring vote of confidence to the strikers. The strikers had demanded segregation of the schools, removal of Principal Rich, and A. Nuzum and discontinuance of the school's race relation study. The School Board is preparing to deal with the situation by expelling all students over 16, and bringing truancy charges against those under age.

FREEDOM ASKED FOR FORT LAWTON SOLDIERS

Washington, DC.—On October 27 the NAACP filed a petition for clemency with the Secretary of War on behalf of 27 Negro soldiers, convicted of rioting at Ft. Lawton, Washington, against Italian prisoners of war. The sentences imposed ranged from 1 to 15 years' confinement at hard labor. The Association's attorneys are Thurgood Marshall and his assistant, Robert L. Carter.

In addition to detailing prejudicial errors committed at the trial, it was pointed out that although clashes between American soldiers and Italian prisoners of war occurred a number of times prior to the riot, Ft. Lawton authorities had taken no steps to guard against future occurrences and by their lax policies made the riot of August 14, 1944, inevitable.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL GETS NAACP SUPPORT

Washington, DC.—Leslie Perry of the NAACP Washington Bureau testified Nov. 1 before the House Labor Committee in support of the Pepper-Hook 65c minimum wage bill. This legislation would raise the minimum wage of all unskilled laborers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 from 40c an hour to 65c. After two years the minimum would automatically be raised to 75c hourly. Moreover, a minimum wage would be extended to groups now denied wage protection, namely, persons employed in packing, canning and processing agricultural and fish products for shipping in interstate commerce.

Although indorsing the principle of the legislation, the NAACP said that an amendment was needed to protect Negro workers from wage differentials based solely on race. Under the bill of 1938 committees made up of representatives of management, labor and the public are empowered to raise the minimum wage to 75c even before two years have elapsed, if it finds that the industry in question can afford to do so. It is also authorized to classify all employees in the industry.

After submitting to the House Labor Committee various data showing the extent to which Negroes and Mexican workers frequently



"OPERATION STORK"
Berlin, Germany, (Soundphoto)—While preparing to put into effect "Operation Stork" the mass evacuation of German children from British-controlled districts of Berlin to special reception areas in the

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receive less pay for performing the same work, Perry asked that the bill be amended so as to preclude an industry committee from setting up any "classification" on the basis of age, sex, race, or national origin.

Healing of the Mind

By Dr. J. R. Warren



Most patients have the same amount of brains; but something happened, likely in early childhood, that gave some a slant on life different from other people. So, just as a surgeon finds it necessary to open the abdomen to find the exact cause of the symptoms and so bring about a cure, so does the psychiatrist find it necessary to go down deep into the conscious and unconscious self of the patient to find the cause of the mental twist or notion that prevents the patient from being like, and living with, normal people.

PULLMAN PORTERS TO ASK FOR SHORTER HOURS

BROTHERHOOD CALL CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE

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NAACP PRAISES RICKEY FOR SIGNING ROBINSON

New York.—Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was praised for "following the sound American tradition of fair play" in signing Jackie Robinson to play with the Montreal Royals, farm club of the Dodgers, in a letter from the NAACP last week. "Especially do we appreciate," the letter said, "your statements at the time of the signing and subsequent to it. There was no equivocation from the Dodger office."

NAACP HAILS PRESIDENT ON FEDERAL U.S.E.S.

Washington, DC.—President Truman's plea in his speech of October 30 that the United States Employment Service be kept under Federal management and not returned to the states was hailed by the NAACP in a telegram to the Chief Executive by Walter White. The telegram:

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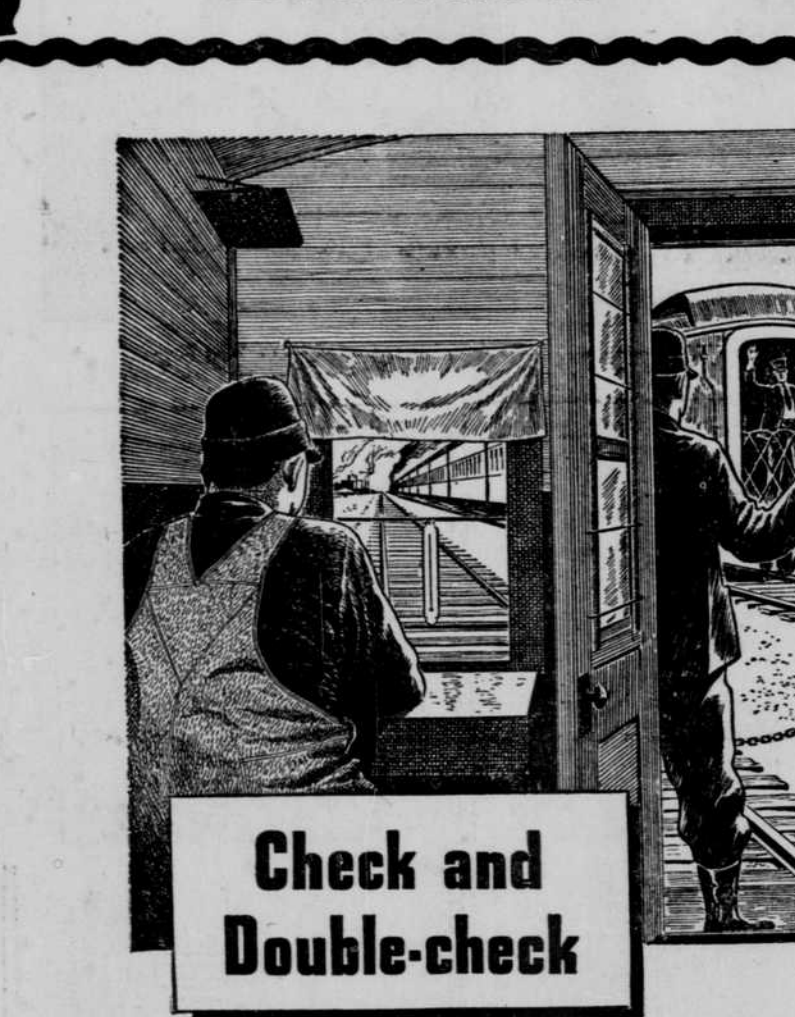
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