

# Navy Asked To Reopen 'Riot' Cases On Guam

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### Lester B. Granger Gets 'First Hand' Information in 25,000 Mile Tour of Pacific Naval Bases



Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League and special adviser to the Secretary of the Navy, has just completed a 25,000 mile inspection tour of Pacific Naval bases. He talked with ranking naval officers and with thousands of Negro sailors. In this way he obtained first hand, facts regarding the administration of the policies of the Bureau of Naval Personnel on the level where the men are directly affected. Mr. Granger went aboard Navy ships like the USS BOREAS, which had in their crews Negro sailors with general service rates (center photo). He visited with some 47 Naval establishments stretching across the Pacific. In Hawaii he talked with Negro radiomen handling fleet communications, men who work on the docks and those who man small craft (photos on left). In San Pedro Bay off Leyte, P. I., and at Saipan he saw the men of Navy logistic support companies (lowest center and upper right photos). In addition to Navy line personnel, the Special Adviser inspected Seabee Special Battalions, some quartered on Navy APL's or floating hotels (lower right) and Marine AAA Battalions on Eniwetok and Guam (top center photo). This was the third inspection tour Mr. Granger has made at the request of Secretary Forrestal. The first two covered Naval establishments in the United States. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

### PACKING-HOUSE WORKERS TO HOLD MASS MEETING

The Packing House Workers of Omaha, CIO Affiliate will hold a Mass meeting next Thursday, November 29th, at 8 p.m. at the Omaha City Auditorium, 15th and Howard streets. Prominent National speakers will explain the wage increase demands and strike vote now pending before these workers. All friends and affiliates of the CIO are urged to attend this important and vital meeting. This is a city wide issue and concerns all citizens.

### RADIO BROADCASTS Flash! A New National Radio Program "CIO for AMERICA"

Hear President Philip Murray's dramatic plea for a decent wage for all Americans. Hear his careful analysis of the need for full employment, importance for all groups in our national life.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**  
10:00-10:15 p. m., EST. American Broadcasting Company (Blue Network)

- Organize listening groups in your home.
- Discuss the program, "CIO for America with your friends."
- Do your share in the fight for FULL EMPLOYMENT and DECENT WAGES for all by building and the listening audience for this program.
- Send your comments on the programs to Philip Murray, President, CIO, 718 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

### CURRAN TO BROADCAST OVER MUTUAL NETWORK NOV. 27 ON VITAL ISSUE ON SPEEDING RETURN OF OVERSEAS TROOPS

New York.—The latest facts behind the failure of Washington agencies to provide sufficient shipping for GI's stranded overseas will be made public in a nationwide broadcast next week by Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Entitled "We Have the Ships—Speed Our GI's Home," Curran's talk will be aired on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27 from 11:15 to 11:30 p.m., Eastern time over Station WOR and the Mutual Network.

### Washington, D. C.—The war is over, but that's not the whole story. Let's finish the job! This was the appeal by the War Finance Division of the Treasury as the Victory Loan passed its half way mark.

Why must we have a Victory Loan?

- To pay the bills for munitions still unpaid.
- To pay the cost of guarding Germany and Japan.
- To pay for the care of our wounded and disabled.
- To pay off and provide benefits for over 9,000,000 veterans to be discharged by next July.
- To keep the lid on price inflation.

### THE MONEY IS NEEDED

The Treasury must meet the enormous obligations incurred in the achievement of victory. Government expenditures are being drastically reduced, and this will continue. Despite this, however, the aftermath of war carries grave responsibilities that must not be shirked, and in facing this task every American's help is needed. Before the end of 1945, the people's Treasury must look to the people for support.

**ARMY AND NAVY**  
A substantial Army and Navy must be maintained until order is restored throughout the world. It means a fighting force to stand watching and waiting, and hoping, but still watching. It means supplying occupation forces with equipment, supplies, pay, small indeed compared to the value of their precious extra days away from home, but all adding up to a lot of money.

### BRINGING OUR BOYS HOME

Millions of homes are waiting for the millions of our boys and many girls who have been away too long. We must bring them back quickly, with every attention to their needs. Travel is costly; it's an expense we'll gladly pay. A fair estimate of the cost of bringing our forces home is \$1,400,000,000.

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED

We cannot pay this debt. We can only do our best. Our hundreds of thousands of youngsters who face a future beset with hardships look to us for help. Our poor answer is that anything money can buy is theirs—hospitalization, treatment, artificial limb vocational training and our best documented guarantee that their suffering must insure that American children will face a better future.

### There are 500,000 American boys who will need medical care.

### NEW YORK.—A request that the Navy Department reopen the case in which 45 Negro Navy men were convicted following a "riot" in December, 1944, was made last week by Walter White, NAACP Secretary, who was present in Guam when the men were tried, and who acted as defense counsel at the invitation of the island commander.

White's letter to H. Struve Hensel, Acting Secretary of the Navy, asked not only for a reopening of the case, but for permission for NAACP counsel to examine all pertinent records.

### THE NAACP contends that the court-martial concerned itself only with the incidents of December 24 and 26, 1944 and like so many military courts, adhered strictly to incidents at hand and the particular violation of regulations charged, with no attention to the factors of prejudice, unfairness and white discrimination known to exist.

"Prior to the so-called disorders of December, 1944," the NAACP letter said, "there had been a series of unprovoked, unchecked and unpunished attacks on Negro servicemen on Guam, particularly Negro Navy Base Company personnel, by white servicemen, chiefly by white Marines. These acts of aggression had consisted of the throwing of missiles, including empty beer bottles, stones, pieces of coral and upon two occasions, hand grenades, into the camp occupied by four Navy Base Companies, located on the side of the Agat-Sumay Road near the Navy Supply Depot. In addition there had been repeated attacks by white Marines upon Negro servicemen when the latter had gone on leave into the town of Agaña."

### "The majority of the officers of the four Negro Navy Base Companies were distinctly inferior. When their men had reported acts of aggression against them to these officers nothing whatever had been done by the officers except attempts to dismiss these reports as unworthy of investigation or action. As a result the Negro Navy personnel were led to believe it futile to report such attacks to their commanding officers. As I frankly stated to the Board of Inquiry, I believe such failure to report assaults and insults based on skin color was a mistake on the part of the aggrieved men. I shared then and share now their belief that no corrective action would have been taken."

The NAACP letter also cited to Mr. Hensel the very light sentence given to white men convicted of crime on Guam in contrast to the sentences imposed on Negroes.

### "I believe it is not improper to point out," Mr. White said, "that a sentence of five years and a 100-day reduction to three years, with further provision for probation on satisfactory completion of eight months confinement seems wholly inadequate for the cold-blooded and unprovoked shooting and killing of a human being as was brought out in the testimony on the part of the Board of Inquiry. I wish further to point out that a sentence of twenty days confinement (which confinement was remitted) and one month EPD appears to me wholly inadequate punishment for one who confessed in writing that he had thrown a smoke bomb into a fuel dump in which Navy Base Company personnel were handling 100 octane gas. While on the Island of Guam I saw the written confession of Pfc. Charles S. Mariott, Jr. who was the Marine who threw the smoke bomb. Apparently no punishment was given for the other Marine on the truck with Mariott, at least one of whom, if my memory serves me correctly, also confessed to throwing a missile at the Negro servicemen."

"Yet the record shows according to the report of the Island Commander that 'approximately forty men,' all Negroes, were tried, convicted and sentenced to prison terms because they defended themselves against attacks when they had reason to believe and did believe that they would be afforded no trial. The report also lists the names of the officers, including their own officers, on the Island of Guam."

### Mr. White observed that when he was requested to act as defense counsel he consented to do so on condition that no legal right of any defendant would be jeopardized because he (White) was not a lawyer and that the court permit the introduction of background material. However, Mr. White pointed out, he was not given access to the secret, confidential and restricted Navy records nor did he have any investigator to dig up material for him. On the contrary, the Judge Advocate who prosecuted the men did have these facilities.

lars saved now will protect the value of future dollars.

Every American, U. S. Bonds are the world's finest, safest investment. Our dollars come back to you for every three dollars in E. Bonds held to maturity.

### PARTNERS IN GOVERNMENT

The needs of the Government are plain. There are other needs. During this war 85,000,000 Americans have bought partnership in Government. People just folks—who never before saved for a rainy day have, through War Bonds, established a new habit—a habit of savings. They have bought a share in our Government. They should continue in this sense of partnership. It has meant during war, UNITY.

### Call National Emergency Meeting on Jobs and Security

Nineteen joint sponsors, among them Bartley C. Crum, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Philip Murray, Rev. Daniel Poline, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Walter White, A. P. Whitney, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, announced the calling of a national emergency meeting on jobs and security to be held on December 7th in Washington, DC.

"America is in danger," the call to the meeting states. "Millions of her citizens face unemployment throughout the coming year. But the majority of Congress has refused to provide for the human side of reconversion and lay the basis for a national economy of full production and full employment."

"We, the undersigned, subscribe to the minimum program outlined by President Truman in his September 8th message to Congress. We are convinced that unless it is substantially enacted soon the country is headed for a more serious depression than we have ever before experienced."

"We are calling this meeting to stimulate action and not for the passing of resolutions."

Organizations invited to send representatives to the conference include church groups, labor unions, Negro, professional, consumer, veterans, farm and women's organizations.

Other sponsors are C. B. Baldwin, Mrs. Rachel S. Bell, Elmer Benson, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Morris L. Cooke, Jo Davidson, Clark Foreman, Willard E. Givens, Robert W. Kenny, Kirtley Mather, and James Patton.

The meeting will be held in the National Press Club auditorium, beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday December 7th, and concluding at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

### Protests To Atlee On Indonesian And Palestine Strife

New York.—Sharp protest against the "slaughter of Indonesian and Palestine youths" by British troops was voiced by Prime Minister Clement Atlee, who is visiting America, by the NAACP.

Declaring that the victory over the Axis will have been lost "if allied nations perpetuated upon dependent peoples the same slavery Germany and Japan would have imposed," the NAACP wire said, "it is all the more inconceivable that a Labor government should be a party to the perpetuation of human slavery." The complete telegram:

"American citizens are perplexed at the contradiction between your statement to the Congress that the British government is working for the interests of the common man everywhere and it is too late that all people before the coming year, our civilization can only survive by the acceptance and practice in international relations and in our national life of the Christian principle we are members one of another while at the same time British troops bomb, strafe and otherwise slaughter Indonesians and other Palestine youths. Your government, Mr. Atlee has sent you to America to ask for a multi-billion dollar loan to the United Kingdom. We ask this blunt question which we have a right to ask because that money, if loaned to your country, will come from the pockets of all Americans, white and Negro, Jews and Gentile. The question we ask is how much of the Multi-billion dollar loan, if made, will be used to perpetuate empire and to suppress by force of arms or otherwise the legitimate demands of colonial peoples that they too share in the fruits of victory which Allied arms have won. All Americans admire the sturdy and courageous fight your country made to prevent totalitarian government from imposing their will upon the world. But that victory will have been lost if Allied nations perpetuate upon dependent peoples the same slavery Germany and Japan would have imposed. It is all the more inconceivable that a Labor government should be a party to the perpetuation of human slavery. We beg of you to be worthy of the confidence and assistance you have come to America to ask."

### ATTENTION WORKERS!

#### 4 Points on How To Make Good

1. Don't argue or sulk on the job, but do your work quietly, quickly and pleasantly.
2. Join your fellow workers in all of their organizations.
3. Leave your ideas about the race problem at home. Your boss wants work not debates.
4. Be on time, give your boss a full day's work, don't lay-off. The fellow who is on the job every day and on time is the fellow who is last to be fired when the slump comes.

Omaha Urban League Community Center, Industrial Relations Department, Duward R. Crooms, Executive Sec'y.

(Watch this Space each Week for TIPS)

### PARADES AND DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE

On the anniversary of the issuance of Britain's White Paper of 1939, that banned immigration of Jews into Palestine, parades and demonstrations were held throughout Jewish settlements in the Holy Land. This parade was held in Jerusalem. There was no disorder. The inscription on banners reads (translation) "We tear the White Paper."

### For The Latest RACE RECORDS

(See Ed. Patton's Ad ON PAGE THREE)