

## New York Show Fronts...

By Don De Leighbur

## "ON STRIVER'S ROW" LOOMS AS AMERICAN NEGRO THEATRE'S NEXT "ANNA LUCASTA"

NEW YORK—"On Striver's Row," the American Negro Theatre's second potential of the year, opened Tuesday February 19th to enthusiastic crowds at the group's new stage home here on West 126th street.

A sparkling comedy based on snobbery of Harlem's "strivin'" society class, "Striver's Row" is a play as full of laughs and talent as the now famous "Anna Lucasta." It well promises, even at this early date, to surpass it in popularity should it reach Broadway.

The "show people's" preview Sunday night attended by members of the casts of "Anna Lucasta," "Deep Are the Roots," and "Showboat," showed high interest and praise for the play even in its "pre-final" state, as writer-director Abe Hill described it to be.

Famous names in N. Y. current downtown shows as well as in Harlem theatricals appeared in the 16-man cast. Among those were Dorothy Carter (who just ended an appearance in "Stranger in Paradise") who plays Dolly Van Striven, the ambitious mother-social climber; Isabella Sanford as Sophie, a maid not-to-be tread-on; Lula Mae Ward, (Tillie Petunia, the malicious newspaper columnist); Stanley Greene (Oscar Van Striven) as Papa; and romantic leads Louise Benson and Curtis Harry.

Spice (and nice!) and comedy roles are carried by draped and shapely Verneida LaSalle (Lillie Livingston), Hilda Haynes (Louise Davis), and Dr. Fred Carter (Doc), the jive artist.)

Serious moments and the social dig are expertly put over by two consistently good performers: Hattie King-Revis (as Mrs. Pace, the dictatorial tea-crusted in-law) and Jacqueline Andre, the philosophical and lucky horse plucker.

Able assisted by Sally Alexander, Vivian Hallidog, Austin Briggs-Hall, Javotte Sutton (who has a Lena Horneish kind of beauty and a pre-mingled stage personality) Charles Henderson, and Draynard Clinton.

A special musical score by Frank Fields and specialty numbers intermixed with the action of the play are promised for the future, the press office announced. These will include a dance by Joan Smith, and some special songs.

In itself, this will be a novelty for this one of the few times the American Negro Theatre has used music.

Two companies of "On Striver's Row" are in operation. Abe Hill will continue to direct the New York cast, and Osceola Arche, dramatic coach who directed the student production of "Our Town" last June, will direct the road company. The latter is scheduled to play Newark, Philadelphia, Washington and Huntington, L. I., with other engagements on the way.

## HOME OWNERS PROTECTIVE ASS'N

Home owners of Omaha have formed the Home Owners Protective Ass'n to protect themselves from pressure groups that are trying to force higher taxes on real estate.

A man who has been a tax expert for 25 years was chosen as President of the Association. He is C. F. Leppert, retired official of the Federal income tax department for Nebraska. Phil C. Lynch, Sr., is Vice President; Charles P. Stepanek is Secretary and C. J. Calabria, Treasurer. The association has contracted for radio time to carry their case to the general public. According to Leppert the main purpose of the organization is to fight the efforts of the pressure groups to force County Assessor Joe Stolinski to raise real estate taxes by at least 15 per cent.

A fact finding Committee of home owners has been appointed to make a survey, not only of the Assessor's Office but also the personal tax records of members of various pressure groups who are insisting on increasing taxes for home owners.

Mr. Leppert also issued the following statement:

We home owners do not intend to stand idly by while the pressure groups and Omaha's only daily newspaper are using every means at their command in an effort to compel the Douglas County Assessor to increase, by at least 15 per cent, the already heavy tax load on owners of homes with moderate incomes.

We home owners refuse to be stampeded by pressure groups or

selfish interests and will fight any attempt to increase our real estate taxes because of inflated market values.

We agree with the recent statement of State Tax Commissioner Robert M. Armstrong—that "real estate is today carrying more than its share of the tax burden. It is so easy to levy taxes on real estate—it cannot escape." "Personal property is not carrying its share. The intangibles, even with their low rate of tax, are only a drop in the bucket."

We home owners endorse the recent unanimous ruling of the Nebraska Assessor's Association made at their annual 1946 Convention, that present inflated market values shall not be a factor in determining the real estate assessments.

He called upon all home owners to join in the fight against unjust taxation by joining the association.

Leppert said the association has secured some radio time to present its case to the public. The first broadcast will be over WOW at 9:45 p.m. on March 1st. C. F. Leppert, President. The Omaha Home Owners Protective Ass'n., WA 2606

## NAACP OPPOSES MILITARY TRAINING IN PEACETIME

Washington, D. C.—The NAACP opposes peacetime military conscription because "it is generally unsound in principle, and the present bill would permit the continuation of present racial segregation and discrimination in the armed forces," Leslie Perry told the House Committee on Military Affairs which held hearings on the measure last week.

Perry cited the case of a young Negro Ph. D. whose application for a commission in the Navy was rejected by the Director of Naval Officer Procurement, Commander O. J. Gollickson, early in 1944 because the quota for colored applicants in your classification is currently filled. At that time there were 29 Negro Naval Officers out of a total of 257,242 officers. We have no reason to believe that either the Army or the Navy contemplates making greater or fairer use of Negro personnel in the peacetime than it did when the nation was engaged in a life and death struggle, the NAACP said.

Discriminatory practices of the National Guard also were brought to the attention of the Committee. The NAACP said the year of the training proposed under the bill was designed to serve as a feeder for the National Guard as well as the Army and Navy. Only 14 states, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and the District of Columbia even admit Negroes to the Guard, and these states restrict them to small segregated units. This is particularly important, the NAACP continued, since the War Department has announced plans to enlarge this outfit to 622,500, three times the normal peacetime strength.

## The Waiter's Column

By H. W. Smith

The Waiters Key Club is going places and extends a welcome to all friends at any time.

Musician head waiter and fine crew at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce on the ball on serving.

Waiters at the Hill Hotel doing their number.

Blackstone Hotel waiters on the up and go always.

O maha Club waiters with the Captain Jones always improving the meals, etc.

Fontenelle Hotel waiters on the quick step at all times.

Paxton Hotel head waiter and booted crew taking very care of the service.

M. Ward and fasion plate Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Barcus, McFarland Hodges and the crew of waiters, always on the front line on good service, to the members and their friends at the OAC.

Has your membership expired in the NAACP.

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PISTOL PACKING MAMA! and it ain't hay either. Sultry Jane Russell looks as though she knows her business too. She will be seen shortly in "The Outlaw." Other members of the cast include Thomas Mitchell, Walter Huston, and Jack Beutel.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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JAP EMPEROR TALKS

TO WORKERS  
YOKOHAMA, JAPAN—U. S. SIGNAL CORPS RADIOPHOTO—SOUNDPHOTO—Japanese Emperor Hirohito stops to talk to workers at

the Showa Electrical factory at Yokohama during his tour of heavy industries in this area. The purpose of his tour was to see what progress the Japs had made in these bombed out industrial areas.



MANAGER DYER

OPENS SPRING TRAINING FOR CARDINALS

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Manager Eddie Dyer (center) talks things over with two of his stars, Johnny Beazley (L) and Enos Slaughter, as the St. Louis Cardinals hold a practice session of the spring training season at St. Petersburg. Some 15 players were among the early arrivals.

## D. A. RERUSES TO INVESTIGATE KILLINGS OF TWO NEGROES

Mineola L. I. (CNS)—District Attorney James N. Gehrig has given a final "no" to a delegation of 72 Nassau County citizen when they asked for special steps to

be taken to investigate Freeport police's slayings of two Negroes

police's slayings of two Negroes Gehrig claims that "a lot of agitation has taken place because of the assumption that the boys were shot because they were colored boys". The case of the policeman Joseph Romeika the Freeport cop, who shot the boys, is to be taken up in routine manner when it comes before the Grand Jury this week.

Negro applicants for the enlistment in the regular United States

**ANNE ARNOLD HEDGEMAN**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A PERMANENT FEPC (COMPOSED OF WOMEN) WAS NAMED AS ONE OF THE FIFTEEN OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN 1944 FOR HER UNTRIRING EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE FEPC. A GRADUATE OF HAMLINE U. IN ST. PAUL, MINN. SHE IS WELL-KNOWN FOR HER YWCA AND WELFARE WORK.

**COL. JAMES DAVIS JR.**  
FIRST NEGRO COMMANDER OF A U.S. MILITARY BASE, AT GODMAN FIELD, KY. STARTED HIS MILITARY CAREER AS A CADET IN WEST POINT. HE WAS THE FOURTH NEGRO TO GRADUATE FROM THAT MILITARY ACADEMY IN JUNE 1936. HE WON HIS WINGS AT THE JUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FIELD IN 1942 AND ROSE RAPIDLY TO HIS PRESENT RANK. YOUNG COL DAVIS WEARS THE LEGION OF MERIT, SILVER STAR, DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND THE AIR MEDAL WITH FOUR OAKLEAF CLUSTERS.

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**INVENTOR GRANVILLE T. WOODS**

Naval service were advised this week that official naval policy fully protects their right to enlist in any branch of the service for which they are eligible or qualified. Assurance came from Lester B. Granger, National Urban League Executive, who has been acting as special advisor to the Navy Secretary, after several cases had been brought to his attention involving recruiting centers in different cities where Negroes had been refused enlistment except in the steward's mate branch. Upon reporting these instances to the Secretary of Navy, Granger received the following letter from Mr. Forrestal:

"Instructions in effect to the Recruiting and Induction Service that anyone—regardless of race, creed, or color—who meets the physical, mental moral standards as qualified for enlistment or enlistment in the Regular Navy in any of the general service ratings authorized in Recruiting Circular Letters, provided he is a citizen of the United States or of its insular possessions.

"Personnel separated from the service over three months may be reenlisted, if physically and mentally qualified, under broken service standards. As such, they can not come in as petty officers. If previous service has been with the Army, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, they are likewise ineligible for petty officer ratings. Enlistees who have had no previous service in any branch of the Armed Forces are eligible for enlistment as Seaman or as Steward's Mates. However, colored enlistees are not accepted for general service unless able to pass the General Classification Test, gives to all enlistees. If their mark is below the required standard, they are accepted as Steward's Mates only.

"It is hoped that the above explanation will clarify Navy standards for all applicants for enlistment."

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## BIGOTRY THREAT TO AMERICAN LIBERTY

By John W. Gibson  
Special Assistant US Secretary Labor

Washington (LR)—The principal criticism of prejudice, whether racial or religious, is its complete lack of logic. Your prejudiced man is never logical. He reaches into the abstract for facts that do not exist to back a judgement formed with no facts at all for a basis. It does not matter in what field his prejudice lies. He is at home anywhere in his nursing of it. Strangely enough, he will argue that he is within his rights in entertaining the prejudice—and let us admit he is—but he is never hesitant in invading YOUR rights if you refuse to agree with him.

The great fallacy in the position of this man—and there are too many of him annoying and harassing the test of us—is that while we admit his right to his opinion, he proposes to withhold the same right from us who disagree with him, or from those against whom

## LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION OF FINAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, Bk. 65, P. 402.

In the matter of the Estate of FANNIE M. OWEN, Deceased:

All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 1st day of March, 1946 Johnny Owen filed a petition in said County Court, praying that his final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that he be discharged from his trust as Administrator and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 1st day of April, 1946 at 9 o'clock A. M., and contest said petition, the Court may grant the prayer of said petition, enter a decree of heirship, and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this Court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.

ROBERT R. TROYER, County Judge. Bk. 3-9 '46 eng 3-23 '46

his prejudice is directed.

But this is not his only basis of illogic. Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the prejudiced man insists that those who preach respect for other human beings and their rights are out to reach quite another objective.

This matter can easily be tested. Ask one of the hate missionaries if he will agree with the academic theory that two men working side by side at the same identical job are entitled to the same rate of pay. Invariably the answer comes back: "Do you think a Negro (or Jew) is as good as you are?"

To begin with, the question is not an answer to the question at all. It does expose the trick that is commonly used to spread prejudice through a community. This is far more dangerous than the outright lie. The liar can easily be detected and exposed, but the man who raises collateral issues is not so easily exposed.

As I understand the problem it centers on this: The main concept of the American way of life is that all men are created equal and endowed with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To live, a man must have a sufficiency of material goods to meet his needs; to have liberty he must enjoy the same political status and accessibility to community services on an equality with others. The pursuit of happiness is a combination of the first two.

Certainly no fair minded man can object to giving others the things he expects for himself and the overwhelming majority of men are fair minded—unless a collateral issue is raised to confuse them.

Interjecting "social equality" into the question is simply a collateral issue that is used by disciples of prejudice. They take foul advantage of the word "social" in one of its most limited meanings.

This meaning leaves only on the intimate personal life of any man, woman or child in this country. Among our sacred rights is the right to decide individually on the relationships we maintain within the community. As a result, all of our draw lines, each for himself. We decide the degree of intimacy which is to exist between us and another. These things are never decided by groups; they are and remain individual prerogatives.

There is none of us, irrespective of race, religion, color or any other differentiation, that does not exercise this right. The Negro, the

Jew, and I may each think himself "better" than either of the others, but none of us has the right to apply that theory to the other's right to work at equal pay to his right to participate in the government of his country.

## CLEMENCY ASKED IN RAPE CONVICTION

Washington, D. C.—Clemency for Samuel Hill, formerly a Sgt. in the 93rd Infantry Division, was asked of the War Department by NAACP lawyers last week. Hill was convicted of raping a native woman on a Pacific island and sentenced to life imprisonment. NAACP lawyers contend the evidence does not sustain the conviction, Hill was never identified by the complainant, and the record is full of conflicting testimony. They called the conviction a "gross miscarriage of justice."

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