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If you would seek them, look about you. Hear them speak:

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It's lonely here in Germany. It's very cold. We worry here in Germany about how it is at home the wives who may be ill, the child we haven't seen, the sweetheart who could be remembering —maybe not. But there's a man here with us who can get in touch, straighten out the worry, a kind of trouble-shooting guy who wears a small red cross in his cap. That man is YOU.

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In the hospital, the days take a very long time to go. The hours are all the same. But there's a girl who comes through the wards with magazines and books and cigarettes and stops to talk. She'll write a letter for you when your hands are hurt. She'll read a book or play a game. There's a small red cross pinned on her collar. That girl is YOU.

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The wind swept through our town one night, leveling the buildings. It destroyed our homes. That night was very cold, full of cries of the homeless and the hurt. But among us moved men and women providing shelter, food warmth. On their uniforms a small red cross shone. They were YOU.

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I came home from Tarawa Saipan, the islands where we fought. I was discharged. And I was lonely and discour funds. But there was someone here to talk to, who loaned me money, told me where to go for help. On his desk a small red cross stood. That man was YOU.

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We are lonely, and the anxious, and the lost. We are the cold and hungry people, the children who have no shoes, the people without shelter.

But everywhere among us is the sign of home . . stamped on a sack of flour, a crate of medicine or milk, worn on a uniform, painted on a building fred and red. It is the emblem of comfort. It is the sign of hope. It is YOU.

Remember these thoughts when the Red Cross volunteer workers tap on your door, for the annual campaign for funds this year which got underway on March first and will continue throughout this month. Remember these thoughts when you make your contribution to fully give your thankfulness to help raise the minimum quota of $254,500, for YOU ARE THE RED CROSS

Will Defend Columbia Riot Victims To Utmost Limits; *19 Organization Pledges to NAACP.*

New York, N. Y—Nineteen national organizations today pledged their total cooperation to defend all of the Negroes charged with various offenses in connection with the Columbia, Tennesee "riot" started February 25th at a conference in the Wendell Wilkie Memorial Building by the NAACP. Those pledging their aid include the Americans Committee; the Council for Democracy; the March on Washington Movement; the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and professions; New York Council for Permanent FEPC; the National Lawyers Guild; The CIO-PAC; the American Civil Liberties Union; the American Jewish Congress; the National Urban League, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; the Methodist Federation for Social Service; Imperial Lodge of Elks; the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Friends of Democracy; Freedom House and the YMCA. It is expected that other organizations who were unable to send representatives to the conference held today will also participate in the vigorous and uncompromising fight which will be made in the courts of law and of public opinion.

The steps decided upon include the supplying of all necessary legal defense. The NAACP has already retained Maurice Weaver, young southern white lawyer of Chattanooga and Wordld War II veteran and Z. Alexander Looby, well-known Negro lawyer of Nashville. Thurgood Marshall. NAACP Special Counsel, is leaving for Tennessee shortly to perfect, in cooperation with Messrs. Weaver and Looby, plans for defense on the basis of the Maury County Grand Jury Action.

Other steps decided upon at the conference today included an appointment of a delegation to confer with President Harry S. Truman and Atty. General Tom Clark to insist upon more vigorous federal action aginst the mob who attempted to lynch Mrs. Gladys Stephenson and her son, James Stephenson because the young Negro war veteran defended his mother when she was kicked and struck by William Fleming, white radio repair man.

Because the newspaper stories written by Columbia and Nashville newspapermen conspicously failed to mention that the initial assault had been made by Fleming and not by the Stephensons, and gave only the mob's side of the story, a nationwide campaign of publicity through paid advertisements, radio broadcasts, and the publication of literature, the holding of mass meetings and other means of informing the country of the truth of the Columbia riot was voted. Plans were also made to raise as speedily as possible the necessary funds for defense. All the defendents excpet one have requested in writing that the NAACP defend them.

Particular emphasis was put by the conference on the necessity of bringing the real culprits in the Tennessee tradgedy to justice. particularly the state militia, state highway patrolmen and other agents of the state of Tennessee who were responsible for pillaging sarch ad seizure without warrant beating and otherwise manhandling the helpless Negro defendents destroying Negro business establishments and homes, the holding of Negro defendants incommunicado and the tapping of telephone wires.

It was pointed out that punishment of the real culprits uncompromising defenced of the Negro victims would deter other mobs both in the South and North from attempting similar violence and frame-up.

Z. Alexander Looby, telephoned the National Headquarters today that John McKizen, 26, married and father of two children 4 and 6 and Robert Gentry, 24, who were arrested subsequent to the riot have been freed on bail of $5000 each. The charge against them is attempted murder. Mr. Looby reports that all of the Negro defendents have now been freed of jail. No presentments have yet been made to the Maury County Grand Jury. Local authorities have indicated that they would begin to present material to the Grand Jury 'some time next week'.

St. John Scene of Outstanding Music Program

Monday, March 18 at St. Johns AME Church a full house heard one of the outstanding musical programs given this season by the Elks Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mr. H. L. Preston.

The renditions were simply beautiful to hear, blending perfectly with colorful attire worn by the singers. The audience was charmed, enchanted, and enslaved by th melody and tone quality of the choral group. Applauses were very warm and long. The perfection of each number was presented was enough to set the heart strings of the audienoe reverberating with each note. The night was filled with glorious music and song.

The program in all its beauty and splendor was as follows:

Overture.....Orchestra
Processional Theme Song.....
Invocation.....Rev. E. B. Childress
Steal Away Boatney By Ensemble
Instrumental Solo: 'He Loves Even Me.....Lawrence by S. Yancy
"Nobody Knows De Trouble".....
(Spiritual.....By Mrs. Marie Price, Gospel by Chorus
Cocal Solo: "Sun Rises and You" .....A. Penn, by Mrs. Lillian Stevens
"Somewhere Listening" (Gospel) .....Morris
Special Feature (Piano).....Geo. Wheeler, Jr., 11 years
a. "The Gay Butterfly".....Hatch
b. "Warrior Song".....Hatch
Intermission
"Live a Humble".....Spiritual
Vocal Solos.....Calvin Philps
a. "Precious Lord"
b. "It's My Desire"
Selections.....Mens Chorus
a. "Were You There"
b. "My Lord What a Morning"
Solo.....Mrs. Lula Bryant
"Does Jesus Care".....Dorsey
(Special for M. M. & Aux.)
"My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me"
Solo With Chorus.....Evelyn Sims
Bass Solo.....Mr. McClinton
Robinson—"I'm Troubled"
"Unclouded Day".....Chorus
Solo—Mrs. Lula Bryant
"Fall On Me" (Gospel).....Chorus
Solo—Mrs. Lillion Stevens
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The Minute Men and Women's Auxiliary sponsored this excellent program. Committee; Mrs. Sara Walker; Mrs. Alice Sherwood; Mr. John Faucett; Mason Devereaux; Mr. H. L. Preston, Director of the Ensemble and Mrs. Otis Jamerson at the piano. Mr. A. R. Goodlett, president; Mrs. Carrie Howell, presient of M. M. Aux.; Mr. Emory Hickman, president of the Ensemble.

APPEAL TO BE MADE BY NAACP IN FLORIDA RAIL CASE

New York, N. Y.—Stating that Mrs. Marta Mae Watkins, of NY City, was a passenger in interstate commerce and therefore not subject to local regulations concerning the separation of the races in jim crow states, the NAACP. through its legal department announced it would appeal the conviction last week.

Mrs. Watkins was enroute from New York City to West Palm Beach, Flordia, and was riding in a reserved seat in one of the coaches of the Atlantic Coast Line's Champion. When authorities asked her to move to the 'colored section of the train she refused to do so.

At Jacksonville, Florida Mrs. Watkins was taken off the train for allegedly violating the jim crow law and isorderly conduct. Local NAACP representatives secured her release from jail and furnished counsel for defense. At the train no disorderly conduct was shown except her refusal to move to the colored section. It was further contended that since she was an interstate passenger, she was not subject to local race separation laws. She was convicted and fined $25 on each charge. The appeal is expected to come up in June.

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REGISTRATION IN WEST PALM BEACH IS HEAVY

Miami, Fla.—According to word reaching party headquarters here the registration of Negro voters for city, county, and state elections in West Palm Beach outnumber whites by almost 2 to 1 and it is estimated that of the 2,800 persons who have registered since the books opened January 2 three fourths are colored. Practically all Negroes are signing up as Democrats.

NAACP LEGAL FORCE FILES FOR CLEMENCY WITH SEC'Y OF WAR

Washington, D. C—The NAACP through its legal department submitted a petition for clemency in behalf of Ernest Stewart now confined in a Federal penitentiary under sentence of a General Court Martial, to Secretary of: War, Robert Patterson. Stewart was charged and convicted of assault with intent to kill upon a white superior officer and was sentenced to 16 years at hard labor. The petition pointed out that Stewart had been convicted on evidence which in a civil court, would have called for acquittal. At the court martial no proof was offered that Stewart had fired at his superior officer. The petition emphasized the gross errors of law committed by the court and it alleged that Stewart would have been acquitted, in all probability, if it had not been for his race.

The NAACP urged that the Secretary of War remit the remaining portion of Stewart's sentence and allow him to reenlist to terminate honorably his service to his country.

NAACP DONATES $200 TO SOUTH AFRICAN DROUGHT SUFFERERS AND INDIAN FAMINE VICTIMS

New York, N. Y.—A donation of $100 apeice to the India League of America and the Council on African Affairs for relief purposes was voted by the NAACP board of Directorss at its March meeting.

In making the donations the board pointed out the necessity of giving as much aid as possible to the natives of South Africa and India who face an immediate future of starvation and famine.

CLEMENCY ASKED IN 'GI' DEATH SENTENCE

Washington, D. C.—Clemency has been asked of the Secretary of War in the death sentence imposd upon Leroy Steen by a court martial in France last May. He was found guilty of first degree murder, but Thurgood Marshall and Franklin H. Williams of the NAACP legal staff contend the charge nas not proved bekond a reasonable doubt.

NEW AWARD FOR NAACP BRANCHES

New York, N. Y.—Ike Smalls, member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, from Des Moines announced at the March meeting of the board that he would donate a loving cup each year to the branch of the Association which, on a percentage basis, shows the greatest increase in membership.

In making the announcement, Mr. Smalls said that he hoped the first award would be made at the 1947 Annual Conference of the Association which would be for achievement made in 1946.

A similar award was set up for Youth Councils and College Chapters of the NAACP in 1944. The Youth Council sup was won by the Boston, Mass. council.

Mr. Smalls is president of the Iowa State Conference of Branches of the NAACP and a member of the executive board of the Des Moines branch.

Appoint New Associate Dir. of Omaha Community Welfare Council

Tom E. Wintersteen, newly appointed associate director of the Omaha Community Welfare Council, will have charge of program activities of the council, it was announced by John F. Merriam, council president.

The council is the coordinating body for all social welfare organizations in Omaha and Douglas County. It conducts planning and survey studies of social problems in the fields of recreation and leisure time education, family welfare, child care and public health. It also collects social statistsics as a basis for research. In addition, the council manages the Social Service Exchange and the Volunteer Bureau.

Wintersteen, in social work for nearly 23 years, formerly was a national board member of the American Association of Social Workers.

He attended Western Reserve university school of Applied Social Sciences, later worked at Cleveland and Buffalo, NY, and from April of 1940 until he entered the armed forces in May of 1943 he was executive secretary of the Family Service agency at Chattanooga, Tenn.

During his military service, he was a captain in the army serving as public welfare officer for nine provinces centering at Bologna, Italy.

Wintersteen at one time served in boys' work at the Fremont and Columbus YMCA's and later as young mens' secretary for the Omaha YMCA.

Who Wouldn't

NO WONDER GI'S CLAMOR FOR MORE AND MORE USO CAMP SHOWS! Who wouldn't, when they present such talented beauties as Ida James. Miss James, who used to sing at New York's exclusive Ruban Bleu and the famed Macambo in Hollywood, has been entertaining service men in war-torn Manila and the remote cities of Japan for the past five months and will continue for another four.

Union Services

Union Services will be held this coming Sunday night, March 24th. at Zion Baptist Church, 2215 Grant St. Devotional Services at 7:30 pm. Sermon at 8:00 pm. by Rev. E. V. Wade, Pastor of the Cleaves Temple CME Church. Music by Cleaves Temple Choir.

TWO SUB-CHASER SHIPS MANNED DURING WAR BY MOSTLY NEGRO CREW DE-COMMISSIONED

The PC 1264, a sub chaser, one of the Navy's two fighting ships manned during the war by predominantly Negro crews, has been decommissioned.

The final entry was made in the log of the patrol craft in February when she was stripped and sent to the Newark Bay Excess Berthing Site, Navy Yard, New York, to be disposed.

The ship, commissioned in April 1940, initially had a complement of 53 Negro petty officers and seamen, eight white leading petty officers and five white commissioned officers. Six months later after the commissioning, Negro crewman qualified to take all petty officer duties and they were promoted and the white officers transferred. Later a Negro officer was made Executive Officer of the ship.

The PC 1264 was given varied duties, from patrolling the sea alone as a part of a submarine killer group to escorting convoys between New York and Cuba and intermediate waters.

In early January, 1945, the vessel was transferred from convoy escort duty to become, with other anti-submarine vessels, part of a far sweeping Atlantic Patrol. The ship took part in 10 of these patrols, many during bitter winter weather. With the increase in enemy submarine activity in the latter part of March, 1945, the PC 1246 was reassigned to escort duty.

During these various assignments the ship contacted enemy submarines several times and a depth charge and ahead thrown attacks were carried out. However, damage to enemy submarines was never actually confirmed.

Shortly after cessation of hostilities in Europe, the vessel was overhauled in preparation for service in the Pacific. In July the ship departed but before reaching the Pacific, Japan surrendered.

Ordered back to Norfolk, Va., the ship began to feel the effects of the demobilization program.

On October 27, 1945, the PC 1264 took part in the Navy Day Fleet review by President Harry S. Truman in New York Harbor. Participation of the vessel in the review proudly symbolized the contribution of the Negro sailor to our battle for victory.

BILLY CONN TO ARRIVE AT GREENWOOD LAKES

New York—(C)—Billy Conn is expected to arrive at Greenwood Lake April 1 according to Sol H. Gold, who has gone ahead to see that all is in readiness for the challenger to the heavyweight crown.

Billy will do his most vigorous training at Greenwood Lakes before his June 30th meeting with Joe Louis.

MONTGOMERY AND PELLONE PASS TESTS FOR NON-TITLE MATCH

New York—(CNS)—Bob Montgomery and Tony Pellone, rooted as one of the outstanding fighters in the 135 lb. class, breezed into the State Athletic Commission offices to take their preliminary physical examinations prior to their non title lightweight encounter at Madison Square Garden.

H. McCaw Heads New Vet Setup

TAKE OVER RAILROAD MEN'S BUILDING

Charters both National and State, have been granted to a newly organized group of World War II veterans, who will be known henceforth as "The American Veterans of World War II, 'AMVETS' Post No. 2" with headquarters in the former Railroad Men's Benevolent Club building at 24th and Miami Sts.

A group of these veterans met at the Club rooms on Thursday, March 7, 1946, and set up this organization and elected the following veterans as officers:

HERERT L. McCAW, COMMANDER,

WOODROW F. MORGAN, ADJUTANT,

WILLIAM A. DAVIS, 1ST VICE COMMANDER,

RAYMOND ALEXANDER, 2ND VICE COMMANDER

COLUMBUS McMORRIS, 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Other positions: Trial Judge Advocate; Finance Officer, Provost Marshall, etc., were left to be filled by appointment at a later date by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of all the elected officers.

The American Veterans of World War II, AMVETS, Post No. II, is organized to serve primarily the interests of the veterans of the latest conflict.

The officers of the AMEVTS have already outlined an aggressive program which keeps the particular interests of the veteran foremost. Their first action was to begin an intensive membership drive with the objective of obtaining the membership of most, if not all, of the veterans of World War II.

★ If you are a veteran of World War II, you owe it to yourself to became an active member of the AMVETS, . . your own oragnization.

The AMVETS have negotiated and obtained as their Club rooms, the building formerly occupied by the Railroad Men's Club, at 24th and Miami Streets. These club rooms will be redecorated and refurnished for a grand opening in the near future. Watch for further announcements in The Greater Omaha Guide.

COMING SOON TO ST. JOHNS

A sound film, "Journey Into Faith. H. L. Preston will sing. Be on the lookout in next weeks issue for the date!

FIRST NEGRO APPOINTED TO NY BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

New York—(C)—The appointment of Rev. John Coleman, Brooklyn Negro Catholic to the Board of Higher Education was highly welcomed in some circles and the other circles appeared not to be pleased. By appointing Dr. Coleman, who has had a distinguished career in interracial affairs, Mayor O'Dwyer is being congratulated for placing the 1st Negro on the board which governs the city-owned colleges. On the other hand, since a vacancy was left on the Board of Higher Education which is a much larger and more powerful board than the secondary school machinery, many Negroes feel we should have had an appointment on the Board of Education.

However, Mayor O'Dwyer has given out the information that he felt it a necessity to appoint a Catholic to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education since the position was formerly occupied by a Catholic, Daniel P. Higgins, who resigned last December. Meanwhile, many circles are exclaiming that they never heard of Dr. Coleman. Why couldn't a more outstanding personality have been appointed as Dr. Channing H. Tobias?

Dr. Coleman was sworn in on Tuesday, March 5th, and his term will last through June 30, 1952. Barring unforseen accidents, there will be no more vacancies until in 1952.

NAT HINES DIES FROM RING INJURIES

Philapelphia, Pa.—(C)—Twenty four year old Nat Hines, light-heavyweight boxer, died this week from ring injuries. Hines knocked out in the 6th and final round of a bout with Billy Eck at Allantown, Pa., last Friday night.

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