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OUR GUEST COLUMN

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MILITARY RACISM
By Conrad Lynn

Note to readers:

During the war, in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, Attorney Conrad Lynn defended in federal courts his brother, Winifred Lynn, who challenged Jim Crow practices of Selective Service and the Army. Since on a technicality the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case, segregation still reigns triumphant in the armed forces.

The wave of attacks on racial minorities sweeping the country just now can hardly be called a moral let-down from the war fever. World War II was not fought by Americans as a moral crusade in contrast to World War I. Few declared we were fighting for noble ideals. Those who did, like Roosevelt, met with widespread cynicism and misunderstanding, an understanding that HE was supposed to talk about ideals as a function of his office. At best the war ideology was AGAINST certain principles as distinguished from being FOR their opposites.

The armed forces command and also the common soldiers and sailors, for the most part, clearly appreciated this. With commendable frankness the army declared itself against integrating Negroes into the general forces of the nation because that would be a "social experiment". The army was not interested in social experiments. But the generals went further. They threw off the mask on the face of American democracy and revealed it in all its repulsive horror. When Negro and white boys from small towns traveled together to induction centers they were peremptorily ordered to separate as soon as they had taken the oath to defend their native land. The army may have been fighting nazism and race myths but it was definitely for the segregation and humiliation of its black detachments.

During the Battle of the Bulge when HQ became jittery over an imminent German breakthrough, Negro cooks, QM trucks, truck drivers and laborers were co-opted for the infantry and thrown into white divisions. Admittedly they acquitted themselves gallantly. A torrent of pious rhetoric poured out of the Information and Education Section of the army. Negroes were men.

Immediately after the victory over the Axis fascism a committee of generals headed by General Gillem was appointed by the Chief of Staff to investigate the problem of Negro troops and their integration with the white units. The committee reported that integration was feasible and desirable if done in a gradual fashion. At once the papers, including Negro weeklies, ran streamers. The Army Abolishes Jim Crow. Now Negro facts are out of the bag. Recently the army put into effect its new policy for Negro soldiers. They will be used as jim crow regiments attached to the six field armies.

A higher proportion of the officers will be Negroes in order to win the loyalty of middle class Negroes. No more Negro volunteers will be accepted in order to preserve the desired ratio of blacks to whites.

So the actual legal status of Negroes in the armed forces as brought out by the Lynn case has in no way been altered. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was frank in declaring that a law of Congress in 1866 made jim crow units a pattern for United States forces and that this law had not been affected by the 1946 amendment to the draft law which ostensibly forbids discrimination on account of race or color in the selection and training of men for service.

How convincing must American protestations of equality and brotherhood sound to Indians and Chinese and Indonesians and Ethiopians and Latin Americans in the forum of the United Nations when they contemplate this melancholy situation.

—APA—

VETERANS FORM BUFFET CLUB

Lee C. Brooks, 525 So. 51 St., veteran of the Bataan, Dec. 1941-March and three years a prisoner of war in Japan was elected president of the Veterans Buffet Club last night in an organization meeting in the director's room of the City Nat'l Bank building.

Charles A. (Doc) Irvine, 4340 Chicago St., Marine Corps veteran of the Marianna, Marshall, Gilbert and Okinawa invasions and holder of the Purple Heart was made secretary.

The purpose of the club is to assist in the re-election of Congressman Howard Buffett. Mr. Brooks said that the veterans of World

Representative Douglas, Robeson TO URGE THE REMOVAL OF BILBO

Seeks Bilbo Campaign Probe



Percy Green, editor of the Jackson (Miss.) Advocate, shows William J. Schiefelin (center) chairman emeritus of the board of Tuskegee Institute, and Paul Robeson (right) a copy of the petition filed with the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee asking that Senator Bilbo's recent primary campaign be investigated. Mr. Green is one of the signers of the petition, which will be back in New York to attend a dinner at the Hotel Pennsylvania under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress on October 17, when he will tell how Bilbo deprived the Negroes of Mississippi of the right to vote in the July 2 primaries.

BILBO'S VOTE BEING CHECKED BY SEN. PROBES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—Two representatives from the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, are reported to have been sent to Jackson, Miss., to investigate charges against Senator Theodore Bilbo.

Mrs. Hayes, N. N. C. Delegate Returns from Washington Conference

Mrs. G. Anetta Hayes, delegate for the Omaha Council of the National Negro Congress has just returned to the city after two busy weeks in Washington, D. C., where she attended the American Crusade to End Lynching Meet held in Washington on Monday, Sept. 23rd at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The meeting began a 100 day campaign and will continue until the opening of the 80 th Congress. Mrs. Hayes said over 3000 delegates attended the convention. Delegations were selected to visit President Truman, Attorney-General Clark, the Democratic and Republican Nat'l Committees. A delegation of nine delegates, headed by Paul Robeson conferred with President Truman at the White House. Many other prominent leaders were in attendance, among them being: Howard Murphy of the Afro-American; Mrs. Harper Sibley, National Council of Church Women; Rabbi Irvin Miller of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. Max Yergan; Abrey Williams and Joseph L. Johnson.

Mrs. Hayes was one of the delegates to go to the Democratic National Headquarters at the Mayflower Hotel.

At the conclusion of the day's meeting a large crowd gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to hear Mrs. Robeson sing and talk under an umbrella. Mr. Robeson, noted baritone, sang three songs and talked briefly.

"We have to back leaders like Wallace", he said. "I cannot go along with Mr. Truman's statement that we must support American Foreign Policy. It is a policy that is bound to lead to war".

The conference meeting opened with a talk by Percy Green, editor of the Jackson (Miss.) Advocate. Mr. Green urged the impeachment of Bilbo, and stated that he was a Mississippian and intended to stay there.

In visits to Democratic and Republican headquarters, the conference delegates urged that in the forthcoming elections, all party candidates adhere to and support the enactment into law of an anti-lynch bill.

A highlight of the evening's meeting at the Lincoln Memorial were eye-witness accounts of lynchings and events preceding and following them as told personally by the widows, relatives and the friends of lynch victims.

Three-point program was set up to fight lynchings. The apprehension and Punishment of every Lyncher. "Passage of a Federal Anti-Lynch Bill". "Keeping the Klan Out of Congress and 'No Seat for Bilbo'".

Mrs. Hayes went from Washington to the New York office of the War II feel that they should take an active part in the election of members of Congress, who have assisted veterans in their purposes and have consistently fought for the people rather than outside or foreign interests.

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas of California, Paul Robeson and Dashell Hammett will be among the speakers at the "Unseat Bilbo" dinner of the Civil Rights Congress in the Hotel Pennsylvania October 17 it was announced yesterday.

Community Chest To Include All Capital Funds

The Omaha Community Chest will deny all requests from member agencies for permission to conduct capital funds campaigns in 1947 it has been announced by Morris E. Jacobs, president.

Mr. Jacobs has outlined reasons for such action taken by the board of directors of the Chest in a letter received this week by a representative cross section of contributors. The letter is an explanation of the inclusion in the Chest's campaign goal of an item for needed repairs and remodeling of member agencies' properties.

The Chest board, Mr. Jacobs said, acted in accord with the sentiment expressed by a vast majority of this same cross section group which voted earlier on the question of including an amount in this year's goal in lieu of individual appeals.

Although it was impossible to write all 72,000 contributors to the Chest, some 2,000 letters went out at that time Jacobson's return cards revealed a vote of 7-2 in favor of including such needs in the campaign that is currently being organized under the chairmanship of Harold D. LeMar.

It is anticipated that a practical program can be worked out after the close of the current campaign which will make it possible to adopt this policy of no supplementary funds campaigns for all times Mr. Jacobs states in the letter.

Alexander Agency, headed by Willard Alexander, former chief of the William Morris band department and had been booked on one nighters on a non-exclusive deal by Billy Shaw of the Gale Agency. It is understood that Basic's anxiety to be affiliated with a major office was the prime reason behind his decision to return to the Morris Agency which office had been hand ling his bookings since his split with Music Corporation of America in early 1941.

In releasing the news of his signing with the Morris Agency, a sudden move that electrified the entire music industry, the Count announced that he will remain under the exclusive personal management of Milton Ebbins, the man who guided his destinies for the past seven years. Ebbins, who is regarded as one of the shrewdest and most efficient band handlers in the business, is also responsible for the piloting of the sensational Billy Eckstine.

The Count and his bandmen are currently touring coast-to-coast and open their annual west coast invasion by playing the week of October 15 on stage of the Lincoln Theatre in Los Angeles.

Lincoln University Has Healthful Enrollment of Freshmen Students



JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct.—Pictorial proof that Lincoln university has a record enrollment this year is this group of freshman students, who make up a healthy percentage of the 1,029 persons studying at the Missouri school during the first semester of the 1946-47 school year.

In Columbia Riot Charges 23 Ruled Not Guilty

PAC CHIEF PRAISES NAACP DEFENSE

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"The acquittals in the Lawrenceburg trial freeing 23 Negroes are a triumphant note for all progressive forces who have fought injustice and bigotry in America", Jack Kroll, Director, CIO Political Action Committee declared this week.

The PAC chief praised the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for its efforts in defending the Negroes on trial. "Working under difficult conditions, the NAACP deserves commendation for what it achieved at Lawrenceburg", declared Kroll.

"The PAC leader pointed out that the Lawrenceburg verdict should focus attention on the discrimination issue during the forthcoming Congressional elections.

"The virus of racial hate in America will never be stamped out if we have another 'do-nothing' Congress like the last. Before the people vote in this election, they must make certain that they know how the candidates on the ballot stand on the Fair Employment Practices Act. If it is going to come up for a vote in the next issue of Congress, there must be strong forces in both Houses ready to fight for its passage.

"The proposed Federal civil rights bill to punish lynching is another test for candidates. It will take brave, honest men to make the fight against discrimination in the next Congress. The American voter has a serious responsibility in making certain the candidate he picks will work for the people's interest in Washington", asserted Kroll.

The jury composed mostly of farmers decided that the 23 Negroes were not guilty in connection with the shootings at the riots in nearby Columbia. Robert Gentry and John McKivens were the defendants found guilty of an attack on Patrolman Will Wilsford of Columbia.

The two who were found guilty were the only ones against whom the State brought any kind of proof in connection with this shooting. Observers reported that this was not very good proof and the Supreme Court of Tennessee is likely to throw out the case.

COST OF CONVERTING GAS APPLIANCES WILL BE PAID BY UTILITIES DISTRICT

CONVERSION NECESSARY NEXT SUMMER REGARDLESS OF NATURAL GAS ELECTION OUTCOME

Conversion of gas appliances to some form of richer gas is a certainty for next summer, according to officials of the Metropolitan Utilities District, regardless of the outcome of the Natural Gas election November 5. District officials explain that if Natural Gas is defeated then Omaha will have to go to a 75 percent Natural Gas mixture, now permitted by state law. If Natural Gas is approved then the way will be open for full Natural Gas service.

In either case, appliances will have to be converted to use the new gas. The process of changing to mixed of full Natural Gas is just about the same.

The expense of converting your gas appliances will be paid for entirely by the Metropolitan Utilities District. Whether the change is to full Natural Gas or mixed gas, you will pay no charge whatsoever, either for material or labor. No bond issue or public debt will be necessary in order to effect the changeover.

District officials point out, however, that a mixed 75 per cent Natural Gas would only meet the city's gas needs for a short time, and that eventually Omaha must go to straight Natural Gas Service. The city has been advised by leading gas engineers that Natural Gas is the only economical and permanent solution of Omaha's gas problem.

LONG SCHOOL PTA TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Long School Parent-Teacher Association will hold open-house at Long School Thursday, Oct. 17 at 2 o'clock. A garden exhibit featuring flowers, vegetables, canned and fruits will be presented and a silver offering for the March will be taken.

Mrs. Thelma Murray, publicity

22nd St. Emergency Housing Unit Gets Its First Tenants



Former Navy Fireman 1st Class, Rudolph A. Smith, shown with his wife Kathryn and daughter, Norma Jean, standing in front of their newly acquired apartment which is a part of the 9-unit Emergency Housing Project located on 22nd at Burdette St. The Smiths were the first family to occupy one of the apartments and were very well pleased with their spacious living quarters including two large bedrooms; a living room; kitchenette; 2 clothes closets; showers; refrigerator; an arm circulator heater and other conveniences. Mr. Smith is employed by the Lions Products Company.

Two other veterans and their families are scheduled to move in at an early date. They are Goodard Green and William Bates.

Douglas Corbin Opens Grocery & Mkt.



Douglas Corbin, standing in front of his well-stocked Grocery and Market with his brother, Raymond Corbin. Douglas resides with his mother, Mrs. V. Corbin, 2018 St. He is the brother of Lester Corbin, well-known Omaha baritone. During the war, Corbin was with the 25th Infantry of the 92nd Division serving 18 months in the Southwest Pacific. He is inviting his many friends and acquaintances to pay him a visit at his new place of business located at 27th and Maple Streets.

Before entering the army, Corbin was employed as a butcher in a local retail market.

ARMY CLARIFIES BENEFITS OF GI BILL AFTER OCT. 5TH

Although midnight October 5th was the deadline for enlistees to be guaranteed the full benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights including a free college education, men who enlist after that date will still receive benefits of the GI Bill, provided they serve ninety days prior to the ending of the present war emergency.

Applicants who enlist in the Regular Army after the 5th of October and serve 90 days prior to the official termination of the war will receive a guarantee of twelve months of schooling, plus an additional month of schooling for each month served before the end of the war.

Example: If a man enlists in the Regular Army now for a two year period and the war has not been officially declared ended at the expiration of his enlistment period, he will receive 12 months of schooling, plus 24 months, or a total of 36 months of schooling. If the state of war continues for one year after the date of his enlistment, he will receive 12 months of schooling, plus 12 months (number of months served prior to the end of the war) or a total of 24 months of schooling.

An invitation has been extended to Robinson to appear at the Near Northside Branch YMCA Tuesday afternoon October 15th to speak to school children. It is sponsored by the Near Northside Branch 'Y' and the City Recreation Department. The Frontier's club is planning a dinner at 5:30 in honor of Robinson.

JACKIE ROBINSON'S BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY IN THE BLUFFS

Jackie Robinson, widely-publicized Negro star of the Brooklyn Dodgers will bring an all-star team into Council Bluffs Tuesday night. His team will play a picked crew from the Community League at 8 pm. Robinson, 1st Negro in modern baseball history to earn a major league try-out, will have two fellow International League players on the squad. The stars from the Negro National League will include: Toy Campa-nella; Newcombe; Wright; Monty Irvin; Doby; and Pearson. Other members of the roster include: Taborn; Lovell; Jay Scott; W. Pope; Warren Parker; Bunshier; and Frank McCallister.

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NEGROES HOLD MAJORITY IN 58 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SAYS CIO-PAC

NEW YORK CITY. (CNS)—In a 58 non-Southern congressional districts, Negroes hold the margin of victory, so reports the CIO Political Action Committee.

The report shows that in 23 of these very 58 districts, congressmen failed to sign the petition to bring to the House floor the proposal to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission. Though the other 35 Congress-

men signed the petition, they were too few in number to bring about a discharge of the bill from the committee.