Calvin's Digest

HOUSING-A NATIONAL HEADACHE

The indicated recession, for which wise heads are now pre paring, will be a greater national calam ty, because the basic element of our national family security is in a sad and neglected state. During the previous years of depression there returned a verdict of manslaught- ment to the jury in his closing ing the car that took Luster near State. According to the evidence were few if any headaches in the local communities occasioned by the problem of finding housing for the unfortunate. When and if the blow falls again, the Health and Welfare agencies will be beseiged with requests for shelter, any kind of shelter, for the hordes of doubled-up families throughout

Already there is evidence that badly-overcrowded families are thinning out, thus puting a further strain on the acute shortage of housing. The agonized cries of returned vetered that they can do nothing,-nor promise anything for the ans and their families grow louder every day, and the Veteran's Housing authorities in almost every state have announcimmediate future.

The theory has been advanced that the shortage of housing is a city problem, caused by the shifting of large groups of rural and suburban dwellers to the urban centers because of the need of manpower in these centers to build the supplies and instruments of war. It was believed that when the great mass of war workers returned to their home communities the pressure would lighten in the cities. However, it devlops that not only has the shortage become more alarming in the citis, but those worekrs who have returned to their home communities have found it impossible to locate any kind of housing accomodations.

Despite the fact that thousands of housing units, previously condemned as being unfit for occupation, have been rehabilitated and put back into service in many communities, there is still no evidence that the local, state and Federal governments have a problem of lesser proportion than it was this time last year-if anything it is growing daily.

Prior to the war, the Negro minority and a portion of the white populations on a similar economic level were the only victims of the housing monster. Their problem was one of quality rather than quantity; there was an abundance of low grade, blighted housing that rented for prices that suited their meager incomes. Far-sighted leaders urged, at that time, that the Federal, State and local governments cooperate with private interests to build adequate, low-rent housing on a large scale. This proposal met with stifling opposition, whenever and wherever it was introduced. As a consequence, the war-time concentrations of war worker populations, put a strain on the limited accomodations, and the creating of new family units by the marriage of maturing youngsters, created the bewildering scarcity we now have.

Direct appeals to President Truman to use executive authority to get some sort of program started seem to be the only avenue leading toward a solution at this time. Because of the deserved priority accorded veterans, a limited building program would not make a dent in the shortage. It must be remembered that we were over our heads before the boys

Most important among the many reasons that can be advanced for a building program that will equal our war effort is the discrimination against Negroes. Little consideration is being given to the Negro minority in over-all discussions and planning. It is expected that the Negro will not get Judge T. Hoyt ask them "to in- have jurisdiction to prosecute the housing benefits until the white population in most commun quire. (into the case) . fearlessly case the evidenc will be turned ities has been adequately sheltered. The Negro and his friends, then, must act immediately to support the campaign for big scale housing programs all over the country, for, while housing is a national headache today, it can easily revert to its old position of being the Negro's headache.

WYATT OUSTER BLOW TO VETS

NOTE: Mr. Wyatt's Housing Program was Fully Endorsed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

program last week, and war veterans were the worst sufferers to End Lynching. These commitation the senate, or or senators, to stop to End Lynching. These commitations a filibuster on the bill by voting Wilson Wyatt, who had built up one of the capital's bright- ments have been obtained in re- cloture. The American Crusade to est records in his eight-month tenure as National Housing Administrator, submitted his resignation to the President. bers of the 80th Congress. His departure from top government ranks-the latest in a series which has seen the Administration lose many of its ves forcefully most capable executives-was a victory for private-profit and in favor of Federal legislahousing interests, which have been gunning for his scalp and al crime than murdering people for the demise of the National Housing Administration.

Wyatt's resignation was based on his failure to get Prest- his letter. dential backing in his demands for RFC support of a big "I am unalterably opposed to scale program of prefabricated homes, and for retention of sufficient price and priority controls to keep the home build from the Fourth District of Coning plans on the beam.

His resignation was also a victory for George F. Allen, "court jester" of top government circles, chairman of the RFC and an intimate friend of the President. R. J. Thomas head of the CIO housing committee, last week described Allen as a "fifth-column agent" of the private-profits housing

In a final statement, Wyatt charged that the housing crisis is now at a peak. Housing, he added, "as our number one domestic problem ... required the rentention of present

With powers granted to it from the Pattman Act, the National Housing Administration had had wide authority to al-tional Housing Administration had had wide authority to al-less than a week since they have tion. dium cost housing for veterans, subsidize processors of build ing materials, mack loans to producers, and regulate all phases of the housing program.

In seeking to use that authority, however, Wyatt found himself at constant odds with other government agencies which were reluctant to admit that the veterans housing program was a top-grade emergency measure.

In a statement following Wyatt's resignation, Pres. Truman argued that the first phase of the housing program had been completed, and that it could be continued within the existing government framework of decontrol policies.

"Speculators and profiteers have apparently convinced Pres. Truman that ample housing is just around the corner. That concept, without the support of a determined government program is as illusory as the prosperity that kept hidden behind the corner of Herbert Hoover's imagination," declared Chairman Thomas of the CIO housing group.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF REPUBLICANS DISAPPOINTING

Jury Deliberates 41/2 Hours

(BY BILLY DAVIS)

Witnesses for the State testified | dict,

fell. Lawyer Jamieson for the testifying. Wednesday, December 11th, a defendant, pleaded self-defense to Joe Hartfield, the prize fighter

get away from Luster but he tried Dalton's wife, Dolly Delores, do so; taking him to Doctors and while doing so came across

After being stabbed in was the last one to take the wit- Hospital where they couldn't take Ted Dalton at 26th and Q Streets by Luster several times ness stand. She didn't know much him in. So he took him to the and attacked Dalton with a knife. the back by Luster several times ness stand. She didn't know much him in. So he took him to the he wondered off a distance then about the case so did very little Lutheran Hospital where he was

jury of ten women and two men the jury and put up a stiff argu- was also a witness. He was driver against Otis Luster who on remarks. The trial lasted three the scene where the tragedy oc- in the case Luster's wife had October 20, 1946 stabbed to death days before a crowded courtroom. cured. On the witness stand Hart been keeping company with Ted Ted Dalton at 26th and Q Street The jury was out four and one- field testified that he was una- Dalton the deceased. She had been half hours before reaching a ver- ware of what had happened after missing from home for a couple that Luster attacked Dalton with Otis Luster was a World War A few minutes later coming across | ter) could find her. On the second out any warning at all. They II veteran and was wounded in said Dalton tried desperately to action at Saipan in the Pacific. Luster lying on the ground trying to get up and assisted him to ing spree trying to find his wife;

accepted for treatment.

sister were also witnesses for the ed no emotions of nervousness. he had let Luster out of the car. of days before her husband (Lus-

Otis was very calm during the entire trial. He was on crutches Luster's wife, Virginia and her and limping very badly. He show-

> The prosecuting attorneys were Philip R. Kneifl and Joseph D. Houston. Judge Dineen was on

Omaha; also Ted Dalton.

READ "ALONG MY WAY" BY Lawrence P. Lewis Weekly

FORMER OLYMPIC STAR IN TOWN-Jesse Owens, the world's greatest runner and former Olympic star, is Omaha, traveling with the Kansas City Stars Basketball team, stopping at the Calhoun Hotel.



SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1946

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Courageous Negroes Flock To Testify At Senator Theo. Bilbo's Hearings

24th Street Brawl njurious To Two

local hospital as a result of street brawl early Sunday morning of the first time in the ELECTION PROBE SHOWS ing about 2 a. m., in front of 2507 North 24th street at Emancipation Proclamation, are which place, a plate glass window was broken during the turning out in precedented numscuffle and each participant received injuries therefrom.

NEGROES ON GA. JURY

ers, a clerk, a barber, a laundry manager; a ginner; a banker and

are members of the Federal Grand been supoenaed to testify in this Jury which convened to hear evi- case that shocked the world last dence in the presentation that summer when it was revealed grew out of the cold blooded lyn- that a mob of about twenty men hing of two Negro men and two removed the four Negroes from Negro women in Walton County an automobile and riddled their last July. The jury, composed of bodies with rifle bullets. It was thirteen farmers, two coal deal- pointed out during the opening session of the Grand jury hearings that should it develop that

25 Congressmen, 2 Senators

COMMITTED IN FAVOR OF ANTI-LYNCH LEGISLATION

Twenty-five Congressmen and received our leter. However, two Senators have alreads com- will rquire the support of mitted themselves in favor of Congressmen, or a majority of Federal anti-lynching legislation, the House of Representatives, to it was announced today by Im- pass a Federal anti-lynching bill The foundation dropped out of the government's housing manuel Neumark, executive se- and it may require two thirds of cretary of the American Crusade the Senate, or 64 Senators, to stop sponse to a letter sent by the or- End Lynching will not be satisganization last week to all mem fied until the necessary number

A number of the legislators, in have committed themselves tion. "There is no greater nationby mob violence", stated Senator Chapmen Revercomb (W. Va.) in

necticut which was formerly represented by Clare Boothe Lace. Purely aside from anything else it is nothing less than insurrec-

Fourteen of the legislators who have committed themselves are from New York State. Three are from President Truman's home state of Missouri. There are two each from New Jersey and Ohio, and one from Connecticut, Indiana Pennsylvania,

Virginia and Wisconsin. Neumark in releasing the informa had appeared. tion, "that twenty-seven members of the 80th Congress have respon-

of members of the 80th Congress their replies, expressed themsel- full support of an anti-lynch law. against lynching We are urging all public-spirited citizens to write their Congressmen and Senators urging that they immediately make known their willingness to work for the League:

passage of this legislation". will present Mrs. Elizabeth Pow-December 15, at 5 o'clock p. m. A

ANTI-NEGRO POSTERS DISPLAYED IN MANILA

cordial invitation is extended all.

MANILA (AP)-Extra details of American military police in armored cars cruised the streets of Pasay Sunday night after a score of posters, demanding that Amer-"It is gratifying to note" stated ican Negro soldiers be sent home

Two Negro enlisted men were

North Omaha Organizations To Sponsor

Seven Golden Gloves Entrants

Buddy McCrea, formerly athletic director at NSCC., Boxing and Physdergoing rigorous training at the hands of McCrea....all are amateurs: Harold McDonald, 126 pounds; Reginald Hughes, 135 pounds; Joe Glass, 118 pounds; ugene Brown, 185 pounds; Charles Martin, 160 pounds; Sam Williams, 147 pounds; Baby June Gray, 112 pounds. All these boys and others will be sponsored by the following Northside Organizations: The AMVETS Post No. 2; American Legion Roosevelt Post No. 30; Charles St. Recreation Center. This Center is sponsored by the City and any boy may come and take lessons to learn the manly art of self-defense. Classes are held 3 days a week. There are now 20 boys enrolled.

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First Time Since Emancipation Southern Vets Turning Out In Unprecedent Numbers

rabble rousing tactics used by Senator Bilbo in his primary camercise of the Constitutional right to register and vote in the recent Mississippi elections. Appearing, as they are, without the protection of Federal suppenas to present Ellender, chief counsel for the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, meeting now in Jackson, Miss., these courageous vespeaking out in court, in spite of the very real danger they face of future reprisals from hometown

Washington attorney, who attended the hearings to present a brief ital against Senator Theodore prepared by the NAACP, has been a valuable behind-the-scenes adviser to witnesses and people in- citing white people to prevent terested in the investigation, altho Negroes from voting in the his application for permission to cent Democratic Primary file the brief during the Jackson hearings was denied in a sudden gain to acts of intimidation at reversal by the Committee on its polling places, to savage beatings side Jackson. The Committee li-lice officials, and to death threats mited presentation of the brief to designed to keep the primary Committee counsel. Mr. Houston "lily white." then wired Senator Ellender that the brief was "merely a prelimin- Expenditures Committee ary brief on jurisdiction, scope of since 1890 they have effectively inbuiry, and standards of person- been denied the right to particial disqualification of a Senator as pate in the only election that established by Senate precedents; means anything in a state that that the NAACP still desires to has elected Democratic Congresspresent final brief and be heard men year after year.

before your Committee... Mississippi Progressive Voter's polltax paymnts.

SAINT PHILIP'S CHURCH Negro witnesses. They were quiet were steadfast in presenting their Negroes from voting. The St. Philips Episcopal church facts and could not be shaken. 1121 North Twenty-first Street, They refused to make wild sweep- means and added: ing guesses, limiting themselves that white people should ell in an organ recital Sunday, guessing might have colored their stories

"The atmosphere of terror was reflected in the fact that the majority of the witnesses who were and future protection..not ven-

One of the outstanding witnessgood citizenship. In a cery quiet tried to vote he would be killed impersonal way, he named names

Negroes from the polls to keep in the stomach and I fell to the the peace. Nobody ever suggested floor unconscious.' doing great spiritual good to Miss by ignored the attack.

Helped Bilbo

MISSISSIPPI Negroes last week terans are standing firm and are designed to rob them of their pol-

var against fascism, they paid Charles H. Houston, prominent their own transportation costs to testify in Jackson, the state cap-Bilbo, admitted member of the Ku Klux Klan, who is accused of in-

They testified over and over a plans to hold other hearings out- administered in some cases by po-

through counsel in oral argument Testimony brought out the fact facts. that 66,972 war veterans from Mr. Houston was enthusiastic in Mississippi had been discharged his praise of the witnesses, the ma- as of June 30, yet only 2500 of jority of whom were members of them voted despite the fact that local NAACP branches and the they have been exempted from

The witnesses, who jammed a "I cannot give too much credit little courtroom to overflowing, for the quiet courage shown by the heard Bilbo accused of a radio speech in which he urged white dignified showed no malice, but people to use any means to pre-

Bilbo said he meant any to personal knowledge, even when and counsel with the Negroes the night before. That's what they did in Greenwood and everything worked out the way it should. The way it "worked" in other places where Bilbo's advice was attacked declined to identify their taken in the literal Mississippi atackers. The general feeling tradition was something else. seemed to be, 'We want our rights From the many Negro witnesses came testimony that:

• Etoy Fletcher, 22, war veteran tried to register for the Democraes was Father T. J. Stype, a priest tic Primary at Puckett. He was whose parish is in Pass Christian, told he would not be allowed to Miss. According to Mr. Houston, vote. Leaving the courthouse, he Senator Ellender tried all the was seized by four white men. tricks of cross examination a- who dumped him into a car, took gainst him but he floored Ellender him out of town, and beat him when he said he taught the Ca- savagely with a 21/2 foot long car didn't, tholic doctrine. .fear of God and cable. He was warned that if he

• Richard E. Daniel, 125 lb. showed that the U. S. Attorney in war veteran, tried to vote at Gulf Mississippi and the FBI had refu- port. He was beaten by two white sed to give his eighty-two veter- men in the corridor of the courtans (parishioners) protection in house. Then Policeman Robert L. voting and laid their exclusion di- Williams, weighing 175 pounds took him to a cell and "beat me Added Mr. Houston: Sheriff and up" Daniel testified. "He beat me peace officers admitted shooing around the ears with his fist and

that th way to keep peace is to Vernado Collier, president of establish the dignity and majesty the Gulfport branch of the Nat'l of the law in protecction of citi- Assn, for the Advancement of zenship rights rather than in ab- Colored People, testified that as ject surrender of these rights. This he proceeded down a courthouse hearing is a great demonstration corridor to vote he was attacked and a historical event which puts by white men and knocked unthe spotlight on Mississippi. It is conscious. A policeman standing

groes from the polls if they val- that kept Negroes from the polls. change.

Upon The Hudson

By Rhetta H. Arter, Educational Director, Hudson Shore Labor School

Since the learning of ideas oc-Negroes as for others, it is predictable that each year some of the students at Hudson Shore Labor School in West Park, New York who have faulty ideas about people of other races and faiths labor's role in the community nehemmed in by the same stereotyp to a purely private business

ing that besets other Americans. What does the School do about They told the Senate Campaign change. The anti-Semitism that is to protect themselves. encountered among Negro students at Hudson Shore Labor in to place his desire to discrimi-School is treated as are the other nate against Negroes beyond the "anti-people" feelings we meet; pale of the state's police power by those who are blighted by bigotry are introduced to scientific infor- der the Fourteenth Amendment, mation and are helped to accept must be rejected against the valid

> It is of no little importance that while they learn, they have the rare opportunity to live closely with Jewish students and to be taught by teachers, some of whom obey the laws of Judaism. These said: things usually hasten arrival at a point where it is possible to realize that Jewish people—like Negroes are individuals, and that the only sound generalizations about them are those that apply to all people. As these Negro workers begin to realize that the same poison pen which today writes 'the Jews have all the money" is the one which is inked tomorrow for preaching "white supremacy", they come closer to clarity about the interdependence of workers the world over. As they achieve increasing freedom from the burdens of bigotry, they are released to join other workers in programs of enlightened social action.

ued their lives. At Greenwood, which Bilbo ited for "model" handling of the

The Pattern imposed on many Negro ministers among others adedd up to this: "There might be violence and you'd be the cause

The militancy of the Negro residents was surprising in view of the fact that Chairman Ellender denied them protection of subpoenas, which would have been their best alibis when they re-

borhoods The hearing, which ended late this week was adjourned until December 16 when the Committee IN RAID ON HOUSE will meet in Washington to consider its report.

Ellender, a champion of "white

Republican National Committee Chairman

WASSHINGTON, D. C., Dec 4 The NAACP Washington Bureau expressed great disappointment over the legislative program of the Republican Party as tentatively outlined in the December issue of THE REPUBLICAN NEWS, the official organ of the Republican Party. In a letter to Luster was a resident of South Carroll Reece, Republican National Committee Chairman, Leslie

Perry wrote:
"The December issue of THE REPUBLICAN NEWS headlines a story titled 'Majority Party Drafts Its 1947 Legislative Program' that states that three items have been definitely given highest priority by Republican leaders: (a) econemy in government and reduction income taxes; (b) elimination of unessential war powers; (c) enactment of new labor leg-

"It was with a great sense of disappointment that we noted that the program outlined in the article wholly fails to indicate that Republican leaders have any plans

Anti-lynching law FEPC

Anti-Poll Tax legislation Federal Aid to Education "The wave of mob violence that has chocked decent people the world over, the ever mounting em ployment discrimination against Negroes and other minorities, the brazen disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of Negroes in the south, and the low state of educational opportunity for children in certain sections of the country makes it imperative that the correction of these evils be given top

priority by the 80th Congress. "We understand that the Steer ing Committee of the Senate and the House met on December 9th. It is our sincere hope that you brought to their attention this serious ommission in the current le-

gislation program.' Prior to the November 14 meeting of Republican leaders, Walter White urged them to place on their agenda for critical consideration the passage of federal legislation needed to guarantee the constitutional rights and physical safety of 15,000,000 Negroes and members of other minorities in America. These recommendations were outlined in a letter addressed to Senator Wallace H. White (R.

NAACP FIGHTS IN OHIO

To Uphold Civil

NEW YORK, Dec. 5th. The will have brown skins also. It is NAACP, on November 30, 1946, inevitable that at a school where filed a brief in the Supreme Court the subjects concentrated upon of Ohio counter attacking the efare those that relate to the pro- forts of reactionary forces in Ohio blems of workers today, the class which requires that a retail store room discussions, dormitory "bull sell to Negroes without discrimsessions" and table conversations ination in the case of Claude W. will include confused and unsound Wright vs. Thomas M. Garbet. statements about groups of people. Wright is a Negro who went into Discussions about labor legislation Garbet's grocery store in Clevedemocratic trade unionism and land to buy a bottle of milk and was refused. He brought suit and cessarily bares some of the misin- in the lower court, secures a judge formation that has been picked up. ment against Garbet. Garbet then Negro workers seek escape in appealed to the Ohio Supreme moving pictures, they scan news Court stating that the civil rights papers, laugh at cartoons and are law is unconstitutional as applied

In its brief, the NAACP stated: "During the past two decades, it? Students are encouraged to there has been increasing restricadmit their feelings. The interra- tion of the freedom of contract cial faculty operats on the know- and freedom to use one's private ledge that an attitude which is property, each step in this restricbrought into the open is one that tion being predicted upon the recan be grappled with and which sponsibility of the Government to chance for constructive protect citizens who are helpless

> resort to 'liberty of contract' unexercise of the states' power to pro tect Negroes from discrimination. Stating that the Ohio Legislature acted reasonably in protecting the right of Negroes to purchase freely in retail stores, the NAACP

> .. Obviously, however, in a com petive economy they must receive fairer prices, better quality and a greater share of available goods if the stores which cater to the Negro people have to compete for their trade with stores in other areas to which Negro shoppers will eventually go in an effort to escape higher prices and poorer quality if they are left free to act as reasonable economic men in the situation.'

NEGRÓES HONOR UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES

New York (CNS).. New York Negroes honored three distinguished delegates to the United Nations Assembly last Friday night when the Provisional World Council of Dominated People joined with the West Indies National situation, 32 Negroes who had re- Council in a testimonial dinner at gistered were warned that they the Hotel Capitol. Guest of honor had better not try to vote. They was Brigadier General Carlos P. 'Romulo, Philippine delegate to the assembly. Sharing honors with him were Mrs. Vijaya Lakahmi Pandit, Indian representative and

V. N. Molotov, Soviet delegate. Richard B. Moore was the general chairman for the history making occasion, marking the appreciation of the Negro people for the efforts of the tree delegates on bhalf of th independent peoples of the world. Inez Matthews, soprano, sang several French and turned home to their mixed neigh German selections as principal guest artist.

MORALS SQUAD NABS 8

Metz Manion, 60, of 2509 Maple Street, was booked on a charge of supremacy", predicted a unani- keeping a disorderly house early mous report and indicated that he Sunday after the police morals