

U. S. SHOULD MAKE
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
UNNECESSARY—WHITE

New York, N. Y. April 15th—Disavowing "civil disobedience as an effective technique for solving the race problem," Walter White secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, expressed the hope in a letter to senator Wayne Morse "that sufficient courage can be mustered by the government to do the simple thing which will make unnecessary and unthinkable any campaign of civil disobedience. That simple act is to wipe out segregation forthwith."

Mr. White's letter of April 14 was in response to a wire from Senator Morse deploring what he deemed NAACP "encouragement" of the proposal made by A. Philip Randolph for complete non-participation in any selective service or universal military training program which does not specifically prohibit racial segregation.

Meanwhile on the floor of the Senate, April 12, Mr. Morse, a member of the NAACP board of directors, demanded to know "how far Mr. White would go, as secretary of that association, in supporting Mr. Randolph's position, because if he or the other officials of that association are going to support to any degree what so ever Mr. Randolph's civil disobedience program, I serve notice now that I shall dissociate myself from the board of directors of that association."

Asserting that "we have not counseled Negroes to refuse to serve their country," Mr. White concluded: "We would be less than honest and grossly derelict to the membership of the NAACP and to America itself if we did not say bluntly that the Negro is totally fed up with segregation in the armed services and will oppose in every legitimate and legal fashion such segregation."

He cited the "galling injustices" and discriminations endured by Negro troops in the last war and charged that "the unnecessary and dangerous emphasis on racial segregation broadens the chasm of antagonism between Negro and White Americans because the Army and Navy lack the courage to abolish segregation. This practice has caused the United States to be ridiculed throughout the world, particularly among the two-thirds of the people of the earth who are colored."

Not only has Congress failed to take effective steps towards eliminating segregation in the armed services, Mr. White maintained, but has also engaged in "the cheapest of politics" with regard to a minimum civil rights program. "It is openly reported," he said, that the Republicans are debating how little they can do on the civil rights program and still attract Negro support. They are reported to favor an emasculated anti-lynching bill, overlooking the demand for abolition of the poll tax and freedom to secure jobs on merit through a federal fair employment practice law, believing that the Negro vote can be purchased by passage of one emasculated bill. . . . On the other side on the aisle there is little difference of attitude."

ATTENTION

The Guadalupe Club, Interracial study group is inviting the 14 successful candidates for the City Commission to a meeting on May 4th at the Central YMCA at 17th and St. Mary's. The purpose of this meeting is to learn the platform of these candidates and to get acquainted. The public is cordially invited. Time 7: p.m.

EQUALIZATION
REQUIRED

Richmond, Va., April 15—Educational equalization was required by a decision handed down on April 7 by U. S. District Judge Sterling Hutcheson who ruled that facilities afford Negro pupils in Chesterfield, King George and Gloucester counties were inferior to those for white children. Declaratory judgments and injunctions will be emerged in each case. Spottswold W. Robinson, regional NAACP counsel handled the case.

RECKLESS DRIVING

Foster Goodlett, Jr., 2726 Binney Street, was charged with reckless driving. No prosecution.

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URGES SENATORS TO BAN REGIONAL COLLEGE PLAN

New York, N. Y., April 15—Continuing the fight against congressional approval of the southern plan for segregation regional educational institutions, Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today dispatched communications to 75 members of the Senate urging them "to oppose this measure if and when it reaches the floor of the senate."

Action of the Senate Judiciary sub-committee last week favoring the Jim Crow plan was condemned by the NAACP board of directors as "complicity in the plot of the southern governors to circumvent the Supreme Court decisions in the Gaines and Sipuel cases." The committee approved the plan by a 6 to 2 vote. Voting for were Senators E. H. Moore, Oklahoma, Pat McCarran, Nev. J. Wm. Fulbright, Ark., Forrest C. Donnell, Mo., James O. Eastland, Miss., and Alexander Wiley, Wis. Senators Homer Ferguson, Mich., and William Langer, N. D. voted against approval. Senator J. Howard McGrath, R. I., abstained from voting.

In his letter which went to all Senators except those from the deep South, Mr. White expressed "shock" that the committee has approved the plan "in the face of the unanimous opposition to the measure by all responsible Negro educational, church, professional business and civic organizations." He asked the Senators to withhold approval of the plan because it was designed to extend segregated education to the regional level and because it contravened the Supreme Court decisions "which require states to furnish to Negro students educational opportunities equal to that furnished white students within the state boundaries."

TO RELEASE ARMY PRISONER

New York, N. Y., April 15—Release on home parole for Army prisoner Eugene H. Hord of Baltimore has been approved and will become effective on or about May 27, according to information from the U. S. Department of the Army received here this week by Franklin H. Williams, assistant special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Hord, tried by a general court martial sitting at Kofu, Japan on January 27, 1947, was charged with having committed armed assault upon another soldier and a Japanese civilian. Convicted of the charge, he was sentenced to ten years confinement at hard labor. Investigation by the NAACP lawyer revealed extenuating circumstances on the basis of which a plea for clemency was filed with the Department of the Army.



Ida Rahn, student of Central High School, winner of the Elks Oratorical Contest.

Victor Wilburn of Central High School won second place. Each contestant was awarded a token of appreciation. The winner awarded transportation and expenses to the Regional Contest, the contestants there will be the winners from the several states of our District. The winners will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

NEARLY \$16,000 COLLECTED FOR DEFENSE OF MRS. INGRAM

New York, N. Y., April 15—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today announced receipt of a total of \$15,853.50 for the defense of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teenage sons convicted of a self-defense slaying by an all-white jury in Americus, Georgia.

The sum represents the total amount received by the national office and does not include funds sent to the Americus, Ga. branch. The bulk of the money came from 117 NAACP branches which contributed \$13,094.25. Thirty-two organization civic, social, labor, religious and political—contributed \$1,083.78. From churches all over the country came \$800.18. The remaining \$875.29 was contributed by individuals.

Although the death sentence first imposed on the Ingrams have been vacated, they still face life imprisonment. Edward R. Dudley, assistant special counsel for the NAACP, left this week to consult with Austin T. Walden and other Georgia attorneys in preparation for an appeal to the State Supreme Court for a new trial. The NAACP is prepared to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court if necessary to gain the freedom of Mrs. Ingram and her sons.

STOP—LOOK—AND SAVE

Stop Look and Save at Sammys. Have you met Sammy? No! if not you will. He is to be our new business man. Just go in and say, Hello, Sammy. He will specialize in all types of meat, that you want, at the lowest prices. Don't forget Thrifty Market. Go in and see Sammy.

COME TO 2nd SERIES OF RALLIES AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Come to Clair Memorial Methodist church at 22nd and Miami Streets, May 4, Tuesday evening, at 8:00 p. m., to hear these people who are willing to help break down the discriminatory practices in our community and the whole of Omaha. Our first meeting was a great success. Please come and bring a friend, as your support is greatly needed. Everyone, please, come.

NEGRO REPRESENTATION ON RENT BOARD ASKED

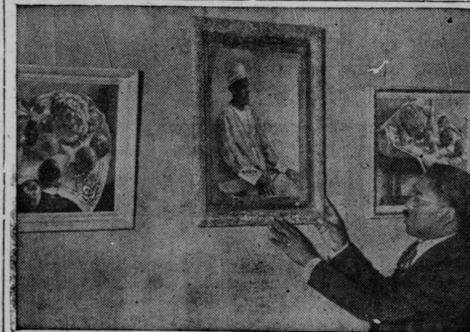
Washington, DC., April 15—Negro representation on local rent advisory boards set up under the recently passed Rent Control Act was urged by Leslie S. Perry of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a letter addressed to Tighe Woods, Federal Housing Expediter, Mr. Perry pointed out that the law provided for the appointment of "citizens of the area who, as a group, are representative of the affected interested in the area." Appointments are made upon recommendation of the state governors.

"It is our sincere hope," Mr. Perry said, "that you will reject all new nominations, or members of existing boards, whose appointments would not be consistent with board area representation." In a memorandum to all NAACP branches, the Washington representative suggested that name of qualified persons be agreed upon and submitted to the governor with a recommendation for appointment.

Additional Dial Switching Equipment

Additional dial switching equipment is now being installed in the new Pleasant office telephone building at 4608 No. 30th Street to serve about 1,800 telephone customers now served by other central offices. It is announced by C. D. Gietzen, district manager for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. The new equipment will be ready for service in September, Mr. Gietzen said. The territory to be transferred includes some from the northeast part of the Walnut Glendale area, some from the southwest part of the Kenwood area, and some from the north part of the Atlantic Jackson Harney Webster area. All telephone customers in the territory to be transferred now have dial service except those in the Kenwood area of which there are about 300. Work of converting their telephone instruments for dial service has been started, Mr. Gietzen said. This transfer of telephones is being made to lessen the load on other offices and is another step toward providing more and better service for the people of Omaha, Mr. Gietzen explained.



Aaron Douglas

Aaron Douglas, one of America's foremost contemporary artists, adjusts one of his portraits at his exhibit last week at Fisk University where he heads the art department. Mr. Douglas' exhibit was accepted and later cancelled by two of Nashville's leading cultural centers but finally displayed at Fisk University was impartially acclaimed by critics. Ruth

Making waterproof glue

Waterproof glue having good adhesive qualities can be made by soaking ordinary glue in water until it swells, then draining. Put the glue in a glue pot and add an equal amount of linseed oil, cook this mixture slowly until the mixture is a jellylike mass. It will spread easily if heated before being used.

Rise in Cancer

During the past 25 years, cancer has climbed from seventh to second place as a direct cause of death. It is now second to heart trouble as a cause of death. About 175,000 Americans will die of cancer this year and of the total population of 140 million now living, some 17 million will die of cancer.

War On Weeds

Omahans will be made conscious of the importance of cleaning up weeds during a "war on weeds" week, according to Val Kuska, chairman of the Omaha War on Weeds Committee.

The War on Weeds program in Omaha is part of the overall state-wide War on Weeds which is being conducted by Gov. Val Peterson and a state Executive Committee.

During the week of April 25 to May 1, will be climaxed by a weed meeting at the Chamber of Commerce dining room, Dr. E. L. Mac Quiddy, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Nebraska, will

show slides illustrating how allergy weeds affect human health. A motion picture will be shown on the control of weeds and John D. Furrer, Extension Weed Specialist, University of Nebraska, will discuss control of weeds on lawns, fence rows, and vacant lots. Paul Steward, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, will conduct a question and answer period.

"We want to improve the health of Omaha people and change the looks of the city by making them conscious of the problem that weeds have become," declared Mr. Kuska.

FISK ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ART

Nashville Tennessee—Folk music will be heard and discussed at Fisk University's 19th annual Festival of Music and Art, April 29th, 30th, and May 1 in concerts by Edward Matthews and the 100-voice University Choir and a seminar on "Folk Music" featuring three national authorities, G. Wallace Woodworth, Charles Seeger, and John W. Work.

Edward Matthews, brilliant baritone, who is generally considered one of the most versatile artists in America today will appear with the University Choir on April 29th. The seminar on "Folk Music" takes place, May 1 with Charles Seeger, chief of music division, Pan-American Union, and John Work, professor of music theory, Fisk University as the speakers. G. Wallace Woodworth, director of the Harvard University Glee Club, will be a concert by the University Choir on the evening of May 1. Highlights of the evening will be the third public performance of Paul Henthorn's "Apparition Repentina Dies" for a mixed chorus and brass instruments. The choir is under the direction of John F. Ohi with Arthur Croley at the console.

"Musical artists and scholars at the Festival will share the spotlight with Pearl Primus, famous interpreter of African dances; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of The Yearling; Robert Redfield, professor of anthropology, University of Chicago; and John Hope Franklin, author of From Slavery to Freedom, all of whom will be appearing during the three days.

Matthew's concert will feature folk songs of various countries, compositions by Negro composers, and selections from "Porgy and Bess," the folk-inspired opera in which he starred. In his concluding numbers featuring Negro work songs as arranged by J. W. Work and a group of spirituals, the baritone will take lead and will be joined in the chorus by the University Choir.

A graduate of Fisk University, Matthews toured Europe and America as a member of the famous Fisk Jubilee singers. He resigned his position as director of jubilee music at Fisk to take advantage of Broadway, radio and concert offers. Fisk University is widely recognized as having produced the leading authorities in such an authority is John Wesley Work, one of the country's leading composers who will appear on the seminar "Folk Music," May 1st. His book, American Negro Songs is rated among the best in this phase of American folk music. The composer is also a graduate of the Fisk University and both of his parents were Fisk Jubilee Singers.



Edward Matthews

Edward Matthews, brilliant young baritone who will appear at Fisk University's 19th annual Festival of Music and Art on April 29th. The former Fisk Jubilee singer will present a program of folk music from many countries, selection from "Porgy and Bess," and American Negro work songs, spirituals and compositions.



John Wesley Work

John Wesley Work, professor of music theory at Fisk University, who will appear on a seminar "Folk Music" during the 19th annual Festival of Music and Art on May 1. Participating in the discussion with Work will be Charles Seeger, chief of music division, Pan-American Union, and G. Wallace Woodworth, director of Harvard University Glee Club.

FIRST RED CROSS STANDARD COURSE

A first aid Class is being started at the Near Northside YWCA, 22nd and Willis, at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, May 4. It is being set up for the Purple Cross Visiting Nurses. Anyone who is interested in the class, please contact Cleo Edwards, Harney 1299, William O'Hearn is Red Cross Director.

LAD HIT BY BULLET

C. R. Willis, 2025 Ohio St. reported to Police late Sunday that he had fired a shot at two prowlers who appeared at his home. A little later Charles Watkins 16, of 2006 Ohio St., told persons at 24th and Grant Street he had been struck by a stray bullet as he was walking along 24th. He suffered a wound in the neck. Police took him to county Hospital. Detectives questioned John Paulling, 15, of 966 North 24th St. who was with him and he told the same thing. Paulling said he and Watkins merely intended to peak into the house. Mr. Willis said someone had tried to enter his home, twice in the past. He waited Sunday night with a gun for them to return.

GOV. DUFF TO RECEIVE FIRST EMBLEM CLUB AWARD

Philadelphia—Christian St. Branch of the International Emblem Club has announced that its first annual "Distinguished Service Award" will be presented to Governor Jas. H. Duff on Thursday evening, April 29 at the Branch.

The event, which will be the high-light of the Annual Activities Week program that is scheduled yearly at the Branch, will mark the first presentation of an annual award which is to be made under the auspices of the Emblem Club unit. It was revealed that the basis for the award will be the "contribution of an individual to the expansion of the principles of human rights and the preservation of individual dignity in the development of our democratic philosophy."

The selection of Gov. Duff as an initial recipient, was revealed to be based on his vigorous and forthright action in "re-opening a vista of hope to all youth in the Commonwealth and renewing the faith that they reach their goals if they are prepared, regardless of race or creed."

Gov. Duff was nominated for the honor by the Past Presidents Council of the organization, and his selection was unanimously endorsed at a recent meeting of the body at the Branch. It was revealed that the Governor's precedent-making appointment of Municipal Court Judge Herbert E. Millen, as well as his vigorous stand on matters of world-wide significance are in consonance with the ideals of the FEPCL law, weighed heavily in the decision. It was also noted that the Chief Executive's with the ideals of the international organization of which this unit is an integral part.

Although the bulk of the tickets of admission will be reserved to the members of the Branch, it is expected that a group of Negro and white civic leaders will be in attendance at the dinner-meeting. Gov. Duff will make a major address, it is believed, and it is expected that he will discuss the stake of youth in world affairs.

In commenting on the selection of Gov. Duff, Milton H. Washington, Executive Secretary of the Branch, stated that "There is a crying need for action by persons prominent in both public and private affairs which would give youth some hope and renewed confidence in rewards for honest achievement."

One of the major problems now being faced by those of us who work with young people is that of trying to answer the sometimes unasked question as to why they should keep hope in the future. This is especially true of minority youth who often see before them only barriers rooted in philosophies and practices foreign to Christian concepts. Gov. Duff has made a signal contribution toward the revival of this hope among the Commonwealth's minority young people at a time when the whole world need that kind of example," Mr. Washington advised.

The institution of the award marks another milestone in the annuals of the Christian Street unit, which is considered to be one of the most outstanding segments of the world-wide organization.

Membership is based on participation in the annual membership campaigns, and the Christian Street Branch has been notable for its obtaining of worthy boy memberships in behalf of those youngsters who might not otherwise be afforded the facilities of the YMCA.

The local chapter is presently headed by E. Rudolphus Clemons, prominent business school head, and there are more than 200 members, whose efforts at the Branch have warranted their selection. The Past Presidents Council is headed by Mrs. Eleanor Shields long active in Christian Street affairs and a dynamic woman civic leader in the community. Many other activities are being planned for the annual observance of Activities Week at the Branch, including a "Gym" carnival, a Boy's Day program, exhibits, lectures and many other features that make up the yearly celebration. The week will officially begin on April 25th with a reception and tea by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Branch, and will continue throughout the entire week.

Attack Sugar Beets
Five virus diseases are known to attack sugar beets in the United States. Curly top is the most serious.

OUR Guest Column

BATTLE-AX AND BREAD

By Lester B. Graner

It is impossible to comment adequately on A. Philip Randolph's statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee in one weekly column of less than 700 words. But it is also impossible to pass over without comment what has become "the controversy of the month" in racial relations. Thus I shall have to be content with pointing out some of the inner complexities of the question posed by Mr. Randolph, and hope for a chance to follow up more thoroughly in a later column.

One must start by recognizing that, regardless of differences of opinion regarding the wisdom of the Randolph statement, there was complete moral justification for the indignation that prompted it. For too long, official Washington leadership has played with, or ignored, a vital issue of supreme importance to every young American, white or Negro. From Secretary Stimson, to Patterson to Royall to the General Council, and back again, the buck has been passed for seven long years of war and "peace" and still the Army remained stubbornly wedded to the basic policy of racial segregation. There was need for shocking the American people into realization of the seriousness of this issue— for boldly challenging smug indifference and blind stupidity alike.

But the shock method, in treating social as well as physical ills, must be applied carefully and with full knowledge of expected results. Otherwise the patient is as apt to be killed as cured. And from the newspaper reports of the hearing it is doubted that Mr. Randolph spoke with advance calculation of the primary or secondary effects of the induced shock.

What are some of those results? Many Negroes enjoyed an exaltant thrill over the fact that somebody "got those white folks told!" Many whites and Negroes, opposed for political or ethical reasons to any universal military training program, take encouragement from this new accretion of strength to their cause. Enemies of the Negro's progress in any and all fields will use the Randolph statement as proof final of their claims that "Negroes are not really good 100 per cent Americans", and are not to be relied upon in time of crisis. White liberals in support of the Negro's democratic aspirations will, many of them, be left bewildered by the nation's interest must be defended by all in time of peril.

What are some of the logical implications of the Randolph position? One is that those who refuse, because of a moral commitment, to bear citizenship responsibilities that race labelled "for Negroes only" must, to be consistent, disdain to accept any benefits or privileges similarly labelled. For the same commitment that makes a man defy a jim-crow military service experience must bar him from joining a jim-crow union local, eating in a jim-crow restaurant, attending a jim-crow show, riding a jim-crow bus, or other wise conforming to the dicta of a racist system of living.

Now, all of this may seem to be splitting hairs, but it is not. Sooner or later we Negroes must arrive at a planned, consistent and morally defensible scheme of racial action that will win united support because it makes common sense. We cannot, for instance, insist upon a fair employment practice because "our racial interest is the common national interest," and then in the same breath declare that the national defense is none of our business until and unless it is carried out in democratic fashion. There is no doubting that the Randolph advice will carry a powerful sympathetic appeal to thousands of frustrated and resentful young Negroes, that advice does not go far enough. Our youth must also be advised on the other demands upon their courage and honesty that implicit in refusal to bear arms. They

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