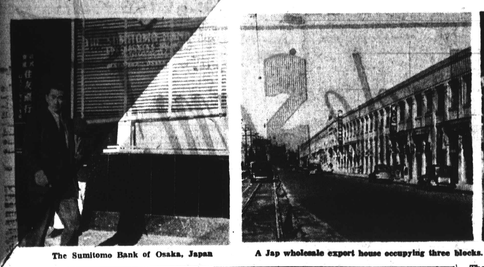
SOMETHING FOR HIM USUALLY GETS NOTHING DONE
THE MAN WHO WAITS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO

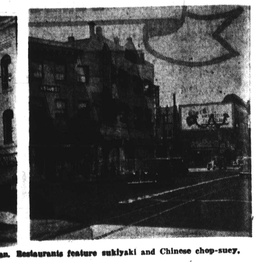
AFRO Cameraman Visits "Little Tokio," and Finds Japs Strongly Entrenched in Business



The Sumitomo Bank of Osaka, Japan

A Jap wholesale export house occupying three blocks.

The Fuji Theatre and retail stores.



Section in which business keeps in contact with Japan. Restaurants feature suhiyaki and Chinese chop-suey.

The above pictures snapped by AFRO staff writer, Ralph Matthews, in Los Angeles, show how firmly the Japanese are entrenched in business on the coast. This is the section known as Little Tokyo which is to Los Angeles what Harlem is to New York, with one striking exception. All Jap businesses are both owned and manned entirely by Orientals.

Few whites are seen in the neighborhood.

Japanese operate their own theatres, banks, and business houses, occupying several blocks. Unlike the Chinese in San Francisco's Chinatown, Japs are entirely westernized in clothes and actions. There is no discrimination in Japanese restaurants and stores, but they do not employ any colored workers.

Army Rebuffs Are Hurting Our Boys

(By ANP)
WASHINGTON

The utter despair of thousands of colored youths who are seeking a man's chance to advance themselves in the Army of the United States is summed up in a letter which came to light here this week.

The present methods of infiltrating officers into the army from the ranks had bouyed up the spirits of colored soldiers who thought that they would be given an equal chance for advancement, but recurring rebuffs like that expressed in the letter printed below are undermining the moral fibre of these youths.

The author of the letter is not a member of an ordinary military unit. He is attached to one of the higher branches of the service because of his high rating in Intelligence tests. The letter came to light through the efforts of a sympathetic friend and read, in part:

An "Unvarnished Tale"

"I received a disappointing rebuff today. About four weeks ago, applications were taken for the next session of the officers' candidate school, which begins in January. I applied with about fifteen other colored youths. Ten of our applications were accepted — the minimum qualifications was a grade of 110 on the army intelligence test. I was safe with 126.

"Two of us survived the first interview and took the physical examination. A rating scale was filled out for us by the company commander. High blood pressure disqualified the other fellow. I went to the final board interview last week. Only simple routine questions and questions of opinion were asked.

Leadership Ability Questioned

"Today my application, physical report and rating sheets were returned with a form showing reason for rejection.

"The form indicated three possible means of disqualification: (1) Not sufficiently recommended by commanding officer; (2) Response to interrogation applicable to leadership and practice ability unsatisfactory; (3) Military bearing and appearance unsatisfactory.

"They check No. 2 against me. My company commander gave me the highest recommendation a man can get, and my military bearing, etc., was good. It is obviously a case of not wanting a colored man in the officers' candidate school. They have not had any in the past. My company commander practically said so himself today when he gave me the report."

Hundreds of Other Cases

Hundreds of young men are receiving the same treatment, it is said, and in one camp, where they are admitting colored youths to the officer candidate schools, the proposition is ridiculous.

New Division May Be Given White Officers

Danger that white commissioned officers may be assigned to the new colored division to be organized at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., became evident this week as attention was called to the army's past neglect in the training of colored officers.

A War Department spokesman said that no orders have been issued concerning the officer personnel of the division, but recalled that there are at present, even in company grades, not more than enough colored officers available in the reserve to fill one regiment.

Opportunity Denied

This spokesman was reminded of an order by the Secretary of War during World War No. 1, barring colored officers from all general and field ranks, as well as certain subordinate classifications.

He said that the present problem is one of shortage in qualified officers, frankly blaming the fact that "colored officers have had such little opportunity for training and experience during the years since the World War."

Must Come from Ranks

"I think this means," he continued, "our efforts must be concentrated upon opportunities for young soldiers now in the army to qualify for commissions, and opportunity for these men to continue in service and to earn advancement in the years immediately before us.

"Except for a few highly trained civilian specialists, the army is not now taking men directly from civilian life for training and appointment in commissioned grades."

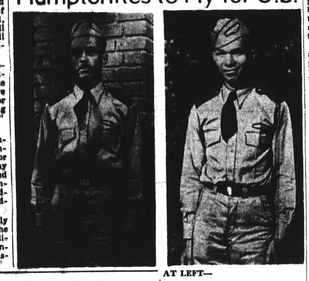
Patterson Insists Carolina Killing Was a Lynching

BALTIMORE—Dr. F. D. Patterson told the AFRO here on Sunday that the killing of a colored man at Cherryville, N.C., last year by four white men was a lynching, despite the protestations of the North Carolina press that it was a "bestial murder."

Four young white men shot the man after he had resented the insulting of his wife by the group. The men were given long prison terms. When the yearly report of Tuskegee Institute listed this as a "lynching," the white Carolina papers protested vehemently. "Murder," they admitted; "lynching," no.

"It was not a gangster killing," Dr. Patterson stated, "but a matter of taking the law into their own hands for the administration of their kind of justice." That, he said, constitutes a lynching.

Hamptonites to Fly for U.S.



AT LEFT—

CADET WALTER I. LAWSON, one of the graduates of Hampton Institute's CPT program, who is among the fourth and most recent group of flying cadets to begin training for the 99th Pursuit Squadron, U.S. Army Air Corps, at Tuskegee Institute. Lawson, who was a special student in Hampton's division of general studies, is a son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lawson of Newton, Va.

CADET RICHARD BOLLING, senior in agriculture at Hampton Institute, who has also begun training as a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps flight program at Tuskegee. Bolling, who completed the CPT program at Hampton, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Bolling, Sr., 24 W. Cummings Avenue, Phoebus, Va.

ATTORNEY TAKES SEAT IN CINCINNATI COUNCIL

CINCINNATI, Ohio (ANP) — Jesse D. Locker, outstanding local lawyer, took his seat in the City Council on New Year's Day amid a profusion of gifts of flowers and congratulations.

Young Japanese Prefer America to Spiritual Slavery of Nippon

By RALPH MATTHEWS

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Young Mr. Tooru Takahashi peered through his trim rimless glasses to convince himself that he could talk to me quite freely, and then opened up slowly on the Nisei question.

Mr. Takahashi is rather tall for a Japanese—about 5 feet 8 inches, with body built in proportion, and a smooth, babyish skin.

He was born in America, was graduated from a California university and founded the Takahashi Investigation Bureau. He is a "Mr. Moto" in the flesh—a real Japanese detective.

Designations Explained

Nisei is the name given to second-generation Japanese in America. Original settlers are called "Issei." The latter are not permitted to become citizens or buy property in California, but they can own property in the name of their children for whom they become guardians.

When a male child reaches the age of 19, his parents are supposed to send him back to Japan to serve in the army because, by Japanese calculations, a child is actually one year old at birth.

When such a child is born, the parent registers his name with the Japanese consul, who keeps a record and notifies the family when to send him to the homeland.

Many Nisei refuse to comply with the summons, thereby breaking off all relationship with the fatherland, because by such action they have defied the Emperor, a sin from which there is no redemption.

Once taking this step, the young American-born Japanese becomes a foreigner to Japan and generally embraces Christianity if he has not already done so.

Mother a "Picture Bride"

"My mother," explained Mr. Takahashi, "was a 'picture bride.'"

This assertion opened an entirely new avenue of discussion.

"The 'picture bride' practice, considered legal in Japan and recognized for a long time in America, was a method by which early Japanese and Chinese settlers obtained wives from their native—land, but also circumvented the rigid immigration laws affecting Asiatics.

By this process, the would-be husband exchanged photographs with a Nipponese maiden through a relative or a marriage broker, and through certain ceremonial rites she becomes his wife, although neither had ever seen the other. Upon payment of transportation, the bride could then enter the United States.

"This practice dwindled," Mr. Takahashi explained with a smile, "because it got so neither party was above sending fake photographs, and the results were frequently disappointing."

Had to Stick

But under Japanese law, there was no divorce, regardless of how bad a bargain a bride-shopper got. He was stuck for life.

Back in the Orient, a man who could afford it would merely have to look around and pick a younger concubine more to his liking and push his wife aside, but America frowned on such practices as bigamous.

With the Nisei, things are quite different. They go through all the accepted American courtship procedures, selecting their own brides, with or without parental blessings.

Neither is marriage with the younger set any life-time proposition. They have as many divorces as Americans. All this, Mr. Takahashi believes, is due to the freedom of modern America and the democratic way of life.

"We young ones," he said, "prefer these freedoms to the ancient customs of Japan, where a man's soul is not his own as long as his parents live, and beyond their authority is that of the State. That's why we Nisei are 100 per cent Americans."

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Advanced Pilot-Training Opportunities Go Begging

HAMPTON, Va. — "There are more opportunities for advanced training of young colored pilots than we can find men for," John L. Frank, co-ordinator of Civilian Pilot Training at Hampton Institute, declared this week in discussing openings recently announced by Tuskegee Institute, declared this week in discussing openings recently announced by CAA officials and Miss Willa Brown of the Coffey School of Aeronautics, Chicago.

Information coming from the War Department advises that youths awaiting call to the U.S. Air Corps should avail themselves of the civil pilot training courses such as are offered at Hampton, he pointed out.

Chances Improved

Army Air Corps statistics show that 92 per cent of the cadets having had previous civil pilot training courses pass the 35 weeks' army training as compared with 51 per cent of those not having had civil pilot training.

Mr. Frank blamed the scarcity of advanced students on inability to pay the expenses involved. He said that the Tuskegee and Chicago schools each have vacancies for four men.

New Program Ready

The 1942 CPT program at Hampton will extend from February 1 to June 15, with January 17 as the deadline for applications.

Mr. Frank called attention to the fact that students from other colleges are eligible, although the class is limited to ten students. Requisites for admission include one year of college work. Applicants must be between 19 and 26 years of age.

A total of 81 students have already completed the CPT program at Hampton, 65 of whom have completed advanced training courses and been licensed.

Two College Grads Get Corporal's Rank

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND—Two college graduates assigned to Company C of the Ordnance Training Center here, were elevated in rank from privates to corporals, Captain G. A. Ring, chief public relations officer, announced on Wednesday.

Ralph M. Reed, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Reed, of Portsmouth, N.H., was appointed supply corporal, while Horace Joel Porter of Charlottsville, Va., was made a personnel clerk in the headquarters company.

Corporal Reed is a graduate of New Hampshire University, Durham, N.H., and Corporal Porter, a graduate of Howard University.

Officer Visited Bride

Lieutenant William F. Carpenter, stationed at the 369th Armory in New York City, is shown with Mrs. Carpenter whom he visited last week while on leave. Lieutenant and Mrs. Carpenter have been married for one month. Mrs. Carpenter before her marriage was Miss Susie Jones and is a former student of Bennett College at Greensboro, N.C. Lieutenant Carpenter is a graduate of Virginia State College and formerly served as director of the Defense Training Program at Armstrong High School.

Y Sets Plans for 2nd Bazaar in April

NEWARK, N.J. — With representatives from most of the club groups in the YMCA present, the bazaar committee of Court Street Y formed a permanent organization at a meeting at the branch Saturday night and began preparations for a Post East affair early in April.

Manassas Principal on Va. Honor Roll

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP) — William H. Barnes, principal of Manassas Industrial School, was among the thirteen persons listed by a local daily as being outstanding during 1941 for display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, generosity or unselfishness.

Mr. Barnes, a native of Newport News, Va., and a member of the first graduating class of Huntington High School there, is a graduate of Ohio State University and has a master's degree from Boston University.

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Dr. Imes Urges NAACP Group to Acquire Skills

Mrs. Diggs Outlines Needs of Soldiers in Nearby Camps

"Get skills you've never had, and you'll get opportunities you've never had," Dr. G. Lakes Imes, former head of the Vocational Defense Training School No. 453, 775 Waesche Street, told members of the local NAACP branch on Wednesday night.

Carl G. While, former Vocational School teacher, succeeds Dr. Imes as principal of the school, effective Monday.

Speaking at the monthly branch meeting at the Druid Hill YWCA, Dr. Imes urged his hearers to register for training in the mechanical skills.

Walkers Back Soldiers

He explained that the National Defense Training School is a "Presidential program to marshal all the froces of the United States in one supreme war effort. Soldiers must be backed by workers who will provide sustenance for them."

Declaring that the Waesche Street school has facilities for training 450 persons, and that at present only 285 are enrolled, Dr. Imes accused a colored Baltimorean of lacking gumption. He said that men are holding back asking "Will I get a job?" instead of preparing themselves so they can demand jobs.

He concluded: "It is our business to be ready. The opportunity is in God's hands. The business of being ready is in our hands."

Soldiers' Needs Cited

Mrs. Sarah Diggs, president of the recently formed Women's Inc., USO hostess organization, outlined the needs of soldiers in nearby army camps and asked her hearers to use their influence in obtaining contributions of books, radios, and most of all material for curtains to outfit the service rooms which are for the most part quite bare.

Officers of the NAACP Youth Council were installed by Dr. Imes who admonished the group to grab their opportunities and use them. He told them that when they demanded their rights, they should feel an equal obligation to serve, "and there's lots of that to do in Maryland."

Seal Drive Successful

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, presided at the meeting and Mrs. Carrie Smith Myers, chairman of the Christmas seal sale committee, in her final report, revealed that the Baltimore branch, which sold $200 worth of seals, sent more money to the national office than any other in the country.

REGISTER NOW FOR DEFENSE TRAINING

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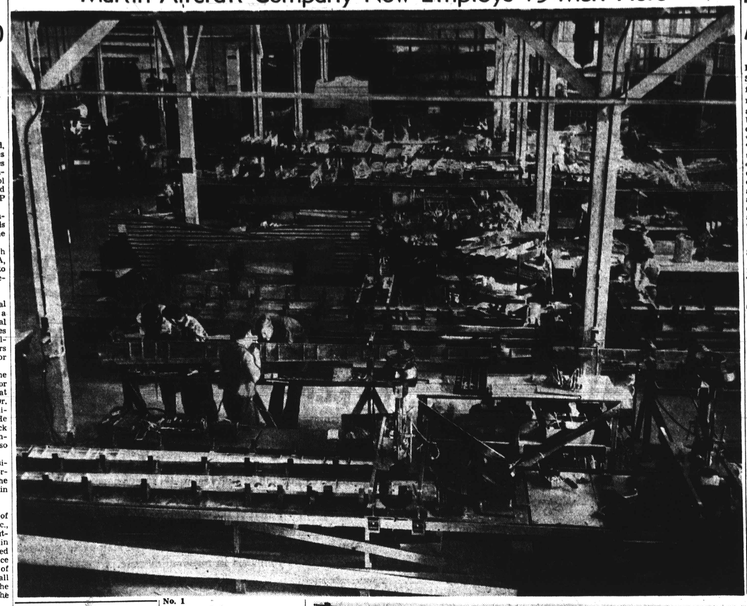

Man Duped by Martin Plant, Gets U. S. Job

ALBERT BLACK

Albert Black, former teacher at the Harvey Johnson Junior High School, has resigned his post to accept a job as sheet metal worker at the U. S. Coast Guard Station at Curtis Bay.

He begins his new duties Monday. Mr. Black, it will be remembered is the Minnesota young man who came here last year at the request of Glenn Martin airplane plant officials to accept a job at the Middle River division only to be refused on account of his color.

However, he was given a job at the Johnson Junior High teaching woodwork, sheet metal and mechanical drawing. His new job is a Civil Service appointment.

Lieut. James Webb New Lee Chaplain

CAMP LEE, Va.—First Lieut. James S. Webb was named chaplain last week for the Eighth Battalion of the Medical Replacement Training Center here to replace Chaplain Theodore H. Brooks, who has been transferred to the Twenty-fourth Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga.

Chaplain Webb, a native of Boley, Okla., came to Camp Lee from the Ninety-first Engineers at Camp Claiborne, La.

Brothers Die at Pearl Harbor

ROXBURG, Mass. — (ANP) — In telegrams dispatched from the bureau of navigation, dated December 16 and December 20, it was learned that Leon Wellington Bush, 21, second class mess attendant and Samuel Jackson, Bush, 20, first class mess attendant of Beaufort, S.C., lost their lives at Pearl Harbor on December 7.

The notifications were sent to the boys' father, Adam Wellington Bush, a retired naval man, who resides in Beaufort, S.C. He forwarded them to Mrs. Flossie Bush Saunders, his divorced wife who has a temporary residence in this city.

Both Joined in September

Leon, born in Beaufort on January 10, 1920, enlisted in September, 1940, while Samuel, born in Los Angeles on March 26, 1921, enlisted in September, 1939.

Naval restrictions cautioned against divulging the names of the ships on which the boys served. Mrs. Flossie Saunders, the lads' mother, is now the wife of William H. Saunders of the coastal artillery band at Camp Edwards, Mass.

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Martin Aircraft Plant to Have 100 Colo Skilled and Semi-Skilled Workers by Fe

No. 1

Here is a general view of Section 3, Warehouse No. 2, of the Canton Division of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, located at 7218 Eastern Avenue in Baltimore.

Assembly of small parts and sections for bombers is done here and AFRO reporters found colored and white youths working side by side, although the latter outnumber the colored 694 to 75.

Colored workers, who are employed as assembly helpers, are all graduates of the Vocational Defense Training Center No. 453 Waesche Street and are inducted into the assembly department under the foremanship of Saul M. Perdue, former Vocational School teacher now acting as personnel man, who, along with the supervisor, is in charge of this department.

No. 2

Exterior view of Warehouses Nos. 2 and 3, near entrance to the Canton division of Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, which has over 600 million dollars worth of government defense contracts.

This is original Martin plant, but main division is now located at Middle River, where no colored are employed. All assembly work is done here. G. Ferguson Laird, white, is assistant superintendent in charge.

By Staff Correspondent

BALTIMORE — "Progress is being made by the colored workers of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company and the company is increasing the number of these employees as rapidly as they are qualified by the Vocational Defense Training Center," Avery McBee, public relations counselor, said last week.

At present, some seventy-five men are employed as assembly helpers at the Canton Division of the aircraft company, located at 7218 Eastern Avenue, and it is anticipated that by February 1, this number will be increased to 100.

All of the colored employees receiving training at the Vocational Defense Center No. 453, located at 775 Waesche Street, Baltimore, where courses are offered in aircraft riveting.

Help Assemble Bombers

The majority of the colored workers are employed as assembly helpers at sixty and sixty-five cents an hour. They aid in the assembly of parts and sections of the bombers.

AFRO reporters on a recent visit to the plant also found at least four men employed as stock men in the production department. They are James Maddox, James Bridgeport and Harry Smith and Paul Gray, all of Baltimore.

Another was found acting as clerk for Saul M. Perdue, former Vocational School teacher on leave to act as personnel contact man at the plant.

Two others were acting as inspectors, checking completed bombers' floors for flaws, a job which officials termed a highly technical one.

G. Ferguson Laird, white, assistant superintendent in charge of the plant, told the AFRO that colored men are not employed in unskilled capacities because the Office of Production management and colored pressure groups had specified that they are to be hired only as skilled and semi-skilled workmen.

However, Dr. Robert C. Weaver, chief of colored employment and training of the OPM, told the AFRO this week that D. W. Siemon, personnel director of the plant, in a conference with him on Friday had definitely stated that employment of colored production workers in no way impeded or prejudiced the employment of colored maintenance or unskilled workers.

Siemon, Laird in Conflict

Dr. Weaver stated further that Mr. Siemon had told him that the Martin company now has several hundred colored men in such capacities and intends to continue considering the applications of other qualified colored men for such work.

He added that both his office and Martin officials feel that local labor should be given preference, and cited the ample supply of local labor available as the reason why the company will take only native Marylanders who have had training at the Defense Center.

Dr. Weaver's statement of the Martin policy as explained by Mr. Siemon is in direct contradiction to the statement made by Mr. Laird who told the AFRO that colored men could be employed in other jobs at the plant, but that an OPM ruling had prevented it.

Hints Center Inefficient

Mr. Laird further stated that there was need for a higher grade of men for work at the plant, but that with the local supply it was not possible to get sufficient good material for training and vision.

He intimated that one for this was the Defense Center itself, but de go into a discussion as what actually was wrd the training there, alt was gathered that it wa such a calibre that men put to work immediat rather had to undergo training period at the p

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First colored employ William Howell, who be October 1, and officials s great satisfaction over hive.

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New USO Meeting in

The newly organized Hostess Club, headed by Sarah P. Diggs, has made for a meeting some time in ruary with the director and agement committee of the USO, which will feature a dress by a nationally woman speaker on the "Woman's Part in the USO up."

This group of profes civic and business women organized to give supplem assistance in USO activities as serving as hostesses at c chaperons at picnics and and furnishing refreshme the social affairs.

To Advise USO Direct

The club will advise Fre S. Johnson, USO director, a management committee matters of policy and pro

500 Cripp Attend Pla

Five hundred crippled c will attend the presentat "Rumpelstiltskin" from G Fairy Tales by the Ba Museum of Art and the dren's Theatre Bureau at on January 24.

This affair is being gi connection with the prog the Maryland Committee Celebration of the Pre

TABLET TO MEMORIAL YOUTH KILLED IN JAP

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (A memorial tablet will be to Julius Ellsberry, 20, sai ported killed at the outbr the American-Japanese W cording to an announ made by Ralph Parker, wh sistant city attorney, di memorial service held We at the Sixteenth Street Church.

Y Runs 28 USO Centers Lauds Soldiers' Conduct

NEW YORK—"There aren't any finer soldiers in the service," is the substance of reports to the army and navy department of the YMCA from almost every point in the country where colored troops are stationed, according to Dr. Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Y's colored work department.

The USO and YMCA are showing their appreciation of the conduct of these soldiers, both as men and servicemen, in practical terms, Dr. Tobias pointed out. USO clubs for their use are multiplying rapidly. The total to-date is forty, of which twenty-eight are being operated by the YMCA.

Relationships Improved

Field reports from the YMCA units testify that as a result of the universal interest and cooperation of the servicemen themselves, not only center activities but the relationship of the centers with local churches and residents in general has attained a development well above the average of most other USO clubs.

"One of the first two USO-YMCA centers to create a service men's council of self-ment, a new principle the YMCA National CoRY just projected to its US was the club at Petersburg for the men at Camp Tobias declared.

"Here and elsewhere ters for the use of our men have established mar "first in program activ community relationships both the USO and the Y. justifiably proud."

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