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THE AFRO AMERICAN

What the AFRO Stands for

1. Colored policemen, policewomen and firemen.
2. Colored representatives on city, county and State boards of education.
3. Equal salaries for equal work for school teachers without regard to color or sex.
4. Colored members of boards of State institutions where inmates are colored.
5. The organization of labor unions among all groups of colored workers.
6. A university and agricultural college for colored people supported by the State.
7. Closer co-operation between farmers and the State and Federal farm agents.

A WORD TO THE WISE

All segments of the population must have a share in planning the peace if it is to be a true peace based on the Atlantic Charter, Walter Nash, New Zealand Minister to the U.S., warned Baltimoreans this week.

In calling attention to the necessity for eliminating race discrimination, he pointed to the fact that colored people in his country share equally in its administration. To make sure Baltimoreans would not misunderstand what he meant when he said "colored," he emphasized that he was talking about "brown-skinned people."

Mr. Nash is only repeating what we have been saying for some time, namely, that we must practice democracy at home before we begin trying to spread it to other countries; that we must see all segments of the population sharing equally in fighting the war and in enjoying the fruits of the peace.

What Must Be Done

This means—

That war firms like Baltimore's C. and P. Telephone Company and Transit Company, which advertise for operators but deny employment to colored, must stop flying their "for-whites-only" signs when it comes to skilled jobs;

That leaders of the Red Cross in Maryland who follow without protest the national office's instructions to segregate blood of colored volunteers for its army and navy blood bank must end this hateful policy;

That the city administration must no longer deny representation to colored people on the school board and in municipal bureaus;

That the State administration which wants "all" citizens to get a square deal must not refuse to appoint colored uniformed policemen, and must allow colored people to run their own institutions and give them representation on State boards or in State offices.

These are the things which will indicate more than anything else whether we are interested in winning the war and in gaining the democratic peace we talk about.

Whatever plans are made for improving the world must also be used here at home and Minister Nash, in pointing this out to Baltimoreans, has given them a good piece of advice.

A JOB FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Perhaps the largest single group of roller skaters anywhere in the city congregate daily in the vicinity of Lanvale and Carey Streets.

The number has been estimated to be as high as 500 by AFRO readers.

Last week, one of them ran into and fatally injured a woman pedestrian.

Published elsewhere in this edition are pictures showing some of these skaters hitching rides on trolleys and using the busy streets as a skating center.

It should not be necessary for other fatalities to occur before this situation is remedied.

What is needed is a special zone barred to street cars and autos, where these skaters may feel free to enjoy their sport. Perhaps with the aid of Mayor Jackson and the city police our recreation department can take the matter in hand and provide a safe place for youngsters to skate without injury to themselves or pedestrians.

CALL A LAWYER—SAVE A HEADACHE

From time to time timid persons find themselves charged with infractions of the law. Knowing that they are are innocent, they go into local courts without attorneys, sure that justice will triumph and that the charge will be dismissed.

Likely as not, however, through some quirk in the law with which they are not familiar, they find themselves convicted of misdemeanors they did not commit.

This is not a plea for lawyers, though it might well be. When we get sick we consult a physician; when we need spiritual aid we go to a minister. When we get into legal difficulties we should not hesitate to call an attorney.

After the case has been tried and a conviction returned against innocent persons, it is too late to call in a lawyer and expect him to produce miracles.

Innocent persons improperly convicted carry this blemish on their character the rest of their lives, when a few cents could perhaps have saved them embarrassment.

All that we have said about innocent persons applies equally to defendants who are guilty. They, too, are entitled to a fair presentation of their cases and a lawyer is the proper person to do this.

Baltimore has able attorneys. Call on them when you are faced with even a minor law violation and save yourself a headache.

EDWARD G. FLEET, JR.

Death came this week to Edward G. Fleet, Jr., special clerk in the postmaster's office and a postal worker for the past forty-two years.

The post office was to "Ed" Fleet more than a job. He took a fatherly interest in new employees. He saw the number increase from a half dozen to several hundred.

Mr. Fleet was particularly concerned lest it become a tradition in Baltimore that colored postal workers should get no higher post than that of supervisor, though many of them are qualified for further promotions.

There has been some talk that the special clerkship in the postmaster's office which he held should be abolished as an economy measure after his death.

As a tribute to him the National Postal Alliance might well make its project this year an investigation of the methods of upgrading postal workers and make such recommendations as will ensure all employees a fair deal.

A Worthy Home Front Fight

"HELP ME WIN MY VICTORY!!—JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES!"

Democratic Foolosophy

Balto. vs. Atlanta

Fascist Dept. Stores

Competition Healthy

J.C. on Street Cars

What AFRO Readers Say

(Readers are invited to write on any subject they desire. Only requirement is that letters not exceed 200 words. Be sure to sign name and address, which will be deleted upon request.)

God's Hand Needed

Dear AFRO: We have to come together in heart and mind to win this war. There are great leaders of this U.S. who may know all the rules and laws but they must come in touch with God to win the victory.

In all our efforts and the artillery we need the hand of God. The whole nation should ask Him for understanding.

REV. W. J. DAVIS
1725 Orleans Street
Baltimore.

Liked Our Editorial Ad

Dear AFRO: Thanks for your truthful and courageous paid advertisement in the Evening Sun of January 17, in answer to Dr. Warren Brown of Reader's Digest, infamy. A fine exemplification of the AFRO's finest tradition.

True scholarship seeks always to disclose the truth, but even good scholars sometimes miss the true major premise in a problem. If this be off, the conclusion, however rational it may appear, based upon a false premise, must also fail.

Stars and Bars Passe

I wonder, after all, whether Dr. Brown is now aware that we live and die for the Stars and Stripes and not for the Stars and Bars.

Had he only remembered that under the jurisprudence of the former that every man accused of crime is presumed to be innocent, until he is proved guilty by competent testimony and not by hearsay, I fancy, he would not have fallen into the error of castigating our virile press—the bulwark of our freedom.

CLARKE L. SMITH
22 St. Paul Street,
Baltimore.

Dreams Business Success

Dear AFRO: On the night of November 1, I dreamed that a voice spoke to me, suggesting that colored people of Baltimore organize and set up grocery stores and other such businesses to make decent jobs for our youngsters when they finish school.

A. H. DREWERY
1413 Pennsylvania Ave.

Answer for Brown, Ph.D.

Dear AFRO: Your answer to the article in the Reader's Digest, "A Negro Warns the Negro Press," credited to Dr. Warren H. Brown, is another extraordinary accomplishment in behalf of the colored race at considerable personal expense.

Because of certain conspicuous earmarks many colored people are wondering if Dr. Brown actually wrote such an article or if it was orginated by parties unknown and presented to him for his endorsement.

The skill of a Ph.D. planted the gangrenous infection deep into the tissues of fertile soil but the AFRO-AMERICAN surgeons with great skill and free lancing opened the wound and cleansed the infected minds of those who read Dr. Brown's condemnation.

What is meant by "Warn the Negro Press"? Less than 5 per cent of a colored paper mentions court cases. News, whether good or bad, happens to be a public property. We admit that in a few instances the colored press might be a little more conservative in crime publicity, but some white papers have been similarly criticized.

Hence the colored press seems to be doing a great job as believed by practically every colored person with at least one exception.

DR. JAMES A. WHITE
1028 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore.

4 Refused War Jobs

Dear AFRO: On several occasions we answered ads for workers in war plants only to be told that we could not be hired because we are colored.

We were told this at the American Hammered Piston Ring Company, despite the fact that colored men are fighting for democracy as well as white.

It seems to us the colored people in America should fight first for freedom right here at home.

(Miss) E. ELLIS
(Miss) A. THOMAS
(Miss) R. BLAKE
(Miss) A. SEWELL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: These young women, some of them specially trained, are entitled to war plant jobs. They are urged to file complaints against the plants with the FEPC. Blanks may be secured at the AFRO office, 3rd floor.)

By JOSEPHUS SIMPSON

Two of my fellow workers were recently discussing whether Baltimore or Atlanta was the better place in which to live, in so far as jim crow practices are concerned, and I was called in as arbiter.

I ruled in favor of Atlanta, pointing out that no department store there would refuse to serve a colored customer, although some drug stores and eating houses do.

On the other hand, however, there are several restaurants on "Five Points" in the heart of Atlanta, operated by Greeks or Italians, which serve both races, seating them on opposite sides of a counter, facing each other.

Some Whites Ashamed

There are some eating houses from which colored persons are barred altogether, the white patrons probably being those who are ashamed to let us observe their bad table manners.

One reason for this is the prevalence of colored business houses in competition with white concerns. In Baltimore this is not the case. Many of our downtown stores have branches on Pennsylvania Avenue, some of which employ colored clerks.

Some Friends, Some Foes

We have no legitimate quarrel with those who employ us on a democratic basis in their stores, but we should be fired with righteous indignation against those who refuse to employ us except as menials.

While Baltimore has no street car jim crow and Atlanta has, cope in Atlanta are more decent. Both cities have biased city setups. Atlanta has much more colored business and colored residents of the better class have some of the finest homes in the nation.

This Corner

(In This Corner each week appear poems by colored authors. This week's writer is the renowned Paul Laurence Dunbar.)

THE RIGHT TO DIE

I have no fancy for that ancient
cant
That makes us masters of our
destinies.
And not our lives, to hold or
give them up
As will directs; I cannot, will not
think
That men, the subtle worms, who
plot and plan
And scheme and calculate with
such shrewd wit,
Are such great blundring fools
as not to know
When they have lived enough.

Men court not death
When there are sweets still left
in life to taste.
Nor will a brave man choose to
live when he,
Full deeply drunk of life, has
reached the dregs,
And knows that now but bitterness remains.

He is the coward who, outfaced in
this,
Fears the false goblins of another
life.
I honor him who being much
harassed
Drinks of sweet courage until
drunk of it,—
Then seizing Death, reluctant,
by the hand,
Leaps with him, fearless,
to eternal peace.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

SERVICE

When we count out our gold at the
end of the day,
And have filtered the dross that
has cumbered the way,
Oh, what were the hold of our
treasury then.
Save the love we have shown to
the children of men?

—Georgia Douglas Johnson

Behind the Scenes

Discrimination in SIAC and Accident Fund Problems for O'Conor to Solve

With MARSE CALLAWAY

At one of the important meetings held before the election of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor in 1938, he publicly promised not to undo any of the advantages given to colored people by the Republican administration.

He also said he would do things of his own accord to help obtain for the minority group the rights enjoyed by other groups in this State.

On the strength of these promises, the Democratic leaders of our group helped to defeat Governor Nice, who had proved himself our friend.

We then turned to Governor O'Conor, but he has failed us thus far. He still has the opportunity in his second term to do the right things for us by eliminating unfairness and prejudice.

Among the many sources of complaint is the failure to appoint colored men on boards and commissions which deal with problems of our group.

For instance, the State Industrial Accident Commission and the State Accident Fund are important commissions which deal with the lives, property, and well-being of thousands of colored workers.

Yet, not any of their employees, clerks or inspectors are colored.

If a colored worker is injured, is he sent or referred to one of the several qualified colored surgeons who are on the lists of the commission?

No. Colored workers are shunted off to hospitals or clinics where they are attended by all-white staffs.

The important point is that no part of the fees paid by the State fund or by the insurance companies for attending to these thousands of colored workers injured in industry is received by colored surgeons, nurses, clinics or hospitals.

What will Governor O'Conor do to remedy this situation? It not only affects us financially, but is a standing insult to our competent medical men and nurses.

New Books

The following new books have been added to Branch 1 of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Fremont Avenue and pitcher Street, during the past two weeks.

Fiction

RIVERS OF GLORY—Van Wyck Mason.
THE CASE OF THE WEIRD SISTERS — Charlotte Armstrong.
THE WHITE QUEEN — Betty Baur.
PRIMER FOR COMBAT — Kay Boyle.
ALL NIGHT LONG — Erskine Caldwell.
LONELY PARADE — Fannie Hurst.

Non-Fiction

OUR CHILDREN FACE WAR—Anna W. Wolf.
THE WISDOM OF CHINA AND INDIA—Lin Yutang.
TORPEDO INJUNCTION—Robert Casey.
YEAR OF THE WILD BOAR—Helen Mears.
THE NEGRO CHILDREN IN THE CARIBBEAN—Eric Williams
HE'S IN SUBMARINES NOW—Gregor Felsen.

DAWN

An angel, robbed in spotless white,
Bent down and kissed the sleeping
Night.
Night woke to blush; the sprite
was gone.
Men saw the blush and called it
Dawn.

—PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR.

The Color Guard—Felix Eboue

What The Other Fellow Says

Baltimoreans Tell All About Fellow Citizens

MISS MARY F. BURNS

One of the city's most successful business women in a field which can be considered a war job from the standpoint of building morale on the home front, is Miss Mary Fernandis Burns, florist, of 1816 Pennsylvania Avenue.

During her eighth years in business, Miss Burns has always considered monetary gain secondary to satisfying her customers.

Loves Music and Poetry

This year, she is putting forth special effort to make each floral arrangement not only decorative, but also so cheerful that it will help offset the effects of wartime work and stress.

Miss Burns has an artist's appreciation for the beautiful which is carried over into her love for music and poetry, to which she devotes her spare time.

The florist is affiliated with the F.E.W. Harper Temple of Elks and the Baltimore Business and Professional Women's Association. Her business decorum, personality, and helpfulness merited the following remarks about her:

"Conscientious Worker"

Miss Vera Turner, her assistant, says: "I have been working with Miss Burns for almost a year. She is a conscientious worker, often sticking to the job twenty-four hours a day without complaint. Besides that, she is a jovial person, who frequently goes out of her way to be kind and considerate."

"No Better Service"

Charles A. Foster, a customer, says: "When it comes to getting a selection of beautiful, fresh flowers, plus considerate and prompt service, there is none better than that given by Miss Burns and her assistants.

"She fills my personal orders for all occasions, and as president of the members at Doug. Memorial Community Church, I frequently place orders with her."

"Business Woman"

Miss Ida R. Cummings, daughter ruler and founder of the F.E.W. Harper Temple of Elks says: "I know Miss Burns to be a fine business woman. And through her connection with our fraternal organization, I find her always ready to lend a hand to any worthwhile enterprise."

Press in Worthy Hands

Dear AFRO: I wish to commend the AFRO-AMERICAN on its highly competent article (in January 18, Morning Sun) answering Reader's Digest's "A Negro Warns the Negro Press" by a Dr. Warren H. Brown.

The mere fact that your company would defray expenses of advertising the real truth about the colored press is proof enough that our newspapers are in worthy hands of men who are true to our race as well as to our native land.

From whence did this Dr. Brown obtain his degrees? How did he become connected with the Council of Democracy? What are his home and business addresses? I know of those who would like to answer him personally. (Mrs.) ROBERT M. B.
Baltimore.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Brown attended Sumner High School in St. Louis, Mo., and started college at the University of Wisconsin, which dismissed him after his first year in the School of Journalism. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University School of Social Research. Dr. Hugo Munsterberg wrote his doctorate on "The Negro Press and Social Change, 1865-880." Write him care of Reader's Digest, New York.)

The Home Front

Pleasure Rides Out

Share Your Car

Civilian Protection

Wardens Needed

By FURMAN L. TEMPLETON

Because so many American motorists have howled to high heaven over the pleasure-driving ban, it would be well to say a word about the situation.

During 1941, 86 per cent of all miles traveled in this country were in private automobiles. All other forms of transportation took care of the remaining 14 per cent.

It is plain, then, that if we don't keep some automobiles rolling, our trains, buses, street cars and subways will not be able to take care even of all necessary travel; and a lot of us don't get much fun out of walking.

Shortage of gasoline, except in the East, is not the real reason for the ban, aimed primarily at saving rubber and automobile parts.

Ninety per cent of the world's rubber supply now is held by the Japanese. America's full domestic rubber production will not get under way for at least a year.

The Baruch report shows that by the end of 1943 our rubber supply for military and essential purposes will be short by about 211,000 tons. Furthermore, replacement parts for automobiles will not be available after the present supply is gone.

War Workers Come First

Since defense production must be maintained and increased, it is essential that the transportation needs of war workers be given primary consideration.

An effective partial answer to the problem lies in the formation of car-sharing clubs, through which a car owner arranges have at least four passengers, including himself, riding to and from work in his car.

Such arrangement can and should be made through the plant where he works, the OCD Block Captain, his church, his union, or any other means at his disposal.

Set details of the amount paid by his customers, as well as the time and place of pick-up, are to be decided by the owner and those who ride with him.

With thousands of our workers already in defense production plants and others entering defense jobs daily, dependent on private cars for transportation, it is imperative that the car-sharing plan be utilized.

Absenteeism and lateness, due to an over-taxed transportation system, must not be permitted to allow up production or mar the splendid industrial performances we are giving.

Civilian Defense Status

Baltimore's civilian defense corps functioned so well during the last daylight alert that the city has been certified by Colonel I Barrett, State director of air-raid precautions.

Certification to the army officials means that the city has satisfied military requirements with respect to air-raid defense.

However, that cannot be taken as sufficient cause for us all to sit back and think the task is done. The only safe conclusion we can draw is that the civilian defense volunteers who have been trained and assigned are doing an excellent job.

The fact still remains that Baltimore needs many more wardens, fire watchers, messengers and auxiliary policemen and firemen. We cannot forget that we need sufficient trained people to man our neighborhoods both at night and in the day.

After all, raiders will come over our cities when and as often as their plans and our precautions permit. And falling bombs have no respect for neighborhoods or people.

Benefits Are Direct

It is hoped that many people not now engaged in civilian protection activities will register for training and assignment.

You can register and get all necessary information at your nearest police station.

Furthermore, the training program no longer requires all volunteers to attend classes in specific schools. Classes will be arranged for any neighborhood in which a fair number of volunteers sign up for instruction. Always remember that you are only being asked to prepare yourself to protect your own neighborhood.

Truer Words

If the colored man is worthy to die with white men, then he is worthy to live with them on terms of honest, objective equality.

Lt. Gov. Charles Poletti (N.Y.)

Tide of Protests Mounts over McNutt's Gagging of FEPC

Ban on Hearings Is "Retreat," F.D. Told, Urged to Invalidate Order; Protest Meeting Sunday

BALTIMORE—Protests against the gag placed in the mouth of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee by WPB Chairman Paul V. McNutt through his order banning hearings on discrimination in the railroad industry continued to pour in this week.

Meantime plans are being whipped into shape for the protest mass meeting to be held at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, Sunday at 3 p.m., with the following among scheduled speakers:

B. F. McLaurin, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; James B. Carey, CIO; A. Philip Randolph, director of March-on-Washington Committee; Paul Scharrenberg, AFL; Theodore A. Jackson, president Dining Car Employees' Union, and Dr. Lawrence M. Ervin.

Among Latest to Protest

Protests were filed this week by the following:

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

George Marshall, chairman:

"In the light of the important accomplishments of the FEPC, which have strengthened the war effort and heartened the supporters of your administration, any proposal to sidetrack the committee or its powers can be regarded only as a retreat from the vital policy of our government.

"This is no time to compromise with the fundamental principles so splendidly enunciated in Executive Order 8802. This is the time to support these principles through extending, not curbing, the powers of the FEPC."

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Workers' Defense League

Laurence T. Hosie, chairman:

"Our board learned of indefinite postponement of FEPC railroad hearings with amazement. What other interpretation is possible than that the administration is unable or unwilling to oppose mounting racism with all its inevitable frightfulness?

"Loyal American workers have a right to these hearings. It is not too late to turn back. Mr. President, give us some assurance that racism, the cornerstone of Nazism, is rejected by America's builders."

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National Negro Congress

Dr. Max Yergan, president:

"The cancellation of the hearings by Mr. McNutt is a serious capitulation to Governor Dixon of Alabama, the white supremacists and other reactionary forces who have seen the FEPC not only as a threat to the citadel of jim-crowism, but also as a major contribution toward the unity of colored people with their fellow Americans.

"This development makes imperative the mobilization of the colored people to fight for passage of the anti-poll tax bill in this session of Congress, as poll-tax Congressmen and their cohorts have been foremost in fomenting hostility to the FEPC and have organized a Congressional clique to destroy it."

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United Auto Workers, CIO

Horace Sheffield, international representative

"Laurence Cramer is laying the basis for any future development which might lead to the liquidation of the FEPC."

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NAACP

Walter White, secretary

"Because the decision which is now made will profoundly affect the course of things to come, we renew our request that the Fair Employment Practice Committee be restored to its completely independent status," said Walter White this week in a letter urging the President's reversal of McNutt's War Manpower order of the postponement of the January 25th Fair Employment Practice Committee's hearing on discrimination in railroad employment.

"We have been informed of the lobbying being done among members of Congress by representatives of the railway brotherhoods and representatives of railroads who bitterly oppose any action which would attempt to correct the vicious discrimination against colored persons on public carriers of the United States.

"But we respectfully submit that any surrender to such forces or any manifestation of weakness in the face of the barrage from them would be disastrous not only to the colored race, but for the principles of democracy itself."

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Detroit UAW-CIO

Walter P. Reuther, vice-president

"As a member of the Labor-Management Policy Committee of the War Production Board and a vice-president of the UAW-CIO in charge of war manpower problems, I desire emphatically to register my protest against postponement of scheduled hearings by the FEPC on discrimination in the railroad industry.

"I urge that you reconsider postponement of the scheduled hearings and that these hearings be opened forthwith so that proper responsibility may be placed and adequate remedial steps may be taken."

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National Maritime Union

Ferdinand Smith, national secretary

"The National Maritime Union protests the calling off of the proposed hearings on railroad discrimination before the FEPC.

"Such action is a blow to the war effort and tends to demoralize not only the colored Americans who are anxious to serve their country in this crisis, but also the people of the United Nations who see this struggle as one against Hitlerism and all that it stands for."

PFC. CECIL HOUSTON VISITS FAMILY

Pfc. Cecil Houston, who is on duty at Camp Claiborne, La., is in the city this week visiting his family, at 417 N. Gilmor Street.

McNutt Miffed; Snubs White and Randolph

WASHINGTON

Smarting under the tongue-lashing administered by a delegation which visited him last Friday demanding an explanation for a postponement of the railway discrimination hearings, Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt refused to see an interracial delegation which called on him Tuesday.

The delegation of fifty-odd, including A. Phillip Randolph, Walter White and representatives of other labor, religious and fraternal organizations met at McNutt's offices about 3 p.m., but were informed that he would see only four.

Leaders of the delegation then sought to effect a compromise agreement whereby the conference would see the entire delegation, but four would be elected to speak for the entire body.

Commissioner is Adamant

Mr. McNutt checked the list and sent word that none of the names included in the delegation was among those who had visited him Friday he would not give them an audience.

Upon this action, the committee voted that since he would not see all, the conference would be called off.

Included in the delegation were:

A. Philip Randolph, Walter White, Addicks Toney, N.Y. Division March on Washington Movement; B. F. McLaurin, International Representative, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Boyd V. Converse, IBEW; Herbert C. Bergstrom, Association of Phila. Settlements; Noah A. C. Walker, Jr., Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Theodore A. Jackson, Joint Council of Dining Car Employees; Rev. R. J. Eldridge, President Baptist Ministers' Alliance of N.Y.; Jacob Lawrence, CIO; Al Hamilton, Specialist in Race Density M. Robinson, president Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Roger Baldwin, director American Civil Liberties Union; Bainia Abraham Shusterman, member board of directors Central Conf. of American Rabbis; James Farmer, Fellowship of Reconciliation; Sturge Steinert, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Philadelphia; Dorothy Tilly, Fellowship of Reconciliation; Rabbi Israel Herbert H. Epstein, Spire, National Religious and Labor Foundation; E. A. Nevin, Philadelphia Fellowship of Reconciliation; Elizabeth Craig, labor division, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; William Worthy, Youth Committee for Democracy, Philadelphia; Rachel Hylton, ladies' division, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Marion B. Seymour, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; Mrs. Lulah Ann Jackson, American Jewish Congress; Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, American Civil Liberties Union; Morris Milgram, national secretary, Workers Defense League; Bertha Lomack, Tuesday Evening Club, Washington, D.C.; Leslie Perry, director, Washington Branch, NAACP; Mrs. Winifred W. Schaum, Philadelphia Senior Women's International League; David S. Richie, Friends Commission on Race Relations, Philadelphia; Mrs. Mordecai Johnson, Washington, Tribune; Virginia B. Hope, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; James C. Arnow, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Francis McPeak, Washington Federation of Churches; George R. Hunton, secretary, Catholic Interracial Council.

Brother in Afro Picture, Sis Believes

The inset picture is that of a soldier stationed with a U.S. Army anti-aircraft battery at an air base somewhere in the South Pacific. If is part of a picture carried on the front page last week, and Miss Margaret Roach of 624 W. Saratoga Street says that the soldier resembles Private Maxwell Roach, her brother, who has been overseas for some time.

Inducted in Nov. 1941

He was inducted into service in November, 1941, she says, and before being sent overseas was stationed at a Southern camp.

Miss Roach says that despite the fact that her brother is with an American Expeditionary Force, he writes regularly but does not indicate where he is stationed. In fact, she heard from him last week.

Besides herself, Miss Roach says that Private Roach's relatives include three sisters and four brothers.

Fla. High Court Bans Grand Jury Exclusion

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Ruling that colored persons were systematically excluded from the Escambia County Grand Jury, the Florida Supreme Court on Friday threw out an indictment against Will Lewis, indicted in that county for an alleged attack on a white woman.

The decision, written by Justice Glenn Terrell and affirming the ruling of the Escambia County Circuit Court, pointed out that the State did not deny that the grand jury which indicted Lewis "was empaneled in violation of constitutional rights."

This was the first case in which the question of excluding colored persons from juries was raised as the main point before the Florida court since Federal court rulings that such practice violates the constitutional rights of colored defendants.

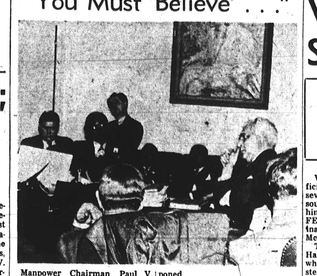
State Code Rapped

The other main point involved in the case was whether Lewis forfeited his right to challenge competency of the grand jury because of failure to do so before it was empaneled, as prescribed by Florida criminal code.

Outlawing this clause in the Florida code, the court ruled that to follow the criminal code in this Lewis case would force him to "defend against a probability that may never become a reality."

Pointing out that "the law presumes him innocent until his guilt is established," the opinion said that "to require him to defend before he is indicted would in effect repeal this long-settled and approved precept."

"You Must 'Believe' . . ."



Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt, holding cigarette, is shown shortly after he had told a New York and Detroit delegation that he had been responsible for the postponement of the FEPC railroad discrimination hearings and that they would stay postponed.

He refused to state whether White House influences were responsible, declined to state the reason for the postponement, and asked delegates to "believe" that he had acted in their best interests.

Tyus Tells Y Emblem Club of Need for Racial Unity

Racial unity is more necessary now than ever before, the members of the Druid Hill YMCA Emblem Club were told Tuesday night by Randall L. Tyus, executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP branch, at a dinner meeting in the YMCA banquet room.

"If we are to consolidate, preserve and extend gains already achieved," Mr. Tyus declared, "there is a need of a more militant spirit in colored organizational life."

Club's Purposes

Organized in November, the Emblem Club met for the third time. It's two-fold purpose is to build up a continuous influx of YMCA memberships, and to promote activities and programs for adult members of the YMCA.

The club holds a dinner meeting the third Tuesday in each month.

Robert F. Mack, Jr. is president; Francis R. Griffin, vice president; R. Clarke Davis, secretary; Wardell L. Richardson, treasurer; Harold Seabrom, chairman of the program committee, and Houston Jackson, chairman of the membership committee.

7 New Members

New members elected to the organization Tuesday night are George H. Johnson, Harold S. Foulkes, James Early, George H. Rosen, L. Snowden, William E. Spencer and S. Leroy Taylor.

WMC Officials Jolt Delegation Seeking "Why" of FEPC Muzzle

Detroit and New York Leaders Get Meaningless Answers, Adamancy from McNutt and His 1st Assistant

WASHINGTON

War Manpower Commission officials last week handed two severe jolts to a delegation which sought to learn the true facts behind "postponement" of the FEPC hearing on railroad discrimination from Chairman Paul V. McNutt.

The first came from Fowler Harper, deputy WMC chairman, who declared the "postponement" stemmed from fears that the FEPC would be unable to make its "inevitable" findings and directives stick in the face of railroad pressure if the hearings were held.

15,000 Men Jolted

The second came in the form of a blunt refusal by Chairman McNutt to disclose his reasons for the "postponement" or to specify what alternative action he would take to ameliorate the plight of the 15,000 colored firemen facing loss of their livelihood as a result of employment discrimination by the Southern railroads.

The delegation, made up of New York and Detroit labor, religious, civic and race leaders, spent three heated hours in vehement protest of the "postponement" and in hurling charges of appeasing reactionary forces at the War Manpower Commission.

The first two hours were spent in sharp discussion with Mr. Harper.

Intimidation Denied

In response to a question of whether McNutt had "postponed" the hearings because of intimidation by the powerful and reactionary Southern railroads, Harper replied:

"You may call it intimidation. I call it common sense."

He then pointed out that every time the FEPC held a hearing, compiled findings or issued directives it was "sticking its neck out" in view of its lack of legal power to enforce its directives.

Homicide or Suicide

James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer and head of its anti-Discrimination Committee, declared that he represented an organization which did "not believe in committing suicide because it was threatened with death."

Miss Natalie Moorman, representing the Washington Minority Workshop, asked if the railroad industry had threatened Mr. McNutt. Harper denied this, saying that the WMC was attempting to "go around the mountain" represented by the problem rather than tunnel through it.

The Rev. Horace White, delegation chairman, terminated this part of the conference by asking for an audience with Mr. McNutt.

Mr. McNutt declared that he had made the decision; he was sticking by it; he was not giving his reasons for the "postponement," and that the group would have to accept his decision and believe that he was working for their best interests.

All other questions brought answers that finally provoked the Rev. Mr. White to say:

"We have been treated today like little children. Just "yes" and "no" at a time when the most important thing we need is confidence in democracy and our government."

Oklahoma Bound

CPL. TECH. CHARLES STOKES, recent graduate of the Caterpillar Tractor Company Army Training School at Peoria, Ill., who left Sunday to join his company in Oklahoma, after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Robie Stokes, and daughter, Geraldine, at their home, 1403 Saratoga Street, Baltimore.

Paper for DHS Drive to Be Collected Saturday

All citizens wishing to donate waste paper and magazines to the Douglass High School Salvage drive may notify the salvage committee.

A truck will collect all papers on Saturday. The papers and books will be sold and the proceeds used to purchase a radio for the USO Center.

COLORATURA SOPRANO TO BE HEARD IN RECITAL

Mrs. Rosalie Jones, coloratura soprano, a student of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, will be presented in recital at Berean Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dolphin and Freemont Avenue, Monday at 8 p.m.

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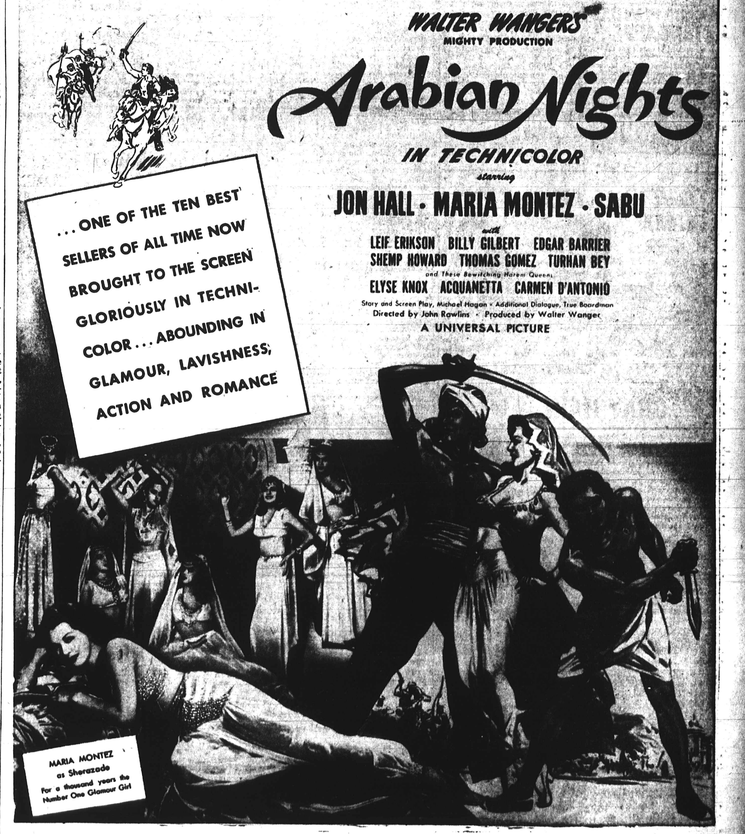

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