Stores Set "Policy" for Colored Buyers

Flash!

Dawson Seeks Federal Race Relations Study

WASHINGTON—A bill for creation of a seven-member committee to study race relations was introduced in the House Thursday by Rep. William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.). Also among the measures presented during the opening days of the 79th Congress session were two providing for creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee—one on Wednesday by Rep. Charles M. LaFollette (Rep., Ind.) and

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Funeral planned for the Rev. Agrippa Turner, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

Ex-Morgan athlete arranges holiday party for fellow-soldiers in France.

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Stork Is J.C. Victim

DFC to Seven Fighter Pilots

Baltimoreans Among Men in Honor Group

COL. DAVIS BACK

Turkey Dinner Ends New Year's Program

By MAX JOHNSON

AFRO War Correspondent with U.S. Troops in Italy

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ADVANCED 15TH AAF BASE, ITALY—(By Cable)—They made New Year's Day something extra special here with the fighter group commanded by Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., using the occasion for a ceremony during which seven more of the group's pilots were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses and two enlisted men received bronze stars.

The presence of Col. Davis, who has just returned from a furlough in the States to resume command of the group, which during his absence was headed by Major George S. Roberts, deputy commander, added sufficient trimmings to make the occasion as completely satisfying as the turkey dinner everybody got afterwards.

Md., D.C. Flyers Honored

These newest DFC winners are: Capts. Melvin T. Jackson, 432 E. Twenty-third, Baltimore; Lee Rayford, 1822 Ninth Street, N.W.; Andrew D. Turner, 100 Westford Place, N.E., Washington; George E. Gray, Welch, W.Va.; Vernon V. Haywood, Raleigh, N.C.; Wil-

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AFRO Honor Roll Out January 20

Speculation is rife among AFRO readers as the time approaches for publication of the AFRO's annual Honor Roll on January 13.

The editorial rooms are a beehive of activity as editors cull the files for records of accomplishments of local citizens during the year and pore over hundreds of

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the week

Was Lt. a Suicide?

More on Fire Dept.

By RUTH JENKINS

Reports are being circulated that Lt. Wellington S. Bethel of Edgewood Arsenal, who was found dead in Philadelphia two weeks ago with a bullet in his brain, may not have been a suicide but a victim of foul play.

The young Army officer's body was found a week after his close friend, Wanda Douglass, local telephone supervisor, ended her life by gas in her Madison Avenue apartment.

Military police in the Quaker City are said to be investigating reports that no weapon was found in Lieutenant Bethel's room although a verdict of suicide was rendered.

According to Army authorities, the personal effects of the dead man were sent to his sister, Miss

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Anti-Jim Crow Bill in Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — After 219 bills went down the hopper, including Senator T. Milton Altfeld's measure to repeal the Maryland jim-crow transportation law, the 1945 Maryland General Assembly on Thursday adjourned until 8 p.m. Monday.

All measures except the transportation bill were proposed by the legislative council and were referred to committees to be brought before their respective bodies later. The anti-jim crow bill, introduced in the Senate, was referred to the judicial proceedings committee, headed by Joseph R. Byrnes.

Senate, 111, House, 108 Bills

Bill No. 140 A, which calls for the elimination of tuition fees in all State Teachers' Colleges, was one of the 108 measures introduced in the House. The Senate referred 111 bills to committees.

Under the present Maryland law, colored and white passengers must have separate accommodation on common carriers when traveling within the State.

New Congressman Ready for Work

Congressman A. Clayton Powell, Jr. (second from left), is shown with his secretary, Miss Hattie Freeman, and members of his campaign staff shortly after they arrived in Washington where the new Congressman was sworn in Wednesday as a member of the Seventy-ninth Congress. At left is Acy Lennon and at right, Joseph Ford.

Bar Mother, Baby Born on Street

Hospital Won't Drop Color Bar Even in Crisis

PLAQUE A MOCKERY

Victim Waits in Snow 40 Min. for Ambulance

WASHINGTON

The story of nativity with modern embellishment was re-enacted here Thursday when an 18-year-old unwed mother gave birth to a child on the sidewalk in sub-zero weather when she was refused admittance to snooty Sibley Hospital because of her race.

After a week of searching, AFRO reporters finally identified the mother as Miss Bernice Miles, 70 Fenton Street, N.E., who has been in a critical condition at Gallinger hospital as a result of exposure.

Fled S.C. Home

The young woman, who admitted that she had run away from

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O'Conor Outlines Plans to Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — Formally opening the 1945 General Assembly on Wednesday, Gov. Herbert O'Conor declared that some of the proposed legislation calls for increasing, by 600, the number of beds for colored tuberculosis patients, with Baltimore providing 300 at City Hospitals.

He commended the Commission on Problems Affecting the Colored Population for the manner in which it had smoothed out some of the racial incidents and for its study of the situation.

Outlining his post-war plans, he stated that he proposes to use the present Cheltenham School for Boys for defective cases under the supervision of the health departments and to construct a new building for training delinquents.

Post-War Jobs Objective

His post-war program also calls for providing reasonable security

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Whites Hold Up Philly Shipping

PHILADELPHIA—White longshoremen, who contrive to keep colored stevedores out of their lucrative jobs, were alone responsible for teh absenteeism which on Friday required the assignment of 300 colored soldiers to the job of loading Army ships here.

During the holiday week beginning on December 23, hundreds of white stevedores failed to report to work. This resulted in ships carrying needed war materials postponing their sailing schedules from two to ten days.

An investigation by the Philadelphia AFRO this week revealed widespread belief among the colored dock workers that, in spite of the labor shortage, attempts are still being made to perpetuate a policy of discrimination through collusion and graft.

It was learned that there are two distinct groups of stevedores, the longshoremen, mainly white, who receive $1.30 an hour, and the carloading stevedores, nearly

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Hazel Scott Sees Powell Take Oath in Congress

By HARRY McALPIN

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — With his father, his mentor and Miss Hazel Scott among the admiring onlookers, Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr. (Dem., N.Y.) was sworn in Wednesday as a member of the 79th Congress.

Also among the 374 Congressmen who took the oath jointly before a packed gallery was Rep. William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.), who is beginning his second term.

Escorted by Dawson

Powell, the first Representative of his race from the State of New York, was escorted to the legislative chambers by Dawson. They have adjoining offices in the old House Office Building.

The two colored Congressmen sat together during the preliminary organization of the House, during which Representative Sam Rayburn (Dem., Texas) was re-elected speaker.

Later, during the session, Powell spent much of his time talking with Representative Vito Marcantonio (Alp., N.Y.), who was seen introducing him to a number of the men who will be their colleagues.

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MRS. PHILLIPS EXPECTED HOME ANY DAY

LONDON—Mrs. B. M. Phillips, the AFRO's first woman war correspondent, has left there and is expected in America any day.

Third of Applicants at Job Clinic Colored; 100 Placed

Approximately one-third of the 244 persons registering for job placements through the employment clinic for handicapped persons and war veterans Wednesday and Thursday were colored.

The clinic, operated at the post office, third floor, was an experiment in obtaining a working knowledge of job placement techniques for handicapped, as well as disabled, war veterans.

The project, conducted by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, War Manpower Commission, State Vocational Rehabilitation Service, and veterans' organizations, did not accept any persons already employed in essential industries during its two-day operation.

More than 100 of the total number registering, many of them colored, were placed immediately in civil service jobs.

One-Armed Driver Placed

Among them was Talmadge N. Haggins, 23, one-armed truck driver, of 619 Bruce Street, who was given a 77-cent-an-hour job as a general helper at the U.S. Coast Guard yard, Curtis Bay, Md.

Mr. Haggins, who has driven a truck for the past eight years, told the AFRO he had always wanted to get into war work and that now he is quite pleased.

Sitting patiently, application blank in hand, was Fred Wright,

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Appointments of 11 Teachers OK'd

Appointments of eleven elementary teachers were approved by the board of school commissions at its meeting on Thursday.

They are:

Misses Thelma G. Anderson, Ethel L. Archer, Mildred V. Bowers, Beulah M. Buckner, Hazel C. Butler, Ruth E. Clayton, Bernice E. Cromwell, Elizabeth Evans, Alice M. Hicks, Mabel A. Owings and Edna C. White.

Mrs. Stubblefield Assigned

Mrs. Gertrude Stubblefield, former teacher-librarian who is returning from maternity leave, was

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Gets Gold Bars

LT. WILLIAM H. MURPHY of Baltimore, who was among six colored graduates in a class of 176 commissioned second lieutenants at the Army Transportation Corps School, New Orleans, on Wednesday. Lieutenant Murphy, the son of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Murphy, Sr., was a senior in the University of Maryland Law School at the time of his induction in September, 1941. He served in the North African theatre in the Counter Intelligence Corps before entering officer candidate school.

War Department Denies GI's Mistreated in Dixie

In answer to NAACP complaints that colored soldiers were mistreated at certain Southern Army camps, the War Department reports that its investigation disproves the charges of discrimination.

The camps in question were Columbia Air Base, S.C., and Camp Shelby, Miss., where colored soldiers stationed there told the local NAACP they were discriminated against and forced to work, though they were ill, Mrs. Virginia Kiah, membership secretary, reported.

A letter from Col. Max F. Schneider of the Air Corps said that investigation conducted at Camp Shelby concerning three soldiers' complaints revealed the following:

Cites Findings of Probe

That Pvt. James Munson of Baltimore, who said he was placed in the guard house because of illness, was there because he was AWOL and not ill. (Mrs Kiah reported that Munson overstayed a furlough in Baltimore in attempting to contact the NAACP concerning his alleged mistreatment at the camp);

That Pvt. R. Richardson, who said he was forced to work while suffering from an ulcerated stomach, was merely a victim of a nervous disorder and a careful medical examination found him normal;

That Pvt. Joseph Harrington, who said he was sent to Columbia for a medical discharge but was retained on a "sugar" detail, was

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92nd Praised for Halting Germans

The 92nd Division has won high praise for halting the German surprise offensive in the Ligurian coastal sector of Italy against Fifty Army troops.

Giving a summary of last week's war news on the Army Hour over a nation-wide NBC hookup Sunday afternoon, Col. Albert L. Warner, chief of the War Intelligence Division, Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department, said:

"In Italy the Germans took a cue from their fellow Nazis in Belgium and launched a small drive in the Cerchio Valley. This three-day effort was stopped by colored troops of the 92nd Division and the concentrated pounding of tactical planes."

Superiority Theory Jolted

Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist and radio broadcaster, coming on the Blue network at 9

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Morgan Grants Twelve Student Scholarships

Ralph D. Matthews, Jr., son of the Washington editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN, who will study journalism at Syracuse University, was among twelve persons granted State aid by the Morgan State College trustees' committee on State scholarships this week.

The smallest of the scholarships was $108 and the largest, $636.

The list of scholarships included the following:

Boston University—Ida May Toney-Wynne, graduate work in English; Meharry Medical College—Vernice D. Ferguson;

Howard University—Mary M. Clayton, commerce; Dolores Z. Douglass, pharmacy; Audrey E. Minor, social science; Wardell T. Richardson, social science; C. Leroy Taylor, fine arts; Eugenia M. Williams, journalism; Ruth Koger, commerce; Ralph W. Jones, engineering;

Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City—Nell V. Ming, graduate nursing; New York University—Doris T. Murdock, commerce.

In addition the committee renewed the applications of 129 persons for the February semester.

Applications for persons desiring to do summer study should be made by May 1 and for the September term by August 1, according to Edward N. Wilson, committee official.

Bronze Star to Radio Mechanic

T/SGT. RAYMOND WASHINGTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Washington and husband of Mrs. Pauline Washington of 1209 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, radio mechanic with the 332nd Fighter Group, who was awarded the Bronze Star New Year's Day by Col. Benjamin O. Davis, commander. T/Sgt. Washington won the award for inventing and perfecting a testing device which eliminates sending aircraft radios to a special service squadron for testing. He was cited last September by his commanding officer for this same invention.

NNPA Commission Spends New Year's Day in Nigeria

By VINCENT TUBBS

AFRO Representative on NNPA African Commission

LAGOS NIGERIA (By Cable) —Christmas in Liberia and New Year's Day in Nigeria. The world is a small place.

After loss of a week in transit because planes were not flying, a 1000-mile hop placed us here as Nigerian drums, even more enthusiastic than those in Liberia at Christmas time, hearlded the New Year.

More Modern than Liberia

More impressive than the drums, however, is the general appearance of the city which, un-

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Says Stray Bullet Killed His Victim

Charged with fatally shooting a man through the left chest in a tavern at 900 N. Eden Street on Wednesday, Albert Taylor, 30, of 1037 Somerset Street, told police that the victim was struck by a

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Nine Say They Serve All Customers Alike

Some Insult and Discourage Colored Trade in Various Ways

Orchids to These Stores Which Serve All Alike

SCHLEISNER'S	MONTGOMERY-WARD
HAHN'S SHOE	SEARS-ROEBUCK
ROSENTHAL'S	MOSES KAHN
GOLDENBERG'S	BRAGER-EISENBERG

HECHT BROTHERS

Onions to These Stores for Anti-Colored Policies

HUTZLER BROTHERS	TUERKE'S
THE MAY COMPANY	JULIUS GUTMAN
HOCHSCHILD-KOHN	O'NEILL'S

Nine of fifteen better-known stores in the downtown shopping district treat all customers alike, while six admittedly have discriminatory policies in service to colored customers.

A survey of the stores was prompted by reports that during the holidays, colored patrons of Hochschild-Kohn Company received "sales final" receipts with their purchases, believed to be an attempt to discourage colored patronage.

The stores which practice no discrimination, according to statements from their managers, include:

Nine Truly American Stores

Schleisner's, Howard and Saratoga Streets; John A. Volz, manager: "We treat all customers alike. If colored persons want to try on clothes they can, and if they choose to return merchandise, they can do that, too."

Hahn's Shoe Store, 37 W. Lexington Street, Opel White, manager: "The policy of this store is that all persons be treated alike. Our practice is to exchange shoes which have not been worn, but final sales slips are issued in clearance sales and in special sales of OPA shoes. These cases affect all patrons."

Rosenthal's, Eutaw and Saratoga Streets, Melvin Widerman, director: "Ours is the only store in the downtown area which sells to both colored and white persons on the installment plan. All customers are allowed to try on clothing. We practice no discrimination whatever."

Goldenberg's, 213 N. Eutaw Street, Abraham Ransom, manager: "Certainly, colored customers may try on clothes in our store and make exchanges or returns of any purchase here."

One Policy—Hecht Brothers

Hecht Brothers, Baltimore and Pine Streets, Jeff Miller, personnel manager: "We have one policy for everybody. As long as they are good Americans, pay their bills and conduct themselves mannerly, everybody is welcome."

Montgomery-Ward, 1000 S. Monroe Street, J. C. Kracht, manager: "We have no particular policy toward any of our patrons. Final sales may be evident in certain departments such as millinery, but then it applies to both colored and white customers. No question of trying on clothes has ever arisen here. We have one policy for all."

Brager-Eisenberg Company, Eutaw and Saratoga Streets,

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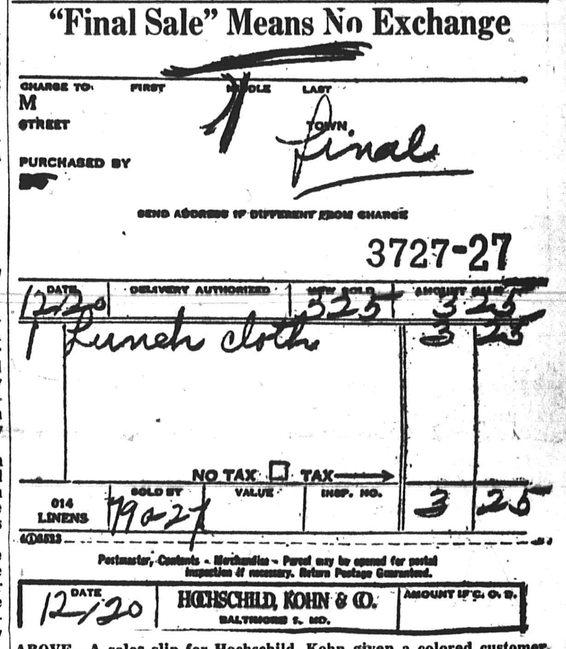
"Final Sale" Means No Exchange



ABOVE—A sales slip for Hochschild, Kohn given a colored customer. It is marked "final." Below, printed on the back of the same slip is the following Hochschild, Kohn pledge to exchange anything. Hochschild, Kohn should make up its mind. Its pledge varies from its practice.

OUR SYSTEM

Reliable goods only, at uniformly right prices. For all articles returned, if uninjured, and within a reasonable time, we shall willingly refund money.

The History of Bigotry

AN EDITORIAL

1. Christians were persecuted by Roman Emperors, and in some case thrown to the lions.
2. As soon as Christians became the majority, they started their own pet persecutions. Moslems, Jews, Pagans and Hindus all suffered under the Christian sword. Even Christians like Joan of Arc and Quakers like William Penn feared for their lives or were put to death.
3. The Irish were at one time America's most hated minority. Mobs burned and robbed their neighborhoods and beat them with clubs.
4. A classic of Christian bigotry is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." In the U.S. today there are still signs posted "Gentiles only."

The anti-colored department store policy in Baltimore shows what happens when white minority groups forget their own recent persecutions and join with others to discriminate against colored people.

In the list of stores which discriminate are those owned by prominent Jews, as well as prominent Christian Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants.