NAACP Plans FEPC Rally; the week

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which Charles Houston, attorney, who recently resigned from the FEPC, will speak.

Sidney Hollander, chairman of the Union for Democratic Action, presided at the Wednesday meeting. Members of the steering committee to work out plans for the meeting include:

Planning Committee

The Rev. Asbury Smith, Congressman Daniel Ellison, J. Duke Avnet of the Lawyer's Guild, Phillip Graham, CIO-Housing Committee; Alexander J. Allen, executive secretary, Baltimore Urban League; Senator E. Milton Altfeld; Josiah Henry, executive secretary, Governor's Commission on Problems Affecting the Colored Population; and Mrs. Virginia J. Kiah, NAACP promotion secretary.

The chairman will be elected at the first meeting to be held 3:30 p.m. today (Friday) at 340 N. Charles St.

The mass meeting will be sponsored by the combined agencies tentatively named the Associated Groups Supporting the FEPC.

Supporting Agencies

Other group representatives supporting the meeting were:

Dr. David Gargess, Eastern Shore ministers; Rev. Donald Jacobs of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church; Miss Esther Braxton, Baltimore Interracial Fellowship; Maurice Bravermen, Citizens' Progressive League; William H. Kindle, YMCA; Mrs. Alice Arrington, YWCA.

Frank Bland, Council of Churches; Bishop A. P. Shaw, Washington and Delaware Methodist Conference; Sam Schmeckler, Baltimore Conference; Rev. Claude Cowan, Harford County NAACP; Rev. George A. Crawley, State Baptist Ministers Conference; and the Rev. Willis Winston of the City Baptist Ministers Conference.

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and Guts had come to visit our small outfit, isolated deep in the woods of France near the German border.

Excitement ran wild, varied emotions were seen on the faces of the men, splashed and spotted with mud churned by heavy Army trucks lumbering under loads of precious ammunition, so badly needed to hurl the fanatic Hitler-men back across the Rhine.

OFFICERS EXCITED

Most excited of all were our officers, all white, and three of the four from the deep, deep South. The four were as jittery as a young father awaiting the arrival of his wife's first babe.

After greeting the general with a salute, feeble as one coming from a brand new buck private, our commanding officer, former Tennessee meat truck driver, proceeded to escort Blood and Guts through the area.

The officers' quarters, administration, and similar sections were on the planned inspection tour, altered when the general asked to be shown the bivouac area of the enlisted men, actually under at least one foot of sloppy, oozy mud.

Taking the tour out of the hands of the C.O., General Patton approached a group of soldiers, raised the question about overshoes, dry socks, and the general gripes of enlisted men.

When he approached my immediate section, I asked the Texas General what were the chances of our being moved into roofed billets as the French winter had already set in and was taking its toll, in victims of cold.

The stars on his freshly painted helmet stood out and his soft voice seemed to put each of us at ease as he replied, "Sarge, you have just about as much chance as a snowball in h—." He smiled warmly then added, "We'll see what can be done."

The following afternoon our unit was moved into an abandoned barrack formerly used as a training school for German officer candidates. General Patton had won the solid support of 173 more men.

SHAKEDOWN

One year and 3,500 miles away here in Baltimore I ran into a situation as revolting and sickening as the former was encouraging and helpful to humankind.

Apparently unknown to the bigheraps in the Police Department, a number of patrolmen are systematically shaking down bootleg hack drivers of $2 weekly.

This fee is for the privilege of operating from a particular street corner. One man has been doing the collecting at each respective station. How many ways this blood money is split remains a police secret, but on one particular Madison Ave. corner the "take" is $20 weekly from ten drivers.

If the victim refuses to comply or is the slightest bit reluctant, he is banned from the corner. An investigation has revealed that there are many corners in Northwest Baltimore where police are reportedly fleecing drivers.

The catch is this—many of these drivers were thrown out of work when various defense industries began chopping personnel lists.

An owner of a car would naturally see nothing unpardonably wrong in trying to make a few quarters by hacking. And since the Public Services Commission has not seen fit to issue additional taxi licenses to our group, these hackers bootleg their fares or shell out the $2 per.

It is really most unfortunate that the members of the Public Services Commission and of other public municipal agencies did not serve as privates under such men as Patton to learn the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." GOOD NEWS

The Urban League received a $3,000 increase in its Community Fund allotment which now totals $19,000. It asked for and really needs $21,000, so that it can add to its staff a community service secretary who is badly needed.

By the way, Anne Martin, a New Jersey girl, is being considered for the post of women's industrial secretary which has been vacant for several months.

Dinner for Southern Life Workers

J. E. Perry, agent, plays Santa at the Southern Life Insurance Company's annual Christmas dinner held Friday at the Masonic Temple. He is handing a Christmas savings check to W. C. Cornish. Standing at the left is Willard W. Allen, president of the company, which observed its 39th anniversary this year.

Comfort Spring Inciting Race Riot, Mayor Told

Charges that the management of the Comfort Spring Corporation, where 253 workers have been on strike for six weeks, is fostering racial hatred and promoting a riot were carried to Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, Thursday.

A committee of strikers and CIO officials told the mayor that the management of the plant at Bethel St. and Fairmount Ave. had hired all white strike breakers since the former workers, 218 of them colored, walked out after a wage disagreement.

"Scabs" Insult Strikers

Louis Gilbert, president of the local Furniture Workers of America, CIO, declared that the "company was playing with fire" and deliberately setting off a racial firecracker by hiring the white "scabs" who "constantly yelled personal insults to colored workers as they broke their picket line."

Mr. Gilbert said that some of the white strike-breakers reported they were hired through a downtown agency where they were told that the union was trying to make the Comfort Spring plant "all colored."

When the strike was called, 90% of the workers there were colored, and nearly 100 are in the daily picket line.

Charges Denied

Mayor McKeldin immediately telephoned Murray Rymland, president of the corporation, who denied the workers' accusations of precipitating a race riot.

He said the new workers were peaceful persons, and that the trouble, if any, was caused by the colored workers in the picket line.

The mayor promised the committee that he would render assistance to the situation as well as he could, adding that he would ask Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson to investigate conditions at the plant.

He further suggested to Mr. Rymland and the committee that some arbitration be worked out between the two as soon as possible.

The striking workers are asking a wage increase of a 75-cents an hour minimum and a $1.50 an hour maximum for skilled labor jobs.

According to Mr. Gilbert, the company is now paying the strike-breakers more than the strikers are seeking.

Still pending in Criminal Court are riot charges against 37 of the strikers who were arrested three weeks ago when their picket line clashed with a group of "scabs."

Others conferring with the mayor were Mrs. Louise Ruffian, William W. Jackson, William A. Minister, white, Walter McManaman, president of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council, CIO, and Harry F. Connors, port agent for the National Maritime Union.

Holiday Fires

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window. She sustained minor injuries.

Fought Blaze Five Hours

By this time the blaze was well under way, eating through to the roof, from which is rapidly spread to that portion of the adjoining dwellings, routing its occupants.

Responding to a second alarm, firemen fought the blaze for more than five hours before finally getting it completely under control.

The following morning Mrs. Edmona Hennings, a neighbor at 1418, was stunned when going into her back yard she found the body of Mannah, clad only in night clothes.

Believed to Have Jumped

After the man had been pronounced dead at St. Joseph Hospital, officials deducted that he had leaped from his room window on the third floor. An attempt is being made to locate relatives to claim the body, police disclosed on Thursday.

The fire, of an undetermined origin, was believed started in the living room. Damage was not estimated.

The second tragedy was reported after firemen found the badly burned body of Henrahan where he had been apparently trapped in his second floor room at 530 Hubbard Alley, early Christmas morning.

Dozed Off with Cigarette

According to police, Mrs. Matthews was burned when she dozed off to sleep while smoking a cigarette.

Other fires and their reported causes follow:

875 Cumberland St., overheated oil stove; 1009 Harlem Ave., defective furnace; 803 W. Franklin St., exploding oil stove; 1822 Ashland Ave., mattress; 413 N. Bond St., exploding oil stove; 1929 E. Biddle St., exploding oil stove.

Letters From AFRO Readers

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Oklahoma and Arkansas;" not because it was in Coffeyville.

"Jim" has been my traveling companion several times in this U.S. where segregation in transportation is prohibited.

Last year, I made a trip to Lynchburg, Va., and boarded the train at Union Station. I, like Moore, was directed to the Jim crow car.

On a trip to Norfolk, Va., on a Greyhound bus, I was asked to relinquist my comfortable seat midway the bus for one in the rear over the wheels.

On both occasions, in the interest of my physical well-being and with a desire to ride, I acquiesed.

"It's so easy to lynch with absolute impunity a 'n——r' in Coffeyville, Kans.," says hero Moore.

It seems to me it's easy to lynch a colored person anywhere our white brothers have a mind to.

Is there jim-crow in transportation in Coffeyville, Kans.? I've asked several residents of the place and they deny this.

Second, has there ever been a lynching in Coffeyville? My informants tell me there has never been a lynching in the state of Kansas.

I am anxious to get the truth, for I am contemplating making Coffeyville, Kans., my home.

MARGARET F. LEE

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The Negro Handbook, compiled by Florence Murray, lists three lynchings in Kansas between 1919 and 1940. There is no jim crow law in Kansas, neither is there a civil rights bill.)

ENOUGH LIP SERVICE

Washington. — In the FEPC controversy, it is high time Truman quit stalling and quit giving lip service to democratic ideas.

Let him forthwith issue orders to put colored on the cars, or let him admit publicly that he doesn't give a d——m about democracy.

J. H. JENKINS.

Teacher Buried

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lee of Camp Lee, and Clarence, a high school pupil; two daughters, Miss Margaret Contee, Morgan State College student, and Mrs. Myrtle Fox of Rocky Mount, N.C.; a sister and four brothers.

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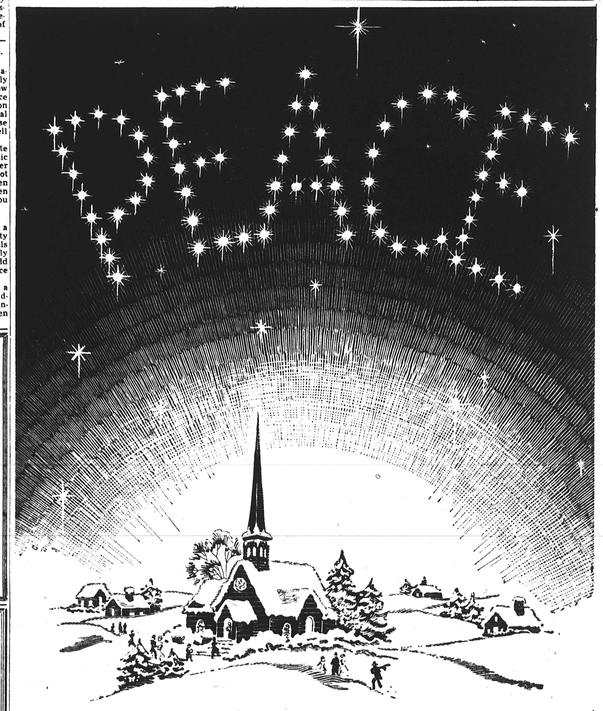

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Service Plaque Presented to Baltimorean in India

Maryland service men and Wac's in the news this week are serving in occupation areas, have received Army discharges and are en route to the U.S.

Cpl. Robert E. Byrd, husband of Mrs. Evelyn Byrd of 1327 E. Eager St., serving in India, has been awarded the meritorious service plaque by Maj.Gen. Thomas A. Terry.

He is attached to the 3509th QM Truck Company and is responsible for keeping a constant flow of supplies moving from ships and warehouses to trains. He entered the Army in 1942 and has served in the India Theater for 15 months.

Pfc. Robert Starr of 3306 Remley St. is en route home from the Far East Air Forces 22nd Replacement depot, Manila. He served as a cook for the 1947th Avn. Engineer Co. in the Marshall Islands and the Philippines. After serving in the Pacific war zones for three years with the 362nd Engineer Regiment, S/Sgt. George E. Dorsey, son of Mrs. Ada Dorsey of Westminster St., has received his discharge.

Sgt. Dorsey

Other discharges are:

Wac's: Cpls. Erma L. Williams of 513 Robert St.; Pvt. Elizabeth M. Watkins, 1316 N. Bond St.; and Pfc. Emily T. Davis, 1313 E. Monument St.

Soldiers:

T/5 John A. Steward, 938 Madison Ave.; Pfc. James A. Dennis, 2556 Druid Hill Ave.; Cpl. Charles M. Johnson, 822 N. Carey St.; Sgt. John Wesley Fairfax, 1000 E. Lanvale Squirrel, 1516 Pennsylvania Ave.; T/5 Edward C. Moore, 1620 Druid Hill Ave.; T/5 Arthur Lewis, 1141 Myrtle Ave.;

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Eastside Group Announces 3-Point 1946 Health Program

A three-point health program including X-rays, blood tests, vaccinations and diphtheria inoculations will be undertaken in 1946 by the Eastside Community Committee, William S. Taylor, coordinator, announced Wednesday.

Plans are under way for preliminary X-ray service and blood tests for all persons over 14 years old; and smallpox vaccination of all children before school entry, and diphtheria toxoid inoculations for all infants at six months of age, with a booster dose when entering the school.

Objectives of Program

According to Dr. C. Howe Eller of the Eastern Health District, who is co-operating with Dr. Ralph Young and other interested East Baltimore physicians, the health education has as its formal objectives:

(1) To promote better understanding of personal and community health; (2) to inform children and their parents of available medical facilities in the community, and (3) to encourage routine follow-up measures year to year.

20 Health Centers

The Eastside Community, bounded by Fallsway, Baltimore, Caroline and Preston Sts., will be subdivided into 20 sections, each under a health leader. Initial meeting of the health leaders will be held January 2 at 3:30 at the committee office, 620 N. Aisquith St.

All printed materials, movies and exhibits to be used in carrying out the program will be provided by the Eastern Health District.

East-West Saving Club Elects Officers

Officers were elected during the weekly meeting of the East and West Saving Club at the home of the president at 1406 N. Mount St. Thursday. Those elected were:

Mrs. Margaret Johnson, president; Mrs. Mary Logan, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Ford, recording secretary; Lawrence Williams, financial secretary; Mrs. Florence Evans, chaplain; Mrs. Lillie Frazier, serjeant-at-arms; and Henry Logan, marshal.

Their 20-Year Endowment Policies Mature

Kenneth Brickhouse, left, and Mrs. Edna Rawlings, center, veteran AFRO employees, receive $500 checks from John L. Berry, right, manager of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company's East Baltimore branch. In 1925 each received a 20-year endowment policy as a bonus to which the company contributed half and they paid half. The policies matured this week.

3 Clean Corps Captains Get Prizes at AFRO Celebration

Three captains in the AFRO Winter Clean City Corps were awarded prizes during the Christmas party of workers and captains at the Druid Health Center Thursday.

Winners were:

Miss Lusterine Watts of 1372 N. Gilmor St. and Miss Shirley Warfield, 1361 N. Gilmor St., tied for first place for blocks showing improvements and divided a $15 prize, while Marshall Jones received $10 for his work in the 500 block of Federal St.

More than 50 youngsters attended the party, which culminated the campaign, and played games, sang carols and received Christmas packages containing fruits, nuts and candies. Each, also received money with which to attend a movie.

Miss Frances Murphy Jr., who had charge of the winter campaign, asked the workers to continue their efforts of making the city a cleaner, healthier place in which to live. The captains and workers, since the beginning of the drive in October, have asked residents to use proper trash, garbage and ash containers in order to eliminate street litter.

Throws Lye on Two; Woman Held for Jury

Accused of tossing lye on two persons, Mrs. Harriett Powell, 24, of 637 Ensor St., was placed under $1000 bail to face grand jury action and committed to jail on Thursday.

The victims, police said, were Eugene Siova, of 1532 E. Madison St., and Audrey Jackson of 637 Ensor St.

Driverless Truck Crashes Into Store

Bob Ripley has never reported a truck going shopping, but one apparently had ideas in that direction Christmas morning when it crashed into the large plate glass window of a Caroline St. grocery store.

Northeastern district police said that the accident occurred when the driverless truck belonging to John Tibbs drifted from where it was parked in front of his home at 918 N. Caroline St. and crashed into a window at 931. Damage was unestimated.

Sexton Hit by Bus; Dies of Injuries

John Briscoe, 70, church sexton, died at Provident Hospital Christmas Eve, of injuries received when he was knocked down by a bus at Madison Ave. and Dolphin St. on on Dec. 14.

Requiem mass was read at St. Peter Claver Church by Father Donald Jacobs Thursday.

Born in St. Marys County, Mr. Briscoe had lived in Baltimore for almost 60 years, and worked as a waiter until his retirement a few years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Newton of 2111 Madison Ave.; two sons, Robert and Alphonsus Briscoe; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Hawks and Mrs. Charity Warrington of Philadelphia, Mrs. Ella Smith of 1213 Mosher St., and a brother, Pinkney Briscoe.

PRESIDENT TUBMAN NAMES WOMAN TO CABINET POST

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94TH ENGINEERS HOME

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