

FEPC FILES DISCRIMINATION CHARGES AGAINST CAPITAL TRANSIT COMPANY OF WASHINGTON

Cites Company For Refusing To Hire Colored Applicants

HEARING TO BE HELD JANUARY 15 AND 16

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice has requested the Capital Transit Company of Washington, D. C., to be present on January 15 and 16 at public hearings at which the C.T.C. will be called upon to present testimony in regard to the FEPC's charge that the Capital Transit Company has violated the President's order forbidding discrimination in war industries because of race, creed, or color.

The FEPC's complaint charging restrictive racial hiring on transit lines serving Federal war workers was served on the company Tuesday, January 2, according to an official statement released by the Office of War Information. It stated that the company had refused to hire Negroes as bus operators, motormen, conductors, and checkers.

ELDERLY MAN DIES AS HOME BURNS

Rockingham — Seventy-five-year old Wm. Hines, was fatally burned on last Wednesday morning when his two-room house

went up in flames. Because of his feeble condition, he, apparently, was unable to make his way out of the dwelling in time.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Among the five persons memorialized on Saturday at the sixtieth annual memorial service for deceased city employees who died in 1944 were David Augustus and John W. Warren, employed in the Public Works Department for many years. The service was held at the First Baptist Church (white) at 3 o'clock.

Dr. E. Broadie Jones, pastor of the church, spoke on "Angels of the Night," pointing out how these angels are our benefactors in freedom to us from prisons of darkness which envelope the soul.

The speaker explained that our sorrows are lost when we share the sorrows of others, and while we are suffering we are helping ourselves which launches us on a life of beauty and happiness.

ASK ABOLITION OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, MO.

Kansas City, Mo. — Because the Missouri NAACP believes facilities at Lincoln University, Mo., are inferior to those at the University of Missouri, which does not admit Negro students, the State NAACP is suggesting the abolition of Lincoln University.

David H. Grant, St. Louis attorney, offered the suggestion and proposed that a bill be submitted to the Missouri State Legislature embodying the points of in his proposal.

GOV. CHERRY ADVOCATES PROGRESS IN ADDRESS

RALEIGH — In a 14,000 word address delivered before a capacity audience in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium here Thursday, His Excellency, W. Gregg Cherry outlined a program for North Carolina that will assure a progressive administration if carried out.

- 1. Maintenance of present tax structure
- 2. Retirement of the State's bonded indebtedness.
- 3. Re-enactment of the State Employment Bonus
- 4. \$125.00 per month for beginning teachers with 'A' certificates
- 5. Machinery for proper control of public school funds
- 6. All weather roads for every section of the State

FEPC BILL LABOR'S BIGGEST 1944 FIGHT

Senate and House Committee approval of the LaFollette-Dawson Bill for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission constituted the major labor's rights gain of 1944, Morris Milgram, Workers Defense League National secretary, declared in a New Year's day statement.

"The impetus gained by the FEPC bill in recent months must not be lost by permitting Congressional committees to stall progress of the bills," Milgram said.

Enfield Soldier Commanded by Commanding Officer

WITH THE ARMY AIR FORCE ENGINEER COMMAND IN CORONA — Fred S. Wilkins, of Enfield, N. C., was recently commended by his Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel James O. Johnson of Huntsville, Ala. The commendation reads:

National Y-Head Appeals For Race Relations Fund

CHICAGO, Ill. — Dr. Channing H. Tobias, national YMCA head and member of the board of directors of the American Council on Race Relations, his week urged Negroes to contribute \$100,000 of the total has been contributed \$100,000 of a \$600,000 fund to carry on the Council's work.

Functioning on a national scale the council is set up in four work divisions. First, under a community service division, a staff of specialists in housing, employment, police administration, recreation, health, education and other fields will be available to communities for consultation; (2) a national clearing house will gather national information; (3) a national information center to transmit information about the most successful practices in solving the problems of intergroup relations; (4) a national information bureau will be a group of boys overseas.

Franklin County Celebrates Emancipation Day

Louisburg — For the 79th time the Franklin County Emancipation Association has held a large commemorative program, which brought freedom to the colored people of this great nation.

The program was held at Franklin County Court House, Louisburg, and was presided over by W. L. Greene, chairman of the War Relief Committee, took the matter to the State of North Carolina.

Bishop King's Resignation Deferred By Fraternal Council of Negro Churches

CINCINNATI, O. — The executive committee of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America met today in Allen Temple, 6th & Broadway this city. Dr. E. W. Perry, President of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, who is vice president-at-large of the Fraternal Council, presided. Dr. W. M. Frazier, President of the Mississippi Industrial College, acted as secretary.

MAN FOUND DEAD BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — Somewhere in the Swan Creek Community was found dead on a side road in the Swan Creek Community on Friday, December 29th. The body was discovered by some school children and news was dispatched to the family of Mr. Burns, who had been searching for him during the day. He left home on Thursday and failed to return.

HEROIC N.C. SOLDIERS HONORED IN FRANCE

Somewhere in France—Dedication of the Darental Bridge, the largest in France, to Pfc. I. D. Dickerson of Pikesville, N. C., and Pfc. Albert Amos of Cave City, Ky., honored two of the war's heroic Negro engineers in ceremonies near Rouen recently. Both were members of the 392nd Engineer Regiment General Services.

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FEWER LYNCHINGS

Tuskegee, N. C. — A decline in lynchings during 1944 was reported recently by F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute.

Basing his statement on information compiled by the Department of Records and Research, Dr. Patterson said in his annual report on the subject that two persons were lynched during the past year.

THREE PERSONS PAY WITH LIVES IN GAS CHAMBER

According to schedule, three persons were asphyxiated on Friday in the gas chamber at Central Prison here—two for the murder of a white taxi-cab driver in Charlotte, and a third for the rape of a 12-year-old girl in Scotland County.

DURHAM MAN TO MEDICAL DCS

Ft. Benning Ga.—Cpl. William J. Kennedy, III, of Durham, was one of 12 soldiers recently transferred from the Ft. Benning Reception Center to the Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. It was announced this week.

NAVY BOARD PROBES OUSTER OF 15 SEABEES

The campaign to win justice for 15 discharged Negro Seabees, in which the National CIO War Relief Committee has worked with other organizations, produced results December 11 with the opening of Washington hearings on the case before the Navy Board of Review for Discharges.

FREED OF INCEST CHARGE; DRAWS TERM FOR NON-SUPPORT

Cap White, 48, of 312 Maple St. was sentenced in City Court last week to 12 months on the road, charged with non-support of his wife and seven minor children.

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LABOR CONDITIONS IN WILMINGTON IMPROVING

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