

DENOUNCES TRUMAN GIBSON

Debnam Memorial Speaker

DEBNAM SEES POST-WAR SURGE NORTH

RALEIGH — In an address during the celebration of a Memorial Day service sponsored by Raleigh Unit of Negro Veterans, and held in National Cemetery at Weddington, Jessie O. Debnam of Washington, secretary of Veterans Affairs of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, predicted a definite surge by Southern Negro soldiers when the war is over.

This migration will continue that which followed World War I, he said. And, it will occur "because of the undemocratic practices of the South in denying the Negro the right to vote, the right to a decent job at a decent wage, the right to live in communities where they purchase a home, the right to cultural and educational advantages without regard to race or color, or the right to use all publics-supported institutions, the right for full ingress and egress without molestation — all of which should be given and guaranteed by the laws of the community in which they live."

Debnam is a veteran of this who having seen service in the South Pacific for two years, and was elevated to the rank of captain before ending active service.

He pointed out that in spite of segregation and discrimination, our boys are serving with valor and heroism, and they are looking forward to the fulfillment of promises of justice, freedom, and democracy in a post-war world.

Notwithstanding the general lack of democracy in the U.S. Army, Debnam cited the Officers Candidates Schools as being outstanding in their pattern of equality for all. The impressions gained by the mixing of the races will do much in bringing about a better understanding and appreciation among them, he believes. It is also his belief that the "good American citizens" whom he trained and with whom he served are imbued with the ideals of democracy, and will fight for the rights of minorities after the war, just as they are doing Nazism and Facism now.

Debnam was introduced by C. G. Irvin, State Vice-Commander of Division "B" of the State Department of the American Legion. The Rev. Paul Johnson of the Martin Street Baptist Church gave the invocation, and Superintendent Poinciana welcomed the guests.

The Club was opened by Mr. Edward Rob-

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New Canteen Lends a Hand to Harlem Youth in New York City



WHEN the Pepsi-Cola Junior Club of Harlem opened its doors recently, adults were "awfully interested" in the new center. Located in the heart of New York City's Harlem at 121 Lenox Avenue, the Recreation Center has been presented as a gift in Negro youngsters in that community by Pepsi-Cola Company, through its President, Walter S. Mack, Jr., shown here extreme left.

The Club is run on a system of self-government, supervised by two of its members, themselves two of whom appear in the picture. An Adult Director and Neighborhood Committee of adults give guidance. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Rob-

erts Monroe member of the Executive Board of the Catholic Youth Organization, and Pastor of St. Peter's Church, is the new teen-ager director of the Club's program with Mr. Mack and the youngster while Miss Ruth Juergenssen of Pepsi-Cola Company, Director of the Company's Youth Center Program, looks smilingly on. The Center, which operates late afternoons and evenings, was presented by the Company so that Harlem's youngsters could have a place of their own, with games, dancing, refreshments, and activities they would enjoy in wholesome surroundings.

Additional members are Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, New York, N. Y.; S. E. Hening, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Donald Faulkner, New York, N. Y.; Former Governor J. Melville Broughton, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. L. E. McCauley, Raeford, N. C.; Miss Alice W. S. Brimson, New York, N. Y.; Miss Mary A.

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FOUR KILLED IN JOY RIDE

Greensboro, N. C. — "Let's hope December 7, 1941, by supporting the Seventy War Loan to the fullest extent of our ability and then some," William Pickens, chief of the Interracial Section of the War Finance Division, Treasury Department, told an audience of more than 9,000 persons gathered here Sunday, May 20, at Memorial Stadium, for the Annual Song Festival and Quartet Contest.

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NAACP Votes Against Leadership of Gibson

New York — Following failure to receive a categorical answer to inquiries made by the NAACP to Truman K. Gibson, Jr., concerning the exact wording of remarks attributed to him by the press on the performance of the 92nd Division, the Association's Board of Directors passed a resolution expressing lack of confidence in the leadership of the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War. The resolution, as passed, read: "The view of Mr. Gibson's failure to answer categorically the questions asked as to the accuracy of the articles in the New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune, and in view of his statements as to the reports in the Norfolk Journal and Guide and the Baltimore Afro-American; also, in view of his lack of cooperation with the Washington Bureau of the NAACP; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People expresses its lack of confidence in the leadership of Mr. Gibson."

Mr. Gibson was asked if his remarks at a March 14th press conference in Rome were correctly presented in the following paragraph from John C. Smith's dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribune: "Mr. Gibson said he had tried to find out why Negro troops were so often melt by the waves in other units, a whole Negro platoon will sometimes get

panicky...."

Mr. Gibson was also asked if he was correctly reported in the following paragraph, also from the Herald-Tribune: "Mr. Gibson said most of the 92nd Division's Negro killed in combat must have been Negro officers which he said reflected more credit on their courage than their judgment."

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TEEN AGERS HELD AS RAPISTS

TARBORO — The cases of two young boys — James Bell and Willie Brown — charged with assaulting two white girls with intent to rape them, will be heard in Superior Court today (Friday) by Judge J. P. Keech.

The youths were taken to Raleigh and placed in Central Prison when Chief of Police Worsley announced that he had heard "rumors of violence."

According to Worsley the two allegedly admitted attacking the girls as they walked on West Sunset Avenue Tuesday about midnight.

Bell is supposed to have told the chief that he attacked another white woman here about two months ago.

Bloodhounds from Greenville were imported to track down the

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on the Negro's chances for a good job here in the postwar period.

The unfavorable factors outweigh the favorable ones, Northrup sums them up as follows:

"Negroes succeeded in getting into war industries here only after the war effort was well under way —

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