

# MUTINY CASE TO FORRESTAL

# FEPC GETS HALF OF BUDGET

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## CELEBRATES 71ST BIRTHDAY



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## "Africa Not Fatherland Of Negroes" Bilbo Told

SAVANNAH, Ga. — In an exchange of correspondence with Senator Theodore Bilbo in which Bilbo praised the Rev. I. I. Scott as a "Statesman above the common run of his race," and denounced the NAACP for fostering this Negro "equality stuff," Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert, president of the Savannah, Georgia, branch NAACP declared: "Those of us who are constantly living in the same city with Rev. Scott and have known him over a longer period of time are in a better position to judge the value of his leadership than you possibly could be, since your only contacts with him have been through the mails, which proved useful to you in fighting the continuance of FEPC."

"I say Negroes do not accept a man as leader among them simply because he has the OK of someone outside our racial group. We have learned that if we are dealing with a Negro who is the representative of white interests, that we are not in reality dealing with another Negro but are still dealing with those white interests and our avowed enemies."

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The people know that the compromise was forced upon the Congress by a minority which jeopardized the entire war program by its obstructionist tactics. The termination clause, especially, is a challenge we believe the people of this country are prepared to meet. We are beginning today to re-double our efforts toward enactment of the permanent legislation in the fall. Only about 70 signatures are required to complete the

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New York — The NAACP was advised today by the Navy Department that the sentences of the 50 Negro seamen convicted in October, 1944, for mutiny at Yerba Buena Island, California, have been held legal. Ralph A. Eard, Acting Secretary of the Navy, declared, "The trials 'racial discrimination was guarded against.'"

Through Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall the NAACP has made a formal request to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal for permission to file additional briefs and for opportunity to present the case personally before him. The Negro seamen were originally charged with mutiny in August, 1944, for refusal to load ammunition at Port Chicago, California, where investigation revealed more than 300 of their members had been killed in an explosion the month before. Under the operation of these officers the men had received no previous training in the handling of ammunition prior to the disaster.

Race and race prejudice was continuously injected into the proceedings by Lieutenant Commander William F. Coakley, Trial Judge Advocate, during the trial from September 14 to October 24, 1944. Testimony in the case revealed two of the men were suffering from the effects of broken arms when the alleged order was given to load ammunition. Another, weighing only 104 pounds had a Navy doctor's certificate that he was unable to go home.

Several days after the assault, Mr. Lewis offered settlement which Mr. Mackey refused. Examination by a physician showing the extent of his injuries justified his refusal. Attorney K. T. Sutton of Helena, Ark., is representing Mr. Mackey.

## SENATOR EASTLAND PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Headquarters, 92nd Infantry Division, Italy — Two Negro officers, one who "set a heroic example of the fighting man's desire to close with the enemy and destroy him," and the other, whose "aggressive leadership was an inspiration to the officers and men of his organization," have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy in Italy. The War Department announced today.

Recipients of the awards are First Lieutenant William E. Porter, 1018 West Spring Street, Lima, Ohio, and Second Lieutenant Reuben L. Horner, 915 South Firman Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, both members of the 92nd Infantry Division.

When his platoon was pinned down by fire from enemy automatic weapons, last December 5, Lieutenant Porter cleared the way for his men by advancing alone, killing the German officer in charge, and forcing his men to surrender. The official War Department citation follows:

"First Lieutenant Porter's platoon was vigorously attacking a strong enemy position. When heavy enemy automatic weapons fire pinned down the platoon, First Lieutenant Porter, alone, advanced on an enemy machine gun nest, killed the German officer in charge, and forced the remaining enemy to surrender, thus facilitating the advance of his company."

"Later in the day, after the platoon had been completely surrounded by superior enemy forces, he constantly exposed himself to hostile fire in moving back and forth between platoon positions, maintaining contact, directing fire, encouraging his men, and leading them in fighting their way out of the enemy trap. His aggressive leadership was an inspiration to the officers and men of his organization."

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## SS ROLE IN AKRON STRIKE PROTESTED

NEW YORK CITY (WDL) — In a vigorous protest the National Action Committee of the Workers Defense League charged that Selective Director Hershey, by issuing special orders to Ohio Selective Service for local draft boards to reclassify strikers, went out of his way to "line up with employers" in the strike at Goodyear's Akron, Ohio rubber plant. The plant is under operation by the Navy which refused it to end a 19-day strike.

WDL chairman Aron S. Gilman also made strenuous objection to the U. S. Employment Service for their refusal to certify needy striking workers for temporary part-time job, although such jobs were available and being issued to workers holding full time employment.

In the report upon which WDL officials acted, strike leaders directed suspicion to still another government agency for its role in the strike period. The War Production Board permitted a one week shutdown for repairs during the strike of the unstruck Goodrich, General and Mohawk plants. Shortly after this move, biliary bigwigs claimed that the strike was causing rubber shortages. Since repairs usually take place during plant operation, this cutting of plant production was a highly suspicious move.

Members of Goodyear Local 2, United Rubber-Workers-CIO, voted to strike in an effort to settle a struggle precipitated by the policy of rubber plant bosses who for a year and a half have been on strike against collective bargaining by re-



C. P. Pate, Chief Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Division, Veterans Administration, Fayetteville, is shown above as he outlined the benefits which the federal government has provided for veterans of World War II, to the two day institute on "Veteran Benefit and Postwar Information," which ended Wednesday at A & T College. Others in the photograph reading from left to right are: Dr. F. D. Bluford, President of the college, Ben Husbands, Chief, Veterans Administration Guidance Center, Chapel Hill, and T. Sgt. W. S. Birefield, lecturer, Information and Education Section, ORD.

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## HOUSE PASSES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FEPC

WASHINGTON — On Friday of last week the House passed the \$250,000 appropriation bill for the Fair Employment Practices Committee. This amount, which is one half the total asked, will finance the committee's operations for one year.

The Senate and House finally saw "eye-to-eye" when the latter refused to vote on the stipulation that the FEPC use the appropriation of wind up its affairs and quit.

Senator Morse (R. Ore.) held out for what he chose to call an "extended discussion" identified term for filibustering of the bill in order that "the people at home would make their sentiments known and a larger appropriation would be given the agency." He extended the discussion for an hour and a half on the floor in an effort to retard the proceedings, but finally gave up.

During his speech, Morse said that "democracy is on trial in this country, and its success or failure will depend upon the manner in which we treat minorities." He did not believe the \$250,000 to be sufficient for the FEPC workers to put over a thorough job.

Following Senator Morse "The Man" Bilbo (D. Miss.) fierce and filibustering foe of the bill, took the floor and in characteristic style tried to throw in the proverbial wrench by demanding a quorum call, since this was a "far-reaching legislation."

There were 16 Senate leaders present and, because of the lateness of the hour it would have been almost impossible to muster a quorum.

This scare was quelled, however, when Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) and Senator McMiller (D. Tenn.) custodians of the bill, assailed Bilbo with such violent argument that the Mississippi withdrew his request.

There remain a few items on the ondre bill to be settled, but it passage is assured.

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## Farm Workers Trek To Capitol To Save Homes

WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDL) — Negro and white farm laborers from Delmo Labor Homes project in southwest Missouri appeared before the House Agricultural Committee last week in an effort to save their homes, according to an announcement by H. L. Mitchell, president, Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The project is scheduled to be sold probably to planters and owners, by the Farm Security Administration on July 24. Under the advertised terms, the houses are to be torn down and moved by the purchasers and the communities broken up. The Southern Tenant Farmers Union, prominent individuals, and liberal organizations throughout the state of Missouri have aided the residents in their fight to preserve the Delmo Labor Homes as family dwellings.

Sharecroppers until 5 years ago, these farm workers have known their first freedom from the exploitation of planters since the establishment of the project. Sale of the homes would break up the families who want to purchase the houses, lots and furniture as homes of their own. While in Washington, the delegat will also call on the new Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton Anderson, to ask his aid. In the meantime, the Farm Security Administration has advertised the project for sale at public auction on July 24. Under the advertised terms, the houses are to be torn down and moved by the purchasers and the communities broken up. The Southern Tenant Farmers Union, prominent individuals, and liberal organizations throughout the state of Missouri have aided the residents in their fight to preserve the Delmo Labor Homes as family dwellings.

## Sheriff Stands By While Planter Beats Cropper

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WDL) — Suit has been filed by Gus Mackey, 71-year-old Negro sharecropper of Whitmore, Ark., for injuries suffered by him and his 11-year-old son, Leroy, in a brutal attack by a planter, Jake Lewis, of Beth, Ark. While Mackey was in custody of the sheriff and another officer, the complaint of Lewis that he had stolen a section harrow. As a result of the attack in which he was struck on the head with a single tree Mr. Mackey suffered a concussion of the brain and impaired vision and his son suffered from shock and congestion and inflammation of the eyes. The Workers Defense League announced. The attack occurred in May.

member of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, in his affidavit was that "Sheriff Campbell and another (first name unknown) arrested me and my son, Leroy, 11 years old, and carried us down to Beth to see Lewis Lewis accuse me and the boy of stealing the harrow. I denied stealing the harrow and said I did not know where it had been stolen. I had been near the harrow for two months. Thereupon, Lewis became infuriated and picked up a single tree a heavy wood and iron bar about 3 feet long and struck me on the head several times, knocking me unconscious. Lewis also beat up my little boy, Leroy, but I do not know whether he hit him with the single tree.

"Sheriff Campbell and the other officer made no attempt to protect us but he afterwards told Lewis not to hit me any more. We were then taken Forrest City, Ark., and thrown into jail. After about 8 hours, two boys who had told Lewis they had seen me steal the harrow, were brought in and confessed to having stolen the farm implement themselves. Sheriff Campbell then released Leroy and me and told us to go home."

## Lanier Appointment Strikes Party Snag

The apparent smooth sailing of O. K. Lanier's appointment as Minister to Liberia struck a snag this week when Chairman Robert E. Hannegan of the Democratic National Committee was asked by the National Council of Negro Democrats to hold up the proceedings.

The interpretation placed on this separate group action is that the differences between the council and Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois remain intact. According to newspaper reports, the "Big Three" include Dawson, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, who are backing Lanier. When informed of the happenings by Hannegan, Dawson denied any knowledge of them, saying that he was not even aware of Lanier's name being advanced for the position, now being held by Lester A. Walton. There has been no official confirmation of the report that Lanier's name is being considered, however, knowledge of it is generally unshared.

## Granger Completes West Coast Naval Base Tour

NEW YORK — Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, returned to New York this week after three weeks' absence on the West Coast where he visited United States naval bases as the representative of Secretary James Forrestal. Granger, whose assignment was to determine how many Negroes were being integrated in the Navy program, is reporting his observations and finds, to Secretary Forrestal this week. Granger had visited bases in and around San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle,

and the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. NOT ACCEPTING NAVY AIDE JOB. Definitely setting at rest any rumor that he is leaving the National Urban League to accept a position in the Navy, Granger stated: "Secretary Forrestal was kind enough to invite me to join the staff of the Navy Department several months ago. While I felt honored to receive the invitation, I was compelled to decline because of the heavy responsibilities I am now carrying as Executive Secretary of the National Urban League." Granger

er, stated further that his League responsibilities could not be deferred or transferred without serious handicap, to the organization, and described the Urban League program as the most important job he is able to do at the present time. Generally recognized as one of the foremost of the present-day social workers, the League Executive was notified this week of his election as First Vice-Chairman of the New York Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers. He has previously served as First Vice President of the national organization, having been elected to fill an unexpired term.