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VOTE DENIAL APPEAL SENT ATTORNEY GENERAL... "I have returned safely home from foreign soil. They died fighting for a democracy that I have returned to find being mocked by racial discrimination."

Some of them have very cherished memories of the kind treatment they received from Negro troops... Lt. Pierce, a graduate of General Hospital No. 2 at Kansas City, Mo., has four years of army service.

ATLANTA, GA. POLITICS BOIL

ATLANTA (AP)—While Atlanta Negroes still smarting under summary disfranchisement at the polls of the September 5 primary, poured protests to Atty. Gen. Tom Clark and the department of justice...

ASK ANDERSON TO BAR WAGE CEILING ON COTTON PICKING... FEPC COUNCIL HOLDS STRATEGY MEETING... Reports were made by the officers of the national council...

Later on Wednesday the delegates broke up and visited "the hill" where they applied some of the techniques which they had just learned.

On Thursday morning the various local councils were allowed to report on activities back in their communities. In the afternoon Andrew Ransom of the legal committee of the NAACP discussed the two bills—HR 2232 and S 101.

CITIZENS FIGHT OUSTER OF ELEVEN TEACHERS... PRONE ORDERED INTO POLICE SLAYING OF FATHER OF FIVE... NAZIS LOSE STEWARTMAN COMFINES, SAYS ARMY NURSE

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Southern Bell Telephone Company Plans Great Expansion Program

RALEIGH — A \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000 construction and installation program — aimed to meet the expanding telephone needs of the Southeast — was announced today by Hal S. Dumas, president of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, through Edwin A. Clement, district manager.

Mr. Dumas said the program, the largest ever undertaken by the Southern Bell Company, would extend over the next five to six years. Some idea of the size of the program is given by Mr. Dumas when he points out that it means that "We must in this comparatively short period of time spend a sum for expansion about equal to the dollar investment in the facilities we now possess."

A large portion of the amount to be spent by the telephone company in the near future will go toward clearing up pending applications for service, but beyond that, Southern Bell anticipates a period of substantial economic development in the South which will necessitate further telephone expansion to meet the growing requirements.

Mr. Dumas said Southern Bell's post-war plans included many different projects, some of which he outlined as follows: Filling as quickly as possible applications for service being held because of the lack of facilities; Extending and improving rural telephone service.

Extension of service into other fields is the need develops. President Dumas expressed telephone people's confidence in the ability of Southern economy to rebound and expand the position it has gained as the result of its achievement under the impact of the war.

Primary emphasis at first will be placed on the installation of equipment and outside facilities needed to care for the more than 24,000 orders for service now pending.

The planning, engineering and manufacturing phases of providing the tremendous quantities of equipment needed for this purpose are already well under way, Mr. Dumas said. "Some equipment has been delivered, and installation work has begun in some cities where the need is most acute."

"We are beginning to receive more telephone instruments from our supplier now, and the installations which are being delayed because of a shortage of instruments only can therefore be handled more quickly than those being held up by lack of switchboards and other central office equipment."

Manufacture of this intricate equipment used in switching calls requires much time. When the war broke out, the vast quantities of specialized machinery necessary for the manufacture of this equipment was removed and stored away. Its place was taken by other machinery for making ordnance and many other war communications items.

GOV. CHERRY PAYS TRIBUTE TO OPA VOLUNTEERS

RALEIGH — Volunteer workers connected with local War Price and Ration board who have remained on the job during the war period were praised by Governor Cherry this week in a prepared statement in which he emphasized the continued importance of the fight against inflation.

Governor Cherry urged these patriotic citizens to "use the job they are doing to the fullest," adding that the end of the fighting in the Pacific does not eliminate the need for continued vigilance on the home front.

The kind of projects ahead can be announced now with reasonable assurance. "As Governor of the State of North Carolina, I, R. Gregg Cherry, do ask that these patriotic citizens and others who might care to contribute to the cause of the future, continue to lend a hand in their power to complete the fight against inflation and unfair distribution until such a time that such controls are unnecessary."

Looking ahead, the stage is set for expanding activities; and in the telephone industry the proper marshaling of men, money and material will speed up the much-to-be-achieved objective — more service for the South, more jobs for its men and women.

Poston Resigns From OWI To Accept Post Job

WASHINGTON (AP)— Theodore R. Poston, veteran newspaper man, resigned his post with the Office of War Information last week in order to take a position with the New York Post.

Poston has been chief of the Negro news section of OWI for three years. Resignation returned him to a job he held before coming here four years ago as a labor trouble shooter for the old Office of Production Management.

Considerable pressure is reported to have been exerted upon the veteran newspaperman by administration officials to persuade him to remain in government service here. He had established himself during the last Roosevelt term as an unofficial policy adviser on matters affecting Negroes.

Poston becomes the second Negro journalist in the employ of white New York dailies. Edgar T. Touzeau is employed by the Herald Tribune.

Daughter of Walter White Gets Lead Role In "Strange Fruit"

NEW YORK — Miss Anne White, daughter of Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. head, was selected last week to play the lead role in the production of "Strange Fruit," which will be based on Lillian Smith's recent widely read novel.

Miss White, who has no experience on the professional stage, is a 1944 graduate of Smith College. She studied modern dancing while in college and had the distinction of being elected president of the student council while there and was the only Negro ever elected president of the house of representatives, one of the three governing bodies of the student council.

She took no dramatics in school but did take part in one or two plays. She took a ten-week course at the New School for Social Research here after graduation and is employed at the Research Institute of America.

Miss White was selected to play the role of "Nannie" from a long list of applicants, many of them professional troupers. Jose Ferrer is producing the stage version of "Strange Fruit" which will begin rehearsals here soon.

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