

# 18 Dining Car Workers Freed In U. S. Swindle Case

## U. S. ARMY OFFERS EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Men eligible for the following are male civilians between the ages of 17 and 34. The ones between 17 and 18 must have their parents' consent. Discharged veterans are eligible for recruitment and will still receive all advantages of the GI Bill of Rights at the end of their next enlistment period.

All men who enlist or reenlist prior to October 6, 1946, are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (G. I. Bill of Rights) as amended by the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945. This means the opportunity for up to 48 months of study in elementary, high school, technical, business school, college or university courses, depending on length of service and age.

Men under 25 years of age at the time of enlistment or re-enlistment (or if they are over 25 and can prove that their education was interrupted by entrance into the Army) are entitled to a basic full 12 months of study plus one month's education or training for each month's service. This means that a man in this category who serves 36 months is entitled to 36 months' education plus the basic 12 months to which all men are entitled. That totals 48 months which is the maximum schooling that any man can receive under the GI Bill of Rights.

The Federal Government, through the Veterans Administration, pays for this education. This includes all tuition, library, laboratory, and other usual school fees up to \$500 an ordinary school year. To help meet the cost of room and board, an additional \$50 a month is paid to the man with no dependents, \$75 to a man with dependents.

Army technical training courses which combine classroom theory with practical application are open for all men with in the service. Men who meet aptitude qualifications may be sent to a special service school for intensive full-time training in his technical specialty.

In addition to the above a member of the U. S. Army can take correspondence courses through the United States Army Service Institute (USASI). Two hundred different courses in a wide variety of subjects, from aeronautical meteorology to business law or Shakespeare, are available at elementary, high school, technical school, and college levels. Also, through correspondence, college and university extension courses may be taken from approved schools throughout the country. For the latter courses the Government pays half the tuition up to \$20.00 a month. Special arrangements have been made with schools and colleges, so that a man

CHICAGO (ANP) — Charges of conspiracy against 18 dining car employees of the Erie railroad in the famous GI meal swindle case were dismissed by Federal Judge Walter J. L. Bay here Thursday.

The charges were brought by the U. S. government upon evidence supplied by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation last summer, who posed as junior stewards and passengers while conducting the probe into the alleged meal swindling racket that reportedly deprived GIs of chickens, steaks and chops paid for by the government.

All but one of the 18 men pleaded not guilty to the charges. Robert Edward Harrison, a Chicagoan, pleaded guilty and became a U. S. witness, but his testimony was insufficient to convict the 17. The government withdrew his guilty plea and forced him along with the rest of the defendants to stand trial. Judge Bay expressed no doubt that some were guilty of fraud, but remarked that the case could not be continued "because of insufficient evidence of conspiracy."

The release of the men is hailed here as a crowning victory in the case of labor unions by Local No. 331 and the Joint Council of Dining Car Workers. A declaration that both railroad unions would defend the accused men to the last was made some time ago by Richard W. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Joint Council, and Harrison T. Brooks, representative of Local No. 331. The union's defense was not made in a spirit to condone stealing, but with a determination to make the government prove its case, they said.

"The statement that dining car waiters were out to exploit GIs has been faintly, but proven false," said Henry J. Babian, the union's lawyer. "The charge of conspiracy also has been proven false. I was of the opinion from the beginning that such could not stand."

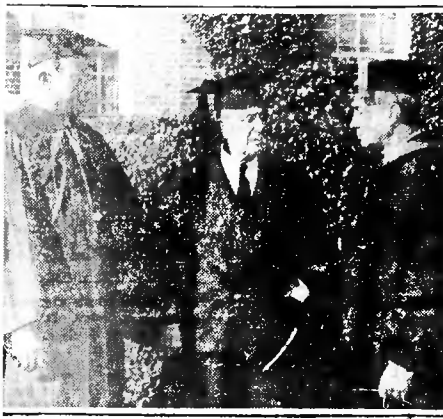
Meanwhile, conviction of 24 New York Central dining car workers seen in motion in New York on the same charges, Brooks disclosed. About 100 white and Negro dining car workers were rounded up in the east at the same time as they were arrested here.

Conviction of the men in the east is said to be the primary to conceded conviction by union leaders, who frontally tried to gain release of the men by maneuvering behind-the-scenes.

Men can apply for credit for courses taken during his service in the Army. Call or write to the U. S. Army Recruiting Office at 304 Post Office Building, Raleigh, for more information. Those who desire to enlist may do so at that office.

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GREENSBORO — Three prominent Methodist Churchmen, two of them retired and visiting their alma mater, met at Bennett College recently during the Founders' Day exercises. They are, left to right, Rev. R. W. Winchester, recently retired as superintendent, Greensboro district; Bishop Robert E. Jones, recently of the Columbus, Ohio area; and President David D. Jones of Bennett College, brother of Bishop Jones. Rev. Winchester is a member of the class of 1899 while Bishop Jones is of the class of 1895.

# Ga. Veterans Pledge To Seek Democracy At Home

## DR. KOO SPEAKS AT SHAW'S VESPER

ATLANTA (ANP) — Several hundred veterans held a spirited mass meeting last week at Morehouse college and pledged themselves to follow a program of action designed to bring a "full share of the democracy" they fought for in the war.

Sponsored by the Georgia Veterans League, the speakers from the platform and floor called for political equality, fair treatment under the GI Bill of Rights, equal health, educational and social facilities, equal salaries and Negro police and firemen.

Acting chairman of the meeting, John Turner, a lieutenant and fighter pilot, declared: "We are determined to ring full democracy in every way into every crack and crevice of the state that we live in."

"Fourteen points of action" outlined by the group included:

1. A fair application of the G. I. Bill of Rights for all veterans.
2. On the job training for Negro veterans in technical and industrial establishments.
3. Vocational and technical school training.
4. Loans to Negro veterans without discrimination.
5. Full civil and political rights and protection for every person.

The program will work for every Negro of age becoming a registered voter.

6. Negro policemen and firemen.
7. Equal school facilities for Negro children, including physical plants and equipment.
8. Equal pay for equal work in all occupations and professions.
9. Equal and adequate provisions for public health and hospital facilities.
10. Equal justice under the law.
11. Cooperation with an encouragement of business enterprises operated by Negroes.
12. Cooperation with organized labor.
13. Cooperation with other organizations and efforts that work for the general welfare of the community.
14. Employment of every intelligent and honorable means desirable to carry out these points of action throughout the state of Georgia by organization, the ballot, publicity, picketing, parades and boycott.

is a concept that is bound to break national bottlenecks," he averred. Referring to the warning of the apostle, "If we love not the brethren, we abide in death," Dr. Koo characterized the unwholesome situation of minorities as evidence that "we still live in the area of death." "Only as men regard one another as brothers and live as neighbors, will be able to move above the realms of war and death," he said.

A large number of visitors heard the address by Dr. Koo. Musical selections before and after the speech were furnished by the University choir directed by Miss Mildred Thornhill. At the conclusion of the Vesper service, Dr. Koo played several numbers on the flute. The offerings were simple, but sweet.

# Negro Officer Commands 761st Tank Battalion

## BY TREZZVANT T. ANDERSON

WITH THE 761ST TANK BATTALION IN EUROPE (ANP) — Capt. Ivan H. Harrison, 3399 Scoville Place, Detroit, became the first Negro Commander of the 761st Tank Battalion when he succeeded Lt. Col. Paul L. Bates, white, of Beenton, N. J., on November 3.

The new commander is 26 and was born in Detroit. He is married to the former Miss Juanita Edwards of Detroit, and is the father of a son, Ivan Jr., age one and a half years. Prior to coming into the army he was engaged in business work in Cleveland and also served as a post employee at the Cleveland Post office.

Capt. Harrison graduated from the armored force officer candidate school at Fort Knox on July 4, 1942, joining the 761st then a light tank battalion, at Camp Claiborne, La., as a tank platoon leader on July 16, 1942.

On October 30, 1943, he became the second Negro to ever become a company commander in the battalion, when he assumed command of headquarters company. It was in this capacity that he came overseas with the 761st and entered combat. A month before the end of hostilities in Europe, he took command of the service company, holding this post from that time until September 4, 1945, when he became the executive officer.

## Canadian To Be Vesper Speaker At Shaw Sunday

RALEIGH — Dr. J. Wesley Bready of Ontario, Canada, will be the Vesper speaker at Shaw University Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Dr. Bready is well known as a lecturer and Bible teacher as well as an author and historian. By virtue of his writings and his lectures delivered before many thousands of people in this country, in Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, he has achieved world wide fame.

Dr. Bready is known to the public as author of "This Freedom Whence, England Before and After Wesley, Wesley and Democracy, and Hidden Hands in History." Of his works it has been said by an Internationalist famous critic: "They are destined to take their place 'among the imperishable records of Christian effort and triumphant achievement.'"

This address by Dr. Bready will be delivered in Greenleaf Memorial Chapel. Music will be furnished by the University choir.

Gland extracts, like fire, may cause much harm to farm animals, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

supplies, experts predict a sharp decline in carry-over in 1946 and a substantial increase in cotton consumption in foreign countries. Some reduction of world carry-over is likely by August 1, 1946.

The competition between cotton

## Navy Outs Sailor As "Undesirable" For Rapping Jim Crow

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Daniel Joseph Hardy, a former Brooklyn seaman first class, is trying to have his navy discharge status changed from "undesirable" to "honorable." He was kicked out of the service on February, 1944, after more than a year's service when he loudly criticized Jim Crow practices.

In an effort to have his discharge changed from "undesirable" to "honorable," Hardy's case was taken to the navy secretary's discharge review board by Jesse O. Deaman, Jr., secretary of NAACP's veterans' affairs.

Hardy was classified as undesirable when he accepted an invitation to offer suggestions for the betterment of the men in his outfit while stationed at Vallejo, Cal., he said. He held his commander, a Lt. Chaney, that "more attention should be paid to the discriminatory practices exhibited against Negro seamen at the naval base."

While on liberty in Vallejo the next day, he was summoned back to the station and thrown in the "brig" then dismissed. Chaney claims that Hardy has a threatening attitude toward those charged with being his immediate superior and exhibits "a bad influence on the morale of his associates."

His actions, by reason of his spreading propaganda prejudicial to the naval service, stir up racial prejudices, the commanding officer contends.

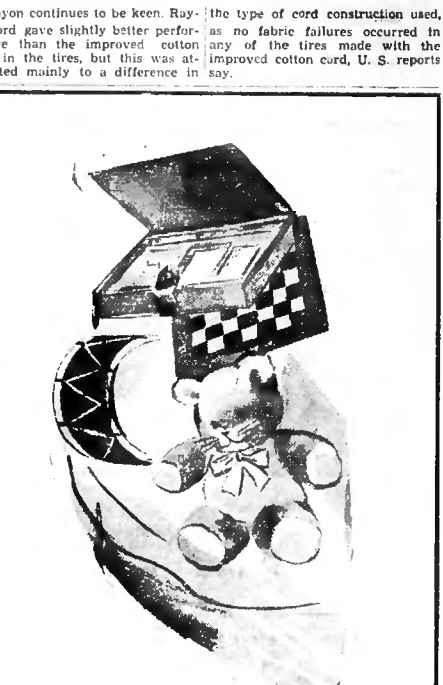
## Improved Cotton Tires

RALEIGH — Automobile tires of cotton cord that run 70,000 miles at high speed and city improved truck tires have been developed under the stress of war.

The improved cotton cord used in making these tires gave outstanding performance and was much better than standard cord. The first of the experimental tires were made with 90 per cent synthetic rubber and 10 per cent natural rubber.

Director I. O. Schaub says that he expects an improvement in cotton production in North Carolina in 1946. He urges farmers to follow the seven point cotton program next year, produce cotton of better grade and quality, and reduce production costs.

As to present and prospective supply, experts predict a sharp decline in carry-over in 1946 and a substantial increase in cotton consumption in foreign countries. Some reduction of world carry-over is likely by August 1, 1946.



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4. "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools."
5. "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay."
6. "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!"

## JANUARY 31, 1946 AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR MEN IN THE ARMY

MEN now in Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in grade held at time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1½, 2 or 3 year periods. (New-year enlistments for men now in the Army with less than 6 months of service.)

| PAY PER MONTH—ENLISTED MEN                             | MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER: |                             |          |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
|  | Starting Base Pay                | 20 Years' 10 Years' Service | Service  |
| In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothes and Medical Care |                                  |                             |          |
| Master Sergeant or First Sergeant                      | \$138.00                         | \$89.70                     | \$155.25 |
| Technical Sergeant                                     | 114.00                           | 74.10                       | 128.25   |
| Sergeant   | 96.00                            | 62.40                       | 108.00   |
| Sergeant   | 78.00                            | 50.70                       | 87.75    |
| Corporal   | 66.00                            | 42.90                       | 74.25    |
| Private First Class                                    | 54.00                            | 35.10                       | 60.75    |
| Private  | 50.00                            | 32.50                       | 56.25    |

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