

Readers Digest Branded As Anti-Negro & Anti-Labor By Teachers

MINEAPOLIS (ANP) — Additional evidence was presented to the National Council of Teachers of English here during its recent convention to prove that the Readers Digest is both anti-Negro and anti-Labor.

The fight to bar the magazine from public high school libraries was spearheaded by Mrs. Helen Ran Miller, an Evanston, Ill., teacher, and a member of the teachers' committee on magazines and newspapers. The teachers' organization began a probe of the Readers Digest following press criticisms about the magazine, which boasts 11,000,000 circulation in America and foreign countries, in 1942.

EACH TEACHER TO DECIDE

"The committee presents no conclusions as to whether the Readers Digest is suitable classroom material," a teachers' report said. "Each teacher will have to decide for himself whether or now, in view of the information contained in this report, the Reader's Digest should be used in the classroom."

An insight of Reader Digest policy may be gathered from the comments made last year during the teachers' convention at Columbus, O., by Dr. Edgar Dale, of Ohio State University, following an interview with representatives of the magazine.

ANTI-NEED DEAL

"It seems to me that the Reader's Digest question is a simple one," he remarked. "The editors who talked with me after the meeting admitted, and I wrote this down at the time, 'The majority of political articles which have appeared in the Reader's Digest since 1922 have been against specific actions of the administration.'"

"When I said, 'Then the majority of your political articles are against the New Deal,' they replied, 'Against specific actions of the New Deal.' I wrote down their statement in their presence, pointing out to them the necessity for adequate documentation."

ANTI-LABOR

"Theoretically speaking, the Digest claims to be impartial when it comes to labor questions, but it has repeatedly used the cloak of 'impartiality' to hide a one-sided anti-

union bias," said the Catholic Work editorial last March.

While denying that they are anti-Negro, charges have been made that editors of the magazine are reluctant to publicize the cause of equality, justice and fair play for Negroes. Among the articles the teachers say the magazine has printed to promote and foster racial discrimination of Negroes are "A Negro Warns the Negro Press," January, 1943; "Sketches in Black and White," anecdotes, April, 1943 and "How the South Feels About the Race Problem," June, 1944.

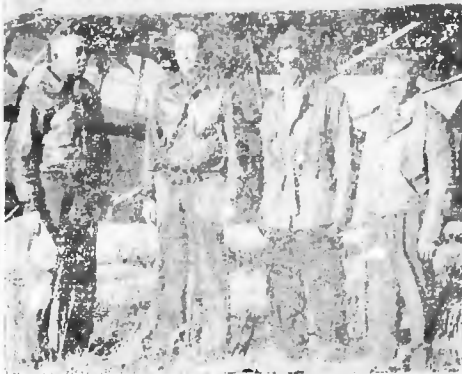
DR. WESLEY BREADY SPEAKS AT SHAW

RALEIGH — Dr. J. Wesley Bready extolled John Wesley as the founder of a faith which changed the course of history as he delivered the address at Shaw University Vesper services Sunday afternoon at 8:30 in Greenleaf Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Bready, author of a powerful and moving book on the subject, England Before and After Wesley, used as his theme, "This Freedom—Whence, title of an American version of the same volume.

Declaring that our present age has been vitally affected by two hidden hands of history, the speaker characterized them as the force of faith and humanism. Dr. Bready branded the humanism practiced in England, France, and Germany as "the arrogant belief of man that he can solve all problems by reason and without God." The speaker pointed out the successive failure of humanistic experiments and averred that only faith in God has triumphed or will be able to succeed. Of Wesley the apostle of faith he said, "For 53 years from conversion until death, this inimitable man contested three kingdoms of God — and won."

Dr. Bready spoke also at regular chapel services Monday morning at 10 o'clock. He continued his discussion of the vesper subject at this time. The speaker was introduced at the Vesper services by Dean William R. Strasser and at chapel services by President Robert P. Dandridge, who had returned to the university after two weeks absence on an extended trip in interest of Shaw University new development program.



Flight training at Fisk University attracts men recently released from military service. Heading left to right: James E. Taylor, Jr., director of aviation at Fisk University; Alvin Barwell, of Fort Worth, Texas; Woodin Lewis, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Charles Call, of Lexington, Kentucky.

Philadelphia Veteran Awaits War Medals

By Harold G. Miller
Philadelphia (ANP) — Sgt. Woodson B. Woodson, Jr., who was captured during the Battle of the Bulge, is awaiting his war medals.

Sgt. Woodson, 25-year-old hero of the Normandy invasion, was discharged from the army at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., Nov. 13, and has returned to his home in Germantown.

Sgt. Woodson, formerly a member of the medical detachment, 329th Ballon Battalion, won fame on D-Day and the days that immediately followed when he was wounded by a shell fragment but continued to administer first aid to 250 casualties on the shell and bomb-raked beach.

Not until he collapsed some 24 hours later did Sgt. Woodson stop his work long enough to have the shell fragment removed from his back.

For his devotion to duty on the Normandy beachhead, Sgt. Woodson was recommended for the Distinguished Service medal, the third highest award given by the United States. The recommendation was later held up by Sgt. Woodson's battalion commander, Lt. Col. Leon J. Ford, a white officer from Kentucky, until it was too late for action to be taken on the matter.

Instead of the high award that he deserved, Sgt. Woodson was given the Bronze Star, a medal which ranks eight in order of importance of war department awards. The citation which was given him read: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States."

To add insult to the injury Sgt. Woodson has never been officially given the Bronze Star. He has received the war department citation entitling him to the medal, but the ceremony necessary for the actual award has never been held. He was told he would get the medal first in France, then in England, the United States. He waited and waited in the United States, but he is still waiting for the medal to be given to him.

In addition to the Bronze Star, Sgt. Woodson is entitled to wear the Good Conduct ribbon, the American Theater campaign ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal, and three battle participation stars, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal, the Purple Heart, and the World War II Victory medal with a star (showing he was overseas on V-J day).

Now that he is out of the service Sgt. Woodson is planning to go to Temple University Medical school to continue his education. He has completed 2 years at Lincoln university prior to his entry into the service.

Sgt. Woodson's brother, Eugene, was also recently released from the army. He was a bombardier in the 447th Bombardment group.

Installation Service For Officers In Baptist Student Union At Shaw

RALEIGH — Installation of officers of the Baptist Student Union of Shaw University was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Baptist Church, Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor. The installation sermon was delivered by Dean William R. Strasser of the Shaw School of Religion. Dean Strasser, who was introduced by the Rev. Thomas Kilgore, executive secretary of the General State Baptist Convention of N. C. spoke in "Life's Challenge to Christian Youth."

Stressing Jesus' keen insight into human need the speaker called upon his hearers "to see as Jesus saw, to feel as Jesus felt, and to view the world through the eyes of the Master. Our education," he said, "should deepen our sense of personal obligation to work and suffering and to world need." The charge to officers of the Student Union was made by Dean Foster P. Payne of Shaw University. Said Dean Payne, "The overall purpose of the BSU is that of leading church and college together. The need at this time is greater than ever before," he declared.

Remarks were made by Maurice Stuppard, president of the Union. Dr. Bullock made the concluding remarks. Music was offered in the course of the service by the BSU quartet composed of Tolmon Van Rhoe, Daniel Oakley, Guthrie Turner, and James Arnett.

Officers of the union installed were: Maurice Stuppard, St. Marc, 18th, president; Wilma McEwee, Silver City, 6th, vice president; Eugene Turner, Goldston, second vice president; Chauncey Edwards, Elm City, third vice president; Lillian V. Black, Hackensack, N. J., secretary; Anna L. Boone, Dover, N. J., assistant secretary; Luther Shipman, Clarkton, treasurer; Ethel Boyd, Henderson, reporter; Nancy McAllister, Wilmington, chorister; and Andy Vinson, Portsmouth, Va., chorister.

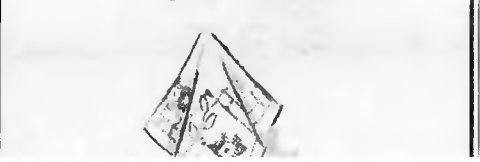
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Capital Transit Job Bias Squarely Up To White House—NAACP

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Authority to enforce a policy of non-discrimination in jobs in the Capital Transit Company rests directly and exclusively in your hands during the period of government seizure," President Truman was told last week by the NAACP. The telegram of November 22, backing up one of November 23, follows:

"On November 23 we telegraphed you urging that pursuant to your authority incident to seizure of the Capital Transit Company you make provision for a novel discriminatory policy Capital Transit Company in refusing to employ Negroes. We are advised that the operation of Capital Transit Company is to be transferred to owners without any action by you toward enforcement of your Executive Order prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race or color. Authority to enforce your Executive Order rests directly and exclusively in your hands during period of government seizure. It is clear that opportunity is present for you to demonstrate to United States and world at large your intention and the determination of our government to protect rights of all minority groups in keeping with Constitution, laws and Executive Orders our country as well as principles established in United Nations Charter."

Gunning Club Fired On By Mountaineers

Philadelphia (ANP) — Apparently some of the mountaineers of Bell Run, Pa., a remote mountain village about 250 miles from Philadelphia, don't relish the idea of colored people intruding on their fall-white serenity.

Recently 16 members of the Royal Gunning club purchased a long and some property in Bell Run, having the idea of making periodic trips there for gaming.

In November a few members of the club visited their property to decide what improvements were necessary. That night, while the men were inside the lodge, several shots were fired thru the window.

The incident was reported to the mountaineer law-makers, who have their own unique method of solving crime. To date no one has been apprehended, but the mountaineers are "working on the case."

William F. Pinns, secretary of the gunning club, said that the club has been promised prompt action.

YWCA Public Affairs Committee Sponsors Panel

RALEIGH — The Public Affairs Committee of the Sojourner Truth YWCA is initiating its first monthly program, devoted to discussions of subjects of current and social interest on Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 P. M. The program will be conducted at the Congregational Church on the corner of South and Menley Streets. There will be a Panel on "The Living Memorial," a subject of interest and concern to the Raleigh public. Mr. R. L. McMillan will serve as the Panel Co-ordinator and the participants will represent various community organizations.

Dr. Sanford Winston of State College will represent the Council of Social Agencies; Rev. O. S. Bullock, the Citizens at Large; Mr. Charles Irving, the Citizens' Committee; Mrs. N. E. Lockhart, the YWCA; Mr. W. J. Latham, City Recreation; Rev. J. D. Davis, NAACP; Mr. Charles Frazier, YMCA; Two young people and a Representative from the Ministerial Alliance.

The Glee Club from the Washington High School will sing an opening and closing selections. Miss J. E. Hicks is Chairman of the Committee and the public is invited to attend.

Picket State Department Building

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Several Negroes were among those picketing in front of the antique State Department building, demanding the ouster of South Carolina Jimmie Byrnes as secretary of state. The demonstration was staged by Communists who also demanded the

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Sunday School at 9:30 A. M., Morning Services at 11 A. M., Allen Christian Endeavor Services at 6 P. M. and Evening Services at 7:30 P. M. The pastor will preach at both the morning and evening services. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

return from China of the United with the words, "no at" for Chiang States marines. Chiang Kai Shek Kai Shek" prominently displayed also came in for a placard bearing in the march by a Chinese male.

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