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## **Jackie Robinson Speaks To Elks**

BY J. B. HARREN WASHINGTON, D. C .- "We are at the crossroads in our fight for civil rights", Jackie Robinson, former baseball star who is co-chairman of the NAACP life membership committee, told the more than .000 delegates to the 59th grand lodge convention of the IBPOEW meeting here at Metropolitan Baptist Church on R Street.

Robinson said it was "quite a shock to hear President Eisenhower say we must educate the people into compliance of the mandates of the U.S. Supreme Court's decition on segregation.

that?" Jackie asked, "if we are others he urged the taking of going to continue to educate them smaller memberships, emphasizing separately in a Jim Crow school that "We need the numerically as avstem'

The popular baseball star said "We (Negroes) must take the bull by the horns and unite to fight our own battles to get civil rights." Colored people all over the world, Robinson noted, who

have united in this struggle

for freedom, are watching eagerly what is happening in America and the extent to which colored Americans are participating in their own defense. 'We must take up our own fight," Robinson emphasized. Regarding colored children going to 'white' schools, Jackie reminded that colored as well as white taxpayers' money supported all the schools and had an equal

right to share in the use of them Robinson pleaded with the Elks to continue to support the NAACP \$500 life membership drive by paying as little as \$50 per year on How in the world can we do an individual or lodge basis. For well as the financial strength to carry on our freedom fight.'

Hobson Reynolds, civil liberties commissioner for the Elks, re-(sponded to Jackie and eloquently pledged the support of Elkdom to a stepped-up NAACP membership and registration-vote campaign.

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## Many Of The 1 Million Korean **Vets Who Stopped GI Training** Will Soon Get Another Chance

Many of the 1,000,000 Korca vet- 1 if he can show VA that the inter erans who dropped out of GI train- | ruption in excess of 12 months was ing will get a new chance to re- due to reasons beyond his control sume their education this fall un- Mr. Whittier explained that VA's der e Voterans Administration rul- new ruling amounts to a liberaliing announced by Summer G. Whit- ration of what the VA will considtier, Administrator of Veterans Af- er to be reasons beyond a veteran's control. fairs.

Many of the 1,000,000 former GI The veterans are those who had interrupted their training for more trainees who weren't eligible to than 12 consecutive months, and resume training under VA5s old whose GI Bill cut-off dates had procedures now will become eligiole under the new, he said. passed The VA ruling will permit a vet-

A veteran's cui-off date for starting GI training course three years from his discharge from the armed forces. Once that date passes, a veteran in training under the Korean GI Bill is allowed by law to interrupt his studies for up to 12 menths, without needing VA

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approval. 3. Unavoidable conditions in con-But if he interrupts longer than nection with his employment that that, he may resume training only forced him to suspend his training

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lowed to participate in a Legionsponsored contest The fifth district of the American Legion, sponsors of a "Miss Teen

Age American" beauty contest, said the contest "will be operated under the laws of the state of Georgia" and "there will be no Negroes eran to get back into GI training entered in the contest."

The controversy came to light when a white beauty queen, Miss Sarah Gordon, Troy, N. Y., chosen as Miss York Teen-Age, and her sponsor, Sam Nicholson, sent a telegram of withdrawal from the contest. They presented against racial tegregaton. Nicholson is general managet: of a New York radio sta-.

However, Walter D Gwin contest secretaary, said that if any state wished to submit a Negro entrant, she would be accepted. Gwin and other officials of the or-





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## **Bill Thompson Elected Prexy** Of Bar Ass'n

CHICAGO (ANP) -Thompson, Washington, D. C. at torney, was reelected by acclamation, president of the National Bar Association at its 33rd Annual Convention here in Chicago. The entire incumbent slate of officers was also reelected. The election came at the con-



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clusion of one of the most successful conventions in the history of the National Bar Associaton. Delegates present were from most of the States in the Union. Awards for distinguished achievement were presented Wiley T. Branton, Esquire,

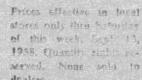
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