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BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

MCNUTT WONT SEE COMMITTEE; CIVIC LEADERS ASK REMOVAL

Great Lakes Graduates First Tradesmen Class

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Ninety-five Negro Bluejackets, the first of their race to complete instruction in various trades offered by the Navy, were graduated recently from the Service School in ceremonies at the United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

In the presence of two outstanding Negro heroes of the last war and this conflict, the graduates filed to the speaker's platform where they received their Service School certificates — the final step of an intensive training period.

Taking part in the ceremonies were Capt. Frank J. Lowry, commanding officer of the Training Station; Capt. H. R. Harris, service school officer; Lieut. Cmdr. D. W. Armstrong, commanding officer of the 18th Regiment; Dorie Miller and Brigadier General Spencer C. Dickerison, U. S. Army retired.

Pointing out its lack of actual interest in Negro affairs the war department is vulnerable or scores of counts.

The failure to include an Negro officers in the administrative points in the huge Pentagon building, where thousands of white officers direct the affairs of the citizen army as it is fondly called, is merely one of these faults.

The failure to utilize any of the many fine Negro newsmen now in the service in the public relations branch of the war department, nor the appointment of any from civilian life as has been done with the white, is another fly in the ointment. The failure to provide morale operators, other than the two assigned to Tuskegee and Fort Huachuca, and the failure to develop an athletic program commensurate with that adopted for the white is another error of commission.

These graduates completed Please turn to Page Two

Texas D. A. Refuses To Prosecute Cops Who Killed Soldier

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The refusal of a Beaumont, Texas, district attorney to prosecute two white policemen who shot Private Charles J. Reed, July 7th, brought from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week a request for further intervention by Attorney General Francis Biddle into the prosecution of the case.

In a wire to Biddle the NAACP stated:

"In refusal of United States district attorney Steve M. King at Beaumont, Texas, to prosecute assailants of Private Charles J. Reed, may we respectfully suggest and urge supersession by special prosecutor from Department of Justice at Washington. Failure to prosecute and punish in so clear-cut a case as this

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OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH.
THEY KEEP 'EM FLYING.—In their second week of training in the aviation metalsmith shop, Great Lakes Training Station, Ill., three Negro Bluejackets learn riveting. Left to right, they are Henry Ratcliffe, 28, of 3326 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.; William Rhodes, 25, of 5820 South Park, Chicago; and Joseph McDuffie, 25, of 3008 Caroline St., St. Louis, Mo. The men completed a month of mathematics and layout study before coming to the shop for their first practical work in metalsmith school.

Lynn To Continue Fight Against Service In Separate Army Units

NEW YORK, (Special) — A decision to challenge further the constitutionality of draft quotas based on color by appealing from the refusal of the Brooklyn federal court this month to grant a writ of habeas corpus to Winfred Lynn, Negro draftee of New York City, was announced by the American Civil Liberties Union today.

The court's denial of the writ was based on the contention that Lynn had suffered no damage because of color in being called as one in a group of fifty Negroes requested of his draft board by the army last September, rather than in numerical order. In answer, Arthur Garfield Hays, A.C.L.U. counsel representing Lynn, charges that

The refusal of the army to accept for training qualified young men to become meteorologists, turning their applications back when submitted with little or no comment, wasn't a brilliant stroke.

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ing of men for service there shall be no discrimination on account of race or color."

Lynn's appeal to the federal circuit court will be the third court contest of his induction on ground of discrimination. Shortly after his board first called him, he sought a writ in the Brooklyn federal court which the judge denied, holding that an induction order cannot be challenged until the draftee has submitted to it. Following the court's direction, Lynn then offered himself for induction and sought release from the army on another writ. Denial of this second writ on the ground of "no damage" is the basis for the Union's scheduled appeal.

President Batista of Cuba, who was honored by official Washington on his visit to the United States in December, is deeply interested in the tuberculosis control program. Several years ago President Batista announced his determination to drive the White Plague from



Shown in the picture above is Dr. J. Leslie Jones, Negro candidate for the city Council in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Jones is highly endorsed by the 4th District. He is pictured here in his uniform as an officer typist of Ambulance Unit No. 5, attached to the Marine Hospital in Baltimore. Dr. Jones is the only colored physician in the unit.

N. Y. War Council May Take Actions Against Navy Course

NEW YORK, (Special to the TIMES) — The State War Council acted this week on a complaint filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against the barring by the Navy Department of Negroes from special training courses at colleges and universities in this state. The Council's action was revealed by Governor Dewey who declined to name the institution in which discrimination has taken place.

Already discrimination is being practiced in the V-1 class of courses under which students in college enlist in the Naval Reserve and are allowed to finish their college careers so that the Navy may have college-trained men for deck officers and other ranks in the Navy. Negroes are not now eligible for the Navy Officer Corps, although they can become non-commissioned officers.

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Forty Leaders Of Both Races Denied Conference With Manpower Official

MRS. McCROREY ASKED TO ACCEPT CSC POSITION

CHARLOTTE, (ANP) — According to the "New Advance," one of the Presbyterian church papers, Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, wife of the president of Johnson C. Smith university, has been invited to accept an appointment as personnel director of civilian service centers in army areas where Presbyterian USA churches are located. In announcing the appointment, Dr. A. B. McCoy stated that "those who know Mrs. McCrorey will recall her experience and training to be of such as to fit her for such a responsibility. We hope she will decide to assume this task."

Mrs. McCrorey was active in the war effort during the last world war and is qualified to fulfill the demands of this office. In her efforts to be of service in the present crisis she has been very active in organizations that have for their objectives the building of morale among soldiers.

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MRS. ROSE BROWN BRACY
The Steering Committee of the National Negro Business League has appointed Mrs. Bracy as Assistant Secretary and Field Representative to visit Local Business Groups and promote the League's National program. The new officer, whose home is in St. Louis, has served in the field of education and more recently as General Field Secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society. During her years in public service Mrs. Bracy has given close study to economic problems as related to low income groups among Negroes. Her official headquarters will be at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. —ANP Photo.

BY ALVIN E. WHITE
WASHINGTON, (ANP) — Astonished when Paul McNutt, War Manpower commissioner, refused to receive the entire delegation of some 40 white and colored leaders in religious, educational, labor and civic fields, the Citizens committee, with members from New York, Philadelphia and Boston, rejected McNutt's invitation to send four of their number only to his office and withdrew quietly as the first step in a civil disobedience campaign.

McNutt's unheralded and unprecedented action came as a bolt of lightning to the group which had assembled on the first floor in the Social Security building.

A secretary sent word down that Mr. McNutt would not see the entire group, fearing a repetition of what transpired in his office on the previous Friday.

The delegates then went into conference, drafted a brief statement, signed by all present, and sent it to McNutt awaiting his decision. The statement was very brief and simple. It read:

"Downstairs are representatives of 28 national labor, religious and civic organizations for the appointment regarding your order to postpone the FEPC hearings on railroad discrimination. We have come at our own expense. Now we are told you will see only four persons. We respectfully request

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Many Objections To Selections Of Sergeant - Arms

NEW YORK — The NAACP expressed this week in a communication to Senator Alben W. Barkley the shock of Negroes throughout the United States at the selection of ex Senator Dixie as Sergeant of Arms by a Democrat caucus.

The NAACP warned that this selection coming at the time of the cancellation of the FEPC hearings on railroad discrimination would be considered by many Negroes proof that the Democratic party does not wish Negro support. The NAACP

stated that it was probably that resentment would grow since the sergeant at arms has charge of capitol police and Negroes might feel that the choice of a man who joined in leading in the filibuster of the anti-gold tax bill would cause further disregard of citizenship rights of Negro visitors to the capitol. This does not seem unlikely, the NAACP said, with the capitol police under the authority of a man who expressed himself as did Dixie on the Senate floor.