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MINORITY GROUPS ASKS RESTORATION OF FEPC SET-UP

WASHINGTON, (A N P) — Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower commission and Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle acting it is reported, upon orders from President Roosevelt himself, heard in a closed meeting Friday frank explanations of the positions of minority groups in this country against the discriminations being practiced in war employment and the attitude of these groups toward the emasculating of the FEPC. Chairman McNutt called the meeting which was held in the Social Security building here, the members of the conference having been sworn to secrecy before the meeting began. Present were A. Philip Randolph, president of the March on Washington committee which originally forced the formation of the FEPC; Lester B. Granger executive secretary of the National Urban League; Walter White, executive secretary, NAACP, Morris Milgram, the Worker's Defense League; P. B. Young, chairman of the Southern Conference on Race Relations, Monsignor Ryan, representing the Catholic church, and delegate Hollender of the Conference of Christian and Jews. Neither members of the FEPC nor attaches of the War Manpower commission were included in the invitation. Newspaper representation was not permitted. A stenotype record of the conference was made however presumably, attendants reported, for the use of President Roosevelt.

It is said that the conference had united on a solid front which in effect can be outlined as follows: 1. An adequate budget for FEPC job: A million dollars was suggested as a figure. 2. Restoration of the hearings on railroad employment including the systematic elimination of Negro firemen. 3. Restoration of FEPC as a Please turn to Page Six

Urge Negro Colonel For 366th Infantry Stationed At Devens

FORT DEVENS, Mass. — Reports that a white colonel from Virginia will be placed in command of the 366th Infantry regiment are viewed privately with distaste by this all-Negro outfit which believes that it should have a Negro commanding officer. Originally the unit was commanded by Col. West Hamilton, now located at Prairie View College, Tex. Before leaving he was relegated to assistant commander and actual leadership entrusted to a white colonel. Since then the commanding officer has been white, with Col. Leonard the last in charge. Col. Leonard's recent departure to another post in Washington has caused Lt. Col. Howard D. Queen of Washington, executive officer and senior officer of the regiment, to be placed in acting command. Col. Queen, a graduate of Howard university in electrical engineering, was an infantry captain in World War I in France and has finished several army service schools. The personnel of the 366th favor his assignment to commanding officer or the elevation of Lt. Col. Alonzo Ferguson to the post. Col. Ferguson also served in France during World War I where he was machine gun officer and was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne sector. He is now executive officer of the 366th. Either of these two Negro officers would be thoroughly acceptable to the 366th which included almost the total military product of Howard and Wilberforce universities. Officers and soldiers of this regiment are prevented by military regulations from open opposition. Please turn to Page Six

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RALEIGH December 16, 1942 J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON GOVERNOR C. A. Irvin Public Relations Director The Carolina Times Durham, N. C. My dear Sir: I am very much interested to learn that The Carolina Times is planning to publish a special edition as "A Salute to North Carolina Negroes in the Armed Services of the Nation". This is highly appropriate and I am happy to have the privilege of joining with your enterprising paper in this salute to the men who are so worthily discharging their duty in this worldwide conflict. The Negroes of North Carolina, men and women, old and young, have made a wonderful response to every challenge that has come in this critical period. On many occasions in recent months I have publicly stated that this group of our citizens has always responded to every appeal that has been made in Civilian Defense, salvage collection, sale of War Bonds, and every other civilian undertaking. In keeping with this spirit back home, the men of this race who are in the armed services are acquitting themselves in a manner to reflect credit on the state and nation. I know personally many of these men and have had the privilege of hearing and reading the record of their fine service. They are making a notable contribution towards the cause of liberty and human freedom. The forces of aggression which have sought to dominate the world would impose upon us conditions that would be intolerable to liberty-loving and God-fearing people. In this destiny-freighted struggle all that we hold dear is involved. Complete victory will come only through the united and wholehearted cooperation of all our citizens of all groups and races. Out of this war I feel that there is going to come a finer spirit of harmony and cooperation between all groups of our citizens. Those who go through the fire together will come out of it with a deeper human understanding and sympathy. I join with your paper in saluting these gallant men of the Negro race from our state. I can say to them that all of North Carolina is proud of the record which they are making and will be happy to greet them when they return victoriously from the fields of battle. Sincerely yours, J. Melville Broughton Governor of North Carolina

Zora Hurston Denies Story Printed In New York Newspapers Last Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The article is untrue and twisted," Miss Hurston said, "I have only high regard for Douglas Gilbert who wrote the story, but I deny categorically that I ever said that Negroes were better off in the south. Neither did I approve of segregation in the south or anywhere else." "What I really told Mr. Gil-

bert, who in trying to fit it into his brief space left out the essentials or perhaps permitted his own views to gain ascendancy, was: "I do not see the business of race prejudice as a sectional one; there is plenty of race prejudice both north and south but the south by opportunity of long practice had worked out a system, while the north, caught between its declarations of no prejudice and its actual feelings, when the situation came up was groping around for the same. Please turn to Page Six

Young Physicians To Be Inducted Into Military Service

CHICAGO, (A N P) — Immediate needs of the army medical corps call for the induction throughout the nation of not more than 100 Negro doctors under 38 years of age, preferably those who have not established themselves in practice. This information, setting at rest widely circulated alarmist reports which have disturbed physicians, was revealed following a conference at Provena hospital Wednesday between officials of the army medical corps, the procurement and assignment committee of selective service and representatives of the National Medical association. Those attending the meeting were Col. George F. Bull, chief of personnel of the surgeon general's office; Comdr. Maxwell E. Lapham, executive director of procurement and assignment, Lt. Col. Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant director of selective service; Dr. Paul Cornley, member of the national medical advisory board, selective service; Dr. John W. Lawlah, chairman of the sub-committee, Negro health procurement and assignment; Dr. T. M. Smith, president of the National Medical association, and Dr. Clarence H. Payne, chairman of the NMA War Defense committee. The meeting was called at the instance of Lt. Col. Johnson. Dr. Clarence H. Payne, speaking for the committee following the conference, said, "for the immediate needs for the army medical corps, a number less than 100 will be inducted into the service from that group of physicians who are below 33 years of age. Most of these have just finished a year's residency in the various hospitals throughout the country. It will be the intent of the procurement and assignment committee to avoid calling men of this age who have been in the practice of medicine for some length of time, and who are vitally needed by the civilian population. In other words, most of the group will be inducted from the younger physicians. Please turn to Page Six



MISS MARION BOND, attractive young business woman, who it is rumored has secured a contract with a large national concern. Miss Bond was a visitor in New York last week, but would give little or no hint as to the nature of her new position. Instead she talked of her hobbies, friends and other things of general interest to her.—Calvin's Photo.

FORMER NAACP OFFICIAL TO GIVE OWN PROOF OF HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, (A N P) — The hearings by which the country will know whether or not Dean William Pickens is a radical or red, according to charges made by Martin Dies, will be held behind closed doors. But, according to the statement of Rep. Kerr of North Carolina, the committee will hear only the individuals charged and no character witnesses unless it is a very special occasion. The committee, it is said, has decided to throw out any case in which there is the slightest doubt about accused employees of the United States. The fact that an employe has been a member or has attended meetings of a so-called Communist front group won't be considered sufficient evidence to oust him from his job, it is reported by one writer who has followed the case closely. "This is significant," the writer continues, "because virtually all the evidence the Dies committee has on federal workers is based on connections with 'front' organizations, like the League for Peace and Democracy, now disbanded." Rep. Kerr has urged supervision in dealing with all the cases, and he is said to have the unanimous support of the other members of the committee which he heads. Late Thursday evening, Dean Pickens advised the Associated Negro Press that he had not been notified of any date set for his appearance. It is also reported that the chairman of the house appropriations committee has received a large number of letters and telegrams protesting the appearance of Dean Pickens.