

Marian Anderson Will Christen the Washington

(Continued From Page One) The National Youth Administration; Judge William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Director, Negro Manpower Service, War Manpower Commission, and other Government officials.

The Rooker T. Washington Ship Launching Committee, which will sponsor a mass meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., in connection with the Liberty Ship launching, includes Peter Ross, General Chairman, Coley Stafford, Commissioner Jesse L. Terry, Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, Mrs. Christine Wyatt, Dr. Frank A. Pearl, Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, Attorney Loren Miller and Floyd Covington.

Also Mrs. Camille Ross, Eugene Pickett, James H. Anderson, Rev. L. G. Robinson, Gaustina Johnson, John Hargroves, Dr. H. H. Towles, Rev. Grant Harris, Mrs. Mary Troy, William E. Pollard, Norman O. Houston and George A. Beavers, Jr.

The launching ceremony will be broadcast through the facilities of a west coast radio station.

Fuel Oil To Be Rationed In the Eastern States

(Continued From Page One) "Insulate your house to keep the heat from leaking out. Put in storm windows and weather-stripping to keep cold air from coming in. If you can't afford to do these things, then start learning now how to improvise the substitutes such as tacking strips of felt around the cracks of leaking doors and windows and keeping the window shades pulled for the insulation provided by the air-pocket between the shade and the window glass.

"Do all these things and any others you can discover for yourself, because you're going to need them."

The OPA and the WPA today issued the following statement on the beginning of coupon rationing of fuel oil:

Until and including September 30, the average householder using fuel oil may purchase up to 275 gallons without the use of coupons.

Beginning October 1, a householder may buy oil only if he agrees to surrender to his supplier the necessary number of coupons when they become available.

Each applicant will receive a ration book with a number of coupons "tailored" to his individual needs. In deciding on the total allotment for the heating season the OPA will take into consideration the quantity of oil held by the home owner at the time of his application.

Choir To Give Program of Spirituals

During the month of July past a community choir was organized to sing for the America Be Strong Program held at Bennett College. It was felt then that such an organization met a great social need of our community and steps were taken to make it a permanent organization. At present the choir is functioning as a permanent unit under the direction of F. Nathaniel Gatlin of Bennett College. Rehearsals are held regularly at 8:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings in the Little Theatre at Bennett College.

This notice comes as a special effort to inform all former members and to invite those who are interested in group singing to join us this coming Monday night at 8:30 p. m.

The choir will appear the second week in October in a program of appealing Spirituals and folk songs.

Alabama Leads In War Bond Endeavor

Alabama leads nation in the appointment of Negroes on County War Bond committees.

Sixty-three out of the 67 counties in Alabama have a Negro population numbering a thousand or more. In each of these 63 counties there has been a Negro appointed a member of the County War Bond Committee and Chairman of War Bond activities among the Negro population.

No other state in the Union has so large a representation of Negro people.

Dr. Frederick Douglas Patterson, of Alabama is Associate State Administrator and Co-ordinator of the Activities of Negroes in that State. He is a member of the regular State Committee and was the first Negro to be appointed to a dollar-a-year status on the War Bond Staff of any state.

Through the activities of these 63 committeemen an intensive statewide War Bond campaign is being organized for the early fall. Meetings are being planned for every county in the state to occur in rapid succession.

Negroes Will Get Their Share of Public Works

The non-discrimination policy of the Federal Works Agency was extended to cover employment in the construction of war public works projects in the District of Columbia by a regulation promulgated this week by Brigadier General Philip R. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator.

This is an extension of the policy and procedure developed earlier to cover war public works projects throughout the rest of the country. An amendment was required because the \$17,500,000 war public works program for the District of Columbia was handled by separate legislation. The new regulation provides that:

"There shall be no discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, national origin or political affiliations in the employment of persons qualified by training and experience for work in the development of Defense Public Works at the site thereof, including such projects in and near the District of Columbia."

Implementing the general regulation is a requirement that contractors pay not less than stipulated percentages of the total payroll to Negro skilled and unskilled workers as prima facie evidence of non-discrimination. The percentages are based on the latest available United States Occupational Census and other relevant data.

W. J. Trent, Jr., Racial Relations Officer of the Federal Works Agency, is charged with the responsibility of administering the regulation.

With the signing of this Regulation the prima facie non-discrimination clause of FWA covers all war public works construction in the United States. The regulation follows:

Title 32—National Defense, Chapter XII—Federal Works Administrator, Subchapter A—General Regulations.

Part 1201—Discrimination in Defense Public Works, including such projects in and near the District of Columbia.

Supplement to Regulation, Dated March 19, 1941, as Amended by Regulation, Dated September 11, 1941, to Provide, Against Discrimination in Defense Public Works in and near the District of Columbia.

Part 1201 is amended by adding the following new section:

1201.4 Negro labor and defense public works in and near the District of Columbia. In order to ascertain compliance in respect to Negro labor, with Section 1201.1, providing against discrimination in work on defense public works, including such projects in and near the District of Columbia, it is requested that:

(1) Contracting officers in charge of the development of defense public works undertaken, and public and private agencies to which loans or grants are made for defense public works, pursuant to the Act of October 14, 1940 (Public No. 849, 76th Congress), as amended by the Act of April 29, 1941 (Public No. 42, 77th Congress), by the Act of June 28, 1941 (Public No. 137, 77th Congress), by the Act of January 21, 1942 (Public No. 408, 77th Congress), and by the Act of April 10, 1942 (Public No. 522, 77th Congress), shall after the effective date of this section:

(1) Submit to each contractor engaged in constructing any such defense public works, the percentage of Negro skilled and unskilled labor in the locality of the project, as reflected by the Federal census and other relevant data, as determined by the Assistant Administrator.

(2) Require each contractor engaged in constructing any such defense public works to indicate by notation (W for Non-Negro, N for Negro) on payroll forms required to be submitted to the government, or to such public or private agencies,

the race of each laborer, skilled or unskilled, listed on such payroll forms; and

(3) Ascertain and report to the Assistant Administrator at the end of each 4-week period of such construction, the respective amounts paid by each such periods as wages, for work in the development of defense public works at the sites thereof to (i) Non-Negro skilled labor (irrespective of individual trades); (ii) Negro skilled labor (irrespective of individual trades); (iii) Non-Negro unskilled labor; and (iv) Negro unskilled labor.

(b) If the percentages of the total amounts so paid for all skilled labor and for all unskilled labor, that are paid, respectively, to Negro skilled and unskilled labor approximate the respective percentages of Negro skilled and unskilled laborers in the locality (as submitted to the contractor by the constructing officer or by the public or private agency), there shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence that the contractor is not discriminating against Negro labor. Otherwise, or if any contractor shall fail or refuse to make the payroll notations hereinabove referred to, the contracting officer (as to defense public works constructed pursuant to subparagraph (b) of section 202 of said Act of October 14, 1940, as amended) or the public or private agency (as to defense public works for which loans or grants have been made pursuant to subparagraph (c)

of section 202 of said Act of October 14, 1940, as amended) shall investigate and report the reasons therefor to the Assistant Administrator.

(c) Copies of this section shall be distributed to all contractors engaged in the development of defense public works under the aforesaid Act of October 14, 1940, as amended by said Act of April 29, 1941, by said Act of June 28, 1941, by said Act of January 21, 1942, and by said Act of April 10, 1942.

(d) As used in this section, the term "contractor" includes subcontractors. (Sec. 308, Public No. 849, 76th Congress, as amended by Public No. 42, Public No. 137, Public No. 408, and Public No. 522, 77th Congress.)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal in the city of Washington, this 28th day of July, 1942.

PHILIP R. FLEMING, Brigadier General, U. S. A. Administrator.



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