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FURTHER GAINS FOR NEGROES IN NAVY, URBAN LEAGUE HEAD TOLD

In detail some of the points covered in today's meeting. Among other things, the Urban League Secretary emphasized the need for a thorough investigation of the real conditions under which Negroes live and serve in the Navy, so as to uncover the factors responsible for such outbreaks as the "Hunger Strike" carried on recently by Negro Seabees at Port Huene, California. Other recommendations called for wide assignment of Negro nurses to duty in naval hospitals; programs for training and commissioning of additional officer personnel and their assignment to a broad spread of naval responsibilities; correcting unsatisfactory employment conditions in many shipyards and other naval establishments; and wider publicity for Negroes engaged in combat in other naval services. Mr. Granger raised the question of the post-war status of Negroes in the Navy, pointing out that except for mess attendants, stewards, and the like, practically all present Negro personnel are in the regular service.

These and other racial problems, Mr. Forrestal was told, cannot be solved by the simple process of appointing a Negro as civilian aide to the Secretary. Mr. Granger emphasized the need for wider use of Negro commissioned personnel as specialists and technicians throughout the whole department, promotion of some to the ranks above that of ensigns and lieutenants; creation of a formal public relations machinery to publicize in the Negro and white press the achievements of colored sailors and marines and coast guard members; and setting up advisory machinery which will establish sound racial policy and actively put it into effect in the various branches and divisions of the Department. All of this, it was pointed out, call for a good deal more than simply the appointment of a civilian aide.

A final point made by the Urban League executive was that a civilian aide might be a channel of help might be a buffer between the Navy Secretary and the Negro public, and for that reason special care must be taken to give Negro opinion-makers at large free access to the departmental officials, so that the Navy Department might be informed not only of happenings inside the service, but also how those happenings were affecting the general public.

Mr. Granger's closing comment on the conference was as follows: "I found the Secretary receptive to all of these suggestions, several of which he had already considered in length. I am hopeful that future conferences, and contacts with other representatives of Negro organizations, will result in rapid improvement far beyond the gains already made by Negroes in the Navy during this war. I naturally assured Mr. Forrestal that my organization would cooperate with him to the utmost in taking steps which we considered truly progressive and beneficial to the status of Negroes in the American democracy."

Assistants Police Chief J. F. Jordan said he "did not notice" that the officer was intoxicated when he reported for duty at 7:45 p. m. Information about the matter came from the waitress the following night when she complained Mr. Looney had cursed her in an argument that ensued with his desire to pay for a hot dog and soft drink. In her statement, her employer did not require payment for food from policemen.

Chief Jordan said he later received admission from Officer Looney that he had "drunk something before coming to work." He said he learned from Patrolman J. W. Wilson, who was on duty with Looney, that he was "under the influence" but never saw him drink.

Private Looney was described in some of the various affidavits as swearing at the waitress in Quinn's cafe at 9 p. m.; assaulting the Negro at Hillcrest cafe and later in the drive to police headquarters; displaying a pistol at the Negro cafe; striking the Negro on the way to jail, and being intoxicated.

Called before the Council, Officer Wilson admitted he asked a waitress at the Weinzinger, following the McArthur and Rhedrick incidents, about 11 p. m., to call the police chief and ask for investigation of Mr. Looney's conduct. The girl, Lois Hilda Lucas, 19, said she refused because she saw no indication that he "had been drinking."

Mr. Wilson said he never saw Mr. Looney "drink anything," and that they were parted only once when Mr. Looney made a phone call on Castle street, after the McArthur and Rhedrick happenings. "I discovered," he said, "that Mr. Looney was under the influence a few minutes after we left headquarters and went on duty."

Patrolman Wilson likewise admitted that Mr. Looney had "hit the Negro in the rear of the police car but 'I did not interfere as he had no right to know what the boy was charged with. I didn't want to make him (Looney) mad with me, knowing I had to work on with him."

Councilman Yow later commended Mr. Wilson's assistance with department investigation but added "I think Mr. Wilson, as a police officer who owe the public more protection than to allow another officer to beat up a man in your presence. But because of your attitude, I'm helping the chiefs, I believe you'll continue to make good."

Councilman R. K. Romeo declared the discussion had developed the need for a thorough inspection before the duty of the officers and also "it's puzzling at all, if you know the facts. They go on the testimony of the investigating officers and a Negro is never let off any way. The court had wide information we do, the Negro go in and offer testimony in a court."

Mr. Romeo's substitute motion concerning the policeman was objected on the ground that "there is much conflicting testimony. I don't think we know all the facts."

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Negro has had obligations to perform that he never was allowed to perform before, and he has done them well. I think that will mean more after the war than we realize now.

Another question asked was "What does democracy mean in terms of social equality?" and the answer was: "We think of ourselves as a majority group with a few minority groups. There is the Orient with its teeming millions. And with no spot on the globe farther away than 60 hours' flying time, I think we should give this fact some thought, unpleasant as the fact may be to us."

The Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, minister of the United Church, presiding at the auditorium session and music was furnished by the Raleigh High School Glee Club, directed by Frederick Stanley Smith.

NAACP MAKES SEABEE INVESTIGATION; ASK IMMEDIATE NAVY PROBE OF FINDING

Class, and chief petty officers were brought into the Battalion for positions of leadership. These men average inferior to the Negro personnel, yet they will be given the opportunities for advancement and become their superiors once the Battalion is ready for overseas assignment or out of state assignment.

It is a naval custom for chief petty officers to have separate mess lines and are given separate and the most preferred quarters, and that while white petty officers are lounging in their quarters Negroes of comparable ratings are out among the most menial kind of chores. It was stated that while in camp Negro personnel takes care of most of camp duties whereas white personnel have little or no camp responsibilities.

In pointing up the maneuvers and hatred existing between Commanding Officer McBean, a "Simon Legree" Mississippian, his executive officer, Lt. Commander C. V. White, and the men under him in the 34th Bn., Mr. Houston stated, "The men respect the Commander, McBean, and his executive officer, Lt. Commander C. V. White, of violent racial antipathies as is expressed in their attitude that a Negro has no rights that a white man is bound to respect. They also complained that while they were overseas he refused to allow them to accept invitations from white units to compete in athletic contests; and that he took it on himself to go into command and ask white business places not to serve them; and that at one time he caused to be maintained separate heads for his white and Negro personnel. The Commander, in order to prove the incompetence of Negro for leadership, picked the wrong men as examples

MRS. ELLA C. PEGUES TO BE BURIED FRIDAY

RALEIGH — Mrs. Ella Christian Pegues, widow of the late Dr. Albert W. Pegues, passed away at her home, 125 East South Street, Tuesday morning following a brief illness.

Born in Richmond, Va., the daughter of the late Wallace and Josephine Christian, Mrs. Pegues received her formal training in the schools there.

In 1890 she was married to Dr. A. W. Pegues and came to Raleigh to live. From this union two children were born, Mrs. Ernestine Pegues Hamilton, who survives, and Albert Christian, Mrs. Pegues' only son, who is serving with the U. S. Army in England, and one brother, Mr. A. B. Raines of Raleigh.

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Possible Doubt Cleared When Money Is Found

RALEIGH — No doubt, Henry Brown, former janitor at the Motor Vehicle Bureau here, breathed a deep sigh of relief when money he was suspected of taking last spring was discovered this week.

One of the white employees of the bureau placed \$85 in an envelope bearing her name on her desk, she thought, and left the office for a few moments. When she returned the envelope was not in sight, and Brown was reported as having been the only person seen in the room during the workers' absence.

Brown was promptly suspected and held by the police. His trial ended in an acquittal, however. He continued to work at the place for several months, but has since left for another position.

On Monday, a drawer in the desk in question was pulled almost from its frame, and there, intact, was the envelope bearing the loser's name and the \$85 inside. It was turned over to her father, as she, too, is no longer with the bureau.

Truth, like murder, will out! (Ed.)

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Institute of Health And Social Hygiene To Be Held At St. Augustine's

RALEIGH — An Institute of Health and Social Hygiene, sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education of St. Augustine's College and the Crown and Scepter Society, will be conducted at the college and the Tuttle Community Center March 22-24, according to an announcement by Prof. A. E. Weatherford, of St. Augustine's College. Professor Weatherford is director of health and physical education at the college, and executive secretary of the Crown and Scepter Society, a statewide honor society among high school students.

The Crown and Scepter Society will hold its annual meeting at St. Augustine's College on March 24, in connection with the last day of the institute. Thursday's session will be held at the Tuttle Community Center, and the Friday and Saturday sessions at St. Augustine's College.

In addition to local speakers and leaders from the staff of the college, St. Agnes Hospital and the Tuttle Community Center, there will be several distinguished special guest speakers: Dr. Nell Hirschberg, State Laborator of Hygiene, Hunter Building, March 23, 10:30 a. m.; Mr. Capus Wayne, director of the State Education Institute, Hunter Building, March 23, 7:30 p. m.; Prof. J. B. McLendon, director of Physical Education, North Carolina College for Negroes, Dr. Leroy S. Siwt,

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DEMOCRACY BEGINS AT HOME, SAYS FIRST LADY

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