# NEGRO TROOPS VINDICATED

# Bragg Commander Praises Troops


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## GEN. DEVERS WELCOMED BY THOUSANDS IN HOME COMING CELEBRATION

FAYETTEVILLE — Thousands gathered on Monday, July 2nd, to witness one of the grandest and sincere home coming ever accorded a citizen or visiting guest in this section, when General Jacob L. Devers was most highly honored by high ranking military and civilian officials and patriotic citizens.

The popular General had high praise for the American and French soldiers, on the ground and in the air who served in his command in Africa, Italy, Sicily, France and Germany.

Then in strong, forceful and appreciative words, the splendid military leader, paid great tribute and high praise to the Negro troops who served under his command. He declared these Negro troops both in combat and moving supplies, "did a splendid job in all kinds of weather, even in January, and under difficult conditions. Yes, they fought, suffered, bled and died in a wonderful performance" in helping to promote a successful war."

He blasted a group of professional gansters for the war, who got control of the government in Germany and that these Nazi leaders, responsible for horrible atrocities, should be shot and shot to-morrow.

In his opinion, he believes Hitler is dead and that he took poison and his body is burned.

Goering is much hated by the Germans and will not get much help from them when placed on trial.

He praised the Ninth Division trained at Fort Bragg, saying its record was one of the finest in the entire army.

Expressing regret that he could not tell when all the American soldiers would come home it is comforting for relatives and friends to know that these soldiers in the European theatre of war, when enemy forces have truly been conquered are being well cared for and being well fed, clothed, etc.

"Our cause has reached only the half-way mark," the general stressed. "Despite our victory over the stubborn foe in Europe, the war against Japan must be pressed." He urged that there be no slowing up or relaxation of work on the home front and he claimed there would be no relaxation on the fighting front. The combination of American fighters in the field backed by civilians at home he described as unbeatable.

He asked that a special program.

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## PATTERSON SPEAKS FOR NEGRO SOLDIER

Washington — Taking issue with Senator Eastland (D-Miss), concerning the Negroes' failure as soldiers, was Under-secretary of War Patterson, who said in the Capital last week that the Army is proud of its Negro soldiers and that he knew of no high ranking generals who had denounced them as being the "utter and abysmal failure" which Eastland said of them.

The Mississippi senator made this accusation in addition to several other disparaging utterances during his strenuous effort to prevent the passage of a bill to refinance the Fair Employment Practices Committee for another year of operation.

Secretary Patterson added that the expressed opinions of General Eisenhower and General MacArtnur failed to support Eastland's charges. Furthermore, Gen Eisenhower had commended our volunteer platoons in Europe, and the Army's inspector had great praise for the work of the 24th Regiment, an outfit in the Marianas.

Fighter Group Veterans — Shown reading a statement by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker praising the 332nd Fighter Group with which they served in Africa, Sicily and Italy are three veterans of that famous unit, all now stationed at Camp Davis convalescent hospital. Left to right: S-Sgt. Richard C. Adams of Jamaica, N. Y., 2nd Lt. Leroy Bowman, Sumpter, S. C., and S-Sgt. Clarence Dishman, Washington, D. C.

## HOUSE TO DECIDE FATE OF FEPC

WASHINGTON — At long last, it seems that some action will be taken in this matter of the fate of the Fair Employment Practices Committee, which has hung in the balance since June 4.

Just three hours after the House Appropriations Committee had voted for the liquidation of the FEPC, it swirled on its heels and recommended the $250,000 included in the original War Agencies bill sent to the House for approval, and later left out in a revised version of the measure.

Filibustering by Southern Senators for the past six weeks against the FEPC amendment held up the entire $752,000 war agencies supply bill, and just when these gentlemen felt that they had talked the amendment to death, they find that this week the House is expected to give an overwhelming vote in favor of the bill, the FEPC included.

Friends of the amendment had no sooner denounced the earlier proceedings by the Appropriations Committee, when the Committee's about-face action drew praise from backers of the FEPC.

Representative Marcantonio (A. L. Lab, N. Y.) had this to say the afternoon session in which the FEPC was approved: " This is just what we wanted. No amendment is necessary now. We have the votes to give effect to the committee's recommendation."

A few hours earlier, Marcantonio had attacked the action of the committee as "no compromise at all," and said that would seek to ammend it. War agencies have had to limp along on credit, many

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## 64-Year-Old Man Bound Over

Kinston — Sixty-four-year old Ely Merritt is being held under $1000 bond, for the August term of Superior Court, charged with having carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age. Probable cause was found against the man in the lower court.

## 93rd Infantry Div. Moving Into Philippines

Washington, D. C. — While the 93rd Infantry Division is being moved into the Philippines on the road to Tokyo, the Army's other Negro division—the 92nd—is being readied for return to the United States after battling the Germans in Italy, the War Department reported today.

The first Negro ground unit larger than a regiment to engage the enemy in this war, the 93rd first saw action at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island early in 1944, when it fought alongside the veteran American Division during the campaign for the Solomons.

The 24th Infantry Regiment, currently mopping up enemy remnants on Saipan and which recently landed on six small islands in the northern Marianas, was the first all-Negro fighting unit to face the Japanese when it landed in the New Georgia Islands two days before the beginning

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## NAACP MUSTERS STRENGTH TO AID FEPC

Washington, D. C. — In an effort to stave off any compromise or legislative trickery, NAACP Secretary Walter White and Leslie Perry, administrative assistant in the Washington Bureau, made an all-out effort to muster every possible support for the FEPC appropriation. Cognizant of the fact that many Congressmen

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## Ask Provision Against Bias In Gov't Aid To Education Legislation

Washington, D. C. — This week the NAACP reiterated its support of Federal Aid to Education but asked for a stronger anti-discrimination provision in the bill, during the hearings before the House Education Committee now considering H. R. 1296. The bill as it stands would authorize an appropriation of $200,000,000 to assist the State in financing elementary schools. Funds would be provided to keep all public schools open for a term of not less than 160 days and sub-standard salaries would be raised. An additional $100,000,000 would be appropriated to more nearly equalize school systems in the South with those of the North. The bill provides that there should be a "just and equitable apportionment" of funds for racial minority groups in states maintaining separate schools for the races.

Appearing on behalf of the NAACP, Leslie Perry of the Washington Bureau cited the Selective Service Act as an example of how non-discrimination clauses in Federal legislation can be violated unless procedures are set out in the Act to allow for hearings upon formal complaints of persons aggrieved. Perry recommended to the Committee that Section 8 of the bill which provides for auditing of State Federal Aid accounts by the U. S. Office of Education be amended so as to require that "such audits shall at all times be available for public inspection."

"If either before or after audit has been made," the recommendation continued, "any person shall complain to the Commissioner of Education that he has reason to believe that any portion of the funds appropriated under the Act have been expended by any State contrary to the provisions of the Act, the Commissioner shall afford such person a hearing on his complaint." Persons so complaining, under the proposed amendment, could appeal to a Federal Court from the Commissioner's decision, or if the Commissioner fails to hold a hearing in three months, to issue a decision on the complaint in six months. The Federal Court would be authorized to review the fact as well as the law.

The NAACP is pressing for the inclusion of this or a similar amendment to bills now in the House and Senate.

## Senators Promise Action For Full Employment

New York — In letters to the NAACP, U. S. Senators James E. Murray and Robert F. Wagner praised the Association's stand for immediate enactment of Full Employment Bill No. 380 and promised action on the measure as soon as possible.

In his message to NAACP secretary Walter White, Senator Murray said, "It is exceedingly encouraging to know that your group is so actively aware of the necessity for affirmative Federal action to assure sustained employment opportunities after the war for all who are willing and able to work."

Senator Wagner promise, "as sponsor of this legislation I will do my best to have the bill enacted in the near future. I hope we can begin hearings on the bill very soon."

Senators Wegner, Murray, Thomas and O'Mahoney are sponsors of Full Employment Bill No. 380.

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**NEGRO NEPSWPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION TO NEW YORK JULY 27-29**

**CHICAGO, Ill. -- The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association will hold a limited Wartime Conference in New York City July 27, 28 and 29.**

**This announcement was made today by the NNPA Executive Committee.**

**Discussion Groups on the Advertising, Circulation, Editorial and Mechanical phases of newspaper operations will be led by NNPA members.**

**The Limited Wartime Conference will consider all business of the Association, elect officers and aid in charting the direction of Negro publications on such matters as surplus property, reconversion and the United Nations World Organization and other questions relating to the war effort. All pertinent problems afecting Negro newspapers as a group will be reviewed.**

**The sessions will be held on the sixth Floor, International Ladies Garment Workers Building, 1710 Broadway, New York City.**

## Teachers Salary Schedule for 1945-46

RALEIGH — Following is the 1945-46 base monthly salary schedule for North Carolina public school teachers, as adopted last week by the State Board of Education.

Grade Certificates — Two years experience, $143; three years, $147; four years, $152; five years, $157; six years, $162; seven years, $167; eight years, $172; nine years, $177; ten years, $182; 11 years, $187.

Class A Certificates — Beginning, $125; one year, $128; two years, $131; three years, $135; four years, $139; five years, $143; six years, $147; seven years, $152; eight years, $157 nine years, $162; ten years, $167.

Class B Certificates — Beginning, $110; one year, $114; two years, $117; three years, $121; four years, $124; five years, $128; six years, $132.

Class C Certificates— Beginning, $100; one year, $103; two years, $107; three years, $110; four years, $113; five years, $116.

Elementray A Certificates — Beginning, $90; one year, $93; two years, $97; three years, $100; four years, $103.

Elementary B Certificates — Beginning, $80; one year, $84; two years, $88; three years, $92.

Non-Standard Certificates — $75.

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## FLA. SUPREME COURT REVOKES DEATH SENTENCE

Tallahassee, Fla. — The State Supreme Court returned a decision today reversing the death sentence imposed on Simon Peter Taylor, convicted in the killing of Deputy Sheriff Robert Max Saurez. The Circuit Court was ordered to enter a second degree murder conviction replacing that of first degree.

The case was defenoed by both the Tampa Branch of the NAACP and the National Office, who secured the services of Attorneys Scofield and Scofield, in Inverness, Fla., to represent Taylor.

Taylor was convicted following an altercation with the Deputy Sheriff in September of last year. The Sheriff, in attempting to serve an illegal writ upon Taylor as a result of a furniture bill owed by the defendant, began a brutal attack resulting in Taylor's being shot through the arm by the deputy sheriff. In the following tussle the deputy sheriff was shot to death.

In setting aside the death sentence the court stated: "the essential element of premeditation was absent, hence there could be no finding of murder in the first degree. We are satisfied that the homicide was unlawful; that the evidence was sufficient to justify a conviction of murder in the second degree."

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## BULLETIN

A newscaster of NBC stated at press time that Negro soldiers were not involved in the mass rape story circulated from the floor of the United States Senate by Senator Eastland (D. Miss). Such an incident did take place, instead of American Negro troops, the announcer said, but Arabs, were involved.

Raleigh — The Raleigh News and Observer, which carried the Associated Press story on Senator Eastland's remarks relative to Negro soldiers, lived up to its true liberalism this week, when Editor Josephus Daniels, venerable published of this esteemed newspaper, came out in an editorial which should settle for all times the question of the ability and character of Negro soldiers of World War II.

The News and Observer has gotten first-hand information from General Devers, former commander of Fort Bragg, N. C., and who recently returned from the European theater. General Devers, as did all other top-ranking American generals, praised Negro troops.

Said the News and Observer:

"There has been some controversy as to the services of Negro troops in this war.

"Unless and until they receive satisfactory evidence to the contrary North Carolinians generally will accept the testimony of General Devers who declared at his recent homecoming celebration at Fayetteville that Negro troops under his command "have done a splendid job in all kinds of weather and under diverse difficult conditions.

The News and Observer has again demonstrated the changing sentiment in the South. Well-informed and fair-minded white Southerners are anxious to see that the Negro is given fair treatment and credit for the part which he is playing in the war effort.

An encouraging sign was noted in Wilmington this week when one of the most prominent white ministers in that city penned a letter to T. C. Jervay, editor of the WILMINGTON JOURNAL commending him on his editorial, "My County 'This of Thee," in which the editor took Senator Eastland to task for his un American remarks concerning Negro troops. Jervay called for fair-play. In his letter to the editor, the white minister said: "I liked very much your editorial in current issue of the JOURNAL, entitled: "My County 'Tis of Thee" I am grateful to God that the Senators from the Indep Republic of Mississippi do not represent us all. Throttling of FEPC, if successful, will prove no less than a national tragedy."

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## Thirty-Seven Girl Scouts Back From Camp

RALEIGH — "I had to end all too soon." This was the attitude of each of the thirty seven Girl Scouts who returned from Camp Whispering Pines on Tuesday, July 3, after a whole week of working, playing and living together in the out-of-doors.

The camp was directed by Mrs. M. W. Akins, who has completed the Girl Scout Camp Director's Course at Camp Edith Macy, New York. She was assisted by Mrs. R. P. Daniels, president of the Girl Scout District Committee. Miss Allene Pitts was dietition for the camp.

Leaders for the two units of the camp were Mrs. C. T. Green, music director, and Mrs. Lucinda Poole, crafts specialist, both of Oxford. Counsellors, who assisted the Unit Leaders were Mrs. Mary B. Sapp, who supervised the waterfront; Miss June Kay and Miss Dorothea Lester (games and daybikes), Miss Alethea Fleming (music and dramatics), and Miss Gwendolyn Ligon (nature study and games). Mrs Sapp was assisted on the water-

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## Bishop Oxnam Urges Churches To Offer Appropriate Prayers

New York, July 6 — Asserting the time of mankind's great decision on international orgnaization — towards which our churches have worked for many years — has arrived, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, urged the churches on July 22 to offer appropriate prayers and read the Council's statement urging ratification of the United Nations charter.

In calling upon the Protestant churches to read the statement adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, June 26, Bishop Oxnam said that "prompt ratification by the United States Senate and by the governments of the other nations can assure a favorable start along the one hopeful road to a better world order."

Pointing out that the delegates of 50 nations to the San Francisco conference now have placed before the peoples a new world charter, Bishop Oxnam said it is for the peoples to make their choice — to accept it with the possibility of peace or reelect it with the practical certainty of a new and more terrible war.

Christians as citizens, Bishop Oxnam asserted, should urge in every appropriate way that our government accept without delay its full responsibility within the new United Nations.

"The promise of the United Nations Charter," said Bishop Oxnam, "will be infinitely increased if the affirmative decisions of governments is reinforced by the united and dedicated will of our people and the other peoples of the family of nations. Now is the time to commit ourselves anew to the ideals of the United Nations Charter and to the task

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## WDL Opposes Labor Bill Attack On Right To Strike

NEW YORK CITY (MDL) — The Ball-Burton-Hatch Industrial Relations Bill attacks labor's right to strike by establishing compulsory arbitration, Max Delson, Workers Defense League national counsel, declared in a statement announcing the League's opposition to the bill.

In releasing Mr. Delson's statement, WDL national chairman Rev. Aaron S. Gilmartin, declared: "The right to cease work is fundamental in a democracy. All concerned with the maintenance of the democratic way of life should oppose the Federal Industrial Relations Bill. This bill if passed would emasculate the National Labor Relations Act which is essential to the maintenance of labor's democratic rights."

Mr Delson's statement follows:

"The Federal Industrial Relations Bill sponsored by Senators Ball, Burton and Hatch is a definite threat to the organized labor movement in the United States. All sections of organized labor have unanimously condemed this measure, because if it is enacted into law it will not only impair the function-

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## 44-HOUR WEEK

**RALEIGH — As instructed by President Truman last week, the War Manpower Commission and its United States Employment Service will observe the 44-hour work week in the future, the instructions were effective July 1.**

**Dr. J. S. Darton, State Manpower Director, announces that the local USES offices the WMC area offices and the State Administrative Office will be open daily through Friday from 8:30 to 5:30 and on Saturdays from 8:30 to 12:30.**

**For the past three and one-half years these offices have operated on a 48-hour work week basis, including work until 5:30 on Saturday afternoons.**

## Acquittal Won for 2 477th Officers Held Since April

Godman Field, Ky. — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People won acquittal this week for Lieutenants Marsden Thompson and Shirley B. Clinton, two of the three Negro officers of the 477th Bombardment Group held since early spring for entering a white officers' club at Freeman Field, in Seymour, Indiana. At a subsequent hearing, Lieutenant Roger Terry, the third defendent was found guilty of "offering violence to a military police officerf and fined $150. Other charges of disobedience were dismissed.

At the request of Judge William H. Hastie, chairman of the NAACP local committee, Attorney Theodore M. Berry, president of the Cincinnati branch, NAACP represented the men at the courts-martial and as assisted by Lts. Edward K. Nichols, Jr., and William F. Coleman, Jr., military defense counsel.

The officers were charged with violating the 64th Article of war in their refusal to obey the order of a superior officer and with jostling an officer when they were told not to enter a club set aside for the use of whites. Violation of the 68th Article of war was also charged.

The men were originally confined with 98 others at Freeman Field in Indiana. Release of the latter group, however, was brought about after investigation was made and vigorous protests were sent to the War Department by the NAACP and other groups.

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**AIRLINE NETWORKS INCREASE**

Washington — The authorization of 1,244 miles of new routes to the airline networks during the five months of this year brings the total number of miles of routes over which the domestic airlines are scheduling planes to 64,181 an all-time high.

## Gov. Arnall Challenged To Read Report on FEPC

NEW YORK CITY (WDL) — Replying to the statement of Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, opposing the FEPC as "unworkable and as an irritant to harmonious race relations," Miss Winifred Raushenbush, author and race relations expert, declared, "Governor Arnall says he supports the right of Negroes to 'economic equality' yet repudiates the agency which as the record shows, has been the means both of getting jobs for racial and cultural minorities and of easing group conflicts."

Miss Raushenbush, whoes latest work, "Jobs Without Creed or Color" has just been published as a pamphlet of facts and action in support of FEPC by Workers Defense League, challenged, "If the Governor will read the annual report of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, he will learn that it is workable; for it has helped thousand of Negroes, Jews, Mexicans, American Indians, Orientals and others to secure the economic equality and the right to work which Gov. Arnall says he supports."