

"HIT" GIRL GETS VOTE CASE

CONTINUED FIGHT FOR JOBLESS PAY BURGED

GROUP ASKS FOR \$25 MINIMUM PAY

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The N. A. A. C. P. this week blasted the Senate Finance Committee headed by Senator Walter F. George (D., Ga.), for striking from the Kilgore Unemployment Compensation Bill provisions of give jobless workers throughout the United States the maximum weekly benefits of \$25 per week for 26 weeks.

Walter White, NAACP secretary declared that this important provision was killed in the Finance Committee by a coalition of reactionary northern and southern senators who would rather see thousands of families half-fed, ill-clothed and generally demoralized than provide a decent rate of unemployment compensation.

The NAACP told Senator Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) that it heartily endorses all the provisions of his bill and urged him to stand firm against compromises. It printed public statements by Senator Kilgore to the effect that he would continue the fight on the Senate floor to restore the \$25 weekly job aid.

In addition, the Kilgore unemployment compensation bill would extend compensation to federal employees, merchant seamen, and workers handling agricultural products and increase GI unemployment benefits. The measure, the NAACP pointed out, is of particular importance to Negroes during the period of employment cutbacks and of reconversion. It urged messages to Senator Kilgore pledging support and telegrams to senators.

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A Philip Randolph, co-chairman of the national registration drive, addressed the session with a masterful address in which he placed the permanent FEPC bill on the same par with the bills to grant unemployment compensation and to create full employment.

La. Citizens Seek \$100,000 To Battle For Ballot, Pay

NEW ORLEANS, La. — A campaign for \$100,000 to finance a four-point program for civil rights was launched here September 9 by the Citizens Committee of the NAACP of Louisiana in a meeting at Booker T. Washington high school.

The program outlined is (a) to secure the ballot and break of discriminatory registration practices and to maintain the schools throughout the state; (b) to institute a series of court cases to equalize educational facilities in the state from the university level down to the elementary schools; (c) to combat police brutality; and (d) to integrate Negroes into the Home Guard.

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Ask Anderson Bar Wage Ceiling on Cotton Picking

KLAN SENDS EDITORIAL TO S. C. EDITOR

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP)—An editorial entitled, "Should Get Down to Business," which appeared in the Charleston News and Courier, arrived at the desk of John H. McCray, editor of the Light-House and Informer here Tuesday morning, with the letter, "K.K.K." surreptitiously scrawled across the editorial masthead on the page from which it had been torn.

The envelope containing it was addressed, "Negro News Paper—Press, Columbia, S. C." and was postmarked, "North Charleston, S. C., 8 A. M., Sept. 10, 1945." The editorial said in part: "Occasionally we read newspaper and magazines published by Negroes, in South Carolina and other states, and the notable characteristic of them is that they give a minimum of attention to industrial and commercial enterprises by Negroes.

"In them is seldom a word to encourage Negroes to purchase farms, to set up stores and shops and factories albeit tens of thousands of Negroes now have money and are spending it lavishly — on things that won't last.

The newspaper repeated its assertion that Negro leaders and their press are pushing too hard for the right to vote in another editorial five days later.

Stimson, Vinson Queried On 'Gag' On Negro Talk

NEW YORK — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson were asked this week by the NAACP whether the instructions to 23 Treasury women employees by an Army lieutenant not to discuss the Negro question during their stay in Germany represented official policy of the two departments.

CITIZENS FIGHT OUSTER OF 11 TEACHERS

IBERVILLE, La. — The discharge of 11 probationary teachers by the Superintendent of Schools of this Parish was protested by a packed mass meeting of citizens who came all over the Parish county, by car, truck, and wagon, with some on foot. Several hundred persons stood outside the church to listen to the speeches.

Principal Wiley B. McMillan was the plaintiff in the case to equalize teachers salaries in Iberville Parish, and the whole dispute is the method of the Superintendent of Schools has chosen in an effort to frighten the Negro citizens from carrying on their suit.

Citizens at the meeting on September 10 voted to fight to have the teachers reinstated and also to file another suit to compel the school board to equalize all salaries for education, not merely teachers salaries. Despite the threatening action of the Superintendent, all the teachers who were not first attended the meeting and gave their support to the program, indicating that the Parish is in a fighting mood.

This case is one more step in a state-wide campaign inaugurated by the Citizens Committee of the

SPINGARN MEDAL TO ROBESON OCTOBER 18

NEW YORK — The 30th Spingarn Medal will be presented formally to Paul Robeson, internationally famous actor and singer, on Thursday, October 18, at a dinner in the Hotel Biltmore here, it was announced last week by the N. A. A. C. P.

The presentation address will be made by Marshall Field, Chicago publisher. There will be special music for the gathering of distinguished guests expected to tax the capacity of the grand ballroom of the hotel.

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Senator Barkley Pledges Aid on Legislation

NEW YORK — Legislation affecting Negroes have the "earnest and serious consideration" of Senator Alben W. Barkley, Majority Leader.

Billbo Picket Returns Undaunted

NEW YORK (CNS) — After sixteen days of picketing Senator Billbo's office in vain, Edward Bykowski, a wounded veteran of five years' service in the Navy, came back home from Washington undaunted and with new ideas of attacking the Bilbo menace.



PAUL ROBESON

S. C. MINISTER SLAIN IN GUNSHOT BLAST

DILLON, S. C. (ANP) — The youthful, progressive and well-liked Rev. Gregory David Collins, pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in this section, died instantly of gunshot wounds in the home near the Little Rock section early Friday morning.

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White GIs Protest Racism Against Colored Soldiers

BERLIN, Germany (ANP)—The white GIs, members of America's occupation force here, lodged a complaint against color barriers affecting Negro soldiers in a recent issue of Yank magazine.

Senators Must Face Race Problems' Robeson Tells Veteran Tankers

WITH THE 761ST TANK BATTALION IN EUROPE — (ANP) — "The people of America must face the race problem and they realize it," said Paul Robeson, celebrated stage and screen artist, and singer as he talked with some members of the veteran 761st Tank Battalion at Berchtesgaden, on the veranda of a hotel looking up to Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" mountain retreat, last week.

Charge Edison Co. With Bias

NEW YORK CITY (CNS) — The great Consolidated Edison Company has been charged with racial and religious discrimination by Joseph Fisher, president of the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees (CIO). Less than one percent of the 55,000 employees are Negroes, accused Fisher and "they have only the most menial jobs."

Adding that "less than one-half of the present are Jews as employed by the company," Fisher announced that he would lead a strike in the public utilities in New York with no transportation, no sewage, no lights, no anything.

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Army Won't Aid Release Of 'Blitzed' Corporal

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP)—James H. Hinton, state president of the S. C. Conference of NAACP, said Tuesday that the army would not intervene in the release of Cpl. Jake Sullivan, under a two year sentence in the state penitentiary following a "blitzed" arrest, beating and trial in Walterboro June 10.

North-South Coalition Hit On Full Job Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The coalition of northern reactionaries and Dixie Democrats in opposition to the full employment bill was scored here September 19 at a conference of labor, civic, church, and Negro organizations at the Hamilton Hotel.

Approximately 4,000 Denied Ballot In City Primary

Atlanta — (ANP) — Leaders of the movement to vote in the Sept. 15 city Democratic primary addressed the following letter to Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington.

"We, the undersigned, have just been denied our right to vote in the city primary election and have been told by precinct officials that they had been instructed by Arthur Johnson, chairman of the city executive committee, to deny ballots to all of the approximately 4,000 colored voters despite the fact that they had a full list of voters including Negroes supplied by Registrar T. E. Suttles.

"This action today is making a mockery of the whole concept of law and order.

"I was not told that I didn't have to fight because I am not white. Instead, I was sent over seas and served with honor in the European theater, and was awarded the Bronze Star by Brig. Gen. John L. Peerce, commanding general of the 36th Armored division.

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Complex In Prison Camp Confines, Says Nurse

CHICAGO (ANP) — Nazi war prisoners show no arrogance of superiority and are very much impressed by Negro nurses.

(Signed) C. L. Harper, president of Atlanta branch NAACP; A. T. Walden, NAACP legal counsel and president of Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic clubs; C. A. Scott, editor and general manager Atlanta Daily World.

"Scores of other Atlantans petitioned Clark for action in the vote denial.

"I have been fighting for I am about to believe that I fought in vain for what I thought I was fighting for—democracy.

"I helped to deliver Czechoslovakia from slavery but returned to my home in America to find that I and my entire race are suffering a slavery just as intolerable as that the Germans place on American right.

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LOUISVILLE (ANP) — The executive board of the National Fraternal Council of Negro churches, will meet at Broadway Temple here, Thursday, September 27, Rev. J. L. Horace of Chicago, chairman of the board, announced this week.

POTLAND, O. (ANP) — A probe has been ordered into the police slaying of Ervin Jones, a father of five children, here recently.