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## 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 bill also would require the NAACP printed 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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By ERNEST E. JOHNSON  
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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 FEPCC bill on the same par with the bills to grant unemployment compensation and to create full employment.

At least three of these bills are sound and indispensable to a healthy, expanding, and dynamic democratic economy," Randolph told his rapt listeners. "And unless they are passed, the country is certain to witness sharp rivalry and competition for employment which will sow the seeds of a rising and threatening wave of job riots, race riots, and religious riots."

He said the "fair employment and full employment complement and supplement each other" and observed that there could be no full employment without fair employment. He expressed a mindful employment.

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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.

"Reading these newspapers and periodicals of colored people, one seldom comes upon anything that is not a whine or an angry protest that Negroes do not 'get in' with white people are not accepted, especially in political parties by them.

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.

## NURSING INSTRUCTOR ON WHITT HOSPITAL STAFF

OAKLAND, Cal. (ANP)—The Highland hospital of this city has just announced the appointment of Miss Nadin Byrd, as a member of the hospital teaching staff. She will aid in the instruction of 250 student nurses. Miss Byrd, a native of Oakland, graduated from San Francisco State college before entering the Highland hospital two years ago as a cadet nurse. Completing her training she was appointed head nurse in the medical department and then awarded an all-expense scholarship to Columbia University in New York City. There she majored in biology and won the A.M. degree.

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### 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 State of Louisiana.

## 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.

"I received a copy of your magazine and read that the AMG (Allied Military Government) is letting the Germans go back to school. After that I read in Mail Call about the jim crow treatment of colored American soldiers.



## 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.

Mr. Robeson was awarded the medal by a special committee last spring, but because of his theatre and concert commitments, including a USO tour overseas, the formal presentation has been delayed until now. The citation accompanying the award stated it was for "distinguished achievement in the theatre and on the concert stage."

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## S. C. MINISTER SLAIN IN GUNSHOT BLAST

DILLON, S. C. (ANP) — The youthful, progressive and well-known 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.

A coroner's jury Friday afternoon ordered hold for the slaying of Eddie Wright whom, it is alleged, came to the pastor's home armed with a shotgun, claiming an argument the two had the day before over possession of a pig. Ordered held with Wright as accessories before the fact are four other men who had brought Wright to the home in an automobile but who left without witnessing the slaying. They are Bone McGill, Bubber McGill, James Leggett, and Chesley Leggett.

Wright is accused of advancing up the front steps with the shotgun and having fired a blast through the front door the pastor had closed and held against the invader. The blast tore open the door and into the body of the pastor, whose tragic end was witnessed by his wife.

## SOLDIER EXECUTED FOR MURDERING MP

LAKE CHARLES, La. (ANP) — Pvt. Clarence D. Gibson, sentenced to death by court-martial for the murder of a white military policeman at the Lake Charles Army air field, April 25, 1945, 1943, was executed by a firing squad at the field last week. The execution was announced by Lt. Roy B. Pratt, commanding officer of the field.

## MACON SOLICITOR ADVOCATES ALL-NEGRO JURY

MACON, Ga. (ANP)—Charles H. Garrett, solicitor-general of Bibb county, advocates that all-Negro juries should try murder cases involving defendants, stating that he believes they would be more concerned with the trial of a Negro homicide case than an all-white jury.

Garrett stated further that should there be available two juries, one with white jurors, the other with Negro jurors, that he would try all white cases before white jurors and all-Negro cases before Negro jurors.

The superior court of Bibb county has 11 murder cases on docket for the fall, all of which are Negro cases. The solicitor-general pointed out that the acquisition of such a jury would involve many difficulties, especially under the present set-up but he felt that an all-Negro jury would produce better results.

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## 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 Atty. Gen. 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.

"Sometime last week colored Negroes were given ballot application forms but when their racial identity was discovered the forms were withdrawn.

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

"Police in some cases stopped Negroes before they could enter voting precincts.

"This is violation of our right guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the constitution. We appeal to you to protect our right in this government for which so many Negroes have just died to defend.

"In the name of ourselves and other qualified Negro voters we respectfully urge you to order an immediate investigation and bring criminal prosecution against the person or persons responsible for denying us our most important American right.

## 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 one percent are Jews as employed by the company," Fisher announced that for these reasons and unless the company bargained with the union, there will be a strike in the public utilities in New York with no transportation, no sewage, no lights, no anything.

Fisher flew to Washington this week end to enlist aid of CIO President Philip Murray in a strike against the utility company. A date is being set for a mass meeting of the union members at which a strike vote would be discussed.

Fisher complained that the company's payroll had been reduced in 10 years from 45,000 to 21,000. It wiped out 1,800 meter-reading jobs by issuing bimonthly bills. So far the Greater New York City Council has unanimously pledged its aid through the Brotherhood and Taylor LaGuardia has been asked to intervene on behalf of the union. Nevertheless "we will be in for a terrific fight with the company," concluded Fisher.

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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.

Hinton had previously announced the corporal would be turned over by the state if the army requested him.

The Tuesday announcement said that under army regulations, Sullivan was automatically dishonorably discharged from the service upon being convicted and sentenced to a period greater than one year. Hence, the army now has no jurisdiction in the case.

An alternate pardon action by the state's governor, announced last week, cannot be taken until the man has served 70 percent of his sentence on good behavior. This means that the soldier will have to serve at least 17 months of the 24 month sentence.

## UAW LOCAL ASKS SAILORS' PARDON

DETROIT, Mich. — Local No. 15 of the United Automobile Workers of America has passed a unanimous resolution asking President Truman to grant a full and unconditional pardon to the 39 Negro sailors convicted of "mutiny" as an aftermath of the fatal ammunition explosion at Port Chicago, California, in July, 1944, which claimed a total of more than 327 lives.

The CIO resolution said: "We call upon the CIO to cooperate with the NAACP in mobilizing all labor, liberal, Negro and working class fraternal organizations in a campaign for the pardon of these sailors.

The testimony of the mob at the original courts-martial was not handled by the NAACP but the appeal of their sentences was handled before the Navy Board of Review by Thurgood Marshall and other NAACP lawyers. The Judge Advocate General of the Navy has approved the legal form of the courts-martial, but according to a letter dated August 15 from Secretary Forrestal to the NAACP, the sentences "have not been affirmed and have not yet come to me for final review."

## BOARD FRATERNAL COUNCIL NEGRO CHURCHES TO MEET

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.

## Probe Ordered Into Police Slaying of Father Of Five Children

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

Jones was shot to death while standing in a well-lighted room after he refused to admit police officers. Prior to death, the victim, who was shot at a distance of about 12 feet, stated he refused to open the door because he thought the officers were robbers.

A number of local civic, labor and church organizations have come to the aid of his widow when it was revealed that she was financially unable to bury her husband or to escort his remains to Shreveport, La., his native state. Funds for the family are being solicited through

## 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.

The first case in the program is already underway in the form of a suit brought by Edward Hall, colored citizen, against T. J. Nagel, registrar of St. John the Baptist Parish. Hall charges that he was illegally denied the opportunity to register. Argument on the motion to dismiss was held in the Federal District Court here September 12. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel of New York, was the speaker at the Sunday mass meeting and argued the case in Federal Court September 12.

## 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.

The letter of inquiry pointed out that military censorship in Europe had been abolished and termed "incredible" the idea that American civilians should be denied free speech on any question. According to the original report of the "gag" on the women, revealed by one of them after the group arrived in Frankfurt, they were told that discussion of the Negro question would "hasten a revolution in the South."

## Bilbo Picket Returns Undaunted

NEW YORK (CNS) — After sixteen days of picketing Senator Bilbo'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. "I'm going to first rest up a couple of days and go to the hospital for a checkup," he said. "Then I'm thinking of a couple of things. I'm going to appeal to every veterans' organization to get behind me. And I'm toyizing with the idea of sewing a lot of ex-GIs to go to visit Mississippi with me to say this: I purchased a round-trip ticket from Washington. I'm not giving up."

## 'Americans 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.

The famous artist and singer was on a USO tour of army installations in the third army area, and was visited by a group of the heroes of the 761st's most outstanding battle engagements and was photographed with them.

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