$300,000 College Fund Split Between Thirty-three Colleges

AVERAGE VET LESS THAN 30, REPORT SHOWS

Washington, D. C. (NNPA) — Fifty-nine per cent of the colored male veterans of World War II and 67 per cent of colored women veterans are less than thirty years of age, a tabulation by the Veterans on a scientifically selected and weighed sample of separation punch cards reproduced from the official Army, Navy and Marine Corps files, established for the first time an official figure on the number of colored veterans in the United States.

According to the study, there were 14,361,000 veterans of World War II as of June 30, last.

Of that number, 1,264,000 were colored men and 10,000 were colored women.

The bulk of the colored male veterans, 419,372, fell into an age group between 20 and 24 years. In that age group were 331,030 veterans. There were 2,022 colored veterans under the age of 20.

The study showed an even greater proportion of colored women falling into age groups below thirty. Although only fifteen women veterans were under the age of 20, there were 5,247 between the ages of 25 and 29. The next largest age group for women was between 30 and 34 years. Almost 2,000 fell into this group. The third largest age group in which colored women fell took in the ages from 20 to 24 years. There were 1,407 women in this age group.

Based on results of the study, the VA last Wednesday estimated the average age of all World War veterans to be 29.1 years as of June 30.

CAMPAIGN STILL ON

NEW YORK (ANP) — The first allocation of proceeds of the 1947 campaign of the United Negro College fund was divided among 33 member institutions of the group, it was announced here last week. The total amount of funds given out amounted to $300,000.

The campaign of "Support Your College" is still underway in many major cities, and it is expected that additional distributions will be made in October and in January, 1948, after the campaign closes.

Frank M. Totten is chairman of the campaign committee. Local chairmen are Mrs. George A. Wyeth of Riverdale and Mrs. John H. Nobel of Pelham, N. Y., who operate sponsoring committees in their areas. Mrs. Chauncey Waddell is chairman of the Greater New York Women's division of the fund, and Mrs. Wendell Willkie heads the Greater New York sponsoring group.

TO ANNOUNCE AVC STAND ON JIM CROW UNITS

Wash., D. C. (NNPA) — The attitude of the American Veterans Committee toward the establishment of Jim Crow AVC chapters in Miami and other places in the south will be announced here this week by Chat Patterson, newly elected chairman of AVC, it was learned last Tuesday.

Although the AVC constitution expressly forbids the formation of separate chapters based on race, color, or creed, southern leaders of AVC, with an eye to ward increasing their membership, have contended that they can not successfully carry out the expansion plans of the organization unless Jim Crow chapters are permitted to be established.

They argue that many southern veterans who would join the organization are refusing to do so because they do not wish to have mixed chapters.

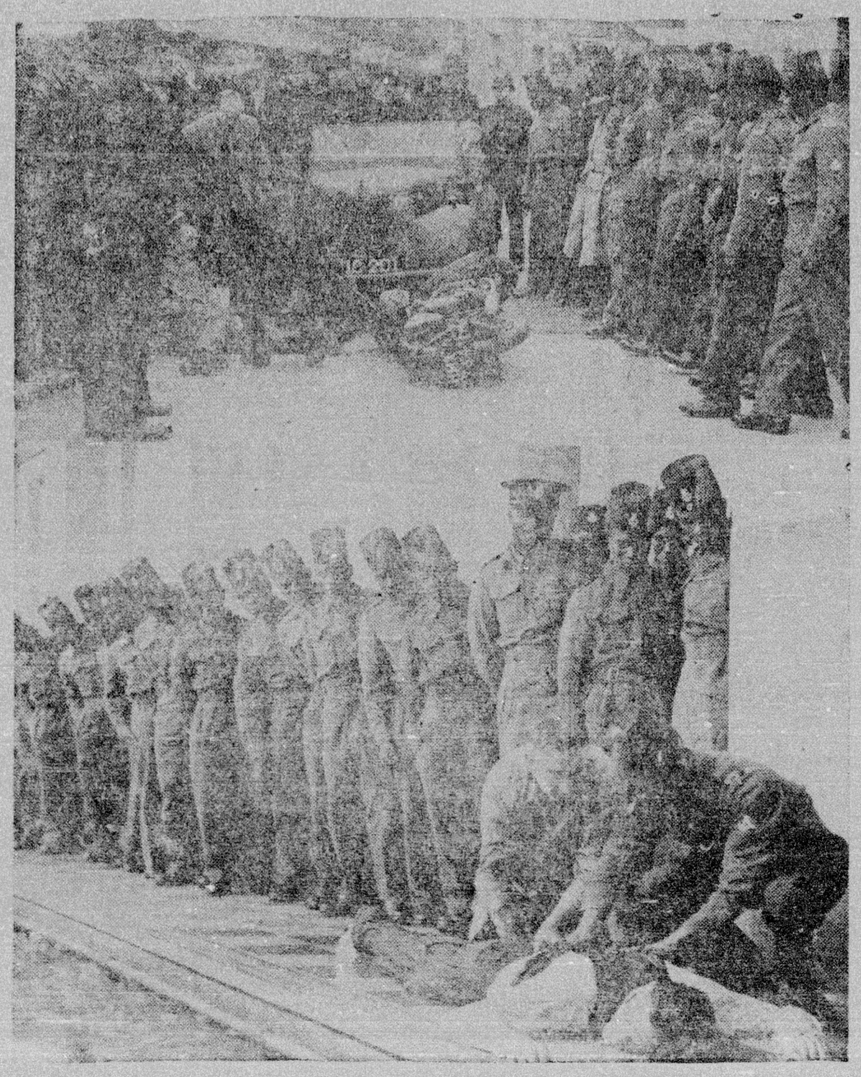
Another argument raised is that southern colored veterans themselves are opposed to integrated chapters.

Last year the issue was laid before the AVC national planning committee. A group of colored veterans had organized a Jim Crow chapter in Miami, Florida, and the question arose as to whether they should be granted a charter in violation of the AVC constitution.

Franklin Williams, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's legal staff, who was then a member of the AVC national planning committee, opposed the granting of a charter to this or any segregated group and the matter was dropped.

Asked pointedly last Wednesday whether or not AVC actually has Jim Crow chapters in the south, a public relations official here said the question was a "tough one" and that Patterson himself would answer it next week.

cident Arranged For Visiting Cops



Members of the Gold Coast (British West Africa) Police band, in Britain on a four-months' tour, visited Hendon Police college, London. They saw and took part in the practical training of London's police recruits.

The picture shows: TOP: Bobbies and West African police learn what to do in the case of a traffic accident. The car and a cycle have collided.

BOTTOM: Sgt. Jeffers, of the Hendon Police college, demonstrates artificial respiration in a case of drowning. Gold Coast policemen take their place in line for individual instruction. (ANP)

Patterson On Committee To Study And Spearhead Military Training Plan

HAMPTON'S DATE OF ADMISSION IS EXTENDED

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — Hampton Institute's admissions deadline for July 1 has been extended until August 1 in the following areas of study: agriculture, elementary education, home economics, nurses education, and the trades programs of sheet metal and roofing, forging and welding, and painting and decorating.

Although some divisions of study at Hampton will be unable to accommodate all of their eligible applicants, college officials say they can a larger number of well-prepared applicants in the above-named areas.

Early estimates indicate a total enrollment of 1650 next fall — approximately 65 per cent above the pre-war average but very little above the 1946-1947 enrollment which, according to college officials, was already taxing Hampton.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—The Citizens Emergency Committee, organized by Owen J. Roberts, retired Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to spearhead a movement for prompt enactment of legislation for universal military training, has only one colored member.

The committee consists of 120 leading citizens from many walks of life. Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, is the lone colored member.

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Named Winner

Miss Gloria E. Cochrane, 15-year-old Hunter College High school senior of Brooklyn, was named winner last week of the 11th national Phi Delta Kappa $500 competitive scholarship examination. She plans to attend Mt. Holyoke College to major in psychology or psychiatry. One hundred eighty-five contestants from 20 states vied for the award. Her sister, Nell Marie, was a runner-up in the contest and will also receive an award. Miss Lola Patterson, Tuskegee, and Miss Dolores Watkins, Detroit, won $50 regional awards in the same contest.

Wins Scholarship

Miss Lola Patterson, 18-year-year-old Tuskegee Institute High School graduate, was acclaimed last week the regional winner of the 11th national Phi Delta Kappa competitive scholarship examination. She received a $50 award for leading all contestants from the southern region. Miss Patterson plans to major in chemistry at Talladega College next fall, then enter a medical school. The $500 national award was won by Miss Gloria E. Cochrane, of Brooklyn. Miss Dolores Watkins, Detroit, was named winner of the western region. (ANP)

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THE CAROLINIAN

Present Congressional Trend Hampers Negro

New Deal Agencies Are Crippled Under Truman

Washington (ANP)—The passing of the Roosevelt era as seen in the drift of congress toward the right and the passing of restrictive measures against labor, the spreading of witch hunting while lynchers go free is regarded as harmful to the best interests of Negro Americans as to other Americans, according to some outstanding Negro leaders in the nation's capital.

The most encouraging thing in President Truman's administration is the good which may come out of the President's Commission on Civil rights. The commission will find that some of the fundamental laws of the nation originally designed to guard Americans in their civil rights are no longer in existence and that the federal government lacks the power to take charge of some cases where the individual's rights have been violated.

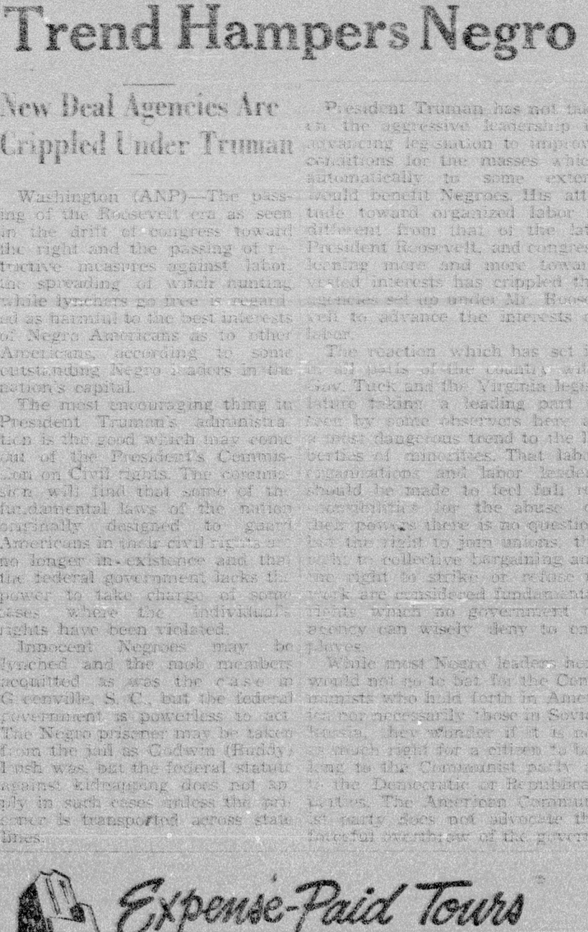
Innocent Negroes may be lynched and the mob members acquitted as was the case in Greenville, S. C., but the federal government is powerless to act. The Negro prisoner may be taken from the jail as Godwin (Buddy) Lush was, but the federal statute against kidnapping does not apply in such cases unless the prisoner is transported across state lines.

President Truman has not taken the aggressive leadership in advancing legislation to improve conditions for the masses which automatically to some extent would benefit Negroes. His attitude toward organized labor is different from that of the late President Roosevelt, and congress leaning more and more toward vested interests has crippled the agencies set up under Mr. Roosevelt to advance the interests of labor.

The reaction which has set in in all parts of the country with Gov. Tuck and the Virginia legislature taking a leading part is seen by some observers here as a most dangerous trend to the liberties of minorities. That labor organizations and labor leaders should be made to feel full responsibilities for the abuse of their powers there is no question but the right to join unions, the right to collective bargaining and the right to strike or refuse to work are considered fundamental rights which no government or agency can wisely deny to employees.

While most Negro leaders here would not go to bat for the Communists who hold forth in America necessarily those in Soviet Russia, they wonder if it is not as much right for a citizen to belong to the Communist party as to the Democratic or Republican parties. The American Communist party does not advocate the forceful overthrow of the government and has no plans for such a consummation.

There is something akin to Gestapo methods in the current investigation of government employees, some observers point out who fear America instead of strengthening its democratic institutions is undermining them with fascist tactics. No one, observers think, would suffer more from this than American Negroes.



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