

## Granz Nixes Jim Crow In All Band Contracts

CHICAGO (AP)—Not even Granz can turn down Jim Crow engagements for his jazz at the Philharmonic concert amounting to \$40,000 per tour and still make his concert mainstay weekly payoffs of four figures revealed in a March Negro Digest feature entitled "Jazz Jumpin' The Color Line."

Because of the stringent anti-discrimination clause in his contracts, Granz has not played farther south than Norfolk, the Negro Digest article asserts. And for the same reason he has turned down bookings as far north as Detroit and Flint, Mich. This no-prejudice clause reads:

"It is the essence of this agreement that there is to be no discrimination whatever in the sale of tickets. Further, there is to be no segregation of Negroes and whites. In the event of any violation, I have the privilege of refusing to give my concert, in which cases you will forfeit one half the concert price to me."

One of Granz' Tenets, the magazine says is that musicians

shall be paid salaries commensurate with their talents. Listing "names" of all races in his band, this practice runs his pay roll well into four figures weekly. The man pays because the public feels as Granz does that the heart beat of better human relations and the downbeat of jazz music are inseparable.

**Walter White To Speak At Meeting In Indiana**

Indianapolis, Ind.—Walter White will be the principal speaker at the closing mass meeting of the Midwest Regional Training Conference here on Sunday, February 22, at the Senate Avenue YMCA.

Techniques for carrying out the NAACP program in the Midwestern states will be discussed by members of the national office staff: Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary; Lucille Black, membership secretary, and G. B. Current, director of branch

Poor Sharecroppers Spend More For Food Than Farmowners, U. S. Ag. Dept. Has Revealed

Washington—Although colored sharecroppers receive smaller incomes than do tenant farmers, they spend more of their meager earnings in grocery stores because of their lack of opportunities to purchase more to meet own needs at home, a recent preliminary report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reveals.

The report indicates that colored farm families in the South spent an average of \$334 per family for food in 1945. A breakdown of the families into tenancy groups shows that farm owners spent \$365, sharecroppers, \$317, and tenants, \$311.

The higher expenditures for food by colored farm owners reflect their larger incomes over colored tenants and croppers, the report points out, but the larger food expenditures by sharecroppers over tenants do not mean that the former group eats better than the latter, but rather that croppers have fewer opportunities for producing more of their own food supplies, and it may indicate that sharecropper families are slightly larger than tenant families.

A comparison of expenditures by white and colored farm families in the South shows that white owners spent \$16 more for food in 1945 than did colored owners. Significantly, white tenants not only spent more for food than did colored tenants, but they also spent more than did colored owners.

This is understandable in view of the fact that the average sized farm of white tenants in the South is 116 acres as compared with only 60 for colored owners. The larger sized farms reflect higher incomes and, therefore, more money for food.

Although white and colored farm families in the South made a marked advance in food consumption during the war years, their rate of food expenditures was still 29 percent below that of the North in 1945. Even tenants in the North spent more for food than did white owners in the South.

The fact that the 270,000 colored sharecropper families in the South are spending more of their low-income for food than are colored tenants indicates the disadvantage of unstable tenure which lessens the opportunities for farm families to develop adequate gardens and accumulate poultry and milk cows.

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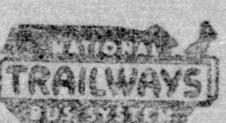
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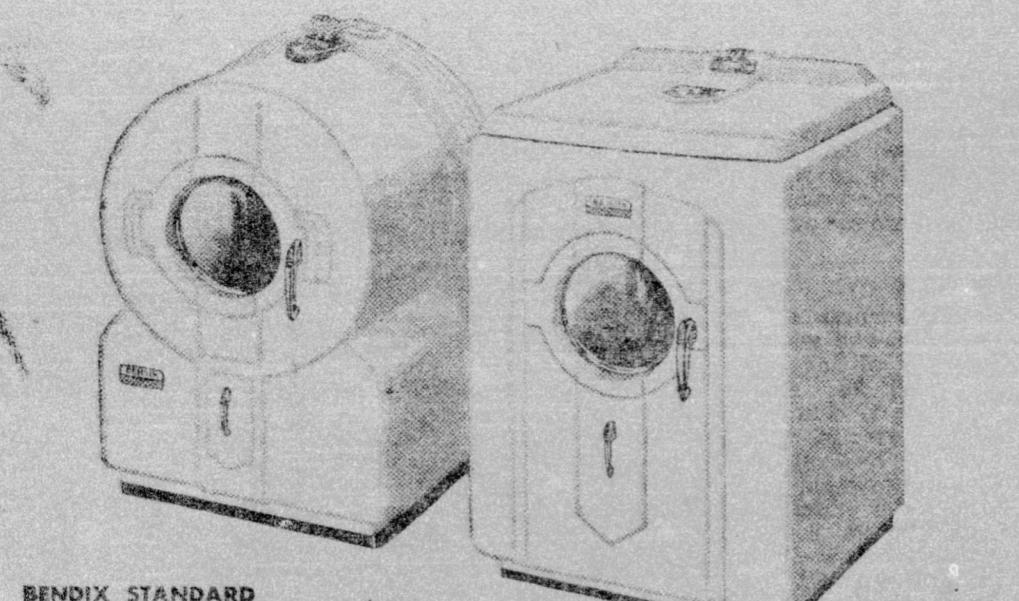
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## ANNOUNCES

### Louis Enrolls Mayor Of Chicago In Drive

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Louis, ennobled Mayor O'Dwyer of New York as the city calls the first member in a drive to enroll 1,000 members in the Sylvanian Institute and Hospital following this week.

Eddie Cantor is chairman and Joe Louis co-chairman of this drive to promote the ideal of international cooperation in seeking to raise \$750,000 to modernize Sylvanian hospital and build a new 10 story building next to the present hospital.

In the institutional setup, psychiatrists, technicians and research scientists will pool their efforts to move more health and welfare service in the Hayim Community.

Besides Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson in sports, Ray Robinson will participate in a benefit fight on the 15th anniversary at the Golden Gate ballroom in March.

In the entertainment field, in addition to Eddie Cantor are Hazel Scott, Canada Lee, Cornelia Otis Skinner and Jose Ferrer.

Other members of the following committee in the national drive include James Egan, Alice Mrs. Yorkie Allen, Ernest Angell, James C. Blaine, Col. M. O. Boufield, Chester Bowles, Gardner Cowles, Jr., Dorothy Crum, Leighton Currie, Col. B. G. Davis, Jr., John Garfield, Jonah J. Golstein, Ewart Guiney, Ernest Herbert, Langston Hughes, Miss Hugo Kaster, Judge Dorothy Kenyon, Herbert H. Lehman, Alain Locke, Charles Luckman, Capt. Hugh Mabac, Emil Mazza, Stan Milt, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., C. E. Powell, Samuel Pryor, Dr. Reed Samuel Rubin and Channing H. Tobias.

Among the assistants to the chairman of the national education committee are John W. Davis, West Virginia State College; John M. Ellison, A. M. Ph. D., Virginia Union University; W. A. Fountain, Jr., Morris Brown College; Richard V. Moore, Bethune-Cookman College; and Dr. Dean S. Yarborough, La Guardia.

Dr. Alfred E. Cahn, author of the "Student Plan" said that the purpose of the fellowship was to enroll men and women of good will in a organization dedicated to democratic principles.

### February 22-29 To Be Brotherhood Week

New York—February 22 has been set aside as the date for the nationwide observance of American Brotherhood Week which is fostered by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a National Headquarters announcement said last week.

In assuming the honorary chairmanship of the organization recently President Harry S. Truman said:

"National unity and strength depend upon the willingness of men of all creeds, races and national origins in America to respect one another's rights and to cooperate as citizens in all races of common conviction, concern

University of Maryland, Elizabeth May, Dean of Hood College, and Roscoe West, President of the State Teachers College at Trenton, New Jersey, and Dr. Bond.

The purpose of the Conference is to draft a long time program for meeting basic American educational and social welfare needs.

The sharp decline in the number of cattle on farms this year and reduced grain feeding probably will result in a smaller cattle slaughter in 1948 than in 1947.

All members of the Commission are representatives of national organizations with headquarters in Washington except Paul Anderson, President of the Pennsylvania College for Women; Harold Bertram, Dean of the



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## ARMY AIDE CITES GREAT NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In an address delivered recently at the Elks Educational Conference, Washington, D. C., James C. Evans, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, stressed the need for adult education in the light of current and future technical developments.

Mr. Evans pointed out that time would not be sufficient, in the event of a future crisis, to allow for the special training of illiterates. Therefore, it is important that civic organizations assume now, the task of enlightening all the people and thereby increasing the U. S. manpower potential.

At the request of the U. S. Office of Education, Mr. Evans, Colonel Campbell C. Johnson, Assistant Director, Office of Selective Service Records and Major David A. Lane, Jr., Troop Information and Education Division, Department of the Army, were asked to address the Conference regarding the Department of the Army Program for training illiterates.

The Department of the Army literacy training program, inaugurated in July, 1943, was an effort to acquire the maximum manpower for military service. Many of the men eligible for military service were unable to pass the Army literacy test and as a result, the armed forces were not able, at first, to use the country's manpower to the fullest extent.

Through the Army's literacy training program, eighty-five percent of the men assigned to the special training units were raised from illiteracy to the fourth grade literacy level and thereby permitted to be integrated into the service without impeding the training program. The Army program ended in November, 1945.

The U. S. Office of Education, sponsor of the adult education program has received the full support of the Department of the Army. Adult education materials used in the Army program have been made available to the Office of Education.

## KEEN INTEREST IN YOUTH LOBBY SEC'Y, REPORTS

NEW YORK—Requests for credentials and information pointing into the national office indicate a keen interest in the NAACP's second Youth Lobby to be held in Washington, D. C. March 31-April 1, it was announced by Mrs. Lucy Hurley, youth secretary.

Interracial student groups, community organizations and young people all over America have been invited to attend Headquarters for the lobby to be at Howard University and the program as outlined by the NAACP youth division calls for addresses by Congressmen and visits to Congressional Representatives and Committees. The youth will lobby for passage of FEPC, anti-lynching and anti-Crow Bills as well as against continuation of filibuster and for elimination of the poll tax.

Mrs. Hurley issued a call to all youth organizations interested in the lobby to plan to attend. For further information, write the national office.

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