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FIGHT PREDICTED TO OFFSET SOUTH'S DELAYING TACTICS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Negroes interested in the question of proposed delaying tactics in bringing changes in the civil status of the nation's minority groups.

In the first flush of victory, the south's dissidents failed to realize the full import of the civil rights program, widely discussed and strongly advocated by Truman supporters.

From the moment it was first promulgated, civil rights as sponsored by President Truman caught the public fancy and it was fighting piece even in the hottest stages of the national convention.

When the mayor of Minneapolis championed the cause that put a finishing touch in the South's objections — at that time, now the south with a majority of Democrats lined up in the senate, are going to attempt to forestall the inevitable day of reckoning and demand a thorough "study and survey" of all minority groups, including the Negroes and Puerto Ricans of Harlem.

Such a study may last four years — if it is adopted in the next session of congress and by that time, the Dixiecrats and the unconstructed southerners will come up with another proposal.

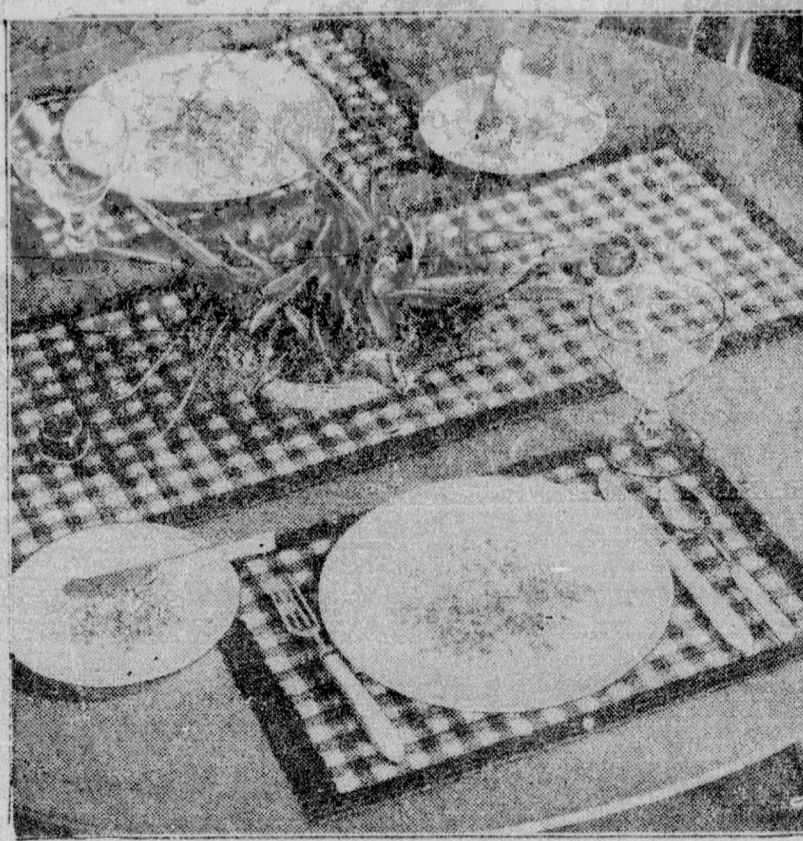
Relying upon the reactionary Republicans for support, the southern bloc hopes to put over some strange legislation early in the first congress — thereby delaying the civil rights program until later in the session.

This is not going to meet the approval of A. Phillip Randolph of the Pullman Car Porters Brotherhood, Edgar Brown of the National Negro Council — the most vocal of lobbyists — and they are going to hammer away. In fact, both have already gotten in some licks as to what they intend doing and their program has been exposed in the pre-congressional material being sent out. It is reasonably expected that the NAACP will also join in any protest which may come about as a result of congressional, particularly senatorial floundering in the part of the south's spokesmen.

Sen. Sparkman has sounded off on the civil rights program and what he says may be accepted as the tenor of the general belief. As usual, "the time is not ripe" and "states' rights must be respected."

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Simmons Brothers Get Safe Driving Emblems

KINSTON — Joseph Simmons and Bill Simmons, brothers, topped the list of 28 truck drivers awarded safe driving emblems at the Dr. Pepper Bottling plant here last week when they received seven-year certificates for safe driving.

Col. H. T. Hatcher, state highway patrol director, addressed the safety conference which was being held in connection with the awarding of the certificates and which was sponsored by J. T. Sutton, Kinston insurance man.

Exports of United States fishery products to European markets have declined drastically and can be expected to remain at low ebb until means are found to improve the foreign exchange situation.

NAACP Protests Firing of N. Y. City Sandhogs

NEW YORK — Protesters against continued stimulation of Negro workers who have been fighting for a long time against the firing of a sandhogg, a Brooklyn laborer, made this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The NAACP, charged that Curtis Chaney, a Negro sandhogg, had been fired by contractors for the tunnel because he had filed a bias complaint before the State Commission Against Discrimination.

Following Chaney's filing of a complaint in October charging the George H. Flynn Corp. with employment discrimination, he reported that he was threatened with physical violence by a foreman of the project. A new complaint filed by the NAACP on Chaney's behalf states that he was fired after being asked to sell his union book, which was in the union office for the routine of having a photograph attached to it. Chaney had presented proof that his union dues were paid, and has since had the book returned to him by the union, but the company has taken no steps to re-employ him.

In a letter to the S. C. A. D., NAACP Assistant Special Counsel Marian Wynne Perry declared, "This is the second instance of a discharge of an employee for fighting racial discrimination and it is also the second time that Mr. Chaney has been subjected to a violation of his rights." The discharge of the men who have filed complaints will be continued unless Chaney is immediately returned to work by order of the Commission.

Further hearings on the general charges of race discrimination in employment of sandhogs were set by Commissioner E. E. Edwards for December 7.

Other civic agencies have set up emergency quarters for 1,000 homeless persons at the Birmingham Municipal airport. So far no deaths have been caused by the flood.

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NEGRO, WHITE FORM LIFESAVING TEAM IN ALABAMA FLOOD

BIRMINGHAM (AP)—Although heroes were numerous in the flood now covering many areas of the south, probably two of the most active have been Thomas Lee McCurdy and John McClendon, white cafe operator.

McCurdy and McClendon forged the racial line and formed a partnership to help save the many flood victims. McClendon provided his boat, and with the help of McCurdy, transported many persons from their water-filled homes to safety.

They did not capitalize on the misfortune of their fellow citizens of Birmingham and charge for their aid. McCurdy has a two-story home, and moved his furniture upstairs to safety while the flood poured on.

The flood has covered communities in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, and is still threatening North and South Carolina. In Birmingham, the damage has already passed the \$100,000 mark.

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