

"TAN TROOPS NOT VITAL TO AIRLIFT"—RAY

Sharply disagreeing with claims of Walter White that "vital role" of Negro soldiers to the Berlin airlift is being ignored, Lt. Col. Marcus Ray, top-ranking Negro officer in the European Command, recently denied that the job being done by the Negro soldiers

in connection with "Operation Vittles" is of outstanding importance. Col. Ray, who is chief advisor to General Clay, commanding officer of the American forces in Europe, served during World War II with the 88th Central Postal Directory

and succeeded Truman K. Gibson as civilian aide to the Secretary of War at the war's end. Col. Ray's assertion that "The Negro soldier's participation in the air bridge is in no sense of the word vital" was contained in a letter written to James

C. Evans, advisor to Secretary of Defense Forrestal, in answer to a query from Mr. Evans concerning the lack of publicity given the efforts of Negro soldiers in Berlin. (Continued on page 8, first section)



The Rev. C. H. Brodie of Franklinton, N. C., has been called to the pastorate of the Springfield Baptist Church of Auburn, N. C., which the late Rev. M. W. Williams of Raleigh pastored for more than 23 years.

The Rev. Mr. Brodie is a graduate of the Albion High School of Franklinton and has attended Shaw University for the past three years in preparation for his A. B. and B. D. Degrees.

During his attendance at Shaw the Rev. Mr. Brodie was a member of the University Choir. He studied music under Miss W. B. Patterson of Washington, D. C. and was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church choir of that city.

He was also an evangelist singer for the Men's Layman Religious Club for two years.

The Rev. Mr. Brodie is a Christian leader, a competent organizer and a great asset to his people.

HOGS EXPENSIVE

Freed In Girl's Death, Jailed For Hog Theft

Beileville, Mo. (ANP) — A local court here last week freed a Negro who had admitted killing a colored woman for a hog, but a few minutes later sentenced the same man to 3-10 years for stealing hogs.

Wyman Ellis of National City said he shot and killed Olivia Eardson after she threatened to slash him with a razor, but State's Atty. Richard T. Carter dismissed a murder indictment against him because of lack of evidence.

A few minutes later Circuit Judge Edward F. Barcus sentenced Ellis to 3-10 years in jail for stealing hogs valued at \$500.

NAACP SUNDAY SET FOR FEB. 27

NEW YORK — More than 1,500 religious leaders throughout the country will observe NAACP Sunday on February 27, Walter P. Offutt, Jr., church secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced this week.

NAACP Sunday, initiated in 1947, is sponsored annually "to bring about a closer cooperation between the religious forces of the country and the Association in their common fight against bigotry, intolerance, social injustice, racial and religious discrimination and segregation," the Rev. Mr. Offutt said.

USE BLOODHOUND IN CAPTURE OF PISTOL WIELDER

Goldsboro — A two-hour chase with a bloodhound resulted in the capture, Monday, of Leslie Davis, 25, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Davis, who is being held in Goldsboro City Jail without bond, is charged with the attempted pistol slaying of Miss Dorothy Bryant, who is reported in serious condition at Goldsboro Hospital.

According to eyewitnesses Davis accosted Miss Bryant on Ashe St. and Georgia Ave. and began arguing with her about where she had been the night before.

During the course of the argument the man is said to have pulled a .32 caliber pistol from his pocket and shot the woman in the stomach. He then climbed on a bicycle and rode a short distance away, only to return and fire another shot into the girl's body.

Police who were called to the scene obtained a bloodhound which they used to trail the woman's assailant across country and into the Little River section where he took to the water several times.

The bloodhound picked up the trail each time, however, a Davis was finally found hiding in a culvert on the State Hospital grounds.

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RIGHTS PROGRAM STALLED AS "COMPROMISE" LOOMS

FORT BRAGG SOLDIER SLAIN

IN RIGHTS FIGHT

Program Doomed In Proposed Move

WASHINGTON—The delaying of Senate floor action on proposed rules changes to permit the shutting off of debate by a simple majority vote instead of the presently required two-thirds majority was bitterly assailed this week as a move to block enactment of the major section of President Truman's civil rights program.

Opponents of the Democratic majority in the Senate to proceed with immediate debate on the issue of cloture was denounced by the NAACP as "an unmistakable attempt to snare civil rights in a squeeze play between the anticipated filibuster against the rule change and the demand for early enactment of new labor legislation."

A resolution adopted by the NAACP board declared that the putting off of debate until February 28, a few days before introduction of the new labor bill aimed at repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, "deceives no one. It is an effort to divide organized labor and non-labor supporters of the President's civil rights laws and to block

basic changes in the Taft-Hartley Labor Act."

RULES CHANGES VITAL

Recognizing the futility of attempting to force the civil rights measures through the Senate without prior removal of the necessity for a two-thirds vote to limit debate, supporters of the rights program have been exerting every possible effort to secure the rules change.

Strength was given to the belief that delay on the rules measure would work toward its defeat by the declaration last week of Democratic Floor Leader Scott Lucas of Illinois that the rules change plan would be set aside "at any time that important legislation is ready for Senate action."

In the face of the avowed intention (Continued on page 8, this section)



AID DISASTER VICTIM — American Red Cross volunteer workers are shown giving first aid to a shocked disaster victim. During the past year more than

MYSTERY VEILS DEATH OF YOUNG GI FOUND ON POST

FORT BRAGG—The FBI Army Criminal Investigation Division and military police began a thorough investigation last week into circumstances surrounding the death of a Ft. Bragg GI whose nude, mutilated and partially decomposed body was found on the reservation last Friday.

The body of the dead GI was identified by the CID Tuesday through fingerprints as that of 22-year-old Joseph Jones Jr., a recruit from Chicago, Ill.

According to post officials the young soldier had been missing from his outfit since February 1 and had been carried as absent without leave since that date.

The body, badly mutilated and with all of its clothing removed, was found Friday on a deserted rifle range on a part of the reservation which was used during the war as a replacement training center.

According to the Criminal Investigation Division, the youth had been dead between one and two weeks at the time that the body was discovered.

Fayetteville police said that it (Continued on page 8, this section)

WOULD DENY AID

Ask Jimcrow Ban In Housing Bills

WASHINGTON — Declaring that "federal funds derived from the taxation of all the people can no longer be used to subsidize the iniquitous practice of racial segregation and discrimination," the NAACP last week urged Congress to adopt anti-segregation amendments to S. 138 and S. 712, bills to provide for a comprehensive program of slum clearance, public housing and aid to private builders for homes for moderate income families.

These amendments were proposed by Leslie Perry, NAACP Washington Bureau, to the Senate Banking and Currency subcommittee holding hearings on housing legislation. Mr. Perry urged the Congress to adopt an amendment providing that in the selection of tenants for public housing "there shall be no discrimination or segregation on account of race, color, creed or national origin."

ENDORSE SLUM CLEARANCE

Endorsing a slum clearance program, the Association's representative aimed a blow at restrictive covenants on these cleared areas. He proposed that the Congress require communities and private developers (Continued on page eight)



VISITS TUSKEGEE — Fearl Buck, distinguished author who spent many years in China and has written a number of books about the people there, recently

visited Tuskegee Institute as a guest of Dr. F. D. Patterson, president. She is shown above with Mrs. Patterson at the Patterson residence, discussing some of her novels. (ANP)

Memorial Rites To Honor Bishop

The memory of the Rt. Rev. Henry Board Delany will be honored in a special service at Saint Augustine's College Sunday, February 27. At the service, which will be held in the college chapel at the regular chapel hour, 11:30 A. M., Dr. John O. Plummer, Raleigh physician, will be the principal speaker.

Bishop Delany was born in Florida in February 1869. For many years he was a member of the faculty of St. Augustine's and before he was appointed archdeacon of the Diocese of North Carolina

had served as vice president of the institution, of which he was one of the early graduates. He married Miss Nannie Logan, also a graduate of St. Augustine's, and lived on the campus the remainder of his life. All their ten children were born at St. Augustine's.

Elected suffragan bishop of N. C., he was consecrated in the chapel in which the commemoration service will be held, and in the confessional of which he had a part. Bishop Delany, St. Augustine's first African American bishop, was a young man he was already a skilled milllayer and stone mason.

Woman Named To UNCF Board

Mrs. Chauncey L. Waddell, of New York City, has been appointed Associate Chairman of the National Council of the United Negro College Fund, to serve with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Chairman of the Council.

Mrs. Waddell, who is the daughter of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, has been chairman of the Fund's Greater New York Women's Division for the past two campaigns and will serve in that capacity again this year. She is also a trustee of Spellman College, Atlanta, Georgia, one of the 31 Negro colleges aided by the Fund.

In accepting her new post, Mrs. Waddell stated, "As associate chairman of the National Council I hope to help in creating more interest in and knowledge of the colleges which this Fund each year helps to support. Men and women throughout the country have been generous in their contributions to the Fund but I feel that if more people really understood the specific needs of the Negro colleges they will wish to share more actively in their program."

"We must give these colleges and their teaching staff the financial support they require to do their important tasks adequately. Right now they are performing miracles on a shoe string."

INDIANAPOLIS "Y" ELECTS NEGRO VICE-PRESIDENT — Dr. Joseph H. Ward, former commandant of the Veterans hospital at Tuskegee, was elected recently to the vice-presidency of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Metropolitan YMCA.

This is the first time a Negro has served in this position.

MARVA GETS CUSTODY OF LOUIS CHILDREN

MEXICO CITY (ANP) — The second marital venture of Joe and Marva Louis was dissolved here last week, with Marva getting the custody of the two children. Confirmation of the divorce, sought by Marva on "incompatibility" charges, was heralded by Mexico's leading newspaper, El Universal.

Mrs. Louis was represented by Atty. Alexander Lechuzza, while Joe retained Atty. Aaron Payne, Chicago, for the trial held in the state of Morelos, Mrs. Louis came here for the divorce because Joe Jr., was born in Mexico and is subject to the jurisdiction of Mexican courts.

She said the divorce was sought largely because Joe "is always traveling around and I can't go with him because of the children. The champion, enroute to Kingston, Jamaica, via Miami, for an exhibition bout had no comment to make other than to say he would continue to make exhibition appearances "as long as they are profitable." He was given the right to have the children with him during vacation periods.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, Walter L. Lowe an official of the cosmetic firm bearing the name of "Joe and Marva", intimated that the divorce would have no effect upon the future of the company. He said both parties still maintain a friendly business relationship. Two are stockholders in the corporation. In addition, Mrs. Louis has a quarter interest in all of Joe's fight contracts.

Bill Veech Hits Bias At Urban League Meet

CHICAGO (ANP) — Bill Veech boomed the cause of democracy, last week, in a scorching and entertaining talk at the annual meeting of the Chicago Urban League in the Grand ballroom of the Hotel Sherman in downtown Chicago. The fiery head of the Cleveland Indians baseball club, the first American league team to sign a Negro player, told numerous entertaining stories to illustrate how he thought every American citizen should be guaranteed his civil rights.

Giving his talk without script or notes, Veech told how he first thought of signing a Negro to his ball club. While in the marines during the recent war, Veech, was wounded in action and sent to a

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder-President of the National Council of Negro Women has announced Sunday, March 6th, as National Council Sunday. She calls upon all members of the Council to go to their places of worship for the achievement of "Civil and Human Rights for All."

The National Council of Negro Women has joined with other National Organizations in a strong effort to procure the passage of civil rights legislation this year and has adopted as its slogan for its current membership enrollment "Civil and Human Rights for All." The text of Mrs. Bethune's proclamation is as follows:

"The National Council of Negro Women as this year devoting all of its efforts to the furtherance of "Civil and Human Rights for All." The entire course of human destiny now hangs in the balance. Only a strong and respected America can (Continued on page 8, this section)

WHITE HONORED BY HAITIAN REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON — Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was one of six prominent men decorated with the Haitian National Order of Honor and Merit by Ambassador Joseph D. Charles of the Republic of Haiti a tan embassy ceremony held here this week.

Ambassador Charles announced to Mr. White that his government was bestowing this honor on the NAACP secretary "in witness of its high appreciation of your personal merits, of the magnificent work which you have accomplished for the rights of man, and the eminent services which you have been rendering over a long period of years to the Haitian Republic."

Other recipients of the award were: Guillermo Bell, retiring Cuban Ambassador to the United States; Luis Quintanilla, Mexican Ambassador to the Organization of American States; and William Manager, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

"BIASED" OFFICIAL IS KEPT OVER PROTEST

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Over protests of the National Negro council, President Truman issued an executive order here last week waiving a requirement that members of the Interstate Commerce commission must retire after reaching the age of 70. The waiver was made in the case of Col. J. Monroe Johnson, who will be 71 on May 5.

The objection registered by the council, through Edgar G. Brown, director, was based on the contention that Johnson "will do nothing to put the President's civil rights program into operation." Brown expressed this view both before the senate interstate foreign commerce committee and in a wire to the President.

He pointed out that the commission has done nothing officially to carry out the powers of the ICC in abolishing segregation and racial discrimination on the common carriers, railroads, buses, restaurants and public facilities for the Negro traveling public.

He cited as an example the case of Mrs. Mazie Powell, who was recently taken off a bus a few miles from Atlanta because she refused to occupy a long hard seat in the back of the vehicle while traveling from Georgia to Washington.

Earlier Brown had urged that the President name a Negro to the commission as "a step toward ending travel segregation."

Urban League In First Southern Fund Drive

The Southern Field Division of the National Urban League under the directorship of Mr. Nelson C. Jackson launched its first southern financial drive in Atlanta on Thursday at the Buller Street Y. M. C. A.

Messrs. W. H. "Chief" Aiken and G. E. "Grit" DeLorme are serving as co-chairmen to spearhead the drive to raise \$15,000 to perpetuate and expand the National Urban League's program in Atlanta and throughout the southern region which falls under the jurisdiction of the Southern Field Division.

Both Aiken and DeLorme expounded on the significance of the Urban League Movement in remedying racial relations and inter-racial planning and telescoping the attention of all citizens on the problems that constantly bedevil the

Negro communities and thereby exert an unwelcome impact upon total communities. The Southern Field Division of the National Urban League, has maintained headquarters in Atlanta for the work in the South for over twenty-five years. Up to this point, the League has never campaigned in the South for funds but has sustained itself through monies that were largely raised from northern sources.

Yet, with still a heavy Negro population in the South — an estimated 63 per cent — coupled with the rapid industrialization of the region, it has become more apparent than ever that the South should assume some responsibility for her nationally recognized social work agencies. Therefore, this initial (Continued on page 8, this section)