

Negro Officers Charge Bias In Shipping Industry

NEW YORK — Captain Hugh N. Mulzac, co-sponsor of a committee representing licensed Negro ship personnel, has reported that an appeal for a formal hearing to present evidence of alleged discriminatory conditions in the shipping industry has been sent to Major General Philip B. Fleming, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission.

The appeal charges that the American maritime industry "has reverted to a pre-war policy of denying employment to qualified Negro ship officers." Captain Mulzac said that less than 5 per cent of the 200 Negroes who were permitted to serve as officers with the American merchant fleet during the war years are still employed in the industry.

Captain Mulzac is considered dean of all Negro ship captains and has been unemployed since October, 1947. During the war he commanded the Booker T. Washington, one of the several Victory ships to be named for outstanding Negroes.

On the committee's roster are four of the five Negroes who were licensed as ship masters. Besides Captain Mulzac, they are Clifton Lastic, John Godfrey and James H. Brown. The fifth, Adrian Richardson, died in 1945. In addition, there are scores of mates, engine room officers, purser and wireless operators now unemployed because the ships they operated during the war have been withdrawn from service.

period. During this time the ship crossed the Atlantic 22 times, ferrying 15,000 troops without a mishap.

According to H. M. Singleton, operations manager of the Lockheed Steamship Company, Inc., the ship was withdrawn from service because "the crew got out of control at the end of the war," and the vessel was detained in foreign ports on two occasions because of smuggling activities by members of the crew.

Captain Mulzac denied the charge that discipline was lax at any time, and said that the smuggling charge was based on discovery of two cases of cigarettes under a consignment of coal when French customs authorities searched the ship at Rouen during the vessel's last voyage.

No Negroes are now assigned to any of the Lockheed ships. Mr. Singleton said that this was purely accidental and not a company policy.

At the time the Booker T. Washington was withdrawn from service many civil leaders, including Governor Folsom of Alabama, urged President Truman to keep the ship active. It was sought to keep the name of the noted Negro educator before the public as well as supply work for Negro officers.

Two With Town Hall Seminar World Tour

NEW YORK (ANP) — The World Town Hall seminar began its global tour of the world last week with a flight from New York to London then to Paris. Traveling on the educational journey are 28 leaders from various American organizations of labor, business, and civic interests.

Among the itinerants are Mrs. Edith S. Sampson, Chicago, representing the National Council of Negro Women, and Walter White, representing the NAACP. Mrs. Sampson is chairman of the executive committee of the NCNW.

The tour which began June 25 will end early in September after the seminar has touched leading cities in Europe and Asia and islands in the Pacific ocean.

Stops will include besides London and Paris, Brussels, Belgium; Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey; Nicosia, Cyprus; Lydda, Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt; Beirut, Lebanon; Damascus, Syria; Karachi, Pakistan; New Delhi and Calcutta, India.



ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY—Above are shown a few of the guests and hostesses who were present at the annual garden party given last week at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. McCauley by the board of management of the Sojourner Truth YWCA.

OHIO GROUPS ASK LEGION TO HELP FIGHT D. C. BIAS

COLUMBUS, O. (ANP) — Led by the Ohio State Democratic League, a number of organizations, both local and national, are calling upon the American Legion to stand up and help fight Jim Crow in the nation's capital.

This action was the outgrowth of a decision by the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary against sending representatives of the recent Buckeye Girls State to the national Auxiliary Girls State on an annual event in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Leslie M. Merritt of Columbus, head of the educational program of the Girls State, said that the decision was to save Joan Rankin, 16, Cincinnati Negro girl who was elected Girls State governor last week, "embarrassment" posed by social discrimination in Washington.

Other organizations which have thus far taken action or shown interest in demanding that Miss Rankin be sent to Washington to represent Ohio at the Girls State are the National NAACP and the Ohio State, Columbus, and Cincinnati chapters of the organization.

African Girl Seeks Spouse With \$1500

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — All you single fellows who are tired of the women you know here, open your eyes and read this. A really made wife is available for you right now — if you hurry.

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You want to know more? Here is the story by Miss M. L. A. herself, as she told it to a Philadelphia bi-weekly newspaper last week:

"I am a 20 year old young lady of Port Elizabeth who seeks an American husband who could send me 500 pounds (\$1,495.75) and pay my fare from Port Elizabeth to America by boat.

"I am not concerned about the looks. He must have sober habits and also be smart and neat and must be able to give me a good home.

"I am not well off, but I am from a very good and upright family. My height is five feet, five inches, a good figure, black hair, brown eyes. I am very ambitious, smart, and neat. I can cook and keep house.

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Patterson Reelected To Red Cross Board

ATLANTIC CITY — Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, was reelected to a three-year term as a member of the board of Governors of the American Red Cross at its annual convention held last week in Atlantic City.

The meeting, declared by many to have been one of the best in the history of the organization, reaffirmed the basic, fundamental philosophy underlying Red Cross and stressed through its chairman, Basil O'Connor, its board of governors and numerous speakers, the credo that Red Cross belongs to all of the people regardless of race, creed or color.

As chairman O'Connor said in his special address: "We see every man regardless of race or creed as being one of the images of God."

The largest ever annual convention of the Red Cross was held in Atlantic City, N. J., July 1-5, 1949. It was the 10th annual meeting of the American Red Cross, and was the largest ever held in the United States.

One day from Baltimore, one quite dark and the other very colorful, were everywhere together. There were few events they missed and nobody could mistake the fact that they represented a team.

Negroes, a spokesman observed, are interested in giving to Red Cross in an effective approach. It is made because in the first place they are naturally human sympathizers. Second, they know that whenever there is a flood, or a famine or any great disaster, especially in the south, Negroes are needy.

Trout Gets P. R. Post At Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE, INST. (ANP) — Charles E. Trout, 38-year-old Tuskegee Institute graduate and former teacher in the high school department, took over the reins of office as director of public relations for his old alma mater here Friday.

Trout, who has edited the Negro Farmer since April, 1947, will have charge of all functions pertaining to public relations and campaign activities of the school.

Born in Haskell, Okla., on July 18, 1911, he completed high school work at Booker T. Washington High School at Haskell in 1930, graduated with honors and a B.S. degree in May, 1934, from the school of agriculture at Tuskegee. For a year he taught agriculture in the Tuskegee high school department and coached high school athletics.

In December, 1935, he became deputy agent for Tuskegee county for the Alabama Extension Service, was assigned by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in July, 1934, for a year's tour as agricultural advisor to the Liberian

government, and in February, 1944 returned to the United States to edit "The Negro Farmer" and write a weekly radio program.

TRIBUTE PAID FORMER LINCOLN EMPLOYEE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — President Sherman D. Scruggs paid glowing tribute to the life of Samuel P. Johnson at funeral services for the latter last Saturday morning. Mr. Johnson had served Lincoln University for more than 20 years as superintendent of buildings and grounds, proctor of residences halls, and carpenter. The eulogy was given by Walter Wiseman, minister, Watch Tower Bible Society, St. Louis.

Eighty-five years of exceptional living ending for Mr. Johnson Wednesday at his home, he and his wife, Mrs. Stella Johnson, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1946. John, born Nov. 2, 1863, at Blackburn, Mo., attended Lincoln Institute and spent 30 years in the Central Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, pastoring in various towns in Missouri. In 1936 he was baptized as a minister in the organization of Jehovah's Witnesses serving actively in that capacity as long as his health permitted. He is survived by his children, Mr. Stella Johnson, eight children, Miss Helen Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Duncan, Edward Thomas Johnson (a Lincoln University employee at Jefferson City), Mrs. Sara Buxton, Louisiana, Mo.; Joseph Johnson, Mrs. R. C. McMurdock, Las Johnson, Jr., of Washburn, D. C., William E. Johnson, of Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies; twelve grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a brother, William Johnson of Olathe, Kansas.

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Southern Council Raps Regional Plan

ATLANTA (ANP) — Declaring that only in an unsegregated system of education can the precepts of democracy be taught, the board of directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., in annual session here last week expressed opposition to the Southern Regional Education plan as an instrument of perpetuating segregation and inequality in education.

The board commended those states which have made some forward steps toward the integration of Negro students in their educational systems, nevertheless it deplored the fact that in some instances segregation has been retained in the classrooms and other facilities to which Negro students have been admitted for the first time. The board expressed appreciation for the vestige of Jim Crow education become a permanent fixture.

Philanthropic agencies which have made grants to the Southern Regional Education plan were also criticized by the board on the grounds that such grants, in effect, helped to circumvent the intention of Federal court decisions that make mandatory the provision of equal facilities within each state.

Officers and members of the board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which has headquarters in New Orleans, are as follows:

Aubrey Williams, Montgomery, Ala., president; Benjamin E. Mays, Atlanta, vice president; Alva W. Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., secretary; treasurer and James A. Dombrowski, director.

Other directors are Charlotte H. Brown, Seattle, N. C.; Louis Blumkin, New York; Roscoe Dunbar, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Virchick Bruce Alexander, Va.; Clark Foreman, E. Franklin Frazier, both of Washington, D. C.; Percy Greene, Jackson, Miss.; Myles Horton, Monticello, Tenn.; J. Lewis Henderson, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; Luther P. Jackson, Petersburg, Va.; Lewis W. Jones, Tuskegee, Ala.; Leo Scheber, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins, Columbia, S. C.; John B. Thompson, Chicago; and Charles C. Webber, Richmond, Va.

D.C. POOL CLOSES AFTER NEAR RIOT

WASHINGTON (ANP) — A terrific battle is being waged between Jim Crow and fair play in the recreational area of the District of Columbia.

Advocators of Jim Crow have met such protest about the Federal government operating swimming pools on a non-segregated basis that it has resulted in almost a riot.

In his press conference last Thursday, President Truman would make no comment on the swimming pool situation. Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug found it necessary to order the closing of the Anacostia pool last Wednesday after two consecutive days of racial disturbances caused by the absence of white swimmers, to have Negroes using the same pool.

Apparently a mixed group of about 10 whites and 10 Negroes were swimming the pool peacefully last Wednesday, when a group of about 100 white youths assembled in the park. Later a group of around Negro youths entered the enclosure, the whites cornered one of the Negro boys causing him to splash a barbwire topped fence, cutting him. It was then that the racial battle started and kept at full swing until eight policemen finally separated the two groups and made them leave the pool.

Outside of the enclosure sporadic fighting broke out again and the policemen who were already on the scene found it necessary to call in reinforcements. By this time around 400 people are alleged to have joined in the fist-fights. When the fracas was finally quelled around 5 p.m. Several persons had to be carried to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries and some were placed in jail.

The Anacostia pool is one of the six operated by Government Service, Inc., under a contract with the Interior department which forbids segregation. Trouble had been

V. I. BILL MADE LAW OVER POCKET VETO

BY ADOLPH GEREAU

ST. THOMAS, V. I. (ANP) — The banks and banking bill passed by the Virgin Islands legislative assembly was allowed to become law last week without Governor William Hastie's signature.

Gov. Hastie objected to the re-issuance bill, because it calls for the supervision of national banks by a territorial board which apparently conflicts with American federal law.

"I believe an enforcement should not be attempted," he said.

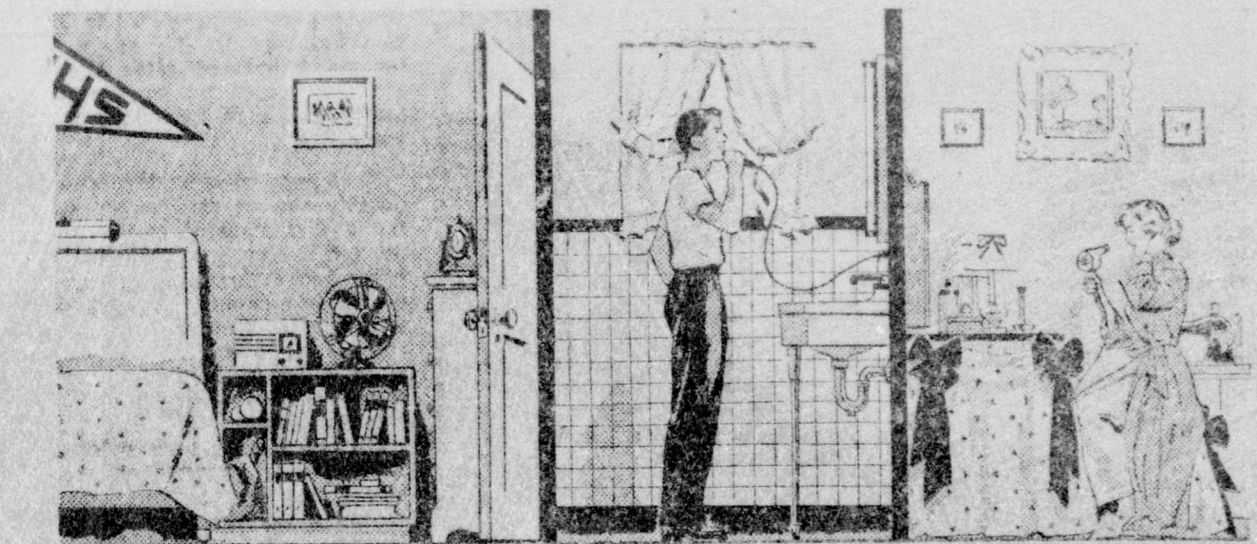
"Pointing out that St. Croix does not have an adequate banking law, and St. Thomas has no such law at all, Gov. Hastie said.

"Although I still believe there is no economic justification for two commercial banks in the Virgin Islands at the present time, the present territorial legislation is antiquated and must be corrected and revision be made for commercial development of the islands in the years ahead."

Other developments during the last week are including criticism of other legislative activity, the probable passage of the Virgin Islands company bill in the U. S. Congress.

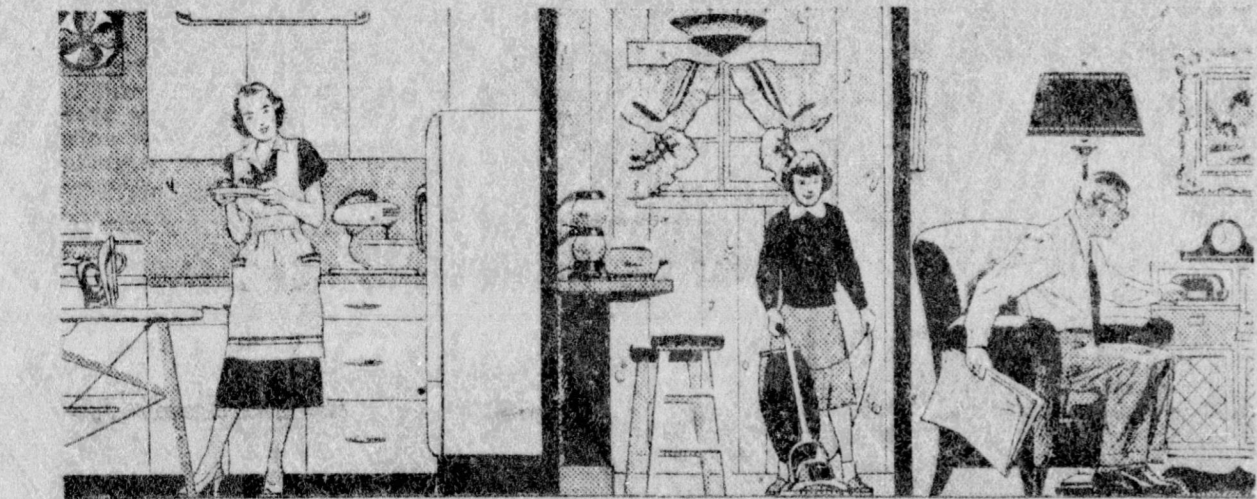
The St. Thomas Daily News is opposing the proposal on the grounds that it gives "probably the broadest charter powers and functions of any government organization we know of."

brewing around the pools ever since they throw open on a non-segregated basis. The life guards walked away from one of the pools earlier in the week when Negro and white went into a water throwing fight in the pool. They claimed that they feared more serious trouble would result and they would not be able to handle the situation.



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