



HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE — The Fiftieth Annual Report of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, an anniversary issue, was cited for its excellence in the field of insurance companies recently by Financial World, the trade publication. C. C. Spaulding, president of the company, is shown being congratulated by Weston Smith, vice president of the magazine, at the dinner to the winning companies held at the Staller Hotel in New York last week. Although not cited for this fact, North Carolina's report was considered the best of those submitted by Negro insurance companies.



FAST WORK BY NATIONAL GUARD BRIDGE BUILDERS—Members of the 1800th Engineer Aviation Company, Dearborn, Michigan, and the 1427th Treadway Bridge Company, Sault St. Marie, Michigan, combine their equipment and talents in the erection of a pontoon bridge during summer field training of the 46th Infantry Division of Michigan at Camp Grayling.

32 Groups Join In Drive For Rights

NEW YORK — Representatives of twenty-two national church, labor, civic and trade organizations formulated plans for a drive to secure passage of FEPC and other civil rights legislations at a conference held here today on call of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Agreeing to join in the sponsorship of the NAACP's civil rights mobilization, the organization representatives pledge support of the campaign on local, state and national levels. Local and state units of the organizations will be directed to cooperate with local branches and state conferences of the NAACP in seeking commitments from members of Congress to vote for FEPC and other measures included in the President's civil rights program.

Delegations composed of representatives of the various organizations will make a systematic check-up on congressmen and senators while the lawmakers are a home prior to the opening of the second session of the 81st Congress. While efforts will be made to get commitments from all members of Congress, the drive will be intensified in the pivotal marginal states in which Senate races will be held next year.

The mobilization of grass roots support of the program will culminate in a three-day conference in Washington next January 15-17, to which the organizations will send local delegates for a mass meeting and further conferences with leaders and members of both houses of Congress.

"The Senate passed a new and more difficult cloture rule during the first session," Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP secretary said. "Sponsors of the new rule maintained that it would be possible to pass civil rights measures under it. We intend to test that rule on the FEPC bill next January."

Organizations represented at today's conference include, in addition of the NAACP, United Automobile Workers, CIO; National Council for a Permanent FEPC; National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; Americans for Democratic Action; American

Council on Human Rights; National Alliance of Postal Employees; Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Anti-Defamation League; American Jewish Committee; United Packinghouse Workers of America; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Federal Council of Churches; Grand Lodge of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World; Jewish Labor Committee; Catholic Interracial Council; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union; National Bar Association; National Negro Funeral Directors Association; and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Other organizations which have indicated support of the drive but were not represented at the conference, include the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, National Medical Association; International Brotherhood of Teamsters; United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers; United Transport Service Employees; National Baptist Convention; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; American Jewish Congress; and Negro Newspaper Publishers Association.

Six Million Train Under GI Benefits

Approximately 6,340,000 veterans have had some sort of GI Bill training since the law went into effect in June, 1944, according to the Veterans Administration.

Classroom studies attracted most of the ex-servicemen. More than 93 per cent were enrolled in schools, 6 per cent in job training establishments, and 1 per cent in institutional on-farm training.

The college students in age are the youngest group of veteran trainees. Their average is 25, compared with an over all average — for veterans in all types of training — of 26.5 years.

Institutional on-farm trainees, with an average of nearly 30, were the oldest. Job trainees averaged 27 years of age, and veterans in schools below the college level averaged 23.

The average veteran, at the time he entered training, already had had 3 years of high school. Slightly over 50 per cent of them have one or more dependents. Ninety-nine out of every 100 veterans in training are males.

These are among the conclusions in a Veterans Administration study of characteristics of veterans in training under the GI Bill. The study, recently completed, was based on VA data as of November 30, 1948. The averages apply generally today, VA said.

The study revealed that 65 per cent of the veteran-trainees had had some high school training at the time they entered their GI Bill courses. Eighteen per cent had gone

to college, while 17 per cent had not progressed beyond elementary school.

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