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SAYS WILBERFORCE MAY LOSE RATING

Ten-Day Battle Ends In Success For Recognition

President's Group To Contain Two Negro Members

Washington (Special) — In a ten day battle behind the scenes here and in New York, the fight to get two Negro members named to the committee which is to function under the President's executive order banning discrimination in national defense industries was won July 17.

On that date, word came down from the poers that he that two colored men would be named. Up to that time a committee consisting of four whites and one Negro was seriously considered by high officials.

One of the stubborn obstacles to get a satisfactory committee together has been the attitude of Sidney Hillman, co-director of OPM in charge of labor. From the outset, it has been choosing.

Up to the last minute there has been vigorous objection to and protest against two men in the labor field whom Mr. Hillman has insisted upon as members of the committee. The nominee from the AF of L comes from a union with a notoriously unsatisfactory record on Negro workers. The nominee from the CIO is almost wholly unknown, comes from a small union, and is known in the labor movement as a "Hillman" man. His attitude toward Negroes is said to be satisfactory, but his other handicaps more than match this good point.

It is the feeling of those who have carried on the fight for an effective committee that the group should be composed of eminent, citizens, black and white of such independent character that they cannot be intimidated by employers, labor, or government officials.

For this reason, the suggestion has been urged upon Mr. Hillman that if representatives of the two wings of labor must be on the committee, those representatives should be Phillip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of the AF of L. These men, it is pointed out, would bring the prestige of their offices to the committee and would compel respect from the labor movement.

American Joke: Citizen craving the decoration of foreign states and usually buying them by gifts and donations.

The national defense emergency will make itself felt upon every American and no loyal American will object to carrying a part of the burden.

Navy Adamant In Barring of Negroes

Washington, D. C. — Representatives of six national organizations financed and officered by white people got "exactly nowhere" in a recent interview with representatives of the United States Navy when they lodged a strong protest against the virtual exclusion of Negro Americans from the Navy.

The delegation, which called upon both Army and Navy officials, was composed of representatives of the Union for Democratic Action, Friends of Democracy, Council for Democracy, Student Defenders of Democracy, and the Committee to Defend America By Aiding the Allies. Not represented in person, but 100 per cent in support of the protest, was the Fight for Freedom Committee. The Navy interview is reported as follows: "Compared with the satisfactory and friendly character of the interview with representatives of the War department, our interview with the representatives of the Navy department got exactly nowhere. They admitted the existence of discrimination, defended it, and insisted that they would continue the policy. Despite a long and sometimes slightly heated interview, the only thing we could get from them was a grudging statement that they might reconsider their policy in view of the President's proclamation against discrimination in employment in the defense industries. We pointed out specifically that continuation of discrimination in the Navy meant that the President as commander in chief of the Navy was setting a bad example to the employers in the defense industries, but even that argument did not change their attitude."

Washington, (Special) — It is being suggested here by NAACP representatives that a Negro chief counsel be employed by the Senate committee which will be created when and if S. R. 75 is passed and serious work is started on the investigation of the discrimination against the Negro in the national defense program. No names have been mentioned as yet, but it is known that Walter White is pushing the plan. Precedent would be broken if the plan is adopted as no Negro lawyer ever has been employed as counsel to a Senate committee.

Hard work and long hours have never killed a man who was really interested in the work that he performed.

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE, CALLED GREAT SUCCESS



Standing in front of the Whitted school building is the entire staff of instructors, students and children who participated in the Child Health Conference which closed in Durham, July 18. At the extreme right (top) of the picture is Dr. Walter Hughes under whose leadership the conference was held. Dr. Hughes is a tireless worker in the cause of health for his race, and the advancement of all mankind.

President Roosevelt Lauds National Negro Insurance Association's Devotion To Nation's Welfare and Defense

Publicist



Sherman Briscoe who has just been named to a post in the U. S. Department of Agriculture as an assistant agricultural research writer. Briscoe, a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Southern University, was publisher of two Southern Broadcasts and more recently on the editorial staff of the Chicago Defender.

All that Hitler would ask of the United States is that we permit statesmen to debate until he gets ready to act.

Durham, (ANP) — Through a recent exchange of correspondence between the White House and A. T. Spaulding, president of the National Negro Insurance Association, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's deep appreciation was expressed for the association's "spirit of devotion to the nation's welfare."

Mr. Spaulding's letter expressed gratitude for the President's executive order of June 25, instructing official agencies of the government, labor organizations, and the defense industries of the country to practice in America the democracy which we have pledged ourselves to defend abroad. In this letter to Mr. Roosevelt attention was called to the fact that at the annual meeting of the association, held in Savannah, June 24-27, appropriate resolutions were adopted endorsing the President's "valiant leadership during these trying times" and pledging full support of the more than 50 companies, societies and associations comprising the membership of over 2,000,000 policyholders, "in the defense of our beloved America and the noble things for which she stands."

The President's special gratification was expressed for the good will of the association as indicated in the following thought which closed Mr. Spaulding's letter to him: "May the God of our fathers guide, sustain, and constantly supply you with the necessary courage, strength, clarity of vision, understanding, and determination to cope with the many vexatious problems confronting you and enable you to rise even greater heights of leadership in the democratic ways of our country." (Continued on page seven)

Governor Guilty Of "Lynching Academic Freedom" in Georgia

New York — Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia is "guilty of lynching academic freedom in Georgia" by his ouster of a university dean and a state college president, Herbert Agar declared today in a telegram to Talmadge, speaking for the executive committee of Fight for Freedom, Inc.

In a separate telegram to L. W. (Chip) Robert, of the Georgia Board of Regents, Agar said, "Fight for Freedom, Inc., is ashamed that you, a former assistant of the U. S. Treasury and former secretary of the Democratic National Committee should have been a leader in the disgraceful campaign to oust two of Georgia's leading educators, Dr. Marvin S. Pittman, president of Georgia State Teachers' College and Dr. Walter Cocking, dean of the school of education at the University of Georgia. We can discover no evidence that their records have been anything but laudable." Agar stated.

At the same time, Agar informed both Cocking and Pittman that they have the "full support of Fight for Freedom, Inc. in your fight against intolerance and bigotry in Georgia."

"Fight for Freedom believes the survival of democracy is predicated on the military defeat of Hitler," Agar declared, "but we also feel certain that your ouster because you believe democracy was for all races and creeds is a blow to freedom in our own country."

Agar told Talmadge and Robert that "Hitler might well be proud that his principles have won a battle in America without the firing of one shot or the dispatch of one division. The Axis agents who were sent home today on the West Point could not have" (Continued on page seven)

Former University Prexy Says He Was Dismissed Without Formal Charge

"Wings" To Award \$10,000 In Scholarships To Negroes

Cleveland, (ANP) — Rev. Glenn T. Settle announced on the July 13 program of "Wings Over Jordan" over the Columbia Broadcasting system that during the fiscal year from Sept. 1 to Sept. 1, 1942, this program will award \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving Negro students.

The winners of these awards will be selected through essay contests which are restricted to those students enrolled in a senior high school located within the United States. Students who expect to be enrolled in senior high schools, however, are also eligible for this contest.

The closing date for entries for this contest is Sept. 15. It is expected that the first \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded on or about January 1, 1942.

Many prominent Negro educators of America have consented to serve on the educational commission of this contest. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases.

One of the objectives aimed at the perpetuation of Wings Over Jordan is that of training and developing Negro youth talent. Believing that the present attitudes of various races in America toward each other can be in a considerable measure influenced for good by a wider distribution of educational and cultural developments on both sides, this offer has been made by Wings.

To enter this contest it is only necessary for a person to write his name and address plainly on a penny postcard and mail it to "Wings Over Jordan" in care of the Columbia Broadcasting system station through which he hears this program. Upon receipt of this postcard full and complete instructions for the contest will be mailed.

Tobacco Farmers Urged To Secure Ballots Far Vote

Chief Clerk E. P. Dixon today urged tobacco farmers who sold tobacco on the Reidsville or Danville markets last year to come to the county agents office as soon as possible to get ballots for voting before July 26 on whether they favor free government grading service to be established on those markets.

Principal



Miss Sadie L. Sauter, principal of the Greenville School and one of the outstanding teachers of Pitt county. Miss Sauter has taught in Greenville for nearly 20 years during which time she has made an enviable record.

Negro High School May Not Be Built

Durham — According to a statement from Superintendent Luther Barbour of the Durham County Schools the rising cost of building materials and labor may cause the postponement of the erection of the proposed high school for Negroes in the eastern section of Durham County. If price increase affected the bids on the school he stated that the building could not be built for lack of funds.

The Negro school project, the principal one on the county schools' building list, was being planned on a curtailed basis. The original plan called for a 13-room building to cost about \$42,000. Because of lack of funds, the school board decided to erect a building with as many rooms as could be built for \$30,000, hoping to get from nine to 11 rooms, according to the way the bids ran. Barbour yesterday said that the most that could be spared for the building is about \$31,000 or \$32,000. Unless a building of at least nine rooms can be erected there is no use in doing so, and the funds available will not do even this if there is an increase in costs over expectation similar to that experienced by the Health Department, Barbour said.

In addition to the cost of the building itself for the Negro school, there will have to be a septic tank, costing about \$2,500 (Continued on page seven)

Chicago — (ANP) — Dr. Demondo Walker, the former president of Wilberforce University, stopping at International House of the University of Chicago this week, looked back on the turbulent recent history of the school, deplored the dissensions which rend it every now and then and hoped it would be able to keep the academic accreditation which he had won for it and express his life long interest in the institution.

Dr. Walker declared he had been the victim of two kinds of politics, the politics of the state as well as that of the church. Caught between the two he had been sacrificed, or so he felt, and that the real reason behind his dismissal had never been disclosed.

Just why were you dismissed? Were any formal charges made against you? the virile, pragmatic minister was asked. "No charges were made," Dr. Walker replied. "I insisted that they make some. The only reason they have given is that they could not get along with me."

"Of course, Gov. Bricker, the Republican chief executive of the state, has been violently opposed to me ever since I campaigned against him in 1936. He sought to make certain changes which would enable him to exercise greater control of the institution but discovered that under the laws governing the institution, he had no power over the president of Wilberforce University."

"The governor had passed a 'ripper' bill which stripped Ransom, under whose leadership I went into politics, of his place on the state parole board. He shuffled in a new set of trustees for the state side, one which would do his bidding, had this new board to hold up appropriations vital to the life of the school and this forced the state side of the institution to vote me out of office."

Dr. Walker dismissed the puzzling aid support which the school received. He said the state provided between \$250,000 and \$260,000 annually to conduct the affairs at Wilberforce. He said it was the democrats under the urging of Bishop Ransom and himself who first made sizeable appropriations to the school and the current administrations had to follow. The above appropriation by the state left \$228,000 to be raised by the church from tithings, church contributions, etc. The church also receives from the state side of the school, pay for certain instruction given to students on the university side. This year that payment amounted to \$50,000 a sum vital to the finances of the church. (Continued on page seven)