

# Army Head Warns Against Negroes

40th ANNUAL SESSION N. N. B. L. HERE



Dr. Joseph E. Walker, president of the National Negro Business League, and Mrs. Walker, in an informal pose in front of their palatial residence, Memphis, where the 40th annual session of the league will convene Aug. 27. Mrs. Walker is chairman of Ladies Bridge committee which with the cooperation of the Memphis Federation of Colored Women clubs has planned a series of lovely affairs for visiting women to the league convention. The Walkers are outstanding in church, civic, and social life of the delta. The couple attended an international convention of the Christian churches in Leicester, England, in 1935.

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### Fort Bragg Shooting Probed by NAACP

# USHERS MEET IN TWIN CITY

#### White Soldier Protest To Daily About Jim Crow Tactics Of Army Commander

An unidentified private at Camp Upton sent the following letter to the New York daily PM which, impressed with its importance, printed it as news, calling attention to it with a two column headline reading: "Don't Shake a Nigger's Hand."

"When President Roosevelt issued his recent executive statement condemning discrimination in defense industries against Negroes and other racial and national minorities in the United States of America, I wonder if he sent a copy to his officers in the United States Army? I take it that they either do not read the newspaper or are deliberately sabotaging that executive order."

"I refer to an incident at Camp Upton last Tuesday. When our company lined up for retreat, the names of those draftees who were to be shipped to Camp Croft, South Carolina, were read. This was accompanied by several admonitions to the group from the commanding officer. He warned them 'not to drink with niggers because if you got into trouble while with one of them, it's you men who're going to be locked up, not the nigger.' Then, another thing—down there you don't shake a Negro's hand when he says goodby. After this gentle plea for national unity and racial equality in the true spirit of the Bill of Rights an dour democratic heritage, he went on to say something useful about prophylactic treatment to prevent venereal disease."

#### Richard Wright Writes Epic On The Negro In U. S.

#### Abandons Novel As A Means of Awakening Twelve Million of Race

New York, (Calvin's Service) —Abandoning the novel as a medium of getting across his plea for better treatment of the Negro, Richard Wright, winner of the 1940 Spingarn Medal and author of the stirring story, "Native Son," has written with fire and passion a narrative of the Negro in America, appropriately titled, "Twelve Million Black Voices." In 152 pages, Wright tells how "the Negro cried for joy when he was made free, and then learned better; of how he fled the cotton fields for the beckoning opportunity of the big city, and then learned better. It says very simply that this kind of education can not go on indefinitely, that this country can not exist half slave and half free."

Edwin Rosskam, a photographer of great talent supplies the large selection of photographs which are woven skillfully into the text. The book, published by the Viking Press is due in October.

The chap was considering buying a home of his own and the real estate sales man was taking him to look over a place that was up for sale. Upon arriving there the salesman remarked:

#### HEADS DRIVE



Attorney C. J. Gates reports that the fight he has been waging for higher pay for court house workers shows every sign of being a success. Nothing definite can be stated, he said, until the next meeting of the County Commissioners.

#### I. C. C. Re-opens Mitchell Case On Jim Crow Laws

Washington, (Calvin's Service) —The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today that it is going to rebid the complaint by Representative by Arthur W. Mitchell, Chicago Democrat again at the Chicago-Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co. even though the Supreme Court has decided in Mitchell's case that Negroes are entitled to Pullman accommodations and other first class services on railroad trains.

In November, 1938, the commission decided against Congressman Mitchell's contention that jim crow practices were illegal. Mitchell was removed by the railroad from a Pullman to a second class colored car as he neared the Arkansas border. In April, 1937, The Negro, ear he complained, was "filthy and foul smelling." The ICC dismissed the case on the grounds that "because there was comparatively little travel," the lack of equal accommodations was not unjust or undue.

Mitchell then took the case to the Supreme Court. Even the 10 Southern states protested against any review of the constitutionality of State Jim Crow laws as applied against travelers in interstate commerce, Chief Justice Hughes declared that the issue was not a question of segregation but one of equality of treatment and that therefore it was unnecessary of the 10 states. The ICC is now ordering the complain reinstated, "to the end

#### NAACP Asks Prompt Probe of Fort Bragg Shooting Of Soldiers; Send Own Legal Staff To Scene Of Military Fracas

#### Attorney Curtiss Todd Of Raleigh Goes To Scene, Gets Much Information

New York, N. Y. — Asking for an investigation of the double shooting of a Negro soldier and a white military policeman on a bus carrying soldiers to Fort Bragg, N. C. last week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wrote Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson that "white military police constitute the greatest source of friction and trouble between the races in uniform, and that sooner or later the Negro soldiers, becoming tired of the arrogance and brutality of the white military police, would be certain to take matter in their own hands." Curtiss Todd, member of the NAACP legal staff of Raleigh was sent to Fort Bragg to begin immediate investigation.

The NAACP declared that the manner in which the shooting took place makes it appear that Sergeant Russell Owens "merely shot the first Negro who happened to emerge from the bus."

The NAACP letter called the attention of the Secretary of War to the Pittsburgh COURIER series on and other reports from military camps in which the writer of the series described the situation created by white military police as "unbearable" and predicted that it would not be long before the point would be reached where Negro soldiers would not submit to such treatment.

Intervention of city police in the Fort Bragg and similar incidents was also cited as a source of friction, and the brutal treatment of Negro soldiers in Houston, Texas, during the last World War recalled.

The letter closed with the statement that, "This Association submits that when the treatment of Negro troops in southern communities by arrogant, ill-trained and prejudiced white military police reaches the point where Negro soldiers are willing to fight and die on the spot instead of training themselves to fight the declared enemy of the United States, then the situation is one which requires the most careful attention of the War department and prompt remedial action."

Fishing would be enjoyable if it wasn't for the insects and one could be sure that the fish would bite. Smart business does not require anybody to steal from his neighbor, even if the law permits it.

#### Cab Calloway Quiz Program Aired From Raleigh Sunday Night, Aug. 10th.; Many Durhamites Win Cash Prizes

Raleigh — North Carolina's Capital city was the scene of the third weekly Mutual network feature, Cab Calloway's Quizzicale, Sunday night at 10:30. The program which featured local talent, originated in Raleigh Memorial auditorium and the "standing room only" signal was given hours before the program was aired. Cab stopped here enroute to Rocky Mount where he played Monday night.

The Cab Calloway Quizzicale is presented every Sunday night by the management of radio station WOR over the entire Mutual network. George Storr is in direct charge of preparations and Cab Calloway serves as master of ceremonies. Eight persons were questioned on Sunday night's Quizzicale; most of them won cash prizes. It is possible for the contestants on this program to win amounts, ranging from one to five dollars. The fist four

#### WINGS SOLOIST



OLIVE THOMPSON Miss Olive Thompson who is featured daily as soloist with the CBS quarter-hour "Wings Over Jordan."

#### George W. Cox Addresses Greensboro Business League; Stresses Use of Hands; Mayor H. S. King Also Speaks on Program

Greensboro — Speaking to a mass meeting of the Greensboro Business League of nearly 300 Monday evening at Trinity AME Zion church, G. W. Cox, vice president of the National Negro Business League and Agency Director of the North Carolina Mutual, traced the founding and growth of the association 41 years ago by the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Mr. Cox said "more stress ought to be placed upon doing things with our hands. He expressed faith in the Democratic way of life, and ask the allegiance of all to the program of the church. The speaker was fittingly introduced by W. N. Nelson, prominent churchman and special agent of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mayor H. S. King and John Patterson, secretary of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce made brief remarks. Mr. King said: "that this is not time for color or religious prejudices and all of us must join hands to defeat fascism, communism, and all other

#### 2,000 Ushers Expected At Convention To Be Held In Winston Salem Aug. 21-24; Fayor Richard Reynolds To Give Welcome

Winston Salem. (Special) — According to announcement of T. C. Cunningham, plans for the Annual Convention of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina were about completed here this week, and local committees of entertainment were ready to welcome nearly 2,000 ushers and visitors that are expected to come here, during the session which will be held from August 21 to the 24.

L. E. Austin, President of the North Carolina Ushers Association stated this week that the 1941 Convention is scheduled to outstrip the 1940 meeting which was held in Raleigh when it is estimated that 1500 ushers and visitors took the capital city for the four day session. This year meeting of the Association is scheduled to get underway Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when the vanguard of the of the Convention will reach here and a meeting of the officers will be held. The following morning at 10 o'clock the Convention proper will get underway in Saint Paul ME church where all sessions of the Convention will be held. On Friday evening at eight a public meeting will be held at the church with an address of welcome on behalf of the city of Winston Salem being delivered by the Honorable Richard J. Reynolds, Mayor of Winston Salem. Response to the address will be delivered by C. C. Craig of Chapel Hill. The N. C. Interdenominational Ushers Association was organized 17 years ago, and embraces ushers of all denominations. It has been said by many to be the most unique organization among churches in the entire state, and one of the fastest growing to be found anywhere. It is estimated that its membership is nearly 5,000 representing all denominations.

#### IN AKRON, O.



L. M. Berry left the city early this week and will reach Akron, Ohio, in time to witness the National Soap Box Derby along with several other Durhamites. He is interested in the construction of the racers and had been influential in helping create interest in Soap Box racing among Durham youngsters.

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