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### FDR URGED TO SEND NEGRO PILOTS TO AFRICA

### Queen City Plans Welcome For 'Daddy' Grace

#### Repeats Request For Civilian Military Board To Investigate Military Police Situation At Ft. Bragg

Special to the TIMES

NEW YORK — Assurances from the Department of War and from General Edwin W. Watson on behalf of President Roosevelt that the killings at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, involving military police and Negro soldiers would be fully investigated are not sufficient, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated this week.

General Watson, who is secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, wrote the NAACP that General B. O. Davis as Assistant Inspector General of the Army, is in charge of the Ft. Bragg investigation and that General Gullion, Judge Advocate General of the Army, recently appointed Provost Marshal General, has been charged with the direction and coordination of all military police activities.

"Supervision of this experienced senior officer should be sufficient to remove any ground for charges of racial discrimination on the part of military police personnel," Watson wrote.

The NAACP replied that, with all respect to General Gullion, his supervision may not be sufficient for this issue goes beyond one of racial discrimination, though that is the most acute aspect.

The Association pointed out that it believes a civilian or civilian military board appointed by the President to make a thorough investigation of the entire military police situation is "imperative, if further difficulties are to (Continued on page eight)

#### ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL CONFERENCE RENEWS FAITH

NEW YORK CITY, (Special) — "This country's 10,000,000 Negroes, along with the great majority of all Americans of every race and creed, were given renewed faith in the democratic cause by the historic eight point pronouncement this week of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill," Edward W. White, executive secretary of the Harlem Division, Fight for Freedom, Inc. declared today.

"Although ultimate peace was the object of the meeting, both men realized, as do all free men, that there can be no lasting peace until the scourge of Nazism is defeated," Mr. White said.

"Negroes in the United States have pledged themselves to fight side by side with every other American group to beat Hitler and make a world wide democratic peace a reality," Mr. White asserted.

White declared that several thousand signatures have been obtained for the petition to President Roosevelt supporting the Executive order against discrimination in defense industries, and supporting the Administration foreign policy. (Continued on page eight)

#### TEACHER



Gilbert S. Derr, a graduate of Hampton Institute, has been named by Superintendent W. F. Warren as a new member of the faculty at Hillside Park School for coming school year. It is likely that he will replace Mrs. G. C. Massey who will teach at East End School this fall.

#### Youths Demand Probe In Police Killing Man In Jail

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southern Negro Youth Congress in a letter to Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia demanded an investigation with the findings made public within 30 days of the killing of Arthur Johnson in the Cordele, Georgia Police Station. The Youth Congress further asked that the guilty police officers be brought to trial and the state of Georgia pay an indemnity to the victim's family. Individuals and organizations are urged to write to the Attorney General requesting an immediate investigation of this vicious crime.

"The streamlined lynching of Arthur Johnson in the office of the Chief of Police in Cordele, Georgia on May 24 has just become to us stating that he was 'though local newspapers have declared that Johnson's death was caused as a result of 'resisting arrest, authoritative reports have come to us stating that he was first beaten and then killed by officers of the law. Johnson, the father of four children, was picked up by the police because of a debt he owed of seven dollars. Put in jail, he was beaten severely by police officers and while trying to ward off their blows, was shot seven times causing his immediate death."

#### National Negro Congress Asks President Roosevelt For Lend-Lease Aid To Ethiopia

Washington, (Special) — The National Negro Congress this week asked President Franklin D. Roosevelt to extend aid under the Lend-Lease Act of Ethiopia. Congress officials pointed out in a letter to the President that there was grave danger to American interests from possible attacks by the Nazis on Africa following their unsuccessful effort to invade the Soviet Union. They asked that Negro pilots and quantities of material and war supplies be shipped to Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia by way of British Somaliland on the Red Sea to enable Ethiopia to fight back possible invasion attempts by either Italy or Germany.

"It should be possible," stated the letter, "to send to Ethiopia training planes and trained Bess pilots to aid in establishing an Ethiopian air force capable of combating any threatened attacks. It should be possible to send arms and munitions in quantities sufficient to equip in modern fashion a section of the Ethiopian Army. And finally our government should send a complement of Negro doctors, nurses, mechanics and other technicians to aid Ethiopia in the same way as these services are now being rendered to Great Britain."

Pointing to the great stake which Negro people have in the coming fight to control the continent of Africa, the letter to the President continued, "As deeply loyal Americans we recognize that the occupation of Dakar in French Senegal by German naval and air forces would be a serious threat to the security of American interests. As a people who love democracy we are disturbed (Continued on page eight)

#### Signal Corps Seeks Trained Young Men NAACP Branches

Washington, D. C. — From the War Department the NAACP learned last week that the Signal Corps is recruiting civilians with certain qualifications for second lieutenants.

Applicants must have a college degree in electrical engineering with a specialty in radio communication or they must be electronic physicists. They must be unmarried, without dependents, between the ages of 21 and 35 years and able to meet the physical requirements.

Applications should be made by letter to the Chief of the Signal Corps, Washington, D. C., giving name, address, age, technical qualifications and experience.

The NAACP is urging its branches to circulate this information in their communities so that qualified Negroes may apply.

NEW YORK — With the appointment of Frederick B. Osborn to be brigadier general and in charge of the Army's moral division last week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made inquiries of the new morale chief if he would appoint a Negro on his staff, taking the position that recent outbursts in Fort Bragg, N. C., and in Arkansas indicate the low morale in army camps and point to the necessity for immediate and sympathetic treatment of the situation.

#### Race Bias In British Corps

NEW YORK — Two instances of British Negro discrimination cropped up this week in New York, and were considered important enough to be published in PM, liberal New York daily. The first concerns the British Civilian Technical Corps, which is trying to get American technicians to aid in radio and other work in the besieged islands.

The Corp's application form asks color and religion of the volunteers. Spokesmen for the Corps said the religious question was merely for routine records and for chaplains' information, and that men of all religions had been accepted for service.

Color, however, is a different matter. The spokesmen said no Negro would be sent with any contingent of white volunteers, "for the sake of the Negro."

"If we sent one or two Negroes with a contingent of white men," he said, "they might make it uncomfortable for him. We're not arguing the right or wrong of it; we're just being practical. We're making just the same distinction as your own Army does."

#### Youth Congress Pleads For Use Of Race Talent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Declaring that "the defense of our country in 1941 requires the wiping out of all remaining prohibitions upon the use of the Negro's talents," even as "the Proclamation of Emancipation was a necessary war measure in 1863," the Southern Negro Youth Congress is circulating a petition addressed to President Roosevelt calling for the proper government agencies to take action to insure job opportunities, full civil liberties, suffrage rights, and an end of Jim Crow practices in the armed forces as a defense measure and in the interest of democracy for the Negro people.

Already hundreds of signatures have been obtained from leaders and members of the YWCA, YWCA, CME Women and various social and religious groups. The petition follows in full:

"Mr. President: 9,000,000 patriotic Negro people eager to the defense of our country and the defeat of Hitler are still denied this privilege by virtue of a Hitler like system of suppression and discrimination. Their continued disfranchisement through the operation of the poll tax, and other undemocratic practices makes a mockery of their citizenship.

#### Citizens To Welcome Daddy Grace



#### Charlotte Citizens Await 15th Annual Convocation With Bishop Grace Followers; Big Parade Planned

Charlotte — The citizens of the Queen city are preparing a rousing welcome for Bishop C. M. Myers (Daddy) Grace, founder of the House of Prayer and its followers when they march into the city August 31, to hold their 15th annual Holy Convocation.

Thousands of colored homes have signs displayed which read, "Welcome Daddy." The Times is reliably informed that the coming convocation will be one of the most interesting and picturesque in the history of the movement.

Followers will trek into Charlotte from Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Elder Melvin Adams. There will be a Grand and Glorious picnic on Saturday Sept. 6 given at Canan Land. The public is invited.

Sunday morning September 7 the House of Prayer will have their regular 11 o'clock services, followed by the Baptizing in the House of Prayer Blessed Pool. At 3:00 p. m. there will be the great est. Peace parade in the streets of Charlotte. This parade attracts thousands of people from all parts of the State who spend thousands of dollars in preparation for this great event. The route of the parade is as follows: From the House of Prayer to 3rd Street, through 3rd to Myers street, down Myers to Second through Second to Brevard, on Brevard to Liberty on Liberty to Caldwell, on Caldwell to Boundary on Boundary to McDowell, on McDowell to 3rd, down 3rd to Long and on to the House of Prayer. All ministers, congregations, choirs, quartets are invited to participate in this wonderful weeks meeting. The Grace Cafe will swing wide its doors day and night to serve all people.

Scattered through this edition of the Carolina Times are messages from a number of Charlotte's progressive merchants who are extending a hand of welcome to "Daddy" Grace and his followers. These and other messages will appear in the next issue of this newspaper.

#### Pensylvania Boy Gets Sentence For Robbery

Louisburg — A wild ride across three states in a stolen pickup truck, the wrecking of the truck, hunger and house breaking ended here in recorder's court Tuesday of dollars in preparation for this the adventures of three Northeastern youths.

#### Dr. Busie Davis, Prominent Physician, Answers Charges In \$15,000 Law Suit By Declaring He Is Not Guilty of Charge

Dr. J. B. Davis, prominent Negro physician of this city, who has been named defendant in a \$15,000 suit growing out of the death of a two-year-old child, son of Grace Burnett, denied that the child's death came from negligence on his part. The suit is based upon allegation that the death of the child who was operated upon by the physician, was due to an improper administration of anesthesia.

The suit was filed last Friday in Wake Superior Court by Lester Lorenzo Coffield, administrator for the child. The complaint charges that the mother of the boy took him to Dr. Davis for a minor operation, circumcision. She alleges that the doctor was "under the influence of an intoxicant or narcotic" when he performed the operation, and that she did not know this until he had begun the operation. She alleges that the doctor "poured

chloroform or some other anesthetic" down the child's throat and around its face without using any kind of device for properly administering anesthesia. She also claims that the doctor did not give the child an examination to determine whether or not he could take an anesthetic or that the doctor, when the child became strangled, hastily seized a pair of scissors and tried to pull the child's tongue from its mouth, splitting the tongue and causing much loss of blood. The child is said to have died shortly afterward.

Branding the charges as ridiculous, Dr. Davis denies the accusation of being intoxicated, declaring that he does not use any kind of intoxicating drugs that he performed the operation without proper anesthesia, having had his nurse in attendance at the time of the (Continued on page eight)

#### First Colored Woman Elected To Trustee Board At Riverdale

(Exclusive to TYP) New York — Mrs. Malvin Proctor, of Yonkers, New York, was last week elected to the Board of Trustees of the Colored Orphan Asylum in Riverdale, TYP News Syndicate learned in an exclusive interview. Mrs. Willard Parker, First Directress, announced that Mrs. Proctor is the third Negro to be so honored.

Mrs. Proctor, a Bostonian by birth, heads the Women's Auxiliary of the Westchester Academy of Medicine which has "adopted" one of the girls' cottages at Riverdale, and gives a tea each year to help the youngsters.

The orphanage was founded 105 years ago by members of the Society of Friends and today cares for 650 neglected and dependent Negro children, making it the largest Negro foster agency in the world.



MRS. PROCTOR