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Remember Pearl Harbor

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS
YOUR HELP NOW!



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Two short years ago we, the people of these United States were SITTING PRETTY.

The depression of hideous memory had been conquered—after a fashion. Our industries were booming. We were building fine structures to house our public servants, Federal and State. We were laying out magnificent boulevards connecting our cities. Old battlefields and wastelands were being made into parks for the people.

The national prospect was rosy, despite an occasional warning from some far-seeing Army or Navy officer or statesman that we should build up our Army and our Navy.

Then Hitler started his orgy of blood and plunder, and we were shocked and grieved.

We grieved for ravished Ethiopia, Poland and Greece, for poor, floundering France and for brave, bomb-blasted Britain. But we said: "It can't happen here. We will have a big Army and Navy—some day."

Wise editors and radio commentators and bold politicians boasted. "They can't do that to us. We are going to have a big Army and Navy—maybe in 1945 or soon thereafter."

And then, while many of us were enjoying the week-end and dreaming of Christmas joys and bonuses, came PEARL HARBOR.

Now we know that the big Army and Navy, promised us a

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MITCHELL MAY NOT RUN FOR CONGRESS

SAYS BLOOD POLICY OF RED CROSS UNFAIR TO COLORED RACE

New York. — Segregation of blood offered by colored people to American Red Cross Blood Service is as much an insult to self-respecting Negroes as the Red Cross refusal to accept the blood. Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, told Norman H. Davis, Red Cross president, last week.

The announcement of the change in the Red Cross policy came from Washington, January 21. The NAACP had written the Red Cross January 16, enclosing the denial of Read Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Navy surgeon general, that the Navy had requested the Red Cross to refuse to take blood from Negro donors.

Mr. Davis admitted that the Navy never requested the Red Cross to refuse to take blood donations from Negroes. But he said the Navy informed the Red Cross "there was no need for Negro blood and no need to make plans to procure the same." He also claimed that the statement issued by Dr. G. Canby Robinson, national director of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service, instructing workers to turn away Negro volunteers, "outlined the general policy and program adopted in agreement with the Army and the Navy, for whom the Red Cross was rendering this service."

The new statement of policy states that facilities for processing blood have been expanded and that the Red Cross, in agreement with the Army and Navy will accept blood donations from colored as well as white persons.

But, the statement goes on: "In deference to the wishes of those for whom the plasma is being provided, the blood will be processed separately so that those receiving transfusions may be given plasma from blood of their own race."

The NAACP pointed out this week that it is reliably informed that the Red Cross has been accepting Chinese, and even Japanese blood donors and that the plasma has been mixed with "white" blood.

It also stated that one of the reasons given by the Red Cross for refusing to accept blood from colored persons, before the change in policy, was that it was "in-

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Baptists Protest The Sikeston Lynching In Letter To President

Chicago, Feb. 6. — (ANP) — In a letter addressed to President Roosevelt, the Baptist Ministers' conference of Chicago Tuesday voiced a vigorous protest against the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Mo., last Sunday. The protest, signed by Rev. H. B. Hawkins, president of the conference, carried with it the sentiment of 200 pastors and 125,000 church members.

"This comes at a time," said the protest, "when the best blood of our race is called upon to lay down their lives in a common cause"

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Carolina Cut Rate Drug Store Builds Splendid Record

The Carolina Cut Rate Drug Store has for more than half a century served the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity.

Now it has the distinction of being one of the best-known drug and sundry establishments in the Carolinas. It is the only drug store in the two states which remains open day and night.

The firm is located at 225 W Trade Street. It is the oldest drug store in Charlotte, the original location being on Independence Square where it remained for many years. More than half a million prescriptions have been filled in its prescription department, staffed by five registered pharmacists. One or more of these druggists is on duty day and night.

The Carolina Cut Rate, because it remains open all night, not only serves the citizens of Charlotte but frequently receives calls for supplies from towns adjacent to Charlotte.

The firm employs 22 persons, C. H. Smith is president and treasurer of the company, J. A. Monroe vice-president and general treasurer.

To Leave Durham Negro Congressman Not To Be Candidate From Chicago



ROXBORO NEGRO NOT GUILTY OF RAPE

Roxboro. — A stinging blow was dealt mob violence here last week, when the evidence presented at the trial of Cy Winstead, accused of raping a young white woman of this city last August, was so weak that the defendant was allowed to plead guilty of attempted rape. Winstead, as a result, was given a prison sentence of two and one-half to five years.

In addition to several white character witnesses, who gave Winstead a good name, the testimony of several other witnesses

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Chicago, Feb. 6. — (ANP) — Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell will not run for congress this year from Chicago's famous first district. The gray haired lawyer who has won fame as the second Negro to hold a seat in congress since the reconstruction era, and who has been known as one of the stalwarts of the Democratic party, announced his retirement in a telegram to Chicago associates, Tuesday. Mr. Mitchell, who has been in office since 1935, said he was retiring because there are "important things outside of congress for me to do."

The Associated Negro Press reported a year ago that Mr. Mitchell would not be a candidate to succeed himself. It also reported that Mr. Mitchell, who has built a beautiful country mansion near Petersburg, Va., had ambitions to

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Capt. Davis Gets Ready For Take-off



On the field at the Basic and Advanced Flying School for Negro Air Corps Cadets, at Tuskegee, Alabama, Captain Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., prepares to take his advanced trainer into the air.

Captain Davis, a West Point graduate, is the son of Brigadier General Benjamin Oliver Davis, first Negro general in the Regular Army. He is a member of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, the first colored tactical unit in the Air Corps. A total of about 100 cadets will be trained annually at Tuskegee, as well as the full ground complement of the squadron.

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