

# Three Indicted In Detroit Project Riot

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KEEP 'EM FLYING

# NAACP KEEPS DEAN PICKENS

## Dawson Is Winner In Democratic Primary

### Orders Issued By Government In Housing Case

Attorney General Francis Biddle announced that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in the Eastern District of Michigan, at Detroit, today returned an indictment against three officers and members of the National Workers League and the Seven Mile-Fenelon Improvement Association, of Detroit, charging a conspiracy to prevent Negro tenants from occupying the Sojourner Truth Homes, a project of the United States Housing Authority.

The investigation was made under the supervision of John Lehr, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, and the case was presented to the Grand Jury by Frank H. Patton, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Those named in the indictment were Parker Sage and Garland L. Alderman, treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the National Workers League; and Virgil Chandler, organizer and officer of the Seven Mile-Fenelon Improvement Association, all of Detroit.

The indictment contains two counts. The first charges a violation of civil rights under Section 51, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that certain persons were prevented from occupying Federally-owned premises for which they had executed leases. The second charges a seditious conspiracy, "to prevent,

### Raymond Freeman, Clenton Mills, City, To Fly With 99th

The first of many applications, to the Army Flying School, located near Tuskegee Institute, to be filed from Durham, has been accepted. Notice of acceptance were received recently by Raymond Freeman and Clenton Mills, both of this city.

The snail like pace at which the Army is calling Negroes to train for flying officers hasn't been increased to any great extent. Of the fifteen that will report to Tuskegee for induction on May 1, two will be members of Durham Families.

Clenton Mills and Raymond Freeman are both former students of North Carolina College, and have been class mates for ten years. Mr. Mills is the son of Doctor and Mrs. J. N. Mills and has recently returned from Tuskegee where he was enrolled in the Civilian Pilot Training (C. P. T.) course.

Both boys will enter the school as flying cadets, with pay of \$75.00 a month plus ration allowances.

### Principals At Human Welfare Conference



Dr. Frank Graham Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt Paul Robeson

### Former City Official To Oppose William E. King For Arthur Mitchell Seat

Chicago. —(ANP)— Replacing Rep. Arthur W. Mitchell with the complete blessings of the powerful Kelly-Nash machine, William L. Dawson buried the congressional aspirations of Ald. Earl B. Dickerson in the primary election Tuesday by around 15,000 votes to 5,000 and emerged as the Democratic nominee who will face his bitter political enemy, William E. King, Republican winner, in the November voting.

Although the congressional race furnished the main fireworks, Dawson and King were not the only winners. Virtually complete election returns showed 15 others won nomination for various offices on both major party tickets, including three for the county commission and two for the municipal court bench.

Dawson, a former Republican City Councilman, has run for congress before on the Republican ticket. It was here that his split occurred with King, former G.O.P. state senator, who has also run for congress. In their last primary battle for the Republican nomination, Dawson was victor only to lose to Mitchell in November. It was charged then that the King forces threw their weight behind Mitchell instead of the standard bearer of their party. Since that time Dawson has switched to the

### NAACP Commends Insurance Week Is Government Action Set For May 4-9 On Four Fronts

Atlanta. —(ANP)— Sponsored by the National Negro Insurance association, Asa T. Spaulding, president, and participated in by member companies throughout the country, observance of National Negro Insurance week will be held this year from May 4-9, inclusive.

The date was announced in a joint statement issued this week by Cyrus J. Camfield, assistant agency director Atlanta Life Insurance company and chairman of the 1942 insurance week committee, and J. T. Boteh, secretary of the committee and agency officer of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company.

The project, developed around a single week's intensive promotion each year, is the high point of many activities conducted under the sponsorship of the National Negro Insurance Association. This organization is composed of 41 member companies owned and operated by colored people, together with 11 regional associations in 10 states.

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### Board Refuses To Fire Director Of Branches For Statement On War

### A. & T. College To Expand Facilities In Field of Aviation

Greensboro. —Because of the increased demand for trained pilots, A. and T. College has made arrangements to expand its facilities in the field of aviation pilot training. Beginning July 1, it will be possible for all civilian pilot trainees to pursue courses leading to the commercial and flight instructor's licenses at the college.

Students who qualify may take the elementary, secondary, cross country and instructor's course and at the same time continue their academic or technical studies so that their college training will not be interrupted.

Recent changes in the civilian pilot training requirements now make it possible for students who have completed only one quarter of their freshman year to be admitted to the course.

The expanded facilities will enable the college to take increased enrollments in the elementary training courses. Students who complete the secondary training may enter directly into the basic training program of the army air corps. Enrollees are given deferment by the selective boards until the former's training programs are completed.

Civilians who have had at least two years of regular training in any accredited college may also enroll.

A. and T. College has accelerated its program so that students may complete their regular four year courses in three years and in addition avail themselves of the opportunities in aviation. Applications are now being accepted for the summer civilian pilot training program.

According to the demands of the times, A. and T. has offered various defense courses such as airplane and engine mechanics, machine shop practice, materials testing and inspection, welding and radio communications. Courses in radio communications are being offered in Durham and Raleigh, and plans are underway to offer these courses in other cities of the state. Men who have completed the defense training at the college are now working in important defense positions throughout the country. The demand for these skilled men greatly exceeds the supply.

### On Wings Program



Alexander Barnes, formerly with the Carolina Times and resident of Durham will be guest speaker over the "Wings Over Jordan" program, Sunday, April 26th, 10:30 A. M.

New York. —(ANP)— After practically firing Dean William Pickens, director of branches now on leave to the U. S. Treasury department, for statements which the NAACP board of directors considered advocating segregation, the board at its meeting Monday voted merely to notify Pickens that the article in question "is contrary to the repeated stands taken by the association." Reading of a prepared statement by the dean in which he refused to back down from his original stand preceded the voting.

The statements which stirred up the trouble were contained in a column released early this year by the Associated Negro Press under the title, "Fort Huachuca and the 99th Pursuit Squadron," in which the dean declared that "the army is planning to win the war, in spite of segregation or of those who oppose segregation" and praised both the army post and the 99th as efforts "that will make a dent in segregation." He also asserted that "segregation based on skin-color or eye-color is damned nonsense of course."

Following publication in the New York Amsterdam News, Walter-White, NAACP executive secretary, wrote Pickens a letter telling him to resign.

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### MANY CELEBRITIES ON PROGRAM AT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE AT NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tenn. —Paul Robeson and Dr. Frank P. Graham will be two of the legiers in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare meeting in Nashville, April 19-21, Dr. James Dombrowski, Executive Secretary of the conference, disclosed this week.

Two Negro leaders in the defense effort will participate in the discussion of "Industrial Production." They are Robert C. Weaver of the War Production Board and Judge Will Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War.

Robeson, America's greatest Baritone, will be featured on the cultural program of the conference Monday night. He will sing a number of selections, and efforts are now underway for a joint rendition of the "Ballad for Americans" with Robeson accompanied by the Fisk Choir.

During intermission of the Monday night program, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will present the Thomas Jefferson Award to the outstanding Southerner of 1942. Please Turn To Page Eight

### Detroit Police Head Resigns After U. S. Housing Order

Detroit. —(ANP)— Reports here last week held that Police Commissioner Frank D. Eaman's resignation, following close upon the heels of a federal order that the city move Negro tenants into the Sojourner Truth defense housing project was precipitated by this order.

Eaman, commissioner for slightly more than two years, resigned soon after John B. Blandford, Jr., national housing administrator, wired the Detroit housing commission to move Negroes into the vacant Sojourner Truth buildings as soon as expedient.

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### SHAW UNIVERSITY RAISES \$8,000 IN DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO REMODEL LEONARD BUILDING

With \$8,000 dollars already received in contributions for the \$15,000 Leonard Building renovation project at Shaw University, Actual construction work has already begun in order to have the building completed when the special Baptist Conclave convenes in Raleigh during the first week in August.

According to President Robert P. Daniel this campaign to raise fifteen thousand dollars for the renovation of the second oldest building on the Shaw Campus is meeting with the wholehearted response of the Shaw alumni, friends and Baptist supporters of the school. With three months remaining before the campaign matures indications are that the remaining \$7,000 needed to reach the \$15,000 goal will be considerably exceeded by August 1.

The renovation of the Leonard building is expected to provide additional classrooms to relieve the overcrowded classroom facilities of the local school and offices and committee rooms for Baptist headquarters in Raleigh.

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### Move To Speed New Orleans Teachers' Salary Case In Court

New Orleans, La. — Action to speed up the prosecution of the suit for equal pay to Negro teachers here was taken when Joseph F. McKelpin, local teacher, filed a motion Thursday, April 16, in the U. S. district court of Louisiana to advance the case on the docket.

Acting for McKelpin are Attorneys A. P. Tureaud, of New Orleans and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel.

The motion states that "unless this case is advanced on the docket for a speedy hearing it will cause hardship to the plaintiff in that the next budget of the Orleans Parish school board is to be made up in June, at which time the mover's salary and the salaries of other teachers will be fixed for the next fiscal year."