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### SPAULDING ELECTED TO NEW YORK C OF C

#### Question Of Top Man Far Negroes Finally Settled At Meeting

##### ENLARGEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE FAIR EMPLOYMENT MEETS MUCH OPPOSITION

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By Associated Negro Press  
Washington — Settling the moot question of who is to be the Negro "top man" once and for all, the proposed enlargement of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, which is being widely discussed in certain circles here, hardly meets the 100 per cent approval of certain men who have heretofore been regarded as "close to the President."

Only recently there was considerable commotion and advocacy of a plan whereby a "bureau of Negro affairs" was to have been created, a super over-all agency with Lester Walton, minister to Liberia, as the head. This was to have superseded all agencies and to be the liaison bureau. Opponents to this plan, of whom there were plenty, quickly countered in another manner, and according to general reports, submitted through various means the name of Charles Houston to the White House, asking that Mr. Houston be named as an executive secretary at the White House and the Negro group in America. Further reports are to the effect that the matter was brought up in a recent cabinet meeting where, after a very stormy session, the whole thing was thrown out and all plans submitted for directing the welfare of the Negro thrown to the discard.

Out of this, however, came an idea whereby the CoFEP would be the controlling factor.

General information circulating through town has it that the committee will be enlarged, taken over by the President's executive office instead of the Manpower board, given a wider range, establish regional offices with increased personnel and a larger budget to do a more effective job. An amendment to Executive Order 8802 is to be expected, giving these powers and increasing the scope of activity of the CoFEP.

This following, it is believed a two hour conference at the White House when Lawrence Cramer, executive secretary of the CoFEP and Dr. Malcolm MacLean, chairman, visited with the President and discussed the problems.

Besides the additions to the CoFEP indicated, there is planned it is reported from well informed sources, a legal research division with Dr. George E. Johnson, now assistant executive secretary, in charge of this division leaving the entire executive end of the committee in the hands of whites.

We advocate vacations for every worker; rest improves work and interest in whatever the worker

#### Stimson Is Told That Soldiers Hold To Prejudices

New York — "We greatly fear that soldiers do not slough all previous prejudices when they do their uniforms," the NAAOP told Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson last week, in reply to his statement that no lecture courses were needed to insure respectful treatment of colored soldiers by white soldiers.

The Association said it is convinced that the attachment of democracy during and after the war "depends on teaching those who are fighting the war that the four freedoms enunciated by President Roosevelt must apply to all people of all races, creeds and colors."

Secretary Stimson said May 22 that he believed courses of instruction to white soldiers to insure courteous treatment of colored soldiers of the United Nations, proposed by the NAACP, were unnecessary because "Negro soldiers have already won a high degree of respect."

Answering May 28, the NAACP stated it hoped the Secretary of War's belief is correct, but fears (Continued on Page four)

#### U. S. Supreme Court Reverses Torture Confession Of Man

New York — When the United States Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Texas Court of Circuit Appeals, Monday, June 1, by declaring that the conviction on a murder charge of William Ward of Mount Pleasant, was based on a confession forced by protracted questioning and threats, the NAACP won another victory for the guarantee of constitutional rights to Negroes before the highest tribunal in the land.

The case was argued before the Supreme Court by Leon A. Ransom and W. Robert Ming, jr., members of the NAACP national legal committee, May 4. Justice James F. Byrnes read the decision June 1.

Ward was indicted in September, 1939, for the murder of Levi Brown, white, who was strangled to return home. Questioning of Brown was discovered Sunday, June 25, Ward was taken to the (Continued on Page four)

#### 102 GRADUATED AT N. C. COLLEGE FINALS



The photo above shows Doctor and Dean Alfonso Elder presiding recently held in B. N. Duke James E. Shepard, president of the 102 graduates, and Dr. R. L. Flowers, N. C. College; Dr. R. L. Flowers presiding at the commencement exercises. — Photo By James.

#### BEN DAVIS TO SEEK ATTORNEY GENERAL POST OF NEW YORK ON COMMUNIST TICKET

New York (ANP) — Benjamin W. Davis, Jr., leading figure in the fight to free Angelo Herndon, noted Negro lawyer and member of the editorial board of the Daily Worker, is the Communist party candidate for attorney general of New York state, Simon W. Gerson, director of the state election committee, Communist party, announced this week.

Mr. Davis, a former football star at Amherst and a graduate of Harvard Law School, is the son of Benjamin Davis, Sr., of Atlanta, a former member of the Republican National committee.

As attorney for Herndon, Mr. Davis carried the fight to free the young Negro leader to the Supreme court where the lower courts were reversed.

#### Big State-Wide Rubber Drive Begins July 4

North Carolina will join President Roosevelt's nation wide scrap rubber round up with an intensive campaign beginning July 4, and extending for 10 days, N. E. Edgerton, Jr., Chairman of the State Salvage for Victory Committee, announced Thursday.

Georgia Supreme court and finally fought it up to the United States Supreme court where the lower courts were reversed.

#### N. C. Mutual President Chosen For Member Of Gotham Commerce Body

##### Wendell Willkie Is Elected Member Of Hampton Trustees

Hampton, Institute, Va. (Special) Wendell Willkie has been elected a member of the board of trustees of Hampton Institute, famed institution of higher learning for Negroes in Hampton, Virginia, it learned Wednesday.

In his statement on Mr. Willkie's acceptance of the post, Mr. Scattergood praised the former Presidential nominee for his leadership in breaking down traditional barriers of race discrimination and opening new avenues for Negroes in the service of their country.

Mr. Scattergood's statement is as follows:

"Wendell Willkie has honored Hampton Institute and the whole cause for which Hampton exists by accepting a post on the Institute's board of trustees. He honors the Institute for the reason that this is the first and only time he has become a trustee of any college or university. He honors the cause of Negro education at a time when his leadership is breaking down traditional barriers of race discrimination, and opening new avenues for Negroes in the service of their country.

This is no time for pacifists in Congress; they are too dangerous to the nation's safety.

##### Honored



Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company who was recently elected to membership on the New York State Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Spaulding is also president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham.

The June bride-troup shows no sign of being lost in the shuffle connected with the war.

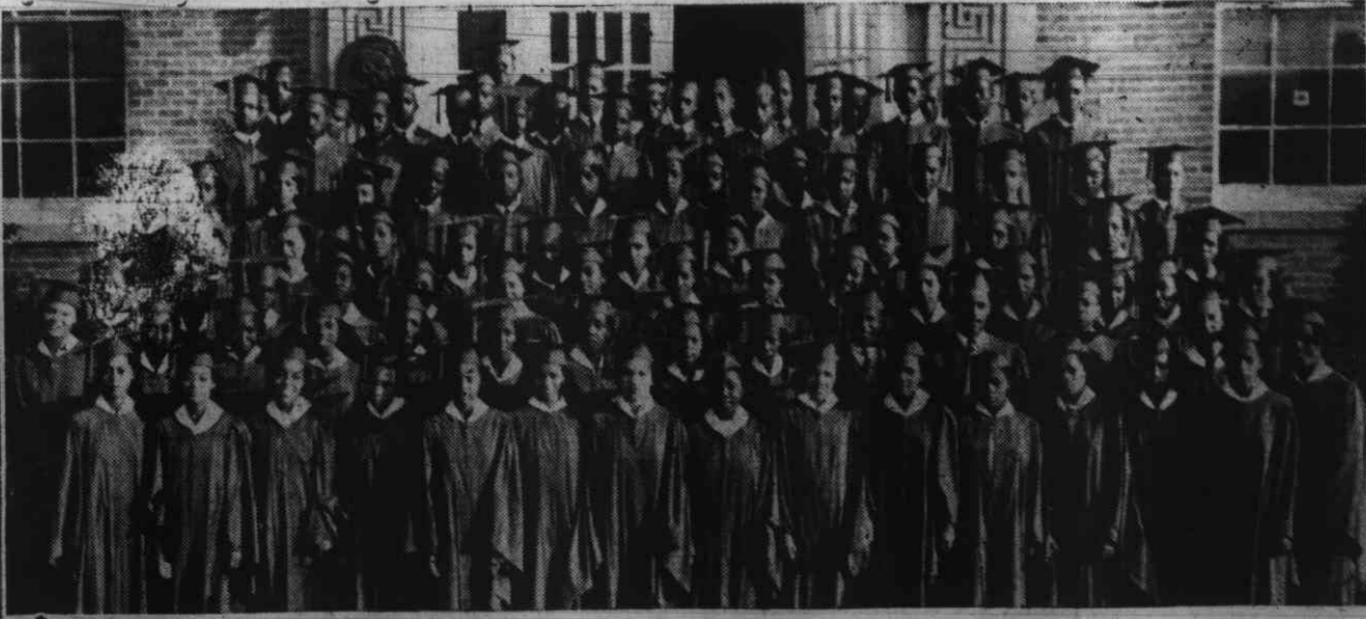
New York, (ANP) — Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company of Durham, has been elected a member of the chamber of commerce of New York state, one of the strongest organizations of its kind in America. Some idea of the potency of the chamber may be gained from the personnel of the committee which arranged the banquet to which Mr. Spaulding was invited recently and came from Durham to attend.

The group included: Frederick H. Ecker, president, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Walter S. Giffard, president, American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; Sylvain G. McAllister, president, International Harvester Co.; J. Pierpont Morgan, J. P. Morgan and Co.; John M. Schiff, Kuhn Loeb and Co.; Walter C. Teagle, chairman, board, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; Perry H. Johnston, chairman, board, Chemical National Bank.

"I value the opportunity of sitting in these meetings as these giants of American commerce discuss problems of the economic welfare of our country," said Mr. Spaulding. "It gives an opportunity to me to pass on to the membership of the National Negro Business League, in which I am vitally interested, counsel which may be of service to the Negro business world."

Contacts serviceable to the business enterprises with which Mr. Spaulding is personally identified are also probable. It was through associations which he made as a member of the Fourth Carolina State Bankers' association for the strong Mechanics and Farmers' Bank of which he is also president, that Mr. Spaulding was invited to join the chamber.

#### BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER AND GRADUATING CLASS OF HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



The Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Hillside High School was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Thomas, (left pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of Durham. At the right is the class which was one of the largest in the history of the school. The sermon was delivered in the spacious and beautiful auditorium of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church. — Photo By James.

#### Hampton President Delivers Address At A & T Finals

Greensboro — Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, president of Hampton Institute, and chairman of the Employment Practice, in speaking to A and T College graduates last week, denounced discrimination as the cause of the present international conflict, which he termed a President's committee on Fair "cosmic thunderstorm."

The Hampton president spoke to 93 graduates, composing the largest graduating class in the history of the institution. Prof. F. D. Bluford presented the speaker, and the a cappella choir under direction of Prof. Warner Lawson furnished special music for the occasion. Prof. Bernard Lee Mason played "Walter's Praise Song" (Herbert) on the Violin. The college band under direction of (Continued on Page four)