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Labor Leader Honored By Workers and Business Men

Eyes Of Nation Focused On Outcome of 85 Arrested For Sedition

Chicago, (ANP) — With the eyes of the nation focussed upon Chicago, a federal grand jury this week is investigating activities of three cults, 85 of whose members were arrested last week in charges of sedition and draft evasion.

The organizations are the Temple of Islam, the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, and the Brotherhood of Liberty for the Black People of America. These groups prey upon the ignorance of Negroes who, frustrated by American color prejudice, sought to deny their race and dream of a nation ruled by a victorious Japan. Significantly, their leaders shunned contact with the educated Negro with one notable exception. That exception is Frederic H. Hammurabi Robb, African born, Robb was long identified with the Southern intellectual group. A president of the Intercollegiate club in 1927, he was mainly responsible for the publication of a yearbook that attracted wide attention and is still used as a reference volume for the accomplishments of Chicago Negroes until that time.

After that year, Robb went to England where he studied at the University of London, returning here after graduation. Later, he took a degree in law from Northwestern university. During the past few years he formed and headed the World Wide Friends of Africa, an organization described by the FBI as seditious. Robb is charged with speaking in behalf of Japanese victory and showing motion pictures of the Pearl Harbor attack, obtained secretly from Jap sources, at meetings of the Brotherhood of Liberty.

Other leaders are of different type. Mrs. Mittie Mande Gordon, head of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and only one of the cult leaders to be released on bond following their arraignment last week, refused to let an "intellectual" Negro go her bond on the ground that "intellectual Negroes consistently condoned the white man's customs and policies designed to keep in subjugation all colored peoples throughout the world."

Mrs. Gordon has previous notoriety. She is the person who prevailed upon Sen. Bilbo to introduce a bill in congress to ship Negroes "back" to Africa. Some months ago she was brought into court for telling members of her organization not to register for selective service, but was freed on her promise to urge them to comply with the law. The FBI charges that she was still telling members not to register.

Head of the Temple of Islam is a man calling himself Elijah Poole Mohammed, alias Elijah Muck Mudd. This sect, which has a long and bizarre history in many northern cities with murders and human sacrifices, teaches Negroes are Asiatics and as such are brothers of the Japanese. Members do not accept American names and will have no part of the war. Women go about dressed in long flowing robes of vivid colors reaching below the ankles; male members wear fezzes and other regalia.

Still another group the Colored American National organization, is involved although it is not so well organized as the others. Recently formed, it is headed by

Paul Robeson Quits Hollywood Over Portrayal Of Negro

San Francisco, (ANP) — Voicing his disgust with the traditional screen version of the Negro as a "plantation hallelujah shouter," Paul Robeson, famous baritone, declared this week he would reject further offers from Hollywood movie moguls until they discovered a more acceptable way to portray Negroes and Negro life. Robeson said he was particularly disturbed since his recent return to the film capital to play a sharecropper sequence in "The Tales of Manhattan." (The noted singer has been severely criticized for appearing in what has been termed an "Uncle Tom" role. His statements are the first indication that he was aware of the protests.)

The picture deals with a dress coat and the road it travels through the hands of several wearers. Finally the coat, stuffed with money, is dropped from an airplane and falls into a destitute Negro community. There the

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Miss Mamie T. Yeargin has recently ended the Summer-session as Teacher of Physical Education at the Hill School of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having been appointed to that position by the school Board of Education of Philadelphia, after having met the re-

quirements for a Teacher's Certificate of the State of Pennsylvania.

She is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina and has returned to the city to resume her work as teacher in the Crosby-Garfield School.

Shortage Of Physicians In Some Sections May Force Government Move Many

New Recruits Shunted To Mess Training

Raleigh — There were 86 boys from Raleigh and vicinity who enlisted in the navy last week. Two of these were Negroes, Ernest S. Walker Jr., of Winston-Salem and Eddie Harris of Rockingham, N. C. Walker is 21, Harris 17, and both were sent to Norfolk for training as mess attendants. The white boys went in either as apprentice seamen, specialists or petty officers, there being 14 of the latter.

One of the difficulties with the navy recruiting is that officers in charge persist for the most part, it is said, in shunting the colored boys off into the mess attendant branches, instead of sending them to Great Lakes where they might have an opportunity to enter combat services. The boy who gets into the mess attendant ranks can advance to steward but under rigid navy program has no other outlet nor any further opportunity for advancement.

It is reported that boys who ask for combat service are told frequently that the only openings available are in the mess services. While it is in the south most of this recruiting is being done, reports from as far away as Chicago have been received from men who have had college training to the effect that all they were offered was the mess attendant enlistments. The result is that the seamen and specialist training group at Great Lakes is feeling the need of more capable men, fellows who are competent to be sent in for training in the skilled brackets. The better trained men, it is said, are going for the most part in the army.

Win Equal Salary Fight Say NAACP Florida Teachers

Jacksonville, Fla. — The deep South lost another battle Thursday, September 24, when the decree raising the pay of Negro teachers in Duval county to the level of that of white teachers in the separate school system, was signed here, the NAACP has announced.

Signing of the decree marked the final defeat for the Florida Education Association, composed of white teachers, who had carried

Vice President



Norfolk, Va., (ANP) — If the shortage of doctors, due to the large number of physicians who are being called to war, grows more serious, it may be necessary to relocate physicians moving those who are established in cities where there are plenty of practitioners, to areas where there are not nearly enough doctors to go around.

Dr. Thomas J. Parran, U. S. Surgeon-General, said in Washington last week that about 25,000 physicians would be needed by the army. Of these about 25,000 have already been called.

Just what this means to Negro physicians have been called to the colors or even been permitted to volunteer thus far. Surgeon-General Magee of the army has rigidly held down the number of Negro doctors admitted to the service. Most of these have been in low ranks, first lieutenants, who have been sent with combat units. These men for the most part serve in what is more or less a first aid capacity and rarely get an opportunity to do real surgical or hospital work. It is only in hospitals that higher ranks are attained.

Surgeon General Magee did yield enough to establish the station hospital at Fort Huachuca and there will probably be a dozen majors, a couple of lieutenant colonels and a larger number of captains emerge from that outfit. Except for the hospital at the flying school at Tuskegee, Huachuca is the only area in which Negro medical men can advance to high rank. There are less than 50 medical men at Huachuca. Lt. Col. M. O. Bousfield is in command.

If the war grows serious enough however, even if Negro doctors are not a doctor within a radius of them may be moved into the rural areas where frequently there is not a doctor within a radius of 20 to 50 miles. Even in normal times in Alabama, for example, there is only one physician to 1,360 people, white and colored. That is typical of the backward south. The charge is sometimes made that the younger Negro physicians are unwilling to adopt a missionary attitude and prefer to settle where comforts, luxuries and dense populations offer greatest financial advantages. In cities like Chicago for example there are some 300 colored physicians.

If an order is issued for a draft of medical men, doctors will be compelled to go wherever sent. That would be a war time measure and regimentation in the last degree. It is probable such a move would be the definite introduction of real socialized medicine in this country and if ever adopted, it probably would be a permanent fixture.

Negro Vice President Of N. C. Federation Labor Banquetted At NCM

Dignitaries Honor Labor Leader



Here are some of the dignitaries who attended the banquet given last Saturday evening in honor of Haywood Williams, vice-president of the North Carolina

Tobacco Workers Union. Reading from left to right are: C. C. Spaulding, president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank; (More pictures on Page 5).

A. E. Brown, state organizer; Haywood Williams, the honored guest and R. L. McDougald, executive vice president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. (Please turn to Page two)

MARIAN ANDERSON & MARY BETHUNE LAUNCH NEW SHIP

Los Angeles, (ANP) — Marian Anderson, world famous contralto, and Mary McLeod Bethune, national administrator for the NYA both were honored guests here Wednesday when the "Booker T. Washington," first of the new series of government ships to be named for a Negro, was launched from California shipyard. Miss Bethune spoke at a mass meeting held previous to the launching at the Second Baptist church, and Miss Anderson broke the traditional bottle of champagne over the bow to christen the ship.

Theme of the program at which Miss Bethune was principal speaker was "The Negro Pioneering for Democracy." Others appearing on the program were Clarence Muse, popular moving picture actor; Hall Johnson, conductor of

Last Saturday evening in the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Haywood Williams, newly elected vice president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, was honored at a banquet given by the labor organizations of Durham and the city's state supervised Negro-business institutions with representatives of the labor organizations and the businesses constituting the guest.

During the banquet a beautiful, brown, leather, zipper brief case with his initials engraved on it in gold was presented Mr. Williams.

The principal addresses for the occasion were delivered by A. E. Brown, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and E. R. Merrick treasurer of N. C. Mutual. The brief case, which was in token of the high esteem in which Mr.

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