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New Army Policy Is Assailed By ADA

ADA Calls Move By Army 'Sham' And A 'Gesture'

WASHINGTON — The new U. S. Army policy toward races was the object of an unprecedented attack by the Americans for Democratic Action here this week as that organization sharply denounced the whole policy and made it known in no uncertain terms what its collective thinking was on the action to adopt the policy.

The Americans for Democratic Action termed the policy approved by the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, as a "sham" and called upon President Truman to "order the end of segregation in the Army and thus demonstrate to the world that this country means what it says when it speaks out for democracy and freedom."

Secretary of the Army, Gordon Gray who submitted the program to Johnson, said he had discussed it with Charles Fahy, chairman of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces.

After the proposed program was released to the public, Charles M. LaFollette, former Congressman from Indiana and now national director of the ADA, sent a letter to President Truman stating that the Army's new racial program, approved by Secretary of Defense Johnson, is nothing more than a "feeble gesture toward racial equality."

The letter further stated, "although this new policy purports to make concessions to the legitimate desires of Negroes for advancement and other opportunities in the Army, it fails to deal with the core of the problem. It is a sham policy of 'little bit of equality' he said.

Under the new program, the Army will continue segregation on the company level, but white and Negro companies will serve side by side in battalions. It also will continue its policy of limiting Negro enlistments to 10 per cent, the ratio of Negroes to the population.

Racial Policy Revealed By Gordon Gray

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson today approved a program proposed by the Department of the Army to give greater assurance of equality of treatment and opportunity to all Army personnel without regard to race or color.

In submitting the new program to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray pointed out that he had discussed with Charles Fahy, Chairman of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces, the Committee's suggestions and the Army's proposed program.

Secretary Gray said that in order to insure a progressively more efficient utilization and manpower, including utilization of Negroes in each of the Army's career fields, the Army is taking these specific steps:

1. Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) will be open to qualified personnel without regard to race or color.

2. The present Negro quotas for selection to attend Army schools will be abolished and selection will be made from the best qualified personnel without regard to race or color.

3. The promotion system of the enlisted career guidance program will be administered on an equal merit basis so that all promotions will be obtained by open competition on Army-wide examinations, against a single standard and without regard to race or color.

4. ROTC students attending summer training camps as members of school units to which they are regularly assigned will be trained with those units without regard to race or color.

5. A board of senior Army Officers will be convened from time to time to determine current progress under the program and to re-examine and review the fundamental policies for the utilization of Negro manpower in the light of changing conditions and experiences. The first board (Please turn to Page Eight)

Omegas To Honor Them



Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations (left) and Dr. Ralph Bunche (right) will be present at a dinner-dance to be given by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in honor of Dr. Bunche. Dr. Montague W. Cobb, of the Howard University Medical School will be the principal speaker at the occasion which will see Dr. Bunche awarded the Fraternity's 1948 Outstanding Achievement Plaque.

Southern Man Finds 27,000 Fortune In Big Northern City

Special to the TIMES — NEW YORK — A young Southern man came North to seek his fortune and found it. The story of that he sought his fortune is a modern parallel to the fortune seeking knights, of Arthurian legends, but the "how" of his accomplishment of the fortune is a bit strange to the tales of "Mort D' Arthur". Yet the result is practically the same.

Ronnie Mack, a South Carolinian via Charleston, which is no small town itself but does not compare to the metropolis that New York is, left a mother and two daughters behind four years ago to go North and "fortune hunting."

A three story plunge which resulted in a fractured skull was happy combination for winning of a \$27,000 fortune for the 25-year-old Mack.

Last November he was working on the new Esso building, latest of the Radio City towers. Mack was in the employ of the Knickerbocker Concrete Company, sub-contractors.

While working, he plunged through an open hatchway three stories to the cellar of the building. He suffered a fractured skull as a result of the fall.

Mack then sued John W. Harris Associates, the principal contractors, for \$30,000. His lawyer was Paul O'Dwyer, brother to New York City's mayor William O'Dwyer. A Brooklyn Supreme Court jury returned a sealed verdict last week.

When Mack learned of his sudden twist of fortune he joyfully told reporters his plans for the \$27,000. He's going back to South Carolina, he said to buy a farm and install his family on it.

The hearing, the first public session to be scheduled by the Commission, was originally set for October 4. The company sought postponement until November 14. Mrs. Marian Wynn Perry on behalf of the NAACP filed a protest, pointing out that the case was already a year old. SCAD granted an extension of time until October 31.

The case involves charges of Walter Tannis that he was discharged by the Flinn Corporation because he protested against the company's discriminatory employment practices. Tannis further charged that he was threatened with physical violence by Cornelius Cunningham, a company foreman. The company is engaged in the construction of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel connecting Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Mrs. Perry, who represented the complainant during the preliminary proceedings, will represent him on behalf of the NAACP at the Commission's first public hearing.

Eastland Appointment Denounced

Assailing the appointment of Senator James Eastland (D-Miss.) as chairman of the Senate Judiciary sub-committee on civil rights, C. B. Baldwin Progressive Party Secretary, this week wrote Democratic majority leader Scott Lucas demanding that he use his influence "to see that the Senate overcome the obstacles which Mr. Eastland will most certainly erect to the consideration and passage of civil rights legislation."

Baldwin charged that Eastland "has unbroken record of opposition to all efforts to guarantee equal rights for Negroes," and asked:

"Are the vast majority of voters who endorsed the civil rights pronouncements in all Party platforms except the Dixiecrats to understand that Mr. Eastland's new responsibility is his reward for consistent labors against civil rights?"

"In recent months fifteen million Negro Americans have suffered the injury of increased lynching and terror and a resurgence of the depredations of the Ku Klux Klan," the Progressive Party leader said. "To this injury the Judiciary Committee in a Senate controlled by the Democratic Party now adds the insult of an appointment which will almost certainly foredoom to failure all efforts to extend and enforce our constitutional guarantees in the field of civil liberties."

"Undoubtedly the American people will not be misled by this act of the Administration. They cannot help but recognize it as the filibuster in the Senate, failure to pass a single item in the civil rights program, and refusal to enact anti-segregation provisions in connection with appropriation bills on housing and numerous other measures.

Celebrates



Rev. T. C. Graham, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church of Durham and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church near Bahama who will play an important part in the dedication exercise of the educational building at Mount Calvary Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 P. M. Rev. Graham will celebrate his 29th anniversary as pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church on Sunday, October 23.

Music Teachers Will Hold Meet

The State High School Music Teachers' Association will hold its annual business meeting and conference at Clinton, N. C. Dr. Wharton, principal of Sampson County Training School and faculty will act as host for the annual meeting of the Music Teachers' Association on Saturday, October 25.

The general business meeting for the year will be held and plans made for mid-year's clinic. These clinics are for students and teachers. Discussions will also be made concerning annual district contests and state festivals.

All district chairmen in the state will hold their first meeting for the year during the conference.

Truman Forces Surrender To Congress Reactionaries

WASHINGTON — President Truman gave approval to administration Congressional leaders here Monday to putting "on the shelf" the civil rights legislation for this session of Congress until the election year of 1950.

Administration leaders announced, however, that when the next session meets in January that the first bills to be brought up would be the Fair Employment Practice Commission, which is believed by many to be the "fly in the ointment" that has kept the other proposals in the civil rights programs from being brought up.

Capitulation of administration leaders to the reactionaries in court action against employers who discriminate on account of race, color, creed or national origin.

Capitulation of administration leaders to the reactionaries in Congress brought nearer a possible adjournment of this session within the next few weeks, according to Democratic Senate leader, Scott W. Lucas of Illinois.

From the Republican side of the house came charges that the Democrats were making political maneuvers by selecting as the very first legislation to come up in 1950 the most objectionable part of the civil rights bills, and the one they know will be the hardest to pass. Said Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska: "They know that it will fail and they hope they can go to the country in 1950 and claim that it was the Republicans who blocked it."

"We will not sit here and let them get away with that. If it's not possible to pass the FEPC bill then another bill—say the anti-lynching bill—will be brought up in the next session if the Republicans have to do it."

Senator Wherry referred to the fact that early in the present session the Administration lost in the Senate in its efforts to get adopted a cloture, or "gag," rule of the sort that it had wanted to silence the Southern Democratic opposition to all civil rights measures. That opposition always has prevented a vote on such bills by use of the filibuster, or time-killing device.

TWO-THIRDS RULE WON

The rule eventually approved this year was one thrust upon the Administration by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats and sponsored by Mr. Wherry himself. Under it the cloture cannot be put down upon a filibuster short of a vote of the ninety-six Senators.

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Chain Prepares For Fifth Trade Week

By D. F. REED — DURHAM — The Durham Business and Professional Chain busied itself during the past week in making preparation for the fifth annual Trade Week to be launched October 15 with a street parade will be climaxed October 24 with a dinner in the Jade Room of the Donut Shop.

Co-chairmen for the planning for the activities of Trade Week, Mrs. Callie Daye and Richard George, have indicated that the week will be crammed with activities and that greater participation than ever will make this observance the most successful in the history of Trade Week.

Contestants vying for the title "Miss Trade Week" have already been selected by the majority of the sponsoring firms and sale of tickets has already begun. "Miss Trade Week" will be selected on the basis of the number of tickets sold.

Features of this year's Trade Week are the business institute, "Trade Week" Sunday, the "Trade Week" Social, the "Miss Trade Week" contest, the Trade Week Specials, and the parade.

A regular meeting of the Chain has been scheduled for Monday. The purpose of the Chain calendar to be published soon and to give the Chain a last group meeting before the Trade Week.

The Business Institute will be conducted during the week of Trade Week at the W. G. Pearson Elementary School. On Trade Week Sunday ministers of the city will be requested to make some special mention of the program of the Chain.

Trade Week Specials, will be afforded consumers by member businesses of the Chain. These specials will consist of merchandise reduced to bargain prices during the week. The Trade Week parade, which will be held in conjunction with the North Carolina College Homecoming parade, promises to be a gigantic affair.

Member businesses of the (Please turn to Page Eight)



Mrs. Callie Daye, above, is co-chairman of the committee planning for Trade Week.

NAACP Favors Trusteeship For Italy's Colonies

NEW YORK — Commending Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations for his support of a direct United Nations trusteeship for the former Italian colonies in Africa, Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP secretary, wrote to the UN official today expressing the hope that he would use "every influence of his office to see that his recommendations for the disposition of the former Italian colonies is adopted at the current session of the General Assembly of the United Nations."

"Such a trusteeship," Mr. Wilkins wrote, "should be maintained for a limited period with a view to developing the inhabitants of these lands for self-government and nationhood as rapidly as possible—You may be also sure of all those who are striving.

for and believe in the right of self-determination and the equality of all humankind." The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins pointed out, has taken "a strong stand against restoration of Italian administration in these colonies in any form."

Initial Campaign For Memorial Drive Ends On NCC Founder's Day

DURHAM, (UNP) — The initial campaign for the raising \$250,000 for the James E. Shepard Foundation officially ends on Founder's Day, November 3, 1949, according to James T. Taylor, Director, in a statement to the press this week.

Senator Frank P. Graham of North Carolina is Honorary Chairman of this organization with Dr. J. M. Hubbard, as chairman; Asa T. Spaulding, treasurer; and C. C. Amey, field representative. This \$250,000 goal is hoped to be reached during this Scholarship and Loan Fund Campaign.

The James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation, Inc., under the laws of the State of North Carolina, is an organization set up by a cross-section of the two races in North Carolina for the

purpose of memorializing the life and achievements of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, Founder and for 37 years President of the North Carolina College at Durham. Dr. Shepard was born in North Carolina and spent all of his life in service to its people. Although a North Carolinian, Dr. Shepard's influence was felt all over the nation.

Some of the funds raised will be used to memorialize Doctor Shepard in some tangible form on the campus of the college but the major portion will be used to establish a loan and scholarship fund for students of talent and ability both on the undergraduate and professional levels. "It is our honest conviction that any money invested in this (Please turn to Page Eight)

To Head Drive



James T. Hawkins, above, has been named chairman of the Negro Division in this year's Community Chest Drive. Hawkins, a native businessman and graduate of North Carolina College urges support of all citizens in the drive.

Bill To Bar Southern Reps Is Introduced

WASHINGTON — A resolution, designed to gain the right to vote for Negroes, especially those living in the South, was offered in the House of Representatives last week by Harry T. Davenport, (Dem. Pa.)

The resolution would call in to effect a neglected portion of the United States Constitution to gain voting rights for this minority group.

The section of the constitution invoked is the Fourteenth Amendment which provides that the number of Representatives from any state shall be reduced in proportion to the number of male citizens 21 years of age who are denied the right to vote for any reason except rebellion or crime.

According to the resolution offered by Representative Davenport, a seven member committee would be set up. This committee would recommend to Congress a reduction in number of Representatives from any state where Negroes are kept from voting. It would report its findings prior to the 1950 Congressional elections.

Several Southern states, if proof can be established that Negroes are denied the right to vote, would be hard hit by this proposed rule. A sizeable cut in the Representatives from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia would be reflected in the Congress. This reduction would serve to give the Northern representatives a decisive majority.

NAACP Asks End To Bias In Schools

NEW YORK — The New York State Department of Education has been asked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to end segregation of Negro children in the public schools of Hempstead, Long Island.

Following filing of the appeal last week, Negro parents sent their children back to school pending the outcome of their petition to the state agency. Failure of the Hempstead board of education to integrate Negro pupils precipitated a strike at the opening of the school term.