

# President Truman To Address 38th NAACP Conference In Washington

## Fair Employment Code In Federal Labor Measure

### No Arguments Made On Bill During Debate

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—Federal labor legislation, which the Senate House conference committee approved last Thursday, contains a provision described as a "miniature fair employment practice code."

Strangely enough, during debate on the labor bill, opponents of fair employment practice legislation made none of the arguments against this provision that they are accustomed to making against FEPC legislation.

Under this provision, voluntary agreements for compulsory union membership are permissible if they are made with an unassisted labor organization representing a majority of the employees at the time the contract is made.

**UNION MEMBERSHIP**  
Under the section dealing with compulsory union membership, employees would be permitted to enter into agreements requiring all the employees in a given bargaining unit to become members thirty days after being hired if a majority of such employees have shown their intent by secret ballot to confer authority to negotiate such an agreement upon their representatives.

But in order to safeguard the rights of employees after such a contract has been entered into, membership in the union must be available to an employee on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other employees.

This provision is interpreted to mean that if an employer hires a colored worker and the union negotiates a closed shop agreement but denies membership to persons because of their race or color, the employer can retain him.

**SEE JIM CROW END**  
Labor experts believe that this section will put an end to Jim Crow locals set up in the South by certain unions as well as compel unions to change their discriminatory membership provisions.

Membership in Jim Crow unions, these labor experts point out, are on "different terms and conditions" than those generally applicable to other members.

The labor bill, as it emerged from conference, follows substantially the form of the Senate bill, which was milder in its terms than the House measure.

The conference measure unites any ban on industry-wide collective bargaining or authorization for employers to obtain injunctions.



ATLANTA CHAPLAIN IS IN ITALY—Shown in conversation with Major General Luther D. Miller, Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, and (center) Major General L. C. Jaynes, Chief of Chaplains, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, is Chaplain Robbin T. Burrey, of Atlanta, of the 48th Central Postal Directory, Italy. The group was photographed during a tour of duty of observation by the Signal Corps, U. S. Army Signal Staff, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

## Church Called Upon To Fight For FEPC Legislation

BALTIMORE—(NNPA)—Rapidly mounting job discrimination against colored people throughout the country makes it imperative that the church accept major responsibility and leadership in the fight for permanent fair employment practice legislation, Elmer W. Henderson, executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, declared here last Thursday.

Addressing delegates to the annual meeting of the National Federal Council of Negro Churches in America at the Epworth Baptist Church, Mr. Henderson said Congress may pass the bill against race or religious discrimination in employment, but it will not do so unless the Negro church is in the fight and demands passage.

"The church represents the organized conscience of the people," he said, "but it also must organize an organized fighting conscience."

**LOSS OF GAIN'S SEEN**  
Colored people, he said, "are an asset to the nation."

He urged church speakers to bring up the subject in their sermons and to urge their members to support the bill.

Miss Washington believes that the club will have a beneficial effect on the colored community.

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**INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION AT TUSKEGEE**—Speakers and panel discussions who participated in the conferences on labor problems, which were featured during the industrial exposition sponsored by the school of mechanical industries of Tuskegee institute, May 7 and 8.

Left to right (front row): T. H. McCormick, Tuskegee mathematics instructor and chairman of the exposition committee; C. C. Hart, Tuskegee graduate and plumbing contractor in Atlanta; Mrs. Thelma Johnson, chief, minority groups section, U. S. Employment Service, Washington; T. W. Jones, acting director, school of mechanical industries.

## Speech To Be Broadcast Of Major Radio Networks

Washington, D. C.—It was announced by the White House Tuesday that President Truman will speak Sunday afternoon, June 29, at the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital, to the concluding session of the 38th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other speakers sharing the platform with the President will be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon and Walter White, executive secretary of the Association.

## Miss Holliday Gets Year And Day For Dope

PHILADELPHIA—(NNPA)—Miss Holliday, who was sentenced to serve a year and a day in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, after she had pleaded guilty to charges of transporting, concealing and receiving narcotics in violation of federal law.

At her reports, Miss Holliday will receive treatment for her drug addiction which made her subject to federal arrest. She will be in the exchange for this treatment.

The extent to which Miss Holliday had become addicted to the drug was revealed in the United States District Court here when she was arrested for possession of a quantity of heroin which cost her less than \$5.

**EXCESSIVE CHARGES**  
Hollidayberger said she charged \$100 for the heroin, which cost her less than \$5.

Federal narcotic agents raided Miss Holliday's suite in the Atlantic Hotel in Philadelphia in the early morning of May 16 after they had followed her from the Earle Theatre where she was appearing in a play.

When agents searched her car to arrest her, she fled. Her pet-automobile narrowly missed one of the agents.

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SHARECROPPER GROSSES 2,800—John Jeffries, right, a sharecropper in western Tennessee, grossed \$2,800 last year by growing sodine crops with his cotton. He is shown in his tomato patch taking with Extension Service County Agent, A. M. Dobbins. Mr. Jeffries helps with the harvest of the tomato crop. The Jeffries sharecrop 40 acres near Jackson, Tennessee.

## Anthropologist Deplores Perversion Of Prejudice

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—The scientific framework of classification of human beings should not be "perverted" into a prejudiced framework of thinking, so that an observable difference is interpreted in terms of a difference of value in a social framework, Dr. Wilton M. Krogman, president of the American Physical Anthropologists and professor of biology at the University of Chicago, declared last Friday.

Addressing the District of Columbia Anthropological Society and the Medico-Chirurgical Society at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Krogman said "Any prejudice or discrimination based on observed biological differences, such as skin color, hair, nose, and so forth, has no basis in scientific fact whatsoever."

He added that "biologically all mankind is one."

"The time is past when we can say to one out of ten 'turn back to the wall of despair and your back to progress while opportunity spares you by,'" he said. "To do this is to perpetuate all that is racially evil in Negro history."

**BIOLOGICAL FACT**  
"Equality is a biological fact. It is a religious principle. But it is still only in the realm of social theory. We must translate the same urge to ethical action that there was three generations ago," Dr. Cobb said. "Science dominates all but it has never before had the courage to speak out."

Dr. Cobb pointed out that in the past science has supplied the documentation about the difference between peoples of the earth which has been used to bolster prejudice and discrimination.

## Organizations Accused Of Non-Interest In VA Units

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—The Veterans Administration indicated this week that national colored organizations are not interested in providing volunteer assistance for hospitalized veterans in VA hospitals.

Among organizations represented on the committee are the American Legion, the Red Cross, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, USO, American Veterans of World War II, Association of Junior Leagues of America, B'nai B'rith, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Masonic Service Association, and the White Elks.

H. E. Ivey of the VA's special service branch said colored organizations are not represented on the committee because they have never asked to become members of it.

Ivey said the VA has never turned down any qualified organization seeking to become a member of the committee.

**QUALIFICATIONS**  
In order to qualify for membership, he said an organization must be national in its scope and have at least half of the cities where the VA's 126 hospitals are located.

As an illustration of the VA's willingness and desire to have colored groups participate in the program Ivey cited a group of colored citizens near the VA hospital at Oteen, North Carolina.

**LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
He said this group has "done wonders" in giving aid to the program and the Oteen hospital, but that since it was only a local organization it could not qualify for membership on the National Advisory Committee.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has 1,497 branches, youth councils and college chapters in forty-three states. The National Urban League has fifty-six affiliate branches in thirty-eight states.

## GREEN CARD PILOT, LOCKBOURNE AIR BASE, Columbus, Ohio—First Lieutenant Daniel James, a member of the 477th Composite Group, recently received the "green card" certifying his qualification as an advanced instrument pilot.

Lieutenant James, a native of Poppsville, Florida, was the first Negro pilot at Lockbourne Air Base to receive the advanced rating. A veteran flier, he has flown more than 100 hours under actual instrument conditions and has a total of more than 1,500 hours in military aircraft accumulated as a pilot of B-26 bombers and C-47 cargo planes.—(U. S. Army Photo from Public Information Division)

## NAACP To Defend N.C. Mob Escape

RALEIGH, N. C.—T. V. Mangum, president of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the NAACP, announced this week that Attorneys Herman Taylor of Raleigh and Jesse Bowser of Charlotte had been retained to defend Godwin Bush, young near-lynching victim, who made a desperate break from a lynch-bent mob in Rich Square, N. C., on the night of May 22. Just one day after a South Carolina jury had acquitted 26 confessed lynchers in a verdict that shocked the nation, Young Bush gave himself up to FBI agents after his dramatic escape from the mob.

Bush had been arrested by local police on Thursday, May 22, on a charge of attempted rape. He was later taken from the local jail by several armed and masked white men and pushed into a waiting car from which he leaped and ran as the thwarted mobsters fired their rifles at him.

Attorney Taylor, who was rushed to Bush's cell by North Carolina NAACP officials, subjected Bush to an exhaustive interrogation and expressed the firm opinion that Bush was entirely innocent of the attempted rape charge. Taylor declared that Bush was apparently the victim of certain in the South to which any Negro in the South is exposed. The North Carolina N. A. C. P. has assured Bush and members of his family that it will defend him to the limit.

## Vet. Families Living Doubled Up, Survey Says

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Four out of ten married colored veterans in Detroit, over one-half of all those living in New York City, and approximately one-half of those in St. Louis are living "doubled-up" in rented rooms, trailers, or tourist cabins, according to a survey conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the National Housing Agency.

The survey showed that there are 54,000 colored veterans living in New York, 9,000 in St. Louis, and 16,500 in Detroit.

Of the New York veterans, 62 per cent were married, and one-fifth of that number were living in dwellings in need of repair or lacking one or more standard plumbing facilities.

Detroit presented a similar picture with 50 per cent of its veterans being married and 29 per cent living in dwellings lacking adequate plumbing facilities.

**IN THE MARKET**  
Questioned as to what they will do within the next twelve months if housing would be available to them only at present prices and quality, 33 per cent of New York's colored veterans, 24 per cent of St. Louis, and 36 per cent of Detroit said they would be in the market for housing in their areas.

Of the New York veterans, 3 per cent said they would buy or build a house, and 30 per cent said they would move and rent if present conditions remain unchanged.

Four per cent of St. Louis veterans said they will buy or build under present conditions, and 20 per cent said they would move and rent.

Detroit's veterans indicated 21 per cent will buy or build, while 15 per cent will move and rent if present prices continue.

## National GOP Youth Organize

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—A group of students of Howard University recently formed the Interstate Young Republican Club after a series of conferences and discussions on objectives, activities, and qualifications for membership.

The Republican National Committee announced last Wednesday.

As projected, the club will be formally organized at the opening of the fall term. In the meantime, Miss Joan Washington of Atlantic City will serve as temporary chairman.

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## Pay For Cotton Crop Set For Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A vote of 794 for cotton growers' pay for 1946 cotton in their state.

The government revealed the cotton price supporting the department of agriculture explained last week and will immediately distribute the money from sales of the cotton. No estimate

was given as to how many Negroes are included among the 593,259 growers.

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