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## Washington Post Hits Army Ineptness In Protecting Negro Soldiers From Violence

Washington, Aug. 27—(ANP)—In a forthright editorial statement, the Washington Post, leading capital daily, last week charged that the "humiliation" and "violence" visited against Negro soldiers by both white soldiers and civilians, and the consigning of colored troopers to an "inferior status" is "one more manifestation of a dangerous disregard for democratic values which has been carried over from civilian life into the armed services."

Declaring it the inseparable duty of the army to "promote" among its enlisted personnel a decent regard for the rights and feelings of Negroes in the service, the Post suggested launching of an educational program among whites to afford a "greater knowledge of the Negro's contribution to the war effort, of his legitimate aspiration. They simply cannot effectively wage a united nation's war with color prejudices in their minds."

"Efforts must be made at the same time to make Negroes feel that their contribution is appreciated. They have shared in some of the toughest fighting in this war. They are entitled to hope that this world struggle for human liberation will open up to them richer opportunities for advancement and education than they have hitherto enjoyed. They can scarcely be expected to give full devotion to the democratic cause unless it affords some recognition to their legitimate aspirations."

"Any such program of education obviously must be accompanied by a firm insistence on the part of the Army that Negro rights be respected by men in uniform and civilian alike. There are many ways in which any intelligent camp commander can act to crase the causes of friction between white and colored troops."

## SCHOOL LUNCHESES TO IMPROVE WAR TIME DIETS OF NEGRO YOUNGSTERS

## Gallup Says: South Favors Anti Lynch Law

Princeton, N. J., August 24—(ANP)—Dr. George Gallup, director, American Institute of Public Opinion, declared last week that a poll taken of southerners revealed that a majority of them favored a federal anti-lynching law.

Field reporters for the institute canvassed a representative cross-section of voters of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama and Virginia and asked this question: "Do you favor or oppose a federal anti-lynching law?"

A majority of the persons sampled favored the law as opposed to a similar poll taken in 1937 when less than a majority favored the law. Today's findings compared with those of the earlier poll show:

TODAY	
Favor Federal anti-lynching law	56%
Oppose Federal anti-lynching law	23%
No Opinion	21%

1937	
Favor Federal anti-lynching law	47%
Oppose Federal anti-lynching law	36%
No Opinion	17%

Pointing out that only those with opinions on the subject were to be considered, the institute's report said a greater proportional increase was noted among those favoring the law. In 1937, 57 percent of those with opinions favored the law, but today the percentage has jumped to 71 per-

### GETS B. S.



Miss G. May Cooper, former Y. W. C. A. worker in Charleston, S. C. and in New York City, received the bachelor's degree Friday at the summer commencement exercises of Hampton institute.

"He can see to it, if Negroes are segregated, that adequate recreational facilities are available to them, not only inside the camp but also in the community near which the camp is located. He can act to secure reasonable transportation service for his colored soldiers in places where jim crow traditions prevail. And, above all, he can insist that civilians show respect to the uniform his men wear, whatever the color of their skins. Officers should not be placed in command of Negro troops unless they have a sympathy for them and a willingness to safeguard their rights."

"It is no part of the army's business, to be sure, to remedy all the defects of American life. But it is a part of the army's business to set an example of devotion to democratic principles. And it is high time now for the army to do this in regard to its Negro soldiers."

More than a million Negro children are expected to participate this year in community school lunch programs which will be available to a total of over five million American youngsters to help maintain their wartime diets at an adequate level, the War Food Administration has announced.

Aimed at protecting child health despite changes in home life occasioned by war and by food shortages, the program, financed partly by Federal funds with local committee sponsorship and administration, will provide nutritious lunches, milk and meats.

Local sponsors will organize lunch projects, purchase food from local merchants and farmers, and be reimbursed by Food Distribution Administration—up to 60 per cent of the cost of the foods served.

In previous years, the Department of Agriculture purchased foods directly and distributed them to schools through state welfare agencies. This year, buying will be done locally, primarily to simplify the program and release storage and transportation facilities for other purposes. The new plan received a "try-out" beginning last January and the experience gained has set the pattern to be followed as the program operates on a larger scale.

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cent, which Dr. Gallup termed a "substantial majority."

Opposition to federal anti-lynching law, according to Gallup, is based on arguments that such legislation would violate states' rights. Advocates he said based their fight upon the 14th amendment that states: "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the laws."

## Clevelanders Pool Cash, Buy Important Street Corner Building

By Charles H. Loeb  
Cleveland, Aug. 25—(ANP)—

In a real estate coup that is expected to provide a landmark in the accelerated economic progress of the Negro in Cleveland, a small group of Negro businessmen last week pooled resources to acquire one of the most valuable cross-town corners in the city.

Completing negotiations initiated two years ago, the group wrote a new chapter in cooperation between Negro businessmen by buying out a white corporation through a cash bid of more than \$50,000, and acquiring the corporation's biggest asset, the Reserve Building, located on the northwest corner of E. 55th St. and Woodland avenue.

The corner is in the heart of the busiest shopping center in Cleveland's East Side.

Members of the corporation's board of directors include: Councilman William O. Walker, editor of the Call-Post, president; Benjie Mason, owner of the Mason Farm, vice-president; Roger Price of the Pierson and Price enterprises, treasurer; William Pierson of the Pierson and Price enterprises, secretary; Robert Shauter of the Shauter Drug company.

Atty. Edgar Dixon of Cleveland who negotiated the transaction for the combine, was named the building manager, and will house his law offices on the second floor.

The five-story fireproof building houses nine stores on the street level. All stores, with the exception of the Shauter Drug company on the corner, are owned by white interests, and employ practically 100 percent Negro patronage.

On the second floor of the building are the district offices of three Negro insurance companies: Atlanta Life, Fireside Mutual and Domestic Life and Accident.

Three physicians also have offices in the building, as are the offices of Selective Service Board No. 12 for the 11th ward. The floors from third to fifth are given over to 21 apartments, all occupied by white tenants.

One of the corporations first official acts was to order the removal of an elevator sign informing the public that the car did not stop at the second floor.

This practice, inaugurated by the former owners, had in the past forced those doing business with the Negro concerns on the second floor to use the stairway.

### Jarden St. USO News

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the War Mothers club of the Harden St. USO sponsored Home Hospitality for the soldiers of the nearby camps. Many took advantage of this opportunity to visit and enjoy a home cooked dinner among new friends. This will be a monthly feature of the War Mothers' Club activities.

The unique gypsy party on last Friday night was well attended and very enjoyable. The guests had special fun "getting their fortunes told" by a gypsy maiden, Friday night of this week is "Lithday party night" and there will be gifts and birthday cake for all August boys.

A large number of soldiers' wives were present at the luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The wives prepared and served the meal which they seemingly enjoyed very much. After eating, they socialized and made pictures until late afternoon. Many more are expected to join this group.

A special treat is in store for those who come to the open house activities on Sunday, August 29. In addition to the music appreciation hour at 6 p. m. there will be an open forum discussion led by Lt. Frank Scott of Fort Jackson. The subject will be: "Does the Social Requirement of Formal Introduction Limit the Breadth and Value of our Human Contacts?" Afterwards, special music will be rendered by the quartet from the 238th Quartermaster Company of Fort Jackson. The public is invited.

## Chester Organizes NAACP Branch

A branch of NAACP was organized Sunday in Chester. The meeting being held in the Meridian Avenue church. Rev. Coleman, pastor of State President James M. Hinton made the trip to set up this new branch. Pres. Hinton brought the new branch up to date on the following subjects:

Equality of Teachers' Salaries. Voting in the Democratic Primaries and the Sumner Osborne case, now pending before the United States Supreme Court. He also gave a brief resume of the workings of the NAACP. The branch was organized with 51 charter members, with the following officers elected:

A. D. Griffin, president; J. C. White, vice-president; D.H. Babcock, secretary; R. Richburg, treasurer; J. S. Staunback, chairman, Executive Board.

The new branch plans waging a campaign for a large membership in the very near future. The September meeting will be held in the Calvary Baptist church.

## School of Methods Held at Morris St. Baptist Church Charleston

The School of Methods was held at Morris Street Baptist church, Charleston, S. C., August 16 to 20, 1943, 8:30 to 9:30 each night, under auspices of the Charleston County S. S. and B.T.U. Convention, conducted by Mr. P. J. Green Supt.

Theme: Guiding the Youth in a Changing World.

Objectives:

- To assist leaders in planning for the development of our youth.
- To show the need for special religious training of children in their youth.
- To discuss the value of the proper material and related activities in the church program.
- To discuss the need for religious leaders.
- To show how the future church depends on religious trained leaders.

The instructors were as follows: Mrs. A. M. Mack, Beginners Dept.; Miss L. C. Brown, Primary Dept.; Mr. Rufus Bowman, Intermediate Dept.; Mrs. Rosa Johnson, Young People's Dept.; Mr. H. Whack, Adult Dept. and Mr. J. H. Williams, Home Dept. The B.T.U. was conducted by Mr. Leon Nicks and Mr. J. D. Haynes.

Remarks were given by Rev. C. H. Brown, pastor from Second Calvary Baptist church, Columbia.

The Daily Vacation Bible school was supervised by Mrs. R. T. Brown from 9:00 a. m. to 12 noon. This group was largely attended. A program was presented by each group Friday evening Aug. 20th.

The Superintendent has expressed the desire to have all Sunday School Supt. to organize a Parent-Teacher Association.

Rev. J. C. Dunbar, Pres., Mrs. R. T. Brown, Sec'y., Miss L. C. Brown, Reporter.

### PROMOTED TO CORPORAL

Lemuel A. Lewie, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lemuel Arthur Lewie, of Columbia, S. C., has recently been promoted from Private First Class to the grade of Corporal, according to an announcement by the authorities at the Army Air Forces Proving Ground Command at Elgin Field, Florida. Corporal Lewie has been in the Army since November 14, 1942.

The tremendous increase in the Army personnel has created a great opportunity for men who can prove themselves capable of holding the ranks of non-commissioned officers.

## Atlanta Eyes Better Race Relations

Atlanta, Aug. 26—(ANP)—

Long delayed recognition of the things Negro leaders have been demanding here for so many years came this week from Carlisle Fraser, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, who released results of a city-wide survey on postwar problems, submitted to Mr. Fraser by the 727 copies to the 3,000 questionnaires mailed to a cross-section of the population, agreeing that "race relations loomed near the top of the problems to be solved."

The survey showed, Mr. Fraser disclosed, that five steps should be taken to better race relations in the city. They were (1) The creation of adequate park and recreational facilities for Negroes; (2) adequate schools, with curricula fitted to the needs of the students; (3) encouragement for the training of sufficient Negro doctors, lawyers, and other professional men to care for the needs of their own people; (4) social justice for all races in the courts; (5) an increase in the earning capacity of Negroes, including better wage scales for domestic and unskilled labor. Commenting editorially on the proposals, the Atlanta Journal said:

"All these things deserve serious consideration. The citizens who proposed them want to solve the problem within the framework of southern ideas; but point out that unless the economic level of the Negro is built up, that of the white will be pulled down."

## Shriners Consider Negro Role In America and War



Chicago, Aug. 24—(ANP)—Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Mystic Shrine of his imperial address at the annual convention last week devoted considerable time to war problems and the problems of our nation with especial reference to the relation of Negro citizens to our national economy.

While his address was largely devoted to matters pertaining to the Shrine and its affiliated organizations, he said in no uncertain terms, "The future of our economic status is at stake. We must prepare a reserve to avoid being in a serious plight when this war ends. Our people must get into the labor unions, the doors of which are now open in many locations, this having been promoted by the CIO impartiality of membership, and in turn, it has made the AFL internationalists more tolerant, and the probable eventual result is that white and black labor will be progressing side by side."

He further said that the Negro must not shirk his job or lay off needlessly, and must save something.

"Black America must awake," he said, "and tell the powers that be that we are not satisfied with the treatment our soldiers are receiving in some camps nor with the discrimination in common carriers, workshops and industrial plants. However, we must maintain our two centuries of record of American loyalty, and we must approach these problems with a

## Southern Testimonial Baptist Convention Offers Wider Field

Prof. J. B. Krause  
Columbia, Aug. 28—The above institution located in Ridgewood at Columbia is rendering excellent service to the churches that make up its membership. The convention works with the whole community, and therefore not limited in its labor for Christ. In charity, spirit and truth the convention is first.

With no grade toward other organizations, and their large membership rolls, we only ask friendly cooperation, but the policy of Southern Testimonial Baptist shall be freedom for youth, and a free economy, justice for each church, and each minister, and sweet accord within the community. It further stands for the higher type of Christian education.

The Covenant Testimonial Baptist Church is a full member of The Southern Testimonial Baptist Convention. It is a model Christian Church. Dozens of young preachers have been given a chance. It helps support Samuels Art College. This Church is always ready to make room for a true Christian.

The Convention will help a new church coming into its membership to upgrade itself. This Convention seeks in no way to organize, an applicant church is organized. Those churches wishing to join The Testimonial Baptist Convention, address: Southern Testimonial Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 1392, Columbia, S. C.

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## Servicemen's Allotments Begin Month Sooner

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21st—The Army now has a new policy affecting allowances made to the dependents of enlisted servicemen, such allowances and allotments will begin to accrue at the first of the month in which the application is filed, it was announced by Lieutenant Colonel John H. Bush, Chief Army Emergency Relief, Headquarters Fourth Service Command.

"This is one month earlier than the existing practice, it was pointed out. Formerly, if a man entered the service in the middle of a month, the allowance did not start accruing until the first of the following month. Under this new policy, the full month's amount will be entered to the family's credit and charged to the future pay of the soldier making the allotment.

However, if the enlisted man wishes to do so, he may name a month one month later in which the deductions from his pay will be started.

Under the same regulations, allotments and allowances will continue to be paid through the Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark, N. J., for a full month after a man's change of status bars him from receiving the allotment. In case of need or delayed allotments, beneficiaries should write to the Commanding Officer of the nearest post, camp or station or write directly to 321 Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

An enlisted man promoted above the first three grades, the only ones now eligible for the government assistance, can continue his allotment through the month in which he is promoted, it was announced.

"Dear vision, it will not do just to kick about the situation and render him service. In my opinion, if we watch our discipline in every day life, we will not be so hated by other groups. Our good conduct will carry us a long way toward better conditions."

After considerable more having to do with the economic circumstance of the Negro, Imperial Potentate Jackson entered into a detailed discussion of the affairs of the order, and his report indicated more than 50 percent growth in membership, revenue and activity as compared with previous years.

## FIRST ATHLETIC COMMISSIONER



DR. C. B. POWELL

New York City, who has just been named by Governor Dewey as chairman of the New York State Athletic commission, the first time a colored man has held this post. Dr. Powell, widely known publisher of the Amsterdam News, is president of the Victory Life Insurance company and active in civic and political life in New York.

## To the Masons of South Carolina

Dear Brothers:—I realize that the nation's heritage of true manliness is being measured day by day, as time marches onward. Unbounded success to the faithful few whose loyalty cannot be doubted.

This is to remind you that the year is passing and our next Grand Communication is just over the top. Even you should feel it coming. The outlook is bright, it was announced by Lieutenant Colonel John H. Bush, Chief Army Emergency Relief, Headquarters Fourth Service Command.

Without doubt, have the best season in December ever convened in the Jurisdiction. This makes us happy when we think of effort under the recent set-up, will be able to do more than ever for our widows and dependents this year. We are making progress to say the least. We are fighting a battle, nevertheless, my friends. Stand firm in the faith. God has blessed us thus far and will carry us through if we are true followers.

District Grand Lodges will convene in September and October. Stand by our Deputies, have your lodges to spend representatives, encourage and the Grand session will be inspirational and helpful from every angle. Remember that the time is stronger than its wicked ilk. Let's make every effort to go over the top. We must stand together and make our goal assured.

Many of our District Deputies have already printed their proposals and a very acceptable way to the top. They will have great gatherings of master masons. Here to be at some of these communications and enjoy the fellowship.

Printed petitions will be out in a few days. Having you will do what we have asked you. I am, Cordially and Fraternally yours, J. S. STANBACK, Grand Master.

COMMISSIONED 2nd. LIET.

Robert Candidate Robert George (Bobby) Harliee has been commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant Army Air Corps at Miami Beach Officers Candidate School, Aug. 21st.

Lt. Harliee attended Mayo High of Darlington and Morehouse College of Atlanta, Ga. He immediately left for his assignment at a Michigan Air Field.

## ANP News Shorts

RELEASE WED., AUG. 25TH

Chicago—Dr. John Elijah Ford, first Negro to graduate from the University of Chicago Theological Seminary, was buried here on Thursday following funeral services in Jacksonville, Fla., where he had died at the age of 75.

Pastor of the Institutional Baptist church in Jacksonville for 35 years, Dr. Ford was noted as a leader in the National Baptist convention, unincorporated. He had once been sent to Rome Italy for Bible instruction.

Tupelo, Miss.—Among outstanding personages of the Church of the Living God scheduled to attend the state convention of the sect here Aug. 25 thru Sept. 6th, is Bishop M.L. Jewell, who has repeatedly headed several sufferers of infantile paralysis, cancer, strokes and other ills.

Bishop Jewell has been senior bishop of the church since the death of her husband, Bishop E. McLeod in 1937. The church was founded in 1903, and property holdings are reported to have increased 70 percent in the past 5 years.

Somewhere on the Persian Gulf When the full and complete story of U. S. aid to Russia can be told much credit for the speed with which vital war materials has reached our Soviet allies go to the crack port battalion of the Persian Gulf Service command.

This contingent of dock workers composed of Negro enlisted personnel has been whipped into shape by Jerry Sadler, white former member of the Texas railway commission and his chief aide T. E. John Robinson, 28, of Tampa, Florida.

Washington—The U. S. Department of Justice is "giving serious consideration" to a complaint by Frank McAllister, secretary of the Southern Workers Defense league, that prejudice exists in Arkansas, said Victor Rotman, director of the civil liberties division of the department last week.

Rotman said he had been informed that plantation owners had been promising sharecroppers draft deferment provided they signed a contract to work for them for at least five years. McAllister made the charges in a letter he said from his headquarters at Atlanta.

Sandersville.—A good example of the fascist-like application of the unconstitutional "work or go to jail" laws hastily adopted by many southern communities was disclosed here with the announcement by the chief of police Wednesday that all Negroes, men and women, must carry identification badges indicating the name of their employer and their work schedule. The order does not apply to white citizens, it was explained.

Vidalia, Ga.—This community prides itself on being the only one in the state where collection of poll taxes is not a prerequisite to becoming a qualified voter in municipal elections. The poll tax payments were dispensed with by an amendment to the city charter introduced by State Rep. T. Ross Sharpe and passed by the general assembly this year. Voters in the primary will merely be required to register and take the oath.

St. Louis—Lafayette L. Ford, of St. Louis was re-elected president of the Postal Alliance at the 12th biennial convention which formally opened at the St. Louis Pine St. YMCA last Tuesday. The convention was well attended by delegates from all sections of the country. Other officers elected were: Raymond A.C. Young of Baltimore, vice-president; Thomas P. Bomar, Washington, secretary; Thomas P. Holland, Birmingham, treasurer; Snow F. Grigsby, Detroit, editor of The Postal Alliance.

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