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ERVIN JONES INQUEST SET FOR OCTOBER 19TH

Killing of Negro to Be Aired; Wife Will Return to Testify On Police Brutality

At a meeting held Thursday afternoon in the office of District Attorney Thomas Handley, Attorney Irvin Goodman and a representative committee of white and Negro citizens were promised a coroner's inquest would be held on October 9 at 9:30 a. m. in Judge Crawford's court for the purpose of bringing to light the full facts involved in the police killing of Ervin Jones, former resident of Guild's Lake.

District Attorney Handley revealed that an opinion handed down by the state attorney-general rendered it impossible for the widow Jones and her relatives, who were eye witnesses to the shooting, to be returned to Portland at the state's expense. Rev. George Brown of Guild's Lake explained that a sum of \$500 was needed to defray the traveling expenses of this group. He stated that a sum of \$216 had been received in the form of contributions. Handley thereupon insisted that if the inquest was held, he wanted to see that the widow was present. He gave a personal check for \$120 to guarantee her arrival in Portland by the scheduled date. Handley made it clear that this was a personal gift and had no official implications whatsoever. He said, "I am not of the opinion that a killing is ever justified merely because the superior officer of a police department exonerates his subordinate in a case of this type. If there are extenuating circumstances in this case, I want them to be brought to light."

A question arose over the matter of a previous request for an inquest having been refused by Deputy District Attorney John Collier. Handley claimed that an inquest was not denied but a grand jury investigation was deemed impossible under the circumstances.

Race Relations Clinic Held

An all-day clinic on race relations was held Thursday at the Public Service building and at Library hall, with Dr. George E. Haynes of New York City as director and principal speaker.

The clinic was sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches through its commission on race relations. The meetings were open to everyone interested in "making

democracy work". Special invitations were issued to representatives of industry, civic and labor organizations.

Dr. Haynes is considered one of the nation's authorities on race relations. He was the first Negro to graduate from New York School of Social Work and first to receive a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is the author of the section on the Negro in the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Social Yearbook and other periodicals.

Lester Granger Visits

Lester Granger, national executive secretary of the Urban League, spoke to a large mixed audience at an open meeting at the City Library Wednesday night.

Mr. Granger is en route to the Pacific Theater on a government mission.

School

Browning Allen, Jr., left Monday night for Nashville, Tenn., where he will enter Meharry Medical college.

Paratroopers Fight Fires in Northwest Woods

Pendleton, Ore.—The war is over, but American paratroopers are still fighting an enemy in these Pacific Northwest woods, a common, ever-present enemy—FIRE.

For months now, Negro paratroopers of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion have been jumping from Douglas C-47 forest fires in one of the worst years in this section's history.

Faced with the manpower shortage, a dry season and more fires than usual, the United States Forestry Service called on the Army—and these paratroopers furnished the answer.

In many ways, these jumps are just as daring, hazardous and spectacular, if not more so, than any of the combat parachute jumps made in Europe. With no protection except an asbestos helmet and a mask to protect their eyes, the paratroopers bail out 2,000 feet or more into trees ranging from 150 to 200 feet tall.

They use jump techniques perfected by the Troop Carrier Command and the Parachute Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, plus six weeks of fire-fighting technique taught them by the Forestry Service.

Directing the project which the Army calls "Firefly" is Captain Fay McDonald, of Indianapolis, Indiana, a veteran Troop Carrier pilot. He and other pilots assigned to unique tasks are always ready and frequently are in the air en

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October 1st Will Mark Start of New Church Bldg.

St. Philip's Episcopal church is building a new \$20,000 church. Religious services will be held in the parish house during the time the church is under construction. There will be no change in the hours of worship.

The old church is being razed and construction will start on the new building on or about October 1. Every effort will be made to finish the new church by Easter of 1946.

The architects pictures of the interior and exterior of the new building are on display at the parish house. Persons who have seen the pictures agree the new church will be one of the most beautiful small churches in the country. It will have statures which were carved in Belgium. These statures are considered the finest art of its kind in the Northwest.

In April of this year a new \$20,000 parish house was built which means St. Philip's will spend \$40,000 for new buildings; \$36,000 in cash and pledges have been raised. The National Council of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Oregon and the communicants of St. Philip's are raising the money under the Reconstruction and Advance program of the Episcopal church. Communicants and friends of St. Philip's are asked to send their pledges and gifts to St. Philip's Church, c/o The Reverend L. O. Stone, 1216 N. Williams Ave., Portland 12, Oregon.

Observations

Plans are underway to establish a Negro controlled cooperative in this city. The first meeting to discuss the possibilities of such a business will be called within the next 15 days. More than one hundred and fifty interested citizens are expected to attend this initial meeting.

Many local merchants do not enjoy a representative Negro patronage and do not wish to increase their business if they must encourage Negroes to buy their products. In this column, from time to time, our readers will be informed of those Merchants whose refusal to advertise in Negro news mediums are fundamentally based upon this premise. Also those firms in Portland that receive a large volume of Negro business but are unwilling to spend a comparable percentage of their advertising funds in Negro quarters will be listed.

New Florist Salon Now Opened

This week marked another development in the field of Negro business when William James opened a complete floral shop at 1712 N. E. Victoria avenue. This is the first shop of its kind to be opened in a location near the main stream of Negro business and social activities.

Mr. James has had considerable experience in this line of work. He has been connected with business ventures of this sort along with his brother in Los Angeles, California. He expects to offer every possible florist service to his patrons.

For the past three years he has served with the U. S. army in practically every battle theater in the South Pacific. Upon his return to civilian life he began extensive preparations to open a florist shop. His flower designs and corsages will be available for ladies and gentlemen to purchase each evening at the Club Acme and the Fraternal Hall lounge.

Only Two Members of FEPC West Coast Staff Remain

The appointment of Bernard Ross as Examiner-in-Chief of the San Francisco office and as Acting Regional Director, was announced today by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. Because of the Congressional slash of the agency's budget, the West Coast staff now consists of only two men, Ross in San Francisco and Robert E. Brown, Jr., in Los Angeles. Harry L. Kingman, who has served as Regional Director since September, 1943, will assist merely in an unpaid consultant capacity.

Concern over the fact that the FEPC has been reduced in staff and in jurisdiction at a time when

unfair employment practices are likely to become intensified, was expressed by Kingman upon his departure from the agency. He stated that his conviction, however, that the set-back to the principle of federal responsibility for equality of job opportunity is only temporary and that measures will be enacted to safeguard fair opportunity to earn a living irrespective of race or creed.

Kingman's statement continued, "The FEPC on the West Coast has received a large measure of cooperation from numerous employers and unions, but has had insufficient authority to break down the

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League Studies Housing and Racial Reconversion

Urban League Urges Racial Action On War Housing

New York—The possibility of adding 25,000 permanent dwellings to the housing supply of the Negro population, provided prompt community action is taken, is pointed up in a monograph, "Disposition of War Housing," released this week by the National Urban League. An outline of step-by-step procedure to be followed by citizens' groups in order to obtain the wisest possible use of war housing, and the dangers which would result from the failure to act quickly and appropriately, are highlighted. Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, stresses the need for immediate action if the interests of Negroes and other minority groups are to be safeguarded: "If Urban Leagues and other interested community leadership act promptly concerning the matter of peacetime disposition of war housing, it would be possible to relieve much of the tension re-

sulting from the shortage of houses for Negroes."

Provisions established by the Federal Public Housing Authority enable individual or group consumers to purchase war housing, but if such consumers fail to "qualify" private investors may buy up the housing. In view of the fact that no ceilings have been set for the sale or rental of any of these units, it is possible that speculators will buy in the properties at very low prices, and proceed to unload them at exorbitant prices.

Built with public funds, these houses should not be allowed to flood the market and dislocate property values and be re-sold or re-rented for prices that moderate income groups cannot afford to pay. This would mean that Negroes particularly, whose need for housing in congested centers is greatest, and who have been most consistently exploited by unscrupulous real estate dealers throughout the country, would be hardest hit. War housing, the League points out, was in many instances the first opportunity that Negroes had to live in standard, moderately priced homes, and many of them will be disposed to pay unreasonable prices, in order to continue to live in such homes.

The dangers involved in speculating in war housing can be avoided if such action as is proposed in "Disposition of War Housing" is taken promptly in the communities concerned.

Urban League Submits Memorandum On Racial Reconversion Aspects

New York—On August 27th, President Truman received from the National Urban League a 52-page memorandum dealing with Racial Aspects of Reconversion and making seven formal recommendations for action by the administration to prevent a growth of racial discrimination and conflict in the reconversion period.

The memorandum was the third of its kind, others previously having been addressed to President Roosevelt in 1933 and 1937, dealing with depression created racial problems. The Truman document covers "areas of need in which the National Urban League has special interest and competence by reason of its interracial structure and its years of experience in the field of social welfare." It discusses racial problems in the fields of employment, housing, health, military and naval service and race relations.

Copies of the statement are being prepared for wide distribution among key individuals and organizations, with special emphasis on members of the President's cabinet, heads of federal agencies and members of important House and Senate committees. Coming just after the President's Reconversion message to Congress, this distribution is designed to impress federal lawmakers and other officials with the need for taking direct action to end economic and social discrimination against Negro citizens.

A covering letter accompanying the memorandum advised the President: "We offer these suggestions to you and members of your Administration with a confidence derived from your record of forthright insistence on the fundamental rights and equal participation of every American citizen in our national life."

The employment section of the statement pointed out that the "majority of Negroes now employed in essential industries will be forced to look for work in new fields . . . A return to pre-war discriminatory hiring practices will lessen the re-employment chances of displaced Negro workers . . . Thus, two bills, now before Congress take on additional importance and demand a full hearing and early action by the elected representatives of the people. The first is the Full Employment Act of 1945—S380, to provide for full employment of American labor. The second is the Dawson-Scanlon bill to provide permanent peacetime machinery to insure fair employment practice."

"The statement points out that 'the geographical redistribution of Negroes in the North and West which has taken place since the first World War and has been accelerated since 1942, has eliminated the regional perspective in race relations. The status of Negro citizens is the most sensitive barometer of American democracy. The prestige, and indeed the honor of

our country depend upon the degree to which every citizen within our democracy is granted full participation in our national and community life, and equal protection for his social and economic welfare."

Regarding the future of race relations the League's statement calls for a Senate Committee, similar to the old Truman Committee, to work with the Department of Justice in exposing and eliminating "present and future hate-breeding movements". The House Committee and Un-American Activities is declared unfit for this job "in view of the activities and known attitudes of its Vice Chairman (Rankin) and his evident influence among a number of the Committee's members". There follows a summarized list of the major recommendations included in the memorandum.

A digest of the major recommendations included in the memorandum, "Racial Aspects of Reconversion". In each case, the suggestion is made that all appropriate steps be taken to arrive at the objectives indicated:

A—General

Legislative safeguards protecting the constitutional rights of every citizen.

The appointment of qualified Negroes at all levels in Federal departments dealing with general welfare.

The extension and the protection of the right of the franchise to Negroes and all other citizens.

B—General

Full employment, with adequate unemployment compensation and social security benefits to all citizens.

Legislative action guaranteeing fair employment practices in all areas of employment.

The provision of standard housing for middle and low income groups, the inclusion of non-discrimination clauses in all housing legislation, and the elimination of all racial restrictive covenants and agreements.

The equalizing of educational opportunities for all persons throughout the nation, without regard to race.

An adequate program of medical care, with necessary hospital facilities; the extension of a public health program, particularly in rural areas; the stimulation of educational facilities for physicians and others interested in health, and a fair distribution of surplus medical material.

The integration of Negro personnel throughout the Veterans Administration, and the avoidance of all segregation of facilities for Negro veterans.

The abolishing of segregation by race in all branches of the armed forces.

Organized national leadership directed against the forces of hatred, and the giving of serious attention to stabilizing healthy relationships between the races.

Kentucky City Seeks Services of Negro Doctor

Mayfield, Ky.—This city of 9,000 persons, 2,000 of whom are Negroes, is looking for an "able, likable, progressive physician," it was learned this week.

At present, there is neither physician nor dentist here. In fact, there is no Negro medical man in all of Graves county.

In an open letter to the Negro Medical society, the Rev. Ira S. Ashe of the Graves county juvenile court committee, pointed out that this town, 23 miles south of Paducah and 143 miles north of Memphis, is "famous for its peaceful homs, lack of race, crimes and almost perfect race relationship."

Dr. A. G. Taylor, who died suddenly a few weeks ago, practiced in Mayfield and Graves county for almost 44 years. "Up to the time of his death, the letter stated, "he was an important figure in medical fraternal, financial and religious circles." Dr. Taylor was a member of the Mayfield medical clinic.

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Barkley to Aid Bills Affecting Negroes

New York—Legislation affecting Negroes will have the "earnest and serious consideration" of Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader.

This pledge was contained in a letter to the NAACP following an exchange of correspondence started by Senator Barkley after reading an editorial in the Crisis magazine.

Senator Barkley, writing to Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary and editor of the magazine, said, "I realize the force of the statements contained in your letter of Aug. 28 and shall give them my earnest and serious consideration in connection with the whole problem of legislation affecting those for whom you speak and millions of others who are similarly situated."

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Truman Urges Peacetime FEPC

Washington—President Harry S. Truman in a record 16,000 word message to Congress last week repeated his request for legislation establishing a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee.

The present temporary committee established by executive order was stripped of its power with the ending of the war. Created by President Roosevelt with jurisdiction over war industries, the committee, under its present authority, is powerless to handle discriminatory hiring practices in reconversion and peacetime employment.

In a forthright statement which was read in both the Senate and House of Representatives, President Truman said:

"During the years of war production we made substantial progress in overcoming many of the prejudices which had resulted in discriminations against minority groups.

"Many of the injustices based upon considerations of race, religion, and color were removed. Many were prevented. Perfection was not reached, of course, but substantial progress was made.

"In the reconversion period and thereafter, we should make every effort to continue this American ideal. It is one of the fundamentals of our political philosophy, and it should be an integral part of our economy.

"The Fair Employment Practices Committee is continuing during the transition period. I have already required that legislation be enacted placing the Fair Employment Practices Committee on a permanent basis. I repeat that recommendation."

The President also called for full employment legislation, re-emphasizing the objective of our domestic economy as set forth by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt over a year and a half ago in the form of an economic bill of rights.

Pointing out that no matter how rapidly reconversion proceeds no amount of effort or planning will be able to immediately provide a job for every displaced war worker, President Truman urged the Congress to expand and extend unemployment compensation, "not only as a matter of justice and humanity, but also as a matter of sound business." He warned "nothing would be more harmful to our economy than to have every displaced war worker stop buying consumer goods.

He urgently recommended that Congress do not yet return to the states, setting the earliest possible time at June 30, 1947, the date of the expiration of the War Mobilization Act.

Under state control many Negro workers have been discriminated against and otherwise unfairly treated. While all discriminations were not removed with the employment offices under Federal control, the Negro worker was assured a larger measure of fair con-

sideration.

It is expected that by the time the offices are scheduled to return to the states, the United States Employment Service will have been blanketed-in under the Labor Department.

Wide and varied reaction was given to President Truman's speech. Many deemed it decidedly to the left of center, dubbing it the "New Deal" in new clothing.

In some quarters it is considered that more than a reiteration of his recommendation for permanent FEPC legislation is demanded at this time. Informed sources say that there must soon be some evidence of administration weight behind this recommendation if the faith of Negroes and other minorities is to be maintained—particularly as the Democrats look to '46.

Truman's statement on FEPC was praised by the N.A.A.C.P. In a telegram to President Truman, Secretary Walter White said:

"May we express our congratulations and appreciation to you for your clear cut message to Congress of needed legislation to insure full employment and equal justice in the recovery from war. We particularly appreciate your unequivocal request of the Congress that it enact a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee."

Protest to 'Ike' Transfer From Combat Units

With the 7th Army in Germany (ANP)—Charging that they were discriminated against in redeployment of troops because of race, members of this unit recently appointed a four-man delegation to take their complaint to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's headquarters.

According to the delegation these battlemen were transferred out of divisions with which they fought into service units in such a manner as to cause them to "smell a rat".

Their protest brought Maj.

Gen. W. S. Paul, one of Gen. Eisenhower's staff officers, down to Mannheim. General Paul, it is reported, promised that all colored combat troops transferred to service units will be reassembled and redeployed through the States

with their battlefield status as soon as possible.

The fight to retain their battlefield status and remain in mixed units was led by T-Sgt. John H. Stagers, Charleston, S. C.; S-Sgt. Vincent Malveaux, Galveston,

Texas; Sgt. Herbert L. Wheeldin, Hartford, Conn., and S-Sgt. Arthur E. Hogue, Marion, Ala. They handed me this statement upon completion of their talk with General Paul:

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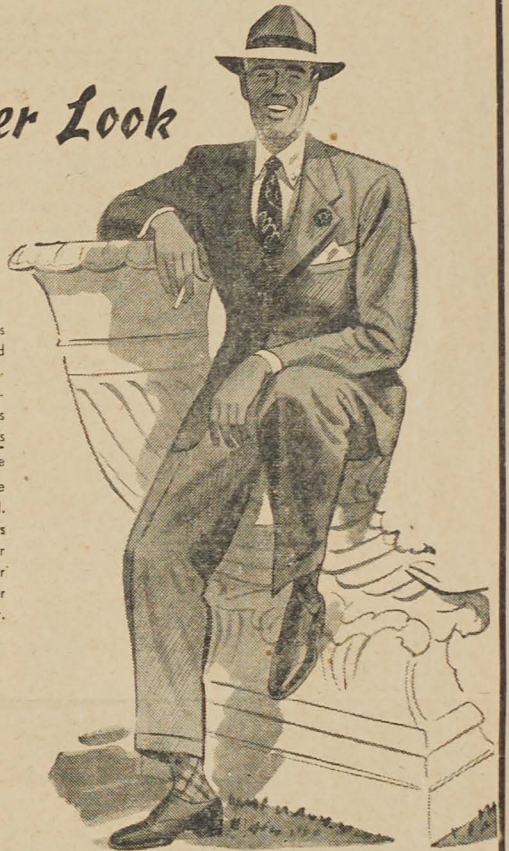
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OREGON'S "JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE"

Plans to have the wife and family of Ervin Jones, Negro, who was killed in his house approximately a month ago at Guilds Lake by Portland Detectives, who were allegedly seeking another criminal suspect, return for a District Attorney's investigation are rapidly taking shape.

Welfare groups and citizens interested in a just and impartial settlement of the circumstances surrounding the Jones killing believe that the testimony of Mrs. Jones will play an important part in clarifying the public on the methods employed by local police when they are dispatched to apprehend a Negro suspected of crime.

Jones was the father of five dependent children. He was partially insured but his family cannot collect this insurance because Detective Captain Fleming declared this killing a justifiable homicide and exonerated the officers responsible for this shooting. The insurance carried by Jones is not payable under this condition.

The facts in the case have shown so far:

1. The Detectives did not reveal to Jones that they were Portland Police.
2. They attempted to force entrance into his home.
3. They were not armed with a warrant for his arrest.
4. They were seeking in reality another person who did not know Jones and who did not resemble him in the slightest degree.
5. Jones never fired into the front door as charged—he fired one shot above the door near the ceiling. Jones was shot in the back.
6. Jones never knew until he was taking his dying breath that the men he was resisting within the confines of his house were policemen.
7. The taking of Jones' life was ruthless in the most elementary sense. The detective who fired the death dealing bullet had to shoot directly across a bed where two babies were lying, frightened and screaming. The lives of these children, being endangered, did not even deter this officer from his murderous impulse.
8. The officers later found the criminal for whom they were searching. He admitted his guilt and denied ever having known Jones.
9. Officer's reason for going to Jones' house is alleged to be that another Negro told them they could find the criminal they were seeking there. Obviously no further investigation was made or believed necessary.
10. The life of a Negro is obviously as cheap here as in the hinterlands below the Mason-Dixon line. Instead of viewing an officer of the law as a protector and a friend, Negroes will soon begin to feel that they are human carriers of brutality and death.

The killing of Jones shows what can happen to a Negro as a result of Portland Police not being given courses in racial tolerance and understanding, as was suggested by the City Club Committee when the committee members interviewed Chief of Police Harry M. Niles. The committee reported, however, that Chief Niles showed a lack of enthusiasm for such a program.

William H. McCleendon

Red Cross Will Stay on Job to Serve Armed Forces

The Red Cross has to stay on the job as long as needed to serve the armed forces. The road ahead to peace is filled with unfinished tasks which need Red Cross personnel and services. In turn, the Red Cross depends upon the cooperation of the people, given generously during war years.

For months ahead, volunteer workers will be needed for sewing, canteen, staff assistance, motor corps, gray ladies, arts and skills, knitting, nurse's aides.

The nurse's aide corps, a wartime volunteer service, will remain on the job until our Army and Navy nurses return. Registrations for new classes are being taken.

At present much sewing remains to be done in Multnomah County chapter for servicemen in army and navy hospitals, for Philippine relief, and layettes and clothing for servicemen's families. Thousands of sweaters must be knitted for wounded veterans. Red Cross at 1506 S. W. Alder street is open for sewing from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. or women can join their nearest neighborhood sewing unit.

Red Cross needs women hospital workers and social workers for paid positions in army and navy hospitals; men field directors for military bases; women field assistants for clerical duties at separation centers. The Personnel Recruiting office at the Red Cross, ATwater 8561, has additional information.

Home service counsel and aid for veterans and their families is available at the Chapter house and at branch offices in Vanport and Gresham.

Home nursing, nutrition, first aid and water safety classes are being organized regularly as a part of the health, safety and educational peace-time program of the Red Cross.

Paratroopers Fight Fires In Woods of Pacific Northwest

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route to a big fire by 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

Troop Carrier planes are strategically stationed at the Walla Walla, Washington Air Base; at Chico, California, and at Pendleton, Oregon.

They cover an area of not only thousands of acres of forests, but thousands of miles. They fight fires all the way from the Canadian border to Mexico. Principal states are Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California, but if the need arises, there is no boundary.

The Troop Carrier planes receive their orders—or directions—from a central fire control tower of the Forestry Service.

As soon as the report comes in—giving the location of the fire, the size, wind velocity and other pertinent data—the Troop Carrier planes are loaded with the fire-fighting Negro paratroopers and speeded to the scene of the fire.

Ordinarily, it would take hun-

dreds of men to fight a 600-acre fire. A dozen paratroopers will do the job. The "fire-borne" chutists, as they have been dramatically described, land in front of the fire and then cut it off.

They usually bail out in "sticks" of four and five on an exact spot, the plane making several passes to jump them all. Axes, picks, shovels and other equipment are dropped to earth by chutes ordinarily used to drop food to combat soldiers in enemy territory.

After landing in the tall trees, they free themselves from the chute and let themselves out of the tree with a 150-foot rope which they carry.

Upon hitting the ground, they retrieve the shovels and set to work digging trenches ahead of the blaze to keep it from spreading. After this has been done, they make an effort, whenever possible, to extinguish the blaze. But the emphasis is placed on keeping the fire from spreading.

No chemicals at all are used—only their instruments and manual labor.

They land in what is probably some of the worst mountain terrain in the world—on mile-high, rugged mountain peaks and in deep rocky valleys. Some of the territory is so rough that it has taken them as long as ten days to get back to their home base. Some of the trees are so tall and treacherous that it requires several hours for them to get out.

Newsreel men who watched the drops declared they were "the most spectacular" thing they had ever seen.

Forestry officials estimate that many thousand acres of timber land have been saved by these paratroopers, which also means that millions of dollars worth of the country's national resources have been preserved.

Commanding the only Negro parachute battalion is Captain James H. Porter of New York City. The executive officer is a young Negro from Waycross, Georgia, Captain R. W. Williams, a jumper whom the men "swear by".

Captain Williams, now serving as acting commander, views their assignment with mixed feelings. He and his men trained for combat duty and wanted combat.

When given the fire-fighting assignment, they were keenly disappointed but figured it a "snap". But they soon found out it was really a man-sized job and vitally important. Now that the war is over and there is no chance for combat, they are proud of their job.

Plan Confab On Fair Employment Practice

New York—A one-day conference on the question of federal responsibility for fair employment practice will be held at the Hotel Commodore Sunday, Sept. 23, under the auspices of the New York Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

In announcing the conference, Dr. Channing Tobias, co-chairman, hailed President Harry Truman's recent congressional message

in which he called for the establishment of a permanent FEPC.

"Coming after this forthright statement," said Dr. Tobias, "the conference will serve to stimulate public discussion on this all important question. There can be no possibility of full employment in the post-war period without fair employment and without equal economic opportunities for everyone."

Participants in the conference include Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women; Dr. Max Yergan, chairman of the Council of African Affairs and president of the National Negro Congress, and Mrs. Anne Hedgepeth, executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC.

NOTICE

September 20, 1945.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Touring

Mr. John C. Baker left Portland Sunday, September 8, 1945, for an extended trip throughout the Middle West and East. The trip, expense free, is a gift to Mr. Baker from his son, Vernon Baker, prominent Seattle businessman. The younger Mr. Baker accompanied his father on the trip which will also take them to the World Series. They expect to be away a month or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baker of N. E. Wheeler avenue returned Sunday from a motor trip to Oakland, California, where they spent a few days combined with business and pleasure. Mr. Baker is the congenial manager of Fraternal Hall Cocktail Lounge.

Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Avritt of 65 N. E. Hancock entertained with a dinner party Friday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Moore. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Akers of Davenport, Iowa. The Akers plan to make Portland their home.

Exodus

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Moore and family, war-time residents, left Sunday night for their future home in Philadelphia, Penn. The Moores were quite popular here during their three year stay, in church and social circles. The trip

Rhythm ROUND-UP

By AVEU HERD

Banjoski has two new faces in his band. One is Muse, a tenor sax man, who plays great horn. The other is "Little David" Henderson, who helps out until Joe Crane lands a new contract.

Ralph Stevenson, Tooty Boyd and Jimmy have returned to Seattle. They found the town flooded with new musicians recently discharged from the armed services.

To Whom It May Concern: Julian Henson, one of the "greats" among swing pianists is currently laying em in the aisle at a night club in Seattle. Ed Slaughter, local swing music mentor, says he is as fine as they come in this part of the land.

Charlie Merritt plays some great horn.

If Joe Crane moves into the Acme we hope he finds a frantic guitarist and a hep pianist. If Charlie Merritt continues at this spot let's all help him find another piano player . . . one without so much corn . . .

Word just received that Joe Crane is in California looking for new talent to fill the many vacancies in his combo. His vehicle chewed up a crankshaft—look for him when you see him . . .

is being made by automobile by the way of San Francisco to view the Golden Gate before returning east.

Cocktail Party

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaskin and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy were hosts at a delightful champagne cocktail party Monday evening, September 10, at the home of the Hardys, honoring Mrs. Hardy's mother, Mrs. Albert Johnson and sister, Mrs. Samuel Kellog of Omaha, Nebraska.

Buffet Supper

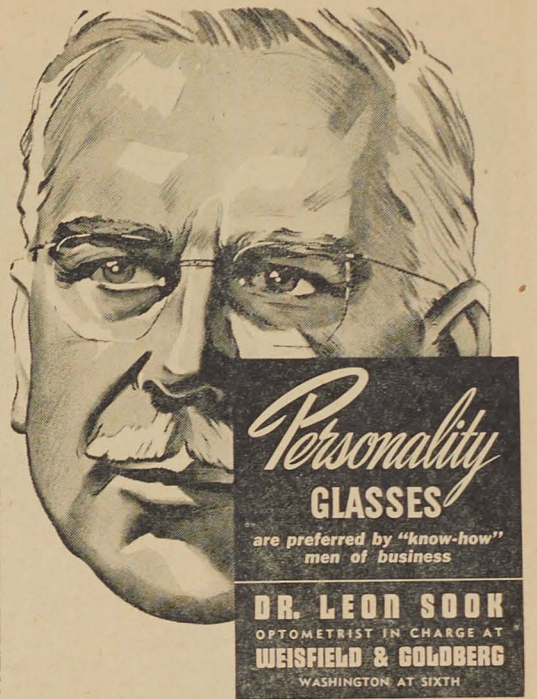
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wright were hosts at an elaborate and delicious buffet supper Wednesday, September 12, at their palatial house on S. E. Tibbets. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs of Los Angeles, California.

Top Flight Artist to High-light Club Reopening

Club Acme will hold its gala reopening Wednesday evening,

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type to present day nite club jive. June, Countess and Frances provide interesting entertainment with their dancing and vocals. Their *Boogie Woogie ad lib* is a knock-out. One of the vocals is a good imitation of Billie Holliday. Blondie sends the audience out with her snake dance.

Vanport News

The Vanport Recreation Association was terminated August 31 due to the ending of the Lanham funds. All Centers were subsequently closed. Three centers are now opened as Community Centers, operated by the Project Service, Department of Federal Housing. The centers now sponsors youth and adult organization and

integration of inter-racial activities.

Mrs. Heloise Hill, former Vanport teacher, has been appointed director of Community Center No. 5. Mrs. Hill is a graduate of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. A member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Before coming to Portland, she was a teacher in the public schools of Paris, Texas.

Bagley Downs News

Willis Williams, recreation director of Bagley Downs, resigned last week to enter Pacific College pursuing a course leading to a degree in physical education.

Mr. Williams has been connected with the Vancouver Recreation Association for a year, serving first as a staff worker and later being promoted to director. In this latter position he did a very creditable job. He is being succeeded by Arnold Jones, formerly of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Laurel E. Jones, 1024 N. E. 1st Ave., Portland, Ore., a product of Spelman College University and Central Y.M.C.A. College, Chicago, Illinois, is another recent addition to the staff. Mrs. Jones is in charge of women's activities.

Mrs. Fannie Chatman, 127 H. West Wintler Drive, Bagley Downs, formerly supervisor of Vancouver Nursery System, received the post of secretary to Mr. Lee Randall, Project Service Director.

Los Angeles Gets 2nd Negro Principal

Los Angeles (ANP)—Mrs. Bernice Barnum became the second Negro school principal here last week when she was named head of the Holmes Avenue Elementary school.

The first Negro to serve in that capacity was Mrs. Bessie Brewington Burke. She is now associate principal of a mixed school on W. 36th street. Mrs. Fay Allen is the Negro member of the local school board.

Ask Anti-Bias Clause In Auto Union Contracts

Detroit—More vigilance in preventing employment discrimination against Negroes and other so-called minorities embraced in the large membership of the CIO United Auto Workers was called for this week by the union's fair practices committee.

In a special communication sent to all UAW local union presidents with the approval of George F. Addes, international secretary-treasurer and chairman of its fair practices committee, it is pointed out that, although there have been fewer reports of discrimination in this layoff period than might reasonably have been expected, cases of discrimination and violation of seniority rights are expected to increase as automobile plants begin to recall old workers and hire new employees.

The committee's letter was issued by its executive director, George W. Crockett, Jr. It requests each local union president and the bargaining committee to immediately commence negotiations seeking a no-discrimination clause in its contract which would prohibit employment discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, sex or marital status.

Commenting on this report, Mr. Crockett stated that the international union's executive board approved this contractual prohibi-

tion at its meeting in New Orleans last February and that the UAW's General Motors department is now seeking to obtain the consent of General Motor's corporation to such a clause. If these negotiations are successful, it will mean that hundreds of GM plants all over the country now covered by contract with UAW, will be contractually obligated to observe the principle of fair employment practices.

The union's national agreement with Ford Motor company has a similar clause and negotiations with the Chrysler corporation are expected to get under way soon.

Protest to "Ike"

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"At the present time Maj. Gen. W. S. *Paul has taken over the handling of the problem. He has promised that even though the colored volunteers have been, and are being, sent to various service units, as soon as possible the en-

tire group will be reassembled and redeployed through the States with combat status."

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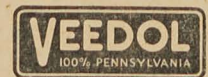
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Sport Briefs

Boxing

Joltin' Joe Kahut proved too much for the highly touted Al Jordan. While Jordan did some clever boxing, he was unable to stay clear of Kahut's right hand, after going down three times, he was counted out in the fifth round.

Gene Johnson, fast-coming youngster from Vancouver, stopped Oliver Crump in the second round. After being knocked down twice, Crump decided he had had enough, so as Gene started the next blow, Crump obligingly crumpled up and waited contentedly for the referee to disqualify him and award the fight to Johnson.

This week Johnson will meet the old veteran "Speedy" Cannon.

Football

Bobby Reynolds who was such a shining light in the University of Oregon's backfield before Oregon dropped football, is now back in school after serving in the armed forces. He is the only veteran in the backfield and will bear the brunt of Oregon offense this fall. Reports from the campus state that Bobby looks great in practice. Watch him this fall!

Wrestling

Following on the heels of success of Seelie Samara, another Negro wrestler, Rufus Jones, has invaded the Northwest lair of wrestlers and is meeting with outstanding success. After meeting four opponents he is still undefeated and going strong.

Race Situation Acute In Los Angeles, Says Foster

In a statement issued this week during a survey of living conditions in Los Angeles, A. L. Foster, executive secretary of the Chicago Urban league, calls the "City of Angeles" America's No. 1 race relations sore spot.

According to Foster, Los Angeles is in the position now that midwestern cities occupied after World War I in regard to race tension. Principal factor is the same as in 1918—reluctance of southerners to return to flagrant violations of rights practiced below the Mason-Dixon line.

In his report, Foster states: "Just as in Chicago, and even with greater intensity, problems of housing, transportation, health, crime, delinquency have become strained.

Few Negroes Leaving

"The present situation is serious, and will probably grow more so despite the fact that highways leading east and southward have shown increases in the number of cars and trucks leaving of 300 per day over a month ago.

"Practically all of these 'leavers' are white as few Negroes seem to have any intention of leaving. I have talked in scores of barber shops, pool rooms and taverns and get the same answer from practically all of them. They do not relish the idea of going back south. Some talk about going to Chicago or Detroit but even those who came from that far east seem eager to remain in Los Angeles.

"Los Angeles is experiencing its worst crime wave in history. The press reports that there are 300 crimes reported daily—sex attacks, sluggings, hold-ups, etc. I have spent much time in 'Little Tokyo,' now more popularly known as 'Bronzeville' and the business people of that district are greatly worried about crime and vice conditions.

"Much of the crime, however, is committed outside this district where Rev. and Mrs. Harold Kingsley, formerly of Chicago, are doing excellent work with Pilgrim House as their headquarters. It

was by privilege to speak before an audience of whites, Negroes, Mexicans and Japanese at Pilgrim House last Sunday afternoon and to confer with outstanding Japanese and Negro citizens later. They are all greatly interested in our programs of public relations and civic education.

"Harold Prince, formerly of Chicago, is in charge of the YMCA in the colored community and is doing a grand job. The NAACP has just ended its most successful membership campaign and is on the job always. Other organizations are working hard to help improve conditions."

GIs Protest Delay In Redeployment to States

Le Havre, France (ANP)—Since V-E day there is a familiar phase to GIs—"sweatin' it out," which many are doing here in the European theater. This period of waiting is the toughest part of the soldier's army career. Men who have fought a long and hard war feel that they are being given the brush off since the fighting has stopped.

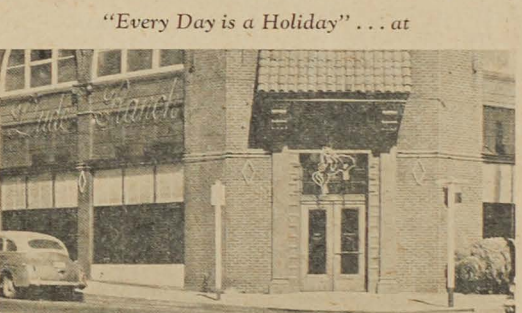
High point men throughout this area have started a campaign of protest by wearing large signs on their backs, which read, "I Am a Forgotten Bastard, with 112 Points and Can't Go Home." And another one was, "I Have a Wife and Child That I Haven't Seen in Three Years," etc. The boys are carrying their gripes on their backs.

But out on the fields in northern France, in the redeployment tent city of Camp Lucky Strike, is the sorest spot in the LeHavre assembly area, there are some 12,000 colored troops of several port battalions. The gripes are many, which are gaining momentum every day.

Higher headquarters have sensed the low state of morale among the colored troops. Gen. B. O. Davis of the Inspector General headquarters spoke to thousands of soldiers, pleading with them to be patient. The advice of General Davis had little effect on these war beaten troops, many of whom have been away from home for three years.

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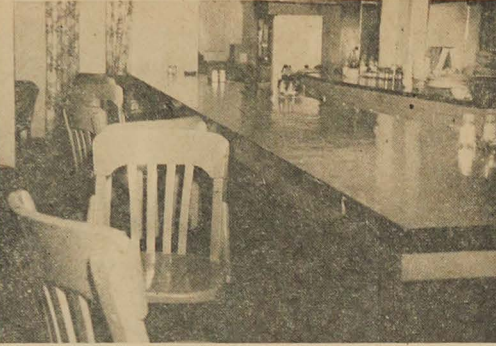
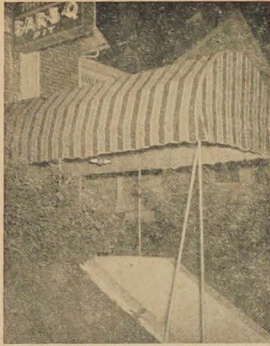
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Two Members Left On Coast FEPC

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 general pattern of discrimination or to solve several of the more flagrant cases. In the San Francisco area 714 complaints involving thousands of workers have been docketed since September, 1943, and 575 have been closed. Approximately 38% of those closed were satisfactorily adjusted and the others were dismissed on their merits or for insufficient

evidence. Of the 139 remaining cases, which are either deadlocked or still being processed, many represent discrimination by employers or unions which apparently cannot be solved by persuasion or negotiation. There is manifest need for an agency which possesses a reasonable amount of authority for the wise and effective handling of these cases of persistent job discrimination".

"The ending of employment discrimination has been made far

more imperative by the discovery of the atomic bomb. No longer can we calmly indulge in racial discrimination in a world whose peoples are predominately non-white, a world which is now so dependent for its continued existence on the avoidance of injustice."

In conclusion Kingman stated that great numbers of the Negroes, Mexicans and other minority workers on the West Coast have made a highly commendable record in war industries. Many of

those who continue to reside here can be considered, if fairly treated, a real asset for our post-war economy.

Negro Vote Big Factor In Union Election

Negro workers at the Electric Steel Foundry on N. W. Vaughn street will play an important role in the coming jurisdictional election that will soon be ordered by the National Labor Relations Board. The United Steel Workers of America, CIO, and the A. F. of L. Portland Metal Trades Council are contesting vigorously for the right of union control in this shop. At present this plant is open shop. The ballots which will be handed to the workers on the day of the election will be arranged so that workers can make three choices, A. F. of L., CIO or non-union.

Negro workers at this plant constitute more than 30 per cent of the total number of employees. In the event the CIO wins the election a Negro, Ivan Williams, will serve as vice-president of the union. If the A. F. of L. wins it is likely that the Negro workers will be discriminated against as they were during the war.

This is the first labor dispute to merit the attention of Negroes in this area since the conclusion of the war. Its ultimate settlement will be a strong indicator as to the progress Negro workers can expect to make in industrial employment.

Survey Shows Workers to Remain In This Area

According to a recent census compiled of the Negro War Workers living in the Vancouver area, 55 per cent indicated their intentions to remain in Vancouver. The remaining 45 per cent are leaving the area, some returning to their former homes, others to various coast cities. Less than 15 per cent expressed a desire to return to southern states. The questionnaire was prepared by the U.S.E.S. War Manpower Commission, Welfare Society and Urban League.

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