"LABOR UNITY WILL BENEFIT RACE"--RANDOLPH

CIO-AFL PEACE WILL AID NEGRO WORKERS IN BREAKING BANS

CHICAGO, Jan. 29—When questioned about the meaning of unity between the AFL and CIO to Negro workers, A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, stated at the mid-west headquarters in Chicago, that unity in the labor movement will improve the lot of all workers in America, which includes the Negro.

IN A STATEMENT MR. RANDOLPH SAID,

"If the American Federation of Labor and the Congress for Industrial Organization do not unite, the workers are certain to lose some of their vital gains during the post-war period when employment declines. Specifically, Negro workers will benefit because Negroes can more effectively fight to break down racial discriminations in a united labor movement. In a united labor movement there will be a larger number of unions the Negro can marshal to attack barriers in trade unions on account of race, color, creed or national origin.

MUST FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

"But Negro workers must understand that in a united or divided labor movement, they must fight for their rights. There is no magic and easy road to Negro workers eliminating the color bar in trade unions.

"One of the most important results of unity between the AFL and the CIO is possible unity among Negro workers themselves, who are now members of these two bodies, for an effective fight for their rights in the annual conventions, the City central bodies and the State Federations of one powerful labor movement", he concluded.

PEARL BUCK'S RACE STATEMENT ISSUED IN PAMPHLET FORM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29—(ANP)—Pearl Buck's forceful statement on the Negro question, originally published as a letter to the New York Times, was issued this week in pamphlet form for widespread distribution throughout the country.

The eight-page pamphlet, "Pearl Buck Speaks for Democracy," includes an incisive foreword by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in which the First Lady declares:

"We have probably come to a point where we have to make up our minds either to live in a democracy and make it a reality or to accept the fact that we are not capable of meeting this challenge."

Although the publication is officially sponsored by the Common Council for American Unity, 222 Fourth avenue, New York City, the project was initiated by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, chief of the Negro employment and training branch of OPM and financed by the Julius Rosenwald fund at the suggestion of Dr. W. W. Alexander, chief of the minority groups branch of OPM.

The Common Council for American Unity has announced that it will furnish single copies of the pamphlet free on request, and additional copies at cost price of two cents each. Requests should be addressed to the council's office at 222 Fourth avenue, New York City.

NEGRO COLONIAL GOVERNOR KEEPS 'WATCH OVER AFRICA', SAYS FREE FRENCH LEADER

By Our London Correspondent

LONDON—(Censored)—Jan. 29—Repudiating the racial doctrine that the colored races are unfit for any higher status than "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for Europeans and that the African is incapable of self-government, Professor Denis Saurat, has published a book entitled "Watch Over Africa", in which he pays the highest compliments to the brilliant West Indian Negro Colonial administrator, Felix Sylvester Eboue, Governor-General of French Equatorial Africa.

Professor Saurat, Director of the Institute Francais, London, and head of the Information Bureau of the Free French Movement under General de Gaulle, was sent on a mission to French Equatorial Africa last year. The book is an account of his tour.

"To Governor-General Eboue belongs the glory of taking the initiative that founded Free French Africa", writes Professor Saurat. "Also the glory of having made clear the principles on which national reconstruction can be based."

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JAPS EXPLOIT RACIAL HATE IN ASIA WAR

LONDON—(Censored)—Jan. 21—The reason why the Japanese have been able to achieve such striking military successes is because they are exploiting the racial set-up in the East by appealing to the medley of colored races to further their imperialistic designs.

Under the slogan "Asia for the Asiatics", Japanese airmen are dropping leaflets on the native populations in Malaya, Singapore, the Philippines and Rangoon in Burma, calling upon the natives to revolt against the Europeans.

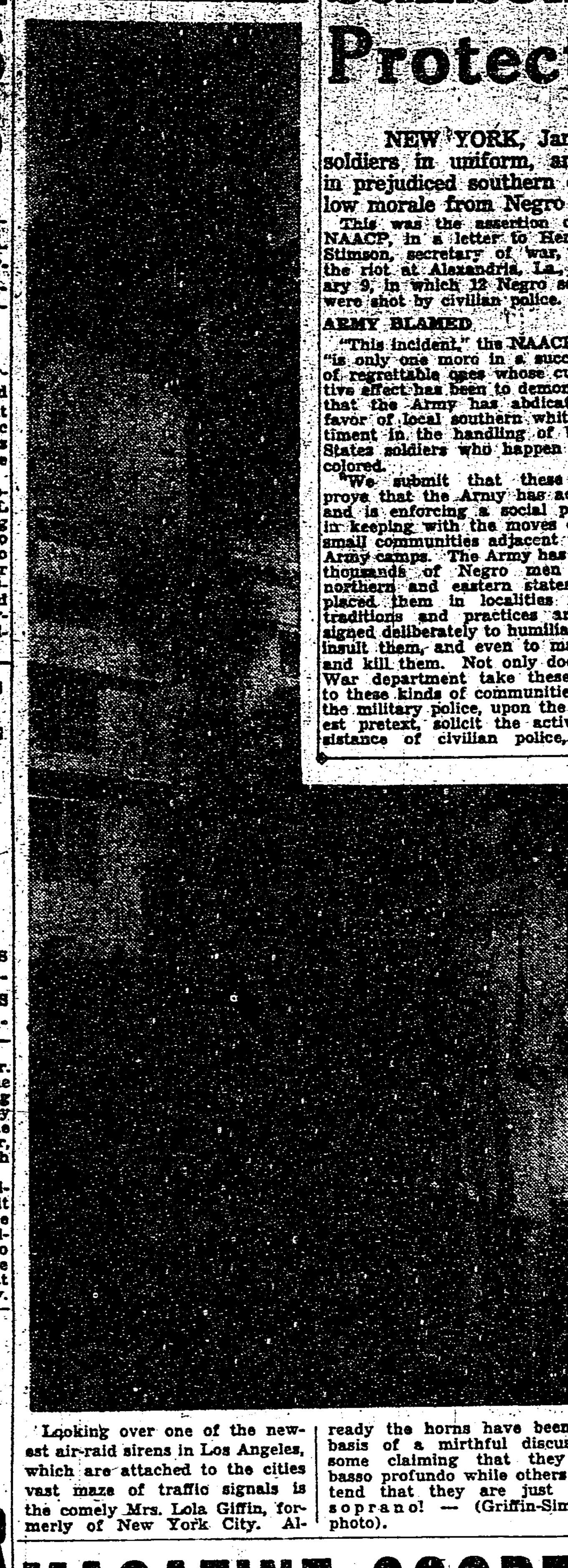
Here is a sample of the kind of stuff the Japs are turning out, quoted in a dispatch from Reuter's correspondent in Singapore. It reads as follows:

"Japanese dropped their first propaganda pamphlets on Singapore on Christmas Day. The message of the leaflet was 'Burn all white devils in the sacred white flame of victory". The correspondent says that on the other side was a crude drawing showing a group of natives brandishing baming torches.

BLAMES HUSBAND IN D. C. DIVORCE SUIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29—Mrs. Sarah F. Irvin brought suit last Tuesday for an absolute divorce from Julian C. Irwin on the ground that he deserted her in 1939.

CHECKS SIRENS!



Looking over one of the newest air-raid sirens in Los Angeles, which are attached to the cities vast maze of traffic signals is the comely Mrs. Lola Giffin, formerly of New York City. Already the horns have been the basis of a mirthful discussion, some claiming that they are basso profundo while others contend that they are just plain s o p r a n o! — (Griffin-Siminoff photo).

Stimson Is Told Army Must Protect Men In Uniform

NEW YORK, Jan. 29—Until the Army gives exact and equal treatment to all soldiers in uniform, and until it protects Negro soldiers from beatings and shootings in prejudiced southern communities, the nation can expect only bitter resentment and low morale from Negro citizens.

This was the assertion of the NAACP, in a letter to Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, about the riot at Alexandria, La., January 9, in which 12 Negro soldiers were shot by civilian police.

ARMY BLAMED

"This incident," the NAACP said, "is only one more in a succession of regrettable ones whose cumulative effect has been to demonstrate that the Army has abdicated in favor of local southern white sentiment in the handling of United States soldiers who happen to be colored.

"We submit that these riots prove that the Army has adopted and is enforcing a social pattern in keeping with the moves of the small communities adjacent to the Army camps. The Army has taken thousands of Negro men from northern and eastern states, and placed them in localities whose traditions and practices are designed deliberately to humiliate and insult them, and even to maltreat and kill them. Not only does the War department take these men to these kinds of communities, but the military police, upon the lightest pretext, solicit the active assistance of civilian police, who have no regard for Negroes as men, or citizens, or soldiers of their country, and who shoot them down without hesitation."

The Associatiton called upon the War department to take swift action in the Alexandria case, and advanced the opinion that the basic cause of friction and clashes between the races at Army camps was the segregation policy of the War department.

Should I Sacrifice To Live 'Half-American?'

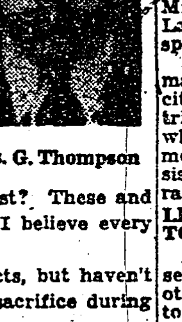
Suggest Double VV for Double Victory Against Axis Forces and Ugly Prejudices on the Home Front.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A young man, confused and befuddled by all of this double talk about democracy and the defense of our way of life, is asking, like other young Negroes, some very pertinent questions. We reprint this letter in full because it is symbolic.)

DEAR EDITOR:

Like all true Americans, my greatset desire at this time, this crucial point of our history; is a desire for a complete victory over the forces of evil, which threaten our existence today. Behind that desire is also a desire to serve, this, my country, in the most advantageous way.

Most of our leaders are suggesting that we sacrifice every other ambition to the paramount one, victory. With this I agree; but I also wonder if another victory could not be achieved at the same time. After all the things that beset the world now are basically the same things which upset the equilibrium of nations internally, states, counties, cities, homes and even the individual.



Jas. G. Thompson

Being an American of dark complexion and some 26 years, these questions flash through my mind: "Should I sacrifice my life to live half American?" "Will things be better for the next generation in the peace to follow?" "Would it be demanding too much to demand full citizenship rights in exchange for the sacrificing of my life? Is the kind of America I know worth defending? Will America be a true and pure democracy after this war? Will Colored Americans suffer still the indignities that have been heaped upon them in the past? These and other questions need answering; I want to know, and I believe every colored American, who is thinking, wants to know.

This may be the wrong time to broach such subjects, but haven't all good things obtained by men been secured through sacrifice during just such times of strife.

I suggest that while we keep defense and victory in the forefront that we don't lose sight of our fight for true democracy at home.

The V for victory sign is being displayed prominently in all so-called democratic countries which are fighting for victory over aggression, slavery and tyranny. If this V sign means that to those now engaged in this great conflict then let we colored Americans adopt the double VV for a double victory. The first V for victory over our enemies from without, the second V for victory over our enemies from within. For surely those who perpetrate these ugly prejudices here are seeking to destroy our democratic form of government just as surely as the Axis forces.

This should not and would not lessen our efforts to bring this conflict to a successful conclusion; but should and would make us stronger to resist these evil forces which threaten us. America could become united as never before and become truly the home of democracy.

In way of an answer to the foregoing questions in a preceding paragraph I might say that there is no doubt that this country is worth defending; things will be different for the next generation; colored Americans will come into their own, and America will eventually become the true democracy it was designed to be. These things will become a reality in time; but not through any relaxation of the efforts to secure them.

In conclusion let me say that though these questions often permeate my mind, I love America and am willing to die for the America I know will someday become a reality.

JAMES G. THOMPSON

MAGAZINE SCORES DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 29—Social Action, periodical published by the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Churches, has just published a 39-page issue "Discrimination, Incorporated", which gives a clear-cut picture of the limitations faced by Negroes in employment, education, and civil life with charts, graphs and illustrations.

The issue, January 15, is authored by Frank R. Crosswaith of the Negro Labor Committee and general organizer for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union and Alfred Baker Lewis, member of the national Board of Directors of the NAACP.

A large section of the publication is devoted to discrimination against the Negro in national defense industries and the gains made to the present time, in addition to conditions under which colored soldiers in the U. S. Army have had to serve. A useful bibliography is included.

Reported "Liberty Legion" Strengthens NAACP Plans For Mixed Army Division

May Organize Foreigners Into New Unit—Sponsors Using Same Arguments As NAACP, Claiming It Will Counteract Axis Appeals.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29—Reported plans for a "Liberty Legion" to be made up of foreigners in America, serve to strengthen the demand for a volunteer, unsegregated division in the Army, the NAACP declared this week.

One of the major arguments for the "Liberty Legion" is, "such a legion would tend to nullify Axis appeals to racial groups within the United States by bringing all nationalities into the war effort". This is parallel with the NACP's statement that the activation of a racially mixed volunteer division would give the lie to Nazi and Japanese propaganda bureaus that the United States talks about democracy while practicing discrimination and segregation. It was said that a special act of Congress would be required to permit the enlistment of foreigners in the Army.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT IDEA

Report of the "Liberty Legion" came out last week after the volunteer division idea had received the support of Frank P. Graham, member of the War Labor Board, and Mark Ethridge, chairman of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, both southerners; of Editors P. L. Prattis, of The Pittsburgh Courier, Carter Wesley of the Houston, Texas, Informer, and William O. Walker of the Cleveland, Ohio, Call-Post.

It was reported to the New York office of the NAACP, Friday, January 23, by a young colored boy working in a white fraternity house at the University of North Carolina, that after a story on the volunteer division appeared in the university paper, the Daily Tar Heel, "all of the boys in the house are in favor of the idea. I have talked to a lot of them about it. They seem to think you have the right idea."

"There must be no let up in our fight to bring about the creation of a mixed division," the NAACP said. "Every American who deplores such occurrences as the recent clash involving colored soldiers and civilians in Alexandria, La., and who wants to make democracy work at home while fighting for it abroad, should immediately lend every effort to see that the President, officials of the War Department, congressmen and senators know that the public is behind the idea".

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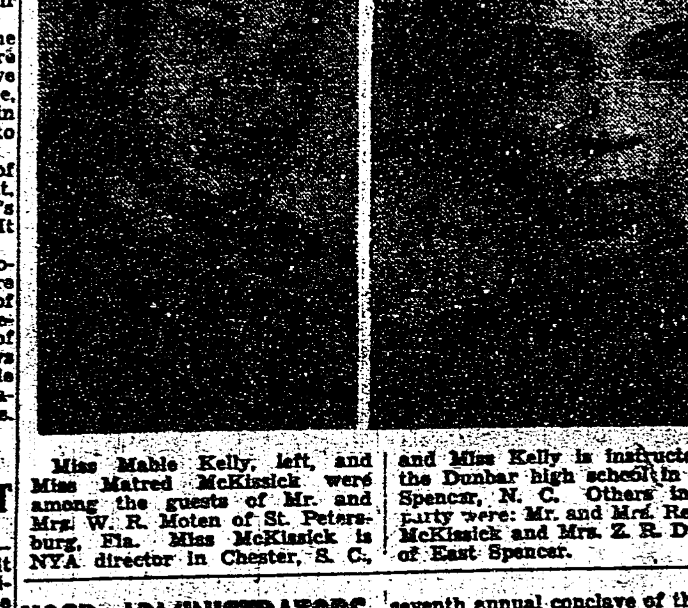

Miss Mable Kelly, left, and Miss Matred McKissick were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moten of St. Petersburg, Fla. Miss McKissick is NYA director in Chester, S. C., and Miss Kelly is instructor at the Dunbar high school in East Spencer, N. C. Others in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McKissick and Mrs. Z. R. Draine of East Spencer.

HOSP. ADMINISTRATORS TO HOLD MEET FEB. 13-14

CHICAGO, Jan. 29—(ANP)—The Provident Hospital has been designated as the meeting place for the seventh annual conclave of the National Conference of Hospital Administrators. The time will be February 13-14. Host to the national body will be Dr. John B. West, medical director of the hospital.

The hospital administrators' meet will be held just prior to the annual congress on Medical Education and Licensure, Feb. 16-17.

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TAKE FBI COURSE

Above are police officers from the Atlantic City vicinity who are taking the special FBI six-day course in training for emergency tasks which might develop now that the United States has entered the war. Training includes combatting sabotage, espionage, air raid reports, maintenance of files, priorities, signals, gas protection, etc. Left to right are: Fred W. Johnson, James Jones, Harold Poison, Jacques Pilgrim, and William E. Winker.

DEE CEE IN ARMS OVER CHALLENGE TO RACE'S LOYALTY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—A mass assembly to express the 100 per cent loyalty of Negroes to the cause of their country and to further emphasize that colored Americans have never produced an anarchist nor a traitor to the United States, will be held here on February 9, at 8 p.m., in the Metropolitan A.M.E. church, with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady of the Land, as principal speaker.

Mrs. Roosevelt's courageous demands for fair play for colored citizens has aroused a burning patriotism in the hearts of many who are expected to attend the meeting in appreciation of her insistence on proper treatment of the race.

LIST MOVES TO AID WAR

Announcement of the mass assembly followed a week of patriotic moves in which the Washington Bar association and individual citizens condemned a declaration by a New York conference of colored leaders recently that colored people are not "unreservedly" supporting the war effort.

The association, meeting in the Mu-So-Lit club, passed a resolution specifying three ways in which the colored population is supporting the war efforts.

Criticizing the action of this "self-appointed and self-constituted body," the association pointed to the colored persons' support of civilian defense, their purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps, and their co-operation in the Selective Service organization.

FUNSTON SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN AT DANCE

CAMP FUNSTON, Kas., Jan. 29.—Approximately 800 soldiers and visitors packed the newly completed Fourth Brigade Service club at Camp Funston to attend a dance last Friday. The entertainment was supervised by Mrs. Dorothy Pollard, cafeteria hostess.

Many attractive ladies graced the shiny ballroom floor as beautiful strains softly emanated from the bandstand where the Ninth Cavalry band was at its best with Pvt. Richard Griffin wielding the baton; Sgt. Edgar Lewis at the ivories, and Pvt. Edward Thomkins, formerly with Jimmie Lunceford's band, "giving out" on hot choruses with his trumpet.

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URGES RACE TO PARTICIPATE IN HOME DEFENSE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 29—Mr. Marion Robinson, manager of the housing project here for Negroes spoke at the Jordon Park Community Building Monday evening to a large audience. His subject was "Total Co-operation of Negroes in Civilian National Defense."

He stressed the importance of Negroes participating actively in every phase of defense in which their services could be useful. He asked his audience especially to participate in activities of civil protection, child development, information, education, moral and healthful home environment.

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