

FIRST COLORED-WHITE MUSIC PUBLISHING FIRM FOUNDED IN NEW YORK—ALL FOUR PARTNERS ARE WAR VETS.

New York—The newest and brightest music publishing firm to enter the field is Imperial Music Company, the first combination colored-white organization known to be in existence. All four partners in the new venture are World War II Veterans.

Waverly Ivey, only colored member of the group, has been associated with many bands, the last of which was the Tex Beneke and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Prior to that he studied law at City College of New York. Ivey has just been named personal manager for the J. C. Heard orchestra.

Paul Secon, white, was music editor of Billboard, music trade magazine. He has written many hit tunes and is a brilliant lyricist. His song-writing partner is Ivo Jima, a hero and pre-war composer-pianist Larry Coleman, also white. "Sleepyhead," their first tune, is soon to be recorded by Margaret Whiting and Pearl Bailey.

Murray Sporn, third white member of the firm, was the youngest "song-plugger" in music at one time. At 17 he was affiliated with Leo Feist and after Navy service joined another music house. He resigned to join the new organization.

Offices were opened at 1650 Broadway, temporarily situated in the offices of the Gene Krupa Orchestra, due to current shortage of space. The boys started right in plugging their first tune, Secon and Coleman's "The AM-PM Song" and have a half dozen artists recording it already.

It looks as though the new firm is off to a flying start.

NAACP PETITIONS WAR DEPT. TO REVIEW AMNESIA VICTIM'S CASE

Washington, D.C. — In its fight to reverse unfair decisions of Army courts-martial against Negro servicemen, a petition for clemency was submitted today, by the NAACP to the Secretary of War, in behalf of a former Negro serviceman, Samuel H. Chance. Chance was found guilty of desertion by a general court-martial at MacDill Field, Florida, on August 9th, and was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and confined at hard labor for five years.

In the petition to Secretary Patterson, it was pointed out that a review of the record established the fact that this serviceman, though absent from military duty for a period of over a year, had been a victim of amnesia and was not responsible for failing to return to his service unit. He alleged that Chance last remembered having been in Philadelphia, Pa., in May of 1944 and could recall none of the events that intervened between that date and May, 1945, when he found himself confined in Bellevue Hospital. It was pointed out that the New York Hospital wired the Court-Martial Board to the effect that this serviceman had come to them in a dazed and stunned condition and that his case had been diagnosed as amnesia.

In view of this circumstance, the petition urged that the conviction was unjust and unfair, and requested the Secretary of War to review the case with these facts in mind and reinstate Private Samuel H. Chance into the active service of his country.

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37 GOVERNORS' SUPPORT ASKED FOR NAACP PROPOSALS TO USE.

Washington, D.C. — Thirty-seven governors were asked to support NAACP-sponsored anti-discrimination standards in State Employment Services today.

The request was made by Clarence Mitchell, Labor Secretary of the Association, because of what he described as a "dismal failure of the U.S. Department of Labor to require adequate standards against discrimination."

After November 15, Mitchell said, the Department of Labor will begin giving out \$42,000,000 to the states for operating employment services, but apparently is afraid to give definite instructions to keep discrimination at a minimum in the local offices.

The standards proposed by the NAACP would eliminate segregated offices, forbid acceptance of discriminatory orders, make it mandatory that all referrals be on the basis of qualifications rather than race, and require that all hiring for the agency's own staff be on a non-discriminatory basis.



"Look Mummy, I'm riding my new bike with no hands."

"Careful, Tommy, you'll hurt yourself."

"Ha! Ha! no I won't. Now I'm riding no feet!"

"Please be careful, Tommy!"

(Pause—followed by loud bump)

"Look, Mum. No teeth."

A gent of the lower I.Q. range was anxious to buy his wife a nice birthday gift, so he picked up the big oak dining room table and made off down the street with it. On the way he ran into an old friend.

"Movin', Bill?" the old friend queried.

"Nah," said the other. "Buyin' my wife a new tablecloth."

A pair of newlyweds got off the train at Niagara Falls. "Darling," she whispered to him, "Let's do something to make it look as if we'd been married a long time."

"Okay," he whispered back, "You carry the suitcases."

A customer entered a liquor store, put a Bible on the counter, told the clerk to place his hand on it, and said: "Now swear you haven't any whiskey." P.S. He got a quart.

It happened on a radio quiz programme.

"Who's the next contestant," Dr. P.Q. asked brightly. "I have a paratrooper," called an assistant.

Dr. P.Q. grinned cheerfully—"The question for your soldier is: How many successful jumps did a paratrooper have to make before he was ready for combat?"

The reply was precise. "All of 'em."

Mother Kangaroo—"I'm so irritated with Junior."

Neighbour Kangaroo—"Why thought he was such a good child."

Ma Again—"Yes, but he WILL eat crackers in bed."

"You should be ashamed of yourself, laughing at that fat man."

"I'm just having fun at his expense."

Cyclist—"To tell the truth, I'm a little stiff from wheeling."

Motorist—"Is that right? I'm from Toronto myself."

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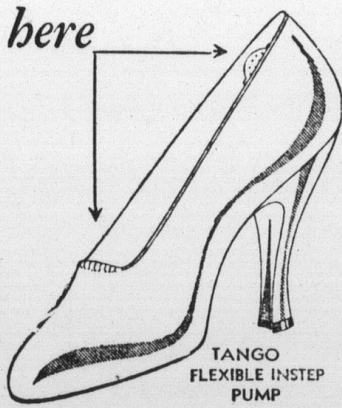
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FIGHT RACIALISM IN ONTARIO

(From the Toronto Star)

Hamilton, Dec. 10.—There have been too many shocking and distressing incidents that racialism of the type that flourishes in this city, Grube said today in his annual convention address. The section of the C.O. is president. This is the convention has Toronto.

"A Negro is refused admittance to a bridge to Ontario," Mr. Grube said. "He is expected to sit in a Halifax theatre, too well that many of them, while they are strict, in practice they are people differently."

In spite of recent Ontario, the word "racism" still can be shameful indecency. Torontonians can see the main drama of the land. I am told that too ambiguous to be meaning is disgusting.

"These are not the words declared Mr. Grube. It is a trend that is significant of a trend that is the same detestable other battles for social ocracy. No socialism of the name that is assertion of equality to race, color or creed determination.

"In these confused feeling dreadfully in good reason, in this ger is precisely the spurious security in and indecent super not quite like himself security is often at prejudice and the

MANY THINGS

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To Simpson's Ltd. you for your kindness of one of our young men, Evans, a newcomer Windsor, Ont., for Christmas decorations given toward making Bethlehem, so beautiful.