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NEGRO ACCOUNTANT ARRIVES OVERSEAS

Washington, D.C.—First Negro to serve the American Red Cross as an accountant, James E. Jackson, of Camden, N.J., has arrived safely in England, the Red Cross announced this week. In his overseas post Mr. Jackson will act as accountant for several Negro-staffed Red Cross clubs for servicemen on leave in the British Isles.

Before his Red Cross appointment, Mr. Jackson was employed as finance officer by the Philadelphia regional office of the War Manpower Commission, assigned to the National Youth Administration in the State of New Jersey. His home was in Camden, N.J. where his wife, Mrs. Alma Gray Jackson, is a public school teacher.

For two years, Mr. Jackson had his own accounting practice in New York City and previously he served for two years with the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington.

He was graduated from high school at Fairmont, W.Va., and studied accounting at West Virginia State College, at Institute, W.Va., where he achieved "all-state scholastic standing. He was on the varsity football and basketball teams.

Active in community and church affairs in Camden, Mr. Jackson was cub scoutmaster and committeeman for the Boy Scouts of America, and served on the committee of management of the Y.M.C.A. in that city. He was chairman of the board of trustees of St. John's Baptist Church.

In joining the Red Cross staff, Mr. Jackson followed the lead of his former supervisor in the War Manpower Commission, Howard M. Stoner, who is a Red Cross assistant field director. In his new job he sees an opportunity for his "most effective contribution to the war effort and to the betterment of relations between the races". He is one of many Negroes serving in Red Cross clubs in all theatres of war.

MOTHER, 5 CHILDREN DIE IN OWEN SOUND FIRE

Owen Sound, March 3—(CP)—A Negro mother and her five children died from smoke suffocation early today in a fire which broke out in their home here.

The dead are Mrs. Norman Green

Gets Red Cross Overseas Post



Washington, D. C.—James E. Jackson (right), first Negro to be appointed as accountant by the American Red Cross, is congratulated by Jesse O. Thomas, assistant to the Red Cross administrator of general services. He will serve as club accountant for Negro-staffed Red Cross clubs in Great Britain.

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and her five children—Thelma, 15; Herbert 12; Jacqueline 6; John, 3; and Joel, one-year old.

Mr. Green is employed at the William Kennedy and Sons Co. plant and he was at work when the fire was discovered. By the time the fire brigade reached the scene all of the occupants of the house were dead. The house was badly damaged. Cause of the fire is unknown.

"They were not burned and must have died in their sleep," said Fire Chief Angus McArthur. "It seems that Mrs. Green got up to get her husband's breakfast, saw him off to work and went back to bed with the children. They all slept in the one room over the kitchen.

"As soon as we got there we saw the blaze was beyond control and our aims were to get the family out and save the adjacent houses. We had an awful time reaching the bodies because the house was filled with dense smoke. But by repeated efforts the firemen rushed through the choking fumes and removed the victims. We managed to check the blaze from spreading to neighboring houses."

NEGRO MINISTERS PROTEST TO GOVT.

Toronto, March 2—(CP)—A delegation of seven ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church led by Dr. W. C. Perry of Toronto, today conferred with Dana H. Porter, parliamentary assistant to Premier Drew and presented a petition criticizing "discrimination" against Negro citizens.

The petition was in the form of a resolution endorsed at the 59th Ontario-Quebec conference of the church.

Today Attorney-General Blackwell gave notice of motion in the votes of proceedings of the Legislature of introduction of a bill to "prevent the publication of discriminating matter referring to race or creed."

The attorney-general could not be reached immediately for further explanation of the bill.

The Negro ministers' petition expressed "grave concern" over denial of the fundamental rights of Negro citizens.

FORMER LONDONER ON RADIO PROGRAM

The many friends of "Kay" Jenkins (now Mrs. Geo. Livingstone) will be pleased to hear that after a successful audition she has been engaged to appear on an Ottawa radio station program once a week. "Kay" has been working in the Civil Service Dept. at Ottawa for a couple of years and has made good in every way. We hope that this appearance on the radio will open the way for still bigger and better opportunities for this talented lady. In our next issue we will give more detailed information on Kay's duties and the progress she is making in this new venture.

WALTER WHITE COVERS 1800 MILES IN BRITAIN

New York—In a message to his Board of Directors, Walter White, NAACP secretary, now in England, cabled February 12 that he has just completed a tour of 1800 miles inspecting many installations.

"Have found much (that is) encouraging, but also much which needs correction. Expect to leave for North Africa latter part of the month. Present plans are to go only as far as Iran, with later trip to Pacific area. Expect to return to the United States latter part of April or early May."

Mr. White, who arrived in England January 3, said he was submitting a report, by request, to the Army and to the United States Embassy in London.

PROBING DEATH SENTENCE OF SOLDIER

New York—A lawyer in Jackson, Miss., has been requested by the NAACP to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death sentence imposed on Pvt. George Thornton for murder. Thornton is scheduled to be hanged February 25 but the case was referred to the NAACP a scant two weeks before the execution date. Thornton, on furlough from his station in Florida was convicted in the Mississippi state court of murdering his former employer. Principal item in the trial was a confession, and the NAACP is investigating the method by which it was secured.