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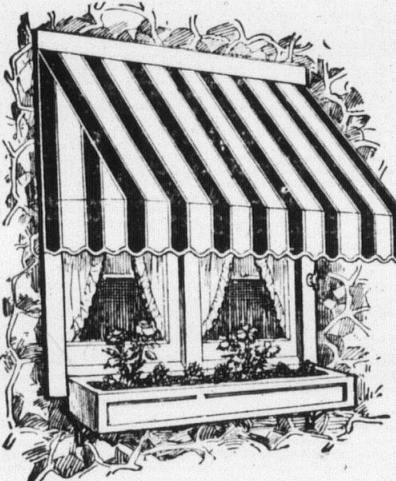


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ASKS S.S. WASHINGTON BE RETURNED TO SEA

New York, N.Y. — Re-employment of Negro deck officers in the United States Merchant Marine was urged this week by Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a letter to President Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Wilkins' letter cited the record of the S.S. Booker T. Washington under command of Captain Hugh Mulzac which, with a mixed crew of officers and men, "arrested attention in every port visited and became for foreign peoples a concrete demonstration of American democracy." Pointing to the need for additional shipping as a result of the launching of the European Recovery Program, Mr. Wilkins urged the re-commissioning of the Booker T. Washington and other vessels named in honor of famous Negroes. He further cited the request of Gov. James E. Folsom of Alabama for continuing the ship in service.

Since the cessation of hostilities, 37 Negro officers of the merchant marine have been without assignment. These men "are anxious to continue serving their country", Mr. Wilkins assured the President. "We believe," the NAACP official concluded, "that the service of Negro officers in the merchant marine will be a demonstration of democracy in action which will not be lost upon the people of those countries that we are seeking to hold within the democratic orbit of nations. Such an action will have, too, a noticeable effect upon millions of Negro Americans in this decisive year."

APPEAL LIFE SENTENCES OF MRS. INGRAM AND SONS

Atlanta, Ga., April — In an effort to gain the freedom of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teen-age sons, Austin T. Walden of this city and Edward R. Dudley of New York, NAACP attorneys, today filed an appeal before the Supreme Court of Georgia, seeking a reversal of a lower court decision denying a new trial.

The death sentences which had previously been imposed on Mrs. Ingram and her sons for the self-defense slaying of a neighboring white farmer were vacated by Judge William M. Harper on April 6. At the same time Judge Harper denied the motion of the NAACP lawyers for a new trial for the Ingrams.

In their appeal to the state Supreme Court, the lawyers contended that the lower court was in error inasmuch as the evidence did not support the verdict of guilty. They maintained that a new trial should have been granted or that the Ingrams should have been set free. The NAACP is prepared to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

BROWN-SKINNED COW (A little song on Racial Understanding)

You can get milk from a brown-skinned cow;
The color of the skin doesn't matter nohow.
Ho, ho, ho! Haw, haw, haw!
You can learn common sense at the grocery store.
Heard a choo-choo say to a railway track
"Don't care if passengers are white or black."
Ho, ho, ho! Use your brain!
You can learn common sense from a railway train.
As the peach pit said to the apple core,
"The color of our skins doesn't matter anymore."
Ho, ho, ho! Can't you see,
The color of your skin doesn't matter to me.

TO FIGHT EQUAL PAY SUITS

Jackson, Miss. — The sum of \$25,000 to contest suits filed by Negro teachers for salaries equal to those paid white teachers was voted by the house of Representatives of the Mississippi State Legislature at its recent session. The measure was passed following filing of a complaint by attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in behalf of Mrs. Gladys Noel Bates of Jackson and other Negro public school teachers seeking pay equal to that of white teachers.

THEY ALL WANT GINGER

Ginger Smock, first lady of the violin, scored a smash success during the first week of her engagement at the Last Word in Los Angeles. In fact, Reg. D. Marshall, who recently returned from a booking tour of San Francisco, reports that four night spots in the Bay City are bidding against each other for her services. Marshall added that the lovely Ginger's next engagement can't be definitely determined until a closing date is established for her at the Last Word.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR MILTON

Drummer man Roy Milton and his orchestra return to Los Angeles next month after one of the most successful one-nighter tours in the band's history, the Reg. D. Marshall Agency announced today. Following a heavy recording schedule for specialty, the Milton band will appear at the Million Dollar Theatre in Los Angeles during the week of January 1st. Originally scheduled to open at Blackshear's in San Francisco on January 2nd, Milton's Bay City opening has been moved ahead to January 10th.

PUBLIC SERVICE COLUMN

FEATURES WALTER WHITE

New York — "Invitation to Speak" a public service column sponsored by the Royal Metal Manufacturing Company, features a statement by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in advertisements appearing in the magazine Newsweek for May 3 and in Time for May 17. This column, "open to the world's leading spokesmen of all democratic causes," has featured contributions by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Albert Einstein, Henry Wallace, W. Averell Harriman and Eric Johnston.

Citing the vociferous defense of lynching, disfranchisement, and educational and economic inequality, Mr. White queries: "Why do our national leaders remain silent? Are they intimidated by those who demand the right to lynch and otherwise violate the laws of God and man? Are the only articulate Americans those who oppose freedom?"

REFORMATORY INMATES GIVE TO INGRAM FUND

New York, — Augmented by a contribution of \$39.80 from the inmates of the District of Columbia Reformatory, receipts for the NAACP Ingram Defense Fund last week amounted to \$1,708.67, bringing the total to \$26,390.66.

Nearly 1,000 men of both races contributed to the sum raised at the D.C. Reformatory, Ulysses Robinson said in his letter of transmittal. The inmates of the institution "freely contributed parts of their earnings and savings and the enclosed check is their true expression of human and sympathetic feelings towards indigent persons involved under such circumstances," Mr. Robinson wrote

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