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## LEND LEASE PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE

More than a billion and a half dollars in lend-lease aid went to Africa and the Middle East between March 11, 1941 and March 1, 1943, Edward R. Stettinius, Lend-Lease Administrator, revealed in his eighth quarterly report to Congress on March 11, 1943.

As the struggle in North Africa progresses, the report stated, it becomes ever more apparent that lend-lease is playing a vital part in the United Nations' war effort in that theatre. A constant flow of lend-lease aid is helping to sustain the allied battle lines in Tunisia. Lend-lease aid which was supplied to our allies many months ago is only now bearing its full fruit there. The Tunisian campaign is in every sense a united military effort.

Both the British Eighth Army on the east and the first Army on the west are supplied in part with lend-lease equipment. The British Air Forces are flying American light and medium bombers, British ground forces are using General Sherman and General Lee tanks. American fighter squadrons are flying British Spitfires, and the British have furnished us with over 3,800 tons of ammunition, 30,000 tons of engineering equipment, 80,000 tons of coal, over 2,000 tons of army rations, and many other essentials of war, as reciprocal aid.

The French forces, under General Giraud, are now being equipped with American lend-lease arms, Mr. Stettinius said. The Fighting French column which came 2,000 miles across the desert from Lake Chad in Equatorial Africa to join the British Eighth Army in the attack on Tunisia was equipped with lend-lease trucks and other supplies.

## REPORTS PROFIT ON ANNUAL DANCE

New York, N.Y.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced this week that the sale of tickets for its Annual Birthday Ball here has to date shown a profit of \$2,016.18 and that sales of 2,319 of the tickets have not yet been reported. The NAACP party, which attracted a capacity crowd to the Golden Gate Ballroom on February 26, had the donated music of Count Basie and his Orchestra.

## DECENT HOUSING IS BEING SOUGHT

Chicago, Ill.—Critical housing conditions for Negro families here were brought to the attention of the Chicago Area Rent Director, the Metropolitan Housing Council, and the President of the United States this week by the housing committee of the Chicago NAACP.

Unless some specific plans are made immediately to assure decent shelter for the children of drafted Negro fathers untold hardships will be suffered.

It is expected that before long the young fathers of these young families will be sent into battle, many of them never to return. These men will make the supreme sacrifice to preserve the properties that the landlords now consider too good for the children of these fighting men of our country.

## President's Valet Is Now a Bluejacket

The nation's number one gentleman's gentleman, George Clinton Field, 31-year-old Negro who served as President Roosevelt's valet for the last four years, has turned bluejacket.

A butler at the White House for six years prior to becoming the President's valet, Fields was drafted in February and chose the Navy. A week after being sworn in he reported at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., where he is undergoing recruit training at Camp Robert Smalls—training centre for Negro men.

Now in the first month of a 12-week training period, Fields is learning the fundamentals of seamanship, knotting, rifle and semaphore drill, and other phases of training.

The care of his own clothes rather than the President's is now among his chief concerns. In his spare time he wields the whisk-brush, shoe-brush or scrub-brush. Throughout the recruit training period, he will be given aptitude tests to determine whether he should receive further advanced training at one of the Navy's fifty-odd trade and service schools or be sent directly to duty.

## HASTIE IS GIVEN SPINGARN AWARD

New York, N.Y.—Judge William Henry Hastie has been selected as Twenty-eighth Spingarn Medalist for his distinguished career as jurist and as uncompromising champion of equal justice. Though young in years his record of achievement is notable measured by any standard, however absolute or high. His scholastic career as honor graduate from Amherst College and as Doctor of Juridical Science from the Harvard Law School has been continued in quality of service in several capacities. His was a distinguished career as Assistant Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. He made a brilliant record as the first Negro to serve as Judge of a United States District Court, serving in the Virgin Islands. He established a high standard of scholarship and of service to mankind for the students during his period as Dean of the Law School of Howard University. As Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War he refused to temporize with racial bigotry.

## NAACP SEES THREAT TO NEGRO WORKER IN CONSCRIPTION OF LABOR

Washington, D.C.—Because of the nation-wide concern among Negro workers for the implications of the proposed Austin-Wadsworth Bill, Walter White, NAACP Executive Secretary, will testify Monday, March 29 before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The NAACP has urged a careful scrutiny of the bill designed to provide for the successful prosecution of the war through a system of Civil Selective War Service. The Austin-Wadsworth bill will permit the drafting of males between the ages of 18 and 64 and women between the ages of 18 and 50 or possibly 64.

Before the committee, White will restate the NAACP's conviction that there is no need for a drafting of labor until all available voluntary labor is utilized. In support of the Association's stand, White pointed out that in a poll of 9000 industries reported in the February issue of Fortune, three-fourths of the war industry plants still refuse to employ Negroes.

## ASSAILS FAILURE TO USE INSTRUCTORS

Chicago, Ill.—The failure of the Civil Service Commission here to appoint qualified Negro groundschool instructors to the Navy Department was protested to President Roosevelt this week by the Chicago NAACP.

In a telegram to the White House the NAACP pointed out that although it has been more than a year since some of the instructors completed their training, not one has been assigned while a number of the whites trained at the same time are now teaching.

The appropriate use of manpower requires, said the NAACP that these men be assigned to the highest and best use for which they have demonstrated their qualifications. Recently some of them have been classified for immediate induction into the armed forces because the Navy Department has not given them the assignment for which they have been trained. These men have no fear of induction. They are loyal citizens who want to serve their country to the fullest extent of their ability. It will be a great injustice to deprive them of their rights simply because of racial prejudices. It may mean the loss of the war for the United Nations.

## Clergyman Awarded Damages by Railway

New York, N.Y.—The Rev. J. C. Jackson, distinguished Hartford Connecticut Baptist minister and president of the New England Baptist Convention who was beaten September 8th by a white passenger on a train in the South has received a settlement of \$3750 from the Southern Railway Company. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel and Arthur Garfield Hays of the national NAACP legal committee, handled the case which was settled out of court.

The settlement was made on the grounds that a public carrier is responsible for the safe delivery of its passengers to their destination and the protection of such passengers against harm inflicted by fellow passengers if the proper authorities have been duly warned of the imminence of such harm.