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ARREST OF G. I. IS PROTESTED

Washington, D.C. — The Washington Bureau, NAACP, this week filed a protest with the War Department concerning T-4 Carl A. Egerton who was wrongfully arrested and detained by military officials at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Egerton had formerly served as Chief Radio Operator for 9 months overseas and had been transferred to the 372nd Infantry at Evansville, Indiana, Sunday, August 13, and sat on the main floor. After an usher sought to force his removal to the balcony, two civilian police brutally beat him and placed him under arrest. The soldier was later turned over to the military police and lodged in the stockade the next morning.

In spite of the fact that Indiana has a Civil Rights statute, proving no violation of the law on Egerton's part, he was confined on orders of Provost Marshall Colonel Stevens, and held from August 14 to October 9 without trial and finally found "not guilty."

The NAACP has requested disciplinary action be taken against military officials involved in this unlawful arrest and detention. The Evansville Branch is contemplating civil action against the management of the Loew's theatre and the Evansville police.

ADDRESSES THE EDUCATIONAL BODY

Corinth, Miss. — Leslie S. Perry, Administrative Assistant, Washington Bureau, NAACP, delivered a stirring address before the Principal's Conference, held recently at Jackson College, on the NAACP's fight for equalization of teacher's salaries in southern states where shameful differentials between whites and Negro teachers still exist. Mr. Perry cited case after case, showing without exception how the Association has won not only adjustment but the good will and moral support of white citizens, as evidenced in the re-employment of Negro teacher plaintiffs.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS JAN. 1

New York—Applications for Julius Rosenwald fellowships must be received not later than January 1, 1945. The fellowships are intended to provide opportunities for special experience or advanced study to individuals who have already given evidence of exceptional ability and who wish to prepare themselves further. They are not restricted to any special subject or activity, and are open not only to scholars and scientists, but to persons in the fine arts, creative writing or journalism, education, agriculture, business or public service.

Negro recipients of the 1944 Rosenwald awards include: Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, sociology; Hale Woodruff, art (reappointment); Paul Murray, education; Rayford W. Logan, history; Margaret Walker, creative writing; Elzler Cortor, painting. Applications must be mailed to Mrs. William C. Haygood, Acting Director for Fellowships, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

CALIFORNIA DAILY DISPROVES SENTENCES OF 50 NEGRO SEAMEN

San Francisco, Calif.—An editorial clearly expressing disapproval of the severity of sentences imposed on the 50 Negro seamen charged with mutiny for failure to load ammunition at the Mare Island depot last August 9 appeared as follows in the Nov. 2 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle:

"We have been mulling this matter over for several days. We have been thinking about the real nature of fear. Fear is not a crime. Fear can in some circumstances have the effect of a crime and in some grave circumstances must be punished as a crime.

"These Negroes who refused to load the munitions ships following the Port Chicago disaster were plainly overcome by fear. They were not per se mutineers except to the extent that their fear overcame whatever responsibility they had. Considering then that fear and failure to do a duty because of it cannot be encouraged in wartime, we still believe that the sentences imposed on these men were altogether too severe. We

MASS. NEGRO COMMISSIONED IN THE NAVY

Great Lakes, Ill. — The Navy Department recently announced that Marron William Fort, 16 Arlington Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, has been commissioned Lieutenant (junior grade) in the Supply Corps. He has been assigned to the Navy Supply Corps School, Graduate School of Business of Administration, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts for indoctrination. Before receiving his commission, the new officer was a Seaman Second Class, assigned as an instructor to the School of Military Proficiency in Camp Moffett at the Naval Training Center here.

Lt. (jg) Fort is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electro-Chemical Engineering and his Doctor's degree in Physical Chemistry. Prior to his induction into the Navy, he was General Manager of the A. and G. J. Caldwell Company, Inc. of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Lt. (jg.) Fort is married and has one child; his wife is Alice Curtis Fort of Newburyport, Mass. He has one brother who is in the Navy, stationed at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. The newly appointed officer is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

do not believe that the honor of the United States Navy as a fighting, fearless force would have been impaired by sentences ranging from one-half to one-third of those given."

Thoroughly convinced of the innocence of these men, the NAACP through its Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall, has requested opportunity to file a brief for hearing before Rear Admiral Carlton H. Wright, C.O. 12th Naval District. Attorney Marshall will also file a brief and appear personally when the case is referred to the Judge Advocate General's division of the Navy Department for review in Washington.

LENA HORNE ENTER- TAINS GT. LAKES

Great Lakes, Ill. — Exotic Lena Horne, star of stage and screen and currently appearing at the exclusive night club Chez Paree in Chicago, made two appearances at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., last week. Thousands of Blue-jackets were on hand in the 14th Regiment and Building No. 4 to get an eyeful and earful of the lovely actress-singer. Thunderous applause and cheers greeted the elegantly attired star.

In her own unique style, Miss Horne completely captivated her audience with such old tunes as "Honeysuckle Rose," "Stormy Weather," "Somebody Loves Me," and "Do I Love You, Honey, Deed I Do."

A pleasant surprise to the audience was the appearance of Bill (Bojangles) Robinson after Miss Horne's performance. Bill Robinson, the world's greatest tap dancer gave an exhibition of two dance routines for which he is famous.

25 NEGROES GRADUATE FROM AVIATION METALSMITH SCHOOL

Great Lakes, Ill. — Twenty-five Negro sailors were graduated from the Aviation Metalsmith School, Camp Robert Smalls, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, Monday of this week. Lieut. Francis S. Orr, Liaison Officer for the Negro Service Schools, located in Camp Robert Smalls was the principal speaker at the exercises held in Building 1914.

Lieut. Orr stressed the importance of a close knit co-operation and teamwork in order to achieve the victory that we are seeking. He said, "You men are players on the largest and most powerful team ever organized in the history of the world. Our positions are cut out for us and when the signals are called we all have been trained to be ready to assume our positions and deliver when the occasion arrives."

Theodore T. Hardy, 7553 Boulevard Avenue, Delair, New Jersey was the honour man of his class and finished the course with an average of 89.53.