

THE DAWN OF TOMORROW

ACTION ON HOUSING BILL URGED BY WALTER WHITE

NEW YORK — NAACP branches throughout the country were this week urged to write or wire their respective congressmen requesting them to sign the discharge petition for the release of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill which is now bottled up in the House Banking and Currency Committee. The bill has already been passed by the Senate.

It is a letter to the branches, Walter White, NAACP secretary, warned: "This bill is in peril. Selfish interests, seeking to reap profits out of the present housing shortage, are fighting this measure tooth and nail. Especially are these interests opposed to a public housing program, included in the bill, for construction of 500,000 low-rent dwelling units for families now compelled to live in the slums."

While the NAACP is supporting the bill "because of the dire need of housing among the American people, and particularly among Negro Americans," it is also working for inclusion of amendments which will ban discrimination and will provide for extension of the program to the Virgin Islands. The bill now includes Puerto Rico, along with continental United States, but omits

the Virgin Islands.

"We shall continue to press for inclusion of these amendments," Mr. White said in his letter. Meanwhile we urge you to communicate immediately with your congressman with the request that he sign the discharge petition, which now needs 100 more signatures, and vote for the measure, including the amendments, when it reaches the floor of the House."

***** GUNNAR MYRDAL

TO BE HONORED
NEW YORK, May 27 — The distinguished Swedish statesman and scholar, Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, will be honored at a dinner on June 2 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel by the "Committee of 100", the fund-raising organization for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The dinner is planned as an expression of the gratitude of Americans for the great contribution Dr. Myrdal made toward interracial understanding through his brilliant study, "An American Dilemma," published by Harper Brothers in 1944. Dr. Myrdal is now the director of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Europe. Speakers at the dinner will include PM pub-

lished Bartley C. Crum, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Carl Van Doren and Walter White, NAACP executive secretary.

GETS NEW SERVICE

DISCHARGE
WASHINGTON, May 27—Following intervention by the NAACP, Orville Minns, former U.S. Coast Guardsman, has been given a service discharge under honorable conditions for physical disability in lieu of his previous dishonorable discharge. Minns, who had been stationed in Puerto Rico during the war, was tried and convicted by a general court martial for an alleged assault with intent to commit murder.

Sentenced to five years' imprisonment, he developed mental disorders, allegedly due to injuries inflicted upon him by members of the naval patrol at the time of his arrest in November, 1943. In his behalf, Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr., NAACP secretary of veterans' affairs, appeared before Board for the Correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

GIVES \$207 TO NAACP

NEW YORK, May 27—The Union Baptist Church of New York City contributed \$207.57 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week. The church's board of trustees also decided to make this contribution part of the annual budget of the church.

The co-pastors of Union Baptist Church are Reverend George H. Sims, Sr. and Reverend George H. Sims, Jr. The elder Reverend Sims, now 77 years of age, was one of the most courageous and effective workers in the NAACP's early days. He has continued to support the Association throughout the years and he is still active in the ministry.

Union Baptist is the third Baptist church in New York City which has contributed to the work of the NAACP in recent months. The other two Baptist contributors are the Mount Olivet Baptist Church and the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

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