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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.

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Women Could be Used

A comprehensive report demonstrating where womanpower can be efficiently used in jobs normally held by men, based on a study of a typical American railroad, is now ready for distribution, the Office of Defense Transportation announced today.

As many as 164,000 women, the report said, could be employed on Class 1 railroads before the end of 1944—61,000 more than they now have—if all such roads would increase the number of women employees to 12 per cent of their total payroll. On four of the nation's major railroads the proportion of women employed is already 12 per cent or more, but the percentages on all Class 1 roads range from a high of 13.3 to a low of 2.8.

The survey undertaken to form a realistic basis for increased utilization of women workers on railroads, contains descriptions of the various departments of the railroad observed, the positions suitable in each, general observations on the employment of women on steam railroads, and a listing of occupations customarily performed by men that women could fill.

In a preface by Otto S. Beyer, director of the ODT's Division of Transport Personnel, it is pointed out that since the replacement of men by women in railroad occupations was first urged by the ODT the need for such replacements has become acute.

"Though a good beginning has been made, places for many more will have to be found if imminent manpower crises in many localities are to be averted," Mr. Beyer's statement asserts.

The survey was conducted by Miss Dorothy Sells, chief, Personnel Supply Section, ODT, and Miss Olive Dennis, engineer of service, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. In reviewing the jobs, they kept in mind the physical limitations of women and their lack of skill and experience with mechanical devices. To overcome these limitations where they might affect the employment of women, the survey indicates how specific occupations can be broken down into processes and where mechanical adjustments can be made or safety devices introduced.

Findings of the survey were checked before publication against expert opinion, against lists of rail jobs filled by women on other roads, and sub-

mitted to both labor and management groups for comment.

Copies of the publication, entitled "Survey of Jobs Suitable for Women on Railroad A." may be obtained without charge from the Office of Information, Office of Defense Transportation, Washington 25, D.C.

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COURT ORDERS CHARLESTON TO EQUALIZE SALARIES

Charleston, S.C.—Judge Waties Waring signed a consent decree in the Federal Court here February 14 enjoining the Charleston school authorities from discriminating between white and Negro school teachers in the payment of salaries to those possessing the same qualifications and experience and performing similar duties.

The decree provides that full equalization of salaries is to be achieved by September, 1946, with one-half the differential in pay granted to the Negro teachers beginning September, 1944.

It was estimated by the business manager for the school board that the amount involved in bringing the Negro salaries up to the level of the white teachers was \$80,000 a year.

This action was begun in July, 1943 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People when a petition on behalf of Viola Louise Duval, teacher in the Burke school was filed with the school board requesting that salaries be equalized. On November 10, 1943 the complaint was filed against the school board and the case set for trial on February 10, 1944. The plaintiff sued on behalf of herself and other teachers similarly situated.

The teachers were represented by Thurgood Marshall and Edward R. Dudley counsel of the New York office of the NAACP and Harold R. Bouleware of Columbia, South Carolina.

J. M. Hinton, president of the S. Carolina State Conference of NAACP branches, which backed the suit here, said attorneys are preparing similar cases for the Columbia area and in "an up-state city."

Mr. Hinton estimated that the court action in Charleston means that, based on present white and Negro teachers' salary scales, a Negro teacher now making \$50 a month will be making \$75 a month next September and \$100 a month by the 1946 school year.

"THE UNSINKABLE AIRCRAFT CARRIER"—BRITAIN'S CHAIN OF AERODROMES

(by Oswald Dutch)

In this war we have learned to accept certain figures without bothering our heads about the amount of organization, labour and co-ordination they imply. We have read, for instance, that 1500 aircraft simultaneously took part in a raid on Frankfurt (800 bombers and 700 fighters). Nobody, however, could imagine that these 1500 aircraft took off from a single airfield. No airfield, however large, could accommodate so many planes.

Even when only 1000 or 1200 heavy bombers and fighters take off for a specific raid they are generally marshalled from some 40 or 50 different airfields to carry out their concentrated attack lasting from 20 to 30 minutes. Since such gigantic air squadrons have often taken off uninterruptedly, by day and by night,

for 72 hours on end it is possible to form some idea of the number of airfields on the "unsinkable aircraft carrier," as England is often called.

"The Times" recently stated that there were at least 400 airfields in Great Britain from which the largest and heaviest types of aircraft can take off. This means that in case of necessity 8 mass attacks from Great Britain can be organized simultaneously. Moreover, what is perhaps even more important for the future, one can also gather how well equipped the British Isles will be for and developments in civilian air transport after the war since they already possess so many ultra modern landing places.

LONDON NOTES

The services at the B.M.E. Church were well attended on Sunday. Rev. C. A. Johnson gave an inspiring address to a large audience at the evening service, his topic being: "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

On Sunday evening, March 19th Rev. I. H. Edwards, Moderator of the Baptist Association and former president will be the guest speaker. You are invited to come out and hear him.

Mrs. Verna Moxley has returned home from the hospital.

Miss Jean Fountaine spent a few days visiting friends in Brantford.

Mr. Kenneth Moxley, of Toronto was the guest of his parents for a few days.

Mrs. Jean Anderson is visiting with friends and relatives in Toronto.

Mrs. J. Harris is improving nicely at her home on Trafalgar Street.

We are sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fountaine's infant son who died very suddenly.

Miss Christina Jenkins and her brother Fred spent a few days visiting Mrs. M. Harris in Toronto.

Mrs. H. Turner and children are the guests of her parents.

A very dainty birthday party was given in honour of Henry Turner Jr. and sister Marian on their 5th and 6th birthdays.

KNOX STANDS PAT ON DISCHARGE OF SEABEES

New York, N.Y.—Secretary Frank Knox of the Navy is standing pat on the discharge of a number of Negro Seabees, formerly members of the 80th Construction Battalion.

The discharge of these men has been subject to protest and exchange of correspondence between the NAACP and the Navy department. On January 1, Secretary Knox wrote the NAACP "... it is considered that the action taken by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, in time of war, was to the best interest of the war effort and the United States Navy."

In response to a further letter from Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special council, he wrote on February 15: "No consideration of the release of the men in question will be made, other than that outlined in my letter of January 1st to Mr. White."

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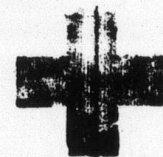
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"With so many Negro student nurses attracted to the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps it is increasingly important that more schools of nursing participate in the education program," Miss Rita Miller, Consultant on Negro Nurse Education in the Division of Nurse Education, U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, declared this week.

Miss Miller is now on a tour of the South visiting the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, N.C., which, in connection with Lincoln Hospital, is already approved for participation in the Corps program; the Community Hospital, Wilmington, N.C., whose application is pending; and the school of nursing of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and John Andrews Hospital, Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Ala., which are also participating in the Corps program. Miss Miller will confer with directors and administrators of these institutions on problems that may have arisen in connection with their participation in the U.S. Cadet Corps program.

NEGRO CREWS TO MAN TWO ANTI-SUBMARINE VESSELS

Two new U.S. Naval anti-submarine vessels will be manned predominantly by Negro crews.

A destroyer escort under construction at the U.S. Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts, initially will have an enlisted crew of 160 Negroes and 44 whites. The white ratings will be limited to billets requiring specialized training or experience not yet had by Negroes. It is anticipated that as soon as Negroes qualify, they will replace the white enlisted members so that the entire crew eventually will be Negroes. The vessel will be commissioned within the next few weeks.

A patrol chaser (PC) building at the Consolidated Shipbuilding Corporation, Morris Heights, New York, will have an initial crew of 52 Negroes and nine whites. It is anticipated that this vessel, which is scheduled for commissioning late in March also will be manned eventually by an all Negro crew.

As is customary for all U.S. Naval personnel assigned to this type of duty, all members of the crews assigned to these two vessels will receive specialized training.

COLUMBIA PICTURES PRAISED FOR INGRAM ROLE IN "SAHARA"

New York—Commendation of the Columbia Pictures Corporation "for the role and dialogue given Rex Ingram in the picture, 'Sahara' starring Humphrey Bogart" was voted in a resolution by the Board of Directors of the NAACP at its February meeting.

Recalling that Walter White and Wendell L. Willkie had conferred with leading Hollywood executives in July, 1942 with a view to getting better roles for Negroes in the films the letter to Columbia signed by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary, declared:

"Since July, 1942, several compan-

ies have made films in which they stated that an attempt had been made to improve the role of the Negro; but in the opinion of this Association Columbia Pictures Corporation in 'Sahara' has made the outstanding contribution toward the objective stated by Mr. White. Accordingly, I am authorized in behalf of our Board of Directors to congratulate your corporation and to say that we trust this will be but a beginning toward further improvement in future films."

TET DAVIS LOSES APPEAL TO ARKANSAS COURT

Little Rock, Ark. — The state supreme court has affirmed the conviction of Tee Davis, who was sentenced to ten years in prison for firing a shot-gun in defense of his two-room cabin home at Edmondson, Ark.

The appeal to the supreme court was taken with the assistance of the NAACP and the Workers Defense League. The attorneys for the Association and the League argued that Davis had the right to prevent Harold Weaver, town marshal of Edmondson, from breaking into Davis' home without a warrant.

Davis was charged with assault with intent to kill. He testified that he thought that Weaver was a thief attempting to break into his house, because Weaver did not identify himself as an officer of the law. Weaver did not have a search warrant.

Attorneys are giving consideration to the question whether or not the supreme court of Arkansas should be asked to again hear arguments in the case.

SHORTAGE OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS IN GERMANY

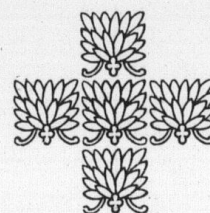
The consequences of the British air raids on the Zeiss works at Jena and the destruction of other optical factories in Germany appear to be much more serious than was at first assumed. Only this would explain a decree recently issued by the Reich Minister for Armaments and War Production requisitioning all stocks of optical and precision instruments, old or new. All wholesale and retail traders are required to hand over all stocks of the following description: microscopes, magnifying glasses, cameras, photographic enlargement apparatus, film projectors, geodetic instruments and so on. All these instruments are needed for the use of the army. When one knows how highly developed the optical industry was in Germany it is not difficult to imagine how thorough the destruction must have been which has made such wholesale confiscation necessary.

PERMIT NECESSARY TO BUY A NEWSPAPER

Latterly a number of German newspapers in Poland have prominently displayed a warning that anybody who buys a newspaper without a permit is committing a crime. Such an act is classed as theft and makes the offender liable to severe penalties. This warning is only comprehensible when one remembers the extreme shortage of paper

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**VICTORY SHIPS HONOR
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Two Victory ships, honoring the Ethiopian Empire and the Republic of Haiti, will be launched in a West Coast shipyard in the near future, the U.S. Maritime Commission announced this week.

The names of these two countries were included among those of 22 other signatories of the Declaration of United Nations that had not previously been assigned to Victory Ship hulls. Eleven other Allies already had been so honored.

Ten of the new Victory Ships are to be built in the yard of the Shipbuilding Division of the Permanente Metals Corporation, Wilmington, Cal. and six at Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, Portland, Ore. The assignments round out the United Nations list.

Launchings of the first Victory ships in this group are scheduled for late February and early March.

Names assigned to the Permanente yard are: Australia Victory, Ethiopia Victory, India Victory, Iraq Victory, Costa Rica Victory, Cuba Victory, Guatemala Victory, Haiti Victory, Honduras Victory, and Nicaragua Victory.

California Shipbuilding will launch Victory ships: Philippines Victory, New Zealand Victory, Mexico Victory, Brazil Victory, Panama Victory, and Colombia Victory.

The Oregon yard was allotted these names: Canada Victory, Iran Victory, El Salvador Victory, Dominican Victory, South Africa Victory and Yugoslavia Victory.

**THE BEST FORM OF
JUSTICE: A RIFLE**

German criminal Procedure is once again to be simplified, according to the official German news agency. The reason is that more judges and advocates have been called up for military service. Criminal procedure has already been "simplified" twice, on September 1, 1939, on August 13, 1942 and now for the third time on May 29, 1943. German administration of justice—what is left of it—may be summed up in the formula: the simplest and best forms of justice are the Gestapo and the hangmen. —(European Correspondents).

**FORCE MAJEURE AGAINST THE
"ESSENER NATIONALZEITUNG"**

The "Essener Nationalzeitung" of June 6 writes inter alia: "In these circumstances it may happen that one's favorite newspaper is not obtainable. In wartime, however, a daily paper is essential and almost impossible to do without. The "Nationalzeitung" too, was placed in a difficult position by force majeure and our readers must undoubtedly have been surprised to receive their favourite paper late and in unusual shape."

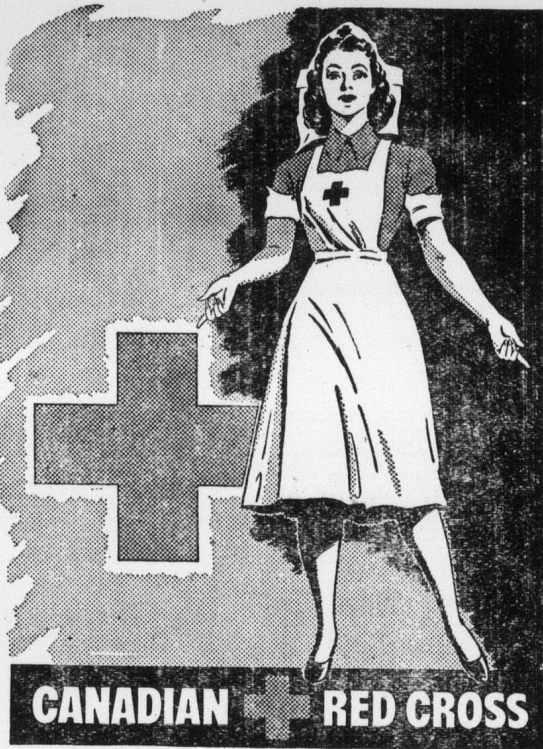
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TWILIGHT OF THE SWASTIKA FEELING IN THE BALKANS

by European Correspondents

In all the satellite states of the Balkans war weariness is assuming an increasingly anti-National Socialist complexion. The Swastika, which for many years was worn as a challenge by numerous Fascists there, is gradually disappearing from public view. The adherents of the Swastika who up to the end of 1942 occupied the key positions in the ministries of the various Balkan States, have either disappeared from the scene or are trying to find a back door to the national parties of the right. This disowning of the Swastika is perhaps even more significant of the end of Hitler's rule in Europe than the palpable dissatisfaction of the people at seeing their men driven to the slaughter for the sake of Germany.

We give below a few typical incidents that will serve to illustrate this development in the Balkans.

Hungary

Public opinion in Hungary unanimously condemned Ciano's execution. Funeral orations were pronounced at public meetings and long obituary notices were published in all the papers. Ciano was spoken of with gratitude as Hungary's friend, and it was recalled that at the time of the Vienna Award he had helped Hungary to acquire part of Transylvania. Incidentally, of course, attacks on Rumania were not lacking, but strong reprobation was also expressed of the neo-Fascist and National Socialist party which was responsible for "the murder of Ciano."

Bulgaria

At the end of January, 1944, Swedish papers reported that mutinies and demonstrations against the German troops had occurred in numerous Bulgarian garrisons which the Bulgarian Government was barely able to suppress. A letter from two members of the Sobranje, Kimon Georgiev and Ivan Bagrianov, addressed to the Bulgarian Prime Minister Bozhilov has attracted a good deal of attention. It contained the following demands:

- (1) The Bulgarian Government must withdraw its troops from all territories not inhabited by Bulgarians or recognized as part of Bulgaria.
- (2) Existing relations with the Soviet Union must be improved and strengthened.
- (3) A treaty of friendship should be concluded with Turkey.
- (4) The Bulgarian Government must be established on a broader basis by the addition of representatives of the Centre and the Left.

In his speech to the Sobranje on January 25, 1944, Bozhilov, the Prime Minister declared in reply to the first of these demands, that Bulgaria laid no claim to any non-Bulgarian territory that had not a Bulgarian majority.

Rumania

In Rumania open panic reigns. The nationalist papers are trying in vain to stem this panic by soothing statements. They try to make a joke of the Rumanian's fears by describing

how the majority of the thinking population is beset by a new disease, "mapitis." They spend the whole day bending over maps, studying the front lines and measuring the distances from the Russian frontier.

The majority of the Rumanian officials in Transnistria have already been withdrawn to Bucharest. The flood of refugees from the Eastern territories that are in imminent danger is adding to the panic of the population of the hinterland, who feel retaliation approaching for the attack on Russia and the declaration of war on the Allies, in spite of the reassuring explanations of the German General Staff.—The fact that the Rumanian Government have recently been making a clumsy attempt to relax the anti-Semitic laws and even to restore Jewish officers and non-commissioned officers to their original rank is worth recording.

Serbia

George Sbarcea, a Rumanian journalist, has recently published a very illuminating account of conditions in Serbia. He relates, for instance, that a large poster on the walls of the Belgrade railway station bears the words in German: "Don't get angry, don't wonder, and even if you think it's a bad habit!" He further says that one would not know Belgrade again. The people are only half clad. In spite of the bitter cold they often only wear sandals and many go barefoot. Black coffee is mainly hot water without sugar. Nobody listens to the propaganda broadcasts. The Rumanian journalist's account closes with the words: "In Belgrade, when people return at night to their homes, from which a piece of furniture, an ornament or a picture disappears every day, they are obsessed by the one thought—what next? Perhaps something will happen tomorrow or the next day, or the day after that—anything that will make an end of the war, the misery and the hardships."

20TH CENTURY-FOX TOLD "LIFEBOAT" DISAPPOINTING

New York—Continuing its campaign for better roles for Negroes in the film industry by giving careful scrutiny to new movies, the NAACP has advised 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation that the role given Canada Lee in "Lifeboat" is "disappointing."

A report on "Lifeboat" was made by Donald Jones, of the NAACP staff who saw a preview arranged by the New York office of the producer. Jones, in his report to his office said the role of Joe Spencer "is strikingly non-essential. "Lifeboat" could have been just as powerful if there had been no Joe Spencer. He was referred to as 'Charcoal and George.' The role is a sop, a weak gesture."

The NAACP letter to the producer declared: "It is our hope that "Lifeboat" does not represent what 20th Century-Fox Films feel is a proper opportunity for Negro actors in the films and that future release will show a marked change in treatment."

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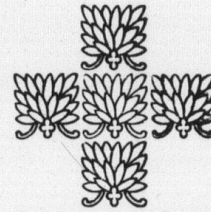


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