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SHORTAGE TO FORCE NEGRO HIRING

New York—Increasing shortages in manpower will force American transit lines to employ more Negroes and women in order to avert service break downs, it was declared here April 25 by Edward A. Roberts, ODT official, in a speech before the American Transit Association at the Hotel New Yorker.

Mr. Roberts, associate director of the Division of Local Transport of the ODT, asserted that in order to meet the problem posed in local transportation companies, "it has been necessary to employ classes of people who have hitherto been considered entirely ineligible for dealing at close quarters with masses of the public and for handling human life in wholesale quantities."

"In some section of the country," the speaker declared, "this has meant employing women, in other sections Negroes of both sexes, and in a really critical city like San Francisco the pressures of the war have resulted in the use of not only white women as motormen and conductors but also both Negro men and women as conductors; and when I was out there in December the Municipal Railway had just employed its first Eskimo."

"When the manpower shortage reaches a certain point, transit managements which now recite the usual objections to women or Negroes will suddenly discover that they offer the only alternative to a service breakdown. And arguments that it can't be done will fall on deaf ears if the hearer's eyes have seen what is already being done with such personnel on many properties throughout the country."

SUGGEST NAMING LIBERTY SHIP FOR E. E. JUST

New York—It has been suggested to the Ship Naming Committee of U.S. Maritime Commission by the NAACP that a liberty ship be named for the late Dr. Ernest Everett Just. Dr. Just was a world famous biologist and zoologist, professor of physiology at Howard University College of Medicine and the first recipient of the Spingarn Medal in 1915.



IN PUERTO RICO

Alvin M. Rucker, whose appointment as Acting Director of the United States Employment Service for Puerto Rico, has been announced by WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt. The USES for Puerto Rico serves as a representative of continental employers, and its program includes pre-selecting workers, and arranging for their transportation to mainland employment. Mr. Rucker, a native of St. Louis, Mo., is the first Negro officer of the USES to be given an assignment as Director.

LAGUARIA GETS PROTEST ON BANNING OF JAPANESE

New York—Reports in the press of April 27 that Mayor F. H. LaGuardia had asked Washington not to permit Japanese-American citizens to come to New York City "or any of the states on the Eastern seaboard" drew a protest from the NAACP.

Pointing out that Japanese had been herded into concentration camps and all their rights as American citizens violated, the NAACP contrasted this treatment with that accorded "well-known Nazi and Italian fascists."

"No camps with barbed wire and guards were established for them," said the NAACP telegram, "but instead they were arrested and given full benefit of American courts and full protection of the American constitution. The treatment of Japanese-Americans has been cited by those who would interpret this terrible war as a war of color and race."

"Surely the Mayor of the City of New York has not used the cloak of military security to advocate differential treatment for loyal American citizens who happen not to be white."

N.A.A.C.P. DEPLORES LEGAL ACTION

New York—Legal action to restrain the showing of the War Department film "The Negro Soldier" which has been brought by Jack Goldberg, was deplored by the NAACP here in a letter to Mr. Goldberg who has produced a film called "We've Come A Long, Long Way."

The NAACP reiterated the sentiments in its letter of February 10, 1944 to Mr. Goldberg explaining to him that NAACP branches would not be permitted to cooperate in securing bookings for the Goldberg film. The NAACP characterized "We've Come A Long, Long Way" as insulting to Negro theatre-goers because it stresses Nazi atrocities and preaches to Negroes that they are much better off in America than they would be under Hitler.

"Negroes", said the NAACP letter, "being American citizens, compare their treatment to the American standard, not to Nazi theories."

"On the other hand, 'The Negro Soldier' is an excellent documentary film, a first-rate effort directed by Col. Frank Capra. It has enormous potentialities for good in stimulating the morale of American Negroes and in educating white Americans to the true place of their fellow citizens in our country."

The NAACP expressed regret that the Goldberg company should have seen fit to take legal action.

SOUTH PACIFIC SOLDIERS SEND NAACP \$552

New York—Receipt of \$552 from the men of a coast artillery regiment stationed somewhere in the Pacific was announced today by the NAACP. The letter of transmittal said "we congratulate you on your achievement and wish you success in all undertakings."

The committee sponsoring the contribution to the NAACP comprised S-Sgt. John Gibson, Jr.; S-Sgt. Wilford L. West; S-Sgt. Wesley F. Hudson; Sgt. Bertram Jones; Cpl. William L. White; Cpl. Whitney A. Jackson; Cpl. Nathaniel Randall; Cpl. Edward L. Harris; T-5 Adolphus Byrd; Pfc. Oscar L. Jackson; and Pvt. Oliver W. Holmes.

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GOVERNOR EBOUE SENDS GREETINGS

New York—Greetings to the people of the United States of America from Governor General Felix Eboué of French Equatorial Africa were brought to this country personally by Walter White, NAACP secretary, who met and conferred with Governor Eboué in Cairo, Egypt, April 8. The message follows: "In Cairo I had the pleasure of meeting M. White, general secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and war correspondent. I have confided this message to him in witness of the sympathy and solidarity addressed to the brave people of the United States of America who are struggling so courageously for the liberty of the world and the betterment of the condition of humanity according to the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

(Signed) "Eboué, Caurio, 8 April, 1944"

Governor Eboué is probably one of the most important colored men in the entire world and occupies a key position in the whole question of Africa and France after the war.

After the downfall of France in 1940, Governor Eboué was the only French colonial official who refused to collaborate with Vichy. He declared unending opposition to the Nazis. His territory, French Equatorial Africa, became thus the only important spot in France or in the French empire which the Axis did not control directly or indirectly.

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RACE FRICTION ABROAD HURTS WAR EFFORT SAYS WALTER WHITE.

New York—Racial friction between colored and white American soldiers overseas, although corrected to a marked degree by General Dwight Eisenhower, is still hurting the war effort and should be completely eliminated, said Walter White, NAACP secretary, in a nationwide radio talk over the Columbia Broadcasting System Sunday, April 30.

"The division in our ranks and the fomenting of racial and other antagonisms are postponing the day of victory," he declared. "They are creating doubt among our Allies as to our sincerity when we assert that we are fighting a war for freedom for all peoples. Whoever causes the war to last one single day longer than necessary is as much a traitor to our country as one who sinks a troop ship or reveals military secrets to the enemy. If for no other reason than to win the war as soon as it is humanly possible and to save the lives of American men—perhaps among them the life of your son—it is imperative that any person, whatever his race, who causes trouble should be stopped. That will be done only if the people of America and their government stop evading or temporizing with this fundamental question whose solution is imperative if we are ever to have a world of peace."

White, who spent 15 weeks in Great Britain, Ireland, North Africa and Italy, said he had travelled more than 20,000 miles and had talked with many officers, soldiers and civilians.

"The majority of American soldiers abroad have been decent Americans interested in but one objective—winning the war as speedily as possible and returning home. A surprisingly large percentage of them—both officers and enlisted personnel—are concerned over the bad name being given to the United States by the friction which some of their number have caused. A gratifyingly large percentage manifest deep concern about the world problem of race and the necessity of working out a solution to it. Many of these are from the South. But, unfortunately, a highly aggressive and vocal minority has sought to transplant patterns of racial behaviour like that of the most backward states of the South to the countries where

they have been sent as soldiers to fight a war against Nazi racial theories.

"Some of them have sought to poison the minds of British, Italian, North African and other peoples against Negro Americans. They have told such stories as these: that Negroes are inferior, illiterate, diseased, and savage. Some of them have even used physical violence to prevent the association of Negro soldiers with British, Italian and other people. They have objected to the use of places of public accommodation such as pubs and restaurants by Negro soldiers.

"Such behaviour has puzzled and antagonized many of the people of these countries. They have found it difficult to understand why some American soldiers should be so violent in their hatred of other American soldiers, especially when all of them are fighting in a common cause. They have resented the action of visitors presuming to dictate to them who they should or should not invite into their homes or associate with. Many of our allies are puzzled too, by the American pattern of segregation. Repeatedly I was asked why the United States, fighting a war for freedom, should send abroad two armies—one white and one Negro."

Generals Eisenhower and John C. H. Lee of the European Theatre of Operations were praised by Mr. White for issuing "unequivocal directives and taking other steps to eliminate the cause of trouble."

White scored the events of the past few months on the home front, saying, "certain members of Congress have poured forth hate-filled tirades against the Commander-in-Chief of our nation and against racial and religious minorities, as vicious and intemperate in content and tone as any sent out by Goebbels from Berlin." He cited the politics in the soldiers' vote bill, the boasts of filibusters against the anti-poll tax bill, and the statements of defiance against the supreme court for its opinion in the Texas primary case. He also hit Congressman Andrew J. May of Kentucky for his threat against the War Department which caused it to cancel its plan to distribute the pamphlet "The Races of Mankind."

White said, "As men approach actual combat and face the dangers of combat, they tend to discount many prejudices," and he praised the combat record of the 99th Pursuit Squadron and the work of Negro supply troops on the Anzio beachhead.

The radio talk inaugurated the nationwide membership campaign of the NAACP which opened May 1 and will close June 30.

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