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Negro Judge Denounces Democratic Party

COMPLAINS OF "DO NOTHING", "SAY NOTHING" ATTITUDE OF ROOSEVELT TOWARD NEGRO.

New York — Judge William H. Hastie, dean of the law school at Howard University, and one of the race's most outspoken liberal leaders, has apparently reached the end of the road with the New Deal, the split coming over what he calls the "do nothing," and "say nothing" of the Roosevelt administration on the Negro question. A letter which the former Federal judge would not confirm nor deny writing, gave Sidney Hillman, chairman of the National Political Action Committee (PAC) reasons why Judge Hastie was resigning from that body.

Judge Hastie, one of the leading spirits in the NAACP, was formerly Civilian Aide to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, but resigned that position in protest at the War Department's refusal to stop discrimination against and segregation of Negro service men in the armed forces. When Judge Hastie resigned he gave his reasons and thus won national approval for his stand in meeting a pertinent issue four square.

His purported resignation from the CIO's PAC is a major blow to the Democratic party which is being supported by the PAC in its drive to re-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt for a fourth term as President. In his letter to Sidney Hillman, Judge Hastie declared:

"I think you will agree with me that in the eyes of the liberal forces of America the performance of the Democratic National Convention was bad. Negroes in particular recognize that the weak weak little plank in the Democratic platform on racial justice is no good. . . . Moreover, the repudiation of Vice-President Wallace, after he had made the only forthright statement for racial justice during the entire convention, stands as a repudiation of Mr. Wallace's stated position.

"The Democratic Party is the majority party in Congress and controls the executive branch of the Federal government. The immediate need for legislation addressed to problems of transition from war to peace is now evident. . . . In this connection, Congress has before it pending bills to establish a permanent Fair Employment Committee, to abolish the poll tax, to extend public housing, to give Federal protection to soldiers against wanton violence in civilian communities, for Federal aid to education and for major extensions and improvements of our Social Security System.

"The Commander-in-Chief has taken no steps to eliminate racial

GRADUATE NURSE VISITS PORTLAND

Mrs. Mary B. Seymour, assistant director of nurses at Freedman's hospital, Washington, D. C. is now a visitor in this city. She is accompanied by Gladys Badger, director of nursing services for the Pacific area. She was the honored guest at a reception, given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. De Norval Unthank Tuesday, Sept. 5.

She spoke at a meeting in Vanport Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Mrs. Seymour is making a country-wide survey on ways to extend Red Cross home nursing training, recruit nurses and develop great co-ordination of the work of Negro nurses throughout the country.

She is a graduate of Freedman's hospital school of nursing. Mrs. Seymour did post-graduate work at Columbia university and at Catholic university in Washington. She is a member of the American Nurses association, Association of Colored Nurses, Citizens Committee on problems of Negro nurses, and the board of directors of the National Nursing for War Service.

She was a Veteran of the Army Nurse Corps in the first World War. Mrs. Seymour was one of 18 Negro nurses in the corps, for recognition of her services the war department sent her with a group of 57 Gold Star Mothers to Paris, as adviser and counsellor. She has been a public health nurse in New York City, superintendent of Nurses in Charleston, W. Va., and a nurse supervisor in Long Island.

service unit, which, with poised carbines, leaped from a landing craft into kee-deep water, and scrambled to the beach with one of them shouting:

"Okay, Master Race; Here comes some guys from Missouri!"

He cursed his luck when no Nazis appeared about and then joined his unit and moved off to his assignment.

Invasion generally working according to plan. Troops and equipment pouring in.

The Bremerton Apology Backfires

AN EDITORIAL
 By C. C. Crow

(Reprint from August 15, 1944, issue of Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest, Portland 5, Oregon.)

Those who listened to President Roosevelt's speech made at Bremerton, Washington, last week at the conclusion of his battleship boat-ride were, regardless of party affiliation, left in a very confused state of mind. It was not what he said so much as it was the way he said it. It was obvious that he had either written the talk himself or chosen to digress from the manuscript of his shadow-writer and interject ad libbing with very sorry results.

To begin with, the entire theme of his talk was distinctly an apologetic effort to make a vacation trip appear to be a vitally important official duty in connection with winning the war. No one would deny the chief executive of our nation the right to a holiday from the trying responsibilities of his office even under present conditions and had he come out in the open and so labeled this vacation not even his worst enemies would have had any criticism to offer, especially in view of his poor health.

Roosevelt's Bremerton speech distinctly emphasized several points. His personal forcefulness is gone. His value to his party and his threat to the future of his country more than ever before are in the hands of the vicious element that uses him as a Charlie McCarthy to dramatize the words which they put in his mouth. His Bremerton speech was an ungrammatical conglomeration of platitudinous generalities that must have made Judge Rosenman's face red, if he wrote the body of it or even redder if he had nothing to do with it at all.

To take part of our navy out of the line of battle for a joy-ride right while needed in the most active and vital period of the war cannot be condoned by any reasonable process of thinking. To use millions of gallons of fuel oil and waste the time of thousands of men on whom the government has spent millions of dollars training for fighting, not sightseeing trips, is inexcusable and in contravention with the very demands our president has been making upon the rank and file of our country. He has asked of others and received a full measure of restraint from vacations, and a curtailment in the use of petroleum products. It is no wonder that he grasped clumsily to find a hypocritical excuse for an expensive and needless jaunt that unquestionably had as its hidden objective the hope that he could, as he did, call military heads from their vitally important posts on the front lines for a pink-tea conference and some photographing that could be used to create the impression that his boasted position as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy means that he is actually out in the field directing our fighting men.

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injustice in the armed services. The Department of Justice finds it inexpedient to move against persons who have openly violated the Federal criminal law statutes by denying the primary ballots to Negroes in several states. Neither the Interstate Commerce Commission nor the Office of Defense Transportation is exercising any control over the intolerable discrimination which Negroes are suffering in interstate travel at this time.

"I mention such specific matters to indicate how much there is that the Administration in power can do and ought to be doing now in contemplation of the war's ending, which will show where it stands on matters of racial justice and equality, and what issues it will contest despite reactionary forces inside and outside of the Democratic Party.

"Yet, present indications are that political strategists contemplate a 'do nothing' policy of the Convention. The danger that such counsel will prevail seems very real. . . . If this apprehension proves to be well founded, and if no constructive legislative and administrative program is undertaken by the National Administration now for the pre-election period, I, for one, cannot work for the re-election of that administration, and will not be able to remain a member of the National Citizens' Political Action Committee.

"I know there are other Negro members of the National Citizens' Political Action Committee who share my belief that affirmative legislative and administrative action is imperative now. Of course, each individual must decide for himself what position he should take in the unhappy event of legislative and executive non-action."

"WE'RE FROM MISSOURI"
 John Jordan
 Journal and Guide War Correspondent.

August 16—The startling ease of the Southern France invasion gives rise to two opinion trends; (1) that the Germans are about ready to fold, and (2) that the Nazis may try Anzio strategy.

One sidelight involved a colored

TO THE NEGROES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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From St. Johns or Interstate bus transfer at Oak Street to the Mississippi bus or Broadway trolley. Get off at Salmon Street and walk two blocks east.

From Vanport ride bus to end of line (9th and Oak), walk east on Oak to Broadway and take the Broadway trolley or Mississippi bus. Get off at Salmon St., Walk two blocks east.

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