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Ohio Governor Friend of Negro for Years

NEW YORK—Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, Republican candidate for Vice President, has been known to the hundreds of thousands of colored folks as their friend for all these years, recently said a recognized political leader of his race, in the Buckeye State. "Unterrified and unafraid of the color question, he has gone ahead throughout his political life in doing all he could for colored people in a positive, constructive way," he continued.

"The country, and particularly our people, have heard of him mostly because of the record-making appropriations under him for Wilberforce University, his substantial race appointees like that of Commissioner Lawrence Payne, and his staunch advocacy of a permanent fair employment practices commission, not only for the Nation, but for Ohio. Both have heard too, what a great governor of Ohio he has been, being elected again and again with ever increasing majorities, and how he has taken his state out of the red left by his Democratic predecessors and put it in fine financial shape with a large cash surplus for postwar construction. The country well remembers his splendid victory, too, over the Roosevelt administration in the matter of Ohio handling its own relief problems.

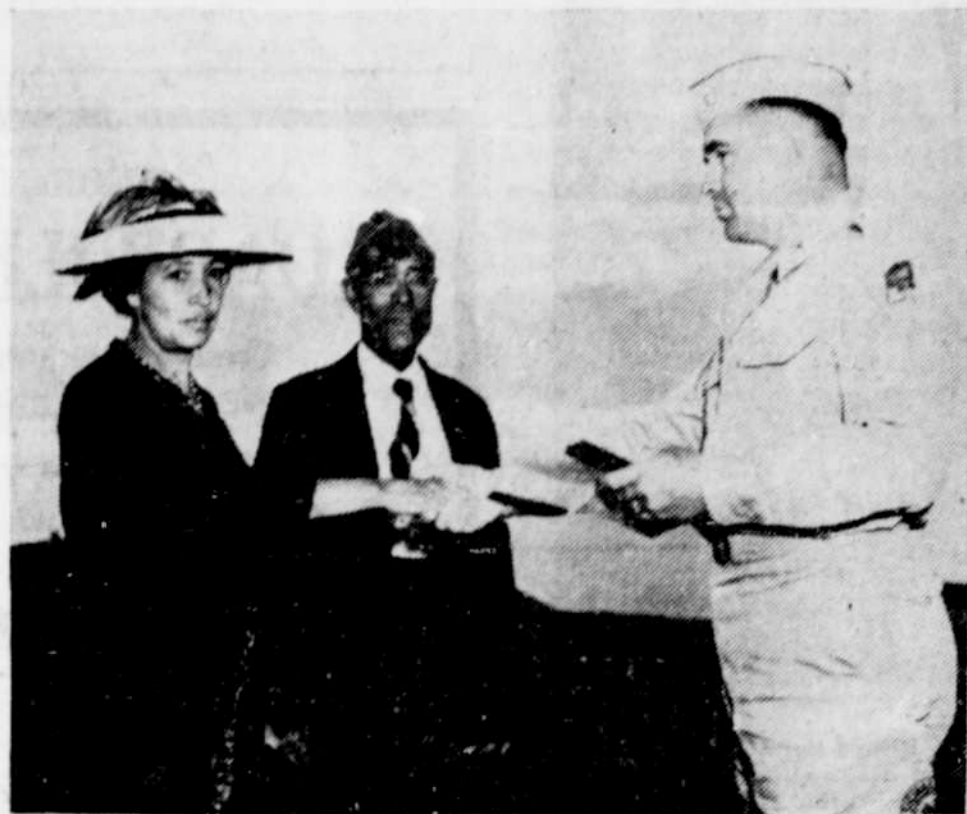
"But back of all this," said Bricker's admirer, "is a simple, straightforward, born and bred Ohioan, with a warm heart and a family heritage for friendship to colored people. Without fuss and feathers he has stood adamant for the enforcement of law and order, of equal civil service opportunity for all.

"Against him is running Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri, the admitted white-haired boy of Boss Tom Pendergast, who, prior to his imprisonment for graft, corrupted the electorate and helped debauch Missouri with vice and crime protection for a generation.

NEGRO LYNCHED AT TRUMAN HOME

Senator Truman hails from the hostile Missouri county where Cleo Wright was so savagely lynched a few years back. Senator Truman has a record of complete indifference to the rights of colored citizens. Should Franklin D. Roosevelt be elected and die, Truman would be president. The country needs Bricker as Vice President."

Posthumus Award to Negro Veteran



COLORADO SPRINGS—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks receiving award for son Charles C. Banks from Capt. L. K. Bailey, commander 42nd Vet. Co. (Official Photo OWI)

The Army paid tribute to a hero from another branch of the country's service recently at Camp Carson in Colorado when Capt. Lee K. Bailey, commanding officer of the 42nd Veterinary Company at the camp, presented the Mariners' Medal to the mother of the first Negro youth from Colorado Springs, Colo., to win a decoration in this war.

Before a guard of honor and a color guard, Captain Bailey presented the medal to Mrs. Fredericka Banks, 314 Willamette Ave., Colorado Springs, as a posthumous award to her son, Charles C. Banks, 27-year-old merchant sailor who lost his life in the North Atlantic. Banks died when his ship, the SS Minotaur, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine on January 9, 1943.

Charles Banks, father of the maritime hero, accompanied his wife to the camp and participated

in the ceremony. He revealed that his son had served a hitch in the Navy in 1935 and had joined the merchant marine in March 1942. He was serving as chief cook of the Minotaur at the time of his death.

The citation to young Banks, signed by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator and read at the ceremony by Capt. Bailey, stated:

"He was one of these men who today are so gallantly upholding the traditions of those hearty mariners who defied anyone to stop the American flag from sailing the seas in the early days of this republic," said the citation. "He was one of those men upon whom the nation now depends to keep our ships afloat upon perilous seas to transport our troops across those seas; and to carry to them the vitally needed material to keep them fighting until victory is certain and liberty is secure."

Registration Closes Prisoners of War Camp

The drive which has been conducted by the Portland Inquirer to get all the colored population of Multnomah County registered comes to a close this week. The effort put forth by a very small group of interested Negroes has produced surprising results. Actual count puts the number registered well above a thousand with the final tabulations still to come in.

Starting in Guilds Lake with classes to teach people how to register, the drive seemed to bog down for lack of interest of the people it was intended to help. Nothing daunted, the workers went into a huddle and came up with the suggestion of a house-to-house canvass. This finally proved to be the best method, but with volunteers so few it was not practical, so a new idea was forthcoming. This time somebody suggested going through the project with a Sound Truck. This was done and at the same time, the Registration Trailer moved in to Guilds Lake for a two day stay. Results were fair but nothing spectacular.

After holding classes in Vanport to instruct the newcomers how to register, the original idea of a house to house canvass was suggested again, but this time with trimmings. 1500 forms were printed in duplicate. Each form was ruled to accommodate 21 names and enough of these forms were issued to each worker to cover the unit in which he worked. Residents, both

"Several hundred aviators passed through the camp. They were of the most varied races and nationalities, including Eskimos, Negroes, Maoris, Chinese, Argentinians and Brazilians."

So writes a visiting secretary of War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A., from a transit camp through which captured aviators pass to various camps or hospitals in Germany. The races mentioned are in addition to Americans, British, French, Poles, Serbs, Yugoslavs, and all the others caught in the polyglot hopper of the battlefronts.

War Prison camps are today cross sections of the world and of most of its nations, and the needs and desires of prisoners are as diverse as their races, religions, educations, and former occupations.

Visiting secretaries of War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A., a participating service of the National War Fund, with headquarters at Genoa, Switzerland, and New York offices at 347 Madison Ave., receive and pass on to the organization's nearest centers, requests as various as their sources. These include books, ranging from the ABS's to abstruse scientific and philosophical works, materials for almost every athletic game devised by Man, the media of all of the great religious, and every known musical instrument, from the grand piano to the tom tom!

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Dewey Appointments Shatter Precedents

NEW YORK—Governor Dewey's list of appointments of colored New Yorkers to responsible official positions exceeds both in quality and quantity all those of his predecessors. The campaign arguments used by his opponents, that his appointments of them while Governor, have been made purely for national campaign purposes, falls flat when his record in that respect as District Attorney for New York County is studied.

As the gang and racket busting District Attorney of New York County, he appointed colored assistants whose qualifications could not be questioned. Among those appointments was that of Mrs. Eunice Hunton Carter, a Smith College graduate, as Assistant District Attorney at a salary of \$6,000 per year. Mrs. Carter was the first woman of her race in the history of New York to be appointed to such a position. Francis E. Rivers, a Yale Phi Beta Kappa man, now Justice of the Peace, was named by the Republican Candidate as a senior District Attorney at a salary of \$10,000 per year. He too, was the first of his people to hold such a position in New York, and the first of his group named to prosecute murder cases. James Yergan was named Assistant District Attorney at a salary of \$4,000 per year. Surely these appointments answer the Democrats.

The record of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, now Democratic Candidate Roosevelt, by comparison, pales into insignificance.

The list of Governor Dewey's appointments to policy-making positions of colored men and women has reached so high a mark that none can question Dewey's conviction that colored Americans must be integrated into every branch of their government. These appointments reveal his confidence in the character and capacity of his colored fellow Americans.

He appointed Justice Francis E. Rivers to the City Court of the City of New York, the first of his race, at a salary of \$17,500 a year. Justice Rivers was subsequently elected to a ten-year term. This is the highest paid office to which a colored American has ever been appointed.

Dr. Cilian B. Powell was the first of his group to be named a

member of the New York State Athletic Commission. He receives no salary, but \$25 for each meeting of the Commission he attends. Mrs. Bertha J. Diggs, a college graduate, was named as Secretary of the Department of Labor with more than 2,500 employees subordinate to her. Noah C. A. Walter was named by Governor Dewey as a member of the Industrial Board at a salary of \$8,500 per year. This appointment, like all of the rest, broke new ground in the official recognition of their race in the Empire State.

Four Assistant Attorney Generals, Governor Dewey has named in the persons of Conrad A. Johnson, Stanley M. Douglas, Philip Watson and Lamar Perkins.

Richard L. Baltimore, Sr., was named by the Governor as a Compensation Claims Referee at a salary of \$5,000 per year. Mr. Baltimore, like Assistant Attorney General Philip Watson, who is attached to the Election Frauds Bureau, had no predecessor among his people. Mrs. Mathew V. Boutte and Dr. Henry O. Harding have been appointed, respectively, to the Board of the New York State Training School for Boys at Warwick, and to the Board of Visitors of the New York State Hospital for the Treatment of Incipient Pulmonary Tuberculosis at Ray Brook, New York. Governor Dewey appointed last April three colored leaders in the persons of the Reverend Elijah H. Echols, Dr. George H. Sims and Dr. C. B. Powell to the New York State Commission Against Discrimination.

This is the unparalleled appointment record of Governor Thomas E. Dewey. It speaks louder than words. The Dewey record augurs well for colored Americans when he becomes President.

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Local Democrats Try Old Tricks

The local Democratic adherents, like all branches of the Democratic party does not mind, it seems, stooping to anything to fool the Negro voting public. Stories have been appearing in local papers that a Negro minister in Vanport is not only in favor of the Bilbo's, Rankin's and their henchmen, but was actually trying to persuade other Negroes to vote for these thugs. The Portland Inquirer could not believe that any Negro of even moderate intelligence would try to influence other Negroes to vote for a party with people like Bilbo and Truman in it. So we decided to ask this Man of God if the reports were true.

The following signed letter is his answer:

Portland, Oregon
October 5, 1944

I, Rev. H. C. Cheatham, of my own free will, depose and make the following statement:

I have authorized no one to publish my name as a campaigner for the Democratic Party or any other party.

The stories that appeared in local papers concerning me are absolutely UNTRUE.

I have tried to locate the source of these rumors and intend to take action against these people for their attempts to harm my reputation.

I am taking this method of letting the public know that I am not taking part in any partisan activity.

(Signed) H. C. Cheatham.

This is one of the cheap tricks used by the Democrats all over the country to pretend that some Negro leaders are with their party. No Negro in the Portland area has permitted his name to be publicly linked with the Democratic Party. No Negro anywhere in the country who has the interest of his race at heart would permit his name to be linked with a party that has done and is still doing his race untold harm.

Let this be a warning to the Colored voting public, do not pay any attention to rumors that any decent Negro is in favor of the Democratic Party.

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