

## Urban League Gives Ovation to Bricker Unity Proclamation

COLUMBUS, OHIO—The highlight of the convention of the National Urban League just closed here, was the ovation given the proclamation of Governor John W. Bricker of "Victory Through Unity Week." In presenting the proclamation Rev. John Paul Jones, New York chairman and member of the Executive Board, said, "Governor Bricker's proclamation is the most comprehensive and inclusive of any that the National Urban League has ever had. The audience stood in appreciation of the Governor's efforts. It read:

PROCLAMATION: "Victory Through Unity Week" September 28 to October 1, 1944.

WHEREAS, "Victory Through Unity Week" signifies the annual conference of the National League for Social Service Among Negroes and also call to the attention of American citizens of all races the need for harmony and cooperation in order to achieve a just and lasting peace, and

WHEREAS, the National Urban League is now rendering vital service in forty-nine cities of the Nation, giving vocational guidance to Negro young people, providing funds for graduate study to deserving Negro students, and helping to find jobs for thousands of Negro workers, and,

WHEREAS, the National Urban League is the oldest interracial

agency for social work among Negroes and has constantly sought to improve conditions under which Negro citizens work and live and to promote inter-racial cooperation and mutual understanding,

NOW, THEREFORE, I John W. Bricker of the State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Thursday, September 28th and continuing through Tuesday, October 3rd, as "Victory Through Unity Week" throughout Ohio, and I call upon all citizens of this state to cooperate with the National Urban League in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I've hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four.

(Signed) John W. Bricker.

"... Befo-o-ore I kiss Hortense, I always buys a nickel's wortha peppermints. . ." Remember that song, Mrs America? And remember the peppermints? It looks now as if our chances of getting peppermints and other hard candies are going to improve. And when they come back into the store these candies will have ceiling prices from 33 to 35 cents a pound set by OPA—protecting the pocketbook while indulging the sweet tooth.

## WMC and USES Set Up Rigid Segregation

McNutt Tells NAACP Jim Crowism must continue as bound by Appropriation Committee Decree

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The FEPC has its present and apparently impossible big job on its hands. The United States Government, according to statements made and released by the NAACP, is the great offender. The War Manpower Commission and the United States Employment Service have established rigid segregation rules in employment, which have been dictated by Dixie. The NAACP release to hand states:

"Nearly every important industrial center in the country has been classified as a labor shortage area and, therefore, subject to orders from the War Manpower Commission which prohibits any employer from hiring workers except through the office of the United States Employment Service. This power of the USES is largely increasing and is being extended even beyond the present manpower shortage. Before returning war veterans may receive reemployment rights, or unemployment compensation under the GI Bill of Rights, registration at the local United States Employment Office is required."

This is the channel through

which those seeking employment now and in the post war period must enter if they are to get jobs. The NAACP statement cites two glaring instances of this outrageous situation which faces those black war veterans who have been discharged and are now seeking employment. This sad situation, beyond a doubt, will face all those black doughboys who will seek employment in the post-war period if Roosevelt and the New Deal should be returned to power in November.

The release tells of the Columbus, Georgia, situation where colored unemployed have applied to the USES. They are forced to enter the Federal agency through the backdoor off an alley usually filled with heavy traffic. This condition the NAACP has protested to Washington. The USES office in Washington, the capitol of the Nation, offered a few days ago a similarly revealing condition. Prentice Hilburn, a recent Howard University law graduate, sought a job. The prospective employer said he must conform to the regulations by securing the approval of the local employment office. Mr. Hilburn entered the office, and got in the line formed for white applicants. A federal building policeman threatened to put him out if he did not move into the line for colored people. When he finally reached the desk of the interviewer she declined to serve him. This was protested by the NAACP to Paul B. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, together with other cases of segregation and discrimination in the USES. Mr. McNutt informed the NAACP that the condition in Columbus, Georgia, still prevailed, but that new separate entrances to USES office would be built as soon as building material priorities could be secured.

The Capitol employment center is operated on a segregated basis, he admitted. This segregation policy was decreed, he stated, because in 1942, the Appropriations Committee of the House Representatives

had so ordered; otherwise, he declared, money for the USES agencies could not be appropriated. Congressman Malcolm C. Tarver of Georgia, had complained about white and colored people working together.

These facts reveal that returning war veterans will continue to be at the tender mercies of southern Congressmen and Senators should they again sit in the saddle after the November election.



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## CLARK COUNTY NEWS

Prizes for Christmas decorations in yards, windows, and roofs of houses and apartments on Vancouver Housing authority projects will be given this season with a judging committee visiting each project the week preceding Christmas. Walter Pollack, project services director for the authority, said today. Each project will be judged as a separate unit.

An award committee composed of Mrs. Elsie Powers, Leo Randall and Mr. Pollack will choose substantial prizes which will be announced next week.

Christmas parties will be held at all project community centers on Saturday night before Christmas, Polalck said.

A Red Cross sewing group for Colored women will be organized Monday, October 16, at the Mill Plain Community center. Lou Smith, personal services staff member for the housing authority, reports.

The group will meet from 1 to 5 p. m. every Monday and is open to all Vancouver women.

Talented youngsters wishing to appear in programs sponsored by the recreation association are urged to attend weekly audition held every Friday at 2:45 p. m. in the Cloud Room of the McLoughlin Heights community center. Mrs. Josephine Hasbrook, music director for the association, announced today.

Not only does the association furnish talent for numerous Victory Center, USO club, PTA organization and Radio programs, but casts stage shows for the 2 week-Mayflower Matinees each Saturday. Children must audition before appearing on any of the programs, Mrs. Hasbrook said.

Mothers are urged to bring their children to the auditions where Mrs. Hasbrook will discuss a program of classes best adapted to each child's individual talents. Many small musicians, dancers, actors have been developed in the recreation associations classes during past seasons, Mrs. Hasbrook said and cited the case of Billy Shore, vocalist and piano soloist;

Florence Krein, who is now contralto soloist in the Bagley Downs Junior Choir, and Phylai Bringman, Mary Lou Landrigan and Leroy Kern, children well known for their appearances in the Vancouver area, as examples of recreation association talent development.

Tiny tots as well as grade school and teen-age artists are included in the talent classes.

A big smoker, the first sponsored by the new Bagley Downs Boys Athletic Club is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, at 8 p. m. at the Bagley Downs community center, Jim Coffal, boxing coach, reports.

Several well-known amateur boxers are listed on the card and Ivan Jones, McLoughlin Heights community center athletic director, will bring three wrestling matches, Coffal disclosed.

Boxers will include Louis Tellman, 165 pound Vancouver high school athletic star, well-known for his football record.

Bob Colden, 143, seen on several cards in this area, will also be featured, while Billy "The Kid" Tyrone, McLoughlin Heights flash, the sensation of the August Heights Boys' Athletic Club card, will meet a scrappy opponent.

Pete Long, 130 pound, will appear as will Dooley Sharplay, 100 pound Bagley Downs colored boy, whose probable opponent will be Scrappy Donald Crandall, McLoughlin Heights.

It is not yet known whether Bagley Downs' pride and joy, Gilbert Ealsey, will appear on the card. Ealsey has not been working out regularly, but hopes to get into condition for Tuesday night, Coffal said.

Seven good boxing bouts are produced. Invitations have been extended to Vanport City and Multnomah Athletic Club boxers as opponents.

Harvey Haynes, athletic director for Bagley Downs, and Coffal have invited several well-known sports celebrities of the Northwest to the affair to say a few words at the ringside.

Admission will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Teen-age football teams are practicing daily at the Bagley Downs grade school athletic field, Harvey Haynes, athletic director at the Downs community center, reports.

From 100 to 150 boys turn out daily from 12 to 1 p. m. and from 3:30 to 7 p. m.

In good weather practices are held on the school field; teams meet at the Bagley Downs center gymnasium on rainy days.

The players are all members of the Bagley Downs Boys Athletic Club.

A rummage sale, sponsored by the Ogden Meadows Red Cross Sewing club is scheduled for all day Saturday, October 21, in the Ogden Meadows Community center. Proceeds will be used to purchase a sewing machine for Red Cross sewing.

A sale of home cooked food and articles of furniture will be conducted simultaneously with that of clothing, Mrs. Helen Wassard, personal service worker, said today.

Mrs. Pearl Kelly is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Virgia Booner and Mrs. Bertha Metz.

Although substantial contributions of clothing have already been made, Mrs. Kelly urges women living in the area to take discarded clothing or unneeded articles of furniture to the personal office at the community center this week.

At last Saturday's weekly dance at the Bagley Downs community center, women and men chosen by the Greater Vancouver Women's Council served as hosts and hostesses. Mrs. Helen Wassard of the personal services department of the housing authority, reports. Wearing official badges, the council representatives served as a welcoming and introduction committee.

Unless an orchestra may be found for the weekly dance held every Saturday night at the Bagley Downs community center, the dances will have to be discontinued, Leo Randall, recreation adviser said today. The popular dances have been held every Saturday from 9 to 12 p. m.

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