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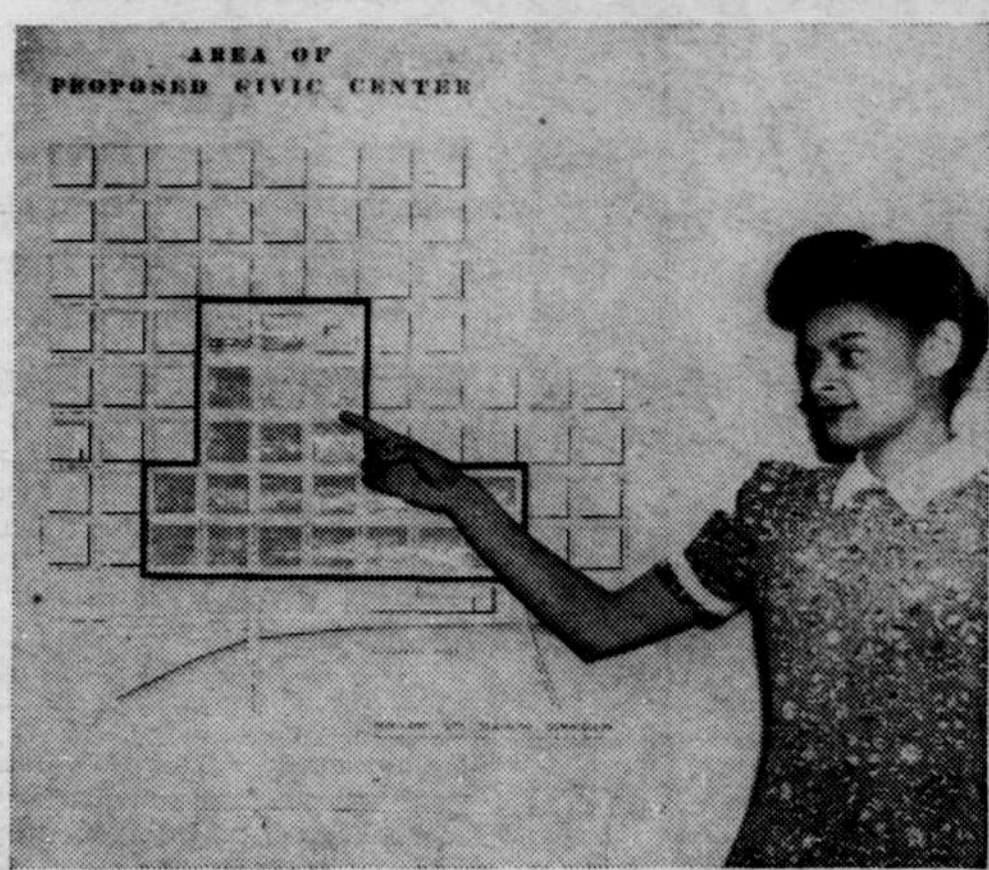
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Lipman Wolfe Endorses 'Jim Crow'; Refuses Service to Local Colored Girl



CIVIC CENTER AREA—Designating the site for Portland's proposed Civic Center on a map of downtown Portland is Ellen Wood. The selected area is in a rundown section of the business district. Passage of the bill will provide a on the tax rolls and create jobs in the postwar reconversion period.

Ten Negro Doughboys Decorated For Heroism With 104th Division

WITH THE 104TH TIMBERWOLF DIVISION IN GERMANY—In a ceremony deep within conquered Germany, ten Negro doughboys of the 104th Timberwolf division this month received the praises of five generals and awards they had won in combat while fighting alongside their white comrades against the enemy. They were former rear-echelon Quartermaster Corps soldiers who had asked for a chance at front-line infantry fighting. Now they were receiving the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals they had won in that fighting.

"You have been given a chance, and you have won the respect and friendship of your comrades," Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis told the men, as giant transport planes circled overhead.

Their own commanding general, Major General Terry Allen of the fighting Timberwolves, pinned the medals on their uniforms.

"We're all proud of you," General Allen told them. "You're a better bunch of soldiers than the men I saw when you first joined the division back at Col-

ogne," he added—and the Negro troops remembered the tough, realistic training they had received at the Timberwolf Reinforcement Training Center, the famed 104th camp where soldiers new to the front received combat tips from battle-wise veterans.

The troops were proud themselves when Brigadier General Charles Trueman Lanham, the assistant division commander and a general who spent much of his time up front, told them: "I have never seen any soldiers who have performed better in combat than you."

Record Spoke for Self
 Their record spoke for itself. They had taken many a town during the Timberwolf Division's lightning thrust past the Rhine. One of their men had been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, a decoration ranking only behind the Medal of Honor.

They smiled when the General told of the first Negro soldier he had seen in combat—a youth who had insisted on wiping out an enemy sniper's post although they remembered how nervous they had been when the first machine gun bullets went over their heads, and how their hatred for the Nazis had overcome that "stage fright" which inevitably comes to all fighting men. They applauded enthusiastically when General Lanham thundered: "I want you with us when we go after those Japanese."

Also present at the ceremony were Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, chief of staff of the Seventh Corps, and Brigadier General William Woodward, 104th Division artillery commander. Colonel Bartholomew R. DeGraff, chief of staff of the Timberwolves, read the ci-

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EDITORIAL

LET'S TOLL THE BELL

By Chesley E. Corbett

In days of yore, before the advent of the telegraph, telephone, wireless and radio, when special occasions arose that necessitated calling the populace from far and near together some one would mount the belfry and "Toll The Bell"—those in the town and the outlying districts would get their old bone horn from out of its socket and sound the alarm; this would be repeated from house to house, farm to farm, village to village until the news had spread far and near to come to town — because of some urgent matters needed attention—they were summoned by the "Tolling Of The Bell."

In another column of this paper appears an article that one of the most fashionable and up to date Department stores had refused to permit a decent and respectful colored girl, a college graduate, and three of her college associates and sorority white sisters, to dine in the Tea Room of their establishment, solely because the colored girl was present; that the management put its stamp of approval upon same. It is now time for us to "Toll The Bell—Now is the time to call an Ace or Ace and a "Spade a Spade".

I am reminded of the utterance in the Bible—viz "It's the voice of Jacob, but the hands of Esau".

Just to think — the General Mgr. of the Lipman Wolfe Co. is Mr. Harold Wendell! Who is Mr. Wendell? He is President of the Community Chest! Also President of Council of Social Agencies. Yet he condones segregation—he refuses to make a statement through the columns of our paper. He refuses to condemn the policy of discrimination.

As we passed the Lipman Wolfe & Co. establishment and witnessed the patriotic exhibition in the windows we were filled with admiration of their love for God, Country and Humanity.

For the past two years and more the large number of our group who have made Portland their home, have been generous, yes liberal, in their patronage of this establishment and they have been the recipient of thousands of thousands of dollars from us; Black men and women—during the peak of the shipyard boom—nothing was too good for us—every courtesy was extended and shown. Like Esau of Biblical fame they desired "A Mess of Pottage" and would use any subterfuge to obtain it; now having "waxed fat", like the "Wolf" in the Story of "Little Red Riding Hood", they show their fangs—when their true colors are discovered.

Yes, we see the display in the window" Mr. Wendell! "It's the voice of Jacob, but the hands of Esau". You received "Your Mess of Pottage"—our business—our money—our praise: Why? Because we thought you were

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Store Manager Refuses To 'Interfere With Policy'

INCIDENT OCCURS WHEN COLORED GIRL
 APPEARS WITH THREE WHITE GIRLS

Lipman Wolfe and Co., one of the largest stores in downtown Portland refused to serve a colored girl in their Tea Room on Friday of last week. This, notwithstanding the fact that Harold Wendell, general manager of Lipman Wolfe Company is the president of the Community Chest an organization which controls the funds of the Urban League and other social agencies. To the public the people connected with social agencies are supposed to be far above any kind of racial discrimination. In fact these are the people who are supposed to be fighting segregation in any form. Yet when Mr. Wendell was contacted by a representative of the PORTLAND INQUIRER and asked what he had to say on the matter his answer was that he refused to make a statement other than that they had never discussed policy in reference to serving Negroes in their tea room. Asked what his personal feelings were in regards to the matter, he refused to make a statement.

Opposition To Civic Center Is Not Constructive

Answers to campaign inaccuracies about the proposed Civic Center amendment, to be voted upon at the special election Friday, are being made by the Portland Area Postwar Development committee, a group of civic-minded Portlanders who have been working on long-range developments for Portland's future since 1943.

The statements from the Postwar Development committee are issued in answer to exaggerated charges brought against the Center plan by a recently-formed political group calling itself the "Portland Civic Efficiency committee," composed mainly of property owners in the area where the Center is to go.

The Postwar development committee feels the public should have the correct information before going to the polls on Friday to vote on the only city measure on the ballot. Formerly, it conducted a purely educational campaign in its support of the Center.

As an example of this "Civic Efficiency committee's" propaganda, the permanent Postwar Development committee points to a charge that the latter arranged "delays to keep ballots from being mailed to our service men." The Postwar Development committee points out that ballots were printed and would have been mailed had not a property owner in the proposed Center area brought suit to prevent the city from placing the amendment on the ballot. By the time the decision was handed down on May 26, when the city won its case, it was too late to send the service ballots.

This group of property owners are saying the plan would be a "White Elephant," that the public market building is an example of what will happen if the

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The incident occurred last Friday when four Federal Government employees, three of them white girls and the fourth a colored girl decided to have luncheon together to celebrate having worked together for a period of time. One of the girls made the arrangements for the luncheon by telephone to the tea room of the Lipman Wolfe store. Upon arrival at the Tea Room, the girls were informed that they were too late for service. The intended lunchers informed the Lipman Wolfe employee that they were early for their appointed time and asked what is the real reason for refusing service. They were informed that the three white girls could eat but that the colored girl could not. Of course all four left together. They were finally served in the Meier and Frank Restaurant.

The young lady in question is a member of the newly formed chapter of the Sigma Delta Theta Sorority, a graduate of an accredited University and holds a very good federal position. She is every inch a lady and was of course the mental and social superior of the waitress by whom she was insulted.

Lipman Wolfe Co. enjoys a large Negro trade in all departments of its large store. No Negro should ever be seen again spending one cent in this Jim Crow establishment. From now until their purpose is accomplished, the colored people of the state of Oregon should demand the removal of Harry Wendell from any association with the Council of Social Agencies. The PORTLAND INQUIRER will be in the vanguard of any move to help move these people who are attempting to endorse the practices of the deep south, discrimination and segregation here in Portland. Incidentally, MR. HAROLD WENDELL IS NOT A NEWCOMER.

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