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Local Woman Photographer First in History To Fly With Paratrooper Battalion on Mission

President Truman To Seek Extended Social Security

WASHINGTON—Specific recommendations to Congress which may extend Social Security protection to hundreds of thousands of Negroes not now covered by the legislation were promised by President Truman in a statement on the tenth anniversary of the Social Security Act, August 14.

"But while we have made progress we still have a long way to go before we can truthfully say that our social security system furnished the people of this country adequate protection. Therefore we should lose no time in making our social security act a more perfect instrument for the maintenance of economic security throughout the country.

"I expect to present to the Congress specific recommendations looking toward this objective.

Although more Negro workers are covered by the Social Security Act now than at any time in history—due largely to their record war plant employment—a large number of Negro workers are included in the 12 to 15 million persons not protected by the act. These people are employed mainly on farms, domestic service, non-profit institutions, maritime service and government.

Negro Aces May Now Buy Surplus Planes

WASHINGTON—Returned veterans of the famed 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group, as well as other war veterans, may now purchase airplanes and related parts from Government surpluses, the Surplus Property Board announced this week, as a result of two amendments to existing regulations.

The SPB amended Regulation No. 7 (effective July 1) which permits veterans to purchase material and equipment to set themselves up in their own business or profession. Heretofore, the regulation excepted aircraft.

Under the amendment, veterans may now purchase planes on a Federal Agency No. 1 priority.

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Editorial

In the event that you missed seeing it we present for your earnest consideration, page 3 of the Sports section of the Oregonian, Monday, August 20th, 1945. Spread over a space of four columns and 13 inches in length are two pictures that every Negro in the area should see. The cost of this much space in the Oregonian at their regular Amusement Rates would be \$240.24. We choose the Amusement Rate for this is the only classification under which this picture could have been published. Amusement for a certain group of white people whose only claim to superiority is the color of their skin and they must have something occasionally to boost their ego and place the Negro race in a position of ridicule.

Never before has so much space been given to Negro activities in the columns of the local daily papers. There have been events of both local and national interest that have hardly been noticed by the Oregonian. I cite one case, the launching of the Tuskegee Victory at the Oregon Shipyard which drew all of eight inches in the columns of the Oregonian. History was made in the burning of the mortgage at the Zion A.M.E. church, St. Philips built a Parish House. Both of these momentous occasions together were allotted a space of 2 columns by 3 inches. We know several people who have tried unsuccessfully to get pictures of social events in Negro life published in the Oregonian. On one occasion about a year ago a well known Portland resident was to be married at a local church. The PORTLAND INQUIRER requested permission to photograph the affair but was told by the coming bride that arrangements had already been made for pictures. Requests for one of the pictures was answered with the statement that there may not be enough to go around. One of the papers mentioned by the lady to which a picture was to be sent for publication was the OREGONIAN. We personally know that the picture was sent. We also know that the picture was NOT published. Maybe had the bride and groom consented to pose with a watermelon the Oregonian would have published the picture.

The Oregonian in publishing a picture of this kind
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G. I. Finds Mother Thru Red Cross

ZAMBOANGA, Mindanao, P.I.—A mother and her son, separated for 20 years, soon will be reunited through the efforts of Duke Montgomery, 1041 E. 216th street, New York City, Red Cross field director with the 93rd "Blue Helmet" division, the only all-Negro division in the Pacific.

The soldier, a rifleman with the 368th Infantry Regiment, was an infant when his father deserted his mother and took him to Oklahoma. When the father died, the five-year-old child was placed in an orphanage where he remained until he was 17.

"I didn't know where to start looking for my mother," the soldier explained to Montgomery, "and in a few months I was in the Army."

Montgomery wrote to all the Red Cross chapters he felt might be able to help. A month later, he received a reply from the New York City Chapter, giving the mother's address and including a report on her health and welfare.

The commanding officer approved an emergency furlough for the eager G.I.

Said Montgomery: "I had a particular interest in this. I was in the same orphanage myself as a child."

Go Back to School, Dr. Caliver Urges

WASHINGTON—Citing recent scientific technological and social developments as evidence of the importance of education in the modern world, Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Senior Specialist in the Education of Negroes, U.S. Office of Education, this week urged all Negro high school children to return to school and finish their education.

Endorsing the Back-to-School Drive being sponsored by the Office of Education and the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Dr. Caliver addressed his appeal to the more than 275,000 Negro students in high schools in 17 southern states and the District of Columbia, and to similar Negro students in all parts of the country.

"Recent developments in many fields of activity—scientific, technological, military and social—have indicated the importance of education for everyone." Dr. Caliver said, "The fact that generally there is now need for so many to know so much, while among Negroes so little is known by so many, makes education for them a 'must'."

The wide educational gap between other citizens and Negroes on all levels and in all fields requires that a greater number of

Photographs Men On 'Jump' From C-47 Transport Plane

Margaret C. Robinson of Marbeth Studios makes 750 mile flight with 555th Paratroopers Battalion.

Mrs. Margaret C. Robinson, staff photographer for the PORTLAND INQUIRER made photographic history this week. She was the first Negro woman photographer to fly on a mission with Paratroopers. Mrs. Robinson, who lives at 2423 E. Burnside street, was included as photographer on a party that went to the Pendleton Army Air Base to do pictures and a story of the members of the 555th Infantry Paratroopers Battalion. Permission had been granted the Portland Inquirer by the Commanding Officer of the 7th Area Service Command of Fort Douglas. While the party which included besides Mrs. Robinson, Miss Darneice Crockett (member of Launching Party of Tuskegee Victory) and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Faulk (Portland Inquirer) were at dinner with the officers of the Base Command, the Battalion was alerted and orders issued to prepare to leave for a dangerous fire area at 5:30 on Wednesday morning.



MARGARET C. ROBINSON
First Negro woman Photog to fly on mission with Army Air Forces pictured in flying togs loaned for the flight by Capt. Williams, Commanding Officer, 555th Inf. Parach. Batt., Pendleton, Ore.

This picture was taken by Newscameraman at Bellingham, Wash., Air Field.

Preparations were made and the three big C-47 Army Transport planes which made up the 'task force' took off a few minutes before 6:00 a. m. on the Wednesday morning. The first flight ended at Bellingham, Washington just three miles from the Canadian border about 8:00 a. m. During this trip Mrs. Robinson photographed several forest fires, and the men of the plane in which she was riding. Later the planes took off for the second leg of the flight for the purpose of dropping the Paratroopers and their supplies at the scene of one of the forest fires.

Some of the pictures taken by Mrs. Robinson on the trip of the men and their constant brush with death will be published by the Portland Inquirer in the issue of August 31st.

The story and pictures were made possible by the splendid wholehearted cooperation of Captain Williams, Commanding Officer of the 555th Paratroopers and his staff of very fine officers, all Negroes. The PORTLAND INQUIRER will take great pleasure and consider it an honor to make the work of these fine Negroes known to the reading public.

Redmond Air Base Placed On Inactive Lists

PORTLAND, Ore., August 17—Hq Fourth Air Force announced today that Redmond Army Air Field, a satellite base of Portland Army Air Base, would be placed on an inactive status effective on or about August 20. This sub-base which has in the past had been a site for training pilots for combat, has recently been on a reduced status with a small contingent of personnel and material. The personnel and equipment at Redmond Army Air Field at the present time will be transferred to Portland Army Air Base.

Signs New Drummer

Buddy Johnson last week signed Harold Austin, formerly with Cecil Scott's Orchestra, to a long term contract. Austin replaces George Jenkins who got a pink slip.

they be provided more and better education than in the past. Every Negro youth, parent and citizen has a stake in the Back-to-School campaign; and the schools are obliged to render an educational service designed to meet life's needs and to assure more personal satisfaction and social betterment."

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