

INFLATION COMPARED TO AN ATOMIC BOMB

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tory on the home front in the fight against the rising cost of living. In this fight every consumer has a part. Inflation begins with penny overcharges. A little higher price here and another higher price there pulls the trigger of inflation with results that could be as disastrous to our hope of peacetime prosperity as atomic bombs were to the teeming cities of Japan."

Mr. Brooks called upon all members of the Order to continue their fight as consumers, farmers, and workers against the inflationary pressure with which we are still threatened.

He congratulated the delegates at the Convention upon the \$20,000,000 worth of War Bond purchases by IBPOE members. He pointed out that these purchases had not only helped to finance the war, but that they had stored up purchasing power "which, if it had been spent would have added fuel to the fires of inflation." He added that this buying power, properly used, will soon make possible purchases of new comforts, new household labor-saving devices, and new homes for many IBPOE members. He also stressed that war bonds help provide the markets necessary for full production and full employment of workers temporarily unemployed as a result of cut-backs in military production.

Congratulating J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, on his message calling upon Lodges and Temples to set up Cost-of-Living Committees to help in the fight on inflation, Mr. Brooks said, "I know we can count on all of you to keep up the fight until the battle is won."

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Woogie Anderson is a native of Buffalo, New York and has had several years experience with orchestras before entering the army.

The tenor soloist T/Sgt. Ellie McDew hails from faraway Georgia and the youngest member of the chorus. He has been doing solo singing for the past two years.

Tech. Sgt. Leunis Caldwell, bass soloist is from Frauci View College, Texas where he did solo singing. Sgt. Caldwell has a wonderful bass voice.

All in all they are a group of singers to be proud of. At the close of the program, Mr. Myers,

AN APOLOGY

Words are but empty thanks in extending my sincere appreciation for the kind and understanding attitude displayed by the dancing public at the attraction of September 13th which was cancelled due to the late arrival of the orchestra after encountering tire trouble and being delayed by the OPA at Marshfield while awaiting an order for new rubber.

Not allowing the mishap to dampen our spirits and with your kind permission the parade of name bands will continue with the September 24th presentation of Fletcher Henderson and his orchestra being next in line and a host of leading names to follow.

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the manager, offered the chorus a chance to sing over the American Broadcasting Co. network on Saturday evening, September 22, at 7 o'clock over station KWJJ. Friends, tune in and you will hear a wonderful chorus.

The songs the chorus sang last Thursday evening were: Get On Board, Summertime, and Go Down Moses. The last number was arranged by the chorus' director, 1Sgt. Walker.

Portland Inquirer personnel were guests at the initial broadcast.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF URBAN LEAGUE VISITS

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to eat in the store's Tea Room. When brought to his attention, Mr. Wendel very curtly said that he refused to interfere with policy. Two of the members of the executive board of the Urban League are not at all what they claim to be. We refer to Mr. H. B. Naughton of the First National Bank, who does not hire any Negroes and refuses to advertise in Negro papers for Negro business. This in spite of the fact that they have a large Negro clientele. Mr. Harry A. D. Smith of the department store of Olds, Worthman and King whom we charge with the same thing. These men (of whom we shall soon print more) judging by their past performances, are not likely to do-

anything to make the Negro's life here any more pleasant or agreeable, that is why we say Mr. Granger's suggestions may not be carried out.

20th Century Gabriel Searches for Gabe The Second

By Laurie Macfie

NEW YORK. (IPS)—Has anyone seen a hawk? Honest, we're not kidding. Urgently wanted (to buy) is one hawk (tame) according to the boys in Erskine (The Hawk) Hawkins' band. The boys would very much like to hear from a hawk owner. They tried the zoos and the pet shops, but it was strictly "nothing doing". Reason for the frantic high-and-low hunt for the long tailed bird of prey is the big boss' birthday and also the first Broadway appearance of the Hawkins' band at the Strand Theatre in New York City. On such a momentous double occasion the boys thought something should be done in the way of a gift—and since the band has not mascot—lo—the search for a hawk.

Any of you jivesters who know of the whereabouts of a sweet hawk, please contact Mr. Harry Goldstein, Manager Erskine Hawkins' band, care Strand theatre, New York City. Mr. Goldstein,

and the members of the Hawkins' vrew, guarantee the hawk will live in the best of plush society. The bird will be christened "Gabriel, the Second" and will leave on an extensive tour of the country after the current Strand engagement. Diet, rest, exercise—every consideration will be given the new mascot. He (or she) will be introduced to the most glamorous people in the entertainment world and will, the boys believe, thoroughly enjoy his (or her) new life.

According to Webster's Collegiate Dic (natch!) a hawk has a long tail and long legs and comes in varieties like "Buzzards, Kites, and Sharp-Shinned Hawks". Hawkins' bandmen say the sharp-shinned hawk sounds like what they're after . . . he's already be hipped to the jive. Don't let this urgent plea go unanswered! Caldonia! Caldonia! Has anyone got a hawk?

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Even that will not give service to everyone who wants it in that time. There are places where we have complicated switchboards to install—even places where we must build new buildings for the new switchboards. While there were in August more than 123,000 unfilled orders due to lack of telephone instruments, there was a greater number, about 164,000, unfilled due to shortage of central office facilities.

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