## **NEGRO ACTOR-PILOT VIRGIL** RICHARDSON SPREADS WINGS

NEW YORK-(ANP)-On late | This play, in which Virgil acted Sunday afternoons, when Har- the role of the comic, bombastic lem's American Negro Theatre Prog. Hennypest, became a hit actors put on plays over New and ran several months-a new York's radio station KNEW, lis- record for little theatres. It gave take notice of an impressive, Or- has carried it through the producson Wellsean voice that domi- tion of such hits as "Anna Lunates the show.

The man who owns it is the Richardson, 28, actor, law student, sixth consecutive season. 15th Air Force pilot, now on ian profession of acting.

A serious-minded six-footer, played in the war. He is equally achievements of the American Ne- my life I'll never regret." gro theatre group that he helped to start five years ago.

When he was 2, in 1937, he

square in the face."

friends to try out his good looks, country. entered into amateur stage activities at the Y, and drew so much favorable notice that soon he had a part as Canada Lee's understudy in "Big White Fog." The play was running at Harlem's old Lincoln theatre, and during its last few weeks Virgil took over the lead.

This successful first stab at professional acting was followed by in Italy shortly thereafter, and ly moved by the demonstration Capt. Robert McDaniel and Dun- manding Officer Warren Schell. erhood of Sleeping Car Porters a period of no jobs. The usual reason: not enough stage parts to the 15th Air force, 01st Sq., 332d which voluntarily came from Howard university's school of Lentock, Dr. Tating Sangula and completed missions over Sicijly, go around for Negroes. But Virgil caught wind of a movement under way to help remedy the siuation. The American Negro theatre, headed by playwright Virgil piled up 300 combat hours beautifully expressed in his in- ace, equaled the scenes of "Kis-Abram Hill and actor Frederick O'Neal, was being born. Its aim oak leaf clusters. was to give Negroes an actingproducing company of their own with opportunity for work and recognition opened to hundreds of craft and pilots. But they did recent selection of Booker T. entered the lavishly decorated Negro actors, playwrights, directors, and stage technicians. Virgil joined forces with ANT, and was

one of its night original founders.

The pioneer ANT group had more ideas than money, but finlaunched in 1940 with Abram Hill's farce "On Striver's Row."

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brought it this year to a large

"I got so busy with all the early terminal leave from the air forces doings of ANT I almost overlookand back once more in his civil- ed Pearl Harbor," Virgil says. "I two trustees: J. R. Wingfield of had married a company member, Aida Harrison, we had a son Virgil recalls with pride the part Charles, and everything was going he and his fellow Negro pilots just fine. Then the draft board sent me a letter. It was a shock, proud of the rapid advance and but it opened up a period of

Following basic training, Virgil was assigned to quartermaster's corps but soon after applied for first came to New York from his AAF pilot training because he had native Texarkana, Tex., after heard this offered a colored man graduating from Wiley college, a better chance to do a respected where he majored in science and job in the war. There were difbiology and acted in school plays. ficulties with a tough adjutant "Of course I took a two-foot and Virgil got sent to England room at the Y", he recalls with a with the quartermasters although laugh, "and was pretty broke and he had already passed his initial lonely at first. But once I'd examination for entrance into the landed a job as shipping clerk in air forces and was scheduled to a hosiery mill, I was able to get begin flight training a month ers to Mrs. Patterson by "Miss my bearings and look New York later. But fortunately Washington officials caught up with the Evenings he studied law at City situation. They saw to it that college, then was persuaded by Virgil was brought back to this

> like a good American soldier. It who can fly a plane."

Selfridge Field, Mich. He left the cation. U. S. in January, 1944, arriving President Patterson was deep- by Sultan Janinal Abirin were ippine doctors on Jolo by Com-

unusual nature.

go around. Sheep and plane col- a student loan fund of \$1000. lided. The belly tank exploded, but Virgil came through with only

cap came off and oil started to leak out and to blanket the canof Atlanta set aside a part of the Two hours later, the sultan arose. plane was completely black, top Branch of the NAACP.

to tail.

25, that 250 white men, bomber he believes has a big future. cres, were forced down at the ers returned to their own bases a where that came from."

their generous hospitality. "You see," observes Virgil, 420 S. W. Washington BE 6442 ing together on the same job, all get going in civilian life again, ful young wives.) equally, and have the chance to we'll work harder than ever on really know each other."

> On arriving back in this country and getting his discharge last July, Virgil enrolled at New York university, to continue his law studies under the GI Bill of Rights. He is interested in law because he believes it will help him aid in the social advancement of his people. In addition to this he has resumed his act-

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## 10th Anniversary Surprise Given Patterson

TUSKEGEE-(ANP)-In a surprise sponsored by a committee of faculty and students, President teners have been sitting up to the company a good start which F. D. Patterson was appropriately reminded Sunday of the 10th anniversary of his election as casta" and "Walk Hard," and Presidetn of Tuskegee institute.

By pre-arrangement with Asprogram's actor-narrator: Virgil new theattre in Harlem for its sistant Chaplain Raymond F. Harvey who presided, the evening vesper service was interrupted and Capt. Alvin J. Neely with Mt. Meigs, Ala., and Henry Neill Segrest of Tuskegee, came to the platform as President Patterson, awaiting his turn to deliver his Sunday evening talk, looked on with genuine surprise at the unexpected appearance of trustees.

After briefly reviewing Tuskegee's progress during the 10-year period of Dr. Patterson's administration, Capt. Neely presented \$775 in victory bonds representing total gifts from trustees, faculty and students.

Other features of the surprise included messages from the two trustees who were acting as emis saries of good will from the board of trustees; presentation of flow-Tuskegee" and reading of letters of greetings by A. L. Holsey. Letters came from Presidents

of colleges participating in the United Negro College fund, trusany individual, white or black, lege Fund drive, Dr. J. W. Stude-Virgil got his wings at Tuskegee er of Education and Dr. Ambrose relentless effort to save the lives When the 318th landed on Minand took tactical training at Caliver, specialist in Negro edu- of the Moros people.

became a bomber escort pilot in of appreciation and devotion bar Gibson, both graduates of The Philippine medics were Capt. and Capt. William Campbell, who Fighter group, under Col. Ben- friends and the Tuskegee family. medicine. The splendor of the Dr. Rosaria Golphin. With Capt. Salerno and Anzio as a member jamin O. Davis. These men made In his acceptance of the gift, he banquet, held in the throne room themselves a great name in the re-stated the tributes to Dr. of the Mohammedan monarch's European theater. With them, Washington and Dr. Moton so new temporary Spanish-style paland won the Air medal with four augural address 10 years ago and met" or the colorful tales of the with becoming modesty renewed "Arabian Nights," the guests re-He and his plane came through his pledge to carry on in the vealed. the war unscathed, although they spirit of of his distinguished ped- They had to pass long lines had many brushes with Nazi ecessors. He also referred to the of Moro guerrilas before they

Once when Virgil was bringing feature, President Patterson an- banquet hall where they first met his plane in for a landing behind nounced that he would purchase the flight leader, a flock of sheep additional victory bonds to add ber of the Philippine congress suddenly invaded the runway. He to those presented to him so that and personal attache to the genally, through persistence, they got was too far in his approach to at maturity they would constitute ial, 70-year-old white-haired rul-

## but Virgil came through with only a minor injury. He says actors Churches Observe Abirin. After formal greetings, the sul-

opy. It got so blindingly thick Sunday, Nov. 11 services to the Virgil couldn't see forward, up- encouragement of registration ward, sideways-only backward. and voting among the members. After barely avoiding a formation | Atlantans are responding to the of B-25s, he finally managed to registration drive which has been get back to his base by using the launched by several organizations, radio. When he landed, his silver spearheaded by the Atlanta there was. They left us without

But the incident Virgil likes to ing and is hoping some day to remember has to do with Christ- have a full-time job with the mas. It happened, last December American Negro theatre, which

"See what this group has done Negro base at Fogia, Italy, and already," he said. "It has made ply branch of this huge army, were weathered in through tremendous advances during the Jole's people are getting well. Christmas. Airmen, white and war. The American public Ou rwounded are healing; disease black, had a good time together, thinks 'Anna Lucasta' is one of is not now rampant among our sharing officers' clubs, mess halls, the best shows they've had in a peoples. So to our two brown bunk-houses, and when the visit- long time. And there's more American brothers, who have

week later, they wrote back to The evening he talked with us among us, today we do honor." their hosts, thanking them for he was still wearing his lieutenant's uniform.

big things."

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baker, United States Commission- medan Mores sultan for their nese,"

The two army doctors honored

experience a few mishaps of an Washington for the Hall of Fame. throne room that had been con-At the close of the surprise verted temporarily into a huge er of the Jap-hating Moros, his imperial highness Sultan Jainal

tan ordered that his guests be Then once on a flight over mountains and sea, the engine oil Registration Day served immediately. Moros waiters entered laden with food that He said:

> "My friends, both of you know that for four long years, the Japanese have driven us like criminals into the hills to let us find either death or such salvation as homes, food or medical supplies. Our arms were those which our forebearers used and which we use evtn today.

But thanks to America, and in this instance, to the medical supdone such remrakable work

"I have as much personal interest in the mas any one, for "Look at this," he said. "We did they not save the life of my "there's never any trouble when Negroes did a mighty fine job two-week old baby?" (The sulwhite and colored men are work- when wearing this suit. When we tan, although 70, has five beauti-

So, captain Drs. McDaniel and Gibson, we bear you the seal and the freedom of the Moro em-

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ZAMBOANGA, Mindanao, P. I. pire," the ruler continued. -(ANP)-Two brown American "Please accept these Moro weaptees of the institute and many army medics, members of the ons of our forefathers as a sympersonality in theatrical work. He the army left me when I got in others including President Harry 318th Medical battalion that had boy of our faith in American jus-S. Truman, Henry A. Wallace, fought its way to the Philippines tice and generosity. And may "For the first time I was treated Gov. Chauncey Sparks of Ala- from Guadalcanal, Bougainville, these two Japanese swords we bama, C .C. Spaulding, Walter New Guinea and the Netherlands bring you be a reminder that seems everybody has respect for Hoving, 1944 chairman of the Col- East India; where honored re- never, while one Moro lives, will Hastie, dean of law, Howard uni- At the playground, it's a common 11:55 P. M. and when I entered cently by the powerful Moham- he ever bow down to the Japa- versity; Anna Arnold Hedgeman, thing to see a ring of youngsters my car there was only one sec-

tin, Schell had a receiving sta- dron. tion for all casulaties. Lt. Willie In an adjacent gallery, the while Lt. Harris (his first name Jolo forces.

a dozen medical courses. Beside tion of Arts. meeting with types of unknown diseases in the Southwest Pacific. made them dead men.

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## Leader Portrayed Jew, Negro Fight Minister Jailed In Art Exhibit

BROOKLYN-(ANP) - Paintings of Negro leaders are on display in a traveling Harmon foundation exhibit at the Brooklyn

The paintings, the work of Betsy Graves Reyneau, a white artist, and Laura Wheeler Waring, present the following public notables as art subjects:

Alain LeRoy Locke, educator; ond to help keep it won. Pvt. Edward Lee; Dr. George Singer is a tall, friendly-look- the minister taken from the train. supervisor; Eugene Kinckle of good deeds. Others portrayed are Marian Hitler jugend.

Walter White, NAACP executive in the game of life. daneo, the two medical captains George Edmund Haynes, socio- knowing that somebody is taking the conductor came through, and had been ordered to assist Phil- logist; Asa Philip Randolph, pres- an interest in them. ident of the International Broth Gloster Smith and Leonard Mar. of the famous 99th Pursuit squa-

McDaniel and Gibson are now tute of History and Art and is gon. wondering whether there is not a being circulated throughout the This choir has young boys and ductor.

## SOUTHERN LIFE DEPENDS

(Continued from Page 1.) the medical ethics should have the United States is in New York Miss Isabelle Gates and Mr. City where the 458,444 Negroes, George Thomas are advisors. six percent of the population of that urban center, had in 1942 an estimated total income of \$342,-916,112. Of this amount, approximattely \$250,000,000 was spent for consumers goods and services. The 3,300,000 acres are operatted by served for himself, and when the expenditures of Negroes, as of Negroes. In Delaware and Mary- officer arrived, he was seated people in general, are proportion- land, for example, hundreds have with some other passengers. The

Market for Durable Goods

"While usually not emphasized in statements of this kind, the Negro market for durable goods in this country is considerable and could be increased many times. At the end of 1941, approximately 1,500,000 automobiles in the United States were owned by Negroes. Farm implements on the 8,255,000 acres of farm land owned by Ngroes in 17 southern states had, in 1940, a value greater than \$40,000,000. This, of course is relatively small. The possibilities for expansion in this market are suggested by the fact that 25 per cent of the farms operated by Negroes in the United States are owned by them. These farms have 2,000,000,000 pounds of milk. a value of approximately \$850 .-000,000 and represent 700,00 farm owners.

Negroes and Farm Production "As farm producers, the Ne-

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# Nazism in Youth In Coach Row

MANNHEIM, GERMANY their good work.

Out of Sandhofen, a suburb of learned this week. Mannheim, 1st Lt. Louis A. Sing- The conductor on a Texas and er and his men run a truck unit. Pacific passenger train had Rev. Henry Thacker Durleigh, sing- This itself is much to do, but he Turner arrested when the miner and composer; Jessie Redman and his men are determined to ister, observing that there was Fauset, teacher and author; Mary do even more in helping to car-only standing room in the "col-McLeod Bethune, director of the ry out the second mission of the ored coach, asked him to move NYA; Channing H. Tobias, Na- American oversea soldier. They to a rear coach assigned to white tional YMCA secretary; Charles know that our first mission was passengers. Apparently resent-Hamilton Houston, lawyer; Dr. to help win the war, and our sec- ing this request, the conductor

Washington Carver, scientist; ing chap out of New York's Man-Paul Robeson (costumed as hattan who believes that honor

Urban league; Dr. William Ed- established the German youth ble." The minister was fined ward B. DuBois, educator and playground for the kids of Sand- \$17.50, and had to pay a lawyer writer; Dr. Charles Richard hofen, with the aim of driving \$15 as counsel fee. Drew, Professor of surgery, How- from their minds the Nazi creed

drew Kenny, director, John A. first person to tell you that his owner of the Afro-American stu-Andrew Hospital at Tuskegee in- effort is not to reconvert the old dio on Beale street, asserted that stitute; Monroe Nathan Work, ed- Nazi heads-for he has no great he was traveling from Jackson, itor of the Negro Year Book; Dr. love for them-but rather an ex- Miss., to Dallas by way of Shreve-Moredocai W. Johnson, Howard pression of genuine interest in port when the incident occurred. university president; James Wel- making the kids understand the den Johnson, arthur and poet; importance of being good sports from Jackson, I was transferred

# Interracial Choir

Under the sponsorship of the should not remain." Portland Chistian Youth Counsel, is Lieutenant) was given the job "The Negro Artist Comes of Age." November 25th at Centenary- train. of keeping supplies moving to the The first of these exhibitions was Wilybur Methodist Church, 215 assembled by the Albany Insti- S. E. 9th Avenue, Portland, Ore- have you reported upon reaching

plethora of new diseases to start country by the American Federa- girls of all races on its roster. All those who braved the rain to hear them last Sunday had a real musical treat. The director of the choir is Mr. Joseph Edminton.

> groes of the United States con- and told them to make room for tribute largely to the economic him, (Turner) the minister added. welfare. Of the 30,000,000 acres of gone in for large poultry raising, officer, a railroad detective,

> from 5,000 or 6,000 layers daily. tives, they ship carloads of vege- later, Rev. Turner asserted. tables to market and to processing The incident occurred Wednessouth-produced 30,000,000 chick- Rev. Turner said. ens, 100,000,000 dozen eggs and

"The gricultural regions of the League Plans south are so largely dependent on Negro labor that eny excessive migration of the Negro population Macon Meet to the industrial centers of the North would bring disastrous results to the southern white landlions of far macres would be idle crippled in its war efforts. In fact, and politically. nillions of civilians would be on the verge of starvation.

dearth of ood in the absence of Negro labor but other materials Davis in the Primus E. King used in warfare would be dangerously limited both in quantity and in kind. Unless several millions of men now in military service whose numbers are increasing and were withdrawn to fill the labor who desire to see the Negro be-MORLOU COMPANY

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MEMPHIS-(ANP)-Rev. A. L. Turner, prominent minister and (ANP)-For some time I have business man of Memphis, after planned to write something about being forced off his train at an officer and a company of sol- Shreveport, La., while enroute to Museum along with an art show diers who are doing something Dallas to attend a CME conferabout the mental reconversion of ence, finally reached his destina-German youth. I am not going to tion short of both money and valput off any longer a report on uable time as the result of a pernicious jim crow practice, it was

called a police officer and had

Rev. Turner remained in jail at Shreveport for two nights and "Othello" (\_ Mrs. Helen H. Whit- and credit to the United States a day, and was released only afting, Georgia's rural education army is reflected by the mirror er a stern rebuke from the police court judge that "you must be Jones, national secretary of the As a result he and his men have trying to stir up some race trou-

In a statement, Rev. Turner, of hat and bigotry planted by the who for the past several years has pastored Grady's Chapel CME Anderson, singer; Dr. John An- Louis, himself a Jew, is the church here in Memphis, and also

"After reaching Shreveport to the Texas & Pacific on a transsecretary; Judge Jane oBlin, do- As sponsors of the youth pro- fer bus, and immediately boarded mestic relations court of New ject, Singer and his colored troops my train, Rev. Turner said. "The York; Judge William Henry take a true interest in the kids. train was scheduled to leave at executive secretary, National around a soldier-their faces lit tion of seats, and I sat down in ordered me to move as those seats were for his use.

> "I refused to move, stating that I had been traveling a long ways, and was tired. This seat is in First Appearance a colored coach anyway, and I don't see any reasons why I don't see any reasons why I Rev. Turner added that it was

Blount was ambulance officer work of contemoprary Negro art- the Fellowship Choir made its then the conductor stated that he ists is on display under the title, first public appearance Sunday, would have him ejected from the "That's your privilege, but I'll

> Dallas," the minister told the con-"You won't arrive in Dallas on this train," retorted the conductor,

"because I am going to have you

arrested." There were a number of soldiers on the coach, nearly all of whom were asleep at the time. Rev. Turner reported. The conductor woke some of the soldiers,

Rev. Turner said that he left farm land in the United States, the section the conductor had re-In those states, Negro poultry the minister to the jail at Shrevefarmers have as many as 30,000 port, making him miss his conbroilers a year. Others collect eggs ference. It was not until one of the church officials, Dr. F. L. "Scattered through several Lewis, eneral secretary of the areas of the south, there are 10,- church extension department, put 000 Negro commercial truck farm- up a cash bond of \$100 that he ers. Through their own coopera- was released . . . about 30 hours

plants. In the black belt and in day, Nov. 9, Rev. Turner added. other parts of the southeastern Three nights later when he constates, Negro farmers are taking tinued his trip to Dallas, this increasingly to dairying and live- same conductor was on the train, stock raising. In 1943, Negro and occuping a section in the farmers-most of them in the colored coach instead of the white,

ATLANTA - (ANP) - Under sponsorship of the Atlanta Civic sults to the southern white land-owners. Even in peace time, this by John Wesley Dobbs, a nonwas true when the Negro farmers partisan call has been issued to of the south were producing crops Negro citizens of the state to valued at approximately \$700,000,- meet in Macon Thursday, Nov. 29, Negro farmers in war time, milorganizing a state-wide Non-Parand the nation would be fatally Negroes of Georgia "economically tisan Citizens committee to help

The call, which directs atten-"Not only would there be a the repeal of the poll tax and the need to be "advised about the good white people" of the state, come a first class citizen.

(Continued from Page 1.) duction and purchasing power, and to confer with him on preparation of his annual report. Since congress eliminated the National Resources Planning board, there has been no such continuing agency.

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