

# NEGRO COMBAT VETS TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN POST WAR ERA

WITH THE 761st TANK BATTALION IN EUROPE—(ANP)—Returning Negro veterans are not going to have an easy time re-adjusting themselves to the requirements of the postwar world, but the Negro combat vet is going to have a still harder time than the ex-service troops.

During the course of operations in England and on the continent Negro soldiers who were members of units in the services of supply organizations were able to learn many new trades and develop skills in mechanical and technical fields. This was especially true of the men in the medical corps, engineers, quartermasters and ordnance units.

An engineer could learn surveying, drafting, photo-engraving, bricklaying, heavy construction machine operation, and a number of other trades. Quartermasters could learn the intricate angles of driving and motor mechanics, as well as the paper work knowledge in doing their breakdown for supply rationing. Medical men could keep abreast of the advanced knowledge of that profession, and acquire still greater skill with the highly scientific equipment with which the American army was equipped. Similar oppor-

tunities existed in other units. I once visited an airdrome in Great Britain, with a crew rest, locker and drying room, and technical and administration sites, which were built of brick, by aviation engineers, not one of whom had ever laid a brick before in his life, and it was a superb job which won the praise of the chief engineer of the ETC.

But for the combat man from the tank battalions, the tank destroyers, the field artillery battalions, and the infantry, these men learned but one thing: how to kill. They became vastly proficient in the operation of machines that dealt death, and could dispatch the enemy with the skill of a practiced physician giving a delicate operation. But the skill of knowing how to kill will certainly have no place in the postwar peace-time plans of the U. S.

It's going to be pretty tough, and the men from the service and supply units will have a definite advantage over the Negro combat man. That's just in passing, but America would be wise to take that into consideration when planning how to integrate the returning vet into his proper place in the post-war scheme of things. And the Negro combat veteran is definitely conscious of that!

# Veteran Awaits War Medals

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — S/Sgt. Weaverly B. Woodson Jr., whose war exploits were so famous they were recounted on a coast-to-coast radio broadcast, has returned to civilian life without receiving the medal for which he had been recommended.

Sgt. Woodson, 23-year-old hero of the Normandy invasion, was discharged from the army at Indian town Gap Military Reservation, Pa., Nov. 13, and has returned to his home in Germantown.

Sgt. Woodson, formerly a member of the medical detachment, 320th Balloon Battalion, won fame on D-Day and the days that immediately followed when he was wounded by a shell fragment but continued to administer first aid to 250 casualties on the shell and bomb-racked beach.

Not until he collapsed some 24 hours later did Sgt. Woodson stop his work long enough to have the shell fragment removed from his hip.

For his devotion to duty on the Normandy beachhead, Sgt. Woodson was recommended for the Distinguished Service medal, the third highest award given by the United States. The recommendation was later held up by Sgt. Woodson's battalion commander, Lt. Col. Leon J. Reed, a white officer from Kentucky, until it was too late for action to be taken on the matter.

Instead of the high award that he deserved Sgt. Woodson was given the Bronze Star, a medal which ranks eighth in order of importance of war department awards. The citation which was given him read: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States."

To add insult to the injury, Sgt. Woodson has never been officially given the Bronze Star. He has received the war department citation entitling him to the medal, but the ceremony necessary for the actual award has never been held. He was told he would get the medal first in France, then in England, the United States, Hawaii, and then in the United States again. He is out of the service now and still waiting for the medal to be given to him. In addition to the Bronze Star, Sgt. Woodson is entitled to wear the Good Conduct ribbon, the

# Announce Annual Pro Court Meet

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The eighth annual official world's championship basketball tournament will again be held in Chicago at the spacious Chicago stadium on March 25, 27, 29, April 3, 5, and 6, and it was announced by Harry Hannin, director of cagedom's blue ribbon event.

The field, headed by the powerful Fort Wayne Zollmers, defending world's champions, will be the largest and strongest since the origin of the event, Hannin predicted. Regional playoffs are planned with the nation's 16 greatest professional quintets qualifying for the title tourney in Chicago.

# Hold School for Women Jurors

ST. LOUIS—(ANP)—A school for prospective women jurors was begun here last Thursday at 8 p. m. and Friday at 2 p. m., in four of the jury divisions of the Circuit Courts.

The school was organized by the League of Women Voters of St. Louis and the classes are open to all women who desire to prepare for jury service, for which they were made eligible by a new State Constitution. Circuit judges will conduct the classes.

After explaining the responsibilities of the juror, the judges impanel a jury among the women, set forth a hypothetical case, issue instructions to the jury and ask for a verdict.

American Theatre campaign ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign medal with an arrowhead (for the invasion) and three battle participation stars, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal, the Purple Heart and the World War II Victory medal with a star (showing he was overseas on V-J day.)

Now that he is out of the service, Sgt. Woodson is planning to go to Temple University Medical school to continue his education. He has completed two years at Lincoln university prior to his entry into the service.

Sgt. Woodson's rother, Eugene, was also recently released from the army. He was a bombardier in the 447th Bombardment group.

# Analyst Tells How to Make Democracy More Than a Myth

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Ignorance must be destroyed if democracy is to be more than a myth.

That was the revelation made here last week by Elmo Roper, public opinion analyst, before the annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Racial prejudice appeared to be noisier, if not more widespread than six months ago, he disclosed.

Declaring that every American should assume the responsibility of combating racial and religious prejudice in defense of democracy, Roper believes his work is sampling public opinion has "turned up a clue as to how we might come closer to this goal."

**Democracy Handicapped**  
Ignorance, he revealed, is the greatest handicap to democracy. He remarked that it was among those who falsely believe Jews have a stronghold on U. S. finances that there is most outspoken hostility to individual Jews as neighbors, even as it is among the deluded who "think Negro men are all eager to marry white women," that there is strongest unwillingness to "see the Negro attain economic equality."

Ignorance, too, he continued, caused the uninformed to suspect Catholics owe "political and religious obedience to the pope," creating the so-called "Catholic menace."

**What To Do**  
In explaining counter measures to push and advance democracy, Roper said:

"All of us who are so minded can fight for better education for more people; all of us can fight for more and better newspapers, radios and magazines; all of us can fight against poverty and economic inequality. But you and I have a special obligation. We can strive calmly and with obvious fairness to supply more information about the size and nature of all minorities. Where there are misconceptions about Catholics, Jews, Negroes and southern Baptists, we can offer

facts. "And the facts are that no minority is dangerous because of its religion or race. The only minorities which are dangerous are those which would deprive other minorities of their rights as human beings."

# Leroy Haynes Sent to Jail

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Leroy Haynes, who met many of the country's leading heavyweight boxers during his ring career several years ago, was sentenced to serve five months in prison by Federal Judge Geo. A. Welsh this week on charges of conspiring to steal. Two other men received sentences of one year and three months at the same time. One of whom was put on probation and his sentence suspended.

Haynes was found guilty by a jury last September of conspiring to steal 39 pouches of mail which were being transferred from the 3th Street Post office to the Pennsylvania railroad across the street.

# Charter Ratified

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Ethiopia was one of the six nations to ratify the charter of the United Nations organization last week, which now brings the number to 45 having ratified the constitution.



In referring to a dictionary—just last week—we were informed, in a terse and a simple statement, that Pango Pango is the "same as Pago Pago". Turning backward, then, to Pago Pago, we were enlightened by reading from left to right: "Same as Pango Pango." This sort of thing is known as the Merry-Go-Round. Omar Khyyam complained of it eight hundred years ago; he recorded the fact that he "evermore came out the same door wherein I went." It's dizzying and leads nowhere! Yet certain so-called dopsters employ that same silly system to this day. Not so, Aunt Stella. This Gifted Little Lady outgrew the merry-go-round with teething rings. Furthermore, she has no use for dead-end streets or revolving doors. Today, she is acclaimed as the Modern Mental Marvel because no traps or sink-holes exist in the beaten path leading to her Delphic Fount of Wisdom. She sees All, Knows All and Tells All—regardless, instantly, to boot, and without double-talk. We print her astounding answers to questions from the hexed and harrassed as a regular feature. Editor.

Dear Aunt Stella: I've hooked a young traffic officer for a boyfriend and he's just as sweet as he can be but awfully bashful. What can I do to get things started? Rockin' In Rhythm.

Rockin' In Rhythm: Why not wear green lip stick? Aunt (Begin The Beguine) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: What'll I do now? The most beautiful dame in the whole wide world has given me the air! Gone With Th' Wind.

Gone With Th' Wind: Line up with Shakespeare who swore that "Kindness in women, not their beautiful looks, shall win my love!" Aunt (Go Fly A Kite) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: I don't think you're so darned smart, but—if you are—who put the trick in intricate? Says Which.

Says Which: As Lenin remarked, "One fool can ask more questions in a minute than twelve wise men can answer in an hour". But—if you must know—it was the same guy who put an impost on pleasure and called it "syntax". Aunt (Sweet Mystery of Life) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: She's an expert manicurist but, ever since I married her, has shown no inclination to go to work. If you were me, what would you say about that? If I Knew Then.

If I Knew Then: I'd say she's too lazy to turn a hand. Aunt (On The Side) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: My boy-friend is very devoted but entirely too ardent. What can I do to slow him down? Sunday In The Park.

Sunday In The Park: You can figure that out for yourself when you remember that a dog is the same kind of a nuisance except when distracted by a flea. Aunt (Turkey In The Straw) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: My wife hates beer and always insists upon smelling my breath after I get in from playing a little pool with the boys. What can I do when she tells me that I'm beastly drunk? I'll Never Smile Again.

I'll Never Smile Again: Next time, tell her that you've been eating frogs legs and what she No, Abelard, a lullaby isn't when a guy wants to get out of telling the truth and makes up an excuse.

smells is the hops. Aunt (Natural Thing) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: They say that the profession is over-crowded but, anyway, I want to get in the movies. How shall I go about it? A Man And His Dreams.

A Man And His Dreams: Why not qualify as a human fly? The last one failed in his screen test. Aunt (Anything Once) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: My boy-friend got tight, the other night, and wanted to prowl around ringing door bells. What's that a sign of? I've Got My Fingers Crossed.

I've Got My Fingers Crossed: Maybe, that he's a Fuller Brush man. Aunt (I'll Pray For You) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: I paid cash for a darling negligee and can't return it even though my husband doesn't like it on me. What'll I do with it? Fine And Mellow.

Fine And Mellow: Maybe he'll like it on the maid—why not give it to her? Aunt (Chester's Choice) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: The poor fish hasn't been married more'n ten days and already squawks about his wife. What can be more fatal to a second honeymoon than talking behind the Little Woman's back? Now It Can Be Told.

Now It Can Be Told: Talking back. Aunt (Laugh And Call It Love) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: I'm crazy about him and have asked him to marry me but he says we'll have to start from scratch. Do you think I ought to press the issue or let things rock along as they are? Can't Afford To Dream.

Can't Afford To Dream: That all depends. Despite success stories, the sad truth is that most men who start from scratch have to keep on scratching for the rest of their lives. Aunt (Heaven Can Wait) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: Should a girl get upset when a boy kisses her for the first time? Once In A While.

Once In A While: Not unless it happens in a canoe. Aunt (Home On The Range) Stella.



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