

## THE VETERANS LIGHTHOUSE

Married veterans planning to enroll in Oregon schools of higher learning for the winter and spring terms will find it difficult to locate living quarters at most campuses, judging from the results of a survey conducted by the state Department of Veterans' Affairs under Hugh E. Rosson, director.

Eighteen colleges and universities in the state were queried and the majority of the replies showed that while single veterans usually can be accommodated, the married veteran will have trouble locating a place for his wife and family to live near the campus. Veteran enrollment for the winter term or spring semester is expected to double or even triple fall term registration, the survey indicated.

Sufficient replies were received to give a good cross-section of college housing conditions, Mr. Rosson said.

One question regarding finances brought replies indicating that single veterans were able to "squeeze by" on their GI educational subsistence allotments, while married veterans in most cases had to supplement this with part-time employment. Passage of the increased GI allotment will greatly alleviate this condition, school officials said.

Prospects of married veterans finding apartments or houses in a few of the smaller college towns appear to be slightly better than in those of the larger institutions, and Mr. Rosson suggested that it might be wise for the prospective student to consider the college where he can obtain housing now, with a view to transfer if he desires when the housing situation eases up.

A sampling of the replies ran as follows:

Oregon State college: 375 veterans enrolled fall term, 700 anticipated for winter term. Housing situation "desperate," and new students must do their own searching. About 25 federal housing units being erected, with hope of additional ones for spring term. Three-room apartments renting at about \$45 per month. College room and board, \$43 a month.

Willamette university, Salem: 110 veterans fall term, expect 75 to 100 more for spring semester starting March 11. Single men now living in the YMCA and private homes, and the university will use a campus fraternity house for single veterans next spring. Average cost of furnished apartments, \$40 to \$50; unfurnished houses, \$45 to \$55, where available. By newspaper advertising, the university has lo-

## U.S.-Soviet Medical Group Honors Dr. Drew

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—Dr. Charles Drew, noted for his development of blood plasma and professor of medicine at Howard university, was elected a vice-president of the American-Soviet Medical society, at its second annual meeting held Saturday at the Ritz-Carlton hotel.

The only other Negro delegate at the one-day conference was Dr. J. Leonidas Leach, of Flint, Mich., who represented the Michigan chapter of the society and who nominated Dr. Drew.

In addition to the business session, a scientific institute was held, at which the speakers were Prof. Vladimir V. Lebedenko, representative of the Russian Red Cross and the Red Crescent in the United States; Dr. Wilder Penfield, Montreal Neurological institute; Brig. Gen. I. S. Ravdin, professor of research surgery, University of Pennsylvania who was for three years chief of an army hospital in Burma-India; Dr. Michael R. Shimkin, U. S. Public Health service; Dr. Kenneth E. Appel, clinical professor of psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania.

cated some of these places, and expects to do so again next spring.

University of Portland: Fall registration, 107 veterans, with a 300 total expected for spring semester starting Jan. 30. No difficulty expected in housing single veterans wanting room and board on the campus. "Fair accommodations" for married veterans at University Homes, a nearby federal housing project, with rent at \$30 including light and heat.

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande: Fall registration, 17 veterans, expect 60 additional winter term. "Plenty of housing for married veterans at the present time," with a federal housing project of 40 furnished apartments, 20 of which are already rented and the balance to go in the order of application. Rent, \$30 a month, light and water furnished. Board and room for single veterans "still available" at about \$40 a month.

Multnomah college, Portland: Fall registration, 240 veterans, expect 300 to 350 in all for spring semester starting Jan. 28. Single veterans "may be adequately housed" at the YMCA or YWCA. Three housing projects suggested for married veterans were Guilds Lake, University Homes and Vanport City. Approximate costs: At the "Y," \$20; housing projects, \$40 to \$45.

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth: Fall registration, six veterans; 30 to 35 expected for winter term. Housing "adequate at the present time" for single men. "Small apartments are available in town for married veterans." Though "not excellent, they are livable," at \$30 to \$40. College dorms have room and board for single men from \$40 to \$45.

Other replies were from Lewis and Clark college and Cascade college in Portland, and Northwest Christian college, Eugene. All reported facilities for single veterans, but dim prospects for the married ones, especially those with families. Virtually all the institutions are expanding their housing facilities, but do not expect construction to be completed for another year or more.

## Strikes Loom in Federal Cafes

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Threatened strikes in government cafeterias bring Negro workers face to face with a trying situation. Hundreds of Negroes eat meals in these cafeterias, depending upon them for food. All three daily meals are taken by many in these low-cost, non segregated institutions scattered all over the city in government buildings. The threat of strike not only brings them face to face with a trying situation, but it affects thousands of Negro workers employed in these places.

Many are employed as cooks, countermen and women, busmen and kitchen help. Top jobs, stewards, hostess and such are held by whites, but the income represented by Negro workers totals many thousands of dollars weekly.

Oliver Palmer, business agent for the United Cafeteria and Restaurant Workers, announced that representatives of the unions' 2800 members will meet within a few days with management representatives of Government Services, Inc., and with labor department conciliators in an attempt to avert a threatened strike which would affect 54 government buildings.

Mr. Palmer explained the union is concerned chiefly in its demand for a pay raise with 60 per cent of the employees who are in jobs of the lowest classification and now receive a guaranteed weekly take-home pay of \$15.88.

Government Services, Inc., the employing company, has said it cannot grant the proposed raise without relief from its present price schedules.

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## Railway Suit Settled for \$1,000

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Miss Yolanda Barnett, Negro staff member of the YWCA National board, has announced her suit against the Texas and Pacific railroad company who she charged refused to seat her in one of its dining cars, has been settled out of court for \$1,000. The case, pending in the courts since March 1944, set a legal precedent in establishing the right to sue a southern railroad in the courts of northern states where the railroad does business but does not operate.

Miss Barnett, interracial secretary on the staff of the national board of the YWCA, in her suit charged the railroad with assault and violation of civil rights when she said she was refused a place in the dining car by a conductor who subjected her to "rough and humiliating treatment." At the time of the incident Miss Barnett was a passenger on the "Sunshine Special" enroute from St. Louis to Dallas.

In June, 1944, the New York Federal District court ruled that New York courts lacked jurisdiction in the case since the railroad did not operate in this state. In November, 1944, the circuit court of appeals reversed this decision by a two to one decision establishing the right to bring suit in New York.

Throughout the litigation Miss Barnett received the backing of the YWCA whose national board president, Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham, wrote the railroad: "This incident, involving the humiliation of one of our staff members, is not only an affront to the national board, but it will be of concern to our whole YWCA when the facts are known."

Interviewed immediately after signing the general release granted the company in return for \$1,000, Miss Barnett declared: "It is with genuine reluctance, and only upon the strong insistence of legal counsel, that I accept this monetary 'settlement' of my suit against the Texas and Pacific railroad. My whole purpose in this case, and that of the YWCA which backed me at every turn, was to establish a legal precedent against racial discrimination in interstate transportation. Expenses to date exceed the amount of settlement."

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transportation. Expenses to date exceed the amount of settlement." She continued: "At least two things have been accomplished by this inconclusive litigation. First, the right to sue this southern railroad in such cases in the race, religion or national descent of any applicant for appointment to the faculty or any other college job.

Reports were submitted by Dr. Paul Klapper, president of Queens college; Dr. Harry N. Wright, president of City college; Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter college and Dr. Harry Gidense, president of Brooklyn college. They did not attempt to gloss over or ignore outside tensions and prejudices and all four stressed the value of extracurricular activities in fostering friendliness among all groups.

Dr. Klapper, chairman of the administrative council which is to transmit the documents to the board, said they showed that "in a deep sense our institutions are the colleges of all the people." Members of all races and creeds are thoroughly integrated in the classroom and campus life of the four municipal colleges, the presidents said.

Courses on problems of inter-group relations given at the city colleges include the two-year sequence in contemplary civilization, an anthropology course in problems of American minority groups, and others on culture, of other peoples, the history of governments and the social organization of peoples of various origins living in this country, at Hunter; and a study of labor problems, sociology and anthropology, and the history of the fair employment practices committee, at Brooklyn college, where a campaign has been waged in the student council and student paper "against official campus recognition of any student group with a constitution which contained a restrictive membership clause."

"If this became official college policy," Dr. Gidense remarked, "it would for instance forbid the establishment of local chapters of national Negro or Jewish fraternities. This goes far beyond the present anti-discrimination of the state of New York, but the discussion of the proposal has led to considerable clarification of thought after an amazing proliferation of slogans and counter slogans."

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## Southerners Discuss Sub-Standard Wages

ATLANTA—(ANP)—Over 150 Negro and white citizens discussed wages, purchasing power and community welfare as affected by the 65 cents minimum wage bill at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce building last week.

Nelson C. Jackson, of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, who opened the discussion on community welfare, pointed out that the average annual income in the south, despite the high reached wages during the war, is still \$1,031. He said further: "Georgia ranks 43rd in the nation with incomes and the south, which has 24 per cent of the nation's children, owns only 10 per cent of the national wealth—which makes a poor balance."

Harris P. Dawson Jr., of the Bureau of Labor statistics, pointed out that the 65 cents wage was necessary to insure a minimum standard of living. Citing a few national figures he showed that one out of every five people receive less than the 65 cents minimum and that the minimum is just the first step for southern advancement.

## Old 8th Among Units Gen. Eisenhower Loves

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The all-Negro Illinois 8th regiment is one of the famous army units that Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower holds dear.

He made that clear here Tuesday morning at the Coliseum where he was awarded the American Legion's highest honor, the American Legion Service medal. The old 8th and its sister regiment, the old 7th, were the first units he commanded many years ago in Texas.

In accepting the Legion's medal, he said:

"One was the good Irish regiment, and the other was the Negro soldiers. I had plenty of trouble, but I made among that group warm friends that have lasted to this day, and I have had the honor of meeting some of them this morning.

"I would ask all of you if you run into any of the old 7th and 8th Illinois, to convey my really deep personal regards to them, because I still love them because I still look upon them as my first great command."

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## Gibson Explains His Resignation

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Truman K. Gibson Jr., whose resignation as civilian aide to the secretary of war becomes effective Dec. 1, told the Capital Press club Wednesday just why he had resigned.

Said Gibson, "I feel that it is definitely strategic to resign at this time to make way for a soldier who will be able to give excellent practical advice as to how to apply the new policies which the army will soon institute."

Gibson, who has been on the staff of the secretary of war since 1940, pointed out that he had gone down the line fighting for two things: (1) to get such benefits for Negro soldiers as could be obtained within the framework of the army's antiquated biracial policy, and (2) to get the basic policy changed. Laying the groundwork for such a change in policy has been a slow, step by step educational process, the civilian aide said, "but now it is about to be realized—and so, I feel that my work is done."

Continuing, Gibson said, "The army is about to enter upon a new phase, one in which I can say—unequivocally—the basic racial policies will be modernized somewhat. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, as the new chief of staff, can be expected to speed up the process."

Gibson said that his successor, Col. Marcus H. Ray, will take over the duties of office on Dec. 1, at which time he will return to his law practice in Chicago. Gibson added that he would continue on the Secretary's staff as a consultant for a while, and will be in Washington on Dec. 15 for consultation.

The civilian aide pointed out that Col. Ray, as a field man, has had considerable first-hand experience with the men on the field of battle, and his advice will be decided helpful in the application of the new policies both as they relate to Negroes in the regular army and to colored trainees under universal military training should the latter be authorized by congress.

However, Gibson warned the press that such changes as will be made will be based strictly upon cold-blooded military efficiency. This was proved, he said, that maximum military efficiency cannot be obtained within the framework of the old policy which has been in effect since 1915.

Concluding, Gibson said he had no quarrel with the press. "You have been more than kind to me, and I go away with mixed memories—many of them pleasant."

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