

# People, Places *and* Things

**WILLIAM DYRER**, a 20-year-old Fort Dix Army private, with a rare type of blood, was flown to New York last week to give an emergency transfusion to a woman in critical condition with "acquired hemolytic anemia."

**ROY WILKINS**, recently appointed executive secretary who has his work cut out for him with the murder of a Mississippi Negro leader and the Supreme Court's recent decision leaving integration up to local courts, claimed last week that Negro leaders in Mississippi have refused to be intimidated by the murder of Rev. George W. Lee and by the economic warfare being waged against them by the White Citizens Councils. "Negro leaders are not running

for cover," said Wilkins, "they are standing firm in their demand for the right to vote and for an end to public schools segregation."

**THE PROPOSED \$500,000** trade school for Negroes in the New Orleans area and the proposed state legislation to continue segregation in the public schools were condemned last week by the Co-ordinating Council of Greater New Orleans.

**NATIVES IN the Belgium Congo** now will be able to buy alcoholic drinks in shops and to drink alcoholic beverages in cafes owned by white persons. An ordinance was issued last week. Hitherto all alcohol except beer was forbidden to natives.

**PRESBYTERIANS** at the 167th General Assembly of the church in Los Angeles, last week approved a report urging the church to take immediate action to abolish from its practices all forms of segregation.

**THE INTERNATIONAL Bahai Council** said last week that protest against reported anti-Bahai measures in Iran would be sent by communities of the faith in various parts of the world to Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi and the Iranian Government.

**DECLARING THAT** human rights must have the protection of the law in this country, even though democratic traditions are strong, Rhode Island Governor Dennis J. Roberts, ad-

ressing some 1,800 delegates at the 103rd annual convention of B'nai B'rith District 1, criticized the school of thought that contended that prejudice could not be fought by legislation.

**EDWARD J. Corsi**, who was ousted April 10 by State Secretary Dulles as special immigration adviser, urged a more human and realistic immigration policy last week before the annual meeting of the Immigrants Protective league in Chicago.

**THE NATIONAL Committee on Rural Schools** will send a representative to the South this week to check on possible discrimination against Negro children in the administration of the Salk vaccine.

**MORE AND MORE U. S. organizations** are joining the fight against censorship of comic books and movies, on grounds that both are means of communication and entitled to protection of the First Amendment.

**NEEDY PERSONS** in 43 of the nation's top industrial areas listed as "distressed" because of heavy unemployment were voted free food from government surpluses by the House recently. The measure, passed 343 to 1, directs the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to turn food over to state relief agencies when a governor certifies there is "distress" in his state.

**TWO NEGRO physicians** were admitted to Bexar County (San Antonio, Texas) Medical Society recently, becoming the first of their race admitted to the Texas society. They are Dr. C. A. Whittier and Dr. Ruth Ann Bellinger. The society also eliminated the word "white" from requirements for membership.