

Wilkins Calls Race Barriers a War Snag

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Outlining a plan to remove the "racial barriers that are preventing colored Americans from doing their utmost in the war effort," Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP, declared at a mass meeting here this week that America is still failing to mobilize all its people fully.

Wilkins further told his listeners that we are fighting dictatorship and assailed the poll tax, asserting that it "is intimately connected with the war effort, for when ten million Americans have to pay for the right to vote, that's like dictatorship."

Governor Sends Greetings

To Wilkins, Governor John E. Niles sent greetings and stated that:

"The colored people of New Mexico have made a distinct contribution to the war effort through their volunteer services in the armed forces and through their purchases of war bonds. The continued wholehearted efforts of all our people will help to speed the day of victory."

Mr. Wilkins came to Albuquerque from El Paso in a tour of 10 Western States. He will leave here for Pueblo, Colorado, Wednesday, then he will speak at Colorado Springs before returning to the national office of the NAACP in New York.

2,000 QM Troops Volunteer to Give Blood

CAMP LEE, Va.—More than 2,000 members of the 2nd Quartermaster Training Brigade, 9th and 11th Regiments, volunteered recently to give blood for shipment overseas to American soldiers.

The appeal was made by Major General James E. Edmonds, camp commander, over the public address system, after a request had been forwarded to him by Richmond authorities. Within an hour 20,000 men had answered the call.