TEXAS NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER GETS NEW TRIAL

AUSTIN, Texas, (CNA.)—Henry Teal 46 year old Negro compress worker who was last spring sentenced to 50 years in the penintentiary on a charge of killing J. N. Stallings (white) CWA foreman has been granted a new trial by the Court of Criminal Appeals. The court; in making this decision admitted that Judge G. A. Wheeler who conducted the trial was prejudiced.

An investigation by the Austin branch of the International Labor Defense brought out the fact that [illegible] never called [illegible] and the lynch threat [illegible] timidly one of the witnesses [illegible] bogus "confession" supposedly implicating Teal featured prominently in the case. In addition there were three different charges by the state; so that Teal would have absolutely no chance of escaping the penintentiary if he were lucky enough to escape the electric chair. District Attorney [illegible] Hall assisted in the farce in court by marching back and forth in front of the jury with a paper bag in which he pretended to have certain evidence.

Story of the Case

Stallings' body was found in a vacant lot across from the Teal residence on Christmas day the previous evening he had gotten drunk and invaded the home of Teal where a private party was in progress to celebrate the eighty-third birthday anniversary of Teal's father. Stallings had previously made advances to the young daughter of Teal before the other guests knew of his presence; but this information was not known by anyone but the girl and the attorneys until the day of the trial; according to the girl's testimony. Teal led Stallings out of the house telling him that he could not remain there.

On the theory that "a white man's home is his castle but no Negro's home may be invaded by anyone" Stalling refused to leave and then attempted to reenter the house. He fell into a ditch striking his head against a stone. The resulting fracture caused his death as was evidenced by the statement of physicians.

Four Arrested

Teal was arrested the next day along with his brother, his daughter's husband, who first encountered Stallings and another guest. The three others were charged with being accomplices because they later moved Stallings from the ditch into the vacant lot; fearing that he would be run over by cars passing along the narrow road. They testified that they thought him to be only drunk and said that he had moved his leg after being transferred to the lot. These three were later released.

The Court of Criminal Appeals in granting a new trial admitted that Judge Wheeler had prejudiced the jury by inferring that Teal had known that Stallings was seriously injured but had not called for hep.

Date of the new trial has not been set.

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policies envolved from the experience of [illegible] a code of fair competition [illegible] to adjust complaints covering [illegible] between [illegible] and employees. Provision for a liquidated damage agreement is also included under which [illegible] violations are determined [illegible] into the Code Authority treasury if they are adjudged guilty of code violations. A prohibition of destructive price cutting and permission for NRA to establish minimum prices if it finds that an emergency exists are substituted for the [illegible] mark-up or mark-down provisions.

11600 [illegible] Code: [illegible] code of [illegible] minus rent [illegible] distributing industry effective November 25th. This brings approximately 11000 additional workers under the protection of code labor provisions. A basic 32-hour week is established with a minimum wage rate of 40 cents an hour in the South and 50 cents in the North. Persons under 18 are forbidden to engage in any hazardous occupants. Secret rebates defamation misbranding misrepresentation [illegible] bribery and lump sum bidding are defined as unfair trade practices. Open price filing is provided and wilfully destructive price cutting prohibited.

[illegible] Shorter Learning Periods: [illegible] amendment approved October 19th [illegible] the cost and suit code shortens the learning periods for apprentices and fixes slightly higher wage rates therein. Apprentice cutters are to be paid $22 a week for the first four weeks, $23 for the second four weeks and $25 for the third four weeks; and thereafter, the minimum wage fixed for their craft. This replaces the previous provision of a weekly wage rate of $22 for six months. Apprentices employed in the basket cutting, dress pressers, and finishers crafts who have been receiving a minimum of 60 cents an hour will receive under the amendment not less than 60 cents an hour for the first 4 weeks; 65 cents for the second four weeks; 75 cents for the third four weeks and full minimum wages after completion of their learning periods.

Theatre; Code Amended: [illegible] amended code for the Legitimate Theatrical Industry approved last week increases many minimum wages especially in the lower brackets provides a maximum work week of 40 hours for practically all employees including performers during rehearsal periods and establishes provisions regulating the sale of theatre tickets. Among other things no agency is allowed to charge more than 75 cents in excess of the regular box office price. Each producer must keep 25 per cent of his tickets in excess of the box office for public sale. A special committee was appointed to study the operation and effect of the ticket provisions and to report within 60 days to the National Industrial Recovery Board. The 12 voting members of the Coe Authority are to be equally divided between employers and employees.

New Appointments: The National Industrial Board last week appointed Richard H. Lansburg one time Secretay of Labor of Pennsylvania as Associate Director of the Division of Research and Planning. It has also named Dr. L. Thorp as associate economic adviser to the Board. Dr. Thorp will serve as representative of the Research and Planning Division and Chairmin of the reorganized Advisory Council set up by the Board to review all matters that are not of a routine character before they are presented to the Board.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

By Edgar G. Brown

[illegible] Report To [illegible] Give Lecture On Old Song

Rev. [illegible] Hard [illegible] Relief Administrator [illegible] the relief needs and [illegible] met in the [illegible] and Finance of the [illegible] a typical picture [illegible] information gathered in [illegible] County Alabama by H. C. Hoffsomer and B. F. D. Runk provides a sample of how the New Deal policies are working in [illegible] a fa[illegible] much [illegible] false [illegible] North Central Alabama bordering on Tennessee. It is largely a rural county predominantly cotton growing. About three fourths of the people are white and one quarter Negro. Of the 36[illegible] inhabitants in 1930 over 3200 lived in places of less than 2500 population.

The most important municipality in the area is Athens the county seat where are being [illegible] traded [illegible] ters. [illegible] of the county population in June were on relief and about a fourth of these received [illegible]. The factors of course making for the extensive relief problem were the decline in the price of cotton as part of the general deflation in 1929 the consequent disruption of the landlord tenant relationship resulting in the displacement of sharecroppers and croppers a severe drought extending over the two years of 1929 and 1930 credit difficulties caused by the closing of several banks and in the city of Athens the special situation caused by the bankruptcy of textile enterprise.

In this county very little, if any, relief was furnished by the way of organized relief giving was existent before the present depression. The prospects for rehabilitation are still tentative but in all probability most of the households receiving relief whether they be white or Negroes may be taken care of through agricultural projects" reads the report.

The CWA expended close to $135-000 in Limestone County in addition to about $20000 of local contribution and the work was of great benefit in helping a thousand white and 250 Negro workers on the relief roll to earn real wages again. The weekly work relief for the whites average $11.42 and for the Negroes $10.35. The average per household for total relief was white $11.44; Negroes $8.60. The project included reconditioning of white and Negro schools streets and road work bridges sewers and sidewalks in the Negro neighborhood where such improvements had never been thought of before. A CCC Camp absorbed 73 men and boys of whom 65 were whites and eight colored which is the proper proportion for this county.

From October 1933 through June 1934 the following commodities were distributed to people regardless of race sex creed or color on relief over and above their certised budgets but in a few instances to order ine cases: beef butter cheese eggs flour lard pork and wheat cereal. This choice and diversified diet was distinctly a new thing to many of these people. In addition to food 100 double cotton blankets were supplied.

With regard to attitudes it is stated that a number of families that made crops las rear both white and colored worked themselves off relief and it is felt that there is hardly an able bodied member of any family on relief who would not welcome an opportunity to earn his own way build a house raise a crop again and became self supporting.

White collar jobs open to Negroes on President's Federal Housing Administration survey in conjustion with FERA.

The biggest white collas work project open to colored men and women since the FERA's Research and Statistics. Studies of last winter got under way in 3000 cities and villages this week. Administrator Harry L. Hopkins of the FERA has sanctioned the use of clerks enumerators and supervisors on the work-relief rolls for the Housing Administration in the Better Homes Campaign. All or none. They are skilled workmen [illegible] the building trades and unskilled laborers back on the job as well as [illegible] Aid Society gave an entertainment [illegible] the whole-hearted support [illegible] for the bunger marchers. While [illegible] of the vast army of [illegible] were there news came of the lynching of a Negro worker in Florida. We sent a resolution to the Governor of Florida and one to the President of the United States. The bunch marchers unanimously demand the release of the Scottsboro boys.

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