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FORCE RELEASE OF 13 YEAR OLD BOY ACCUSED OF ATTACKING OFFICER

Bronx, N. Y.—CNA—Edwin Miller, 13 year old child accused of "assaulting" a 250-pound policeman at a relief demonstration, was released here on probation by Magistrate Levy of the Childrens Court. The courtroom was packed with Negro and white sympathizers of the boy.

Witnesses testified to the pitiful relief received by the Miller family, \$6.00 a week for four persons. The judge, visibly shaken by the packed court, posed as a "liberal." He ordered Edwin's release on probation and instructed the probation officer to ask for a \$5.00 increase in relief for the family.

The Unemployment Council and International Labor Defense have declared that they will fight for the unconditional release of the boy and for the removal of all court jurisdiction over the case.

Rumored Death of an Omahan Denied

It was rumored on the streets of Omaha and in the Pool Halls and Cafes that Lester Price, a former Central High school track star, and a recent graduate of Omaha University, was lynched in Omaha, Texas, or Paris, Texas. Evidently Paris, considered the inquiry an insult or of such little consequence that it did not deserve an answer, for we have had no answer from Paris. However, Omaha, Texas, says, "No. no. Lester Price, nor any other citizen has been lynched here."

Let us hope it is just a rumor. However, we are still probing for facts. Watch this paper for more information concerning this case.

Attorney Wins Support of Negroes in His Candidacy for Judge

Detroit, Mich.—(CNA) — Clarence Darrow, world-famous criminal lawyer endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Maurice Sugar for Judge of the Records Court here last Saturday.

Sugar is a brilliant lawyer, and defended James Victory, worker framed on a rape charge last year. The combined efforts of the I. L. D. and the L. S. N. R. resulted in the complete vindication of Victory. Sugar's candidacy is supported by the entire Michigan labor movement, including such organizations as the Mechanic's Educational Society, the Wayne County Federation of Labor (A. F. of L.), the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the I. L. D. and many others. He is also supported by many Negro fraternal organizations and churches.

Madame Evanti Will Appear at Chamber of Commerce

On Monday, April 22, Madame Lillian Evanti, International Coloratura Soprano, will appear at the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of the City International Committee.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p. m. Tickets are now on sale at the Y. W. C. A. 2306 N. 22nd St. Make your reservations not later than Saturday. The public is invited.

"Ablest Pulpiter" is in Omaha on Easter

Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, A. M. of Kansas City, Kans., will spend Easter Sunday at Cleaves Temple, C. M. E. Church. He is the presiding bishop of the 5th Episcopal District of the C. M. E. church and will speak at both morning and evening services.

Bishop Hamlett is the owner of the PLAINDEALER, a Negro newspaper published in Kansas City, Kans. He is also one of the ablest pulpites of America. Don't fail to hear him at Cleaves Temple, 25th and Decatur Streets.

Judge Raps Practice of Dircrediting Testimony of Race in Court Trials

By S. B. Wallace

Augusta, Ga. April 11.—ANP—Judge William H. Barrett, in his charge to the jury in the case of John T. Witt, charged with the theft of a mail pouch, that he thought it was time for the court to comment on the proposition that a Negro should not be given the same recognition in courts as members of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Previously there had been an argument of the defense attorney, in which the latter had contended that this case was one in which the United States had little real interest—that it was a case between two races and that no one should take the testimony of a Negro against a white man. He was referring to the testimony offered by Robert Everson, a colored man, who admitted the theft of a mail pouch as well as two mail sacks and implicated Witt, a white man, through a written confession.

The government's position was that Witt and Everson planned the felonies after holding a conversation on hard times and that Everson snatched the bag from the mail room of the Union Station, signalled Witt who drove his taxi around the park in front of the station, to a gas station nearby where Everson joined him.

The jury brought in a sealed verdict in Witt's case.

"Things have come to a pretty pass," the court said, "when a person was not believed on the witness stand because of his color. If the time ever comes when a man is not believed because of his race, we shall have taken a long step toward destroying our government. When justice fails to come from the jury box, it is high time to raze our courthouses and abolish our jury system."

He also referred to the practice in slavery days of rejecting the testimony of a slave. A man could commit murder and get away with it if the only witness was a slave.

N. A. A. C. P. Supports Civil Rights Bill

Trenton, N. J., April 12.—The amended New Jersey civil rights law introduced by Assemblyman J. Mercer Burrell is being supported by the New Jersey State Conference of Branches of the NAACP and also has the endorsement of the national office of the Association, it was announced here this week. The bill represents a considerable improvement over the present New Jersey civil rights law and will make it easier to add other amendments later.

IN CHARGE



DR. C. H. BRATTON, D. D.

Rev. F. P. Jones, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church opens a great Revival Campaign, April 21st.

Dr. C. H. Bratton, D. D., Pastor Evangelist and honored minister of the First Baptist Church, Leavenworth, Kansas; the oldest church in the State, will conduct this meeting. Objective: Souls saved, Backsliders Reclaimed, Christians Edified and God Glorified.

Omaha is invited to come and hear this Spiritual giant and Son of Thunder; as he declares the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help him God. These are some of the vital subjects that will be discussed by the minister.

1. The prerequisites of a Revival.
2. Man where art thou?
3. My personal Testimony.
4. Have we taken our portion out?
5. Do you know the way.
6. Vital religion undisturbed.
7. Unpreceived doom, the hand writing on the wall.
8. Death in the Pot (Illustrated).
9. Bulwarks of the Nation (Illustrated).
10. Four periods of life (Young people, Illustrated).
11. Making of a man (Professional), and many others will be heard.

Mrs. C. H. Bratton, a well known gospel singer, will accompany her husband, and will be heard throughout this meeting. The church choir will be its best each night. All Pastors and churches are cordially invited to co-operate and share with us in this spiritual blessing, for it is much needed. Brethren, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, etc. "Whoever will let him come". Follow the crowd and come see for yourselves the church with the old time spiritual fire and the man with the message. Devotional at 7:30 P. M. Preaching at 8:00 P. M. You will have to come early for a comfortable seat.

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brought to the United States Supreme court.

This was the fourth time that the right of Negroes to participate in Texas primaries had been brought to Washington for opinion. Successful nomination in the primaries of the Texas Democratic party is tantamount to election.

Alabama Bill Restricts Jury Service to Voters

Montgomery, Ala., April 12.—A bill to restrict jury service in Alabama to qualified voters will be introduced in the state senate April 30 by Senator Bonned of Camden, he announced here this week.

The purpose of the bill is to attempt to get around the United States Supreme Court decision in the Scottsboro case.

Observers were quick to see the connection between the U. S. supreme court's decisions in the Texas primary case and the Scottsboro case. Although the Scottsboro decision was a great victory, southerners immediately tied it up with the Texas decision denying Negroes the right to vote in the Democratic primaries and Senator Bonner's proposed bill is the result of their study of ways and means to still exclude Negroes from jury service.

Senator Bonner's bill brings to the front once more the great importance of the various primary fights which have been carried on in the past ten years and which on occasion have been denounced as "useless" by some persons who did not realize their importance.

Supported by a decision which effectively disfranchises Negroes it is possible that reactionary elements in the South will be able to base all sorts of discrimination against the Negro upon the requirement of their being qualified voters. This is what happened in New Orleans in 1933 when the city council attempted to pass a resolution restricting employment on a huge bridge, a public works project to registered voters.

It was announced in New York that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is making a study of the recent Texas primary decision with a view to taking whatever legal action is possible to offset it.

MINISTER'S HOME RIDDLED BY LYNCH MOB

Marked Tree, Ark.—CNA—The residence of Rev. A. B. Brookins, one of the organizers of Southern Tenants Farmers Union was surrounded by a lynch mob last week and riddled with bullets.

Rev. Brookins had been active in holding meetings of Negro and white sharecroppers to improve their conditions.

For such courageous activities his life has been many times threatened by landlords who have organized lynch mobs to drive him out of town.

Mussolini Provokes Skirmishes on The Abyssinian Border

Rome, Italy.—Clashes between Italian and Abyssinian troops on the Abyssinian-Eritrea frontier resulted in the death of one Abyssinian, an official government communique announced here.

The skirmishes were the first to occur on Abyssinian-Eritrea border, the others having been confined to the Abyssinian-Italian Somaliland frontier.

"Fantastic" Scene of Shooting

Sunday night, April 14th Lillian Thomas, 2634 Parker Street, and James Vance, 1522 1-2 N. 24th Street, engaged in an argument in the "Fantasie," a beer and lunch stand at 24th and Charles Street. In the heat of the argument Miss Thomas shot four times, one bullet striking Vance. He was taken to Lord Lister Hospital, where he was still confined at the last report. The trial will be taken into court either Saturday or Monday.

KILLS ESCAPING CONVICT

Tucker Prison Farm, Ark., 18.—ANP—When he attempted to escape from the state prison farm two days after he had started serving a grand larceny sentence, Henry Taylor, 43 colored convict from Mississippi county, was shot to death early Thursday night by Will Tillman, a trusty, also colored. Tillman was absolved from criminal charges by a corner's jury.

UPHOLDS JIM CROW POLICY OF DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Washington, D. C.—CNA—The Jim Crow policy of the Democratic Party's leadership was upheld in a decision handed down by the United States supreme court. The ruling legally sanctions the barring of Negroes from the Democratic Party primaries.

The constitutionality of the right of the Democratic Party to exclude Negro voters from the primary was challenged by R. R. Groves, of Harrison County, Texas. Groves, a qualified voter under Texas state laws and a member of the Democratic Party, had been denied a ballot in the 1934 primaries by the county clerk. His case was defeated in the lower courts, and on appeal was

EVANGELIST

To Conduct Lecture Courses

Evangelist Henry J. Miller, a member of "The World League of Evangelists," passed through Omaha from the western part of the country in his route to Des Moines, Iowa, where he conducted successful meetings on present day conditions in the light of Bible prophecy. He received a great impression while in Omaha, and a desire to return. This desire is going to be realized and the people of Omaha will receive the benefits of hearing this great Bible student lecture on his great themes of Bible prophecy.

Mr. Miller will give five courses of lectures, some to be illustrated with electrical desolving pictures, with electrical desolving pictures on day conditions, "Man's Present Relationship to God in View of the Judgement" and the "Second Coming of Jesus Christ."

A large tabernacle is now being erected at 24th and Grant Streets. This will accommodate 400 people who will hear these lectures.

Organizations Demand Investigations of Harlem Conditions

Mayor's Administration Under Fire For Attempts To White-Wash Causes Of The Harlem Disturbances.

New York.—(CNA) —Growing out of the recent turbulent events in Harlem, Mayor La Guardia appointed the following committee to investigate conditions in Harlem:

Emunce Hunton Carter, Prominent attorney; Hubert Delaney, city tax commissioner. Dr. Charles Roberts, well-known physician; Countee Cullen, noted poet; A. Phillip Randolph, leader of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Judge Charles Toney, municipal court judge; Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of The Nation; Dr. Grimly, prominent dentist; Morris Ernst, constitutional lawyer. Arthur Garfield Hays, prominent Civil Liberties attorney.

The first open hearing of this committee was set for March 19 at 10 p. m., in the 7th District Municipal Court, 447 West 151st Street. Prominent leaders were scheduled to appear before the committee to demand a thoroughgoing investigation on hunger conditions, Jim-Crow relief, police brutality, job discrimination, exorbitant rents and bad housing. Among the leaders scheduled to speak were A. W. Berry, Acting National Secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, William Burroughs, Editor of the Women's Column in the Negro Liberator, James W. Ford, Communist leader, Adam Powell Jr., well-known minister, and many others.

A demand will be made for the investigation of the recent murders of Edward Lurie, beaten to death by a policeman for "talking back to a white cop", and Tommy Akin, whose eye was knocked out by three policemen because he refused to give up his place in a breadline, and many other instances of police brutality.

A rising wave of protest against all efforts of the city administration to whitewash the conditions of the Negro people in Harlem has resulted in Arthur Garfield Hays denouncing the red-baiting tactics of Mayor LaGuardia and District Attorney Dodge, who

Negro Hanged Despite Legal Stay.

Legal Blunder Discovered After The Execution of Young Suspect

Los Angeles, April 9.—Court machinery moved solemnly here today to "save" the life of a dead man, hanged four days ago at San Quentin prison.

Meanwhile state officials investigated the legal blunder which sent Rush Griffin, 19-year-old negro, to the gallows last Friday although he had been granted a stay of execution.

An appeal which automatically postponed Griffin's death sentence was found in the files of a lower clerk's office yesterday, apparently forgotten.

The investigation started after Richard F. Bird, the negro's attorney, read of his client's execution in the newspapers.

He started on the trail of the appeal, filed with a transcript of record two months ago, and found it in the office of Court Clerk E. K. Boardman.

Boardman admitted the error and immediately ordered the appeal filed and transmitted to the state supreme court, where, if usual court procedure is followed, a stay of execution will be issued to save the dead man's life.

have unleashed an unprecedented flurry of police terror against all workers' organizations in Harlem.

POLICE PREVENT HERNDON MEETINGS

Jersey City, N. J.—CNA—By intimidating hall owners, police here prevented two meetings from being held where Angelo Herndon, heroic young Negro organizer was to speak.

Herndon is on a speaking tour in the interest of his own case, which will be heard soon by the United States Supreme Court.

TO DEPORT HARLEMITES TO GET OFF RELIEF ROLLS

New York.—CNA—In the background of the recent Harlem disturbances caused by enforced starvation, police brutality and rent robbery, lies the proposal to deport 25,000 Negroes from the West Indies in order to get them off the relief rolls.

Foreign born workers in Harlem who demanded adequate relief are threatened with deportation.

Declares Scottsboro Case a Frame-up; Wants to Help.

New York.—CNA—Upon hearing of the recent Scottsboro decision reversing the death verdicts of Clarence Norris and Heywood Patterson, Ruby Bates, defense witness, declared:

"I am glad that I was able to help convince many people in many different parts of the country about the Scottsboro frameup and get them to line up behind the I. L. D. in the defense campaign. I wish I could do a lot more. I wish I could talk to millions of people and tell them the truth about the Scottsboro case and ask them to do whatever they can to help the I. L. D. get those boys out free and safe."

She also appealed to all friends of the Scottsboro boys to rush funds to the International Labor Defense to help carry on the fight for the complete freedom of all the Scottsboro boys. The address of the I. L. D. is 89 E 11th Street, Room 610, New York City.

Ruby Bates Pledges Intensified Support To Scottsboro Case