

Indictments Quashed Against Patterson and Clarence Norris

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 ty jail, in Birmingham, where the other seven boys are now held.
 Jackson county officials, voicing their determination to continue their efforts to burn the Scottsboro boys at all costs and regardless of evidence, have announced that they would follow the mandate of the U. S. Supreme Court at least technically, by placing a Negro on the panel from which the grand jury is drawn to indict the Scottsboro boys—though showing quite clearly that they have no intention of permitting any Negroes to actually serve.

New York—Pointing out that with the determination of the Alabama lynchers to prosecute the Scottsboro boys to their death, they are now in greater danger than ever before, Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the International Labor Defense called yesterday for a greater campaign than ever before, directed to Governor Bibb Graves, Attorney General Albert A. Carmichael, and Lieutenant-Governor Thomas E. Knight, special prosecutor of the Scottsboro boys, demanding that there shall be no re-indictments of the boys, and that they be set free without condition. All three officials are in Montgomery, Ala.

Funds to push the campaign and legal steps for the freedom of all nine boys, and especially for the hearing in juvenile court for the two youngest defendants, are desperately needed, she said, to safeguard the fight for their release. They should be sent to the International Labor Defense, Room 610, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

Pullman Board of Directors to Hold National Election

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 America, and has come to the point where it has caused a national election to be called to determine the organization the porters really want.
 Now the election will be secret and off Pullman property. On the ballot will be the names of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Pullman Porters and Maids Protective Association or the Company Union. The Pullman Company caused the Pullman Porters and Maids Protective Association to be formed when the amend-

ment to the Railway Labor Act by the 73rd Congress killed the old company union known as the Plan of Employee Representation. The law does not allow railroad companies to finance employees' organizations and so this new company union was planned to come within the law from the point of view of appearance. The Company, however, is financing the Pullman Porters and Maids Protective Association secretly.

Because of the great significance of this election to Pullman porters in particular and the race in general, I am herewith requesting that you write an editorial on it in your splendid paper. The porters who have suffered, sacrificed and struggled to conquer the Pullman monopoly will be grateful for your cooperation. When the Brotherhood wins this fight, it will probably be the most significant economic victory and stride of substantial and constructive progress the Negro has made in history.

The story is yet to be written of the great sacrifices that were made to bring this fighting organization to this point where we are quite certain of winning the fight.

If the porters, who are the vanguard of the black workers of America, feel that their press, church and educators are backing them, it will mean much to their morale when they face the organized millions of the Pullman Company.

The election will last from the 27th of May to the 22nd of June and will be held in 66 districts and agencies from coast to coast, throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,
 A. Philip Randolph,
 National President

Dining Car Waiters' Representative to Confer With Officials

Mr. Clarence Johnson, of Los Angeles, California, is in the city in the interest of the Protective Order of the Dining Car Waiters. This is Mr. Johnson's second trip to Omaha, and the direct purpose of his visit this time is to mediate with the Union Pacific Board on the effective hours of work, wages and other conditions.

Mr. Johnson's stay here is indefinite, depending on the progress made with the carrier and agent of the mediation board.

Mr. Johnson is residing with his sister, Mrs. Ella Matthews, 2829 Ohio Street. She is the wife of Detective U. S. Matthews.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is glad to be back again and is deeply impressed with both Omaha and its citizens. He hopes that his return trip will be a success and of interest to the group of board members and Dining Car Workers.

Mr. Bell, president, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Long, general secretary, constitute the conference committee.

Communist Create Police Court Dispute

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 ment's drive on workers' rights, Jerome Watson, Daily Worker agent, was arrested Saturday night on his regular route, on a charge of vagrancy. His bail was set at \$1000 by Judge Holmes, only a few minutes after the judge had made his attack upon the police chief for the chief's high-handed and arbitrary treatment of prisoners.

Since these arrests represent an

attack upon the rights of all workers to demonstrate, picket, distribute leaflets and sell working class literature, the I. L. D. is appealing to all workers organizations and their sympathizers to participate in a broad united front defense campaign.

Expose Shocking Conditions in The Harlem Schools

New York—(CNA)—Shocking evidence of the wide-spread discrimination existing in Harlem city schools was brought out at the hearing before a sub-committee of the Mayor's commission last Wednesday.

A rumble went through the audience when Williana Burroughs, a former city school teacher and a leader of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, charged that discrimination was the "practiced and policy" of the Board of Education and the La Guardia administration.

Negroes Barred From Offices
 Miss Burroughs testified that there is no Negro member of the Board of Education, no Negro principal and no Negro teacher in any city college.

Because of her courageous fight against discrimination in the school system, Miss Burroughs was discharged after serving as a city teacher for more than ten years. She is one of the most brilliant students ever graduated from Hunter College.

White Principal "On Spot"
 Miss Louise Tucker, white, principal of P. S. 90 in Harlem, after denying the terrible conditions under which Negro children are forced to attend school, was compelled to admit that not enough free lunches are provided by the Board of Education for the Negro children at her school.

Under sharp questioning by Isadore Begun, of the Unemployed Teachers Association, she stated that the fire-trap school building where she is principal was over thirty years old. It was pointed out by other witnesses that although Miss Tucker knew of the insufficient free lunches and the unsanitary conditions in her school, she had never made a complaint to the Board of Education. On the question of overcrowding Miss Tucker admitted that the number of children attending P. S. 90 was "twice as large as it should be."

Other facts brought out at the hearing disclosed discrimination against advancement of Negro teachers, lack of equipment and playgrounds, high teacher turnover, lack of new buildings, and tyranny in dealing with parent associations.

The session was held in the District Street, in Harlem. It was presided over by Oswald Garrison Villard, Municipal Court, 447 West 151st chairman of the sub-committee on Educational Conditions of Mayor La Guardia's commission.

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Philadelphia N. A. A. C. P. Launches Drive For New Members

Newspapers, Radio, Car Cards, Movies, Mass Meetings Used

Philadelphia, May 23—The latest publicity and selling methods are being used by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its city wide drive to obtain 2000 members and raise \$2,500, which closes May 23.

Every possible means of publicity has been utilized to bring the campaign before the public. News stories have appeared in the daily and weekly newspapers, placards have been placed in a number of street cars on the most heavily travelled lines, films announcing the drive have been shown in four big theatres and broadcasts have been made over three radio stations, and speeches were made in the principal churches.

For the campaign, the metropolis was divided into four districts each in charge of campaign chairmen. To spur the solicited, three big prizes of all expense trips to New York have been offered to the three workers bringing in the largest amounts in memberships over \$100. In addition every worker bringing in over \$25 will receive a copy of James Weldon Johnson's new

book "Negro Americans, What Now?" or a year's subscription to the Crisis.

Dr. C. W. Dorsey is president of the Philadelphia Branch and I. Maximilian Martin is secretary. The drive opened May 8, at a meeting attended by fifty volunteer workers held at the Southwest Y. W. C. A. when William Pickens, national field secretary of the Association was the main speaker.

The following evening Mr. Pickens publicly launched the campaign with an eloquent radio address over Station WFIL, in which he held the aims and achievements of the N. A. A. C. P., which he called "the greatest inter-racial organization in America."

United Sabbath Day Adventist Hold Confab

New York, N. Y.—With Elder M. M. Boodle of the Omaha Sabbath-Day Church officiating as vice president, the United Sabbath-Day Adventists continued their fifteenth annual conference here with their Moderator outlining the importance of their denomination in Negro life, last Saturday. Begun Friday last week, the conference shall continue for ten days, ending May 26th.

Delegates from four other large cities, besides Omaha attended. They came from Newburyport and Boston, Mass.; Brooklyn, N. Y., and Philadelphia.

According to their plans, the annual message of the Moderator, Elder James K. Humphrey, leader of the church, will be delivered Sunday followed by a concert in the evening. The week days will be taken up with routine matters and the following Sunday will be marked by a presentation of "The Final Judgement," a play taken out of the Book of Revelation in the Bible.

It shall be presented by Mrs. E. L. Bruce of this city.

Predicts Lynch Bill Shelving May Cost Democrats Black Vote

Washing on Correspondent Says C. O. P. Will Make it Campaign Issue

Washington, May 23.—In his May 10 dispatch, Rodney Dutcher, noted Washington correspondent for NEA service, predicts that the shelving of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill will be used effectively by the Republican party to woo the Negro over back in pivotal states in the 1936 Presidential election.

"A northern senator high in the Democratic councils," he writes, "remarked privately after the burial of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill by a southern filibuster that if the 1936 election were close, the episode might cost his party eight or ten important states."

"He referred to the fact well known among politicians that the Negro vote can exert a balance of power in certain states—Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland are usually named, in close contests.

"The debts qualified guessers estimate that the Negro vote went 85 per cent for Roosevelt in 1932, whereas perhaps 80 per cent in previous election years had been cast for the Republican ticket.

"Negroes are more concerned as a group with lynching than with any other issue. Democratic politicians now anticipate a Republican drive to convince them that their 'worst enemies' control the Democratic party.

"The southern filibusters, however, were more worried about their own jobs than about national complications."

Lynched in Mississippi "Slaughter Pen"

Hattiesburg, Miss.—(CNA)—The Chinese Wall of silence which surrounded the mysterious "suicide" of R. J. Tyrone of a month ago was broken here. It was revealed that Tyrone had been lynched by a gang of wealthy white landowners.

Tyrone, a local farmer, had been the target of intimidation and persecution for many months. A group of rich white plantation owners headed by William Evans had been attempting to seize his prosperous farm lands.

On the night of March 22, Evans provoked Tyrone into a fight. In self-defense, Tyrone shot Evans, slightly wounding him. Evans then organized a lynch mob and seized the farmer.

Three days later, Tyrone's body was found riddled with bullets. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of "suicide."

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to hiding by the threats of the lynchers. Friends have been forbidden to provide them with food or shelter.

Lawrence county, where the lynching took place, is known as the "Slaughter Pen," because of the numerous murders of Negroes. The death of Tyrone is the sixth reported lynching of the year.

Defens Parade Held In Harlem, N. Y.

New York—(CNA)—Demonstrating a lively and militant interest in international affairs affecting Negroes, the Provisional Committee for the Defense of Ethiopia staged a pro est parade and mass meeting on May 2nd against the invasion of Ethiopia.

Parade Four Blocks Long.
 The parade, led by cavalry corps and band, was four blocks long. Through cheered the procession as it swung up Seventh Avenue. Banners demanding, "Hands off Ethiopia" and urging "Black Men Arise" were displayed throughout the body of paraders.

The march ended at Abyssinian Baptist church where a large crowd had gathered to greet the paraders.

The mass meeting in the church was spirited and demonstrative.

Audience Stands and Cheers
 One of the highlights of the meeting was a dramatic reading rendered by Madame Marion St. Bishop. Attired in Ethiopian costume, and reading with militant dignity, a poem decrying the anti-Negro institutions in America, she brought the crowd of 2000 to its feet, cheering and stamping.

Speakers at the meeting included Arthur Reid, Rev. A. Clayton Powell Jr., A. W. Berry, J. Alleyne and James W. Ford. A. L. King acted as chairman.

Each speaker was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause.

Warns Against U. S. Fascists
 Typical of the speeches was that of A. W. Berry, in which he said, "The Negro people must be vigilant against the direct and indirect representatives of the Italian fascists in America."

NASA Italiana on the campus of Columbia and Relief Director were named as representatives of Fascism. Berry declared the "rainy season" had not yet set in, and that the work of the committee.

"Every day is a fair day for us until the last shackles drop from the blacks the world over ensnared by imperialism," Berry declared.

Resolutions were adopted to be sent to Mussolini, the New York Italian consulate and the Italian ambassador.

Plans for organization of a league to promote better relations between American Negroes and Negroes throughout the world have been announced by the committee.

Negro Denied Visitors In N. Y. State Prison

Auburn Prison, N. Y.—(CNA)—"I am not going to let another one of you see Allen, so what? I am Warden of this prison and no organization in New York City is going to tell me how to run it," was the reply of Warden Brophy to a request by two representatives of the International Labor Defense, to see Clide Allen, imprisoned worker.

Allen was sentenced to 35 years in the state penitentiary on "rumped-up charges of 'rape.' He was accused by the police of being the mythical Brooklyn "Hammer Man" who "attacks white women." The International Labor Defense is seeking a new trial.

The refusal of the warden to permit the I. L. D. representatives to visit Allen will be answered by an intensified mass campaign to free Clide Allen, the I. L. D. stated.

Prisoners Maim Selves To Prevent Torture

Austin, Texas—(CNA)—Admitting that it found evidence of brutality to Negro and white prisoners at the Re-rive state prison farm in South Texas, a special legislative investigating committee white-washed the prison officials who are responsible for this brutality.

The investigation was brought about by the house of representatives. They appointed a committee of five after certain allegations were made that many prisoners maimed themselves in order to escape further punishment.

The report made by the committee stated that prisoners declared themselves to have been beaten and kicked by guards, and that one man had been chained to holes in the floor of a dormitory for the violation of certain regulations.

The committee further reported that it made recommendations to prison officials here, and that it had been informed that the recommendations are being carried out.

Mussolini Increases Fascist Mobilization

Rome, Italy—(CNA)—Mussolini, fascist Italian dictator, has ordered an increase of military preparations against Ethiopia, last independent Negro country in Africa.

Another fascist army division has been transported to Africa. There are already two divisions stationed near the border now. 150,000 Italian troops are in arms for immediate warfare against Ethiopia.

The High Commissioner of Eritrea, Italian owned territory, is mobilizing native African troops to shoot down their brothers in Ethiopia.

In Worst Crisis
 Meantime, Italy is in the throes of the greatest crisis in its history. Two pay cuts have been forced on the Italian workers by the Mussolini regime, while the cost of living has jumped 20 per cent since the pay cuts.

The Italian working class is daily showing its resentment to Mussolini's plans to seize Ethiopia. Mutinies among the Italian troops in Africa are growing, and the Italian masses at home, under the leadership of the Italian Communist Party, are increasing their response to the slogan of "hands off Abyssinia."

Court Uses Novelty to Avoid Scottsboro Case

Judge Says Negro Must Prove His "African Descent" When Jury Question Is Raised

Wichita Falls, Texas—(CNA)—Attorneys for Luke Creear, accused of murder, are seeking to quash the indictment on the grounds of violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Creear, a restaurant keeper, was indicted for the murder of his wife by a grand jury composed exclusively of white men.

Must Prove African Descent
 In an effort to defeat the move of the defense, the prosecution hailed Creear into court and went through the solemn farce of making him prove his African descent. Ordinarily when a Negro is accused of any offense in Texas, his African descent and strict punishment are taken for granted.

Excluded From Jury Duty
 Although Negroes constitute at least ten per cent of the city's population, they are rarely summoned for jury service.

There is but one school, located in the slum district, for all the Negro children. Thus, in a city which boasts of its civic progress, several hundred pupils must walk from one to three miles in order to receive instruction.

Delegation Demands Investigation of Crime

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(CNA)—Declaring that he "does not give a goddam for the Mayor", District Attorney McGinnis (white) refused to conduct the open hearing promised by Mayor LaGuardia into the police murder of Aubrey Knight.

The promise of an open hearing came as a result of a mass campaign of protest organized by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The police department informed the L. S. N. R. then that there would be a public hearing in McGinnis' office. When a delegation of white and Negro visited the District Attorney, he sought to bulldoze and intimidate them, and McGinnis refused to hold the hearing.

Knight was shot down in cold blood by the police on the morning of March 26. He had just left the home of friends at 547 Warren Street where he had spent the evening. The police claim that Knight had robbed a store although the store-owner denied there had been any attempt at burglary.

They further asserted that Knight had been shot in the back "for attempting to escape." An autopsy showed four bullet wounds in the chest, stomach and groin but none in the back.

Mrs. Rose Lucky and Miss Cleota King, have merged with Mr. Homer McCraney, in the Ritz Beauty Salon. Both Mrs. Sucky and Miss King are accomplished beauticians.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berrymoa, 2710 Erskine Street, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday morning, 5 A. M. at home. Mrs. Berrymoa is under the care of Dr. Herbert Wiggins. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

The cosmetologist field is ever increasing, and seems to have a very promising future. Mr. William 'Bill' Green, is taking up the art. He expects to graduate soon, from the Beauty School on Ohio Street.

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