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HERMAN LEWIS FIRED?

COMMISSIONERS GIVE OFFICERS WHOM LEWIS CHARGES WITH ENTERING HIS HOME WITHOUT A WARRANT, "A Clean Whitewash"

The Omaha City Council Tuesday morning found Herman Lewis, a city fireman, guilty of the charges made against him of conduct unbecoming a city fireman of interfering with police officers—resisting arrest, and unwilling to remain in the city service as such.

The case was tried before the city council on the 10th and 11th days of July. The evidence showed that three police officers went to the home of Mr. Lewis on the evening of May 27th, claiming they were seeking a Negro prostitute who looked like an Indian. They were asked by Mr. Lewis if they had a warrant to make an arrest of a person in his home and they said, "No." Whereupon Mr. Lewis called his attorney, Mr. C. E. Walsh and inquired of him whether or not the officers could make an arrest of a person in his home without a warrant, and his lawyer advised him they could not. And according to the testimony on behalf of Mr. Lewis when he told the officers what his lawyer had said two of them assaulted him and beat him into unconsciousness, and thereafter arrested an Indian girl who was in the home looking after the children of Mr. Lewis in conjunction with a niece of Mr. Lewis' and also arrested Mr. Lewis. Both of them were taken to jail. The girl was booked as a vagrant and marked hold and locked in a cell in the city jail, and Herman Lewis was charged with vagrancy, interfering with police officers, resisting arrest and assault and battery.

Growing out of this beating Mr. Walter Korisko, fire commissioner presented charges before the city council signed by Fire Chief A. W. Olsen charging the bruised and battered fireman as stated heretofore.

The vote of the council to dismiss Mr. Lewis was unanimous, and it represents a complete "white wash" of the police officers who according to Mr. Lewis' attorneys were legally wrong. Immediately after the vote to dismiss Mr. Lewis was made, his attorneys announced they would appeal the conviction and dismissal to the District Court of Douglas County Nebraska and seek a reversal of the vote to dismiss. It was also intimated that several other lawsuits will be brought in connection with the case which has created wide spread criticism among the Negroes of the community as a result of police brutality.

The only commissioner making any comment while the vote was being taken was Commissioner Roy N. Towl who, acting true to form, gave the police officers his verbal "whitewash."

PROTESTING COLOR BAR, NEW YORKER ASKS PLACE-MENT WITH RACE TROOPS

New York—Because he sincerely believes in true democracy, Roger Starr, young New York writer, filed with his local draft board Wednesday, July 9th a vigorously worded protest against the denial of democratic rights to Negro Americans. The protest accompanied Mr. Starr's questionnaire in which he placed himself in class I.

Mr. Starr sent in the NAACP a copy of his protest which reads in part:

"You will note that I have appropriately filled out the part of my questionnaire dealing with my racial ancestry. As a white, the Army wants to place me in a unit with white troops. I should prefer being placed with Negro troops, for then they would become mixed troops: American troops. Certainly there are others beside myself who went to school with Negro boys, who learned beside them the history of our country and the theory of its government and who want to be allowed to contribute their services to their country under conditions

AGRICULTURIST



THOMAS N. ROBERTS recently appointed special assistant to the director of personnel in the U. S. Department of Agriculture with offices at Washington. Formerly in charge of the country-wide soil conservation and land utilization project at Tuskegee which attracted nation wide attention. Mr. Roberts has been working this year at the University of Wisconsin on his doctorate. His special field is economics and he will concentrate on securing and placement of training young people for the department.

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that do not hold that theory to ridicule.

Specifically named by Mr. Starr as weaknesses in the democratic system were discrimination against Negroes in the administration of the Selective Service Act, segregation of Negro troops from white, denial of equal opportunity to Negroes in the air corps, their total exclusion from the marine corps and relegation in the navy to mess attendant, and anti-Negro training and employment policies by large corporations.

RANDOLPH, WHITE ASK AT LEAST TWO NEGROES ON PRESIDENT'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BOARD

New York—At least two Negro members of the board to be appointed by the President as provided for in his executive order banning discrimination in defense employment and training were requested by A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and director of the Negro March committee, and Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, when they conferred in Washington, Thursday, July 10, with Sidney Hillman, co-director of the Office of Production Management.

Mr. Randolph and Mr. White stressed the importance of the appointment of at least two outstanding and qualified Negroes to the board which will be attached to the Office of Production Management to hear, investigate and act upon complaints of discrimination in industries holding government contracts and vocational training courses.

It was also stressed that the entire board be made up of outstanding persons of real ability, and that appointment must be made without further delay.

JAILED AND FINED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

Following an accident which occurred on Monday near 30th and Lake Street when his auto collided with the motorcycle of an officer who was chasing a speeder, William Phipps, of 2617 Parker St., was arrested and charged with drunken driving. The following day in police court Judge O'Brien fined him \$5.00, sentenced him to 30 days in jail, and suspended his driver's license for 18 months.

Omnibus Corporation Employs 10 More Negroes

URBAN L'GE PLANS YOUTH CAMP IN COOPERATION WITH WPA DEPARTMENT

DETROIT WOMAN WHO KILLED PHYSICIAN HUSBAND ALLEGEDLY OVER WHITE WOMAN FREED ON BOND

Detroit, July 16 (ANP)—Mrs. Evelyn Byrd, 38, attractive red haired widow of Dr. Floyd Byrd whom she is charged with slaying with a gun last week, was released the same day on a bond of \$2000. This highly unusual procedure in a murder case under Michigan law was said to be due to a combination of circumstances. The recorder's court judge was said to have been lenient; three prominent and powerful lawyers appeared in her behalf, Edward A. Simmons, Charles Roxborough and Harold E. Bledsoe; and there were special circumstances surrounding her case.

Rumor has it that the dispute which led to Mrs. Byrd shooting her husband arose over a young white girl who used to live in the house as a servant and with whom Dr. Byrd is said to have become infatuated. The doctor lost his life on his 17th wedding anniversary after refusing to take his wife out in celebration of the event.

CHIEF COUNSEL ASKED TO STATE SCOPE OF TRUMAN COMMITTEE

New York—In a wire to Hugh A. Fulton, chief counsel for the special committee investigating the national defense program, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asked his advice on the scope of the Truman committee hearings which are scheduled for July.

The wire requested that Mr. Fulton state the number of witnesses the Truman committee can hear on the issue of racial discrimination, number of days it promises to devote to the hearings, if committee plans to invite or subpoena policy making government heads, such as secretaries of War and Navy, directors of OPM; employers holding defense contracts, labor union heads and qualified persons who have been discriminated against.

The chief counsel was also requested to state if the Truman committee can include in its scope discrimination in armed forces, and whether or not he or any investigators have made investigations of discrimination against Negroes and others in the defense program.

TRAINING OF 99TH PURSUIT SQUADRON STARTS JULY 19 AT TUSKEGEE

Washington, July 16 (ANP)— July 19 has been set by the War Department as the date on which training will begin for members of the 99th pursuit squadron at Tuskegee. Ten youths will form the initial class and they will begin a five week pre-flight course. Other sections of 10 will be added periodically, so that a total of 30 will be in training at all times and 100 pilots will be completely trained within a year.

SCHOOL BOARD DELAYS EQUAL PAY SUIT

New Orleans, La.—An extension of 20 days in which to file answer to the equal pay suit filed by Joseph McKelvin was requested last week by the school board of New Orleans Parish. The reason given for the request was that it could not be determined whether the state's attorney general or the attorney for the local school board should represent the defendants. It was later decided that both would handle the case for the school board.

A. P. Tureaud of this city and Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, are attorneys for Mr. McKelvin.

For the first time in five years any Negro boy or girl of our Community will have the chance to enjoy seven days of real camp life. at Harlett Harding Camp, located at Louisville, Nebr. Period for girls—August 13, 20th, will be under the supervision of Mrs. Grace A. Bradford who has just returned from a Girl Scout camp training period held at Camp Derriotte, Troy, Missouri, and WPA Recreation workers and Girl Scout Troop leaders. Highlights of the girls' period will be: out door crafts, swimming, archery, tennis, hiking out door cooking, singing, and camp fire ceremonials. Period for boys—August 25th-Sept. 1st will be under the supervision of Mr. Martin Thomas Boys' Director of the Omaha Urban League Community Center and WPA Recreation workers as councilors and instructors. The boys' program will feature: Swimming, sports, crafts, group competition, group nature study, singing and stunt night programs.

With the Assistance of the WPA Recreation Department, the camp fee has been reduced to a minimum of \$4.50 per week per person.

"Mothers, fathers, and interested friends of children," said Mr. Martin Thomas "should realize that this is an opportunity to promote health in out door camping for our youth. Mothers and fathers plan to send your boy and girl to their period. Interested persons are asked to sponsor some boy or girl whose parents cannot afford to send their children."

One dollar registers a boy or girl at the Urban League 2213 Lake Street; Balance payable upon date camp opens. Registration will be taken until August 1.

28 SENATORS READY TO SUPPORT S. R. 75

Washington, D. C.—Twenty-eight United States senators have already stated their intention to support an investigation of discrimination against the Negro in all phases of the national defense program as provided for in Senate Resolution 75. It was announced by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Senate Resolution 75 would establish a committee of eight senators to investigate all cases of discrimination in the army, the navy, the air corps, vocational training and employment in defense industries. The resolution has been temporarily referred to the Truman investigating committee operating under Senate Resolution 71 and dealing primarily with the allocation of government defense contracts. The Truman committee could concern itself only superficially with the issue of racial discrimination.

Senators who favor a full investigation of race discrimination are Abe Murdock of Utah, who stated, "I am wholeheartedly and unequivocally in favor of this resolution (75). I will support it with every ounce of ability at my command", Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, James N. Tunnell of Delaware, Robert A. Taft of Ohio, William H. Smathers, New Jersey; James M. Mead, New York; Francis Malone, Connecticut; Henry C. Lodge Jr., Massachusetts; Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado; Chan Gurney, South Dakota; Bennett Champ Clark, Missouri; Hugh Butler, Nebraska; Styles Bridges, New Hampshire.

Others are Senators Josiah W. Bailey, Ohio; Alben W. Barkley, Kentucky; Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Wyoming; Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota; Charles L. McNary, Oregon; Pat McCarran, Nevada; Guy M. Gillette, Iowa; Walter F.

The Coordinating Committee for Employment through its chairman Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., announced the employment of ten more Negroes in the Omnibus Corporation of New York, maintenance division.

These Negroes who were picked from the Vocational High schools of Brooklyn and Harlem have been placed in various jobs in the company at basic salaries of not less \$25 per week.

Two of them were placed in the stock room, marking the second time Negroes were ever placed in that division where they have opportunities for raises up to \$45 per week.

There are now over 50 Negro employees in the Omnibus Corporation of New York City, making an average salary of \$35 per week.

Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., said when interviewed, "the employment of ten more Negroes in the Omnibus Corporation of New York City continues to bear witness to the success of the work of the Negro people of Harlem in the boycott and picketing of the Omnibus Corporation and shows also the good faith the company's executives are manifesting toward the Negro consumer."

George Georgia; Sheridan Downey, California; John A. Danaher, Connecticut; George L. Radcliffe, Maryland; Joseph Rosier, West Virginia; and Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan.

NAACP GOES TO BAT FOR WPA TEACHERS

New York—Effects of the WPA appropriation slash have already been felt here. Among the complaints received by the NAACP last week were those from WPA high school teaching projects where dismissals appear to have been made on a racial basis.

Roy Wilkins, assistant NAACP secretary, in stating the cases of apparent discrimination to Irving V. A. Huie, New York City WPA administrator, pointed out that in a teachers project where about one half of the staff of 55 were colored, dismissals left only five Negroes.

On another project it was reported that only one of ten Negro teachers was retained and that even he was dismissed and reengaged after strenuous protest. In the third case four of six colored workers were dismissed.

In spite of the fact that workers were informed that those with "excellent" ratings would be retained and those with dependents considered for retention, NAACP was told that Negro workers with excellent ratings and dependents were dropped while whites with excellent rating and no dependents were retained.

The NAACP urged an investigation of the situation.

NEGRO NURSES FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR ARMY POSTS

RANKING AS 2ND LIEUTS.

GOOD PAY NO ATTRACTION;

MANY DO NOT UNDERSTAND OPPORTUNITY—

New York, July 16 (ANP)—Failure of Negro nurses to meet the quota of assignments in army camps after a determined struggle on the part of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses to win this concession is taking on disturbing proportions, it was learned here this week. As a result, Mrs. Mabel Keator Staupers, secretary of the association, has issued another call to eligible nurses urging their cooperation.

Early in March the section of the then National Defense Advisory committee interested in coordination of the Negro discussed with officials in charge of recruiting of nurses for army service the chances of enlistments for Negro nurses. After much hedging and bickering, Mrs. Staupers

Diplomate



BENJAMIN W. ANTHONY Head of the department of roentgenology at Provident hospital, Chicago, who has been named a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology, highest earned honor obtainable in that specialty. Dr. Anthony's rating shows he is an expert in the use of the X ray and in radium therapy. (ANP)

was able to get 56 assignments divided between Fort Bragg in North Carolina and Fort Livingston in Louisiana.

While exact figures were not immediately available, it is known that the anticipated response has not measured up satisfactorily. Because of this, any further efforts to seek integration of colored nurses will probably meet with difficulty. This is said to be especially true in connection with present efforts to secure openings in northern camps where Negro soldiers are stationed such as Fort Dix, N. J., Fort Devens, Mass., and Battle Creek, Mich.

Requirements call for single women between the ages of 21 and 40, graduates of an accredited high school and an accredited school of nursing as well as members of the American Red Cross and the American Nurses Association. In these states where membership in the NAACP is denied Negroes, membership in the NACGN would be considered the equivalent.

Army nurses receive \$70 a month in addition to maintenance and work an eight hour day except in emergencies. They also receive one month's vacation annually.

Several complaints have been registered with the association that local chapters of the American Red Cross in the south have been refusing to register Negro nurses. These instances are being investigated and proper protest is being lodged with responsible authorities. All nurses are requested to report any experience of discrimination they have in this manner to Mrs. Staupers or the local unit of the association.

ACTIVE NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS MUST REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE UPON EXPIRATION OF SERVICE

Men who have served in the Active National Guard are required to register immediately upon expiration of their service, even though they are not, under certain conditions, liable for further peacetime training and service under the elective Service Act.

That fact was stressed today by Brigadier General Guy N. Henniger, Director of Selective Service for Nebraska, who said that all such men should present themselves to a local board for registration immediately upon their discharge.

"The act is specific," said General Henniger, "in requiring registration of men within the age group of 21 to 36 who have served in the National Guard. Men who were members of the active National Guard on October 16 last, and who have completed six or more consecutive years, are relieved from liability for peacetime service and training, but they must register. Those who were members of the National Guard and have served less than six

Chances of Reconciliation Between Joe-Marva, Dim...

NAACP WINS EIGHTH VICTORY OVER SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Mobile, Ala., The Southern conference of NAACP branches scored its eighth victory over pullman discrimination on southern railroads when the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio system advised the Interstate Commerce commission recently that berth occupancy in bed rooms at regular berth rates will now be provided for colored passengers in its sleeping cars.

The GM & O letter followed an informal complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by J. L. LeFlore, of this city, head of the NAACP, Southern Conference. The complaint charged flagrant violation of the law by the carrier in refusing colored passengers equal sleeping car accommodations. A supplementary complaint involving coach accommodations is before the commission for consideration. The GM & O operates in seven southern states.

OFFICERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED

For the first time in the history of the lodge, the officers of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Prince Hall Affiliation, were unanimously reelected to their offices.

The election was held at the Twenty-Second Annual Communication held at Omaha, Nebraska, July 16, 1941.

The election was as follows: Nathaniel Hunter, 33, M. W. Grand Master; A. R. Goodlett, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Dacus, R. W. S. G. Warden; Richard Taylor, R. W. G. Warden; P. H. Jenkins, R. W. G. Treasurer; Robert Harris, R. W. G. Secretary.

Relief Board Members, Nathaniel Hunter, Chairman, P. H. Jenkins, Robert Harris, Secy. R. S. Stewart, I. S. McPherson. Grand Trustees, A. R. Goodlett, chairman, J. C. Dacus, Richard Taylor, I. S. McPherson, R. C. Stewart, Ed. Blufford. Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I. B. Smith.

EQUAL PAY SUITS FILED IN THREE STATES

New York—New suits for the equalization of teachers' salaries are being fought in three states by the legal staff of the NAACP.

In Atlanta, Ga., plans were made last month by the Atlanta Citizens' Committee on Equalization of Teachers' Salaries, Attorney A. T. Walden of Atlanta and Thurgood Marshall of New York, special counsel for NAACP, to petition the Atlanta School Board requesting equal pay for colored and white teachers.

The campaign for equalization in New Orleans, La., struck a temporary snag when the local school board refused Thurgood Marshall permission to appear in behalf of Joseph McKelvin in whose name the equalization fight is being made there. The board claimed their meeting was an executive session not open to the public.

New Orleans citizens are continuing the fight. The differential there is reported to be \$275,900 a year.

Clarence B. Robinson, teacher in the public schools of Chattanooga, Tenn., filed suit in the District Court of the Eastern District of Tennessee, June 10, for equalization of salaries paid to Negro and white teachers there. He is represented locally by W. Henry Elmore attorney for the Chattanooga branch NAACP.

Answer to Wife's Suit Denies All Allegations, Claims Lavish Gifts to Mate; Talks With Her on Phone Thursday During Chicago Stop-over; No Settlement of \$250,000 Contemplated

CHICAGO, July 16 (ANP)—Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin will probably kiss and make up before Joe and Marva Louis take such action, it appears today. The heavyweight champion filed an answer Wednesday to her divorce suit in which he denied virtually all of his wife's allegations and introduced some of his own, among them the contention that she had not been a "true and virtuous wife." At the same time he told how he had lavished thousands of dollars upon her and ended by asking that her plea be denied.

The Brown Bomber, who had been reported coming to town for a conference almost daily since Mrs. Louis started action, finally did arrive last Thursday and spent a few hours here prior to leaving for Minneapolis and a boxing exhibition Friday night. Joe spent most of the day playing golf, but he is understood to have called Marva on the telephone. However, what they said to each other is thus far a secret.

It was also learned from Atty. William Temple, the champion's counsel, that any talk of a \$250,000 out of court settlement for Mrs. Louis was a pipe dream. Thus far, he said, nothing along that line had been suggested.

Sources close to the titleholder are inclined to laugh at Marva's contention that Joe is worth \$400,000 in real estate and another \$400,000 annuities, stocks and bonds and checking accounts. Although he has grossed around \$2,000,000 in his seven years of professional fighting, he has had to pay his managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough; his trainer Jack Blackburn, as well as other training camp expenses. This in itself knocked a big hole in his earnings.

In addition, Uncle Sam has taken his cut through income taxes and this alone amounted to several thousand dollars. It is estimated that a heavyweight champion ordinarily spends \$1,000 weekly for living expenses because of his prominence in the world of sports and his affiliation with the many who live in the sporting world of "easy come, easy go." Anything less brands a titleholder as a piker and may react unfavorably at the boxoffice in future fights.

The champion has also spent considerable sums caring for his mother and family, both in Detroit and Alabama. His interest in pedigreed horses, of which he owns several, also is expensive and extensive. He is understood to have taken a loss on his softball team of a few years ago.

According to his answer filed Wednesday, he has spent more than \$125,000 on Marva in the nearly six years of their marriage. He has given her everything financially to make her happy, including an automobile or two each year, an allowance of \$100 weekly plus other gifts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. But Mrs. Louis has been such an expensive item, the petition says, that he has been compelled to pay her other bills and obligations amounting to another \$4,000 to \$6,000 annually.

The six flat buildings where Marva lives was purchased for \$21,000 and given to her, and he spent another \$21,000 in redecorating and furnishing her own apartment and the building. She receives another \$300 in rentals from this building which is hers to use as she sees fit.

Joe also denied ever having struck Marva, said she had not acted "kindly and affectionately" toward him nor had she conducted herself "as a true and virtuous wife." He did not elaborate on this statement nor upon his denial that he had ever stated to his wife "or intimated to anyone that he did not want a child or children." He asked for dismissal of her suit for divorce.

When the allegations in Joe's answer were made known, it was Marva's turn to express surprise, especially at the aspersions on her wifely conduct.

"Those aren't Joe's words," Mrs.

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GOLFERS—HAVE YOU READ???
"DUB SLICER"
He's the Jivin' Jester of the CSGA. Golf Tournament—
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