

Hint F. D. R. to Blast Race Riots in Next Fireside Chat.....

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Randolph makes Statement On Racial Disorders In Harlem

5 NEGROES DEAD; 543 INJURED; 500 ARRESTED; ESTIMATE PROPERTY DAMAGE AT 5 MILLION

I view the outburst of violence in Harlem Sunday night with great sorrow and distress. As a resident of this community for some 30 years and the head of two important movements, one a trade union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, affiliated with the AFL, and the other a civic organization, the March on Washington Movement: I am gravely concerned about the people in the Harlem community demonstrating their capacity in cooperation with Mayor LaGuardia's law enforcement agencies in maintaining law and order. No minority group can survive and go progressively forward where there is no law and order. Violence and bloodshed is not the road to racial peace and cooperation and community racial advancement. Violence begets violence, bloodshed begets bloodshed and always the minority groups are the chief victims.

Negroes must stand up and fight for their constitutional and economic rights with the ballot, constructive agitation, education thru moral, religious, labor organizations and all means lawful and orderly, of social protest. I know I can speak for 99 percent of the great mass of Negroes of Harlem that we are definitely and unqualifiedly opposed to all forms of hoodlumism, the destruction of property, the attack upon shopkeepers and any disregard for law enforcement.

Now, as the representative of the aforementioned organizations, I want to urge upon the Mayor the immediate appointment of a Commission on Race to study the causes of this social and racial explosion in the Harlem community and the basic causes of racial riots that are sweeping the country and threatening various communities. We need a thorough and uncompromising investigation of the question of housing, recreational facilities, educational opportunities, employment problems, and the whole question of the participation or lack of participation on the part of the Negro in our economic, political and social life as equals with other citizens.

Although this is a period of racial tension, it is well for us frankly and fearlessly to face the fact that this outbreak of disorder in Harlem is merely a symptom of a deep chronic disease of racial segregation, discrimination and injustices to the Negro people. The remedy for this problem is not looting stores and abusing and attacking white citizens or condemning Negroes as vicious and reckless vandals, but it lies in sound and constructive racial cooperation.

It is unfortunate that the policeman shot a Negro soldier which served as a fuse to light an already existing racial magazine which was ready for explosion. If it had not been the shooting of the Negro soldier, it might have been something else. The important thing is that the racial magazine of economic and social dynamite is here and it is a result of a long series of social, economic and political injustices heaped upon the Negro people. All Negroes of Harlem are grateful for the prompt action of the Mayor in mobilizing the police for their obvious restraint and sense and fine cooperation in helping to keep the peace.

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ACTION WOULD FOLLOW WILSON PRECEDENT

Washington, Aug. 3 (ANP)..... Sources close to the White House intimated last week that President Franklin D. Roosevelt will devote time to racial tensions in his next

radio address to the nation scheduled for an unannounced date in the near future. Negro and white leaders have repeatedly asked upon the chief executive to make a strong, positive utterance against racial bigotry in

this country but to no avail. It has been pointed out that the President's silence in the face of nationwide race riots is untenable in a country dedicated to carry "democracy" to every corner of the world.

The late President Woodrow Wilson, who did not enjoy the international reputation for liberal, progressive thinking and action, as does President Roosevelt because so disturbed by the riots that followed the last war that he publicly

cautigated the agitators, and appealed to the people to adopt conduct that would prevent further outbreaks.

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Sentence 3 Soldiers at Lincoln Army Base for Robbery

Lincoln, Nebraska—Brig. General Early W. Duncan, commanding the Lincoln army air base, announced Monday that the three Negro soldiers who July 5 slugged and robbed Herbert Kunsman, Lincoln cab driver, had been apprehended and convicted by a military court-martial.

They were identified as Alonzo Simpson, sentenced to 10 years; Emmet Price, sentenced to 8 years, and James E. Tucker, sentenced to 10 years.

The sentences of Simpson and Price have been reviewed and confirmed. The men were recent arrivals at the base here.

RECOVER BODY OF FLYER MISSING SINCE JUNE 16

Selfridge Field, Mich., Aug. 4 (ANP)—The body of 2nd Lt. Nathaniel Milton Hill, missing since June 16, has been recovered from Lake Huron near Oscoda, Mich., according to a statement from Capt. Ramey, public relations officer. Next of kin have been notified.

Lt. Hill was piloting a two seater training plane when he crashed into Lake Huron during a routine flight from the Oscoda army airfield, a sub base of Selfridge field. He was accompanied on the flight by 2d Lt. Luther Linson Blakeney, a weather officer, whose body was found June 17.

The army air force pilot was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Hill of Washington, D.C. His wife, Laverne, resides in the same city.

Both flyers were attached to the 332nd fighter group.

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Soldier Hanged For Rape

Omaha, Aug. 3 (ANP)—The Seventh Service Command here announced last week that Pfc Levi Brandon had been hanged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, following a court martial at which he was convicted of rape.

Brandon, whose home was in Kansas City, enlisted in the army in Nov. 1940. He was convicted on two charges of rape and assault with intent to rape.

The death sentence was imposed last February, revealed the announcement, but was not carried out until reviewed by higher authority and confirmed by presidential order. Only official witnesses attended the hanging which occurred between 3 and 4 a. m. of the execution date.

FPHA. Clarifies Its Non-Discrimination Construction Labor Policy

The Federal Public Housing Authority announced that its non-discrimination construction labor policy had been clarified to make all contractors understand that the agency is adhering strictly to the President's latest executive order on fair employment practice.

FPHA Commissioner Herbert Emmerich declared that the agency's regulations were amended on July 6 to include subcontracts as well as direct contracts for construction projects. The regulations also extend the non-discrimination provisions to applicants for employment on war housing projects as well as to persons already employed by contractors or subcontractors.

In addition, the directive immediately affects all FPHA construction work "off the site" as well as work performed "on the site."

Although prior rulings have generally defined the term "contractor" to include "subcontractors," the new regulation now specifically inserts the non-discrimination clause into all subcontract documents. All contract documents for work on war housing now will carry the following instruction:

"There shall be no discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, national or political affiliations, against any employee or applicant for employment, qualified by training and experience, for work in

BISHOP GREGG CHEERS TROOPS IN SOUTH PACIFIC



BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG

Somewhere in the Southern Pacific, Aug. 3 (ANP) Bishop John A. Gregg, prelate of the AME church, has held nine meetings with Negro soldiers in this theatre of war since his arrival here nearly a fortnight ago according to an announcement.

The bishop was accompanied by Major (Chaplain) John A. DeVeaux, formerly attached to the 93rd division.

President Roosevelt and the war department approved the trip by the noted churchman as a method of bolstering the morale of servicemen far away from home.

"The men, except for a bit of natural homesickness, are doing fine," reported Bishop Gregg, "and are determined to give their best endeavor to the winning of the war. That they are loyal Americans goes without saying."

Servicemen here have greeted the churchmen with eagerness, it was learned, and piled them with questions about conditions at home. They are reported to also be "grateful" to the President for making the visit possible.

"Major DeVeaux and I have both been well," stated Bishop Gregg, "and we have not suffered any ill effects from this trip, nor have we missed a need. Pass on the word to the dear folks at home that we are gladly giving ourselves to this task for our forces, that they may keep their morale until the war is won, making the world at home, as well as abroad, a better place in which to live."

CIO Announces Entry into Nebraska's Politics

Efforts to clearing from present parties those opposed to the aims of labor and replacing them with those friendly to labor.

"IT WON'T BE EASY" Urging political unity between all labor organizations as the only means of holding and extending labor's gains, he declared:

"For too long we have been damn fools enough to be disunited at the ballot box on election day. We are entering the political field, lock, stock and barrel.

"It won't be an easy job in a city like Omaha to elect men who will best represent us," he declared. "It won't be an easy job where we have only one daily paper, which may be against us.

"There are people in this city who won't be overthrust by this meeting."

Every CIO union should have a legislative committee and should seek to cooperate with other labor organizations and groups friendly to labor for a unified labor program, he said.

"BALLOT IS ONLY WAY" Asking for support of President Roosevelt's wartime policies, particularly price rollbacks and other proposed curbs on inflation, he asserted:

"You representatives in congress haven't done the job. They have hampered the president since the start of the war....

"We believe that the power of

the ballot is the way to root the rats out of congress."

Other speakers were State Senator George Craven of Lincoln; Dr. Craig Morris, Omaha, president of the Nebraska Negro Medical Society; Municipal Judge D. E. O'Brien; Frank W. Cronin, CIO regional director here; Ben Henry Des Moines, director in Iowa; Mrs. Gertrude Hopkins, representing Omaha cabbettes; R. A. Hayes, president of Local 233, opened the meeting; John A. Cassidy, international representative for the Transport Workers' union here, presided.

CALLS FOR SACRIFICES Lashing at those who consider the war as "merely an annoying



Delightful Kathryn Butler, the socially prominent daughter of Mrs. Ann Butler of Chicago, is pictured above. Kathryn was selected queen of the East-West Classics by the popular Bronzeville Magazine in a Photo Contest, a week prior to the game, and she attended the event, regaled with all the pomp and glory that goes with such a title. Miss Butler is a Lucy Flower High school graduate and is planning to attend a school of photography in the fall. (Press Photo Service.)

POST No. 30 CONVENTION PLANS ALL READY

LOUNGE TO REMAIN OPEN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, The American Legion has completed its plans to care for and entertain its many visitors to Omaha during the National Convention, September 29 to 33rd.

The Post's modern Lounge will be the center of activities and will remain open 24 hours a day during the Convention.

To assure the delegates and visitors a most enjoyable visit the Post has appointed the following persons as Members of the National Convention Committee: Ray L. Williams, Director of Colored Activities, National Convention Committee, Inc.

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INCREASE VETERANS WIDOWS ORPHANS BENEFITS

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, ordered the review of approximately 45,000 case files pertaining to widows and orphans of veterans of all wars and the regular establishment, whose death has been due

to service. This review is designed to provide automatic increases beginning Aug. 1, in compensation and pension which were provided such widows and orphans in a law signed by President Roosevelt on July 13.