

BURY VICTIMS OF PREJUDICE

Calvin's News By Verna Arvey

Los Angeles, Calif.—They buried little Barry Short on what would have been his 9th birthday, on the 29th of December, while the gifts that had been awaiting him and his little seven year old sister, Carol Ann, and his mother, lay unopened under the Christmas tree at his aunt's home. Barry and Carol Ann and their mother, lying side by side in the Los Angeles Holy Cross Cemetery, will never be able to enjoy those gifts now, for they have gone far from the pleasures of earth, and the manner of their death has aroused the nation. Almost all of the people who have heard of it believe firmly that it was caused by prejudice, and that the only crime the golden-haired children committed was that of having some Negro blood in their veins.

Some months ago, their father, O'Day Short, a refrigeration engineer, had a dream. He wanted to bring his little family up on a farm. Accordingly, he bought some unimproved land in Fontana, a part of Southern California in which it was generally understood that Negroes were to live in a certain section. Mr. Short's land was not in that section, even though it was not bound by any restrictive residential covenants. Mr. Short moved out to the house, carrying materials out to the place regularly and working hard to get the house ready for occupancy. At last it was ready, and he and his family then moved in. No one had asked him whether he was colored or not, but of course, as he worked about the place, his unmistakably colored friends and relatives visited him, and were gaily noted by the neighbors. Soon Mr. Short began to receive threats. He was told to give up his place, he sent back a message to the effect that he would be glad to discuss the matter with anyone, at any place, at any time. But of course, the people who made the threats were not manly enough to come out in the open for a honest discussion. In the meantime, Mr. Short had reported the threats to various newspapers in Los Angeles, and to the Los Angeles branch of the NAACP.

Then, as the relatives in Los Angeles had finished their Xmas shopping and had gone out to buy a large Christmas tree to celebrate their good fortune, tragedy struck at the Fontana home of the Short's. The relative in Los Angeles came home from their shopping to the loud ringing of the telephone. What they heard shocked them beyond words. They quickly got into their cars, and rushed to the hospital in Fontana. There they saw the Short's—father, mother, little son and the daughter—almost completely covered with bandages. There had been an explosion in the little house, and the four were buried to a horrifying degree. The doctor reported that all had asked about Mr. Short when they were brought in and that Barry had added, "Take care of my daddy first. Get to me later."

The tragedy had happened at around 6 o'clock in the evening. At nine thirty that night, as the family was going down the corridor to the next morning, and at 2:10 the next morning, Barry had passed away. Then at 10:30 the following morning, the mother, Mrs. Helen Stokes Short, said "Oh, dear," and then she passed. The father, although in a serious condition, is expected to live. He is still in the hospital, and his illness will be there for many months to come. They haven't told him yet that his family has been wiped out, and every day he asks for his wife. "Why doesn't Helen come to see me. I tried to save her and the children, and at least she could do it to come to see me. Where is she? Where is she living now?"

At the family's insistence, there has been an autopsy, during which it was determined that the mother and her children had died from shock, and that parts of their bodies were charred. There has also been an inquest, at which neighbors told of finding the children lying on the floor and screaming in pain, and of finding the mother lying over one of the children to shield it from harm with her body. At the inquest, a scurrilous accusation was made by Mrs. Short, sister of dead Helen Short, who demanded repeatedly to know why there had been no investigation of the threats. Probably because of this questioning, because of the fact that people all over the country had been aroused by the case, the verdict at the inquest was that the deaths had been caused by the fire, the origin of which was unknown. Later, an arson expert said that in his opinion, it was arson.

Because of the interest in the case, and the indignation aroused over the prejudice that it uncovered in Southern California, it is expected that there will be further investigation. It is hoped that eventually that the public will be informed, whether the accident was a simple one caused by the explosion of a lantern, as the Fontana authorities would have us believe, or whether it was carefully planned murder of 3 innocent people. If the latter, it can only be hoped that the person or persons who caused the explosion that anyone else who wishes to try such methods will think twice before he does so.

In the meantime, little Barry Short, Carol Ann and their mother had a big funeral at St. Patrick's Church in Los Angeles. There was a large crowd of people, and there were beautiful sprays of flowers. Now they are together in death, and nothing that can be done to the harm that has been done. But we can try to make their deaths a lesson to the rest of the world. And if we would like to help in a concrete way, we can give blood to the father, O'Day Short, so that he may get better and make a new start in life.

Gibson Gives 'Again'

By Charles Jackson

The eminent Mr. Truman K. Gibson is in the news once more. As we recall, this is the same gentleman who formerly held the fat job of civilian aide (Negro cover-up boy) to the Secretary of War. He was supposed to be looking out for the Negroes and seeing that they got the best of everything in their Uncle Samuel's Jim Crow Army.

We remember that last year he executed what was his conception of that job by publicly accusing the all-Negro 92nd in Italy of having too much yellow running down their backs. Although the leading brass in this theatre reported the opposite, Mr. Gibson stated that the colored troops fell back in mass in the face of the enemy fire.

Now again, on the 27th of December, speaking before a convention of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in Columbus, Ohio, Gibson came out in support of a universal military training—a proposal that has been publicly opposed by the NAACP and by every sensible Negro in America who has experienced or has heard about the Army Jim Crow.

Attempting to 'explain' his support of such reactionary regimentation, Gibson states: "When I say I believe in such a system I certainly do not state a belief in a Jim Crow plan of putting such a system into execution. The two certainly don't logically follow. They have been needlessly confused."

In all seriousness, how could Mr. Gibson even remotely expect such a set-up under the present administration to be anything but Jim Crow? We have Jim Crow in the Army, the Navy and the present military administration. The brass hats and the reactionaries who fashioned this enforced separation then, are still in power now, unfortunately. The Business, which is the real ruler in this country today, is still in the saddle and is still interested as ever in using the Negro as a scapegoat.

Official Government separatism under the Jim Crow Army training camps was the greatest purveyor of prejudice that this country has seen in this generation. Yet Truman Gibson calls for an extension of this system when he knows full well that the authors of the present arrangement are still at the helm.

Therefore, even a larger issue is involved here. An analysis of the facts will prove that the present plan for universal training (military), even if not Jim Crow bodes no good for and must be opposed by the Negro workers. Why? Because of the reactionary use to which these trainees would be put by the US Government whose policies are dictated by Wall Street.

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Is such analysis of this question news to Truman K. Gibson? He just thoughtlessly overlooked this angle in his bubbling zeal for universal military training? The weather vane of events points the other direction. It is saying No. Gibson, in coming out with this present stand, is only following out the same Uncle Tom tactics that have characterized his claim to fame. He is merely playing up to the 'big brass' and selling out the Negroes in his own race and of all working people, all over again.



Truman K. Gibson

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Blowing thru two straws, this young lady shows how the serious handicap of foaming oil has been eliminated in high speed motors. Oil in the bearing at the right, treated by anti-foam agent developed by a company here, cannot be made to foam or bubble over. The baker at the left demonstrates how air can make untreated oil froth out of motors like foamy beer, sometimes causing shutdowns of tanks, trucks, ships, power plants and machinery. Overcoming of the foaming problem, considered serious by various Government agencies, was announced recently.



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Clifford Marshall, two-year-old polio victim from Bowling Green, Ky., has made progress in a year. With the aid of a brace, he now walks about nonchalantly and is beginning to enjoy his childhood. When he was first admitted to the Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis Center, he could not stand on his own two legs, even with the aid of a physical therapist.

Clifford's care, his brace, muscular re-education and other treatment are provided for him at the center by the Kentucky State Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through contributions to the March of Dimes, January 14-31. Address your gift to the March of Dimes through your local chapter of the National Foundation and help provide aid for other polio sufferers, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

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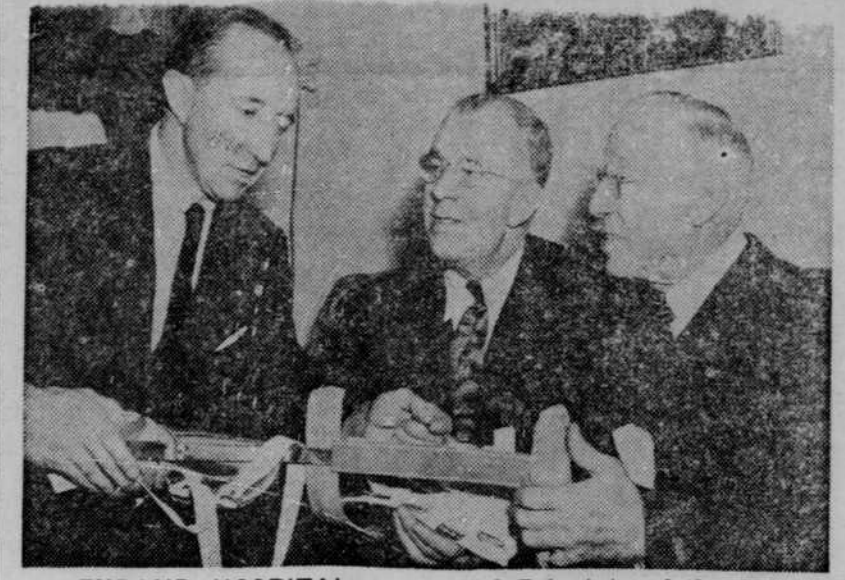
New York—From what I can gather, our boys who are sweating it out in Army of Occupation Units overseas are trying to forget their plight by taking an active interest in things athletic on the other side of the world. In the few papers that get to them and also in letters from friends and relatives. These boys are condemned to the loss of months and even years out of their lives thru no fault of their own, but circumstances which they could not escape, having a burning interest in the long but successful fight to break down organized baseball's 70 year old color bar against Negroes. A letter to this column is a case in point. The writer, Tech Sargeant Mitchell Goss of Camp Pittsburgh, somewhere in France, became the spokesman for his group on an argument over Jackie Robinson's coming affiliations with the International League Montreal Royals of the Brooklyn Dodger Farm system.

Tech. Sgt. Goss jumps on Ludlow Werner, managing editor of the New York Age, for a comment Goss says Werner made in the Sporting News of St. Louis. Baseball's Bible, last Nov. 1, I did not see the article and admit this is the first time I have heard of it. If it was in the Sporting News, Spink outfit, but meanwhile, Goss' findings make good reading and also bring up a point of view usually not in sports discussions.

Dear Don DeLeighner, says the reprint excerpts concerning Jackie Robinson in the Sporting News, the fellows in this locale think Mr. Werner of the New York Age is a bit much for granted in his article in the Sporting News is used November 1, 1945. He didn't by any means represent the fellows in the ETO in his 15,000,000 Negroes. They feel and think differently about the matter. We could not let him get away with that.

Mr. Werner's unjust comment relative to Jack Robinson's athletic ability to please his race in 154 baseball games a year not only strikes me as something hypocritical, coming from him, but exempts him from much of the criticism of the intellectual progress of the Negro in the Sporting World. I am afraid that he jumped the gun when he said 15,000,000 Ne-

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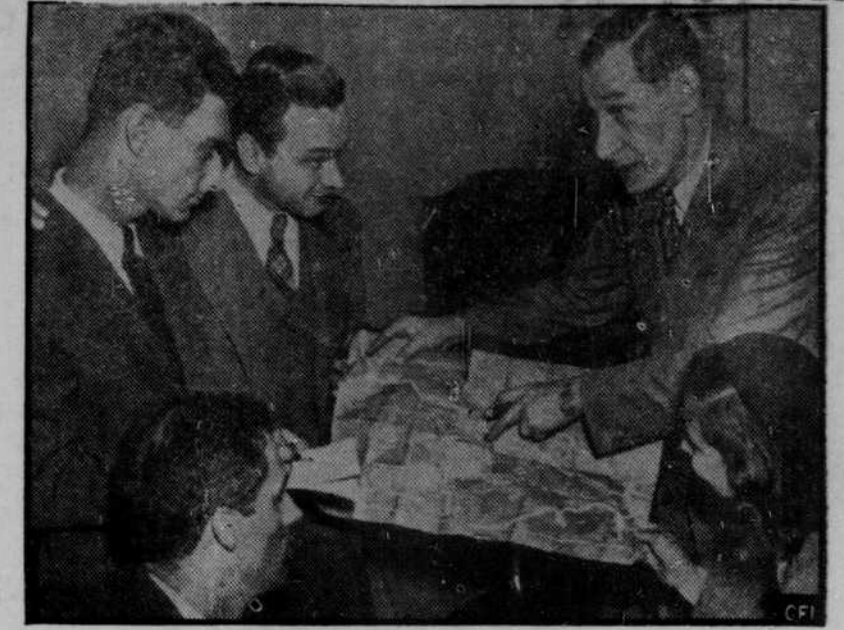
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There will be orderly activity. There will be orderly activity among the productive facilities of the land, too. But the quiet will be that of the grave. And the orderly activity will be the hopeless movement of a giant turned zombie!

Beware that sort of quiet. It has been called other things in other lands; Fascism, for one, and Communism for another. Wherever it exists there is a stink in the nostrils of men born in a tradition of freedom.



BOYS TOWN TO AID CRIPPLE VETS

New York, Soundphoto—Chas. I. Ruderman, industrialist of Gouverneur, New York, himself a disabled war veteran of World War I is shown here, plans in hand, as he discusses with newsmen his purchase of the upstate town of Pierrefield, which he plans to hand over to disabled veterans of World War II. The 80 acre town contains eighty homes and an abandoned paper mill. Only items in the town he did not buy were two churches. He explained "With out strings attached, I want to give to the disabled veterans of World War II under some agency such as a foundation or the government". He explained, he would seek to persuade business establishments to install manufacturing branches in the town's 800 foot mill, idle since 1930.

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