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(by George H. McDavis)

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## TRIAL OF COLUMBIA NEGROES BEGINS IN TENN.

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn., Aug. 15th.—In a prejudice ridden atmosphere, the trial of 25 Negroes indicted on charges of attempted murder, when they resisted a howling police-led lynch mob in Columbia, Tenn. last February began Tuesday in the two-story Lawrenceburg County Courthouse. Southern mob-rule tendencies were quickly revealed to observers in the packed courtroom from the outset when NAACP attorneys defending the courageous Negroes failed to win a single argument, with the court ruling with the state prosecution on every issue. The court has also consistently refused to allow the defense to argue the points of law they are attempting to press. They were only able to get these arguments across a raising objections to the adverse ruling of the court.

Z. Alexander Looby, Maurice Weaver and Leon A. Ransom, attorneys for the defendants, immediately challenged the jury panel

on the ground of systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury. Looby charged that in Tennessee, it had long been the custom to eliminate certain qualified Negroes and, due to illegal manipulation of the lists, the indicted Negroes would not be granted a fair trial. There were over 300 names on the panel, 25 of whom had served on the April or January panels. Inquiries into its method of picking the jurors was not permitted by the court. Apparently realizing, however, that it had made an error, the names of those 25 were stricken off. The names of 13 Negroes were on the original panel and two more were later picked up off the street as takers, making a total of fifteen Negroes on the present jury panel.

Weaver charged the placing of a Negroes' names on the list was not an honest gesture, that the Negroes on the list were hand-picked and that the jury box was packed

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against the defendants. No evidence as to the method of making up the array was allowed by the court, aside from the manner in which the jurymen for the present term, July, were picked. This would seem to be borne out testimony of District Atty.

Paul Bumpus, Atty. General for 11 years, who admitted that during that time, he had known only ONE Negro that had actually been called for jury duty.

The defendants were also denied the list of the names of the jurors on the panel a reasonable time before the hearing. They were refused this right which is theirs under Tennessee statutes and not furnished the list until the hearing itself.

## Research Poll Misleading

"Negroes are not receiving fair treatment in the United States," according to A. A. Liveright, executive director of the American Council on Race Relations, who charged a recent opinion poll of the subject had created a false impression of the true situation. The charge was made before the Society for Social Research meeting at the University of Chicago, on Friday, August 9.

Addressing the meeting on 'Problems in Social Action', Liveright referred to the recent poll conducted by the National Opinion Research Center in Denver, Colo., an attitudes toward the treatment of Negroes in the United States. Results of the poll, published widely (August 4) in the nation's press, reported that 66 per cent of the white Americans polled believed that most Negroes are being treated fairly. Liveright pointed out the danger of publishing such figures without due caution and interpretation, lies in the fact that many persons reading the results of the poll would mistake figures published for actual facts.

"Public opinion polls, although a valuable medium for determining the temper of public opinion, are frequently misleading unless carefully framed and reported, Liveright declared. In refuting the findings of the NORC poll, Liveright quoted the following facts: On Employment: The final report issued by the now-defunct Fair Employment Practice Committee stated: "Studies made by and for this committee since V-J Day show that the war time gains of Negroes, Mexican American and Jewish workers are being dissipated through an unchecked revival of discriminatory practices." This report stated in its conclusions: "The war veterans of these minority groups today face greater difficulties than other veterans in obtaining training and finding work."

Military Service: Despite the fact that a special committee was appointed to review segregation in the armed forces and to make recommendations for a new policy, the Negro does not even have an equal share in the army as now constituted.

Veterans' rights: Despite the fact that no GI legislation differentiates between whites and Negroes, reports conducted by the United Negro College Fund and the ACRR show varying types of discrimination with respect to Negro veterans.

Civil rights: No person who has read newspapers for the past few months can believe that Negroes in the United States are securing an equal break so far as civil rights are concerned. Lynchings in Columbia and Georgia and Freepart, Long Island and Monroe, Ga. combined with the resurgence of Ku Klux Klan activity, provide vivid proof of the terroristic activities being used to intimidate Negroes. Not all such cases are, however, recorded. For example, the fact that there have been 35 bombings or burnings of Negroes who have moved into homes in white communities in the Chicago area, has been singularly overlooked by the white press.

As a corrective for the probable injury to minority groups involved in publication of a poll such as that on opinion about Negroes, Liveright suggested that as a public service, and in accordance with the responsibility of the free press for providing facts, any such polls should be accompanied by at least as full, accurate and hon-

PLAIN TALK.—by John M. Lee

## THE LAWLESS MOBS



The dress rehearsal for the advent of American fascism was held in Athens, Alabama last week, and this time, the mob was a solid, impressive thing, numbering over two thousand representative southerners. Athens, as you must know, is not a large community. A mob of over two thousand persons must indeed be accepted as being truly representative of the law and spirit of the community. Athens, then, is an outlaw community, a lawless hole where the spirit of American Liberty and Freedom was raped and battered with shameless exhibitionism.

Over one hundred Negroes were bruised and beaten up by the cruel monsters who write of their superiority in the blood of the defenseless, and only two members of the mob were injured slightly. The old and the crippled and the innocent young were kicked and beaten, and herded from the streets like cattle. Reportedly, only two shots were fired. This, then, is the new order, the new darning of the southern mobster, who feels that the Negro is sufficiently intimidated, so that he can be conquered by the sheer force of numbers.

A mob rampant against the color of a man's skin is as great a menace as a pack of rabies infested dogs.

The law in Alabama is not designed to protect the life and property of Negro Americans. The Federal Government is pussy-footing ducking delicately around the sensitive nerves of the cracker killers, while Americans are slaughtered.

Reluctantly, an observer of the American scene must admit that the Hitler formula is in the hands of native murderers.

est coverage of the facts about the situation.

### Senator Tells How He Bypassed Anti-Strike Rider

NEW YORK, CITY.—(WDL)—Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho has told the Workers Defense League just how he bypassed the Ball Russell rider, under which government employees must sign affidavits that they do not belong to any organization recognizing the right to strike.

In a letter to Rev. Aron S. Gilman, national WDL chairman, who had congratulated him on his opposition to the rider, Senator Taylor explained: "The financial clerk revised the affidavit to conform to the statute by inserting the words 'of government employees' after the word 'organization'. I was advised by the Sheet Metal Workers Union that with the affidavit thus revised I could properly

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## Tuskegeean Returns with Son Victim of Polio



The above picture shows Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson (right) of Birmingham, Alabama, leaving their son, William Jr., after a trip from Indianapolis, Indiana where he was afflicted while on a visit. William Jr., is the first polio patient admitted

to the Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis center whose parent is a graduate of this institution.

On the extreme left is Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Physical Therapist at the Infantile Paralysis center, who is also a Tuskegee graduate. (ANP)