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Flaws Revealed In Reports of the Massacre of Seven Negro Convicts In Georgia State Penitentiary

Investigators Working Quietly Attempt to Assemble Facts Leading Up to Mass Murder

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Investigation from the Brunswick NAACP branch working quietly in an attempt to assemble the actual facts leading up to the mass murder of seven Negro prisoners at the state prison camp near here, today indicated that they had uncovered several details of a rather sensational nature which varied considerably from reports already published on the Nation's latest anti-Negro outrage. Although a full report has not yet been completed by officials and attorneys of the branch, several facts which are considered highly authentic, have been relayed to NAACP national headquarters in New York City.

According to NAACP investigators, who were rushed to the death camp immediately following the shooting in which six prisoners were killed outright and seven seriously wounded, there had been no sit-down strike of prisoners as originally reported. The men had simply refused to go into the rattle-snake infested swamp waters without boots. They demanded a meeting with the warden where they could explain their objections but this demand was refused by armed guards who were in charge of the work gang. When the men refused to enter the swamp they were told to sit in the road while one of the guards remained with the men who were perfectly aware of the fact that there were fifteen heavily armed guards at the camp. It was pointed out to the investigators by one of the prisoners, that if an escape had been contemplated it would have been more feasible with only two guards over them than later, when they'd been returned to camp in trucks, under the guns of seventeen guards.

The trucks carrying the prisoners back to camp followed by the warden, who requested county police who were met on the road to follow the caravan.

The Negro prisoners were un-

3 Checks Presented to Meharry College

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Three checks totaling \$67,670.00, were presented to W. M. Duncan, Treasurer, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., by Charles H. Bynum, Director, Interracial Activities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis representing the organization's president, Basil O'Connor.

The checks comprise three recent grants from the National Foundation to the college to further the fight against infantile paralysis. They will finance a service program in physical therapy, maintenance of a teaching and service department in orthopedic surgery, and will underwrite instruction in pediatrics for undergraduate and post-graduate students.

Attending the presentation in the physical therapy department were Dr. Don Clawson, President, Meharry Medical College; Miss Marjorie Franklin, Mr. C. W. Preston, and Mrs. Bryant, physical therapists, Meharry Medical College; Mr. Miller, Supt., Hubbard Hospital; and Dr. William P. Hardy.

Mr. Bynum disclosed that besides the recent grant to Meharry Medical College the National Foundation, since 1939, has granted and appropriated more than \$1,000,000 to Negro institutions. Among these institutions aided by the National Foundation or its chapters are: Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. North Carolina College, Durham; Collins Chapel Memorial Hospital, Memphis; Hubbard Hospital, Nashville; Saint Mary's Infirmary St. Louis Mo.; St. Augustine Hospital, Raleigh, N. Carolina; and Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Contest Winner

Miss Eleanor Starks of the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church won first prize of \$5 in the Youth



for Christ Oratorical Contest, Monday night, July 21, 1947. The subject of her speech was "Is Christian Education As Essential As Public Education?"

Second prize of \$2 was won by Miss Mabelonia Pruitt of the Clara M. E. Church.

Third prize of \$1 was won by Miss Joyce Henderson of Salem Baptist Church.

All three spoke on the same subject "Is Christian Education As Essential As Public Education?" Other contestants were Misses Mickey Jean Harrison St. Johns; Jeanetta Cook, St. Johns A. M. E.; Lorene Allen, Bethel A. M. E.; Irene Lewis, Clara M. E.; Deloris Taylor, St. Johns A. M. E.; and Doris Darling, Bethel A. M. E.

Master of ceremonies and sponsor of the Youth for Christ Group was John Orduna.

FEPC Stand By Churchmen Flayed

The tenth General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Churches of America by resolution on Friday leveled a blast at the Federal Council of Churches in America. It was termed "the voice of modernism, near communism, and a radical pacifism in America."

The synod is one of America's newer denominations "started in protest to the liberal movement in other Presbyterian denominations."

A further criticism was the "Council's lobbying before Congress in behalf of legislation such as the so-called full employment bill, the FEPC."

REASONS WHY... Higher Wages Do Not Mean Higher Prices

We all know the cost of living has risen so much that present wages do not cover the living expenses of the average worker's family; therefore, higher wages are necessary. But we are told that higher wages must mean higher prices and a higher cost of living. It is time to examine this story.

1—Profits are at an all-time high in American history. Industry can afford to pay higher wages without raising prices. The U. S. Department of Commerce reported that profits after taxes in 1946 reached the peak of \$12 billion. These profits are one-third higher than 1945 profits.

2—Wages are a small part of the total cost of production. Since wages are only one of many costs of production, a business can raise wages without greatly adding to the total cost.

3—Although price increases have been made after wage raises these boosts in the cost of living have not been due to the wage increases. Testimony before Congress recently revealed that the labor costs of making a white

Alpha Kappa Alpha To Present New Star In Recital

Omahans will receive treat on August 8th when the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will present Maebelle Warren, soprano in a Patron's recital at Zion Baptist Church. Miss Warren is of Philadelphia, Pa., a June graduate of Hampton Institute where she majored in Music.

During her matriculation there she received three awards from the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for her outstanding scholarship and promise.

Miss Warren has a voice of rare charm. Those who have heard her realize that they are witnessing the beginning of a career of great proportion. Members of the sorority in their desire to Omaha the opportunity to hear her are sponsoring the event. Among the persons who are patrons are: Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wiggins, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. McMillan, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Solomon, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Thebes Standifer, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bohannon, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Faucett, Mr. and Mrs. John Voner, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds, Mr. John Smith, Mrs. Florentine Pinkston Mitchell, Mrs. Eugene Skinner, Mrs. E. Ray, Mrs. Jessica Wright, Mrs. Elise Turner, Mrs. Florentine Crawford, Mr. Marion M. Taylor, Mr. Terry Taylor, Mrs. Tryn McCarthy, Mrs. Addie Foxall Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Davis.

Those who wish to become patrons call Mrs. Bobbie T. Davis, WE 2864 or contact a member of the sorority.

EMPLOYEE CAUGHT IN THEFT

Melvin Manual, 20, 2734 Parker et., was arrested in connection with the theft of \$65 from the Ideal Furniture Store, 2511 N. 24 st.

Manual was hired as a truck driver for the store by Mr. Spiegel, the proprietor. For the past several weeks over \$200 was taken from the store. Mr. Spiegel became suspicious of Melvin; placed \$100 in a billfold, when checking up in the evening, he found \$65 had been taken.

Melvin was then arrested and confessed to the theft.

Clover From Italy

Crimson clover was introduced into the United States from Italy in 1818.

Zeta Pledges Fete Big Sisters

The pledges of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority gave a delightful picnic supper for the Tau Alpha Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Wednesday, July 16 Elmwood Park.

The menu of southern fried chicken, potato salad, ice cream and all the trimmings was enjoyed by the group of twenty-four members.

With the Tau Alpha guests appeared Miss Bess White and her cousin, Mrs. Eileen Washington both of New York.

After the delicious meal, the members and guest delighted in the art of taking pictures, playing games and singing songs. Thus, with night fall and everyone reporting having had a lovely time the picnic ended.

Members of the Tau Alpha Chapter present were Soror Lucille B. Avant, Soror Eloise Jones Taylor, Soror Beatrice Jackson, Soror Ednae Swan, Soror Gertrude Booker, Soror Lucy Booker Soror Ethel Davis Dean, Soror Carrie Jewell Buford and Soror Gertrude Lucas Craig.

Crippled Songwriter Writes Hit Music

When "SEPIA CINDERELLA" the all-Negro Herald Picture, opens at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, July 17 it will have a magic wand in reality for Elaine Blackman, pretty little crippled girl, whose life's ambition will be realized. Elaine will have two of her compositions in this film, the theme song, "Cinderella," and "Ring Around My Rosie". She was tricken with paralysis at the age of three. Just watching from her window proved dull amusement, so she started to tinker at the piano. Soon she began to compose little wistful tunes. Leona Blackman, her mother, listened with interest, and decided to put words to the music. This never failed to amuse Elaine, and she pretended that they had received an assignment, and would like mad to finish the job. Elaine became the center of attraction; the neighborhood children crowded her to hear her latest song.

Professionals soon heard of the Blackmans, and came to them for material. Greatly encouraged by this, Mrs. Blackman took Elaine's recordings of her songs to the large publishing houses. Everyone who heard them was intrigued by her deep, sultry voice, but Elaine was not interested in a career on the stage; she preferred to remain a songwriter.

Lorenzo Pack, of "Patootie Pie" fame, introduced Mrs. Blackman to Eddie (Papa Clean-head) Vinson on a Mercury label is "Gonna Send You Back". Cootie Williams made one of their tunes "Stingy" for Capitol, soon to be released.

Leona Blackman, Elaine's mother and co-writer, is a concert singer, poet and playwright. She appeared with her oldest daughter in concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Opera House last season. She was a member of the Abbie Mitchell Players Workshop, and has written a play for the Tuberculosis Association.

The Blackmans, who call themselves the tune-tailors, have written about 45 songs and are, at present, working on a musical which they hope will reach Broadway.

It is expected they will write some of the songs for the next Herald Pictures musical.

Bi-Cameral Congress

Under its constitution, Chile has a bi-cameral congress elected directly by the people, as is the president. The latter has somewhat the same power as the president of the United States.

South Carolina Judges Opinion Hailed by Assn.

NEW YORK.—With editorial comment in the Nation's press, following the recent NAACP victory over South Carolina's Democratic Primaries sleight-of-hand attempt, running the gamut of optimistic applause in the liberal publications to outraged warnings of "social revolution" in Southern journals, NAACP officials were generally, agreed that the opinion handed down by Federal Judge J. Waties Waring, of Charleston, N. C., completely exposed bigoted Southern attempts to uphold the theory of white supremacy in a democracy while at the same time it effectively blocked any further attempts to evade the 1946 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in respect to the so-called Democratic "White Primaries". In another opinion Judge Waring aroused the ire of white supremacists when he ruled that South Carolina must admit Negroes to its University Law School unless a separate law school with equal facilities be set up by September. Both cases were brought into the South Carolina courts by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Although the Charleston News and Courier in a series of alarmed editorials warned that the "fundamental rights of all American citizens under the guise of helping a few" were destroyed when Judge Waring ruled that the South Carolina Democratic "club" could not prohibit citizens the right to vote because of race or color his opinion is considered remarkably democratic. In one section the Federal judge labels hypocrisy when he states—"And so we are faced with the final Carolina because it is no longer governed by State statutes, is a private, business or social club, with which the State and National and State officers in South Carolina or to use the old homey illustration, is it the same horse although of a somewhat different color?"

In another section Judge Waring continued—"In these United States the time has passed for a discussion of whether we should have universal suffrage, irrespective of our views as to its desirability. The Constitution and laws of the United States provide for it and forbid discrimination because of race or color or creed. A free ballot to be freely exercised by all the citizens is the established American way to government."

Completely exposing the bigotry of his section of the nation Judge Waring stated in conclusion—"Since Smith vs. Allwright, Negroes are voting in Texas, and even in Georgia since Chapman vs. King Negroes vote in the Democratic Primaries. I cannot see where the skies will fall if South Carolina is put in the same class with these and other states."

Negro Policemen In the South

There are many newspaper items of all kinds, but the one we noticed, stated that Negro policemen were instructed in the South not to arrest a white person. We don't see it.

This writer was born and reared in the South and at one time heard a white man that was arrested by a Negro say all the Judge in Court that the policemen at his home were white. The Judge answered him, and told him to be a Roman while he was in Rome.

World's First Champ

James Figg, who won the crown as bare knuckle champion in 1719, retired undefeated in 1730.

Police Officers Remove TMA Club Doors

A Police Morals Squad raid early Sunday at the TMA Club, 1408 1/2 Farnam st., recalled the days of prohibition speakasies. Twenty persons were arrested.

Sgt. Ted Janing reported that the raiders had to go through two electrically-operated doors to reach the club rooms on the second floor.

A man at the peephole in the second door did not recognize them and passed them through, Sergeant Janing said. A second at the top of the stairs recognized the Sergeant and gave the alarm.

As the raiders entered the club rooms, Mary M. Smith, 26, a waitress, brushed whisky glass from a waitress, brushed whisky glasses from the bar to the floor and into the sink, the raiders said. Then she let water into the sink in an attempt to wash away the contents.

The raiders also seized two pints of whisky.

Miss Smith and Jack McDonald, alias John McDonald, 629 South Forty-first st., were booked as keepers of a disorderly house. The other 18 were booked as inmates. The two doors were taken to the Police Station.

Six persons were arrested Sunday evening in a raid at 1810 N. twenty-third st. Sergeant Janing said he had received complaints that wine was being sold illegally there. Steve Lewis and Cassius Beaman were booked as keepers of a disorderly house, the others as inmates.

Congress Urged to Probe Real Estate Interests By Washington NAACP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Washington Bureau NAACP asked the Congressional leaders to institute "a searching investigation of real estate and mortgage investment interests of this country." This request follows close on the heels of President Truman's message to Congress in which the real estate lobby was described as "one of the most stubborn obstacles in the way of any constructive housing program."

Chrysler Corporation Announces New Service Training Idea

DETROIT—A new nationwide automobile service training program involving over 50,000 mechanics throughout the country was announced jointly today by the directors of service of the Chrysler Corporation; W. B. Rice of Plymouth Division, B. B. Settle of Dodge Division, R. W. Utley, DeSoto Division and W. A. Hillman of Chrysler Division.

The plan will cover all service personnel of Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto and Chrysler dealers. After completion of the first twelve consecutive subjects, including a series of tests, the mechanic will qualify for a certificate indicating that he has received the training. When he completes twenty four consecutive subjects, he will be awarded an additional certificate which he can display, attesting to increased efficiency in automotive service methods. In addition, competition for recognition as a "Master Technician" when other requirements are fulfilled.

The program is founded on teaching an understanding of the fundamentals of engineering principles so that service diagnosing is made easier for the mechanic. The plan is intended to keep mechanics up to date on the best and latest service methods. It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the automotive industry that training has been so approached.

Planning of the program has been carefully worked out by counseling with selected dealers service managers and mechanics. The framework of the course is built around a series of instructional kits one of which is to be released every month.

Each service kit is devoted to a "tell, show and do" presentation of a basic service problem, selected from surveys of dealer requests for information. For the "tell" part of the training session, he first item in the kit is a 20 minute sound slide film outlining basic principles of an automobile service operation, how to recognize the problem and how to make the necessary corrections. In the "show" part of the session, large blow-up charts and full information as to procedure for the

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Commission Weighs Action on Hearst Paper's Jimcrow Ad

NEW YORK—Can a worker who cleans a swanky office and serves a light lunch to its executives be called a "maid"?

If not Hearst's Journal-American and Seligman & Latz, beauty operator concessionaires, can be prosecuted under the state FEPC law.

Commissioners and attorneys of the State Commission Against Discrimination took up this question after the Workers Defense League brought to their attention a discriminatory classified ad in the Journal-American which called for a "maid (white)" but stated that she was to "serve lunch and do light cleaning work in office."

The company apparently sensed a guilty feeling since it did not mention its name in the ad but referred applicants to the office's room number. The company's name was discovered by a WDL representative who went there. The office, with its gold gingerbread-decorated door and air conditioning, is located in the Squibb Building, one of the city's swankiest office structures on Fifth av., 58th st.

Anti-Lynch Drive Launched in Congress

Washington, D. C.—Following the introduction last week of Discharge Petition No. 9 on the Case Anti-Lynch Bill, H. R. 3488, the Washington Bureau NAACP launched a full-scale drive to secure the necessary 218 signatures to bring the bill to the house floor before the Congress adjourns for the summer.

NAACP officials said that there are more than a hundred members, together with the large number of newly-elected representatives, the NAACP is hopeful of getting speedy action on the bill.

In direct appeals to more than 200 legislators for action on the anti-lynch bill, the NAACP called on them to "help outlaw lynching by signing Discharge Petition No. 9."

No figures on the number of Congressmen who signed the petition during the first week have been made public, but it is understood that the response has been good.



MISS DELORES HALL, daughter of Mr. George D. Hall, 3125 Corby st. is to be given in marriage on Friday.

Miss Deloris Hall is a student at the University of Omaha, enrolled in the Department of Journalism. She is an active member of various clubs, social organizations, and etc. She is member of the Muse Drama Guild and the Alpha Omega Club. She attends Clair Methodist Church.

Mr. Miles L. Reed is a student at the University of Omaha, enrolled in the Department of Business Administration. He is member of the Alpha Omega Club and a pledge for the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

Both plan to continue their education this fall at the University of Omaha.

The wedding will be at 7 p. m. Friday, July 25 at 3125 Corby st.; the reception will be Sunday, July 24, at 6 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A.

Land of Quarters

Africa is the land of quarters. One quarter of its area is forest and bushland, one quarter is grass land, one quarter is desert and the remaining quarter is cultivated. World Bank encyclopaedia disclosure.

Blue as wedding

The wedding of something blue at the wedding was ancient Israelite custom which suggested a blue ribbon for the bride—blue being the color of purity, love and fidelity.

TUT, TUT, NOTHING BUT BUTTER-NUT BREAD