

NEWS FLASH:

POLICE KILLS ANOTHER NEGRO VICTIM

ATLANTA (ANP)—The 23rd Negro violence slaying in Atlanta was 39-year-old Levi Gant, victim of police bullets. Gant, father of four children, was slain by Patrolman

W. D. Nash, who reportedly has several notches on his gun for Negro victims in his long years of service on the Atlanta police force. Nash told a familiar, yet strange story about the slaying.

The police report was that information had reached them that Gant had non-taxed whiskey in his Deatur St. room and that they went there to investigate. Gant report- (Continued on the back page)

Mother's Day Has New Meaning

RALEIGH—Because of the selection of Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement of Louisville, Ky., as the official mother of this year, Mother's Day will have a new significance, the Raleigh Times, last afternoon daily, said in an editorial last Friday. "Since the dawn of creation," the editorial reads in part, "Mothers have attained recognition as promoters and stabilizers of human ambitions headed toward worthy achievement. When a large part of the world honors its mothers on May 12, the first such annual event which has come after seven years of global conflict between their sons, there doubtless comes a far deeper appreciation for Mothers of all lands, of all races."

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Rev. Frederick D. Jarlan, progressive young pastor of the First AME Church of Los Angeles has been given the distinction of serving as host-pastor to the quadrennial conference of the entire denomination when it meets next. Plans are already under way for the greatest gathering in the history of the church. (ANP Photo)

HASTIE RECEIVES PRAISE FOR POST VETS PICKET CONCERT AT T.C.



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SEATING MARS "SUGAR CHILE" PROGRAM

WINSTON-SALEM—Frank "Sugar Chile" Robinson, diminutive seven-year-old child boogie woogie piano player, was the unwitting cause of considerable friction last week when he appeared at Winston-Salem Teachers College Auditorium here, despite the fact that a picket line of veteran students of World War II was about the box office.

The program was sponsored by one J. A. Helper, who tried the auditorium from the college. Cross of the matter was that all the front center seats were reserved for whites, the section from A to P, counting alphabetically, and Negro citizens, whatever price they paid, must be seated on the sides or behind the "P" section. A representative of THE PEOPLE'S SPOKESMAN who sought to buy tickets in the reserved area was told that it was impossible. The strange thing about the whole matter, and the thing that more than anything else prompted the picketing was the fact that no tickets were on sale at the regular places that sell tickets to Negroes on such occasions. An attempt by this news-

Secretary of War Links Hastie's Appointment as Symbol of Great Progress

GRAND JURY REST ON TENN. RIOT CASE

NASHVILLE (ANP)—A decision in the Columbia, Tenn., riot investigation was told here Monday by the federal grand jury until May 27. Federal Judge Elmer Davies readily granted the jury's request for a recess, saying: "Neither this court nor the United States Attorney general nor any other person has the right to tell you what to do in regard to returning indictments or reports in this matter."

He expressed dislike to postpone this matter further, but remarked, "I have tried to give you a free hand. You will recall that in my charge to you I asked a full, fair and impartial investigation."

At the first concert which was scheduled for seven-thirty on the (Continued on back page)

New York (ANP)—The appointment of Judge William H. Hastie as governor of the Virgin Islands was hailed here Monday as a symbol of progress toward a fuller share of democracy for Negroes in America during a luncheon in his honor at the Hotel Roosevelt.

More than 400 prominent New Yorkers, mostly lawyers, heard Herbert P. Patterson, secretary of war, link Hastie's appointment to an ever-increasing role Negroes will play in American life. The war secretary recalled Hastie's service with the war department as civilian aide and noted that in 1940 there were five Negro officers and 5,000 Negro soldiers in

our armed forces, mostly in service battalions. Before the end of the war, there were 8,000 Negro officers and 900,000 Negro soldiers in every branch of the service, Patterson said. Utilization of Negro manpower in the army was credited to Has-

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CHARLOTTE (ANP)—More than 700 Negro students of Johnson C. Smith University cheered Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., New York City Councilman and widely known Communist leader, here last week when he addressed them on the subject, "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People."

Marking the first time a Communist leader has addressed a Negro college group, Davis' appearance here was sponsored by the Alpha Omega chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was presented to the students of the University in connection with National Citizenship week and was congratulated by the president of the school at the conclusion of his speech as an outstanding representative of the Negro people.

Davis also spoke at the second ward high school and a church here where his militancy was cheered repeatedly. A police escort and a large crowd were on hand to welcome him when he arrived. (Continued on back page)



JUDGE WILLIAM HASTIE

the work, not as a Negro, but as a patriotic American, the war secretary remarked. He told about the special army board he appointed last fall to consider further the position of the Negro in the armed forces and how the report criticized the army for never seeking full utilization of Negro manpower. Recommendations of that special board will be carried out, he predicted, and the Negro's role in the armed forces will steadily improve along with his position in American life in general. The fight to improve the Negro's position was compared to a fight on the battlefield, in which the movement would be generally forward, though there might be setbacks. Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, said Hastie's work was so valuable that sometimes he hoped the opposition to (Continued on back page)

BUST OF FAMED EDUCATOR TO BE UNVEILED

NEW YORK (ANP)—The chancellor, council and senate of New York University and the director of the Hall of Fame announced Tuesday the program for the ceremony of the unveiling of the bust and tablet of Booker T. Washington May 23 at three o'clock. Participants on the program will include Dr. Jackson Davis, associate director, General Education Board; Ralph P. Bridgman, president, Hampton Institute; Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president, Tuskegee Institute and Gloria Davidson Washington, granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, the daughter of Davidson Washington, his second son.

Music for the occasion will be rendered by Miss Dorothy Maynor, a graduate of Hampton and by the Tuskegee choir, to latter under the baton of William L. Dawson. The Hampton Institute Creative Dance group will conclude the program.

GEN. BRADLEY TURNS DOWN

NEW YORK—In response to recommendations made by the NAACP through its Executive Secretary, Walter White, in which it was pointed out that a qualified Negro should be appointed to the Veterans' Administration in an administrative, policy-making capacity, General Omar Bradley, Veterans' Administration chief, refused to take such action on the grounds that such action in itself would be discriminatory and detrimental to the interests of other minority groups.

GEN. BRADLEY TURNS DOWN NAACP REQUEST

The NAACP has attempted to interest government officials in the recommendations for some time after repeated complaints of segregation and discrimination policies being practiced against Negro vets in most Southern communities. The Association pointed out the fact that the thirteen branch offices of the VA are more or less autonomous, and it would be exceedingly unlikely that branches located in the South would discriminate in the traditional Jim-crow policies of that section.

Rankin Called House Of Representatives' Boss

NEW YORK (ANP)—John Rankin, regarded in many circles as one of the nation's top rate and ablest leaders, was called "boss of the house of representatives" here last week by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. during a session of the 10th biennial convention of the New York State Federation of Teachers' Unions.

Speaking in a complimentary tone Powell said "The New York Federation of Teachers' Unions has become boss of the house of representatives." He based his charges on Rankin's success since V-J day to win sufficient support for every measure he has favored while only "two or three" he has opposed have been approved. Powell's charges merely confirmed a similar charge made by CIO representatives about a year ago that the house of representatives was a "House of Representatives" where members of the house who identify themselves as Democrats, Republicans, or Independents, are in fact, as Powell said, "a bunch of crooks."

James Holmes Tenders Resignation Under Fire

WILMINGTON—Much speculation was put to rest here Tuesday morning when Acting City Manager Benson told a representative of the JOURNAL that James Holmes, probation officer had tendered his resignation, effective May 10. The resignation of Holmes, who became probation officer here last year, came under fire since it was alleged that he was involved in an accident on the Carolina Beach Rd. on which an unidentified woman

DR. H. J. BRYANT HOST TO AME CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE, Md.—In observance of the one hundred twenty-ninth session of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Dr. Harrison J. Bryant, host pastor of the magnificent St. John's AME Church, last week elaborately entertained the President, Bishop Moore H. Davis, chief, pastors, delegates, conference workers and friends of the historic Baltimore Annual Conference. Dr. Bryant, the progressive minister who in the midst of war rebuilt St. John's which was destroyed by fire received praise from the thousands present who rejoiced in his candidacy for the Bishopric which they termed a fitting reward for his many sacrifices in behalf of African brotherhood.

With the formal opening last Wednesday Bishop Davis, in his Annual Address which was a challenge to all members of the conference to continue the splendid work which as a whole showed such promise. In the course of the meeting which lasted five days a series of programs took place in which the outstanding personalities of the church, by their own personal testimonies, by their own words and greetings, demonstrated on page eight.

Wallace, Ickes Endorse College Fund Program

NEW YORK—Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace, Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach, and Harold I. Ickes, former Interior Secretary in the Truman Administration, have endorsed the third annual college fund which seeks to raise \$1,300,000 to meet current operating expenses of 33 Negro private colleges, Frank M. Tolton, national campaign chairman, announced Thursday.

"The objective of the campaign, and the means used to attain it, are American in spirit," wrote Schwellenbach. "Today, the freedom and happiness of the individual, and the welfare of the society

White Sorority Bars Negroes

NEW YORK (ANP)—The recent action of Alpha Xi Delta, a college sorority, which placed its University of Vermont chapter on probation because of the statement of Miss Crystal Malone, said Negro (read on the campus, is pressing perplexing to members of a particular group of college chapters who are wondering if a biased and organization has any place at all in a school which forbids discrimination. The local group has made no move to sever itself from the national body, and therefore is said to be in conflict with the by-laws of the board of higher education, governing body for the four city colleges of New York. A clause in the by-laws states that "no group with a program against religion in general or against any race shall be permitted to organize on the city college campus. When this was brought to the attention of Hunter and board officials, a spokesman for the board observed, "Frankly, I don't know what the next step is. Nothing like



Marching in the traditional academic parade at Tuskegee Institute during Founder's day in honor of Booker T. Washington are shown, left to right, Dr. Wm. Jay scuintin, retiring chairman of the trustee board; Basie O'Connor, the new chairman, also chairman of the trustee board; and American Red Cross; Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and President F. D. Patterson. (ANP Photo)

Register and Vote

With registration light and only two more days in which to register, local citizens are urged to call at their polling places and get their names on the books. The books were opened at the polling places Saturday, April 27, and have been available at the homes of the registrars during the past two weeks. Names of all persons who registered and voted in the 1944 election are on the books, but persons who are not sure their names are on the books should check with their registrars. Raleigh residents who have moved from one precinct to another since 1944 must obtain certificate of transfer to become eligible for voting. In order to register and vote in a new precinct four months residence is required. Otherwise a person who has recently moved into a precinct must register and vote in his old precinct. Polling places and registrars for precincts in which large numbers of Negro citizens live are as follows: District No. 10—Lucille Hunter School, Mrs. Roberta Mitchell, 110 N. Tarboro Rd., Registrar. District No. 15—Old Rex Hospital Building, Mrs. C. M. Green, 15 West Lenoir Street, Registrar. Fire Station, City Auditorium, Mrs. Louise McClennan, 101 E. South Street, Registrar. The books will be open at the home of the registrars from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Friday and from 9:00 a. m. to sunset at the polling places Saturday.

DURHAM BANK STILL CLIMBING

DURHAM (ANP)—The Mechanics and Farmers bank of Durham has passed the five million dollar mark in resources. A member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, its deposits alone equal \$4,340,781.00. It has \$3,658,064.50 invested in government bonds. A particularly liquid institution, it is proving of great service in financing sound business ventures and home buyers of the area. Officers include C. C. Spaulding, president; J. H. Wheeler, vice president and cashier; Edward B. Merrick, Clyde D. Melly, G. W. Cox, vice president; L. E. McCauley, J. F. Strickland, vice president, Raleigh branch; J. J. Sanson, Jr., D. H. Keck, assistant cashiers; T. D. Parham, trust officer; J. G. Scarborough, Jr., assistant trust officer; and J. S. Hughson, auditor.

J. C. OUTLAWED BY JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK (ANP)—On amendment to the Housing Rehabilitation bill which would forbid racial or religious discrimination by a landlord receiving tax-exemption for his remodeled dwelling was urged Monday by the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish congress at a public hearing before the city council housing committee on the bill to stimulate the repair of vacant houses. The American Jewish congress favored the efforts to relieve the housing shortage by stimulating the renovation of unoccupied dwellings provided two inclusions were made. Recipients of tax-exemption will not discriminate against prospective tenants because of race, creed, color, or ancestry. 2. Due care is taken to confine the benefits of the law to dwellings having a reasonable amount of light and air and not situated in areas which should be slated for early clearance and rebuilding. WASHINGTON (ANP)—A record number of Red Cross National Aquatic schools will be conducted this summer, marking the 25th year of their existence. Convertibles located at camp and resort sites throughout the nation, the schools offer thorough instructor-training in first aid, water safety, and accident prevention.