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N. C. TRAVEL LAW FACES COURT TEST

Hundreds Perish In Blasts

4 Arrested For Refusing To Take Jim Crow Seats

CHAPEL HILL (ANP) — A severe court test of North Carolina's jim crow travel laws is slated for April 29, when Judge Henry Whitfield will hear the case of four young men, two white and two Negro, who were arrested here Sunday for refusing to accept jim crow seating arrangements on a bus.

All four are slated to face disorderly conduct charges growing out of a disturbance at the bus station here when they sat in mixed pairs in the front and rear of the interstate Raleigh-Charlotte bus. Warrants for their arrest were sworn out by Ned O. Leonard, employed as bus driver for the Carolina Coach Company, who called police after one of the Negroes refused to move to the "colored section" of the bus.

Police charge that the two white men resisted efforts to arrest the two Negroes, and face charges of interfering with an officer in the performance of his duties as well as disorderly conduct. Bus station attendants said the Negroes had tickets for out of state destinations.

The two whites arrested were Irell Roodenke, a New York horticulturist, and Joseph A. Felmont.

ASSURE SENATE RACE WORKERS FAIRNESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Edward F. McGinnis, Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate Wednesday, assured the Washington Bureau, NAACP, that any Negroes employed under his jurisdiction would receive "fair and just treatment."

His statement came in response to a protest made by the NAACP to McGinnis over his alleged exclusion of Thomas S. Thornton, an ex-serviceman and an employee of the Capitol, from the Senate lunch, because he was a Negro.

The story first appeared in "The Washington Merry-Go-Round," a syndicated column written by Drew Pearson.

McGinnis said, "Your Association may be assured that any Negroes employed under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate will receive the same treatment as any other employee of this small industrial city."

No official estimate of Negro dead and injured has been reported, but the proximity of the Negro vicinity to the waterfront indicates that it was among the hardest hit of all areas here. Rescue workers have lost all racial consciousness and thought of traditional southern jim crow by pulling the dead together.

The total number of Negro residents here was about 700 or 800, but many were able to escape after the blasts.

The American Red Cross emphasized here last Tuesday that the matter of bringing English born babies of colored American soldiers to this country from England "does not fall within the range of Red Cross activity."

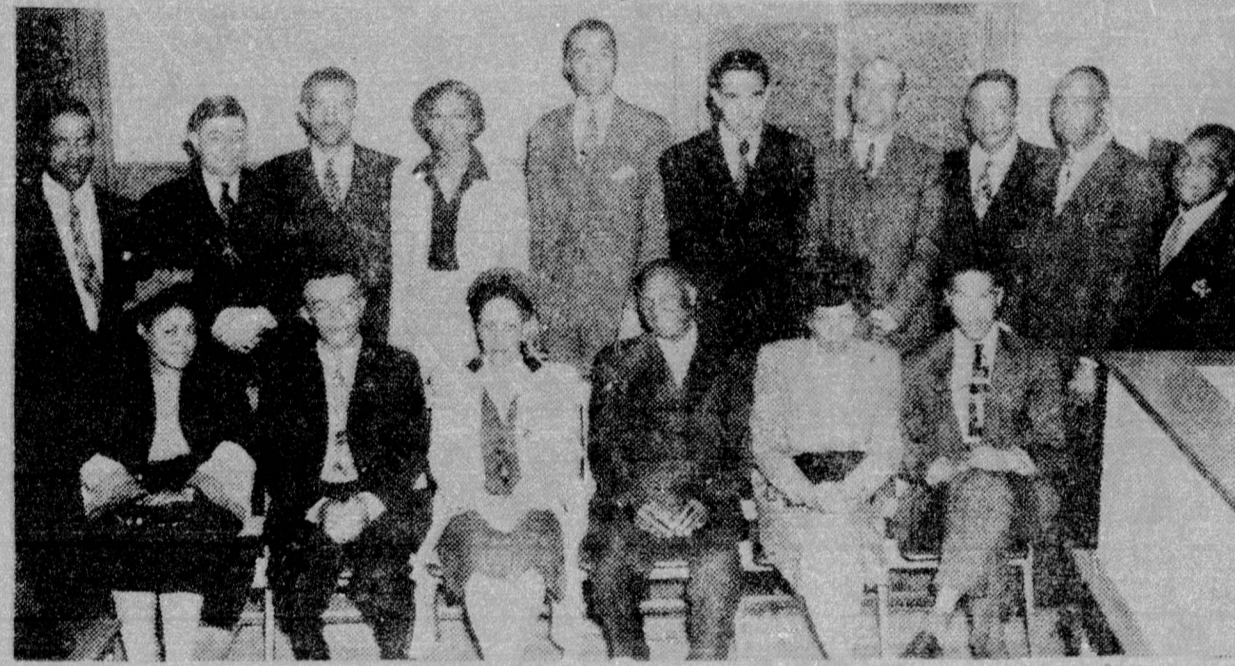
This statement was made in answer to queries as to whether or not it will participate in a move to bring to this country more than 5,000 babies feathered in England by colored soldiers stationed there during the war. Press dispatches from London said the move is already under way.

The Red Cross said while it has no official connection with the movement, it understood that National Urban League and the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in this country had taken an active interest in the matter. Tomorrow's World Foundation, Inc., was also named as an organization actively engaged in attempting to find homes in America for the babies.

MERIT AWARD GIVEN ATLANTA VETS

ATLANTA (ANP) — Two Atlanta Negro veterans, representing those who were in the regular army before and after Pearl Harbor, were presented American Defense and World War II Victory medals by Lt. Gen. O. W. Griswold, commanding general of the Third Army.

The honored veterans were James E. Gaines, former member of the 24th Infantry, who served from 1935 through 1945, and James Walker, who entered the army in 1942 and served through 1945. Gaines served in the Pacific campaign from New Hebrides to Saipan, while Walker saw 33 months of service with a quartermaster unit from England to Germany.



THE WORKERS IN THE RALEIGH BRANCH OF NAACP MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN. The Raleigh Branch of NAACP is asking every Negro citizen in Raleigh to join the NAACP so that they will have support in fighting the Jim Crow laws in North Carolina.

The campaign closes on May 9, 1947. The workers are seated left to right: Mrs. Drake, Chilton Sills, chairman; Mrs. G. M. Minton, L. H. Roberts, Miss J. E. Hicks, L. Haywood.

Standing left to right: R. Sherrill, Lemmas Frazier, W. L. Greene, Miss Hazel Y. Clarke, J. S. Dale, T. L. Spragins, Edward Fincher, A. C. Parrish, President, B. A. Edwards, Richard Sanders.

'Ma' Bethune America's First Lady, Says Jacobs, Writer

Sen. Taylor Denounces Aid To Turkey, Greece

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Denouncing the aid to Greece and Turkey bill as "an adventure into power politics and imperialism," Senator Glen H. Taylor, Democrat of Idaho, last Tuesday compared the action the Senate took in refusing to seat Theodore G. Bilbo, Democrat of Mississippi, with the proposed action to extend assistance to those two countries.

Senator Taylor argued that Greece is not a democracy but a monarchy and that to send arms and military assistance to Greece and Turkey would be automatically placing the stamp of approval of the United States on these governments.

Contrasting the action of the Senate in turning back Bilbo at the Senate door in January with the acceptance by this country, "with straight faced righteousness, the results of an election which every newspaperman in Greece know to be a sham," Senator Taylor said: "Indignation throughout our country reached terrific proportions when it became apparent in 1946 that threats of force and violence kept American citizens from voting in the state of Mississippi. This Senate took cognizance of that irregularity in its failure to administer the oath of office to T. G. B. (Continued on back page)



VISITING TEACHER TAKES THE CLASS. J. G. Anquandah, of Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, trained at the Accra Government Training college and recently headmaster of a large infants school there, is one of the many teachers and other colonial students who

complete their studies in Britain. The teachers, in order to widen their knowledge of British schools and teaching methods, visit various grades of schools to observe and teach twice weekly. Senior positions such as headmasters, supervisors are open to them on return to their own countries. Of the 2,000 colonial students in Britain at the present time, 700 are there as the result of scholarships.

In the picture Mr. Anquandah tells a story to five year olds at the Marlborough Infants school, Isleworth, Middlesex, as part of his special course to train junior teachers. (ANP)

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC DATES ANNOUNCED

RALEIGH — Dr. A. C. Bulla, Wake County Health Officer, has announced dates on which pre-school clinic will be held for Raleigh as follows: Crosby-Garfield school, April 29, 12:30 p. m.; Lucille Hunter School, April 30, 12:30 p. m.; Washington School, May 1, 2:30 p. m.; Oberlin School, May 2, 12:30 p. m.; and St. Monica's School, May 20, 1:30 p. m.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BEAUTIES. Enjoying a rest hour at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. left to right, are Noveta Allen, Minden, La., Victoria Beutle, Baton Rouge, Verna Stevens, New Orleans and Margaret Saizon of New Roads, La. (ANP)

ST. AUGUSTINE'S TO BE HOST TO HEALTH ASS'N

RALEIGH — When the North Carolina Student Health Association convenes at St. Augustine's College on Saturday, April 26 it will mark the fourth annual meeting for that organization.

The conference has selected as its theme "The College and North Carolina's Number One Need—GOOD HEALTH." The morning session will consist of a business session, progress reports from the member colleges.

At 11:45 there will be a panel discussion, "The Responsibility of the College." (Continued on back page)

J. C. SMITH U. OBSERVES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

ALUMNI FUND NOW AT \$26,400

CHARLOTTE — On April 7 Johnson C. Smith University observed its eightieth anniversary of the founding of the institution when Dr. Walter L. Lingle, President Emeritus of Davidson College delivered the annual address. Dr. Lingle was a classmate and life long friend of President H. L. McCrory. They studied Hebrew together at the University of Chicago under President Harper, President McCrory, who is completing his fortieth year as Chief Executive of Smith, presided at the Founders Day program.

LIBERIAN PRES. INVITED TO D. C. CONFERENCE

RICHMOND (ANP) — President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia has been invited to the United States to address a conference to be held in Washington early in May under the sponsorship of the International (Itinerary) Commission of America, it has been announced by Dr. S. M. Thompson, executive secretary of the IICA.

The one-day national conference will be held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington on May 7. Persons other than President Tubman invited to appear on the program are Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary convention, and Hilyard R. Robinson, technical director, Liberian Centennial commission, both of Washington.

HOUSE GETS APPEAL FOR EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Speaker John W. Martin presented to the House last Monday the petition of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools, requesting consideration of their resolution urging liberal financial grants to the states for elementary, secondary and higher education.

First Colored Institution To Become Member

In a letter received this week from Sample Forbus, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Hospital Association, the Good Samaritan Hospital was the first Negro hospital in North Carolina to be invited to become a full member of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

Marvin Hinson of Rockingham, N. C. joined the Good Samaritan Staff on April 15 as Records Librarian releasing Mr. Templeton, the present librarian, to assist with administrative duties in the hospital.

David Carson of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Red Cross spoke to the student nurses last week on the activities of the American Red Cross.

George W. Lavenock, Administrator of the hospital, returned last week from attending the N. C. Hospital Association meeting at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke. (Continued on back page)

WHITE WOMAN SAYS SHE WAS RAPED

ATLANTA (ANP) — A young white woman changed her story about the rape by three Negro youths last week when a Grady hospital examination revealed no trace of attack and her story proved too weak for acceptance. Instead she was booked at police headquarters for further investigation.

The woman was found in a Negro section and told police that she was with three white soldiers when three Negro youths came up and ran the soldiers away. Later raping her. The examination at Grady showed no evidence of attack and close query disrupted the story entirely. Otherwise three innocent Negroes might have been arrested on the spurious charge, and more than likely convicted.

ICC Examiner Upholds Dining Car Jim Crow

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Present dining car regulations of the Southern Railway, reserving one table for the exclusive use of colored passengers, do not violate provisions in the Interstate Commerce Act prohibiting discrimination against any passenger.

This is the conclusion of Walter D. McCloud, ICC examiner, in a proposed report recommending dismissal of the complaint of Elmer Henderson, recently appointed executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

The Interstate Commerce Commission had previously found that the failure of the Southern to furnish dining car service to Henderson, while he was traveling on May 17, 1942, from Washington to Atlanta, subjected him to undue and unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage, but held that no basis was shown for an award of damages and that the regulations then in effect would not result in any discrimination. (Continued on back page)

NAACP DRIVE ENDORSED BY MASS. MAYOR

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Mayor Daniel B. Brunton of this city Friday endorsed the national "Make It A Million" membership drive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We, the citizens of Springfield, are justly proud of our city's time honored traditions," the mayor said. "The democratic convictions which we would shape the future, however, impose upon us certain inescapable responsibilities. Not the least among these upon us certain securing for our American citizens of Negro ancestry the full rights, privileges and opportunities guaranteed all citizens under the Constitution." (Continued on back page)

NEW LIBERIAN PORT NEARS COMPLETION

MERGER OF SAMUEL HOUSTON & TILLOTSON RUMORED

AUSTIN, Texas (ANP) — Dr. Harvey Branscomb, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, John D. Rockefeller III and Dr. Robert McQuistie, and Robert Calkins, trustee of the General Education Board, were in Austin recently to confer with representatives of Samuel Houston College and Tilloston College in the interest of a merger of the two institutions.

Samuel Houston operates under the board of education of the Methodist Church and Tilloston is controlled by the American Missionary Association. The two schools have a combined enrollment of 1,200.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — The first steamship to enter the newly constructed port of Monrovia, Liberia, will leave New York for Africa in late April and after arrival at its destination it will return to the United States bringing back Dr. E. B. King, first Liberian minister to the United States, who will open Liberia's new embassy in Washington, it was learned last Tuesday.

The ship, bearing the colors of the American South-African Steamship Lines and operating under a subsidy recently granted the company by the United States Maritime Commission, will sail from New York to Dakar and proceed from that point to Liberia, where it will enter the port of Monrovia. Accompanying the new minister to the United States on the ship's return voyage will be other officials and dignitaries of the Liberian Government.