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Prisoner Pleads Fright To Prevent Return To Ga.

NEW YORK — Pursuing its court struggle to save Clarence Jackson, 35-year-old Negro from extradition to a Georgia prison camp, the Workers Defense League has filed notice of appeal from a June 20 ruling by New York Supreme Court Justice Ernest E. L. Hamner.

After a two-day trial in which a number of Georgia officials presented a rosy picture of conditions in the state's prison, Justice Hamner ordered Jackson sent back to Georgia. Serving a twenty-year sentence for burglary at the Ben Hill prison camp, Jackson escaped after being threatened with death by one of the guards. Despite testimony by Jackson that a guard had broken his arm and blinded him in the left eye, Justice Hamner said he had failed to prove his charge of having received "cruel and unusual punishment."

Curtis F. McClane, WDL attorney who defended Jackson, had presented in evidence a recent de-

cision by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia which refused to extradite a Negro because of the cruel and inhuman treatment of a prisoner while under sentence and confinement in the state of Georgia. Also presented in evidence were the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights illustrating articles from Life and Time magazines on chain gang conditions in Georgia and other documents.

Jackson himself testified: "They want to kill me to keep my mouth shut. They made me dig a grave and bury a prisoner they shot in the back. They beat me one time and put out my left eye. They broke up my left arm one time. They tried to make me break in a jail shed the day I escaped so they could shoot me. They say they'll kill me if I ever tell these things."

Paul Webb, solicitor general, Ogden Doremus, his assistant and an official of the State Department of Correction were among the Georgia officials who testified that conditions in the state's prisons are excellent and that there is no mistreatment.

But in summing up the case for Jackson, McClane said: "I have been invited to go there. I'm afraid, your honor. I am a coward. I'm afraid of what would happen to me. I firmly believe this man's life is in danger if he returns to Georgia."

THE UNGRAFFFUL

By William Henry Huff for ANP

Not those who once have fed you. But these whom you have fed. Are those who will behead you — They are the ones to dread. The ones you have befriended. When they were down and out. Will come with flail extended. Their erstwhile friends to slay.

BURDERS SEES CIVILIZATION ON WAY OUT

ATLANTA — Unless the Fatherhood of God is practiced throughout the world, civilization is on the way out, Reverend William Holmes Borders, pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist Church, told the Atlanta University Summer School Forum.

Speaking at the second of the summer forums on "Religion, Peoples and Peace," Reverend Mr. Borders, in discussing the emergence of Russia as a world power, told the audience that regardless of what is thought about communism, there will be no important move made in the world in the next 50 years, without reckoning with Communist Russia. Although he was in praise of Russia's system of education and of racial equality, he was critical of the weaknesses in the communist system which he enumerated as: (1) a lack of spiritual influence in the life of the people; (2) the striving to abolish private property; (3) the fact that the communist does not recognize a supreme spiritual power.

Defining the ideologies of democracy in the United States, the speaker asserted that this country, in terms of real democracy, has a long way to go in Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama, although he added "not all of the race prejudice in the world is found in the South."

The audience was told that eventually capitalism will reach its saturation point in the United States "for there is more produced than is consumed and when people begin to get hungry, there is going to be trouble." He also stated that before there can be any peace, there must be political and social justice and freedom for all peoples.

The speaker believes that increasing numbers of intelligent Christian people must rise and dedicate themselves to justice, social as well as economic, in order that the underprivileged peoples of the world might enjoy the privileges of civilization.

MISS. GOV. WRIGHT IS VICTIM OF TRADITION

BY LEON L. LEWIS
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News Service

(This is the second in a series of articles giving a first hand sizeup of southern politicians that have been interviewed by Mr. Lewis.)

JACKSON, Miss. — Very convincingly Mississippi has been labeled as one of the most race-prejudiced states in the nation, and is still regarded as such. Its former governor, the late Thomas L. Bailey was considered more or less inclined to oppose rashness in dealing with the race problem, but strangely enough, he was a bitter foe of Bilbo. Bailey died in November of 1946.

Fielding Lewis Wright, the present governor of Mississippi, has a dual complex about racial issues. Although he is expressly concerned with inequality of opportunities for Negroes, he is pronouncedly opposed to any intimation of breaking down the southern tradition of race separation. The fact is, Wright is imbued with the conviction that the south can progress upon the basis of "separate but equal."

He is an easy fellow to talk with, and demonstrates a sincere interest in the problem facing the south, and particular his state. My interview with him was along the lines of educational and job opportunities for Negroes.

ENDORSES REGIONAL EDUCATION

As a defense against any proposal of integrated education in the south, he related several instances of school strikes above the Mason-Dixon line where white students had revolted because of the admission of Negroes. He is greatly interested in developing the regional education plan, and lead the enforcement and promotion of the movement during the Southern Governor's conference at Asheville in October, 1947, and at Wakulla Springs, Florida, February 1948. Incidentally, he also proposed to lead a revolt against the democratic party, which was rejected at the latter conference, but later accepted, and was chosen running mate with Governor Thurmon of South Carolina on the Dixiecrat ticket.

He agreed with me that with equal educational opportunity, the necessary inter-racial understanding to gradually eliminate prejudices and bias, would result, but he did not feel that the theory of color complex and race superiority would ever disappear in the south or anywhere else in the nation. To this situation, he is a complete defeatist. He avers that the modes of our civilization, and the mechanics of our political system are rotten ordeals, but that they are indelibly linked into the minds of people, and cannot be erased as long as there is black and white. He guesses that ninety-nine per cent of Negroes feel the same way, and with a degree of satisfaction or acceptance.

EQUALITY

The only thing that aroused the governor's indignation was the mention of "castigation by northerners who did not understand the southern picture" and the use of "force instead of counsel."

It was then he surprised me by saying "the Negro will be equal when he can act equal. He cannot fight prejudice and practice it, and he cannot fight segregation and maintain it himself within his own race."

Governor Wright instituted legislation that allowed northern industries to establish plants in Missis-

issippi, better job opportunities. From my personal observation, I found it to be true — that Negroes received more than their quota of these jobs. "And if we hadn't outlawed the closed shop in Mississippi," he declared, "Negroes working in skilled crafts would have been siphoned off for several years, so kicked out, because they are not accepted into those labor unions." This, I found also to be true throughout the state.

While Governor Wright's philosophy is not sound, he thinks that it is practical and expedient. He believes the tradition of color complex and race superiority is an impenetrable barrier to the establishment of full civil rights for Negroes in the south or anywhere else in the nation. He said the thing that irks the south is that everybody wants to fight the south without the south fighting back.

"BIG BOYS" BLAMED FOR ALA. TERROR

WASHINGTON (ANP) — It's the "big boys" in the swiveled chairs operating from behind the elaborate mahogany desks in the office buildings in Birmingham, Ala. who are responsible for the brutal beatings of citizens of Alabama according to justice department investigators.

This fact was revealed recently by A. A. Carmichael, Alabama attorney general, and the information was passed on to Atty. Gen. Tom Clark this week by the FBI.

The Alabama attorney general was referring to the powerful big business executives in the steel, coal, oil, utility and railroad industries, who control the economy of that state.

According to the investigators' reports, Carmichael declared that it was those big business heads who order the "fogging" for the Alabama residents.

It was further stated that these same interests control the Dixiecrat leaders in that state, and the Dixiecrats rule the State Democratic committee.

According to the federal agents, the hooded Ku Kluxers are riding again for the deliberate purpose of stirring up race prejudice in Alabama before the primary campaigns begin.

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OUTFITTERS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

2 DIE IN HOLIDAY AUTO COLLISION

The Independence Day celebration was saddened Monday morning when two local youths were involved in an automobile accident about ten miles up Highway 64. Webb Taylor, Jr. lost his life and so did a Mr. Burke.

Harry Lee Smith was seriously injured. He was taken to Duke Hospital. Webb Jr. was a recent graduate of Horton High School and had recently been making his home with his aunt, the former Miss Bethie Taylor. He had come home to spend the holiday with his family.

Orange Juice Concentrate Adds Zest to Fruit Punch!

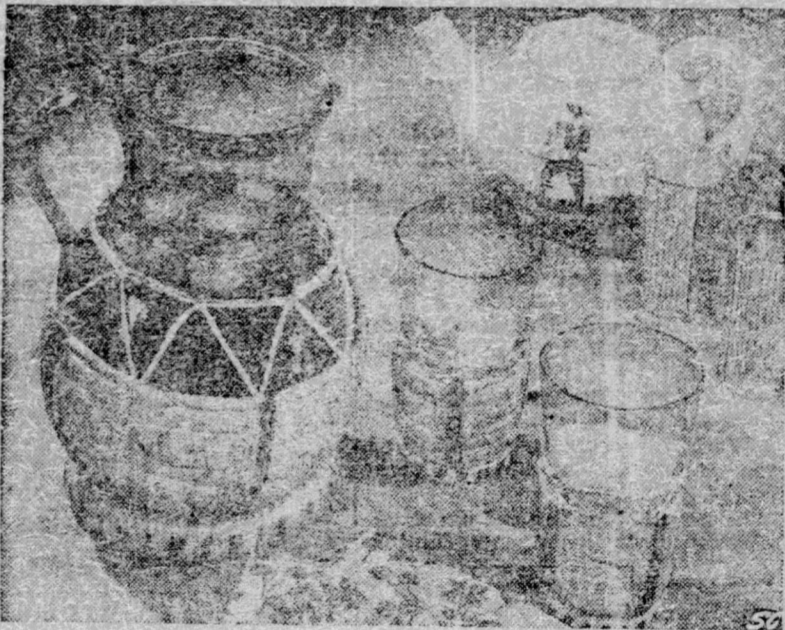


Photo by Bird's Eye

Vacation days mean a never-ending demand from the young people for something cold to drink — at lunch and dinner, after tennis or a swim, for refreshments when the crowd gathers in the evening, or for a cooling nightcap.

It's easy to produce a tinkling drink any time if you have an ice tray full of quick-frozen orange juice ice cubes and a can or two of quick-frozen orange juice in the refrigerator. The orange ice cubes add character and interest to the combination fruit-juice-and-cold-tea punch that can be relied on for summer-long satisfaction as a hot-day beverage. You can vary this punch so that it never becomes monotonous. Add crushed mint leaves, some days; currant juice, left over from jelly-making, another day; a garnish of cherries—earring cherries, as the children call them, with two joined stems hung over the edge of the glass—or crushed berries at another time.

The quick-frozen orange juice concentrate has all the flavor and goodness of fresh-squeezed orange

juice. All you do to turn it into refreshing orchard-fresh juice is to add back the water that was taken out when the juice was concentrated before quick-freezing. There's no need for time-consuming cutting and squeezing, and there are no reamers and strainers to wash, no skins and slippery seeds to clear away.

Orange Juice Ice Cubes

1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup warm water
2/3 cup (6-ounce can) quick-frozen concentrated orange juice.

Combine sugar and water and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add orange juice and mix until orange juice is thawed and blended with water. Pour into ice cube trays and freeze with temperature control at coldest setting. Makes 1 1/2 cups mixture.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS VISITOR AT JERSEY YMCA

ORANGE, N. J. (ANP) — Hezekiah Campbell, 43-year-old, Bennettsville, S. C. visitor, was killed and four others slightly injured here last week when a gas explosion ripped off a corner of the Oakwood Avenue YMCA branch here last week. Campbell was found in his bed in the basement, covered with debris.

According to police, illuminating gas apparently collected in the basement and exploded. The blast shot up to the top of the three-story brick building, tearing away one corner of the northwest wing. Nine rooms, three on each floor, were demolished and piles of glass and rubble were scattered over the ground.

The injured were taken to Orange Memorial hospital for treatment and were then discharged.

PERSONALS

The Wilson County Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wilson, the Rev. C. T. Jones pastor, July 30-31.

The two-day session will be highlighted by a panel discussion on "The Value of the Sunday School" conducted by the young people themselves. Misses Doris Powell, Mary E. Woodard, and Doris Ellis and James Creech make up the panel. The Rev. Eddie Woodard and Rev. Howard Farmer will preach the sermons. A special program will be offered on Sunday. James Reeves is president of the convention and Mrs. Adlia Brown is secretary.

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