

POLICE QUELL RIOT AT D. C. SCHOOL

Trouble Starts When White Tutor Returns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—A sharp clash occurred Tuesday between girl inmates and attendants at the National Training School for Girls, a reformatory, the trouble arising, according to reports, when a white sewing teacher returned to her post, thus displacing a colored substitute who had been acting in her stead for several days.

The quarrel was climaxed by a free for all in the dining room, several of eight of the colored girls being charged with throwing dishes at attendants, necessitating the calling of police who quickly quelled the disturbance. Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith is superintendent of the school, which has recently gained notice because of the interest of Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt in the school's training program. Some time ago the President's wife invited a group of the girls to the White House. When "the smoke of battle

had cleared away", three of the girls were in cells at the school and two others in cells at Seventh Precinct station. No charges have been placed against them, it was reported. All five were about 16 years old and three were said to have been in a previous disturbance which followed the recent Louis-Farr fight. Superintendent Smith is seeking to determine if any others were involved in this week's flareup.

After quiet had again been restored at the school, Dr. Smith said, "What we need is a reformatory such as most States have, where girls who have failed to work out on parole can be placed. As it is, the water is continually being contaminated and the new girls who come in haven't a chance." Property damage in the recent fracas included nine broken panes and a splintered door panel.

New Deal For Negro Urged Upon A. F. Of L.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7—An open letter to the fifty-seventh annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which meets in Denver, Colo., beginning Oct. 4, has been sent by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People urging the federation to revise its treatment

of the Negro worker and reverse the policy of discrimination and exclusion which has been carried out for many years by unions affiliated with the federation.

In the light of the changes which have taken place in employer-employee relationships since 1932, the traditional attitude of

many A. F. of L. unions toward the Negro must also be changed, the NAACP statement declared.

"The welcome now being accorded the Negro workers by other labor groups which admit them freely to non-segregated unions and to full participation without color bars further emphasizes the need of a new attitude on the part of the A. F. of L.", the letter continued.

"The practice of many A. F. of L. unions of barring Negroes from membership by constitutional provisions and the exclusion of Negro members from others through means of an unwritten law against such membership has created grave suspicions and much hostility toward the A. F. of L. among Negro workers.

"We urge, therefore, that at Denver the A. F. of L. reverse its practices either of hostility toward Negro workers or of indifference to their interests, and begin the creation of a new attitude—one free from prejudice on account of race or color, doing so not through any sentimental regard for the Negro, but because such a course is the only attitude which an enlightened labor movement can take."

RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER QUILTS REPUBLICAN RANKS FOR DEMOCRATS BECAUSE OF PARTY'S ATTITUDE ON NEGRO JUDGE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7—(AP)—In a letter addressed Thursday to the president judge of Philadelphia courts in Pennsylvania Democratic ranks, Raymond P. Alexander, noted lawyer and for many years a leader of the Republican Party, announced he had changed his party allegiance and in the future would support the principles and leadership of the Democrats.

This defection, the attorney announced, is caused by failure of the Republicans to give adequate recognition to its many Negro supporters, particularly in the matter of judgeships.

"The political party that has prospered in Philadelphia for a half century with the constant support of the large mass of Negro people within its borders, now numbering 250,000—with more than 120,000 registered voters, has failed us outrageously," stated Alexander.

"At a time when they could have shown their gratitude for 50 years of slavish fealty, they flatly insulted us by refusing to name a man of color for nomination."

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In addition to his heroic activities during the Spanish-American War, he further distinguished himself during the World War. He was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and assigned to the 368th Infantry, 92nd division; serving with the battalion staff of Major B. F. Norris as Adjutant, Liaison and Munitions officer. He was decorated for the display of Extra-Ordinary Heroism in action near Binnarville, France (in the Argonne) in September, 1918. For his acts of bravery in the Argonne Drive during September and October, 1918, and for the excellent manner in which he maintained Liaison service within the battalion as a great personal risk, he was promoted to the



MAJOR ROBERT CAMPBELL

grade of Captain of Infantry on the field. He was later awarded the French Croix-de-Guerre with three stars, the American D. S. C. and seven American service medals.

RACE CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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Campaign To Eliminate Negro From Postal Service Charged By NAACP

NEW YORK, Oct. 7—A charge that postmasters in the South have deliberately set out to embarrass and drive out Negro employees from the postal service was charged here this week by the NAACP in a letter to W. W. Howes, first assistant postmaster general, in Washington.

The letter also charged that southern postmasters are refusing Negro postal employees the appointments and promotions they are due according to merit and their ranking and their ranking under the civil service and that the postoffice department in Washington "has no special see that the Negro employees are given equal protection with other citizens."

The letter to Mr. Howes was occasioned by the dismissal of E. H. Nix, a carrier in the Montgomery, Ala., postoffice. Mr. Nix is supposed to have accumulated so many demerits that he was deemed to be an inefficient employe, but the NAACP pointed out that Mr. Nix had an efficiency rating of 97 per cent or better for the four years 1929-32, and that in these four years, he accumulated only 33 demerits—eleven in 1929 and twenty-two in

1930—with none in 1931 and 32. However, with the change of administration in 1933, Mr. Nix suddenly began to accumulate a huge number of demerits. He was given 126 demerits in 1934 and 432 in 1935.

The NAACP letter to Mr. Howes, signed by Charles L. Houston, special counsel, stated: "Frankly, this record is not reasonable. It does not make sense in the ordinary experience of mankind. There must be other

elements in the picture. The sudden accumulation of demerits for insubordination and other alleged offenses which have been charged against veteran Negro employes in the past five years in different postoffices in the South are enough to cause any fair minded person to be skeptical. We do not argue that the Negro postal employes have no faults. We do state, however,

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