

WET BEATEN BY GA. GOOPS

GOODTIME RESTORED TO BLOOD DONER WHO PROTESTED JIM CROW

NEW YORK (UPI)—Following a vigorous campaign by the Work Defense League, the U. S. Bureau of Prisons has restored statutory good-time to Milton Kramer, thus making him eligible for parole. Final details of the parole are now being worked out.

Withholding of Kramer's good-time was punishment for having, before donating his blood-substituted, made to the Red Cross, been protesting the organization's policy of accepting white and Negro blood. Prison officials charged that his protesting constituted a violation of regulations.

HITCH-HIKING MATRON SAYS SHE WAS RAPED

Oxford — Tom Lewis, 23-year-old filling station helper, was being held in an unlicensed taxi Monday night to await hearing Tuesday morning on charges of raping Mrs. Willie Mae Johnson, Durham white woman, Chief J. L. Cash of the Oxford police department, has reported.

Cash said the alleged attack took place in a secluded spot near the Oxford high school building about 10:30 Saturday night after the youth had accepted a tip from Mrs. Johnson to show her where he might hitch-hike a ride to Norfolk, Va., on a truck.

She told police that she left her home at Washington St., Durham, after a dispute with her husband, intending to hitch-hike a ride to her mother's home in Norfolk, and that after reaching a secluded spot on the Seaboard Railroad, Lewis forced her to accompany him by placing "some weapons" in her back and threatening to kill her if she made any noise.

According to Mrs. Johnson, Lewis stripped and made a bed of his clothing for the first attack and committed the second offense nearer the street in a bed of honeysuckles. After the second alleged assault, she said Lewis held up a small screw driver and said to her, "This is what I fooled you with."

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W. C. Carter, state highway policeman who made the arrest, said Lewis neither admitted nor denied the charge and quoted the youth as having said, "Whiskey caused it."

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USE OF LIQUOR URGED

Vets Denied Housing

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—Although faced with long queues for construction of additional dormitories on the campus, because of a proposed anti-alcohol policy, Northwestern University officials have segregated housing for returning veterans according to acceptance of the president's office last week.

Students were queried regarding their views on the proposed anti-alcohol policy. Dr. Edward F. Clarke, assistant regional housing expert, said that as a result of the survey, the National Housing Agency has announced that it will not fund the construction of new dormitories for returning veterans if no other veterans are admitted.

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Members of the Negro Drama Group which will open the 1946 Arts of the Theatre festival at Hampton Institute this summer with a performance of the Broadway success, "Claudia," in Ogdon Hall on Monday evening, July 29.

Georgia Racial Issue Spreads

BREWSVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Federal action was asked Thursday to halt a statewide campaign to disenfranchise Negroes in the July 29 Democratic primary in which the racial issue loomed red hot here by Eugene Talmadge, who has assumed a major role.

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Henderson Patrons Told Tax From Whiskey Could Rebuild School

Henderson — Henderson citizens were given a real lesson on the school when they sought to take up the problem of providing a school for the 1,000 pupils who will be without a school with school officials here last week.

The Citizens League, the PPA and the Methodist Alliance met Monday with the County Board of Education to try to hold that responsibility for providing a school was the problem of the county, not the school.

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Founded in 1936 by V. W. Hodges, now associate editor of the Atlanta World, the Southwest Georgian is a member of the National Negro Newspaper Publishers' association and an affiliate of the South News paper syndicate. The post-war Southwest Georgian will under a "great revival program," Searles said.

BRITAIN PLANS POLICY FOR COLONIALS

LONDON (AP)—A sharp attack on Britain's colonial policy was disclosed here last week through the secretary of state for colonies in a new program for colonial development that will ultimately limit imperialism from all British colonies.

The secretary of state for colonies, Lord Cranborne, said that the program was made later in the form of a report by Arthur Creech Jones, undersecretary for colonies, who said, "We are actively engaged in making the contents of the old imperialism, and we are as eager to give any colony the full benefits of a national people, to freedom and social happiness."

Hold Buying To Lowest Levels

Purchasing Public Urged Not To Waste Money On Articles

State College, Raleigh, July 17 (Special)—"North Carolinians, keep down your buying! Don't purchase anything that isn't absolutely essential, until Congress passes effective price control!" came the message from the State's capital city today as Negro and white board members of the Committee for North Carolina met to chart a course of progressive Tar Heel leadership.

Declaring the demise of OPA a "spring cloud of reaction" along with such trends as isolationism and Ku Klux Klanism, the board passed resolutions and sent wires to the 14 house and senate conferees working in the price control bill. The telegrams stated: "The Committee for North Carolina deplores the removal of price controls and the resulting rapid rise in prices and rents, and urges that the conference committee work out an effective price control bill in line with the President's recommendations."

Copies of the wires were sent Senators Clyde Hoey, Josiah Bailey, Representative Carl Durham, and all North Carolina legislators in Washington.

A plea to the people of the state urged: "Recognizing the rapid rise in the price of milk, butter, meat, clothing and rents, and other necessities, with the resultant hardship and distress to the people of North Carolina, CNC (The Committee for North Carolina) asks the members of CNC and all citizens of North Carolina to refrain from buying all but absolutely essential commodities pending the favorable action of Congress on President Truman's proposals for an effective price control program."

"We further approve the action taken by citizens' groups staging buyers' strikes during this period," the board added.

A message from board member Don Frank Graham, in Washington, urged: "Go down the line for OPA." Other social issues and legislation discussed by the board included:

JEWIS DENOUNCE 'NEGRO LETTERS'

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—The Jewish people of South Carolina denounced completely a letter written by M. Rosenfeld of Florence, and which appeared in the Florence Morning News two weeks ago. Sam F. Reevin of Sumter, said here Tuesday.

Mr. Reevin, president of the Sumter Jewish lodge of the B'nai B'rith, paid state president of the fraternal order and a businessman, said he had personally consulted Mr. Rosenfeld after publication of the letter and had the assurance that Mr. Rosenfeld "deeply regretted it but meant no offense."

Mr. Rosenfeld, Mr. Reevin said, did not express the sentiment of any Jew. From my personal knowledge and observation the Jewish people are not antagonistic nor prejudiced towards the colored people, and certainly wish them well in all their efforts.

The Rosenfeld letter had provoked bitter resentment from Negroes. It had claimed Negroes should veer away from voting and attaining the rights and privileges of white Americans last Friday, at a mass meeting in Florence, the 10,000 Negro citizens approved a resolution denouncing it and local efforts were underway to pull it off my remaining "business Mr. Rosenfeld might enjoy from colored people."

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CATHOLICS STUDY RACIAL ISSUES

WASHINGTON — The National Catholic Women's Council delved into all phases of "Negro problem" in the field of social action in a three-day seminar conducted under the auspices of the social action department at the National Catholic School of Social Service here recently.

Fifty nationally-known leaders in interracial justice and kindred fields were in attendance at the sessions which were divided into sectional meetings which discussed discrimination by labor unions against labor unions and solution of the Negro's economic problems through his integration into the business life.

Among prominent persons attending the discussions was Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Better medical and health facilities, Prof. Selz Mayo of State College declared that a federal as well as an extended state program is essential. He said it was agreed at a recent Southern Health Conference in Tennessee that a state health program alone could achieve only one-third the results of a federal plan.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO CHILDREN

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—A freak bolt of lightning snuffed out the lives of two children in the Sugar Hill section of Mezzett here during a thunder storm Tuesday.

LOCAL MAN HELD ON RAPE CHARGE

RALEIGH — Woodrow Brown of Durham, Brown, confessed as police state Stella Edwards, 39-year-old female auto woman, "I was charged with holding her against her will on a charge of rape."

Republicans Drop Veteran DePriest

CHICAGO (AP)—Oscar DePriest, alderman and 3rd ward committeeman here, last week was notified that he had been dropped from all county republican subcommittees because he allegedly said "Mayor Kelly is the best mayor Chicago ever had." The Democratic mayor is under fire in connection with Chicago school scandal.

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Beating of Vet Rejected

Many Stop to Comment on Dreadful Act

New York — One of the most horrible cases of southern police brutality against returning Negro vets. was brought to light recently when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People released the facts surrounding the unbelievable barbarous beating and binding of Isaac Woodard, 27-year-old veteran of 1 year 15 months of which were spent in the South Pacific with the 129th Port Battalion. I served in the Philippines and in New Guinea and earned one battle star.

"I was discharged about 5:30 p. m. on February 13, 1946 from Camp Gordon, Georgia. At 8:30 p. m. at the Greyhound Terminal in Atlanta, Georgia, while I was in uniform I purchased a ticket to Winston, South Carolina and took the bus heading there to pick up my wife to come to New York. To see my father and mother. About one hour out of Atlanta the bus driver stopped at a small drug store. As I was waiting for the bus to stop, I asked him if he had time to wait for me until I had a chance to go to the rest room. He cursed and said, 'No.' When he cursed me, I cursed him back. After I cursed him, he said, 'Go ahead and get off and hurry back,' so I got off hurrying back as he said.

"About half an hour later, when the bus got to Aiken, he stopped again and got off and went and got police. I did not know what he was doing and thought it was just a regular stop. He came back and came in the bus and came to me and said, 'Come outside for a minute.' I got off the bus. When I walked out, the police were there. As I walked out, the bus driver started telling the police that I was the one that was disturbing the bus. When he said that, I started talking to the police that I was not doing anything to disturb the bus, but they didn't give me a chance to explain. The policeman struck me with a billy on my head and told me to 'shut up.' After he finished talking, he said to me, 'You won't catch this bus out of here, you catch the next bus.' After that, he grabbed my right arm and twisted it behind my back, and walked me down the street, continually twisting my wrist. I figured he was trying to make me resist. I did not resist against him. He asked me was I discharged, and I told him 'Yes.' When I started talking me with the billy, hitting me across the top of my head. After that, I grabbed his billy and wrung it out of his hand. He ran behind my back and grabbed my arm again. I had him by his right shoulder. After that another policeman came up and drew his gun on me and told me to drop the billy or he would drop me, so I dropped the billy.

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