

TRUMAN PROMISES END TO VIOLENCE

MOB VIOLENCE COMMITTEE GETS PRESIDENT'S WORD OF ACTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Truman today held a conference at the White House with a delegation from the recently formed National Emergency Committee Against Mob Violence. The committee, formed at the call of the NAACP, represents 47 national labor, church, women's, publishers', lawyers', civil rights' and fraternal organizations.

Its delegation was warmly received by the President. His interest in the subject was so great that he spent 35 minutes of the pre-arranged 15 minutes discussing the situation with the group, which included Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Frederick E. Reissig of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, James Carey, Secretary of the CIO, Boris Shishkin of the AFL and Walter White, Secretary and Leslie Perry, Administrative Assistant, of the NAACP.

Serving as spokesman for the group, Mr. White urged the President to act to stem the rising tide of lynchings and violence against Negroes. He described to the President circumstances leading up to the blinding of Isaac Woodard, calling attention to the fact that Sheriff L. M. Shull of Batesburg, S. C., boasted that it was all his handiwork.

Mr. White further pointed out the fact that the NAACP has submitted to the Department of Justice the names of participants in the quadruple lynching in Walton County, Georgia, and the blow torch, meat-axe lynching in Minden, Louisiana—emphasizing the fact that the Department has not yet moved.

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ELKO LYNCHERS STRIKE AGAIN, LEADERS KNOWN

ELKO, S. C. (ANP) — Elko moblists, many of whom were members of a group which lynched James Walker, Jr., near here August 12, assassinated another Negro victim Saturday night, September 7. It was announced this week.

The victim, Freddy Pryor, is confined at home recovering from wounds inflicted by a crank case handle and divers other weapons in the establishment of John Craig, brother to William Craig, who was charged with the Walker slaying.

Witnesses said Pryor entered the place to make a purchase and immediately became the target of several white men present who made insulting remarks. When Pryor ignored the remarks, a white man known only as "Mr. Morris," is said to have walked up to him and said, "nigger, you look like you don't like what we say. Do you?"

When Pryor continued to remain quiet Morris is said to have slapped him and as the victim

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Charlotte Veterans March On Capital

Raleigh, N. C. Twenty Negro veterans of World War II, went in a body to the State Capitol to call upon Governor Cherry to allow the opening of the DeLuxe Barber College, in Charlotte, owned by Trezzavani W. Anderson, one of them, so that they might begin their course of study as barbers under the GI Bill of Rights, and Anderson

charged that J. M. Cheek, Chairman of the State Board of Barber Examiners, had taken a bribe in return for circumventing set rulings in April 1948, when the school was owned by Woods Morgan, Negro candidate for Legislature in 1942, and that the Barber Board was deliberately delaying the approval of his school, for the purpose of diverting GI Negro students to the Modern Barber College in Winston-Salem, allegedly owned and backed by M. C. Whitney, a former member of the Board, who resigned after Anderson had filed charges against him with Governor Cherry earlier, for unethical use of his official position to "freeze out" Negro college operators in the state.

Arriving from Charlotte in a bus, the Negro vets called at the executive offices and there presented their claims and an affidavit stating that Chrmn. Cheek had accepted \$500.00 from Morgan in April, and had asked for thousands dollars in return for certain things which Mr. Cheek promised to do for Morgan, who was then having difficulty with the State Board. Morgan's school was later disapproved, and his students sent to the Winston institution, after Veterans Administration officials had withdrawn the Federal support for their continuance.

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Smith Head Not To Retire STRIKE SETTLEMENT HERALDED

CHARGE OF AUTO LARCENY BRINGS SUICIDE TO JAIL

ASHEVILLE — Ripping loose a scarlet cord which had been used in reinforcing the edge of the mattress in his cell in the city jail, Bruce Williams, 27-year-old Swannanoa Negro, fashioned it into a noose and hanged himself from the bars yesterday afternoon.

Williams was being held on a charge of larceny of an automobile on a warrant sworn out by Palace Boyd. He was locked up at 11:30 a. m. yesterday. The jailer's report shows that the last check was made at 3 p. m. The body was discovered about 3:25 p. m.

In the cell with Williams, police said was Buck Boyd, another Swannanoa Negro and brother of Palace Boyd who charged the pair with taking his automobile. Buck Boyd told police that he heard his cellmate tearing at the mattress, but thought nothing of it. Boyd said that he fell asleep and that

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GRAND JURY INDICTS S. C. LYNCHERS

BARNWELL, S. C. (ANP) — A murder indictment against William Craig, white farmer charged with firing the shots which executed James Walker, Jr., near Elko, S. C., August 12 in a mob action, was returned by the Barnwell County Grand Jury here Monday night.

At Columbia, John H. McCray, editor of the Lighthouse and former who uncovered the lynching, said while the grand jury action was gratifying, it had probably resulted from state-wide interest in the case which drew no interest from Gov. Ransome J. Williams to whom several persons and organizations had appealed.

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The first check for \$25.00 that has been received for the expansion program at the Oxford Orphanage was given by the first man of the state, His Excellency R. Gregg Cherry, Governor of North Carolina, shown in the picture above with T. A. Hamme, superintendent of the orphanage.

DEWEY SAYS RELIGION MUST BE ASSERTED

NEW YORK (ANP) — Organized religion must assert leadership in the effort to re-establish world peace, Governor Thomas E. Dewey said last Thursday night in asserting that a chief world need is to "re-establish the ascendancy of moral principle over mere expediency."

He spoke at Carnegie Hall, at the sesquicentennial celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, founded in New York in 1796. The A. M. E. Zion Church is one of the country's oldest colored religious organizations with 500,000 communicants and 4,500 churches in thirty-seven states.

Presiding at the meeting was Bishop William J. Walls, of New York and Chicago, who praised Governor Dewey's efforts to bring about equality of opportunity for colored people.

"The effort to create a permanent world peace requires the cooperation of men of all nations, creeds and races," Governor Dewey said adding that "it brings about unity throughout the world we must, of course, also achieve unity at home."

"Every real New Yorker is determined that the blight of bigotry shall not turn back the clock. We have strengthened our civil rights laws, but in addition we are determined that the tar brush, the lyncher's rope and the Klan's sheet for which Bilbo stands have no place in New York or anywhere else in America."

Governor Dewey asserted that the New York State law against discrimination in employment has been "an unqualified success." He said the state does not attempt to impose itself as an arbiter of social or personal likes or dislikes.

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SMITH U. HEAD SPIKES REPORT NOT TO RETIRE

CHARLOTTE — Dr. Henry L. McCrory, 33-year old president of Johnson C. Smith University, told THE EAGLE last week that he did not retire as president of the university this year, contrary to previous reports. At the helm of the institution for the last 29 years as president, Dr. McCrory is a better picture of health now than in many years past, and stated that his health would have nothing to do with his retirement, when it came.

The statement put an end to queries as to his attitude on the matter. He was unable to be located last week when the story of his rumored retirement broke in THE EAGLE.

Dr. McCrory stated that the publishing office which originally carried the news of his reported retirement "had no authority" to make such a statement, in saying that he had no intention of retiring.

The original stories were circulated in Northern church journals of the Presbyterian Assembly of the USA, Northern Branch, and came from ideas received when Dr. McCrory was given an ovation at the General Assembly of the Presby-

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Hospital Curtails Ambulance Service

WILMINGTON — In keeping with the practice of other Southern hospitals, the Community Hospital thru its superintendent, D. P. Atkins, announced Monday that the hospital discontinued its ambulance service as of September 15.

The Shaw Funeral Home immediately purchased the ambulance and extends the same service as given by the hospital.

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61-Day Tobacco Fray Ends With Joy

WINSTON-SALEM — With the announcement of the Strike at Piedmont Leaf Tobacco Company on last Saturday Morning, people throughout this city were jubilant in learning that the first time an All Negro Strike had been settled with the striking employees after slight compromises made definite gains for themselves in a continuous picketing of the plants for 61 days. Principal gains were listed as a minimum of 50 cents per hour which is 20 cents above the floor

prices that exist elsewhere, an elimination of the exemption period and the gain of three (3) paid holidays. This settlement permitted the official opening of the Winston Salem Tobacco Market with all plants at work. The company opened their plant on last Monday with a sizeable force of employees on hand and willing to work. It is the plan of the Piedmont Leaf Tobacco Company to employ a total of approximately 700 persons. The U. S. Conciliation Service has their representatives present at the settlement in person of D. Yates Heafner in conference with C. T. Joyce, President of Piedmont Leaf, H. Gardner Hudson, Attorney for the Company, Ed McRae, International Representative United Tobacco Worker, FTA-CIO and Clyde Watts, Chairman of Local No. 22 United Tobacco Workers. This settlement followed shortly the settlement at Winston Leaf Tobacco Co.

The ten month work stoppage brought wide attention to the plant in which the picketing strikers sang spirituals and kept their spirits up by so doing in their continuous march past the company plants entrances.

The settlement as such was a compromise on both sides as the union had asked for a 14 week exemption period but settled for seven. The minimum of Sixty Cents asked is to be fully granted after an employment period of sixty days.

In a statement to the press, Mr. Heafner stated "I appreciate the cooperation shown by all parties in bringing the matter to a satisfactory settlement."

WOMAN FOUND DEAD

ASHEVILLE — Miss Kessie King, 65 years old of Rock Hill section whose body was found Saturday night on Sweeney Creek Road as a result of a fractured skull. It is believed by citizens of that section that she was killed and robbed. An investigation is underway.

ARGENTINA STILL HOLDS ON TO RACE MYTHS

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The legend of racial superiority is still alive in Argentina, and the democratic idea throughout the other Americas is threatened both from the far right and the far left, Edward Tomlinson, National Broadcasting Company expert on Latin America declared here last Thursday.

Summarizing his recent tour of South America in a statement issued to the press, Mr. Tomlinson said many Argentines have always looked down on certain of their neighbors who have Indian or African blood in their veins.

SUN TO DROP RACE LABELS ON CRIME NEWS

CHICAGO (ANP) — Race labeling of crime stories in the Chicago Sun, a local daily published by Marshall Field III, will be discontinued, according to an announcement last week by E. Z. Dimitman, the newspaper's executive editor.

"The Chicago Sun will not refer in crime stories to the race, color or creed of a person suspected or accused of crime unless — there is a legitimate purpose to be served thereby," read Dimitman's order.

He told his editors to exercise their judgment in identifying criminals by race. In the case of racial antagonisms, the order said, race should be stipulated to give true meaning to a story. The identity of Negro artists or others whose achievements are of a matter of pride to the nation will be published as in the past, Dimitman directed.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations thinks that the maintenance of the Chicago Sun has made a distinct contribution to good human relations in Chicago by establishing this very sound policy, said Thomas H. Wright, executive director. "It is our judgment that race labeling contributes nothing new to our community by developing stereotyped reactions to Negroes and other groups thus increasing prejudice."

"We think you have taken a definite step forward in eliminating this practice from your newspaper. We desire to commend you for the step you have taken."

COURT RULES OUT RAILROAD SEGREGATION

Washington — Justice Barrett Prettymann of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that segregation of Negroes on railroad cars was illegal in a reversal of a District Court ruling here Monday.

The opinion was delivered in reversal of the lower court's ruling in a \$45,000 damage suit against the Southern Railway System by the Rev. William H. Jernigan, Ralph Matthews and William J. Scott who had lost their suit in the District Court and had appealed the decision.

The three men charged that they were forced to leave the train at Lynchburg, Va., when railroad officials contended that they were riding in coaches provided for white passengers in accordance with Virginia Jim Crow laws and that they were ordered off the train by police and railroad officials.

There is no valid distinction between segregation on buses and railroad cars, Justice Prettymann said in his decision, and called attention to the recent decision of the Supreme Court ruling out Jim Crow and segregation on buses in interstate travel.

In sending the case back to District Court for a new trial he said the jury in the first trial was erroneously instructed on the point as to whether or not Lynchburg, Va., police had acted as agents of the railway in ejecting the three passengers.

Arrangements Ready For League Meet To Be Held In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) — Arrangements were completed last Friday for the housing and entertainment of 200 business men and representatives of national organizations who will participate October 17-19 in the second annual conference on Negro Business being sponsored by the Commerce Department to emphasize the aids which it is able to give the small business man.

GEN. McNARNEY SAYS HE DIDN'T SLUR NEGROES

Berlin (ANP) — Denying that he had slurred colored American soldiers, General Joseph T. McNarney last Saturday said they needed "new and wider opportunities" to develop standards of leadership demanded in certain types of combat duties.

Truman Q. Gibson, Jr., former civilian aide to the Secretary of War, who toured American Army installations in the Mediterranean and European theaters during the war to observe and report on the activities of colored troops, had attributed to General McNarney a statement that colored soldiers were a failure.

General McNarney denied that he had ever made any such statement. He admitted he had said that leadership qualities in the colored soldiers were below the required efficiency standard for certain types of combat duty, but that this should be attributed to the inability of colored

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Theatre Killer Still At Large Takes 6 Phone Calls To Bring Officers To Scene Of Murder

RALEIGH — Police Wednesday were still searching for Albert Wiggins who shot and killed Herman Watson, 17-year-old Smithfield youth, with a .22 calibre pistol in the Lincoln Theatre about 8:30 here Monday evening.

Thomas Hinton, manager of the theatre, said he acted immediately at the sound of the first shot and notified the police department over the telephone in the 12-12 Restaurant on the ground floor of the building near the ticket booth, and after he had seen the condition of the victim, called an ambulance.

He said that officers came about 15 minutes after the ambulance arrived after City Hall had been called six or seven times, and that because of the officers' delay in arriving at the theatre Wiggins had ample time to escape.

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ALBERT WIGGINS

Tenn. Cops Say They Were Shot From Ambush

Lawrenceburg, Tenn. (ANP) — Two policemen testified in Circuit Court here last Friday that they were shot from ambush and wounded one hour after they had assured colored people of Columbia, Tenn., that reports of impending mob violence were mere rumors during the disturbance there last February.

Their testimony was given during the second day of the trial of twenty-five colored men who are charged with being accessories before the fact and attempted murder in the first degree as the result of the incident which followed an altercation between Mrs. Gladys Stensson and her son, James, and William Fleming, a white raider.

The two officers also said that previous to the time they were shot two of the defendants, Julius Blair and his son, Sol Blair, vice

and business leaders among the colored people of Maury County, in which Columbia is situated, told them "to keep the white people out of Mink Slide, because we're ready for them."

Mink Slide is the common name for the colored business section in Columbia in which four city policemen were wounded when they went into the district following reports of mob violence February 25.

Beard O. Stefel, 27-year-old war veteran, was the first witness last Friday, and the third witness. (Continued on back page)

TALMADGE SAYS GEORGIA WILL PATTERN AFTER SOUTH CAROLINA

ATLANTA (ANP) — The newly won right of Georgia Negroes to participate in the Democratic Primary elections will be shortlived if Governor-nominate Eugene Talmadge has his way and makes good his aims and plans to restore the party to a lily white status.

Talmadge told newsmen that he will ask the state convention at Macon to uphold his plans to make the party a "voluntary party association."

Talmadge added that in his opinion, Federal Appeals Court Judge Shibley's opinion in the Purnett E. King case pointed the way to white primaries.