

# TRUMAN NAMES TWO TO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

## BODY OF BOY FOUND IN RIVER

ATLANTA (ANP)—Jack Owens, eight-year-old son of Willie and Carrie May Owens, was found in the Ocmulgee river near the fair grounds last week.

The youngster mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago. Searches by police were fruitless. Indications were that he had been killed accidentally or met with foul play.

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# N. C. Students In Assembly

## AMEZ's To Distribute \$200,000

### Negroes Named To Combat Hate Groups

Washington (ANP)—Two nationally prominent Negroes were named Thursday by Pres. Truman to serve on his civil rights committee to combat hate groups.

Carefully selecting the nation's most outstanding progressive leaders, Truman named Mrs. Sadie T. Alexander, assistant city solicitor of Philadelphia and secretary of the National Bar Association, along with Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps Stokes fund and former senior secretary of the national council of the YMCA.

Blasting organized groups which fan "hated and intolerance," the President's executive order declared that the action of those who take the law into their own hands "gravely threatens our form of government."

His committee will study and recommend civil rights legislation and other measures to protect all parts of the population.

The federal government is hampered by inadequate civil rights laws, the Chief executive said. They should be expanded and improved to provide the Justice department "with tools to do the job."

Freedom from fear has been "gravely threatened," Truman declared. "It was so after the fact when organized groups fanned hatred and intolerance in."

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### TOP OFFICIALS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—With all members of the Board of Bishops of the AME Zion faith assembled here at the Little Rock AMEZ Church, Rev. H. E. Wilson, pastor, and nearly 175 other members of the official staff and general officers of the church present, approximately two-hundred thousand dollars, realized from the big AMEZ Sesqui-Centennial in New York City, will be allocated for use in the various departments of the AMEZ faith.

The body began its work on Tuesday night, with a public meeting held in the church auditorium last night (Wednesday), with Bishop T. W. Wall, of Chicago, as the principal speaker.

**AMEZ TOP HEADS AT MEET**

The Board of Bishops of the AME Zion faith consist of the following bishops: P. A. Wallace, Brooklyn, N. Y. (retired); B. G. Shaw, Birmingham, Alabama, First District; W. J. Walls, Chicago, 2nd District; J. W. Merrin, Chicago, Third District; C. C. Alleyne, Philadelphia, Fourth District; W. W. Matthews, Washington, Fifth District; E. L. Reddick, Pittsburgh, Sixth District; W. C. Brown, Los Angeles, Seventh District; W. W. Sledge, Charlotte, Eighth District; B. F. Gordon, Charlotte, Ninth District; F. W. Alder, Washington, Tenth District; and E. B. Watson, Oklahoma City, Okla., Eleventh District.

The General Secretary-Auditor is Attorney S. M. Dudley of Washington, and the Financial Secretary is Rev. George P. Hall, Charlotte.

**BISHOP WALLS' BREAKDOWN**

Bishop Walls, who was General Chairman of the Sesqui-Centennial, has brought forward plans for a tentative distribution of the funds.

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LEGISLATURE AT WORK — Members of the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly, above, are shown in deliberation over one of the 36 or more bills introduced in the House and Senate during the two-day annual session at Raleigh Friday and Saturday, December 6-7. Second row, center, is Thomas Boyd of Brooklyn, N. Y., Shaw University Junior, who introduced one of the bills and was elected Reddick Clerk of the Senate. In the "chair" is Miss Eunice Tucker of New York, St. Augustine's Senior, who was chosen president pro tem of the Senate. During her

## Vets To Fight Bigotry, Hatred

WASHINGTON (ANPA)—Ray Sawyer, national commander of the American Veterans of World War II, said today that the organization has gone on record against all groups attempting to foment racial and religious hatred in the United States and will stand foursquare against them.

"We of AMVETS fought for freedom and we intend to see that we and our fellow veterans have freedom regardless of race, creed or color," Sawyer said.

He then cited the following resolution adopted at the recent annual convention in St. Louis by the Georgia delegation of AMVETS in criticism of the Columbians, a southern parallel to the Ku Klux Klan.

"WHEREAS the American Veterans of World War II is an association of those men and women who fought together in the Second World War to preserve peace, liberty and democracy for their country and all its citizens thereof; and

"Whereas in this time so soon after the recent war certain groups and individuals are busily concerned about the building of hatred for our fellow citizens on basis of American and contrary to all that we fought for; and

"Whereas it is important to act quickly in the premises before greater harm is done; and

"Whereas the Georgia Department of AMVETS has already gone on record condemning such groups and organizations and particularly Columbians, Inc.

"Be it resolved that the American Veterans of World War II in convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, go on record as condemning such groups and organizations and particularly Columbians, Inc., as being Un-American and an enemy within our borders."

## Wilmington Vets Hit Aims Of Columbians

WILMINGTON—The Columbians, Inc., an anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization operating out of Atlanta, Ga., which indicated a move to form a chapter in Wilmington was being studied, today was roundly denounced by the major veterans organizations in the city.

Yesterday a letter from Homer L. Lomis Jr., secretary and moving spirit of the Columbians, appeared in the Post outlining the beliefs of the group and plans for expansion in the southeast. Reactions of Wilmington veterans to that letter today made it apparent that efforts to gain a foothold for the Columbians here would meet active and strong opposition.

Ray Galloway, district vice president of the N. C. American Legion department, "There's too much blood to be shed by the youth and veterans of this country, to try and accomplish anything by methods used by the Columbians. Their actions do not represent Americanism as we know it or try to teach it. That type of Americanism sponsored by the Columbians certainly is not Americanism as we have learned it in the past five years."

Col. John Bright Hill, president of the N. C. Reserve Officers Association, "The Columbians are

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## AGED HERO GETS \$1000 FOR RESCUE OF EMPLOYER

ST. JOSEPH, La. (ANP)—A \$1,000 reward was presented to a 75-year-old Negro here Saturday in a public ceremony on the corner house square.

Tom Gardner, the hero, braved the heat of a blazing furnace to get into which his employer, William David Clarke, had in a fire, had jumped. Clarke died in a Ferriday, La., hospital after Gardner rescued him.

## NEGROES ON GA. GRAND JURY

ATHENS, Ga. (CNS)—Two Negroes are members of the Federal Grand Jury which convened to hear evidence in the presentation that grew out of the cold-blooded lynching of two Negro men and two Negro women in Walton County last July. The jury, composed of thirteen farmers, two coal dealers, a clerk, a barber, a union manager, a farmer, a banker and a retired businessman, heard Judge T. Hoyt say: "I will inquire into the case as fearlessly and fairly."

Over one hundred persons have been subpoenaed to testify in this case that shocked the world last summer when it was revealed that a mob of about twenty men removed the four Negroes from an automobile and riddled their bodies with rifle bullets. It was pointed out during the opening session of the Grand Jury hearings that should it develop that the Federal government does not have jurisdiction to prosecute the case, the evidence will be turned over to the state.



HEADS ACROSS—Dr. Robert P. Daniel, above, president of Shaw University, was elected president of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its meeting held December 4-6 at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Dr. Daniel, who last year was vice president of the organization, delivered the opening address at the initial meeting, held Wednesday night in Institute Chapel.

## LOCAL MAN TO DIE FOR RAPE

RALEIGH—Willie Little Tuesday was sentenced to die in the gas chamber at Central Prison on February 10 for the rape of Mrs. Fletcher C. Rook, white, at her home.

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## Negro Students In Student Legislature

(By Charles G. Irving)

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Student Legislative Council in its tenth annual session held in the Halls of the North Carolina General Assembly threw to the winds North Carolina's segregated laws Friday and Saturday, when Negro students, representing 110 institutions in all sessions.

Representatives from nine Negro colleges were among the 225 members attending the Council. Negro colleges represented were Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham; Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville; Bennett College and A. and T. College, Greensboro; Shaw University and St. Augustine, Raleigh.

**Significant Resolution**

The most striking and significant resolution passed at the council was the last resolution, presented Saturday by the students of Black Mountain College. The resolution commended the students of the University of North Carolina, who last year formulated and presented the resolution inviting Negro colleges to attend the 1945 session of the council. It stated that the manner in which the council had been conducted and the statesmanship with which all Negro and white students had conducted themselves was proof that students could and had worked together and that it was indicative of what the two races could and should do in North Carolina.

The resolution inviting Negro students last year brought upon the council a storm of protest and criticism from both the Secretary of State and the Governor's Secretary.

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## DEATH SENTENCE OF YOUTHS IS BEING REVIEWED

RALEIGH—Defense attorneys are again Paroles Commissioner Highway here, Preby for the final conference in connection with the case of Herman Matthews and Calvin Colledge, Williams, Sampson County, teen-age youths who are scheduled to die in the gas chamber at Central Prison Friday, December 13, for murder.

The youths were convicted in the 1945 term of the Sampson County Superior court for murder of John Anderson on November 6, 1945. Previously scheduled to die on November 13, they were allowed to delay until November 8 to allow their attorneys to present new evidence.



POSES—Senators Patsy Blanchard of Bennett College and Dorothy Cox of Meredith College were late for the joint session of the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly which met in the Capitol at Raleigh December 6-7, but they needed the photograph with this lovely photo which was made as the couple were on their way to the joint session. Negro delegates were invited to attend the Assembly again next year.

## UNITY MARKS OAKLAND STRIKE

OAKLAND (ANP)—Negro and white workers stood shoulder to shoulder Tuesday in a 10,000 strong picket line that struck downtown Oakland's non-essential business life into immobility.

The strike was called in protest against police strike-breaking in downtown Oakland, which reached a climax Sunday when Oakland and Berkeley convened a load of workers imported from Los Angeles into the streets. King's Department store and Hastings.

The strike tied up seven cities, making it the most widespread general strike in American history. Closed down were Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont, Emeryville, San Leandro and Hayward. Most of these cities are so close together they make one continuous whole.

## 2 DEAD, 5 INJURED IN TRAGIC FIRE

### TWO DROWNS IN ACCIDENT

CLINTON—Seven persons were drowned about three miles north of here Saturday night when the car in which they were riding hit the abutment of a bridge on the New Bridge road and turned over within five feet of the water of Big Coharie Swamp.

James Curtis Merritt, lone survivor of the tragedy, said Lorenzo Denning, driver of the vehicle, apparently failed to notice the curve approaching the bridge due to a dense fog.

### DURHAM — Two persons were killed and five injured in a fire which destroyed a boarding house here Sunday.

The dead are John Connolly and Mrs. Rosa Lee Wilson who were already dead when they were brought from the blazing building by firemen. According to Captain C. H. Lawson of the Durham Fire Department the fire was caused by a portable oil stove in the back room of the 11-room building.

### NEGROES LEAD IN METHODIST CONFERENCE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (ANP)—The 50 Negro delegates to the Methodist Conference on Christian education held at the Civic auditorium here November 21-26 played leading roles in the deliberations of the nation-wide organization's sessions.

Presiding over the conference was the Rev. Timothy E. Nichols of Austin, Texas, who was elected president in an unprecedented move two years ago. Dr. Nichols is executive secretary of Christian Education in the New Orleans area of the Methodist Church, of which Bishop Robert N. Brooks is the head.

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## Notables Owe Career To Rosenwald Fellowship

(CHICAGO (ANP)—Since 1928 more than 900 Negro and 400 white southerners have been awarded fellowships by the Julius Rosenwald fund. Edwin R. Embree, president, pointed out this week in talking at the fund's 1947 awards, approximately 50 of which will be made on the basis of applications received between now and the January 1 deadline.

While stressing the hazards involved in assisting the true value of a fellowship in the development of a budding career, Mr. Embree

## LEGION COMMANDER ENDS SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF STATE

NEW BERN—Charles G. Irving, of Raleigh, vice-commander of Division "B" of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, last Sunday night wound up a most successful whirlwind tour of the Negro American Legion Posts of the State with a mass meeting of 1,000 veterans here.

The vice-commander, now serving his third term and who has been employed in the Raleigh post office for 25 years, has had a very successful tenure of office. When he assumed his present post three years ago there were approximately 1,800 Negro Legionnaires in the State—now there are about 5,000 and as Irving puts it, "we are continuing to grow."

Vice-Commander Irving took a 100-mile leave of absence from his duties in the Raleigh post office.

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## URGE JAN. 5 AS PERMANENT CARVER DAY

NEW YORK (CNS)—Dr. George Washington Carver Day (January 5th), should be made a permanent holiday by an act of Congress, it was decided this week by the people of Harlem. The greatest hothead in the world has ever known should live forever in memory and continue to be an inspiration to the Negro and white scientists of today and to the future aspirants.

In 1945, Congress voted to designate January 5th, 1946 as George Washington Carver Day.