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26 DIE IN FLOP-HOUSE FLAMES

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Six men died here last week in the fire that destroyed Ace's 25-cent-a-day flophouse in the densely populated Negro section. Five of the men were unidentified. The other man is William Price, 42, address unknown.

Abe's hotel housed 133 men. The blaze, which broke out in the four-story wooden structure around 10 p.m., sent 40 of the 133 Negro guests to the hospital. Two of the men died of burns, while four perished from asphyxiation. A permit to operate the establishment had been issued by Mayor Bernard Samuel's office as late as May 14.

NEGROES IN KEY USES POSITIONS

New York — Employment of Negroes on policy-making levels within the Veterans' Employment Service (VES) was disclosed by Perry Faulkner, VES Chief, in a recent Washington conference with National Urban League officials.

Faulkner also announced a plan for hiring additional Negro personnel under an expanded VES program which authorizes Assistant and Field Assistant Employment Representatives working in coordination with State VES offices, but responsible to the VES office in Washington.

In a subsequent letter to LeRoy W. Jeffries, the Urban League's Assistant Industrial Relations Director, Faulkner stated that a Negro Assistant Veterans' Employment Representative was already working in the District of Columbia, while other Field Assistants are on staffs in Ohio, Michigan, and New York.

He said further that "as soon as it is feasible under our present budget and proposed budget, we should like to have in those states WHERE IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY Negro Assistant Veterans' Employment Representatives to serve on State Veterans' Employment staffs."

'GENE TALMADGE DIES IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga. (YNPA) — Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, under whose administration a revival of the Ku Klux Klan was planned, died last Saturday morning less than a month before his scheduled inauguration.

He had won a fourth term as Georgia's governor on a promise to maintain white supremacy. Talmadge was a bitter opponent of equal rights for colored people. He contended that "nothing can be gained by giving equal rights to someone with an artificial civilization that has been forced upon him only 150 years ago."

He particularly wanted to live to serve a fourth term to try out his white supremacy ideologies in this State. Upon his nomination in the Georgia Democratic primary over Jas. V. Carmichael, wartime bomber plant manager, who had the blessings of youthful Governor Ellis Arnall, some colored teachers in Atlanta said they were going to seek jobs in other states and it was predicted that there would be an increased exodus of colored people from urban centers and rural areas in Georgia to other sections of the country.

A staunch advocate of white supremacy, Talmadge was opposed to the franchise being extended to colored people.

15 CRIPPLED CHILDREN FETED AT LOCAL 'Y'

Raleigh — Christmas joy and useful gifts were brought to 21 crippled children and their parents at the Exchange Club Yuletide Party sponsored in cooperation with the Citizen's Committee and the Bloodworth Street YMCA at the "Y" Friday evening.

City Council Vote To Halt Discrimination

New York — Five major recommendations to end discrimination in New York medical schools against members of minority groups and graduates of City colleges were adopted Monday at a special meeting of the New York City Council called to consider a report by Walter R. Hart, Chairman and counsel of the Council's special investigating committee.

The Committee's 84-page report substantiates these charges and makes the following recommendations:

1. That a bill embodying the principles of the Austin-Mahoney bill be passed at the next session of the State Legislature. This would forbid discrimination by schools and create a commission which, after hearings on complaints, can issue judicially enforceable cease and desist orders.
2. That the City Council request Governor Dewey to include in his message to the Legislature a direct request that such legislation be enacted, so that in the words of Governor Dewey, we may reach the goal where no young men or women shall be denied a higher education because of his race, religion or color.
3. That the Governor also include in his message a request to the Legislature that a bill be enacted...

STRIKING LAUNDRY WORKERS BACKED BY NEGRO CIVIC GROUPS

WINSTON-SALEM (ANP) — Five hundred striking laundry workers, mostly Negroes, were given public backing here last week by a conference of 75 representatives of Negro organizations, with a membership of 15,000.

Recommendations adopted at the conference included full support of the strikers; organization of special committees of various representative organizations to visit, advise and urge them to drop their strike-breaking; full support of the boycott of the laundries involved in the strike; all possible financial aid for strikers relief and for the court cases if the assisted pickets and a program of mass meetings throughout the Negro community to enlist the widest possible active support of the strikers.

Organizations represented at the conference included the NAACP, American Veterans committee, National Negro congress, Civic Progressive League, insurance agents, Negro Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial alliance, which represents 82 Negro churches; Furniture Workers, clothing and amature Workers union, CIO Safe Drivers, Transport Workers union, CIO; Food and Tobacco Worker of America, CIO; Barber's association, Beauticians and the Cotton Club.

GOV. HASTIE SAYS ISLANDERS MUST QUALIFY TO GET LOCAL POSTS

BY ABDOUH GERAU
ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands (ANP) — Complaints among Virgin Islanders that Gov. Hastie has been giving preference to continental natives in the matter of appointments to local posts were publicly denied here last week by the governor.

Hastie, in making clear his position as to whether continental or islanders are given preference on job appointments, said, "I have always held the position that where Virgin Islanders of comparable ability are available for local posts, they should be given preference. If a person is available whose ability is outstanding above other candidates he should be preferred whether he is from the Virgin Islands or elsewhere."

NEW FULTON HEAD FOR NEGRO GRADY INTERNES

ATLANTA (ANP) — Dr. Hugh Wood, who will assume the chair of dean of medical College at Emory University and the presidency of the Fulton County Medical association on January 1, said last week he hoped to see Negro internes admitted to practice at Grady hospital on a segregated basis and to see qualified Negro physicians and surgeons treat or operate on their patients there.

"There are less than 50 beds in all of Fulton county today that are available to patients of Negro physicians and surgeons," Dr. Wood pointed out.

'WHITEWASH' OF VA CLERK PROTESTED

CHICAGO (ANP) — Five organizations protested last week the findings of an investigation into the recent attack on a disabled Negro veteran by a clerk in the local office of the Veterans' administration.

George J. Reese, a white VA employee, was cited in an investigation launched under Robert D. Beer, manager of the VA affairs, of charges that he assaulted John H. Oakley, a disabled veteran who sustained a serious back injury in battle during the recent war, on November 19, Oakley is a messenger in the mail and records department of the VA office.

Reese was "properly exercising his authority in attempting to ascertain from Mr. Oakley his name, place of employment and his business in the adjudication division at that time," Beer's letter to the United Public Workers, CIO, said Friday. "For these reasons, the charges made by Mr. Oakley cannot be sustained."

Joining with the United Public Workers in demanding that Reese be punished were the American Veterans committee, Jewish War Veterans, United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Peace Officers' World War II, the NAACP and the Illinois State Laundry Union Council.

"On the basis of the evidence collected by our union, we can not agree with this conclusion," replied Henry Epstein, UPW official.



BUDDING DRAMATISTS — The Richard B. Harrison Players of A. and T. College, who have just presented their first production, "Angel Street" by Patrick Hamilton, are first row, left to right: Ruth Holmes, Lewing Ith, Mary Dora Hickory, Arnethea Pearson, Laurinburg; Lettie Brevard, Camden, S. C.; and Frank Dulin, Advance.

New Program Will Combat Racial Strife

MONTEAGLE, Tenn. (ANP) — Education of farm and community organizations throughout the rural South in interracial matters is the program to be undertaken by Highlander Folk school next year according to a statement released here last Saturday by Myles Horton, director of the school.

The program, formulated and to be put into operation by Highlander in the school's staff of 100, will be conducted so far as possible among existing rural organizations in an effort to promote better understanding between people of rural and urban areas and to combat racial and religious prejudice.

Residence sessions will be conducted at the school and traveling teams of instructors and specialists will carry the program to remote areas. Initial activities will cover Tennessee and adjoining states, furnishing interracial information through the use of motion pictures, posters, publication, conferences, classes and institutes. Later the program will be extended to include all rural southern areas.

FOUR MILLION HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Before January 1, 1947 more than four million workers in the United States will have completed the ten years of service in jobs covered by the Social Security Act, necessary to attain permanent insurance status under "Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance" provisions.

Lane T. Proctor, manager of the Charlotte office of the Social Security Administration, today called attention to the fact that only eight percent of the 40 million workers in the United States are covered by the act.

Figures released by the Social Security Administration show that in the whole country there are some four million men and 800,000 women who will have gained permanent insurance status in 1947 through the completion of ten years (40 quarters) of work in commerce or industry. The year 1946 was the first year in which it was possible for them to attain fully insured status — permanently — under the Act, since the old-age and survivors' insurance program completes its tenth year of operation December 31.

In addition to the 4,800,000 workers mentioned above, two other groups will have permanent insurance rights by the end of this year. There are around 1,800,000 persons who will reach age 65 within the next 10 years and who will have permanent insurance rights by virtue of having served in covered employment at least half the number of calendar quarters between January 1, 1937 and the time they reach age 65.

ARMY BARRACKS HOUSE FAMILIES OF VETERANS

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Forty-eight families of veterans took up occupancy in one of the five temporary re-use projects being developed by the Federal Public Housing authority for the District of Columbia as a part of the veteran emergency housing program of the National Housing agency, it was reported here last week by Dilio S. Myers, commissioner of FHHA.

The project, located at Camp Sims, is designed to offer 304 apartments to Negro veterans' families. The accommodations are converted two-story army barracks, which have been dismantled and moved from Camp Davis, N. C. The apartments have one, two and three bedrooms, a kitchen and bath, with a rental range from \$18 to \$44 per month. Besides this project, FHHA has provided 640 dormitory units, now fully occupied for student veterans at Howard University.

U. OF TEXAS PROF. WOULD ADMIT RACE

AUSTIN (ANP) — J. Frank Doherty, University of Texas professor, speaking to an overflow crowd at a mammoth mass meeting sponsored by the NAACP in the interest of the Herman Sweat suit to force entry into the university, advocated admission of qualified Negroes to the University of Texas Law school if the school required to be established by the state under a recent court ruling is to be only a facade.

"If the state establishes a law school in every way equal to the University of Texas Law School then I shall say no more about the Sweat case," he said. "But if the state sets up only a facade, then I am for admitting Sweat and other qualified persons to the University of Texas."

Doherty told the mixed audience that giving the Negro the right to vote and then denying him education would be like giving a soldier a gun and withholding his ammunition.

"I am for human justice, I am against man's inhumanity to man. I am for democracy and I know that keeping my neighbor down, no matter what his color, and keeping him ignorant is evil and un-democratic," he said.

Other speakers at the meeting included Frederick Eby, another University of Texas professor, J. H. Morton, Samuel Houston college professor and president of the local branch of the NAACP; Sim Smith, president of the University of Texas student body; and several other University of Texas students.

All the trimmings were there — free taxi rides, gala decorations, a Magic Snow by Wallace, the Magician, a turkey dinner, carol singing, useful gifts and bags filled with fruits, nuts and candy.

GI's Get Academic Technical Training At Fort Knox Center

FORT KNOX, Ky. (ANP) — GI's stationed at Fort Knox are being given an opportunity to further their education in keeping with the over-all army policy of producing more satisfied and more efficient soldiers, it was disclosed here last week by public relations officials at the armored school.

Under the guidance of the education center at the post, various types of classes have been set up to enable soldiers to further their education. Primary among these classes are those devoted toward academic studies, designed principally for those who have been denied the opportunity of attending school or who have found it impossible to do so because of various reasons.

Main emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, comprehension of basic grammar and arithmetic development of social poise, and training soldiers to adapt themselves to everyday living conditions.

HEART ATTACK BLAMED IN DEATH

RALEIGH — Irving M. Cheek, Wake County coroner said Tuesday night that a heart attack caused the death of Luther Lucas who died here at 7:15 Tuesday in St. Agnes hospital where he was taken following the attack.

Detective sergeants said they could not ascertain cause of the death of Lucas who was a native of Nashville, Route 2, but that Lucas told officers he had taken a drink of gin shortly before he was stricken at 6:15.

AME CLERGYMAN TO GIVE EMANCIPATION DAY ADDRESS

MACON, Ga. (ANP) — Dr. Allen R. Cooper, pastor of Steward Chapel AME Church here, accepted last week an invitation to deliver the Emancipation Day Address at Plakely, Ga., on January 1.

UPHOLD NEGRO'S RIGHT TO ATTEND TEXAS SCHOOL

HOUSTON (ANP) — Negro students have a right to enter the Texas university, was the contention of John W. Stanford, white senior of the school, from Dallas, Stanford was addressing a meeting of the local NAACP branch here last Friday.

Particularly he had reference to the school's refusal to admit H. M. Sweat of Houston to its law school, Stanford, who is a member of the American Veterans committee and also chairman of a campus fund to support Sweat's case, declared that "injustices perpetrated against Negroes must end."

Sweat's case is scheduled to be reviewed in Austin, Tex. soon. Purpose of the meeting was to protest the establishment of a Negro law school in Houston with a \$50,000 state appropriation.