

ELECTRIC CHAIR AWAITS TWO 15-YEAR-OLD BOYS

Youthful Killers Doomed To Die For Slaying Man

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Death in the electric chair awaits two 15-year-old Negro boys, convicted for the slaying of a Wilkinson County white man last February on January 17, unless the U. S. Supreme court acts.

A threat to take the case to the highest court in the land was made here last week by the lawyer for Charles Trudell and James Lewis, the convicted youth, following a refusal by Governor Gielding L. Wright to commute their death sentences to life imprisonment.

Beside expressing the hope of such a legal maneuver may save the lives of the teen age boys, Attorney Walter D. Coleman, their lawyer, suggested ironically that Mississippi seat the youths "on books in the electric chair, like children at a dinner table, so that their heads might reach the fatal cap" and proposed that the books include the Bible and the constitution so that

with one current of electricity the state of Mississippi can destroy all simultaneously.

Remarks made by Gov. Wright after visiting Trudell and Lewis have been called "callous." His whole attitude on the case has been criticized on the basis of his anti-Negro prejudice, which many considered renders him and other whites, affected by race hatred, unfit to judge Negroes.

Negroes here hold that all of Mississippi's courts are tainted by race hatred toward Negroes, that Negroes are convicted before they are even tried, that no mercy can be expected particularly for a Negro male, that all evidence points to concentrated hatred between white males and Negro males.

Only the N. S. Supreme court can now save the two youth from certain death in the electric chair on January 17, Attorney Coleman said.

REPUBLICANS ACT TO AVERT FILIBUSTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Three Republicans last Monday offered resolutions to change Senate rules to stop filibusters which have enabled southern Democrats to block passage of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and fair employment practice legislation.

Tactics of southerners in blocking for two days the swearing in of Senators and the organization of the Senate while they sought to force the seating of Theodore G. Bilbo, gave impetus to the move for a change in Senate rules.

Republicans had served notice after the filibuster against the fair employment practice bill in the last Congress that they would seek a change in Senate rules so as to limit debate by a simple majority vote instead of the two-thirds vote now required.

JAIL COUPLE FOR HAVING NEW CAR IN LA.

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — A vow never to return to the south again came last week from Jack Hammond, proprietor of the Purple Heart bar and cafe here, after reporting to the local NAACP branch details of how obvious white policemen of Baton Rouge, La., arrested him and his wife because of his shiny new 1946 Buick automobile.

Hammond, his wife and three children, had motored to Center, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hammond's father, the Rev. Charles Bell, he said. But while there, he decided to motor to New Orleans, Hammond's hometown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond started for New Orleans, without the children, by the way of Baton Rouge, he told Leon W. Steward, acting NAACP executive secretary, and when they arrived in Baton Rouge they stopped to eat breakfast. While they were eating, two white policemen came into the restaurant, located in the Negro section of the town, to find the owner of the shiny new car.

With drawn guns, they demanded

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Outlines Plans For 80th Congress 2 Million For Farm Work



CITIZENS COMMITTEE — Above are members of the executive committee of the Raleigh Citizens Committee which closed last year's activities in a year-end meeting at the Martin Street Baptist Church Sunday. They are, left to right (front row): Dr. Nelson H. Harris, director of education and teacher training at Shaw University; the Rev. E. C. Lawrence, pastor of the First Congregational Church; the Rev. M. W. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Franklinton and the Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn, who was re-elected president; W. L. Green, executive secretary of the North Carolina Teachers Association; and Charles G. Irving, secretary.

NAACP Outlines 15-Point Program For Congress

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at its annual meeting, January 6th, looked to the new Congress with hope tempered with skepticism. Members of the Association, meeting for the thirty-eighth time, in the Wendell Willkie Memorial Auditorium, called for Congressional action on a fifteen-point legislative program recommended by Walter White, executive secretary, and designed to strengthen the democratic system and spread its benefits to all citizens.

Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel, outlined a legal program for 1947 which will include intensified court action against "discriminatory registration practices."

The legislative program recommended by Mr. White follows:

1. A Federal anti-lynching bill.
2. Adequate Federal Civil Rights legislation.
3. A strong FEPC bill.
4. A bill to abolish the poll-tax.
5. A bill for federal aid to a low-cost housing program, with proper safeguards for the rights of minorities.
6. A bill amending immigration laws to restrict liquor quotas and otherwise permit displaced persons in Europe to enter the United States.
7. A bill to include domestics and agricultural workers under the Social Security Act.
8. A bill to provide Federal aid to the states for education with proper safeguards for the rights of minority groups in states having separate school systems.
9. A minimum wage bill for workers producing goods for interstate commerce.
10. A national health bill.
11. A bill to prohibit the segregation of passengers in interstate travel.
12. A civil rights bill for the District of Columbia.
13. Abolition of the Wood-Rankin Committee on Un-American Activities.
14. Amendment of the Senate rules to revoke censure against filibustering by a majority, instead of a two-thirds vote.
15. Maintenance of rent controls.

Four new members elected to the NAACP board of directors for three year terms ending December 31, 1948, were: Eric Johnston and Philip Murray, both of Washington, D. C.; Dr. George D. Flemming, of Fort Worth, Texas; and Dr. Nathan K. Christopher, of Cleveland, Ohio. Directors re-elected were: Dr. Louis T. Wright, New York.

AUSTRALIAN PRESS SLANDERS NEGRO SEAMEN

NEW YORK — The National Negro Congress this week condemned the article appearing in "Smith's Weekly," a Sydney, Australia publication, which attempted to stereotype all American Negroes as "badmen, sex-crazed, leering coons, and drunkards."

In a communication to the Australian Ambassador to the United States, NNC Executive Secretary, Revels Cayton, protested the Hitler-like practice. The letter, in part, follows:

278 Extension Workers Added To Present Staff

WASHINGTON — Over \$2,000,000 is being spent this year for agriculture Extension work among colored farmers, according to a report released recently by Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This represents an increase of 114 per cent during the last five years.

The enlarged allotment makes possible the Extension Service in the Southern States to employ 278 more colored workers than were on the staff at the outbreak of the war. The total number of colored agents and supervisors now working in the 15 Southern States stands at 817.

In commenting on the report, Special Assistant to the Secretary Claude A. Barnett of the Associated Negro Press, and Dr. F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee say that the enlarged staff of colored Extension agents will make it possible to extend the services of Extension to a good many farmers who have never been effectively reached.

They add, however, that while this represents a substantial forward step in the Extension program, there is still need for additional colored Extension workers.

Both Mr. Barnett and Dr. Patterson have been conferring with State Extension directors from time to time in the interest of a more effective program for colored farmers.

In the appointment of new agents, North Carolina leads with 44, Georgia is second with 34, and Mississippi is third with 30. In the total number of workers, Mississippi comes first with 107 farm and home demonstration agents and supervisors for its 150,000 colored farmers; Texas comes second with 126 agents and supervisors for its 250,000 colored farmers; and North Carolina, third with 99 agents for its 57,000 Negro farmers.

LANDLORDS BEATEN IN HOUSING FIGHT

CHICAGO, Ill. — Decisive action by the Tenants League of the Chicago Council, National Negro Congress, resulted in the restoration of electricity and prevented the gas from being turned off at 3100 Ellis Avenue.

Another history-making precedent established as consequence of the vigorous work of the Congress Tenants League was an order from United States District Court commanding the owners and operators of the building to continue heat, light, water and other services.

Further results of the tenants efforts helped many people at 3100 Ellis Avenue pay refunds of two to four dollars per month. Albert George, NNC Organization Secretary in Chicago commenting on the successful work said: "The people will not be kept down if they gather their strength and move in one direction. This is but an indication of what unity of groups and people must accomplish during the coming year."

California Girl Holds Ranking Post In United Nations Press Division

BY GLADYS F. GRAHAM
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP) — Priscilla McDonald of Pasadena, Cal., is the only Negro girl working in the press division of the United Nations. She is assigned as secretary and junior assistant to Stanley Ryan, chief press officer, and handles all high powered documents for her division.

Leaving Washington for New York City, she was employed by the Bureau of Child Guidance and the Office of Price Administration Resigning to take an appointment with the United Nations, Miss McDonald, said she was the first of her group to work at Hunter College and took notes of the first meetings of the security council which convened there. These notes were incorporated into the press releases issued to the papers all over the nation. She attended the meeting with the Chief Press Officer, L. Berry.

The young secretary said that she found her assignment at security affairs at Lake Success most thrilling. In the midst of the largest

SHEPARD TELLS ELKS NO MASTER RACE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—The Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds, told more than 300 Elks and their guests last Monday night that there is "no such thing as a master white race as the majority of the people in the world today are colored people, and we are members of a great majority."

Mr. Shepard was the principal guest speaker at the semi-annual installation of officers of Columbia Lodge of Elks, No. 85 at the Elks Hotel, Third Street and Rhode Island Avenue, northwest. He was accompanied by the first deputy recorder of deeds, Oliver Thornton, a past exalted ruler of Elks in St. Louis.

"We are living in a great age— an age of great responsibilities and tasks," Dr. Shepard declared, adding that this is not 1947, but "A. H." meaning two years after Hiroshima.

He said Russia and the United States are the only two great nations today and that during World War II colored people saw white people run and die. He put the United States in the No. 1 position, and Russia in the No. 2 spot, and said he hoped this nation would always remain No. 1 but he was not so sure that it would.

"The leading nation will be the one that gets the allegiance of the majority of the people," he said, "and strange as it may seem, Russia is being looked to by the vast majority of people, who have been disfranchised for leadership." He added that Russia had no color line in its borders.

YOUTH CONGRESS DELEGATION TREKS TO D. C.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — This week a program for immediate essential legislation was presented to President Harry S. Truman, members of the 80th Congress and heads of governmental bureaus by an interracial delegation from the Southern Negro Youth Congress led by Edward K. Weaver, President, and Louis E. Burnham, Executive Secretary of the organization.

Raising the slogan, DEMOCRACY STRIKES BACK, the delegation summarized its program for legislation as "Eight Tasks for the Eightieth Congress." (1) Passage of an Anti-Lynch Law, (2) Passage of an Anti-Poll Tax Law, (3) Passage of a Law Establishing a Permanent FEPC, (4) Passage of a Seventy-five Cent Minimum Wage Law, (5) Passage of a Law Restoring Price Controls, (6) Passage of a Law Establishing National Health Insurance, (7) Passage of a Law Extending Social Security to Workers in Domestic, Canal, and Agricultural Employment and (8) Passage of a Law Providing Federal Aid to Education.

A. & T. College Enrollment Nears 3,000 Figure

GREENSBORO — Already recognized as North Carolina's largest Negro college and one of the most progressive Land Grant schools in the country, the North Carolina A. and T. College, had registered over 300 new students for the Winter Quarter at the middle of last week.

During the first quarter of the school year the rapidly expanding Carolina school broke all previous enrollment records with an unprecedented 2,332 students. Another record for the college was set last week when this mark was topped by 313 during the recent registration, giving the college an enrollment figure of 2,706 with an additional of approximately 200 other students in the process of registering.

The teaching staff has been further strengthened by the addition of several new instructors who began their class room duties with



PLAN CENTER FOR NEGROES IN N. C. — Six presidents of North Carolina Colleges and other educational and professional leaders of the state met with Dr. William Sharpe, prominent New York brain specialist, to make plans for an educational and recreational center for Negroes to be established in Onslow County. The center, to be known as Hammocks Beach, will be established on a 4,000-acre tract of land donated by Dr. Sharpe. The group is shown above discussing the project. From left to right, seated, are: E. M. Barnes, Wilson; President H. L. McCrorey, Johnston; C. Smith University, Br. N. C. Newbold, Director, Division of Negro Education, State Department of Public Instruction; Miss Marie McIver, Supervisor of Elementary Education, State Department of Public Instruction; Dr. Sharpe; James T. Taylor, President of the N. C. Teachers Association; Acting Chairman of the newly formed Hammocks Beach corporation; President Robert P. Daniel, Shaw University; Attorney F. J. Carnegie, Raleigh; Standing: J. H. Wheeler, Vice President and Cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, acting secretary of the corporation; Dr. M. C. King, Franklinton, President F. D. Buford, A. and T. College; President J. W. Seabrook, Fayetteville State Teachers College; President F. L. Atkins, Winston-Salem State Teachers College; President E. H. Gould, St. Augustine's College.