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**SOUTHERN RABBIS SAY RACE HATRED IS "BLASPHEMY"**  
 as ourselves, is life's highest aim, lead in efforts to ameliorate the conditions of our colored brothers.

Contracting the gains in interracial brotherhood, with the rebirth of hate propaganda and actions, the commission asked federal legislation to outlaw lynching and abolish the poll tax, establishment of a permanent FEPC and other measures to afford full opportunity to all Americans.

**TALMADGE ELECTION INVALID**

"subterfuge" designed to circumvent decisions of the United States Supreme Court holding that colored voters cannot be barred from participating in State Democratic primaries.

Superior Court Judge Bond Almond of Atlanta last Thursday ordered State Treasurer George B. Hamilton to accept \$7,000 in taxes collected by Talmadge's appointed revenue commissioner, Charles D. Redwin. While this represented a partial victory for Talmadge, Judge Almond emphasized that his decision did not require Hamilton to recognize Talmadge as governor or Redwin as the legally appointed revenue commissioner.

"There are only two ways by which the Negro can legally be disfranchised," Mrs. Longstreet told the Senate Judiciary Committee, "by having the Supreme Court reverse its decision and by amendment to the United States Constitution."

"And the sun of our national progress is too high in the heavens for either action."

"I wish my last words before this committee to be words of hope and encouragement for the colored people," Mrs. Longstreet said, "not only Georgia but throughout the nation."

"Recorded history furnishes no account of a people who have made greater progress under more terrible handicaps, than the Negroes since the War Between the States. The race that can produce a George Washington, a Carver and a Booker Washington, has already paid the price in service to their country, of the highest privilege of American citizenship, which is the ballot."

"I implore you, to turn the scorn of honest men against this inhuman bill, repudiate it, bury it too deep for resurrection."

**V. IS READY FOR SELF GOVERNMENT, HASTIE SAYS**

by the people of the islands, who should have full time representation in congress. He also said that the progress in self-rule warranted a change in the Presidential nomination of a governor to that of the people electing their own gubernatorial head "as is done in all democratic societies."

**FRANCIS' LIFE IN HANDS OF STATE**

Louisiana authorities. Unless the Louisiana Board of Pardons and Reprieves and the Governor, recant and grant executive clemency, there is now nothing to prevent the State from executing its "pound of flesh."

Under Louisiana law, the Governor may not extend executive clemency unless the Board of Pardons and Reprieves so recommends. The Board of Pardons and Reprieves has already rejected Francis' plea for clemency.

By a 5 to 4 decision the United States Supreme Court on January 13 held that the State of Louisiana may carry out the death penalty, although Francis once went through the ordeal of preparation for execution, including receiving the last rites of the Catholic Church and receiving through his body a current of electricity intended to cause death.

The governor of Louisiana issued a warrant for execution of Francis by electrocution May 3, last. Francis was prepared for death. The top of his head, his wrists and legs were snared in order that the connecting parts of the electric chair might be firmly fastened to his body to cause the proper entry of the electric current.

The connecting apparatus was firmly fixed to his body. He was strapped to the chair and a hood placed over his eyes. He was asked if he had anything to say before he died. He was given the final blessings by his priest in the presence of official witnesses.

On a given signal, the current was applied and then reapplied to his body. Francis' lips puffed out, he groaned and jumped so that the electric chair rocked on the floor.

When it was evident that the electricity was not bringing death to him, he electric switch was turned off, and Francis was taken from the chair.

Informed of Francis' failure to die in the electric chair, the Governor ordered a reprieve until May 9. On May 7, a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed on Francis' behalf. The writ was denied the same day.

On May 9, a petition for writs of certiorari, mandamus, prohibition and habeas corpus was filed in Francis' behalf in the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and on May 14 a supplemental petition was filed alleging that a second attempt to execute Francis would be in violation of the due process clause of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution.

The Louisiana Supreme Court denied the petitions. The United States Supreme Court decided to review the case June 10. On November 8, 1944, Francis allegedly laid in wait for three hours behind Thomas' garage for Thomas to come to his home from his drug store. Francis is alleged to have been armed with a pistol he had previously stolen. After Thomas arrived, Francis is alleged to have shot him five times and upon Thomas' wallet containing \$4

**RACE RELATIONS HONOR ROLL RELEASED**

mean college which has a predominantly white student body and faculty).

Oregon Welles for his radio campaign against racial and religious bigotry.

**NEGROES**

William H. Hastie, for his appointment as governor of the Virgin Islands, the first Negro to be a regular governor of an American state or territory.

Dr. Alain Locke, for his election as president of the American Association for Adult Education.

Miss Shirley Graham for her biography of Frederick Douglass which won the Julian Messner prize of \$6,500 for the best book on race relations.

Levi Jackson for his football record at Yale University.

Mrs. Emma Clement, for winning the "American Mother of 1946" vote, the first Negro mother so designated.

The NAACP Legal Staff, particularly for its defense of the Columbia, Tenn. riot victims.

Percy Greene, editor of the Jackson, Miss. "Advocate" for his assistance in gathering witnesses for the senate committee investigating election irregularities.

Frank Yerby, for his novel "The Feast of Harrow," whose sale exceeded those of any other book ever written by a Negro author.

The Citizens Democratic Committee of Georgia for its campaign to bring out the Negro vote.

Canada Lee, actor and co-producer of "On Whitman Avenue," a Broadway play exposing unfair housing practices in the North.

The King Cole Trio, winner of the vote of popular music magazines as having contributed the most to popular music during the past year.

Alfred D. Brooks, for winning his M. A. degree, being adjudged by the American Foundation for the Blind as the student who has shown the greatest intellectual improvement during the year.

**ANTI-KKK BILL INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE**

a foothold in a number of Pennsylvania counties. The bill provides that any member of the Klan or similar organization must resign or terminate his membership within twenty days of the effective date of the act or be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000, or undergo imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or more than three years at the discretion of the court. The measure decrees that any organization, group or society of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, which practices or advocates through "dissemination of propaganda literature or publicity or by the use of terrorism, threats, demonstrations and other fear-engendering methods, the persecution of persons because of their race, color or religion, to be unlawful."

"Any such organization, group or society of persons now organized whether dormant or functioning, the bill reads, is hereby enjoined from operating, carrying on its purposes or functions in any manner whatsoever, no such organization, group or society shall hereafter be organized or formed."

It also provides that any officer or director holding a position in such an unlawful organization or any one organizing or attempting to organize such a group shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$10,000 and undergo imprisonment for a term of not less than five years nor more than 20 years.

Should the organization, society or group fail to defend, or disavow, immediately upon the effective date of the act, it can be charged with a felony and upon conviction fined "the entire amount of money and property, real and personal, owned and possessed by such organization, which money and properties shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth."

**PASSENGER WINS SUIT AGAINST N. C. BUS LINE**

bus pulled out of the Richmond terminal, the driver, C. L. Jordan, forced him to move to the rear. Reigns said there were no empty seats and he refused to move.

The bus driver summoned the number of people who issued the "separate seating" program with this as the only remedy. Reigns was arrested and held in jail until the next day when he posted bond. The charge against Reigns was dismissed in Police Court June 10.

Reigns brought suit on the grounds that he had been wrongfully arrested, humiliated and deprived of his civil rights in violation of the State and Federal Constitutions.

The bus company defended on the ground that its driver was simply carrying out the provisions of the State segregation law.

**DOBOIS EXPLAINS AMERICAN HISTORY**

mics advanced than that of Europe, and added:

"The slave trade played an important part in the downfall of African culture, and in attempting to justify this trade, modern historians have failed to give credit where credit is due. Many have denied that the Egyptians were Africans when there appears no doubt about the matter. They regarded the high state of civilization around the Nile as progress by the Asiatics, never by Africans. The same applies with respect to Cathage."

The Renaissance actually reached Africa before it reached Europe, he said, and explained that it could not have begun in Europe because Europe did not at that time have the culture necessary to sustain it.

**YMCA-YWCA BUILDING CAMPAIGN NEARING GOAL**

July 20th, at which time their \$2,700,000 goal will be realized.

The City Schools are now working for more \$3,500,000. The eight principals were contacted recently by the Chairman of the Drive, Mr. Edward H. Brown, and they reported that every teacher is working with his pupils on the \$100 for each child, the attitude toward the campaign is wonderful, and that the full goal will be surpassed. The chairman reported that he has found the same interest in the county schools.

The Y Teens Club of the YWCA, which are under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Belton, presented a dramatic tournament at The Second Ward High School recently. Over seven High Schools in Mecklenburg County participated, including the following: Schools W. Charlotte, Clear Creek, Pineville, Montreat, Logan, Second Ward and Plato Park. The success of this tournament was due to the splendid work of the Dramatic Tournament committee which was headed by Miss Lena Mill with the support of Y Teens from the various schools and the cooperation of Y Teen advisors and committee. The total amount netted from this effort was \$251.45 and Mrs. Belton estimates that the group will bring in \$2,000,000 in total.

Mrs. B. J. Perkins, heading the House Campaign, she has over 75 workers, men and women, in her group. They are selling \$5.00 and \$25.00 certificates. This group will end their campaign with a pageant at the City Armory Auditorium Sunday February 23rd at 2:30 p. m. The woman who sells the highest number of bricks will be crowned Miss YWCA and the man, Mr. YWCA. The program will be composed of members of the Y clubs and the Y Teen clubs.

Mrs. B. J. Perkins will have the workers in the drive to participate in the program by building the YWCA-YWCA with bricks.

The Business and Industrial group is under the leadership of Messrs. A. S. Grier, J. E. Hemphill, Sr., A. E. Spears and E. S. Pettit. These leaders will attempt to contact every business in the city where Negroes work. This group is trying to reach a \$10,000 goal. Mrs. G. F. Woodson and Mrs. J. Eugene Alexander are heading a team to contact the social, business and professional clubs for organizational contributions.

**P. V. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE MARCH 7**

Prairie View, Tex. (ANP). The annual educational conference will start March 7 at 9 AM, according to an announcement by Principal E. B. Evans. The proceedings of the various conferences are in demand in all parts of the world. According to state and national officials in the educational field this conference is one of the most thorough jobs of its kind being done. It is also the oldest educational conference in existence.

The subject is "Physical and Mental Fitness of Elementary School Children." Dr. H. A. Bullock states that it will prove to be one of the most interesting topics since most teachers will be directly concerned.

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**CLEMENCY ASKED FOR GI SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS HARD LABOR**

**NEW YORK** - In a petition for clemency, the legal staff of the NAACP asked the Secretary of War to reconsider the sentence imposed on former private Walter A. Brown by a general court-martial on August 3, 1945, for shooting a white officer at the front, with intent to kill. Brown is presently serving a sentence of fifteen years hard labor.

The shooting incident which resulted in Brown's arrest, for assault with intent to kill, occurred in a town on the front line at night when Brown was leaving a bar and was fired upon by some unknown assailant. Uncertain whether the fire was directed at him or one of his own men, Brown believed "I was an American soldier" before returning the fire in the general direction from which flashes of gunfire continued to come. Brown was hit by one of the shots. Brown regained consciousness, that he was being placed under arrest, charged with the crime of shooting an officer.

In the NAACP's latest petition, the Secretary of War for clemency it was pointed out that conviction for the crime of assault with intent to kill requires proof of guilt with the requisite intent beyond facts established in the record of Brown's case. Further, asserting that it was the natural reaction of a well-trained soldier, when fired upon in the dark at night, to return such fire for his own self-protection, the petition urged the most sympathetic and understanding of his facts in Brown's case by the members of the clemency board considering the case upon its annual review.

Stating that Brown has suffered physically by virtue of the wounds he received, and mentally and spiritually by virtue of his conviction and confinement to date, it was urged that further punishment by confinement in prison should not be imposed upon him but that he should be accorded the greatest clemency possible.

**TYRELL LAW SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES EXPANSION PLANS**

Washington, D. C. (ANP). - Approval of three full-time professors and a librarian, acquisition and remodeling of a 3-story brick building, and the increase of the library to more than 10,000 volumes were among the items approved by Tyrell Law School's board of trustees at their recent semi-annual meeting.

**ILL. BILL WOULD OUTLAW RACE LABELING OF CRIME**

Springfield, Ill. (ANP) - Sen. Christopher C. Winship, the only colored member of the senate in Illinois, has introduced a bill in the legislature to prohibit newspapers or periodicals from identifying persons by reference to race, color or religion in connection with reporting of criminal news. The measure if enacted into law will carry a penalty of \$500 for the reporter and \$100 for the publisher.

Winship introduced this legislation, Sen. Winship said, "because the habit which daily papers and magazines have of fastening race labels on people suspected of crime is really heinous and pernicious propaganda. The use of racial designation in news stories creates impressions which blanket the whole race. This

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