

# LABOR BILL WOULD AID NEGRO SAYS AFL HEAD

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## Railroad Blamed Reynolds Strikers

New York to Atlanta. They were told that they could be given three reserved seats on "The Southerner" if they picked them up by a specified time.

Mrs. Brown and one of her sisters went to the ticket office at the Pennsylvania Station in New York, bought three tickets and were given reservation and identification checks, reserving seats 52, 53, and 54 in car S-6. They left New York for Atlanta January 7, 1945 at 4:30 p.m.

When the train was somewhere between Alexandria and Charlottesville, Virginia, the conductor, accompanied by the passenger agent and hostess, collected the tickets from one of the complainants and told her she and her two sisters would have to move into car S-1, which was reserved for colored passengers.

Upon inquiry as to why they would have to move, Mrs. Brown was told that colored passengers had to be segregated south of Washington. She called the attention of the passenger agent to the fact that the reservation and identification checks reserved the seats they were occupying from New York to Atlanta, and that she and her two sisters were traveling in interstate commerce.

According to Mrs. Brown, the passenger agent told her the train was in Virginia and that they were subject to the laws of Virginia, which required segregation.

According to the passenger agent, he explained that it was customary and that they would be given as good accommodations in the Jim Crow coach.

The examiner found as a fact that, over their strenuous objections and under threat of being forcibly removed from the train at some station ahead, all three complainants were moved about midnight from the white coach to Jim Crow.

On the question of equality of accommodations, the examiner found:

"Complainants were indignant, and felt humiliated, embarrassed, and unjustly treated because they were required to move to car S-1 and were under a strain caused by the death of their mother, whose body they were accompanying to Atlanta. The natural, even if unconscious, reaction would be to magnify the inconveniences they encountered in the long journey by coach and to list all incidents and conditions which they thought might justify criticism of defendant, its agents, and employees.

There are two other possible explanations: (1) that generally or on this particular run defendant's train and station employees failed to perform their duty and carry out their instructions, and neglected car S-1 at New York, which is contrary to the evidence, and (2) that passengers in car S-1 on this particular occasion were careless of indifference to, and lacking in conventional and courteous behavior in a public convenience, a conclusion not warranted by any evidence."

## Legionnaires

Establishments were gaily decorated for the occasion.

The Auxiliary conducted an oratorical contest Sunday afternoon at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, while Sunday night services were conducted at St. Luke A. M. E. Zion church.

Later Sunday night, entertainment was provided at the post home.

A parade was scheduled for Monday, but the only marching unit present was a drum and bugle corps from Raleigh.

Monday night, a ball game was played at Legion Stadium between the Asheville Blues and the Pon Giants of Winston-Salem. Approximately 1,000 persons attended this event which proved to be the highlight of the convention.

Al Carter, pitching for Winston-Salem, and J. Daniels on the mound for the Blues were in good form, with Carter amazing and thrilling the crowd with his breaking ball, which caused Umpire Parker to call "strike" many times.

However, the Giants were poor in defensive play. This and their failure to hit at the right time caused them to be shut out to the tune of 8-0.

Ernest King officiated at first and second bases.

Joe Powell was booking agent for the game.

A banquet and dance followed at the Barn.

Tuesday, a business meeting and election of officers took place, with adjournment following.

Governor Cherry, a prominent member of the legion spoke to the group Tuesday morning at a meeting at the high school.

John Davis, retiring Wilmington commander, and Charles G. Irving, retiring state vice-commander, handled details of the convention with valuable assistance being rendered by R. P. Lee, newly elected Wilmington commander.

Lt. Lawrence A. Oxlvy, former state vice-commander, was present and spoke during the meetings.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is one of the best recent examples I know of people working together for a common aim.

"The aim was to secure a living wage from the Reynolds Company which had refused to offer more than a 5-1/2 cents an hour wage increase to the members of the PTA-CIO in their plant.

"The strike lasted 38 days. During the strike, a picketline was kept going 24 hours a day around the Reynolds Company's 73 plant gates. White and Negro workers picketed together, met together, planned strategy together, negotiated together with the company until they won their strike.

"At no time was there the slightest incident on the picket-line or in the union halls that reflected racial tension. No arrests were made, although the Winston-Salem police were concentrated solely on the picketlines, leaving the rest of the city unprotected.

"In fact, the Chief of Police of Winston-Salem publicly praised the strikers, both Negro and white, for their orderliness and discipline. The local newspaper, which did everything in its power to try to break the strike, had to admit that there was no violence of any kind during the 38 days.

"It was not for lack of trying. The company and the local newspaper did their best to promote racial incidents. The company ran white strike-breakers in to take Negro workers' jobs. Whites who stayed in the plants were given Negro jobs — which naturally are the hardest and most disagreeable in the entire operation.

"Every time a stone was thrown in Winston-Salem the local newspaper gave it a front page story, usually with pictures showing the side of the house where the stone had been said to hit. A mild jostling on the picketline was built up in the newspaper as a major incident.

"Despite all these attempts to stir up trouble, the white and Negro workers continued to picket together, met together, plan strategy together without incident or tension.

"Now that the strike is over the Reynolds Company is still trying its best to stir-up racial trouble, refusing to return several hundred Negro workers to their jobs. Such an obvious attempt to create an explosive situation out of a peaceful and well conducted strike could be stopped by the application of a fair employment law such as contemplated in S. 984 (the Ives-Chavez bill). Certainly the present discriminatory tactics of the Reynolds Company are a poor reward for the disciplined and orderliness of 10,000 white and Negro workers during the strike.

"I cite the situation in Winston-Salem because it answers the familiar line that white and Negro 'just won't work together' that it is 'against human nature' to expect them to do so, and that it is therefore wrong and impractical to support a permanent FEPC."

## Rape Case

may use each in testimony against the other.

The alleged assault on Mrs. Tarrant aroused tense racial feeling in the Rich Square-Jackson section which culminated in the attempted lynching of Goawin "Buddy" Bush of Rich Square on the morning of May 23 after he had been arrested for alleged attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Margaret A. Bryant, Rich Square white woman.

Bush is now free under \$1,000 bond and the seven white men who kidnapped him from the county jail at Jackson in an attempt to lynch him are out under \$2,500 bond. All are scheduled to be tried at the August term of court.

## National Mission

that the whole school was one of the best held in years.

Dr. A. B. McCoy, secretary Board of National Missions and veteran Presbyterian leader acted as dean of the school and Dr. A. O. Steele, Professor of Religious Education of C. S. Smith, was assistant dean. The staff consisted of Dr. A. H. Prince, Evangelist synods of Atlantic, Blue Ridge, Canadian and Cawtaba; Dr. F. C. Shirley, field representative of the Cawtaba Synod; Dr. Vartan D. McLoonin, Professor of Bible, Presbyterian College of Christian Education; Miss Ruth Winters, assistant director of the Department of Christian Education; Dr. A. B. George, Dean of the Theological Seminary of Johnson C. Smith University; Mrs. C. M. Jamison, supervisor of the Cawtaba Synod; Rev. H. R. Pinkney, field representative of the Blue Ridge and Canadian Synods; J. T. Jones, Supervisor of Sunday School Missions; Mrs. M. A. Sanders, Teacher, James Island School; Mrs. Martha V. Marston, Parish Worker, Burke County Parish; Rev. W. J. Simmons, pastor Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Mrs. S. J. McCleary, promulgates teacher; Dr. J. B. West, pastor, Brooklyn Presbyterian Church in Charlotte; and the Rev. E. L. Jones, pastor of the Tribes Presbyterian Church in Washington.

During the session messages were delivered by Dean T. E. McKinney.

of Johnson C. Smith University and by Dr. H. L. McCroskey, retiring president of the College.

Courses were offered in The New Life Movement, Presbyterian Practice, Religious Education, Study and Use of the Bible, Church Organization and Administration, Recreation and the Church, Community, Miss Ruth Winters, acted as Secretary of the conference.

Certificates were awarded to the persons who completed three years of such conference. The certificates were given by the Board of National Missions jointly with the Religious Department of the University.

## Charlotte Leads

by L. P. Harris of Charlotte and C. J. Gates of Durham. Mr. Alexander, who is executive secretary of the Charlotte NAACP is also well known for his work in the Association. Both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bowser left this week for Washington, D. C. where they are attending the National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

T. V. Mangum, of Statesville, president of the body, expressed his pleasure today with the men accepting the positions. He said, "It is with a great deal of pride that I look forward to working with these men for with their help we intend to go forward in N. C. with the NAACP program."

## SAMUEL HARRIS

Rev. O. S. Billock, pastor of the church, and remarks made by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University, Deacon Mingo Kelly, Dr. N. H. Harris of Shaw University, Attorney F. J. Carnage, and L. E. Austin of Durham, president of the State Users Association and editor of the Carolina Times. Mrs. W. S. Lockhart read the obituary, and telegrams and condolences were read by Mrs. M. Butler.

A native of Youngsville, Mr. Harris came to Raleigh 23 years ago and has been engaged in the barbering profession until confined to his home because of illness seven months ago after having been in declining health for five years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Leila Harris, 1014 South Person Street; two daughters, Mrs. Alveda High of New York and Miss Geraldine Harris, Raleigh; one son, Cleo Harris, Raleigh; three brothers, Joshua Harris, Franklinton; Robert Harris, Zebulon; and James Harris of Montgomery, Alabama; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Interment was made in Mount Hope Cemetery.

## Sweeds Tell

things because of race and color and will not approve the import of such uncivilized manners from the west.

GOLDSBORO — Mr. James Brington a long resident of this city, died last Tuesday at Duke Hospital, Durham. He is survived by two sisters and two brothers and many close relatives. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from his home church in Goldsboro.

## CLAYTON NEWS

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Smith Rowland, Clayton, Route 1, will be held Friday, June 27 at 2:30 P. M. at Piney Grove Church.

## RALEIGH PERSONALS

Misses Effie Mae Whitaker and Ernestine Dunston are studying at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. this summer.

The following young people of the Congregational Church attended the Kings Mountain Conference recently: Misses Dolores Williams, Marguerite Jones, Valer, Wilson, Pearl Wilson, Cecelia Austin, Shirley Harvy and Charles Whitaker. They were accompanied by Rev. E. C. Lawrence.

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## NAACP Urges Veto Of Labor Bill

NEW YORK — Acting after a vote of the Board of Directors, Dr. Louis T. Wright, Chairman of the Board, sent the following telegram to President Truman urging that he veto the Taft-Hartley Labor bill. "Thousands of wage earners are at this moment suffering hunger, privation, and insecurity because even our present labor laws do not offer adequate protection against those who oppose collective bargaining. The Taft-Hartley labor bill proposes to drive such people deeper into exploitation. The NAACP earnestly hopes that you will veto this measure in a forthright message to Congress."

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## NEW FATHER DIVINE MISSION GIVES 25 CENT MEAL

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Opening day menu of the non-profit consisting of chicken fricasee, fresh peas, rice, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, bread, butter, beverage, and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. That was for 25 cents.

The next day's menu offered baked ham or hamburger loaf, string beans, salad, potatoes, tea or coffee, and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. And that was for 25 cents.

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## IVES-CHEVEZ BILL TO BENEFIT RACE

BY LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (INPA) — Enactment of the Ives-Chavez bill to prohibit race or religious discrimination in employment is essential to "make fully effective" the principle of equality of opportunity, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee holding hearings on that measure last Friday.

Mr. Green appeared in support of the legislation pursuant to a resolution adopted at the sixty-fifth convention of the American Federation of Labor held in Chicago last October.

Endorsement of the Ives-Chavez bill by the convention was nothing new, Green stated. The AFL, he said, "was founded on the ideal of affording men an equal chance to employment" at the skills which they possess and at fair and equitable pay for their productivity.

Mr. Green said the AFL has made "very rapid progress" in eliminating discrimination within its ranks. Only in highly skilled trades, he said, is there still discrimination, and that "is not so much a matter of race as it is a matter of protection of members who are highly skilled."

The AFL, he said, "has taken a very strong position against discrimination of any kind in employment."

Mr. Green told the committee that the experience of the AFL in dealing with race or religious discrimination demonstrated that the most powerful single force behind such discrimination was "economic discrimination."

This experience, he added, "made it abundantly clear" that Congress should enact the Ives-Chavez bill "to assure healthy economic growth of the nation" and "to safeguard and sustain the general welfare of the people."

When jobs are denied because of race, color or religion, Mr. Green said, "the minority group affected is forced to a relatively lower economic level. He pointed to the sums as evidence of the toll discrimination is taking.

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