

Russians Laugh, Cry At U. S. Race Hate

MOSCOW (ANP) — Russian audiences displayed mingled emotions of pity and joy here last week at the antics of Leonid Utyesov, director of the State Jazz band of the Russian Federated republic on the plight of the American Negro at the hands of Negro-hating Americans.

His two and one-half hour show included songs, dances and jokes, which included a skit about a bragging American trying to explain why the U. S. chess team lost the international chess matches to the Russians.

"Our chess players couldn't train properly," the American said, "be-

cause in America we can't have black and white men on the same square.

Tears flowed freely when Edith Utyesov's daughter, sang a ballad portraying the lynching of Negroes in the southern section of the United States. Douring black-face makeup, she sang a lullaby to her baby not to cry because her daddy and his buddy "are hanging from that strange tree."

"He fought in the war, because then he was not a nigger," the ballad say. "But then he came home and tried to stand up for his rights and now he is hanging from that strange tree."

GI OUSTANDING AMONG ARMORED SCHOOL GRADS

Fort Knox, Ky. (ANP) — Pvt. John Delanc Caldwell, of headquarters company, 75th Tank Battalion, was easily the most outstanding among graduates from the Armored school here last week. Caldwell, a native of Neches, Tex., finished the radio repairman course with a rating of "superior."

A graduate of Prairie View college, he entered the service in June, 1945. In September of the same year, he was selected to take a year's course in electrical engineering at the University of Utah under the army specialized training program. Upon completion of this training, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., thence to Fort Knox, for assignment with the 75th. Soon after his arrival, he entered the 12-12 week radio repairman course.

Along with other classmates, he worked out problems in the many huge workshops of the school, learned to repair and maintain army radio sets, and gained knowledge vitally needed to keep in operation the communication system controlling movements of tank and other armored vehicles groups in the field.

AMVETS HONOR RACE VETS

2 Negroes On National Planning Committee

By PAULINE R. COGGS

Milwaukee (ANP) — Two Negro veterans were elected to the national governing body of the American Veterans committee at the national convention June 19-21. Maj. Ulysses Lee of Washington and Theodore Coggs of Madison, Wis., were candidates on the Independent Progressive slate that won the election by an overwhelming majority. Other winners of the Independent Progressive slate caucus were Chas Patterson, national chairman, succeeding Charles Bolte, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., who was reelected to the national planning committee.

Franklin Williams, staff members of the NAACP, a former member of the national planning committee, was defeated in his candidacy for vice chairman of the organization.

The platform accepted by the convention included strong opposition to segregation in the armed forces, Jim Crow laws, the practice of discrimination in the expenditure of federal funds and restrictive racial housing covenants. The platform called for fair employment legislation, a federal civil rights act, repeal of the poll tax and the outlawing of white primaries.

At the Bengasi the other evening, Bea Butcher, Lovejoy school principal, came in all dressed up but soloing to hear Savannah Churchill. Billy Eckstein and a trio are currently at the Bengasi.

MAN CONVICTED ON BURGLARY CHARGE

JACKSON — James "Dick" Boone was convicted of first degree burglary on a charge of entering the home of Mrs. J. G. Tarrant, middle-aged white woman, at Rich Square on the night of April 25 and sentenced to 12 months in the Northampton Superior Court here Friday.

He maintained his innocence throughout the trial, but on his way to Central Prison at Raleigh confessed to Patrolman W. V. C. Daniel that he went to the Tarrant home with Willie Cherry who was convicted of burglary in connection with the same case and sentenced to death Wednesday and held open the screen window while Cherry entered the house twice.

"I held up the screen for him," he said, "but I didn't help him through the window."

He said he didn't know Mrs. Tarrant very well, but that after he and Cherry drank some beer and whiskey he consented to "go around there to rob Mrs. Tarrant." He asked me to come and go around there to rob Mrs. Tarrant," Boone said, "and I went."

Cherry said Thursday that "Boone put it in my head to rob that woman. I didn't even know she had any money."

He said Boone persuaded him to enter the Tarrant home to rob her and stood guard outside while Cherry allegedly assaulted and robbed Mrs. Tarrant.

After the close of the evidence Ballard S. Gay, defense attorney for the defendant, sought a non-suit in the second indictment, and pointed out that there had been no testimony that Boone planned the attack with Cherry, but after deliberation, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn agreed with the contention of Solicitor E. R. Tyler that a person aiding in breaking into a home would be equally responsible for any crime committed by a partner while inside.

Eight white women who admitted they had fixed opinions in the case and three Negroes were excluded from jury service.

Getting Ready For Show



Lurah Hicks, of Oaiaa Community Tallapoosa County, Ala., is readying her Shorthorn calf for the 1948 fat stock show and sale at Montgomery. Here she is shown grooming the calf for its

White Husband Can't Get Wife's Property

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP) — A Mississippi law which holds that marriages between whites and other persons having one-eighth Negro or Mongolian blood are null and void, was used by Chancellor V. J. Stricker here last week in preventing Alex D. Miller, white, from inheriting property owned by his colored wife. The couple married in Chicago in 1939.

Miller brought suit for the possession of property valued at approximately \$25,000, including a business building, two residences and several smaller structures. Although Mrs. Miller did not leave a will, he sought the property on the ground that he was her lawful husband.

Judge Stricker ruled that the property which belonged to Mrs. Miller before her death should go to her relatives here as her legal heirs.

In an off-the-record comment, the judge commented that "a marriage outside the state is not enforce against the claim of the woman's relatives who lives in this state where the property is located."

COOPERATIVE WORK SHOP TO OPEN HERE

Record Attendance Expected At Business League Meeting

BIRMINGHAM (ANP) — A record-breaking crowd is expected to gather at Tampa, Fla., for the annual convention of the National Negro Business League, according to Dr. A. G. Gaston, NNBL president, here last week. The league will hold a three-day session beginning July 29.

According to Dr. Gaston, reports from member leagues throughout the country show that large delegations can be expected. During the past few months, Dr. Gaston has been touring the country in an effort to promote increased interest in the annual meeting.

McLean, Director of the Bricks Rural Life School, and W. N. Nesbitt, Secretary-Treasurer, Victory Credit Union, Winston-Salem Subjects for discussion will include, "Cooperatives in North Carolina," "Their Organizations, Type and Location," and "The Church and Cooperative units to be studied are, consumer stores, credit unions, marketing and buying organizations, and health, housing and recreational projects.

Also slated to speak are, N. A.

RARE U. S. NICKEL TURNS UP IN LIBERIA

Monrovia, Liberia (ANP) — Rare U. S. coins have a way of bobbing up in many foreign countries. Recently one turned up here in the possession of Jacob Browne, local ANP correspondent.

The coin is a silver five-cent piece, on one side of which is the American coat of arms and the date 1836. The reverse side bears the head of an Indian with 13 stars.

Mr. Browne says he will be glad to dispose of the coin to any person or persons interested. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 20, Carey Street, Monrovia.

W. AFRICA NEXT

Accra, Gold Coast, British West Africa (ANP) — According to the Ashanti Pioneer, a daily newspaper published in Kumasi, Gold Coast, West Africa will soon be the next hopping ground for white domination and colonial exploitation after the Indians have wrested freedom from the British.

The Pioneer's article has created quite a sensation in African educated circles. It says: "The bones of such pioneers as David Livingstone, Mungo Park, etc., must be turning in their graves for the abuse by their successors of the sacrifices and the moral basis on which they founded the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"Freedom is in the blood. No race of people could be ruled by aliens forever. The day of reckoning inevitably breaks. The master flees and the servant comes into his own. This is the verdict of history."

6 TIMES MAXIMUM IS SENTENCE IN JIM CROW CASE

Chapel Hill (WDL) — What a southern court thinks of a southern white man who does not believe in the prevailing prejudices was shown here when Judge Henry Whitfield tried to give Joe Felmet, southern field secretary of the Workers Defense League, six times the maximum sentence for sitting with a Negro on an interstate bus.

"Six months on the road," the judge said. Prosecutor T. J. Propps then pointed out that the maximum for such an offense under the state's Jim Crow law is thirty days. "I can't keep all these things in my little head," Judge Whitfield remarked whimsically, as he changed the sentence to thirty days.

At the same time he reduced the sentence of Andrew Johnson, a Negro convicted along with Felmet from \$50 and costs to \$25 and costs. After sentencing a white and a Negro a month ago on the same charge, Judge Whitfield told their attorney of the record that he has much more

Library Memorial To Honor Rev. Cheek

WARRENTON — As a fitting memorial to the late Rev. N. A. Cheek of Elberton, his family is presenting to the Community Center Library at Warrenton, a collection of \$200 worth of books to serve as an inspiration to those left behind.

Thirty dollars of this amount has been spent for books on Parent-Child and Family Life, and was given by his sister, Mrs. Mollie Brodie of Freehold, New Jersey, and her children.

One-hundred seventy dollars given by his widow, six sons and 5 daughters was spent on a fine collection of books on Negro Life and History, to be placed in the library with suitable memorial plaques.

The late Rev. Cheek served as pastor and minister for a total of 150 years, divided among seven churches. During this pastorate he baptized over 2,000 persons, and was instrumental in promoting and organizing seven churches, Snowhill, Serepta, Edwards Grove and St. Pauls of Warren County, Phipps Chapel, Sandy Grove of Vance County, and White Rock in Halifax County.

He served as Moderator of the Original Shiloh for 31 years, served as secretary of the Ministers Conference of Warren and adjacent counties for 42 years, was member of the Board of Directors Colored Orphanage, Oxford for 40 years, and served as vice president of the Baptist State Convention, and was on its executive committee for 25 years.

He was known as an apostle of industry, of thrift and home ownership.

ALERT SHERIFF FOILS LYNCH MOB

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Deputy Sheriff Russell Lambert Tuesday pleaded at the top of his voice, brandished a long gun against a mob of 300 white men, and saved Eddie Brown, who was accused of killing a white man, from being lynched.

Help finally came from all sides and Lambert was able to report the 22-year-old youth saved from the mob.

It was the third time within six weeks that a mob had escaped lynch law in the South. Godwin "Buddy" Bush of Rich Square, N. C., broke loose and escaped from a mob that had already snatched him from the jail and at Harrisboro, Alabama, a lynch party had a rope around the neck of a man suspected of rape of a white woman, but the Mayor "talked the mobsters out of it."

For almost three hours a mob stormed the Carroll County jail here, 50 miles west of Atlanta, where Russell, although maulled and threatened, "stood his ground."

In another room an assistant frantically telephoned every police department, sheriff's office and state highway patrol station in the vicinity for reinforcements. Shortly after midnight, strong reinforcements came and Brown was shipped out of the rear entrance to the jail under tommyguns and rushed to Atlanta where he is being held in the Fulton County Tower.

Lambert said he spotted the lynch mob about nine o'clock Monday night from a window of his residence on the Villa Rica-Carrollton road where he said he counted 72 automobiles and a school bus, and that he dashed to the telephone to sound a warning.

Local anger had been mounting since Brown was arrested for the alleged slaying of Andrew Boyd, 30-year-old Villa Rica white farmer, whose body was found late Saturday night on the banks of the Tallapoosa River.

Justice Jackson thinks the world is drifting towards the Reds. But the world is not going red. It is merely going human — a name we sometimes call radical over here. Personally, I am more concerned about what this country is going to do when it is really excited by the human thinking and practices of the rest of the world.

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