

Press Lauds Action Of Gov. Cherry

Say FBI Giving Negroes 'Brush-Off'

Herald Tribune Article Says Governor's Action Sets Example For South

"LILY WHITE" HIRING POLICY USED BY FBI

Washington — Stirred by growing complaints from Negro applicants for FBI clerical jobs charging J. Edgar Hoover's department with giving Negroes a "brush off", the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Washington Bureau protested what it termed a "lily-white hiring policy".

Leslie Perry, NAACP Washington Bureau spokesman, moved by the steadily growing number of complaints, today wrote the FBI chief: "It is increasingly difficult for thousands upon thousands of American citizens to believe that an agency of the government whose personnel recruiting record is so badly tainted with racial bias, will, when it comes to protecting the rights of minority racial groups, give them a square deal."

The situation which drew the NAACP fire came as a result of a story which appeared in the Washington newspapers on July 29th, in which it was stated that the FBI was accepting applications to fill 2,000 clerical jobs and openings for 500 additional agents. This increase in personnel was apparently necessitated by the recently authorized federal employee loyalty program. It was pointed out that applicants do not have to meet civil service requirements.

According to the NAACP spokesman, hundreds of Negro government clerks who are about to lose their jobs in other agencies because of reductions, are applying for these openings. Many other experienced Negro government workers who were terminated immediately after the

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5 ARRESTED IN FIGHT AT WRECK

White Man Who Argued Beaten With Auto Jack

RALEIGH — Five men were arrested here Friday as the result of a fight at the intersection of Hargett and Person streets which grew out of a wreck between two cars, one driven by a white woman and the other by Negroes, about 5:30 Friday afternoon, police have reported.

Arrested were James Boykin, 615 Harrington street, charged with hit-and-run driving; Roy Wall, white man of Garner, Route 1, charged with engaging in an argument; Wilson Boykin, 805 S. Harrington street, and James Saunders of 319 Ellington street, both charged with "disorderly conduct"; and Royal C. Winston of 422 S. Swain street who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Boykin was driving a truck which struck and dented a fender of a car driven by Miss Bernice Poole, 823 Fayetteville street white woman, and his bond was set at \$100.

Winston allegedly beat Wall about the shoulders and back with an automobile jack while they were fighting and the other defendants were "disorderly by cursing and swearing."

Winston's bond was set at \$200 and that of the other defendants 25 each. All were scheduled to be tried in City Court Tuesday morning.

REPRESENTS POPE PIUS IN LIBERIAN FETE

VATICAN CITY — Archbishop Giovanni Dellepiane, apostolic delegate to the Belgian Congo, was named by the Holy See to represent Pope Pius XII at the centenary celebration of the independence of the Republic of Liberia which was held in the Liberian capital at Monrovia last month.

The Republic was founded in 1822 through the American Colonization Society as a place where freed slaves could return to Africa, and continue under the Society until political exigencies with England and other nations forced it to declare its independence on July 26, 1847. Monrovia, the capital, is named in honor of President James Monroe, under whose administration the colonization program began.

The West African Republic now has an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of 1,887,000, among whom are 10,000 Catholics.

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STATE SS AND BTU END ANNUAL CONFERENCE

66TH ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT SHAW UNI.

RALEIGH — Meeting in its sixty-sixth annual session at Shaw University and Martin Street Baptist Church here this week (Aug. 14-15), the State Sunday School Baptist Training Union Convention of North Carolina adopted resolutions lauding Governor R. Gregg Cherry for ordering a rearing in the case of seven men in Northampton County who took one "Buddy" Bush from the county jail; and commending the Raleigh News and Observer for its staunch advocacy of human justice and for its vindication of the rights of all minority groups.

Another resolution endorsing and praising the action taken by Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist State Convention, in seeking to protect "Buddy" Bush and to conserve interracial goodwill in Northampton county was adopted.

The resolution referring to the action of Governor Cherry read in part: "The Sunday School Convention of North Carolina, an auxiliary body to the General Baptist Convention, representing a constituency of approximately 300,000. (Continued on back page)"

New Prexy



Dr. Charles Leander Hill, European traveler and scholar, the new president of Wilberforce University brings to America's oldest Negro college a new educational philosophy which sets goals more ambitious than any ever before aimed at by the venerable church school.

DISCRIMINATION CASE THROWN OUT OF COURT

Warren, Ohio (CNS)—The suit against the Vets Swim Club, which operates the municipal pool, for discriminating against James Culver and Effie Hayden because of their race, was thrown out of court Aug. 5 by Common Pleas Judge George N. Graham.

Mr. Culver and Miss Hayden, who incidentally are officials of the Warren Branch NAACP, had set up their case to attack the legality of the lease executed between the city and the Vets Swim Club for operating the municipal pool.

Judge Graham cited that complaints Culver and Hayden had failed to state a cause for action. Dismissal came when counsel for the Vets Swim Club (Continued on page eight)

Miss. Negroes Pledge To Support White Supremacy In Order To Vote

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP)—Determined to maintain white supremacy, the Democratic party officials compelled Negroes to take oaths against their own best interests as the price of voting in the state primary here last Tuesday. Voters were required to swear accord with "the time honored and cherished traditions of the south."

Included among the "cherished traditions" were opposition to a federal FEPC, a federal anti-poll tax and anti-lynch legislation.

The Mississippi law requiring these "tests" was passed at a special session of the legislature last March to discourage Negroes from voting. Democratic party leaders became alarmed last year at the relatively large number of Negroes who turned out at the polls in spite of Sen. Bilbo's campaign to keep them away from the voting booths.

Last week an estimated 6,000 out of 12,000 registered Negro voters cast their ballots, approximately the same number as voted in the previous election. T. B. Wilson, president of the Mississippi Progressive Voters League, said all the members of his organization had been cautioned against creating

disturbances of any kind should their votes be challenged.

Although there were no reports of violence, Dr. James A. Dransfield, director of the educational fund for the Southern Conference of Human Welfare, said he had observed instances in which Negroes had been ruled "delinquent" even though they held poll-tax receipts.

Back in Washington, A. Phillip Randolph, co-chairman of the National council for a permanent FEPC, said he had asked the U. C. department of justice to prosecute anyone trying to enforce the new Mississippi primary law.

Lamar Puryear, of Raymond, Miss., a member of the Hinds County Democratic Executive committee, was quoted by a press association as saying that federal intervention in Mississippi affairs would receive a warm reception.

Atty. Gen. Tom Clarke, said the release had "better not come down here with the idea of meddling in our business. If he does he'd better come armed. It's a southern custom to tend to our business and we expect other people to do the same."

Succumbs



MRS. J. L. LEVISTER

rites held for Mrs. J. L. Levister

RALEIGH — Funeral services for Mrs. Kathleen Walden Levister, widow of Professor Joshua L. Levister, were held August 4 at 2 P. M. at the First Baptist Church, with the pastor, Dr. O. S. Bullock, in charge.

At the age of 77, Mrs. Levister died at her home, 117 West Cabarrus Street following a long illness. She was a native of Winton, Hertford County and attended Shaw University in 1899, while teaching at Waters Normal Institute, she married Prof. Levister in Shaw Chapel. For more than 40 years she had been an active member of the First Baptist Church here and was always interested in Sunday School and Missionary Society work. She was a charter member of the Woman's Club.

Surviving Mrs. Levister are four children: Mrs. Lydia Gadsden of Raleigh; Mrs. Rosalyn North of Charlotte; Mrs. Alice Thomas and Joshua W. Levister of Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Eaton of Henderson, Mrs. Annie W. Jones of Winton and Mrs. Georgia Mitchell of Cleveland, Ohio. Five grandchildren also survive.

DOUBLE DUTY BONDS — Savings Bond dollars do double duty — they protect the saver and they protect the national economy.

Texas has more than 1,000 types of soil.

Ga. Hits Purge Attempt; Urge Registration Drive

MACON, Ga. (ANP)—Any future trends in Georgia to deprive Negroes of the right to vote in any and all elections will see vigorous reaction from the Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic clubs.

The association held a one-day session here Aug. 2. Delegates to the meeting denounced a proposal by Georgia House Speaker Fred Hand to have Acting Gov. M. E. Thompson call a special session of the legislature to pass legislation setting up voter education clinics and through which Negroes would be denied registration by subterfuge.

The Negro democrats went on record as approving plans to begin a statewide registration campaign, setting up voter-education clinics and seeking favorable attitudes towards those registrants striken from the voters' lists prior to the 1946 Democratic primary.

Delegates scored election officials in the second congressional

district, who, by fear and intimidation of Negroes, had halted all efforts in this area to seek the ballot. Mixed reaction greeted delegates' stories of fear, terror and beatings which were identified with efforts of Negroes to vote. Legal action was promised Negroes in those districts denying the ballot to the group.

The work of John W. McClockton, of Savannah, in pushing to a successful conclusion the fight for Negro police in the Georgia coastal city was hailed by the Democratic group. McClockton headed a group in registering 20,000 Negro voters, resulting in an Negro advisory committee to the mayor, nine Negro policemen, two police matrons, a Negro supervisor of recreation and a dozen of other opportunities for citizens of that city.

The Citizens' Democratic clubs scored the high crime rate among (Continued on back page)

Once Doomed To Hang, Gets 3 Years For Murder

By CARL WILLIAMS
San Francisco (ANP) — Three years at hard labor was the verdict handed down here Thursday by eight officers, who made up the army's court-martial jury, to end the second trial of 24-year-old Pfc. Lemas Woods, Jr., for the slaying of Pfc. Thomas Patterson, a tentmate, in the Philippines on March 23, 1946.

During a hasty court-martial trial in Manila last year, Woods was convicted and sentenced to hang on evidence introduced in a confession by agents of the army's criminal investigation department, which Woods signed involuntarily. The army main-joined Woods killed his tentmate in a quarrel over a girl. The doomed man wrote his father, a Detroit auto worker, about the death penalty.

"I was beaten very badly and had to make a statement so they wouldn't beat me any more," he wrote his father. "Because I am

a Negro, they gave me a death sentence and I don't see what for, daddy."

Woods always maintained that he shot Patterson, whom he called his best friend, accidentally. He took his .45 calibre revolver, which he obtained from supply Sgt. Robert Bryant of New York, the night before to a Red Cross movie as protection against being beaten by gangs of Filipinos.

On the morning of the fatal shooting, he arose to clean and inspect his gun, he said. The half-cocked hammer slipped and exploded a cartridge, he said and the bullet hit Pfc. Patterson, who was asleep behind the tent's mosquito netting.

Frightened by agonizing cries from Patterson, plus the fear of being caught with the weapon in his possession, that should have been returned, he hid the gun. Woods made an effort to hide the (Continued on back page)

Woman With Negro Hubby Discharged In Washington

Washington (ANP) — Mrs. Lillian Eve Thompson of Liverpool, England, who was married to a Negro GI in Washington three months ago, was recently discharged from her job as clerk in the Kamm's Department store when it was discovered that her husband was colored.

When Mrs. Thompson applied for a charge account in the office of the store in which she was employed, she was asked where her husband was connected. When she replied "Howard university," she said there was a slight change in attitude.

Shortly afterwards she was notified that her application for credit had been denied. The following day she was called into the office of the employment manager and informed that she would have to be let out as they were over-staffed and had to let some of the people go.

Disgusted With Capital
Mrs. Thompson asserted the employment manager that she knew very well that that was her reason. In regard to the soldiers

New York (NNPA) — The New York Herald Tribune last Thursday praised Governor R. Gregg Cherry of North Carolina for his forthright action in ordering a trial in an adjoining county the seven white men exonerated by a grand jury for attempt to lynch Godwin (Buddy) Bush, but denounced the new Mississippi primary law which requires prospective voters to swear accord with party principles.

Under the caption, "Good and Bad News from the South," The Herald Tribune said editorially:

Governor Cherry of North Carolina has just set the South a signal example by refusing to accept the verdict of freedom given by a Northampton County Grand Jury to seven white mobsters who kidnapped Godwin Bush, twenty-four-year-old Negro from jail where he was being held for alleged attempted rape of a white woman. The jury, incidentally, returned no indictment against Bush (who fortunately escaped his captors), but that is beside the point. For Bush had identified one of the would-be lynchers, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation had obtained a confession naming the seven.

As Governor Cherry remarked, the grand jury should have returned a true bill in order that the evidence could have been (Continued on back page)

Rescues Fishermen



Stewards Mate Lawrence C. Leveston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leveston of 339 W. South Street, above, was a member of the crew which rescued 11 fishermen who were marooned on Afognak Island, Alaska. He is a member of the crew of the Fleet Tug USS Patawomi which has participated in six rescues during the past year.

Danes Rebuff America; Open Homes To Baptists

Copenhagen, Denmark (ANP) — More Danish homes were opened to Negro delegates to the World Baptist alliance, following a move by U. S. white delegates to import American race hatred here, than Negro delegates to accept the housing accommodations.

First reports of white American delegates writing letters to Danish hotel owners protesting the accommodation of Negro delegates came in the form of a statement from the combined group of Negro Baptist delegates to the newspaper, Berlingske Aftenavis. White American delegates to the seventh congress of the Baptist World alliance were accused of "disgraceful behavior" in attempting to promote racial hatred here against Negroes.

Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, of Philadelphia, is present of the Negro Baptist group, and Leonard I. Carr, also of Pennsylvania, is vice president. The statement

threatened possible withdrawal of the Negro Baptists in the U. S. from the World Baptist alliance, or an apology from the other delegates.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, the newly elected president of the World Baptist alliance, expressed a willingness to apologize and a hope that the Negro Baptists would not withdraw from the alliance. The letters urging segregation against Negroes were written by a few individuals, who were not representative of the organization, he said.

Other than comments from a few Danish hotel proprietors, who admitted receiving letters from white Americans who protested living in the same hotel with Negroes, the Danish hotel association denied officially that there was any discrimination against Negroes.

Meanwhile Danish citizens here (Continued on back page)

NEGRO POLICE ASKED FOR IN ATLANTA, GA.

ATLANTA (ANP)—The all-out drive for Negro policemen in Atlanta got another boost last week when the American Veterans committee appeared before the police committee and expressed approval of hiring Negro policemen.

The AVV backed up their unqualified endorsement of Negro policemen with lengthy statistics citing the success of Negro officers in dozens of cities over the south.

In nearby Birmingham, the Birmingham News editorializing to citizens of the Alabama metropolis, called upon the city commission to explore immediately the possibility of hiring Negroes on the police (Continued on back page)

FAYETTEVILLE WOMAN DIES IN AUTO WRECK

Fayetteville, N. C. The 500 block of the Murchison road became the scene of a tragic and fatal accident, on Tuesday night, August 5th, about 8:40 p. m., when Eleanor Louise Harlee, a resident of 430 Chatham street is reported to have been crossing the street, when she was struck by a taxi driver driven by Ralph T. Gerald, age twenty.

The alleged driver responsible for the accident was placed under a \$5,000 bail bond.

The car was owned by his father, Mr. Olin Gerald, Sr. of the Hillsboro taxi co., and who lives on Cumberland Street.

Ralph according to Coronet Joe Pinston would have a charge of (Continued on back page)

TO HOLD TRIAL OF OFFICERS WHO KILLED MAN

PRENTISS, Miss. (NNPA) — The trial of three white officers who killed Versie Johnson, a rape suspect, will be a "mere formality," District Attorney E. D. Williams said here last Saturday.

Mr. Williams filed manslaughter charges last Monday against Sheriff G. O. Berry, Highway Patrolman Andy Hopkins and J. Spencer Pickett, after Sheriff Berry said all three of them fired on Johnson last Friday when he tried to grab Patrolman Pickett's pistol from the holster.

Trial of the officers was scheduled for Wednesday, Mr. Williams said, adding: "As far as I can see from the evidence these officers were perfectly justified in what they did. I consider the trial a mere formality to clear the names of the white men."

The three officers took Johnson to the scene of the alleged crime, and the suspect was in the process (Continued on back page)

Urban League Protests Jim Crow Va. Veteran Hospital

Washington (ANP) — General Omar Bradley, Veterans administrator, received a sharply-worded protest from the National Urban League opposing a bill to establish a \$2,000,000 hospital for Negro veterans at the birthplace of Booker T. Washington in Franklin county, Va.

In his protest to Gen. Bradley, Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the Urban League, asserted, "There is tragic irony in such action. Booker T. Washington, if alive today, would have been outspoken against a policy of racial segregation established by the federal government and inflicted upon Negro men and women who have risked their lives and shattered their health in a war to defend democracy."

"More than irony is involved," Mr. Granger continued, "it is an insult to the memory of a great educator and a noble American to segregate him by erecting a segregated institution on the site of his birthplace."

During the war the army and navy hospitals in this country

Pledges \$1,000

Los Angeles (ANP) — At the opening meeting of the drive to raise funds for a \$2,000,000 Los Angeles Memorial Cancer hospital, Pastor Clayton Russell of the People's Independent Church of Christ pledged \$1,000 from his congregation.