

Supreme Court Reverses Mississippi Sentence

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DECISION SENDS CASE BACK TO LOWER COURT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — In a unanimous decision, the United States Supreme Court last Monday reversed the conviction of Eddie (Buster) Patton, who is under sentence of death for the murder of a white man, and remanded the case to Mississippi courts for further proceedings.

The opinion, delivered by Associate Justice Francis Murphy, held that Patton had been deprived of his constitutional rights through the exclusion of colored persons from the grand jury which indicted him, and the petit jury which convicted him.

The opinion pointed out that 67 years ago the Supreme Court held that state exclusion of colored persons from grand and petit juries solely because of their race denied them equal protection of the laws.

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GOVERNOR URGED TO ABOLISH BIAS IN USES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The NAACP's labor department last week called on Governor Robert G. Cherry of North Carolina to end segregation of colored job applicants at the Winston-Salem office of the State employment service where they are confined to a basement with an alley entrance.

The labor department's action was based on a complaint from Winston-Salem. Although colored persons are 75 per cent of those using the office, they are barred from other floors. It was charged. There are 26 white workers serving the other floors it was stated, and they handle only 25 per cent of the applicants. There are 12 workers handling the colored load.

The NAACP has vigorously opposed removal of the employment service to the state because it anticipated that this type of discrimination would be on the increase once the facilities were handed over to local control. However, it is more desirable, it said, if the best practice is being carried out with the support of Federal money.

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RACE PROBLEM IS WHITE PROBLEM BARONESS SAYS

ANTIGONISH, Nova Scotia — "There is no Negro problem in the United States," Baroness Catherine DeHueck Doherty, dynamic founder of the Friendship House movement told the faculty and students at St. Francis Xavier College here.

"There is a racial problem, yes, but it is a white problem, a problem of the Whites," she asserted.

The Baroness, who came to America in 1910 after being exiled by the Russian Revolution, termed the race problem "the most far-reaching piece of near-sighted stupidity existent in American civilization," and said that "the people, whatever be their color, should simply be ashamed of themselves."

Emphasizing the racial implications of racial injustice, Mrs. Doherty described discrimination as "a sin against justice and charity, in itself an insult to God and a violation of His law," and insisted that a belief in God and obedience to His law are necessary for any solution of the race problem in a democracy.

N. C. College Professors Complete Guidance Study

DURHAM — Dean Albert E. Manly of the college of arts and sciences and Dr. Joseph S. Hines, head of the sociology department at the North Carolina College here, have announced the completion of a study in which they have outlined special guidance problems in the high schools of the southern states. The study, which has just been completed by these two North Carolina College professors, follows an earlier survey which Dean Manly and his colleagues conducted during 1950 through 1954 when an survey of Negro secondary schools in North Carolina, he made

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Atlanta Approves Race Officers

COUNCIL GROUP WILL QUALIFY 8 CANDIDATES

Atlanta (ANP) — The city will have at least eight Negro policemen to patrol the colored district as a result of action made last week by the council in approving the employment of Negro officers. The council's 10-7 vote makes the city the 41st in the south to adopt this course.

The issue had been under discussion for several weeks. Affirmative action was taken after Police Chief Herbert Jenkins gave his approval only if Negro officers were barred from exercising police power for white persons.

The approval means that Negroes will be employed to patrol colored population centers on a trial basis. It is likely that they will not be given civil service status until their success has been proved.

However, Mayor William Hartsfield said that the police chief's recommendation to bar Negroes from authority over whites was not adopted by the council. He said the vote gives the police department the right to employ at least eight Negro officers under such conditions as will not create any strife or tension between the races. He estimated that the eight would be employed within 30 days, but would not assume patrol until after several months of training.

This action was looked upon by

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Ga. Klansmen Stage "Routine Parades"

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (ANP) — A Ku Klux Klan procession of approximately 30 cars parading from Gainesville to Buford last week with its participants clothed in full regalia brought remarks from Dr. Samuel Green, Klan grand dragon, that it was "just one of numerous ceremonies held at various times throughout the state."

The procession was headed by an automobile bearing a flaming cross. The auto, conducted an orderly tour through Buford, without demonstrations. The grand dragon asserted that the parades were on the request to avoid Negro sections.

3,000 Former Gov't. Employees Still Idle

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The United States Employment Service said last Tuesday that 3,000 former government employees in Washington are jobless, half of them are women, and most of them are colored.

Big Shortage in N. Y. Building Workers

NEW YORK (NNPA) — The New York metropolitan area is faced with a critical shortage of building trades workers which threatens to endanger housing programs to the next several years, the National Urban League reported last Wednesday.

The shortage was emphasized after an almost futile month-long attempt by six Urban Leagues in New York and New Jersey to recruit carpenters, plasterers, bricklayers and cement finishers for work on a mammoth New Jersey building project.

Injunction Restrains Coast Line, Southern

Washington, D. C. (NNPA) — A preliminary injunction was signed last Wednesday against the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line to restrain them from discriminating against colored firemen in job assignments.

Justice Alexander Holtzoff of the Federal District Court pronounced the injunction to include denial of the Southern company's subsidiary railroad and terminal firms as well.

He granted a seven-day stay, however, to permit the parties to seek an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals. Attorney Milton Kramer said a special appeal from the preliminary injunction likely would be taken, but that a stay of the restraining order definitely would be sought by the Brotherhood from the appeals court.

The preliminary injunction, if

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THREE COLLEGES GET "A" RATINGS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three North Carolina Colleges — Elizabeth City State Teachers, Fayetteville State Teachers and Winston-Salem State Teachers College — were granted class "A" ratings by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in recent meeting here. It has just been reported.

In a statement prepared by N. C. Newbold, director of the Division of Negro Education for North Carolina, Newbold said recognition of the colleges would "stimulate these colleges to greater effort to render greater service" and that while located in different cities they operate almost as a single unit because of the close cooperation with the general assembly and state school authorities.

For the fiscal year 1947-48, the three schools have combined re-

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Named President



S. E. Duncan, Supervisor of Negro high schools of North Carolina, was elected President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the annual meeting held at Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View, Texas.

Negro Priest To Teach In Vermont Seminary

WINOOSKI, Vt. — Father John M. Faustina, S. S. J., first Negro native of Alabama to be ordained in the Catholic priesthood, of the Fathers of Saint Edmund at Swanton, Vt. has been announced here. Father Faustina will train boys studying to be priests.

A native of Mobile, Father Faustina was ordained last May by Bishop Ryan in the Cathedral in Burlington, Vt. He is the first Negro to be ordained a priest in Vermont. He is also the first Negro member of the Fathers of Saint Edmund, the Society of priests to which he belongs.

President's Committee Ignored While Ag. Dept. Plans JC National Camp

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Disregarding the recommendation of the President's Committee for the Elimination of Race Segregation from American life, the Agriculture Department has under consideration plans for an annual Jim Crow encampment, paralleling the National 4-H Club Encampment of white 4-H club members held here every summer.

The plans call for staging the first such Jim Crow encampment at Southern University at Scotlandville, Louisiana, next June.

Agriculture Department officials set the machinery in motion for the holding of a Jim Crow encampment after the NNPA News Service had exposed the exclusion of colored 4-H workers from the national encampment. The plans now under consideration were drafted at a meeting held at Atlanta University September 25.

Agriculture Department officials

MINISTER VERIFIES SANDERSON DISPUTE

RALEIGH — Here is a detailed account of the circumstances and conditions under which City Supervisor Jesse O. Sanderson is alleged to have deliberately refused to Negroes as Negroes in a public address as guest of Negro citizens here recently.

Both some of the St. Augustine's College students and I, after the meeting reported, met with the word "Nigger" instead of Negro.

The students accused him in the speech of associating him to his car and brought up the matter

South Park Residents Seek City Bus Service

RALEIGH — Residents of South Park who have been denied bus service because of an alleged public utility status which the Carolina Power and Light Company said authorities holders of public utility franchises to refuse franchise to city buses that have not paved streets were given new hope last week when it was discovered that there is no such state statute on the books.

Regulation of city bus and trolley car facilities and granting of franchises for their operation passed from under control of cities in North Carolina this year under provisions and amendments to the state constitution concerning supervision, control and operation of motor vehicle carriers and municipal government in North Carolina has no authority in regulating such common carriers.

The City of Raleigh granted Carolina Power and Light Company a 40-year franchise four years ago, but following enactment of new laws regulating control of public

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Citizens Help Friendship Train; Contribute \$190.00

Raleigh churches rallied to the support of the Friendship Train and contributed nearly \$200.00 when the city-wide call was made here recently to fill a car for shipment to the starving people of Europe.

The planning committee for the drive was composed of Rev. M. W. Williams, Chairman of the Citizens Committee, Rev. P. H. Johnson, President, Ministerial Alliance; Mrs. H. C. Perrin, President, YWCA; Miss Vivian Irving and E. L. Rainford, Executive Secretary YMCA.

A list of the church contribution is as follows: Martin Street Baptist \$20.00; St. Ambrose Episcopal \$20.30; Oberlin Baptist \$10.00; Maple Temple Christian \$17.25; St. Paul A.M.E. \$16.00; First Baptist \$30.00; Manly Street Baptist \$40.00; Morning Star Baptist \$1.00; Fayetteville Street Baptist \$5.00; First Congregational Christian \$10.00; Rev. C. F. Pope \$1.00; Rev. G. R. Perry \$1.00; Rev. A. A. Adkinson \$1.00; Miss M. McIver \$1.00; Rev. M. W. Williams \$1.00; Dr. W. B. Pettiford \$2.50; and Shaw University \$30.

Urban League Breaks Utility Job Bias

New York, Nov. 26 — The first Negro white-collar workers were hired by the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company this week, marking the success of long-time negotiations by the Cleveland and the National Urban League to break the utility company's job bias. Announcing the employment policy change, Clifford Minton, Industrial Relations Secretary, Cleveland Urban League, said that the new employees would have every opportunity for advancement.

Although the Cleveland utility company has always employed Negro workers, this is the first break away from the "traditional Negro" job category. It is the second private utility firm in Cleveland to employ Negroes as white collar workers. The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, while not yet hiring switchboard operators, has employed Negroes as collectors, commercial representatives and clerks.

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Calif. Attorney To Seek City Judgeship

Los Angeles (ANP) — Attorney Vance Monroe Townsend, Jr., prominent lawyer and civic leader here, has made application for the post to Gov. Warren for appointment to the municipal court judgeship to be vacated Jan. 1 by the present incumbent, Judge Frank G. Tyrrell, upon his retirement from the bench.

Townsend is a graduate of Willamette and the Howard University school of law. In addition, he has done graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Southern California. For the past five years, he has been a member of the bar practicing before the supreme court of California. Prior to this, he spent a similar period in the same capacity in Arkansas. Townsend also has been admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme court.

Former Howard Professor Accepts Post Reluctantly

DRIVER USES GUN TO PUT NEGROES OFF BUS IN TENN.

NASHVILLE (ANP) — Marshall Shelton, 23-year-old white bus driver for the Southern Coach Lines, was arrested by police here last week on charges of disorderly conduct and carrying a pistol. Specifically, Shelton is charged with putting 15 Negro passengers off his bus at pistol point.

According to Shelton his action followed an argument with the passengers which began after two Negro men sat down beside a white woman at the front of the bus.

"The passengers began to grumble when I asked the men to move toward the rear," he said. "Then when the woman got off, the men began to stand up in their seats and they were moving in on me."

He said he pulled the pistol from the money box to protect himself after passengers threatened to take over the bus.

Passengers, however, said Shelton told them "to hell with all of you" and ordered them off the bus without giving requested transfers. Company supervisors described the driver as being "extremely capable and promising," but announced he was suspended temporarily pending an investigation of the incident. He was released on signed bond shortly after his arrest.

Bishop Nichols Speaker At Ala. Conference

BIRMINGHAM (NNPA) — Calling upon his hearers to be builders and pointing out that his mission in Alabama is to build, Bishop Nichols thrilled the North Alabama Conference last Sunday at St. John A.M.E. Church.

He was presented by Dr. C. L. Wright who hailed Bishop Nichols as the leading of the A.M.E. forces toward a better day. Bishop Nichols struck out against restrictive covenants and house bombings in oppression of the common man.

Senator Taft Accused Of Betraying Party Pledge

NEW YORK — Will Maslow, director of the Commission on Law and Social Action, American Jewish Congress, charged Senator Robert A. Taft and Senator H. Alexander Smith (Republican, New Jersey) with betraying their party's pledge to enact a Fair Employment Practices Commission Law.

Addressing the annual convention of the National Bar Association at Carver Hall, Washington, D. C., Mr. Maslow called on the two Senators to discontinue their "obstructionist tactics" responsible for delay in consideration and adoption of the Federal Ives-Tafton Fair Employment Practices Commission Law.

Charging Senator Taft, chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor, with the committee's failure to report on the bill favorably, Maslow declared:

"TAFT'S RESPONSIBILITY — Senator Taft bears a double responsibility. In 1944 as chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the Republican convention he submitted a resolution pledging his party to the enactment of a permanent fair employment commission which was adopted as chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and as chairman of the Senate Committee considering the Ives FEPC bill, he is in a strategic position to exert his massive influence to bring the bill to the floor of the Senate. But Senator Taft joins with Senator Smith to keep the bill within committee."

Turning to the New Jersey Senator, Mr. Maslow recalled that despite his original co-sponsorship of the proposed Ives law against discrimination in employment, Senator Smith was responsible for the Senate Committee on Labor to report the bill favorably.

"By pressing for a local option

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LAKE SUCCESS (NNPA) — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, former Howard University professor and now director of the United Nations Trusteeship Division, was appointed last Wednesday as principal secretary of the UN secretariat which will accompany the five-member commission to oversee the partitioning of the Holy Land into separate Jewish and Arab states.

The appointment was announced by Trygve Lie, UN Secretary General. The announcement of his selection came as no surprise as he had become known that Dr. Bunche was the first choice to fill the difficult post and that the assignment had been offered to him. Final details were being worked out.

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ATTY. PROTESTS MOVE TO REOPEN RAILWAY CASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Charles H. Houston, attorney for Tom Tunstall, a locomotive fireman on the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, is opposing a review by the United States Supreme Court of money damages awarded the fireman and injunctive relief granted by Judge Sterling Huie, Jr. in the United States District Court for the eastern district of Virginia.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen petitioned the United States Supreme Court to review the decision of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upholding the verdict and judgment rendered in the District Court. The seabor Air Line Railroad Company filed a brief as a friend of the court asking the Supreme Court to grant the petition of the Brotherhood for a review.

In opposing the review, Mr. Houston pointed out that the case has been in the courts for more than five years and charges that the litigation is being prolonged "to wear down financially" Tunstall and colored locomotive firemen.

"With over a hundred thousand members the Brotherhood can finance this litigation indefinitely to hold off compliance with the law and with its plain fiduciary duty as bargaining agent under the Rail-

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