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New Jersey Governor Releases Fugitive

NEWARK N. J. — Released from prison by order of Gov. Alfred D. Driscoll John Collier, 28-year-old fugitive from a South Carolina chain gang, was this week looking forward to a life of useful employment. Collier was freed by the Governor on August 6, following intervention of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP branches, the Newark Ministers Conference and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Although the courts had rejected the pleas of J. Mercer Burrell and Abram A. Golden, Collier's attorneys, and former Gov. Walter E. Edge had signed extradition papers permitting the fugitive's removal to South Carolina Gov. Driscoll released him after a public hearing.

Collier escaped from the chain gang after serving 10 months of a 18-month sentence. He had been convicted and sentenced in 1937 for the theft of a few packages of chewing gum and cigarettes in Greenwood, S. C. In announcing his decision to release the young man, Gov. Driscoll said:

"I have followed the principle which I have publicly laid down at the hearing held before me — a careful weighing of the demands of justice against the demand of the principle of comity between states.

"On this basis, it has become evident to me that Collier has by this time amply paid his debt to society, to such an extent that no further sound purpose could be served by his extradition."

Durham Council Votes 3rd Party Use Of Armory

DURHAM — The Durham City Council this week announced its approval of the request of the Progressive Party of North Carolina for the use of the City Armory for the party's state convention at which Candidate Henry Wallace is scheduled to be the principal speaker.

The convention, slated for August 29, will provide one of the stops which the Third Party's Presidential candidate will make in North Carolina. The other stops include Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville and Lexington.

Both Mr. Wallace and other party spokesmen have been emphatic in their declarations that they will speak only in such places as are open to all.

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PA. MOB TAKES PRISONERS FROM 5 POLICEMEN

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—Flashing knives, brass knuckles, a cop's broken nose, and a wounded ring-leader climaxed a free-for-all at 15th and South streets Sunday when a mob of 400 tried to take prisoners from Patrolmen John King and Henry Jordan.

The patrolmen had arrested two stevedores who were disorderly and using abusive language. Other stevedores protested and urged the crowd to free their buddies.

Patrolman Elbert Bannister, an off duty plainclothesman, grabbed a knife about to be plunged into the back of one of the arresting officers. As he wrestled the knife from the wielder, Bannister went down under a crushing blow from a pair of brass knuckles which broke his nose. As John Smith, 39, the alleged attacker, fled Bannister was taken to the hospital.

Chavis drank a half glass of the horrible mixture apparently to help cure a chest cold. Coroner Cheek said and after suffering several convulsions was taken to St. Agnes Hospital in a critical condition and died there at 2:33 Tuesday morning.

Million For Truman Fund Started With \$1,000 and \$5 Gifts

NEW YORK — Standing out among the many contributions to the Million Dollar Re-elect Truman Fund were two received last week at the Biltmore Hotel headquarters.

One was \$1,000—from Sherman Hibbitt of 2395 Eighth Avenue, the unofficial mayor of New York's Harlem.

The other was \$5—from Mrs. Emma B. Johnson, a 33-year-old Chicago woman facing eviction from her tiny room at 6133 Calumet Ave. In size, it was like a thousand more.

Hibbitt delivered his contribution in person to John H. Sengstacke, treasurer of the National Citizens Committee For the Re-election of President Truman, in the presence of Congressman William L. Dawson, Committee Chairman.

Mrs. Johnson mailed hers to Congressman William L. Dawson, in care of President Harry S. Truman, at the White House. Her letter told of a change in landlords, an eviction notice, and a fruitless search for some place to go. "You are here and President Roosevelt has passed, and you are still a Truman man for the help of the people. Please don't forget me," she wrote.

SHADOW OF FREEDOM Hibbitt, at the other end of the economic ladder said to Sengstacke:

"The Democratic Party, came through the most far-reaching omnibus plank on civil rights ever written, and the Negro today, for the first time since the emancipation stands in the shadow of that economic and social freedom which he has continually sought.

"To obtain this freedom, we have but to elect as president, Harry S. Truman—the father of the civil rights program. Today this costs money. I am proud to be among those millions of Negroes who are willing to pay the price."

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TOT KNIFED, COPS SEEK DAD QUIZZED IN 'ASSAULT' CASE

PHYSICIAN USES 35 STITCHES IN SUTURING CUTS

ROCKINGHAM — Sheriff Carl Holland of the East Rockingham section this week ordered an intensive police search for the father of a one-year old child who was alleged to have slashed the face of the child so badly that physicians required thirty-five stitches to close the gaping wounds.

The man who is the object of a resident of the East Rockingham section is James Thomas Wall, ham section, who was alleged to have slashed the child early Sunday morning while in a drunken rage.

The child's wounds were not discovered for several hours after the cutting despite its mother's efforts to quiet it after the father had left the house.

The mother said that she had not noticed the slash because the house was in darkness at the time. The little girl, one-year-old Bonnie K. Wall was rushed to a hospital at Hamlet as soon as the mother discovered the wound.

According to Mrs. Wall, her husband came into the house in a drunken rage shortly after midnight and began throwing around dishes and furniture. He evidently slashed the child just before leaving the house, she said.

Dr. W. D. James, who treated the tot at the Hamlet Hospital, said (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

The First \$1000.00 For Truman



Mr. Sherman Hibbitt, Harlem's unofficial Mayor, is presenting the first \$1000.00 contribution to the National Citizens Committee for the Re-election of President Harry S. Truman. Mr. John H. Sengstacke, Treasurer of the Committee (left) is receiving the check from Mr. Hibbitt, while Congressman William L. Dawson, Chairman of the Committee, looks on with enthusiasm. The presentation was made at the Committee's Headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

Southern Catholic Paper Denounces Dixie Rebels

COVINGTON, Ky. — The revolt against the Civil Rights plank adopted at the Philadelphia convention comes at a time when "the democratic system of government and the American way of life" is being challenged by "rotten totalitarianism," the Covington diocese newspaper of the Catholic Church said in a recent editorial.

"The position of the Christian is simply this," the editorial reads: "There are neither Negro rights nor white rights—nor rights of any other color, shade or hue, but there are human rights, and these are essential to all men regardless of race, creed or color."

"Human rights flow from the very nature of man as man. They can neither be conferred or taken away by edit of government. They admit of no unjust or harmful restrictions by reason of climate, custom or geographic location. To deny this truth is to assail the very basis of democracy and to apostatize from a Christian religion."

YMCA Drive Over The Top In 1948 Campaign

A total of 1096 members were enrolled and \$3520.50 of which \$208.95 in cash was secured in the third annual membership campaign of the Bloodworth Street YMCA which began on July 15. The drive exceeded all quotas and was officially closed with a victory dinner celebration at the Y with Joe Stredwick, campaign director, presiding. The final report of the sponsoring committee was given by Cecil Coble, associate director and awards to winning teams were conferred by L. H. Roberts, associate chairman. Summary reports of the entire campaign were made by E. L. Ralford, YMCA executive.

Final reports show that division "A" with Zack Ellis, manager, raised \$1450.50 and earned 2980 points to lead Division "B" with Prince A. Simmons, manager with \$937.00 and 6965 points. The executive sponsoring committee with J. W. Easton, chairman reported \$1133.00. A complete team report listing the captains, amount reported and points earned is as follows: Team 6, F. P. Payne, \$347.00, 3615 points; Team 1, C. H. McLendon, \$255.50, 2810 points; Team 2, W. R. Edmondson, \$239.75, 2305 points; Team 9, L. C. Lindsey-C. Dunn, co-captains, \$165.50, 1755 points; Team 11, Terry Hough, \$150.00, 1435 points; Team 8, Moses Lord, \$105.00, 1110 points; Team 4, Douglas Dunston, \$78.00, 810 points.

ASSAULT STORY LEADS TO LOCAL MAN'S ARREST

ENDERSON — Willis E. Royster, 28-year-old Raleigh man, was arrested by sheriff's deputies and highway patrolmen and taken to Henderson for questioning and identification in a alleged criminal "assault" upon a white woman circus acrobat.

Royster, who was arrested in the rear of the 100 Block of Cabarrus Street, on Monday night by two Vance County highway patrolmen and three deputy sheriffs, was taken immediately to Henderson for questioning and identification by the alleged victim of the attack.

The victim of the attack, Mrs. Anna Johnson Stevenson, a 40-year-old Swedish circus acrobat, had left Henderson for her home in Orlando, Fla., before the officers reached Henderson with their prisoner.

Photographs of Royster will be forwarded to the woman at Orlando Sheriff Robert Pleasants declared.

According to Mrs. Stevenson's account of the attack, she had picked her assailant up in Raleigh after she had had trouble with her car and that he had agreed to repair it for her in exchange for a ride to Louisville. She told officers, however, that she had been dragged from the car near Henderson, and dragged (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

NAACP Aides Split Over Draft Strike

NEW YORK (ANP) — National NAACP officers do not see eye to eye with officials of the New York branch on the matter of draft defiance and have so expressed themselves. In a statement last week, the executive secretary said the association had opposed defying authority or flaunting the banners of revolution.

The Harlem branch of the association in a published statement had asked for a mass demonstration against the draft and a "jim-crow army" on the first day of the draft and another in September in Columbus circle (59th street and Broadway) — the "uptown Union Square."

The spokesman for the Harlem branch said "this time has come to organize a really powerful campaign of direct action against the official policy of the federal government that is responsible for jim crow in the armed forces."

While he deplored the declaration of the Harlem (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

UN Refuses To Take Control Of S. E. Africa

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (ANP) — Although the United Nations Trusteeship council looked with disfavor upon the administration of Southwest Africa by the Union of South Africa, it refused to agree on a Soviet Union proposal that the UN take over control of the mandated territory here last week.

The council's report stated that the Union of South Africa had failed to restore the traditional land rights taken away from Africans during the German regime, that only 10 percent of the country's budget was being used for the welfare of the native population, and that restriction of Africans to specific areas was not "conducive to their general advancement."

New Suit Filed In Try To Break Okla. School Ban

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 12 — A special three-judge Federal Court sitting in this city will, on August 23, hear NAACP lawyers ask for a decision invalidating the state's segregation laws insofar as they prohibit qualified Negroes from entering the University of Oklahoma graduate school.

The complaint, filed in behalf of G. W. McLaurin, former Langston University teacher, seeks a preliminary injunction against the university's continued rejection of qualified Negro applicants.

Mr. McLaurin, it points out, is admittedly qualified in all respects and is denied admission solely because of race and color in conformity with the laws of Oklahoma and the rules of the University's Board of Regents.

The complaint further alleges that enforcement of these statutes and rules have denied the applicant his rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States.

In New York City, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, and Amos T. Hall, associate counsel, said today that "this is believed to be the first time this type of relief has been sought by means of a special three-judge Federal Court."

Under this procedure, if declared applicable, the long delays in similar suits will be circumvented. The statute specifically provides that such cases shall be given precedence and shall be in every way expedited and be assigned for a hearing at the earliest practicable date. This case will be watched with interest by lawyers as well as by the general public.

SUMMER GRADS WARNED OF NEED FOR LEADERSHIP

Raleigh — The Summer Session Commencement for the 83rd academic year was held at Shaw University Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in Greenleaf Auditorium.

Sixty-one members of the summer session graduating class heard an address delivered by Dr. William A. Fountain, President of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., and were awarded degrees by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw.

Dr. Fountain, who spoke on "Attainment of First Class Citizenship" declared, "We are and have been dissatisfied with the third class citizenship to which most Negroes in all parts of the United States have been relegated."

Lists Fundamentals He listed as fundamentals of full participation in American life: "equality of opportunity, equal pay for equal work, equal protection of the laws, equality of suffrage, equal recognition of the dignity of the human being, and abolition of public segregation."

He observed that "Negroes everywhere enthusiastically welcome the civil rights proposals and hope that civil rights legislation will be enacted by the eighty-first Congress, but he expressed doubt that the mere passage of laws will usher in the millennium so far as first class citizenship for Negroes or other minorities is concerned."

Value of Laws While the putting of such laws on the statute book would have great value, he thought, the attainment of full citizenship "rests largely upon our shoulders."

"It is important to know that (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)



RETURN FROM HAITI — Dr. W. A. Sommerville, executive secretary of the Left Carey Foreign Missions Society, is shown above with Miss Annie E. Bowers of Wilksboro and Miss Catherine Shaw of Wake Forest, who visited Raleigh briefly last week while on a furlough from their teaching positions in Haiti where they have been since 1945. Both teachers are graduates of Shaw University and are now connected with the nine-member faculty of the modern school at St. Marc Haiti which has been set up by the Left Carey Foreign Missions Society. Carolinian Photo by Shephard

JAMAICANS PLAN TO ESTABLISH OWN BANK; FOREIGN BANKS POLICY BLASTED BY PRESS

KINGSTON, Jamaica (ANP) — Establishment of their own bank here. Four foreign commercial banks Blake's leader-article attacked jingling a cankerous insult in the banks for drawing a rank color of the Negro Jamaica, got-to-line against employing Negroes their first real boycott blow on their business. Rather, Chinese their check this week when Eventellers are used while Negroes can Blake, editor and publisher of only fill porter jobs and run er "Spotlight", Caribbean-covered andrands. The banks in the meanwhile English-speaking world travelling obtain one-third their patronage news magazine, declared that Ne-from the colored population of the grocs were contemplating estab- island.

Since the publication of the article, Negroes everywhere are taking cognizance of the banks' impertinence — doing business in a Negro country yet refusing to employ them. Proof of Negroes' objection to the discrimination is contained in the writings on some new currency notes just released by the local treasury. In ink people have scribbled

"let's break color-bar in commercial banks" "boycott commercial banks that refuse Negroes." Series c-217091, c-217092, c-217093 are these on which I saw the writing. Furthermore, it has been said that more accounts have since changed to the non-discriminating Government Savings bank.