

# BUNCHE CITES WAR THREAT

# TRUMAN HERE

### URGES UN ACTION TO HALT THREAT OF RENEWED WAR

## THE CAROLINIAN

16 Pages

NORTH CAROLINA'S LEADING WEEKLY

SINGLE COPY 10c

VOLUME XXVIII RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1948

NO. 16

# JAIL RIOTERS IN SOLITARY THIRD PARTY HITS VOTE BAN

## SHIFT IREDELL CAMP RIOTERS TO CENTRAL PRISON

Statesville, N. C. (ANP) — Because of their taking part in a prison "riot" in which no one was hurt, 12 prisoners in the all Negro prison camp, Camp Iredell, were placed in solitary confinement last week.

During the period of trouble the prisoners held two guards captive. A rescue group of 20 highway patrolmen, the sheriff and some deputies were called to the camp to rescue the guards. The disturbance was not an attempted prison break, Supt. C. W. Knox of the camp said.

According to Knox, the trouble started when one prisoner jumped on another with a knife at the dinner table. An unarmed guard, Everett Morrow, asked for the knife. When the prisoner refused to give it up, the guard wrestled with him and took the weapon.

The prisoners, Knox said, refused to return to their cells. Knox and another guard came to the rescue of Morrow and a second unarmed guard, Hamp Ashley. Ashley and Morrow had escaped from the prisoners, but they kept the two rescuers, Knox and Guard Watson W. Kerr.

Knox said he talked to them and they let him go in a half hour. Later the 20 outside men, all armed, came in answer to an alarm from the prison. Facing these odds, the convicts released Kerr, and gave themselves up.

They have been taken to Central prison and placed in solitary confinement, according to Warden Hugh Wilson. Their version of the incident had not been told.

Search of the prisoners revealed (Continued on page 3, 1st Section)



AS PRESIDENT WAS WELCOMED TO RALEIGH — The "Welcome" on the hunting which draped the reviewing stand was

only a small part of the decorations which lent Raleigh a gala and festive air as it greeted President Truman Tuesday.

Shown here with Governor R. Gregg Cherry and Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, the President turns on the Truman smile

in response to the cheers with which he was greeted by an estimated 75,000 North Carolinians. — Photo Courtesy of News and Observer.



DRIVE PLANNERS — Plans for the Community Chest drive which opens next week are being talked over here by, left to right, L. L. Miller executive secretary of the Chest and campaign director; E. L. Raiford, executive secretary of the Bloodworth St.

YMCA and member of the campaign committee which directs the drive; and W. H. Trenaman, general campaign chairman. This year's Chest drive is scheduled to get underway October 25 and run through November 1. The goal is \$116,463.88.



UNIT HEADS — Three unit heads in the coming Community Chest drive are shown here discussing plans for next week's solicitation. Miss Mae Elgon on the left will have charge of resi-

dential unit 12; Mrs. J. A. Boyer in the center will handle residential 11; and Mrs. Nora Lockhart on the right is head of special gifts unit in charge of clubs and organizations.

## Interracial Marriage Held Legal In State Of Calif.

San Francisco, Cal. — In California it is no longer illegal for white people to marry Negroes or persons of other minority groups.

A 98-year old California law prohibiting the marriage of whites with Mongolians, Malaysians or mulattoes was voided here last week by the State Supreme Court as contrary to the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

As a result of the decision, the Los Angeles county clerk was directed to issue a license to wed to Andrea D. Perez, a white woman, and Sylvester S. Davis, Jr., a Negro, both Catholics. Their case was argued through California courts for them without charges by Daniel Marshall a Los Angeles lawyer and leader in the Los Angeles Catholic Interracial Council.

The couple declared in their petition that the Catholic Church did not forbid their marriage and that the California law, through its prohibition of their marriage, infringed upon the free exercise of their religion.

The court, in its majority opinion (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)



## DR. NANTON GOES TO TEXAS U.

HOUSTON — Dr. H. I. Fontello, Nanton, who recently joined the faculty of the Texas State University at Houston, has assumed his duties there as head of the Department of Journalism.

In addition to approximately twenty years of practical experience in the newspaper field, Dr. Nanton also holds the M. A. degree in Journalism and the Ph. D. in Journalism-Sociology, both of which he received from the School of Journalism at Iowa State University. Dr. Nanton's undergraduate degree was taken at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

His practical experience includes service as editorial writer for the Daily Iowan; as editor of Eyes Magazine, in Iowa; as editor of the San Francisco Reporter; as managing editor of the Carolina Times, in Durham, North Carolina; as editor and publisher of the Carolina Tribune in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

## Chest Campaign Rally To Be Held Here Friday

About 125 Community Chest Campaign workers will hold a pep meeting at the Bloodworth Street YMCA Friday evening, October 22, at 8:00 p.m. Officials have announced. Final instructions will be given and campaign materials issued for the drive to begin Oct. 25 and continue thru November 1.

A special feature of the meeting will be the presentation of Fred Fletcher well known radio announcer. Refreshments will be served.

## FOUNDER'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT SHAW U.

Dr. Dennis Branch, prominent physician of Newport, Tenn., will deliver the annual address at exercises marking the 33rd anniversary of the founding of Shaw University. The Founder's Day services will be held Friday morning November 19, at 11 o'clock and will be dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, who as a retired Union army veteran came southward from his home in Massachusetts to work in the interest of education of the freedmen.

Dr. Branch, a native and for a number of years a resident of Raleigh, is a graduate of Shaw University from which he holds the A. B. degree and the B. S. in Medicine. His early schooling was at the Washington graded school and the Chavis High School in Raleigh. He received the M. D. degree from West Tennessee Medical College, Tenn. in 1914. Since that time Dr. Branch has done post-graduate work in internal medicine, obstetrics, surgical diagnosis and in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The capable physician treats patients of both races.

The Founder's Day Speaker tells with pride of his work experiences as a boy and young man in Raleigh. He worked in several shops as a boy and prior to the first World (Continued on back page)

## PICK GASTONIA FOR 80TH ANNUAL BAPTIST MEET

With an anticipated record attendance, the eightieth first annual session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will be held in the Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C. November 24 it was announced by the executive secretary this week.

The three-day session will feature addresses, sermons and panel discussions on "The Church Teaching and Practicing Christian Stewardship."

Among outstanding speakers scheduled to address the sessions are: Dr. R. P. Daniel, president of Shaw University, Dr. W. C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, USA; the Rev. C. E. Griffin, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; President P. A. Bishop of Rich Square; Dean W. R. Strasser, School of Religion; Dr. W. M. Warner, Denville, Va., moderator of the Cedar Grove Association; T. A. Hamme, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage.

The Rev. W. M. Morgan, pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Concord; the Rev. C. W. Anderson, pastor of Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro; W. (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

## INDICT POLICE IN BLINDING OF TRUCK DRIVER

Springfield, Ill. — Accused of beating and blinding a Negro truck driver while imprisoned in a jail cell, a white policeman was this week indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting here. The indictment followed protest by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People demanding an investigation by the U. S. Department of Justice.

James Simpson, the victim, told the Grand Jury that he had been blinded in one eye and severely beaten by Patrolman James Swift in the Rock Island, Ill., prison on the night of November 23, 1947. He had been arrested by Rock Island police when he became involved in an accident while driving along the highway between Rock Island and Moline. Swift is reported to have beaten the truck driver in the mistaken belief that he was a man who had currently had a run-in with another Rock Island policeman.

The Tri-Cities branch of the NAACP reported the assault to the national office which thru Franklin H. Williams, assistant counsel, referred it to the Department of Justice, insuring upon investigation and prosecution.

## 75,000 Welcome Pres. Truman To Raleigh

By O. HAIRSTON  
With enthusiasm and admiration, approximately 75,000 North Carolinians, few of whom had ever seen and heard a President speak, turned out in Raleigh Tuesday to see President Truman.

Each of them provoked the wrath of some sincere and honest men — which is a serious thing. A President may dismiss the abuse of scoundrels. But to be denounced by honest men honestly outraged is a test of greatness that none but the strongest men survive.

Speaking at the State Fair, the President in pleading for Democratic unity inserted that a vote for a third, fourth or fifth party candidate "is the same as a vote for the Republican candidate."

Prior to the Dedication Rites, the Country's Chief Executive was featured in a mammoth parade in "down town" Raleigh. Participating in the gala affair were several army outfits, including two colored battalions. The drum and bugle corps of the Charles T. Norwood American Legion Post were among bands playing.

The First Lady and Margaret, daughter of the Trumans, accompanied the President on his visit

## URGE TRUMAN TO END VOTE DENIAL IN N. C. COUNTIES

Civil rights are not being preserved in North Carolina in the current registration, Mary Price, Progressive Party chairman and candidate for governor, wired President Truman in Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Price urged President Truman to take "immediate action" in two counties in North Carolina where Negroes were refused registration last Saturday. She stated that in Hendersonville, a minister was turned down after he was asked to write the Constitution from dictation in a darkened room; and in Vanceboro, Craven County, the first three Negroes who presented themselves for registration — all of whom had high school education — were required to write the entire Constitution, and then were asked to explain it word by word. The registrar did not find the explanation "satisfactory" and the applicants were refused.

"Registration in North Carolina for the November election closes this coming Saturday and therefore these cases demand immediate action," the Progressive Party chairman told the President and added that "anyone who (Continued on page 8, 1st Section)

## GOP EMPLOYEE HITS RACE DEMS. ASSAILS RAINEY

Washington, D. C. — Magistrate Joseph H. Rainey, Progressive Party Congressional candidate in Philadelphia, is "more to be pitied than scorned," if reports of his recent attempt to slide back over the railing into the Democrat corral is true, Val J. Washington, assistant Republican campaign manager, said here today.

"Surprising as it was to learn that he had joined forces with the Progressives," said Washington, "at least it was more understandable than wanting to get back to the over-grazed, boulder-strewn Democrat pasture."

On the whole, he said, the "Philadelphia Story" was confusing, "so far as a few of those who constitute the Negro leadership is concerned."

"I can understand Rev. Marshall Shepard beating the bushes for President Truman and the Democrats; he's on the Federal payroll, and his devoted activity is reasonable."

But, said Washington, it's difficult to reconcile Magistrate Rainey's effort to "get back on the Democrat mourner's bench with what his illustrious grandfather, Congressman Joseph H. Rainey, of South Carolina, stood (Continued on page 6, 1st Section)

## NAME GA. BANKER HEAD OF HOWARD TRUSTEE BOARD

Washington, D. C. — Mr. Lorimer D. Milton, distinguished bank president, educator, civic and business leader of Atlanta, Georgia, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Howard University Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting, it was announced today by Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., Secretary of the University.

Mr. Milton, President of the Citizens Trust Company in Atlanta, will succeed Dr. P. B. Young, Sr., Publisher of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, who resigned as Chairman of the Trustee Board in September for reasons of business and health.

The Citizens Trust Company is the only bank owned and operated by Negroes to be admitted to the Federal Reserve System. Besides being president of the bank Mr. Milton is a member of the family of Atlanta Trustee and is the owner and operator of a number of business enterprises. (Continued on page 6, 1st Section)