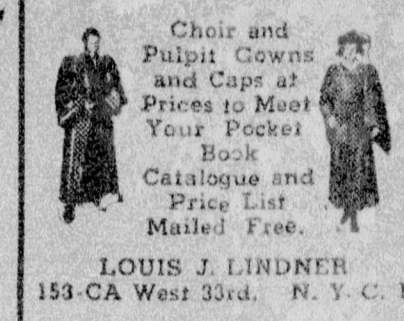


SENTENCE BLIND MAN TO DIE IN AXE DEATH

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—The conviction and sentencing of a blind man to the electric chair for the ax-murder of a woman and the wounding of her young daughter in an argument over a 20-dollar loan was upheld here last week by the state supreme court.



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FATHER DIVINE BUYS HEAVEN IN PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK (AP)—Father Divine has purchased a new heaven for 148 followers in Philadelphia it was revealed here today when he announced he had bought the building of the 15th floor. The location of his heaven has not been revealed.

It is rumored that the new site is the Lorraine hotel but one of his secretaries has denied this report. In New York father Divine is said to be seeking another heaven, since the Rockland Palace has been turned over to new interests after having been a Divine heaven for years. He is said to be looking for a site in Manhattan or Brooklyn.

Father Divine and his staff were hosts to more than 3,000 followers at the Peace Mission in Harlem. He has 17 missions and extensions in New York and two in Brooklyn. His main mission is the Circle Mission church in Philadelphia. Offices are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Alabama, Florida, Michigan, South Carolina and such foreign countries as Australia, Canada, England, Panama, Switzerland and the British West Indies.

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NEGRO ELECTRICIAN GETS JOB WITH REA

WASHINGTON (AP)—Joseph Douglas, a 27-year-old negro electrician who holds a degree in electrical engineering, has been appointed to a position in the Federal Civilian Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Administrator Claude R. Weaver announced this week.

The young veteran has been assigned to the Washington office where his duties are to help make engineering studies in connection with applications which are made by Virgin Islands company.

GOV. HASTIE TO ATTEND MEET IN WEST INDIES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. W. H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands was one of the U. S. Commissioners delegated to attend the West Indian conference meeting at Basseterre, Guadeloupe, December 1-11. Other U. S. Commissioners are James T. Finney, governor of Puerto Rico; Dr. Rafael Pico, chairman of Puerto Rico planning board; and Ward Murphy, Canadian, chairman of Willys-Overland corporation.

Haiti, Cuba and the Dominican Republic were invited to send observers to the conference. R. M. deMoya A., consul-general, was designated by the Dominican Republic as observer for his government.

Among other Virgin Islanders attending the conference are Delegates A. Mathias Lindqvist, president; St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce and W. Woodhead, vice president; St. Croix Chamber of Commerce. The three advisors are Morris F. DeCastro, government secretary; Roy P. Gordon, chairman, V. I. Legislative Assembly; and Norman P. Olson, president.

PRESBYTERIAN MEET URGES INTERRACIAL PATTERN IN CHURCH

WILLOW GROVE, Pa. (Atlas News Service)—More than thirty leaders of the Presbyterian Church concerned with the establishment of a non-segregated church opened a week long institute on racial and cultural relations at the College Settlement Farm Camp in Willow Grove this week.

The institute is the second of a series being conducted throughout the country over a two-year period by the Board of National Missions and Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The principal topics to be discussed are: "The Significance of Racial and Cultural Relations in the Church"; "The Significance of Racial and Cultural Relations in the Community"; "The Significance of Racial and Cultural Relations in the Nation"; "The Significance of Racial and Cultural Relations in the World".

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covered are Christian race relations, the Protestant church and the Negro, the Pentecostal church and the civil rights, Jewish-Christian relations and international implications of American race relations. The Rev. William H. McCanna, director of the institute, and the Rev. Dr. Jesse Belmont, a member of the faculty at Lincoln University will preside.

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