

Truman Scores Riot, Agrees with Mrs. FDR

WASHINGTON — President Harry S. Truman last week joined with thousands of citizens in all parts of the nation who, although disapproving of the utterances of Paul Robeson, condemned the hoodlums at Peekskill, N. Y., responsible for rioting on successive week-ends when the singer attempted to hold concerts.

Commenting during his weekly press conference, The President echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt who earlier had described the affair as "good material for propaganda".

Mrs. Roosevelt's comment as carried in her daily column said in part:

"I dislike everything that Paul Robeson is now saying. I am opposed to him politically and I think he is doing great harm to his own people. But if he wants to give a concert or speak his mind in public, no one should prevent him from doing so."

The President said that he felt that Mrs. Roosevelt had covered the situation perfectly.

School Opening May End Va. Suit

KING GEORGE, Va. (ANP) — A possible end to the Negroes' two year fight for equal schools in King George County was seen here last week with the official dedication of the Ralph Bunche high school.

The new school will be an annex of the King George Training School, formerly the only high school for Negroes in the county. E. B. Webb will be principal of both schools.

In a statement on the opening of the new \$5150,000 school plant, the NAACP and the Virginia Teachers' association classified this step as an advance in Negro education, and hinted at a possible end to court action. Signed by J. Rupert Picott, executive secretary of the teachers' group, and said to be representing views of NAACP executive secretary of Virginia, W. Lester Banks, said NAACP attorney, Martin A. Martin, said:

"After a casual observation and tour of the facilities it appears that real and substantial progress has been made in complying with the court's order."

"However, it is seriously hoped that after we have had an opportunity to further inspect and see the school in actual operation, we may be able to join in a motion to Judge Sterling Hatcherson to dismiss all proceedings in this case."

Principal speaker at the new school's opening was Dr. Alonzo Moron, president of Hampton Institute. He said in part:

"As Americans we can take pride in the achievements of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, even build monuments to his name. But as Americans, also, should we hang our heads in shame that this man, despite his achievements abroad, is still a second class citizen in his native land."

The new school will accommodate 150 students. Principal Webb read a telegram from Dr. Bunche which said in part:

"I hope that every Negro boy (Continued on page 8, this section)

AMA Seeks End to Ban on Negroes

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The American Medical Association, an organization which has remained predominantly white for more than a century due to discriminatory practices in the country, is now putting forth every possible effort to eliminate segregation in the local associations, according to Dr. Elmer L. Henderson, president elect of AMA.

At a press luncheon held at the Statler hotel last week the AMA officials told an ANP reporter that Negroes had always been welcomed to membership in the national organization, and that Negro doctors who became members of their state associations through the local branches automatically became members of AMA.

The greatest trouble has been in the south, said Dr. Henderson, where Negro doctors were barred from the local organizations. But there has always been a membership of Negro doctors in sections where they were free to join their fellows in a consolidated organization.

In verifying Dr. Henderson's statement, Dr. John Klein, a member of the house of delegates, reminded reporters of the recent statement of Dr. Peter Murray, a Negro physician of New York, who added that in his home town of San Francisco where there were very few Negro doctors, there were seven Negro members of the local association.

This press luncheon was the first of a series to be presented in various cities throughout the nation (Continued on page 8, this section)

Va. Court to Grant Rape Case Appeal

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The State Supreme Court of Virginia, agreed last Tuesday to hear the case of the seven men convicted at Martinsville, Va., for the alleged rape of Mrs. Ruby Floyd, a 32-year-old white woman on January 6, according to the chief counsel, Martin A. Martin.

The petition presented to the State Supreme Court last Monday by Atty. Martin, S. W. Tucker, Roland D. Maley and J. L. Williams called for a new trial on the grounds of writ of error.

These seven men who were charged with rape in January, were declared guilty in six speeded-up trials from April 21 to May 2 and were sentenced to die in the electric chair on July 15 and 22.

30 DAYS STAY

Claiming that confessions had been obtained from the defendants without due process of law, the defendants' attorney appealed to Gov. Tuck, prior to the date set for execution, for a 60 day stay so that the case might be appealed to the highest court. In the presence of newspaper reporters, the Virginia governor granted the prisoners a 30 day stay, extending the execution date to August 15. At the end of this period Atty. Martin again appealed to the governor of the state for 30 days stay, which was granted.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments on the case will prolong the execution date from September 15 for an indefinite date.

Facts on the case that the alleged attack took place alongside a railroad track which cut through the Negro community on the outskirts of East Martinsville, a small southern industrial town of about 18,000 population. (Continued on page 8, this section)

NAACP, CIO Join in Blasting Rioters

NEW YORK (ANP) — Anti-Negro sentiment was "clearly" in evidence among the mob that attempted to stop Paul Robeson, the N. A. A. C. P. reported last week.

At the same time, three bus loads of Negroes — who were not at the Robeson concert — were attacked as they returned from the Hyde Park Memorial Library on the estate of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The attempt to deny Robeson freedom of speech and the assault on the 18,000 attending the program displayed symptoms of Fascism that must not be tolerated in the United States in the opinion of several national figures and organizations. Mrs. Roosevelt, who differs with Robeson on many issues, has been one of the outstanding critics against the demonstrators and organized bloodshed.

One of the Negro concert-goers brutally beaten in the riot was Eugene Bullard, Harlem resident, and veteran of both World Wars. In World War I, he received the Croix de Guerre from France, and is said to have been the first Negro to pilot a war plane. Bullard said he was beaten by both the mob, policemen and state troopers.

Also in evidence was anti-Jewish and anti-Negro slander. During the first attack a week earlier, a Ku Klux Klan cross burned on a nearby hillside. Robeson and the Harlem branch of the Civil Rights Congress, which sponsored the meeting, said race hate had been seething in Westchester county for some time and that so-called anti-Communism was merely a smoke screen. (Continued on page 8, this section)

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RALEIGH PROJECT OKAYED

APARTMENT O. K. BY ADJUSTMENT BOARD SOUGHT

Raleigh's City Council this week voted approval of the ground lay-out for the controversial 276-unit Washington Terrace apartment project which has been pending before the Council since last June.

The opposition to the project was initiated by residents of Longview Gardens, a white subdivision which lies adjacent to the site proposed for the Negro apartment development.

Members of the review group have based their opposition upon the claim that construction of the project as planned would result in a lowering of property values in the area by virtue of increased population density as well as the lack of guarantees that the rental project would be "kept up" once it was constructed.

SINGLE UNITS OKED

In earlier meetings before the City Council as well as with Negro residents of the city the Longview group stated that they would (Continued on page 8, this section)



Above are shown a few of the parents of pupils at the Huddins High school at Marion in McDowell County, who picketed the school on opening day last week to dramatize their demands for better school facilities as well as for a more progressive school administration.

IRATE PARENTS ASK FOR OUSTER OF SCHOOL HEAD

MARION, N. C. — Long dissatisfaction with conditions at the Huddins High School at Marion reached a climax last week as parents of pupils attending the school paraded around the school for several hours carrying placards denouncing the school administration.

Declaring that the two-story frame school, which is the only high school in McDowell County, is insufficient to meet the needs of the pupils, the parents formed a picket line to dramatize their demands for better facilities and better administration of those which exist.

Spokesmen for the parents' group pointed out that they had been promised a new school for the past 15 years, but that the county school officials have failed consistently to live up to their promises.

Sharing the parents' ire with the local school officials is the school principal, whose ouster has (Continued on page 8, this section)

Workmen Rescue Boy From Sewer

MONROE — Four-year-old Cameron Miller, the son of Mrs. Cameron Miller, Jr., white, is alive today after a 400-yard trip through a flooded sewer conduit because of the quick thinking of two city employees who happened to be working where the tot's body came out of the pipe.

Following a heavy rainfall a youngster had been playing in a flooded yard with two other small playmates when he was sucked into the drain. The children sought aid of their parents and other adults who began a frantic search in the waist-deep water of the yard.

In the meantime the little boy's body had been carried through a 24-inch sewer pipe to the point where Willie Webb and Henry Dean had been cleaning out stopped-up pipes.

They seized the tot's body as it washed past them and immediately began artificial respiration. Then calling upon a passing motorist, they carried the youngster to a hospital, where he was pronounced in good condition except for a few minor bruises.

The child's frantic parents were notified of his rescue and made immediate plans for the rewarding of the two workmen.

POOR MARKSMEN SO NOBODY GETS HURT

Cincinnati, O. (ATLAS) — Two young men, Nathan Yett and William Edmondson, both Negroes, fought a bloodless duel with revolvers over an attractive unwed mother, but but learned to their sorrow, such 18th century encounters are frowned upon in the more subdued age of the 20th century.

The trouble started when Edmondson, who claimed to be the father of a child born to the girl about whom the duel was fought, wanted to see her, and complained that Yett, the current boy friend, objected and even challenged him to not even speak to her.

When it was all over, both men were placed in jail and charged with discharging fire arms and carrying concealed weapons.



WITH GIRL SCOUTS — Miss Burma Jewel Raines was recently appointed acting field director of Raleigh and Wake County Girl Scouts. She is a 1949 graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers' College. While in college she was an active senior scout, and during the summer of 1946 attended a training institute for Region 6 held at Shaw University.

Seek New Trial For Florida Trio

TAVERES, Fla. — A new trial for Samuel Shephard and Walter Irwin, 22, and Charles Greenlee, 16, convicted of rape here last week has been asked by Alex Akerman, Orlando attorney, retained by the National Advance-ment of Colored People to defend the accused youths.

In a motion for a new trial filed here on September 6 Mr. Akerman contended that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and to the law and changed the court with error in denying a series of pre-trial motions.

The three were convicted after a three-day trial on September 3 by an all-white jury which deliberated for two hours and recommended mercy for Greenlee. Conviction of Shephard and Irwin carries a mandatory death sentence whereas the recommendation of mercy for Greenlee prevents sentence of death, imposing long term imprisonment.

The alleged rape of a young white housewife on July 15 set off (Continued on page 8, this section)

IMITATES CHANNEL SWIMMER, DROWNS

Cincinnati, O. (ATLAS) — With the news of Philip McGinnis' propulsive conquest of the English Channel, Otis Malcolm, Negro, 30 minimized the feat and accepted a challenge from his friends backed by \$50 that he could easily swim across the Ohio River, which he considered a more hazardous journey than the English channel, and that he would start from the Cincinnati side.

Witnesses heard his cries, and a row boat was summoned and set out for his rescue. The boat was manned by Richard Corman, a Gas and Electric employee. He returned and reported to the police that Malcolm went down for the last time before he could reach him. His body has not been found.

Devane Satisfied at End of Six Months

FAYETTEVILLE — At the conclusion of six months as a member of the Fayetteville Board of Aldermen, Dr. W. P. Devane, the first Negro to hold such a position in this city for more than half a century, said this week that the situation is working out satisfactorily for all concerned.

Citing a completely harmonious as well as productive relationship with the other members of the board, Dr. Devane described the objective of the Board as "the accomplishment of those things aimed at the betterment of conditions affecting the entire city."

Among specific accomplishments during the present Board's tenure Dr. Devane called attention to the provision of sewers and street lights in several Negro areas of the city, and the approval of Negro policemen who are expected to be in uniform very soon.

Although the new Alderman did not give the names or number of the prospective police department appointees, he said that several men were already in training for the posts. (Continued on page 8, this section)

NACGN to Continue Says Head of Nurses

NEW YORK (ANP) — The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses is not planning to dissolve Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, national president, declared emphatically this week. Appearing as guest on a local radio program last Saturday evening, Mrs. Staupers revealed plans for increased rather than lessened NACGN activity "during the next two years at least."

"Reports that the 41-year-old organization, which represents Negro nurses nationally, expected to close up shop by the end of the year are absolutely false," said Mrs. Staupers. She ascribed the circulation of these reports to misunderstanding of the new working relationship between the NACGN and the American Nurses' Association which was ratified at the recent NACGN convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

"The invitation extended by the ANA," explained Mrs. Staupers, "was for greater participation by NACGN and fuller integration of Negro nurses into ANA's program. In accepting this invitation, M. A. C. G. N. agreed that ANA could absorb some of our organization's functions."

"This program, carried out to its ultimate, would eliminate the need for NACGN, so the Board of Directors was authorized by the convention to ascertain the correct (Continued on page 8, this section)

RITE TO BE HELD THURSDAY FOR FAMED MUSICIAN

STAMFORD, Conn. — Harry T. Burleigh, dean of American Negro composers and arrangers, died Monday at the age of 82 years in a private hospital at Stamford, Conn. following a lengthy illness.

The aged composer, a native of Erie, Pa., won international fame both as a singer and a composer and had appeared twice before King Edward VII, and numerous times before the late J. Pierpont Morgan, at whose funeral he was soloist.

Burleigh arrangements of spirituals have formed standard parts of music courses taught in American schools for a number of years.

In 1934 he went to New York City where he was chosen as baritone soloist for the choir of the St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church as the result of a competition with 39 other aspirants for the post.

He remained as a member of the St. George's choir until his retirement. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Woman Will Head School

Nashville (ANP) — Mrs. Lillian D. Edwards, until recently Jeanes supervisor and critic teacher and Fort Valley State college, has been elected president of the National Baptist Training school here. The school is operated by the National Baptist Convention, Inc., Dr. A. M. Townsend being chairman of its board of directors. Mrs. Edwards has been active in education, PTA and many other civic organizations.

Mrs. E. B. Eohannon of Chicago has been re-elected dean. Mrs. Bohannon, for many years was secretary of the late Dr. L. K. Williams, late president of the National Baptist convention, and is of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago.

Knoxville Mourns Cop

Knoxville, Tenn. (ATLAS) — Members of both white and Negro races are saddened and shocked at the unexpected death of the veteran Negro policeman, W. Bar H. Lyons last week at the General Hospital.

Officer Lyons suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at his home at 925 Fifteenth Street and died a few hours later without remaining consciousness.

The big policeman had been on the force more than 20 years. For a long time he drove the patrol wagon. Later he patrolled Mechanic. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Youths Ask End of Ban

Fayetteville, Ark. (ATLAS) — Delegates to the Methodist Young People's Leadership Conference on Mont. Sequoyah, near Fayetteville, Ark., last week asked that qualified Negro youths be allowed to attend future conferences as delegates.

A resolution said that "in a few instances" qualified Negroes in the eight-state south central jurisdiction have not been accepted at past conferences because of Sequoyah regulations.

The resolution further asked that the board of trustees of the assembly grounds here allow Negroes at future conferences. Such a move would be "in keeping with the general policy of the Methodist Church."