

DAVIS, TOP COMMUNISTS "GUILTY"

Reds' Trial Ends After 9 Months

America's eleven top Communists, including Ben Davis Jr., Negro N. Y. City Councilman, were handcuffed Friday and led away to a Federal jail after a verdict of "guilty as charged" which climaxed the nine months of courtroom trials, works and delaying tactics with which the Communist party fought for its continued right to exist in America.

Returning to a jammed court room after just seven hours of deliberation Mrs. Theima Dial, Negro housewife and jury foreman, announced "We find the defendants each and every one guilty as charged."

This statement ended the nine months trial of the eleven Communist top party members, two of which were leading Negro political clans.

Among those awaiting sentence are Benjamin Davis Jr., 46, native of Georgia, legislative director for CP and member of New York City Council; and Henry Winston, 38, native of Mississippi, former president of Young Communist League, now CP organizational secretary, both Negroes.

The nine months trial just ended has its verdict holds out-lawed the CP party by asserting in effect that the party has attempted to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence.

The protest of the Communist that their party was just another political party was thrown out by the decisive words of the jury verdict. It has condemned its leadership as a batch of willful conspirators trying to teach and advocate an American revolution.

The eleven men were: William Z. Foster, 63, native of Massachusetts, former union organizer, national chairman of Communist party since 1932.

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PICKS CIRCUIT JUDGE

Bias Plea Scrapped



NOMINATED — Governor William H. Haste, of the Virgin Islands, who was nominated last week by President Truman as Judge for the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. (Story on this page.)

Circuit Court Job Offered To Hastie

Washington (AP) — President Truman's often-discussed loyalty to his friends and supporters was not a factor last week when he named covers the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Virgin Islands. The Third Circuit Court Judge, J. Lee Rankin, of Philadelphia, was named to the post for which he was nominated, several meetings were held among Philadelphia friends to which Gov. Haste was invited.

D. C. Police Hunt For Sex Slayer of Boy, 8

Washington (AP) — The extensive round-up of all known sex perverts, since examination of the eight-year-old Harrison McKinley Walker, whose body was found under a low bridge in Rock Creek on Oct. 8, was settled down to a firm search for the perpetrator of the crime. Harrison had been reported missing for two days by his mother before his slaying and mangled body was found.

NCNW To Honor Nine

Washington, D. C. — President Truman will address the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the National Council of Negro Women when it meets in Washington, November 15 through 18. Council headquarters announced this week. The President will speak in the Interdepartmental Auditorium, at the International Night observance, on November 15, which will climax opening day activities for hundreds of delegates and visitors from all over the country. The meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m., will be open to the public.

BIASED APPEAL FOR "ZONING" IS IGNORED BY BODY

HIGH POINT, N. C. — City Manager T. E. Hinson stated here last week that he had received a petition brought to this office by a man and not addressed to anybody in particular protesting movement of Negroes into what had been considered as a white residential area. He said he received the petition about two months ago showed it to a few members of the council and Mayor Bill Bailey. He said the council members agreed that there was nothing much that could be done about the petition. It seems the petition was signed by some white residents in the southwestern section of High Point. The City Manager further stated that he had destroyed the petition since it was apparent the council could take no action. The city manager said the petition was never brought before the council in regular session. He said he told the man who brought the petition to the city hall that it would have to be addressed to the city council. Apparently there are no laws or city zoning regulations restricting Negro residential development. One legal source when questioned (Cont'd on back page, this section)

Tot is Believed Slain by Boy, 10

DUNN (Special) — A missing Negro baby and a faith healer united white and Negro residents here last week. Missing from his home since around 3 o'clock last Tuesday is 14 months old Donnie Mitchell Harrison who is suspected of having met foul play at the hands of his half brother, Bunk, age 10.



CONVICTED — Ben Davis, Negro Communist member of the New York City Council, who last week was convicted with ten other members of the Communist party of conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States. (Story on this page.)

Ten-year-old Bunk, described by his parents as a "bad boy," thwarted all efforts of Harnett County officials to implicate him in his brother's death until late Saturday night. After telling questioners numerous stories, over a forty-eight hour period Bunk, already confessed slaying his fourteen-month-old half brother and drowning him in a nearby stream. Unshaken by questions of Deputy Sheriff Ken Matthews, Sheriff W. E. (Bill) Sainon, or Harnett County Attorney W. A. Johnson, Bunk, who earlier in the year grazed another of his brothers with a 22 rifle bullet, led a search crowd of 200 mixed whites and Negroes in a fruitless search for Donnie's body. At times nearly two-thirds of the searchers were white. The missing baby and the accused young slayer are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bozie Harrison, well known Dunn residents. Two of Bunk's younger brothers and sisters accused him of slaying the baby. According to the children's story, Bunk bloodied the baby's head with a brick and carried him away on the pretext of looking for a doctor. (Continued on page 8, this section)

PASTOR PUT UNDER BOND AFTER INQUEST INTO LEE COUNTY DEATH

DAILY DEED

Recently a 14-year-old white High Point youth was given a 14-year prison sentence for assaulting his landlord. Let the Rocky Mount Scout Troop headed by Scoutmaster Tom Smith felt that a 17-year sentence was a mighty long one for a 14-year-old. Perhaps the Scouts have had some unpleasant experiences of their own with landlords, or perhaps they simply felt that a 17-year sentence was a mighty long one for a 14-year-old. At any rate they wrote to Governor Scott to see if the youth couldn't be sent to a training school instead. The Governor and Paroles Commissioner T. C. Johnson are now investigating the case with such a step in mind. The Rocky Mount Scouts made their appeal to the Governor, and afterward pointed out that they were not interested in the color or race of the youth, in fact, they did not know him and had never seen him.

AWAIT JURY TERM SET BOND AT \$1,000

SANFORD — The Rev. Rufus Smithman, minister whose address was listed as Southern Pines, was placed under \$1,000 bond Tuesday following a coroner's inquest into the death of Leonard Adams, 15-year-old white youth. Young Adams died Monday night in a collision between his bicycle and the car driven by the Rev. Mr. Smithman. The boy was reported to have been killed instantly in the crash. At the coroner's inquest called by Lee County Coroner J. H. Byrley, Johnny Phillips, who was riding with young Adams at the time of the latter's death, said the Smithman car was being driven on the shoulder of the road at the time of the accident. The Rev. Mr. Smithman did not testify before the coroner's jury, although he reportedly told a state highway patrolman immediately following the accident that he had been blinded by the lights of an approaching car. The coroner's jury found probable cause, and the Rev. Mr. Smithman was ordered placed under \$1,000 bond until the next term of the grand jury.

AND TROUBLE

Last Friday Frank Lee Johnson couldn't keep out of trouble. The trouble started when Johnson had a discussion with his wife, Mrs. Janie Lee Johnson. The discussion got out of hand, and Johnson struck his wife with his fists. His sister-in-law, Almeta Leonard then became involved and Johnson knocked her down also. After that he decided to use his belt rather than his fists on his wife. Later in the evening he went to jail. (Continued on page 5, this section)

South's Educators At Regional Parley

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Mass Marks Rights Week

BOSTON, Mass. (AP) — Gov. Paul A. Dever has proclaimed Sunday, Oct. 23 through Saturday, Oct. 29, as Civil Rights week. He specifically called upon community leaders in industry, education, religion, and in every walk of life to participate actively in its observance. To commemorate the issuance of the historic report of the President's Commission on Civil Rights, a group of leading civic organizations are currently formulating plans. Such organizations include the Mass. State Union of Women's clubs, the Boston Urban League Cambridge Community center, and the Boston branch of the N. A. A. C. P. Mayor James M. Curley declared in a public statement: "The maintenance and safeguarding of the civil rights of all our citizens are highly important. They are guaranteed by the constitution of the United States. They must never be forgotten if we are to survive as a free people."

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Train Hits Car, Four Hurt

FAYETTEVILLE — Four persons received painful injuries Friday evening when the car in which they were riding collided with a train at the Virginia-Carolina Southern crossing on Lambert Road at Roston, about 12 miles south of the city. Those injured were Mrs. Cora Crump, District Deputy of the United Order of Tents, Miss Cora Crump and Mrs. Emma Scott of Tents officials and William Melvin, operator of the demolished car. The party was enroute to Parkton, N. C. to attend an official business pertaining to the Order of Tents. Mrs. Cora Crump, Miss Della Crump and Melvin, received bruises about the face and body and internal injuries while Mrs. Wright received a broken arm and bruises of the face and body. It was reported that flames were on one side of the highway and the car was carried about 45 feet down the truck after the impact. The train was operated by William D. Jacobs, engineer of Rockingham, N. C. No charges have been brought against either party. Mrs. Crump, Miss Crump and Mr. Melvin operate the Crump family home on Culbreth Street and Mrs. Wright operates a beauty shop on the corner of Campbell Avenue and the old Wilmington Road.



QUEEN AND HER COURT — Miss Doris Rane of Raleigh, senior student at St. Augustine's College, is shown with her attendants following her election as Miss St. Augustine's for the school's homecoming which will be observed Saturday. On the left is Miss Joan Sturup of Jamaica, B.W.I. sophomore, while on the right is Miss Eleanor Lettore, freshman student from Mobile, Ala.

Ask Supreme Court to Revue Housing Case

NEW YORK — The United States Supreme Court has been asked to review a 4 to 3 decision of the New York Court of Appeals upholding the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's exclusion of Negroes from its Stuyvesant Town housing project. A petition for a writ of certiorari was today filed with the Supreme Court in the case of Dorsey v. Stuyvesant Town. The petition was signed by the American Jewish Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union. The petition contends that New York's highest tribunal erred in holding that Metropolitan's policy of barring Negroes as tenants at Stuyvesant Town did not violate the Fourteenth Amendment and the Federal Constitution. Petitioners argue that the ban on Negroes in the Stuyvesant Town housing project is a denial of equal housing opportunities without discrimination because of race. The petition requests the Supreme Court to intervene, as it has in the past in cases involving zoning ordinances and restrictive covenants which discriminated against Negroes, to prevent an attempt to circumvent legislative devices for second community planning into an instrument for enforcing racial segregation.

N. C. Involved in Test Of Regional Schools

In Raleigh this week, legal counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People indicated that North Carolina's participation in the controversial regional schools program placed the state squarely in the center of pending suits to test the validity of the plan. Officials of the Council, acting jointly with the Council of Southern Governors, which has outspokenly advocated segregation in the planning, were this week concerned over a recent court decision in Baltimore, Md. Miss Esther McReedy, 78, last Monday filed suit in a Baltimore City Court designed to cause the University of Maryland to admit her to its presently all-white School of Nursing. On Tuesday, the Court ruled that facilities for Negroes were available to Miss McReedy at the Jim-Crow nursing school at its Harry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. The Southern Regional Council, which was represented by attorneys when Miss McReedy's suit was heard in Baltimore, has said through its council director, Dr. John Ivey, that the regional program is not designed to solve the segregation problems faced by all Southern States. Following the Baltimore court's decision against Miss McReedy's petition to enter the University of Maryland's School of Nursing, Dr. Ivey stated, "The decision leaves the impression that the regional program is a solution to the segregation issue that is faced by virtually every Southern state. This is not the purpose nor its policy." Gov. Scott told in a press conference in Raleigh last week that the "minority race" was entitled to better educational facilities, and (Continued on page 8, this section)

Negro Jailed, Pair Is Freed In Murder

CONCORD — Two white men who were participants in a bizarre woodland drinking spree which preceded the death of Miss Lizzie Deese Morgan, a 47-year-old white farm wife, left the jail this week free men after the murder indictments against them were nolle prossed. Still behind bars, however, is Albert Begow, who was convicted in the case during the August term of Casper County Superior Court, and given a term of only 7-to-10 years despite the fact that one of the white men claimed to have seen him stop the struggling woman in a ditch. The two white men, Glenn T. Furr and Lane Morgan, husband of the slain woman, testified that the four of them had been drinking in the woods last April until they all became intoxicated. Brown and Mrs. Morgan left the group, according to Furr, and a short while later he also left and stumbled across the pair in the ditch. After warning Brown and ordered him to stop, he said, he went back to get Mrs. Morgan's husband, but was unable to do so. The woman's body, badly beaten, was found in the ditch some time later, and the two white men (Continued on page 8, this section)