

# NINE PLEAD GUILTY IN ATTACK CASE

## White Mobbists Face Charges of Beating Negroes

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Nine members of the mob of white mobsters who brutally attacked seven Negro potato pickers including a woman August 11 on the farm of Raymond Dey white landowner near Cranbury N. J. pleaded guilty this morning in Sussex County Courthouse to charges of assault and battery.

The mobsters, all of whom were men, will be sentenced here by the Court Sept. 22. A tenth member of the mob a white boy whose home is said to be in Brooklyn N. Y. is scheduled to appear before the juvenile Court here sometime next week. The NAACP learned that police are seeking two unidentified members of the mob who have escaped capture to date. They are said to have fled the state.

By pleading guilty and throwing themselves on the mercy of the Court of the members of the mob forestalled possible indictments at the hands of the Middlesex grand jury and a trial. Their appearance here before the Court followed a series of moves on the part of the State police of New Jersey that appeared questionable to officials

of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, until they were explained. The first action on the part of police involved the Negro potato pickers. When Doctor David Anthony, president of the NAACP branches arrived at the Dey farm in Cranbury this morning to arrange transportation of the migratory workers to Newark where they are to be lodged in a hotel until the trial at the expense of the Association he was told by one of the four remaining potato pickers (who had not been assaulted by the mob) that the seven workers had been whisked away Thursday afternoon by police to be held as material witnesses in the case as soon as the workers were paid off.

Dr. Anthony went immediately to Newark where he met E. Frederick Morrow of the Association's staff who had come prepared to pay for the board and lodging of the works. The two went to New York where in investigation got under way immediately. A phone call to Col. Mark O. Kimbrell head of the New

Jersey State Police at his office in Trenton effected the information that he knew nothing about the arrest of the workers. Kimbrell stated he would investigate at once. Shortly thereafter the NAACP received a phone call from Captain Lamb second in command of the state police forces who told the NAACP that the seven workers had been taken to Sussex jail in New Brunswick where they were being detained in a detention room as material witnesses.

Calling Assistant State Prosecutor White at New Brunswick, the NAACP learned that the nine mobsters had pleaded guilty and thrown themselves on the mercy of the court. Because this precluded a trial and the necessity of material witnesses, he advised the NAACP the workers would be turned over to the Association today.

Dr. Anthony and E. Frederick Morrow, coordinator of NAACP branches left immediately for New Brunswick where they were to meet Frank H. Wimberly of Trenton who has been retained by the NAACP temporarily and arranged to take the group of seven to Newark.

## Urban League Ends Annual Conference

DETROIT (ANP)—48 branches of the National Urban League concluding their annual national conference on Labor day at Camp Green Pastures near here sent a telegram to the president of the United States asking that he call the attention of the nation to the unfair treatment accorded Negro citizens.

The Urban League claimed to represent not only Negro opinion, but enlightened world sentiment as a whole in stating the conclusion that racial discrimination where it appears and in whatever form is a major threat to national security.

It was also pointed out that racial discrimination is present in the United States today in an increasing degree and that despite America's overwhelming sentiment against discrimination abroad there is no diminution of this evil in the United States.

The telegram was drawn up by a committee of which A. L. Carter executive secretary, Chicago Urban League was chairman and follows: "The National Urban League, meeting in annual conference today at Green Pastures, Mich. to discuss the problems of Negro life in America and find our thinking seriously affected by the catastrophe in Europe. Although we meet in a democracy we note that the same force of intolerance that provoked the European conflict seem to be gaining momentum in this country. Knowing the nature of your belief on the problems of discrimination, the conference feels that an expression from you to the nation at this time would be extremely valuable."

The Corps. CCC junior enrollees thus stand no more chance of being the first to be called to the colors than any other private citizen upon whom the draft laws would descend in the event of hostilities.

T. L. Grier State CCC selection supervisor with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare has announced the next quarterly enrollment dates as set from Oct. 1 to 20, although he expects to complete North Carolina acceptance operations during the first week of the month.

## Negro National Baptist Day Held At Fair

BY CARY B. LEWIS  
WILMINGS, DEL.—1000 L. Williams, president of the national Baptist convention, vice president of the World's Baptist alliance and pastor of Olivet Baptist church, Chicago was the principal speaker on Monday afternoon at the Hall of Religion at the World's fair. The convention, which was in session last week at Philadelphia where there was an attendance of 16,000 moved on to New York City to observe Negro Baptist day at the fair.

Dr. Williams was presented to the vast audience by the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Martin of Brooklyn vice president of the convention. After paying a high tribute to those responsible for the building of the fair and its grandeur in every respect, Dr. Williams said "The group which we represent cannot be eliminated from the occasion. They have given unselfishly their best. We asked to convert all our dense swamps and perilous wilderness into laughing productive fields. This group has only given its sons to protect against any foe, every right and claim of this country.

"We have furnished a quota of inventors, scientists, educators, artists, sculptors, musicians, historians, mechanics, laborers, farmers etc. whose hands helped to produce all that this fair symbolizes."

"We gather here today when war clouds are encircling Europe and casting their somber shadows across the thresholds of America. Christian Negroes will pray that our country will be saved from participation in another world's war, and that its honor and safety will be steadfastly preserved. We also hope and pray that the peace that will follow the European struggle will give justice to all races and nations."

Another speaker for the occasion was he Rev. J. C. Austin, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist church Chicago. After a splendid introduction, Dr. Austin said in part: "We, the Negro Baptists, are concerned in those eternal principles in those basic things upon which alone can rest a per-

manent civilization supported by a righteous citizenship which recognizes the fatherhood of God, and promotes the brotherhood of man."

Dr. Austin spoke on the Negro being equal quantity in opportunity and religious worship and education and worship, in the face of opposition the first Negro Baptist church was founded in 1775 at Silver Bluff in the colony of South Carolina. In the struggle for the virtues of citizenship, Nat Turner a Negro Baptist preacher led a rebellion 100 years ago aimed to gain freedom which anticipated the Civil war. As a citizen, Booker T. Washington is one of the examples of the contribution the Negro Baptists makes in the face of prejudice and discrimination.

Rev. Austin then made an appeal for Christianization of the world and said that the way out is the new birth of Jesus Christ. Said he: "The final word from Negro Baptists to all of us; Let us march on the fulfillment of our highest possibilities as children of God. Let us reverse ourselves and go backward to the level of the lower life, which strikes at us from the jungles as we march on to a finer social which will be found when the Kingdom of Christ, a Kingdom of love, becomes the ruling influence in the world."

The Chicago "President's Special" left Monday night and will stop at Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The train was under the direction of the Rev. J. H. Branham transportation commissioner of the convention and assistant pastor of Olivet church.

DOWN BUT NEVER OUT: "The Son of man is come to save that which was lost."—Matt. 18:11.

FOLLOW DIVINE WISDOM: Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 22:21.

## AFL Organizer To Probe Jim Crow in Fla.

NEW YORK.—The first step in the conducting of an investigation by the American Federation of Labor into Jim Crow practices of its affiliated unions in Tampa, Fla. by means of which 500 Negro pioneer union men in the shipbuilding industry were frozen out of their jobs, has been taken William L. Green told the NAACP here this week.

The AFL of L president made the statement in a letter to the association dated Sept. 11 in which he said that he was assigning George L. Googe, Atlanta AFL of L organizer to investigate the Tampa situation personally. The NAACP which has been investigating the case since early in July when Walter White made a trip to Tampa, urged Green to investigate the case while the latter was in

Atlantic City at the AF of L's executive council meeting during August.

The association immediately sent a list of names of prominent Tampa citizens to Green urging him to make use of these individuals in getting at the facts. These individuals were also notified by the NAACP to be prepared to aid the investigation.

The unions involved are local 1,207 of the International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers Union of America, which was formed after twelve Negro and one white worker went out on strike at the Tampa Shipbuilding Company sometime prior to June 1 1938 and a local of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America.

## NAACP Wins First Round In N. J. Beach Case

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—The right of Negro citizens to use the public beaches of this city was upheld by the State Supreme Court in a decision handed last week, which at the same time denied without prejudice a court action brought against the city by Mrs. Allie Bullock a taxpayer of this city, charging that Negroes were limited to the use of only one of the city's beaches.

Judge Joseph Perskie in his decision, advised Mrs. Bullock that she could bring a mandamus action against the City Clerk and the city of Long Branch to get the relief to which she was entitled. The decision represented a partial culmination of a long fight waged by the local branch of the NAACP under Dr. J. C. McKelvy. The branch was represented by Counselor Robert S. Hartgrove. He was assisted by Attorneys Roger M. Yancey and Walter J. Upperman.

Mrs. Bullock applied for a permit July 17 to use the bath-

ing facilities and access to one of the city beaches. J. Arthur Wooding, city clerk refused to issue her a permit to any of the four beaches save that of No. 3 to which beach all colored persons had been exclusively assigned. Mrs. Bullock contested this denial on the ground that the ordinances under which the city clerk was acting were invalid in toto. In opinion handed down September 11 Judge Perskie of the Supreme Court, said "it is clear that the agreed and determined policy or plan of regulation is based upon the admitted premise that the governing authorities did not want members of the black race to intermingled with members of the white race while using the beach and bathing facilities of the City of Long Branch. The fact that these ordinances are illegally administered does not render them void in toto; but it is settled that the dignities, equalities and rights of citizenship cannot legally be denied to members of the Negro race."

LAUNCHES VOTE DRIVE  
RICHMOND, Va.—With a view to marking every one of its 2,300 members a registered voters the local branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People has launched a city wide drive whose slogan is "Pay Your Poll Tax—Register and Vote."

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## CCC Camps Making No War Plans

By A. Lawrence Aydlott  
RALEIGH.—Much comment has gone the rounds about possible militarization of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the possible event of American entry into the European conflict, but definite advice from Washington have laid the specter officially.

CCC Director Robert Fletcher has advised all state selecting agencies that there are no plans under consideration to end and that existing laws prevent any such action. President Roosevelt, Fletcher said as well as the American people have been continuously opposed to inducting military training into

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