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### Greyhound Bus Driver Ejects Women Refusing Back Seat PREDICTS SHAKEUP AT FORT BRAGG

### Mississippi Mob Breaks Up Labor Meeting Of Negroes

#### Two Hurt When Mob Interferes At Union Meet

LOUISVILLE, Miss., (ANP) Negroes will not be unionized in this prejudiced little town if leading white citizens can help it.

A Negro and a white man are in serious condition and several others are nursing bruises as the results Tuesday night of a race riot in which an armed mob of 300 white business and professional men chased from the streets 200 Negroes who were attempting to enter the courthouse for an A. F. of L. union organization meeting.

The seriously wounded men were Emmett Pendergast, white, an employe of the Southern Natural Gas Company, shot in the leg and, a man named Brown, shot and out. The latter was not among those seeking to form the union but happened to be on the street when the mob decided to chase into hiding all Negroes found on local thoroughfares. Sheriff W. B. Holman could not be reached but members of his family said he "knew nothing" of the riot.

The trouble began with the arrival here from Birmingham of J. C. Barrett, white, A. F. of L. organizer, bent on unionizing employes of the D. L. Fair Lumber company here. On the night of Aug. 25 he held an open meeting in the courthouse attended by about 300 men, of whom around 225 were colored.

After the initial meeting, an organization meeting was scheduled for Tuesday night at the courthouse. No secret was made of the purpose. But when the hour approached, a mob formed around the entrance and refused to allow anybody to go inside. When the number of Negroes increased, arguments developed and were quickly followed by fist fights.

The armed mob then decided not only to refuse the workers admittance but to chase them off the streets. The entire town was thrown into an uproar. Next day, however, citizens refused to discuss the affair.

Barrett was not seen during the fighting. However, he did not check out of his hotel until the following morning. He left no forwarding address.

It was also learned that Barrett left Bruce, Miss., hurriedly last Friday when an attempt to organize employes of the E. L. Bruce Co. lumber mill there was met with an invitation from a group of men to leave town.

When an individual gets a life-time job, whether large or small, there is the danger that the individual will forget the interests of the public and enjoy the secure.

#### Detroit Company Is Under Fire

Detroit, Mich.—Although the Briggs Manufacturing Company here wants all the riveters they can get, three affidavits sent to the President's Committee on Air Employment Practices in the last two weeks, charge the company with refusing to employ Negro workers.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People received copies of two affidavits made August 27 and 28 by Kenneth Offet and Frank Smith of this city, who were referred to the plant for work by the Michigan State Employment Service.

Offet's statement claims that he reported to Briggs with four whites, also referred by the employment service, they were all qualified as aero-riveters. According to Offet, the first two whites were hired, but when his interview turn came, the employment manager told them there was no more hiring that day.

On returning to the employment office, Briggs says, they were shown cards which stated that "Briggs was calling for all the riveters they can get." The next day the three went to the plant again. Offet claims the first white boy was taken, but Offet was asked if he had not been out the day before. He said that he had and filled out the necessary application.

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#### Specialist



DR. HOMER P. COOPER, foremost Negro bone specialist whose skill in orthopedic work has won him wide praise. Curvature of the spine, rickets, bow legs, knock knees fractures of every degree come to Provident hospital in Chicago for his care. Joe Louis, Marian Anderson and Etta Moten are among those who attest his skill.

#### "Miss Ebenezer"



Mrs. Maude Thorpe of Durham who was crowned Miss Ebenezer in a rally recently held at the Ebenezer Baptist church. Out of a large group of contestants Mrs. Thorpe raised the largest amount of money to obtain the honor.

#### Six-Point Anti Racial Program Proposed

BLUE RIDGE, N. C., (ANP) A group of 100 educators, representing every state in the south except Georgia, in attendance at the "Conference on Education for Southern Citizenship" which ended last Sunday, instituted a six-point proposal for the promotion of better understanding between which and Negroes in southern schools.

The recommendations made were:

That every important college in the south carry a special course of study on race problems; that this subject be dealt with objectively also in college and public school teaching of geography, history, civics, literature, music; that programs and materials on adult education be expanded to include a broader understanding of positive racial relations; school libraries seek to provide books and supplementary materials necessary for such study; that teachers' college and public school teaching of geography, history, civics, literature, music; that programs

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#### New Head May Be Placed Over Fayetteville Camp

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ft. Bragg, where Negro soldiers and white military policemen were involved in a shooting fray on Aug. 6 may be expected soon. This was learned yesterday from sources close to the Secretary of War. How far the house-cleaning will go is not known, but at least one high-ranking officer may be relieved of all command of troops.

The changes will be announced soon by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. They will be based on a painstaking investigation by the Inspector General of the Army, in which both Brig. Gen. Benjamin Davis the only Negro general officer in the Army, and Col. George B. Hunter ace investigator for the Inspector General's department, participated. Col Hunter spent a week at Fort Bragg and questioned 128 witnesses. Mr. Stimson ordered the investigation when a series of articles on discrimination at Fort Bragg appeared in both Negro and white press.

#### N.A.A.C.P. Declares South Sets Policy

Washington, D. C.—Although it is reported that the War Department's investigation of conditions at Fort Bragg is completed, no information on what was found has been released.

The NAACP received last week a copy of a letter sent by Senator Prentiss M. Brown of Michigan to Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War in which the senator request a report of the investigation and a statement of the action taken.

Thanking Senator Brown for the copy of his letter, the NAACP said "the War Department hasn't yet demonstrated that it is going to run the defense program instead of letting the most reactionary and prejudiced elements in the South determine War Department policy.

#### Business League Records Remarkable Growth At 41st Annual Session

MEMPHIS, --(By Nat D. Williams for ANP) "We hope that the idea of a closer relation between Negroes in educational work and Negroes operating business enterprises, from peanut parchers to corporation managers, will be accepted by every community in the nation where Negroes reside in large numbers were the words of Dr. J. E. Walker, president of the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis, and reelected to start his third term as president of the National Negro Business League, expanded the theme of the 41st annual convention of the organization.

The league's convention sessions were held at LeMoine College Aug. 27-29. The theme was "Education and Negro Business. Meeting in conjunction with the business men's organization was the National Negro Housewives league, headed by Mrs. Fannie B. Peck, of Detroit.

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women representing the organized housewives of the nation, entered enthusiastically into the various panel discussions on different aspects of the subject, and listened to speeches by outstanding personalities representing the business or professional fields.

Generally harmonious precedent which was the chief feature of the 1941 league convention was indicated by the speedy reelection of all national officers of the organization, with the exception of several who declined to serve another year. The convention adopted resolutions whose general tenor expressed appreciation of past and current opportunities enjoyed by Negro business, pointed to the disabilities suffered by Negroes under the defense preparaton program, urged increased emphasis on vocational training for Negro youth; and proposed steps for the organization of procedure for securing increased emphasis in Negro schools on the needs and requirements of Negro business.

One of the featured addresses of the session was that of L. P. Dickie of Atlanta, manager of the southeastern division of the United States Chamber of commerce.

Mr. Dickie told the businessmen, among other things, that "90 per cent of this country's business is composed of small enterprise" . . . that "the nation is now facing the danger of having smaller business thrown out of commission by larger concerns which are taken over most of the national defense contracts" . . . that "if we don't take care of

One brief convention tiff occurred when Edgar G. Brown, of



Dr. W. H. Robinson, professor of mathematics and physics at North Carolina for Negroes has recently published a scholarly paper appearing in the Indiana Journal of Physics which is published at Calcutta, India. The paper is mathematical physics and deals with the effect of an electric field of certain strength on the polarizability constant of the Normal Hydrogen atom. The result of this work using a variation method is in close agreement with that obtained by the first-hand and second-order perturbation theory applied to the Stark effect of the hydrogen atom by G. Wentzel, I. Waller and P. S. Epstein. Dr. Robinson is well known in the scientific field especially physics.

#### Jurist Refuses To Turn Over Accused Men

#### Bus Company Gives Promise Complete Investigation

New York—The Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines has promised to question the bus driver who put Mrs. Dorothy H. Hydes and Miss Lottie Mayor off a bus en route from Baltimore, Md., to New York, because they refused to take seats in the back of the bus, the NAACP announced last week.

Mrs. Hydes charges that she and Miss Mayor boarded the bus at 1:45 A. M. in Baltimore and took unreserved seats about the center. When Miss Mayor, after about half an hour, stood up to close the window, the driver stopped the bus, says the affidavit, pulled to the side of the road and told the two women to take seats in the back.

They refused, pointing out that their tickets entitled them to sit anywhere. It is claimed that the driver insisted that because they were colored, they had to sit in the extreme back of the bus and if they didn't they would be put off.

They were put off. The driver also refused to give them their bags, the statement continues but told them they would have to get them at the terminal. Mrs. Hydes appeals that she was cold and needed her coat, had no affect.

"He said he didn't care how cold it was," Mrs. Hydes reports. "He said we could get back on the bus on his terms, but we refused. He then got in the bus and drove away.

"We waited on the road until daylight, when a truck driven by a Negro picked us up and took me to New York—As a result of this experience I was sick for a few days with a severe cold, a sore throat and pains in my legs and back."

J. Cumming, regional manager of the Greyhound Lines, told the NAACP he would report the result of the company's investigation of the case.

Whiskey agents of Durham are having their troubles. John Harris has put off from his selling force about three men and put on about 3 others. And the public should know the records of at least two of these new whiskey merchants.

There is a big move on for a new whiskey head to take John's place. Charlie Amis is being pushed for the post by many. A. P. Carlton and J. J. Davis seem to have lots of friends. . . . Under his guidance, five-echant, has a big lead for the group of men have been groomed for the private pilot ratings.

MACON, GA. (NNS)—United States District Judge Bascom Deaver last week refused to order delivery of two Georgia men, a planter and a lawyer, to Illinois for federal trial on charges of conspiring to hold Negroes in bondage.

Judge Deaver said the indictments by a United States district grand jury in Chicago showed no conspiracy between Hamilton McWhorter, Sr., attorney, and W. Cunningham, owner of the Sandy Cross Plantation near here. McWhorter, a former President of Georgia Senate, and Cunningham were indicted May 29, 1941. The grand jury charged that the two Georgia men had conspired to deprive Chicago Negroes of their civil rights as guaranteed in the 13th Amendment. The indictments stated Negro laborers were held in bondage on Cunningham's plantation "by striking, beating and lashing of the person, and other forms of bodily abuse."

Cunningham and McWhorter denied the charges. The indictments grew out of a train by Cunningham and McWhorter to Chicago in September 1939.

They tried to return three Negro to Georgia on charges of stealing two bushels of corn from the Sandy Cross Plantation in 1935. The late Henry Horner, then Governor of Illinois, refused to extradite the Negroes. Illinois officials said the Georgia pair also sought extradition of three other Negroes for whom they did not have warrants. Judge Deaver, in refusing to grant transfer of Cunningham and McWhorter to Illinois followed in the traditional steps of Georgia misjustice.



Robert Terry, who is flight instructor in the civil pilot training program at A. and T. college. Under his guidance, five-echant, has a big lead for the group of men have been groomed for the private pilot ratings.