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THE DURHAM GESTAPO

This tragedy which has occurred at the city hall in the firing of Judge Mamie Dowd Walker of the Juvenile Court is both discouraging and devastating. We cannot think of the affair without becoming sick on the steinant. It is the most revolting most wholly on page 50. Nearly a whole page devoted to the conact of a group of public officials we have ever witnessed, and we ditions which are approacheing the alarming stage. Harlem has predict that when the proper time comes definite and certain been looked upon as "Negro Heaven" and it is not so encouragdissatisfaction of the voters of Durham will be forthcoming.

We are not concerned about the measly salary paid Mrs Walker for her services as judge of Juvenile Court. We refuse to argue the guestion from that angle because the loss of the Underground railroad. remuneration will, neither make or break the loser. So, as we see it the financial loss is out of place and too small to be argured here because Mrs. Walker has too many friends argue the question minus the sentimental angle of Judge Walker being a widow or any angle of a kindred nature.

This question is deeper than that of sentiment, race, creed or sex. It strikes at the very foundation of the democratic "ways and means" of ending the orgy of crime among Harlem ing out Hitlerism at home. what we say or do, we are not unconsciously becoming overwhelmed by the rising tide of Nazism, and beginning to think Negroes. It is rooted in the same condition which have vexed domestic rights, we must recognize was pointed out, is the action of and act Nazi while proclaiming ourselves democratic.

This rash act ought to summon to the forefront every believer in democracy, so that this type of governing may be nipped in the bud before it becomes a full grown plant with its roots spread into every phase of American life. It ought to be destroyed NOW.

The secretiveness, the suddenness with which the city council strikes here of late, and its audacity in over-riding the wishes tunity, there must usually be an abnormal amount spent on cism must be destroyed. The pur- the next 12 months, and deferse of the people, so resemble the gestapo of Germany that we are wondering if our way of life isn't becoming changed without the knowledge of those whom it most concerns—the common people of both races.

The City Council cannot and does not even try to hide behind a "more efficiency" excuse. It's members are so sure of largely an economic problem and it matters not whether the themselves that they do not even have to find causes or excuses for making important changes in the city government. Had it been a question of "more efficiency" the council certainly should Nature has fastened in the biological foundations of animalshave replaced Judge Walker with a trained worker in the field of which man is one—that when he gets hungry he becomes danof juvenile delinquency, instead of an untrained one. If it had gerous. While this is bad in the short run it is terribly effecwanted more efficiency, it would long ago have increased the tive in the long run. The man who is too quiet while hungry amount paid Judge Walker for her services, so they could at will soon pass out and be succeeded by the noiser man who cre- for employment if they take im- been posted on bulletin boards of least had the nerve to complain to her about her inefficiency, if ates disturbances when he gets hungry as a means of calling mediate steps and file applica-

just way of replacing her with some one more capable. There is a way that, in the least, will not be objectionable to sensible

To humiliste, to inflict these murderous reprisals for unmown reasons, to stab in the back this fine Christian woman, to crusify upon a cross of public ridicule a woman of their own race, is a vile act that we Negroes, who have heard the doctrine of respect for womanhood preached by white men all our the south today they are more and more emphasizing the eco- which he already has? Both of these points need stressing. For lives, cannot understand.

Finally there is nothing that can be done at this late hour to aright this terrible wrong. And it's good that it ever would be thus: for the presence of the new appointee in the office of Juvenile Judge of the city of Durham and Durham County will be a constant reminder that when the next city and county elections roll around the voters of this community have a solemn duty to perform.

NO RACE BIAS

An announcement was made a few days ago that the United States Post Office. Charlotte, N. C., would give employment to Three Hundred Seventy Five additional employees during the Christmas holidays. In issuing the call the Postmaster said This office will need additional employees for temporary work during the Christmas holidays, but we are instructed by the Department to give first consideration to applicants who are unemployed and have dependents, who are entirely dependent upon them for support. If you can meet these qualifications and desire Christmas work, answer the following questions and mail or bring to the Post Office."

In keeping with the President's excutive order of June 25th which set-up the committee on Fair Employment Practice re-affirming the policy of the United States "that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in Defense Industries or government, because of race, creed, color or national origin," the application form does not ask any question in violation of the Chief Executive's order.

The Carolina Times is sure that the honorable Keely Grice, acting United States postmaster, Charlotte, a gentleman of high esteen will use the influence of his office to see that these three hundred seventy five employment opportunities will be apportioned without any racial prejudice to any one.

(By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP)

The sage who said "murder will out" had something, and so have I when I say hunger will out. We are not a little distressed to know that crime has broken out in Harlem in such a way that has become the round-table discussion with in recent weeks. A recent New York Times carried news accounts of Negroes almost wholly on page 50. Nearly a whole page devoted to the con- and 9. ing to see hell breaking out in the erstwhile "Heaven". We have been told in times past that going to New York and Harlem was almost like escaping into Canada during the days of slavery via

Some Negroes have said that they would rather be a lamp post in Harlem than a mayor in a southern city. This was an overdrawn statement on the opportunities that Harlem afforded within both races of Durham to ever suffer. Hence we prefer to Within recent years these reseate account of Harlem are causing ed so much of it. This is so true training school or teacher. Thous- States is to show his loyalty now alarm. So today the problem of keeping order in Harlem has pro voked the "big-wig Negroes" and the law and order authorities; have concentrated all our effort from the office of Dr. Robert L. Announcements of the meeting, and so they are setting about the discussion table trying to find on what we consider the more Weaver, chief of the Negro em- printed before Congressman Mit-"ways and means" of ending the orgy of crime among Harlem ing out Hitlerism at home.

OPM, which has been expediting blanks, fill them out, attach a cersociation. These interested persons will not have far to go or look the employment of Negro trainees tificate form from the defense to find the reason for this outbreak of Harlem's underprivileged should teach us something. While in these parts. here in the South for all these many years. It is all a matter of that with Hitler victorious there is the Norfolk Navy yard, at Ports-

The Negroes's ambitions have been stimulated out of propor the luxury of indifference. Hitler white—as helpers in the following the civil service register. tion to his economic opportunities and he is maladjusted to an or the British or the Jews. We electrician, machinist, molderi unfriendly environment. Not alone Negroes but the underprivileged everywhere have the same trouble. Wherever a group Order. does not have the proper amount spent on its economic oppor- Hitler and all other brands of fas- gories at the Norfolk yard within reclamation and reformation. It would be far more economical pose of this conference is to give trainee graduates who file training for both the north and south to spend more to cultivate the put our words into action." Negro and less to rehabilitate him. Cultivation or rehabilitation are alternatives that this nation must face.

It all goes to show that the so-called Negro problem is very Negro is in the north or the south.

When he gets hungry he makes trouble. Hunger will out. attention to himself. The best way to be saved from a hungry class post office in their home tions blanks can be obtained at If Mrs. Walker is inefficient then there is a proper and man and the dangers he carries with him is to feed him. And town. so in Harlem the Negro is hungry and must be fed.

The great difference between the white north and the white of categories, the U. S. Navy yards employment for such graduates, south as they face the hungry Negro in rebellion is the white premise. south is more liable to account for the Negro's behaviour by his color and racial antecedents; while in the north they go more tion of their jobs, but it would help not a few. We raise a lot directly to the heart of the matter when they say he needs rec- of noise about the jobs the Negro does not have and cannot get; reational opportunities and economic foundations. But even in but we do not raise enough noise about the evaluation of the jobs nomic needs in the face of these ugly situations and herein we lo these many mothhs Harlem has been noted for its high inci-If men like those who are supposed to be on our city council hope for success. The Negro leaders in Harlem as elsewhere dence of relief; but this recent outbreak shows unmistakably of County Commissioners have no pure respect for need to drive home to their people the necessity of taking their that the "relief foundation" will not support a racial advance-



"Negroes Versus Hitlerism" Subject

Plans for a nation-wide conference of Negroes to combat the menace of Hitlerism were announcd today by Edward White, Division of the Fight For Freedom Committee. The conference will be held in Washington on January 8

"Every Negro is aware of the serious situation concerning the welfare of our country today," Sundays. Mr. White said in explaining the purpose of the meeting. "Although speculation as to the attitude of the American Negro; that is, we

fascism, because he has experiencthat we have treated it as some- ands of jobs are now available. thing that goes without saying and

we must continue the fight for our | Typical of this new practice it

Cites Need For More Workers In National Defense Plants

Washington, -(ANP)- Young

age of skilled mechanics in a score organizations interested in finding

and other war and navy departments are now accepting defense training graduates, regardless of race, creed or color, for helpers' jobs in practically all of the skilled for overtime and double time for Sundays.

Civil service application blanks are now available at all first and second class post offices in the executive secretary of the Harlem United States and defense trainee graduates, regardless of race, creed or color, for helpers' jobs in practically all of the skilled evafts. These Jobs pay from \$4.72 to \$6.08 a day with time and a half

no futher for the Negro here or mouth, Va., in accepting defense anywhere else. We cannot afford training graduates - Negro and woodworker. More than 4.000 va-"Negroes are determined that cancies will be filled in thes catesubstance to this conviction and to ecrtificates with their application blanks will be given credit for six menths experience in their crafts and hired at daily wages ranging from \$4.72 to \$5.12.

More than 6,000 Negroes are employed in skilled, semi-skilled and classified labor jobs in the Norfolk Yard and it is estimated that more than 250 will be bired monthly for the next 12 months.

Thousands of helpers' jobs simimen who have finished an accred- lar to those now being filled at the ited national defense training Norfolk Navy yard are also open course and want a job in the craft in other navy yards throughout specialized in have an opportunity the country. These openings have tions in the nearest first or second in all cities and towns and applicathese offices.

Because of the increasing short- Defense trainee graduates, and

Efficiency will not guarantee all Negroes jobs or the retenone of their finest women. than to secretly conspire to kick her work seriously. If as much time were spent on this type of edu-ment program. We cannot live on relief and protest. We need

British Embassy Assures U.S. Negroes Of Interest In Jim Crow Complaints

lie may soon know whether Eng. strike, carry the congressman's land intends to act against racial name. Tickets to the meeting list discrimination in British agencies New York councilman-clect Adam operating in this country, accord- Clayton Powell in his place. Other ing to a letter from the British speakers include George S. Counts, Embassy at Washington, D. C., re- President, American Federation of ceived by the NAACP, November Teachers; Frank Rosenblum, vice-

Stating that the NAACP's letber 26, "is still receiving eareful lows: attention," the Embassy acknowledged for the Prime Minister the eccipt of the NAACP cablegram

Interest in the charges of discrimination against the British orimination against the British agencies is high and the NAACP in the Chicago Tribune, New 20th, old the British Embassy that specific information about the results re strike of UMWA against capof the Prime minister's "careful tive mines."

Charge Of "Labor Betraval" Issued **Against Mitchell**

In a wire charging him of "betraving labor's cause, the Workers Defense League today withdrew its invitation to Congressman Ar-Of FFF Conference crafts. Those jobs pay from \$4.72 thur W. Mitchell, First Congresto \$6.08 a day with time and a helf sional District of Illinois, who had agreed to participate in a sympos ium on "It the Bill of Rights in Danger," Thursday, Dec. 4th, at Labor Stage in New York City.

The action came as a result a statement made by Mitchell, re ported in the Chicago Tribune, November 20, which called upon gro miners to act as strike breakers in the recent UMWA strike against the captive mines. for overtime and double time for Negro miners in the captive mines council advisor, told a mass meet-Civil service application blanks the United States to stand loyally are now available at all first and by this country and the governconditions grow more acute each second class postoffices in the ment in this great crisis. Negroes day, there is still considerable United States and defense trained could make no greater mistake graduates can have their names than to allow John L. Lewis to inplaced in the eligible register by fluence and persuade them to foljust don't seem to have any atti- obtaining and filling out these low him in his wild tirade against, tude on the question of Hitlerism. blanks and sending them into the the interest of the United States cal boys and girls are given the "The intelligent Negro hates specific navy yard along with a Government." . . . "My appeal opportunity to take this training, certificate from their defense to every Negro miner in the United by standing firmly by the govern-This information was obtained ment and refusing to strike."

pressing problem—that of knock- ployment and training branch of should obtain these application West Asheville branch of the astraining school and forward them . Only one rape case was investithe navy yard in which the appli- reau Investigation during the year cant desires employment. These ending July 1, 1940. trainees will then be called to work when their names are reached on A VERSE FOR TODAY

open.

New York.—The American pub- chell's statement on the mine president of the C. I. O. W. W. The letter was written for Lord Rodgers, the new secretary of the Halifax, England's ambassador to American Newspaper Guild; John F. Finerty, counsel for sharecropper Odell Waller.

The Workers Defenser League ter to Mr. Churchill sent Septem- wire to Congressman Mitchell fol-

"We are compelled to cancel our invitation to you to speak at our asking for the courtesy of a reply.

Interest in the charges of dis.

Rights in Danger?" Thursday evening, Dec. 4th in New York, in

> "The Workers Defense League is dedicated to the preservation of labor's democratic rights, and we feel that you have betrayed labor's cause in calling upon Negro mine workers to act as strike-breakers. We deplore also your advice to Negro miners, which if followed, would set race against race resulting in further discrimination against Negro workers. We agree thoroughly with criticism of your advice on UMWA strike issued by President Willard Townsend of United Transport Service Employ-

Wants Negro Youth Ready For Defense

Asheville, -(CP) - Negro youth must prepare for defense work so that when jobs are available they will be able to accept them, Madier chell had said, "I call upon the son Jones, Jr., "NAACP youthe and in other coal mines throughout ing at the Phyllis Weather Y. W. C. A. Tuesday night.

> He pointed out that in other cities where there are defense training camps Negro youth are being trained and urged parents and leaders of Asheville to see that lo-

meeting which climaxed the membership campaign of the NAACP in Asheville which now has a membership of 483. Jones also spoke Wednesday

night at Wilson Chapel for the

immediately to the labor board at gated by the North Carolina Bu-

Speed is essential for these jobs My mouth shall speak of wisand the quicker applications are dom; and the mediation of my filed, the quicker the jobs will be heart shall be of understanding .-

