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NEW YORK NEGROES TO HOLD SILENT PARADE GHANDI SAYS INDIANS MAY RIOT

MASSES OF INDIA BECOMING ENRAGED AT BRITISH YOKE

London, (C.P.) — Mahatma Gandhi has supplemented the new All-India Congress resolution and demanded that Britain withdraw from the rule of India in an emphatic declaration that there can be no further negotiations. He sent his declaration to British several days ago, but announcement had been delayed apparently to give England time to reach some kind of decision.

"I don't want rioting or anything of that sort as a direct result of these measures," he said and added "If rioting takes place I shall be helpless."

Dispatches from Wardha India were Mr. Gandhi apparently formulated his declaration, seemed to indicate he is expecting England to come to favorable terms with India, quoted the Indian leader as having said:

"They (the British) are human beings and I am never in despair at the possibility of human beings making an upward growth."

He refused to speculate further on the likelihood of British acceptance of the appeal beyond his terse comment that the British are human and that for such there is always hope.

He indicated strongly that negotiations on India's war role would have to come after and not before British acceptance of the plan for full freedom and on that issue declared there is no room left for further discussions with England.

The congress committee resolution emphasized that immediate independence was demanded not simply because foreign domination of India is an evil because in bondage can play no effective part in defending itself or affecting the fortunes of the war.

Freedom for India, it said, is an essential step toward ending Nazism, Fascism, militarism and other forms of imperialism and warned that the Indian Congress is anxious to avoid the experience of Malaya, Singapore and Burma and build up resistance.

Mr. Gandhi said rejection of the independence appeal would compel the party to launch a mass movement on the widest possible scale to reverse the British policy but that the movement would be non-violent and its participants would not court imprisonment.

He said he wants no rioting, but it might be impossible to curb the masses, and keep them out of trouble.

A & T Music Prof. Goes To Howard

BY VICTOR H. TYNES

Greensboro — Prof. Warner Lawson left A and T College last week to become dean of music at Howard University, Washington.

Professor Lawson, who is recognized as one of the country's leading pianists and directors, came to A and T College in 1936. Through his efforts, the music department at the college underwent a period of rapid development. The college choir, which, prior to his period of influence, had limited itself to local or nearby concerts, began extending its influence from South Carolina to Connecticut through tours, and to all parts of the world by way of the major networks.

Introducing to music lovers of North Carolina and other states a number of annual programs and institutions, which were held at A and T, Professor Lawson did much toward raising the music appreciation of the masses and making more sufficient the music instruction offered in the state. Under his direction the year committee of the college brought to A and T the best in the field of music.

Professor Lawson, who is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and an ex-Fish University football player, did his undergraduate study at Fisk and graduate study at Yale and Harvard Universities. He also studied under Artur Schnabel, famed pianist in Berlin, Germany. He has completed his residence requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy, at Harvard.

CARLOADINGS LEAP

Following a holiday lull, car loadings leaped up during the week ending July 11 to 955,124 cars, an increase of 101,269 cars or 13.4 per cent over the previous week. However, the total was 21,019 cars, or 24 per cent, less than the corresponding week of 1941.

Some "popular" people are not nearly as popular as they would have you think.

What will be your attitude then?

HOSTS TO DENTAL MEETING



Members of the Capitol City Dental Society, Nashville, composed of faculty members at Meharry Medical college and practicing dentists in the Tennessee city, who will be hosts to the annual convention of the National Dental association meeting here August 10-14. Shown in the picture are, left to right, first row: Drs. R. F. Sanford; S. P. Harris; D. H. Turpin; N. R. Roberts; E. B. Jefferson and C. B. Steele.

Harlem Negroes To Express Feelings Over Outbursts Against Race

New York — The execution of Odell Waller on July 2nd, described as a "legal lynching" by irate Negroes, followed closely by the mob lynching of Willie Vinson on July 16 in Texarkana, Texas, the shooting of Private Jessie Smith by a posse in Flagstaff, Arizona and the beating of the noted Negro tenor, Roland Hayes and his wife in Rome, Georgia have brought a country-wide storm of protest from Negroes.

New York Negroes under the direction of the local division of the March on Washington Movement plan a silent parade to the beat of muffled drums, Saturday July 25 at 2:30 to protest this wave of killings.

A. Philip Randolph, national director of the March on Washington Movement, in a vigorous letter of protest to President Roosevelt declared, "Waller's electrocution has intensified a wave of determination for a showdown on the question of total democracy for the Negro which cannot long be held back by leaders who use the bargain and compromise method. It was the signal for the barbarous forces in this country to renew the

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Funeral Services Held for W. Meeks

Walter Andrew Meeks, 64 succumbed at his home here Wednesday July 15 after a long illness attributed to complication of diseases. The deceased was born in Durham and was married to Mrs. Jennie Meeks formerly Miss Jennie Wilson in 1899.

W. A. Meeks was a graduate of Kittrell High School, Kittrell, N. C. and of Hampton Institute in Virginia.

At the time of his death, the deceased was a member of Saint Joseph A.M.E. Church where he was very dutiful in attendance until sickness. The services were officiated by Rev. J. A. Valentine at the home 911 Fayetteville Street.

I. E. Spaulding, James Strickland, Willis Mitchell, H. F. Carver, F. Burton, C. C. Amey, and C. E. Anthony were pallbearers. Mesdames Theodosia Robinson, Mary Simms, Ora Fitzgerald, Lillian Southerland, Charming Watson, Mary Cobb and Tramilla Smith were floral bearers.

Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

Fight For Rights To Continue During War-NAACP

Los Angeles, Calif. — So far as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is concerned, the fight for full and equal citizenship rights for colored people will continue without let-up during the war.

This sentiment in the keynote address to the 33rd annual NAACP conference here July 14 was greeted with prolonged cheers and applause by 3,200 persons packed into Second Baptist church. The speaker, Roy Wilkins, assistant national secretary, striking out at those who would have the Negro be content with his lot and put aside protest until after the war, declared:

"The reason why the NAACP was born in 1909, the reason it has lived for 33 years, the reason why these delegates are here tonight from nearly thirty states is because we are determined to be forever through with the status quo."

Wilkins quoted the now famous statement of Mark F. Ethel. Please turn to Page Seven

Roland Hayes Brutally Assaulted And Jailed By Georgia Policemen

FUNERAL HELD FOR J. L. PAGE AT WHITE ROCK

James Louis Page, 63, died at his home here July 18 at 4:05 a. m. after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was born in Durham, North Carolina the son of Sallie Lowe Page and William Page.

He attended Shaw University and in 1904 became an agent in Concord, North Carolina for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company which position he held for five years. In 1909 he returned to Durham to establish himself in business, thus began his successful career as a merchant.

On June 20, 1909 he was married to Miss Pearl Walker to which union was born four children: one daughter, Mrs. Lois Page-Collins, now living in Newark, New Jersey; and three sons James Waverly, Benjamin Frank, and William Douglas all of Durham.

At an early age he became a member of the God Hope Baptist Church later having his membership transferred to White Rock Baptist Church where he remained an active member for nearly twenty years.

Besides his wife and four children Mr. Page is survived by three grandchildren Myrna, Pearl and Whittier Collins Jr. of Newark, N. J.; three brothers, Oscar, Charley, and W. W. Page, all of Durham; one sister Miss Eula Page of Newport News, Virginia; and a host of other relatives.

The funeral services were officiated by Rev. H. D. Eaton, his former pastor of Creedmoor, Rev. H. H. Harris, Rev. C. S. Sessoms, and Rev. James Stewart. During the services remarks were made by Mrs. Essie Trice and Mrs. Marion Austin, a solo "He'll Understand and Say Well Done" was sung by Mrs. Naomi T. Price.

William H. Jones, Earl Lambeth, Preston Thorpe, James Bell, Foyte Woole and F. D. Purcell were active pallbearers.

Haywood Dixon, Oscar Page, Math Williams, W. B. Bruce, Robert Chavis and D. J. James were honorary pallbearers.

Floralbearers were nieces of the deceased which include: Misses Mary, Pearl, Eula, and Please turn to Page Eight

SUCCUMBS



J. L. PAGE, well known merchant of Durham who died at his home here last week after a short illness. Mr. Page was proprietor of the J. L. Page and Sons Grocery Company on Fayetteville St.

Rumor "Absolutely False" On Riot At Fort Bragg Recently

Washington, D. C. — A rumor which was circulated recently about a supposedly vicious "race riot" at Fort Bragg, N. C., was found to have no basis in truth, after the War Department had thoroughly checked on it at the request of the NAACP.

The rumor was spread that white and Negro soldiers at Bragg began fighting because some white soldiers thought Negroes were slow in getting out of the swimming pool on the post. The white soldiers were supposed to have overpowered an officer, seized a machine gun and returned to the pool, firing on the Negroes. Several Negroes were said to have been killed.

There is absolutely no truth in the story, the NAACP learned. William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, in a letter to the Association last week, said: "There has been no trouble, no riot, no shooting and no incident in any way resembling the one described."

The NAACP pointed out that rumors of this nature, where there is no basis in fact, can be extremely damaging.

BY CLIFF MACKAY
(Managing Editor, Atlanta Daily World)

ROME, Ga. (ANP) — The bruised and battered victim of an unprovoked attack at the hands of three husky city police here, Roland Hayes, 58-year old internationally famous concert artist, was slowly recuperating at Angelno, his native 600-acre estate at nearby Curryville, Tuesday.

The story of the brutal assault on the famous tenor, whose voice has been enthusiastically received by European royalty and common music lovers alike over a period of three decades, reads like some of the tales smuggled out of the conquered countries of Europe.

It all began Saturday morning when Mr. Hayes, accompanied by his wife and nine-year old daughter, Marie, drove the 14 miles from their farm to this city to purchase their weekend supplies. Mrs. Hayes and the daughter entered the Higgins Shoe store, where they had been trading for the past three summers, to buy some shoes for the little girl. They walked to the rear, in line with southern custom, but apparently had not gone back far enough.

The young, red faced clerk it was reported, insisted that they move further back before he would serve them. Mrs. Hayes explained that she was satisfied with her seat, contending that it was cooler, and adding that if it were necessary for her to move, she would go elsewhere to make the purchase.

Just as she was getting up to leave, it was disclosed, Mrs. Hayes, directing her remarks to the retreating clerk en route to get the manager, asserted: "This sort of thing is out of place at a time like this. You ought to go over there with old Hitler."

The clerk whirled, closely followed by the manager, and grabbed Mrs. Hayes by the arm. The manager, a steel shoe form in his hand directed it like a pistol at her back.

"Take your hands off me," Mrs. Hayes ordered.

The clerk released her, and the manager asserted, "You'll have to get out of this store."

"I'm on my way now," she replied, clutching her daughter by the hand.

As his wife and daughter reached the sidewalk, Mr. Hayes, who had been in the nearby bank, walked up and asked: "What is Please turn to Page Seven.