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Judge Landis Gives "Green Light" To Negro Ball Players

BY KEN JESSAMY

New York, (Calvin's News Service) — Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, High Commissioner of Professional Baseball, threw the lie back into the teeth of professional baseball club owners and managers when in an interview last week he stated "that there is no rule, formal, informal or otherwise — that says a ball player must be white. There is nothing to prevent one player or the full limit of twenty five players being colored on any baseball team. It is up to the owners and managers to put their players on the field — the best players they can get — white or Negro. I insist there's no law now or ever against it."

In issuing this statement, Landis was catching up on a 3-year-old interview granted by Leo Durocher, manager of the National League champions, the Brooklyn Dodgers. Landis last week called Durocher to his office to clear up a statement Lippy Leo allegedly made during an interview with Lester Rodney, now in the U. S. Army, who at that time was sports columnist for the Daily Worker, newspaper backed by the Communist Party. Leo the Lip was quoted as saying at that time "I know a lot of managers who would use Negro ball players on their clubs, but the owners would not stand for it." When Durocher was confronted with the statement by Landis, he denied it.

In an interview from Chicago, following the issuance of the Landis statement, Durocher was quoted as saying, "I have no prejudices against any ball player on account of race or religion. After all, we're all Americans. As long as I am manager I will play the best 25 players I can get. Personally, I have seen only one colored player in recent years of major league caliber. He's a short stop named Garcia, whom I played against in Cuba. I have played against Satchell Paige and other fine Negro stars years ago, but I think those men are too old to play in the major leagues now."

When Landis said that "there was no rule, formal, informal or otherwise" barring Negroes from organized baseball, he lied. Organized baseball, both professional and semi-pro have been a closed game as far as Negroes are concerned. Just a few weeks ago, Ed Barrow, President of the New York Yankees was petitioned by the CIO Sports Council Committee to add Negroes to the roster of the American League Champions. Barrow curtly told the delegation that "this is no time to bring that up." For sev-

Congressman Says White People Do Not Know Negroes

Washington — Taking time out to enter Westbrook Pegler's favorable article on the Negro in the Congressional Record, Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell on Tuesday declared that the southern white man knew nothing about the Negro despite protestation to the contrary.

Said the congressman: "Since I have been a member of congress, I have been approached by hundreds of outstanding men and women of the south, practically every one of whom professes to know the Negro of the south. I have had leaders of the white race even argue with me that they know the Negro better than I do. Is this true? My answer is emphatically No! White people especially of the south have made no particular effort to know the Negro in his higher aspirations and home life."

"How many outstanding white leaders have ever spent as long as five minutes in a respectable Negro home? How many of them have ever visited the Negro churches and Negro schools? How many of them have engaged in thinking Negroes in earnest conversation in an effort to become acquainted with the Negro in his higher aspirations and real life?"

"Of course they know the Negro who frequents the police courts. They know the Negro who works in their kitchen and does the mental work around their homes, but do they know Negro lawyers, Negro physicians, Negro businessmen, Negro editors, Negro college presidents, Negro teachers and social leaders, Negro ministers of the higher type? They do not and they make no serious effort to know them."

Goldboro, — The call of contractors for carpenters was quickly qualified to mean white carpenters when Negro carpenters showed up on new government projects here last week.

Several years members of the Negro press and several fair minded white sports writers have been advocating the admission of Negroes to big league teams. The managers and owners of these clubs gave every conceivable answer under the sun, but the right one.

Train For First Aid Detachments



Baltimore, Md.—Part of the first three groups to be signed up by the Baltimore Red Cross Chapter as neighborhood first aid detachments, members of the Southern First Aid Detachment learn administration of first aid from Elbert C. Carter, Red Cross instructor. Neighborhood first aid detachments which are still in the experimental stage, number 25 in Baltimore. Four of the groups are composed of Negroes. Groups of 15 to 50 members, divided into teams of five each, learn how to rescue their neighbors from wreckage caused by bombs, how to administer first aid relief and to prepare casualties for transportation to hospitals.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS INVESTIGATION OF TEXAS LYNCHING

Washington — Attorney General Francis Biddle announced today that he had ordered an FBI investigation into the lynching of William Vinson, Negro, by a mob at Texarkana, Texas, on July 20.

According to information in the hands of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice, Vinson is alleged to have attempted to rape a white woman at the Red River Ordnance Depot trailer camp, near Texarkana. While being captured — he was shot and critically wounded. He was then taken to the Texarkana Hospital for treatment where, it is charged, he was left without a guard or police protection.

It is reported that in the early morning hours of the following day a mob of approximately 50 men entered the hospital, took Vinson from his bed, tied one end of a rope around his neck and the other end to the rear bumper of an automobile, and dragged him through the streets of the town. When the cavalcade of

NAACP CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF WAR EFFORT AND FULL INTEGRATION OF MINORITIES IN ALL PHASES

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Los Angeles — The resolutions adopted by the delegates attending the 33rd annual conference of the NAACP held here July 14-19 voiced interest in, and complete support of the war effort, but insisted upon complete integration of colored Americans and other minorities in every phase of it. The preamble to the resolution cited the responsibility of the Association in securing and protecting the rights of all citizens, pointing out that unless democracy could be made to work for America's largest minority group, it could not and would not work for any others. Excerpts from the strong resolution — on WAR AND NATIONAL POLICY are quoted below:

"The war against Axis aggression

Governor Broughton Orders Release Of Men Accused of Near Lynching

FLA. TEACHERS WIN EQUAL SALARY FIGHT

Tampa, — Negro teachers of Marion county are jubilant over their victory in the hard fought case with the Marion County School board for equal pay. An Federal District Judge Louis W. Stumm, restraining the board from paying the Negro teachers a smaller wage scale than that of the white teachers.

The order in part reads: "Ordered and adjudged that the defendant, board of public instruction for Marion county, Florida, Broward Lovell, superintendent of public instruction for said county, shall apply the amended salary schedule, adopted by said board on April 15, 1942, or any other method of rating teachers for salary purposes, adopted in lieu thereof to all teachers alike, both white and colored without discrimination because of race or color."

Negro Sailors Are Top Notch Seamen Says Navy Officer

Chicago (ANP) — Each of the 1,200 colored sailors at Camp Morrow in the Great Lakes Naval Training station is a top notcher according to Lieut. Commander Daniel W. Armstrong, commander of the camp.

Great Lakes is preparing for the first graduation of trainees since naval recruiting was extended to Negroes on June 5. Some of the graduates will be sent to sea with battleships, others will be assigned to Hampton Institute, Va., for special training.

The colored sailors built their own obstacle course under the supervision of Commander Armstrong. One of the obstacles is a ditch 20 feet wide into which the sailors jump, then climb out.

One fully dressed enlistee ran to the brink and leaped across. "I thought I was supposed to jump across, so I did it," he said to his superior officer.

"With that spirit," said Commander Armstrong, "these men can't help but be good sailors." Lieut. Commander Armstrong is the son of the late Gen. Armstrong who founded Hampton Institute.

ART TEACHER



MISS EULULEE M. CORDICE

Beginning with the academic year 1942-43 Miss Marion Cordice will occupy the post of instructor of Art at the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham. Miss Cordice was graduated from Howard University in 1941 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Art. During her four years in the Art Department at Howard she received special recognition for outstanding original contributions displayed at the Annual Art Exhibition of Students' work climaxing her undergraduate work with a water color painting "The Nativity" and a few pieces of ceramics at the 1941 Exhibition. In June 1942 Miss Cordice received the degree of the Summer School faculty of State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. V. Cordice, 1703 Fayetteville Street, Durham.

OFFERS BLOOD TO SAVE WHITE LAD

New York — A young colored boy, who refused to disclose his name appeared at Sydenham Hospital this week to offer his blood. Stanley Kolusz, the nineteen year old youth who was stabbed in the heart by two Negroes while visiting Harlem. Kolusz had a delicate operation performed when Dr. Finestone sewed up the wall workers heart with seven silken stitches.

The boy who offered to donate blood for a transfusion exclaimed how sorry he was that members of his race had stabbed Kolusz. Pole, but hoped he could do something to help the white youth in this gallant struggle for life.

Raleigh (CP) — Governor J. M. Broughton Friday paroled four of the five white mob leaders convicted of charges of unlawful assembly in an attempt to drag C. Winstead, Jr., accused of raping a white woman, from the Person County jail and lynch him.

The men A. P. Spriggs, Willie Aiken, P. I. Holt and Coy Harris were carried to Roxboro from Durham prison camp where they were released at 6:00 p. m. after their papers had been signed by Mrs. C. Wagstaff, superintendent of welfare, and the mob leaders ordered to report to her once a month.

They had been convicted in the April term of the Person County Superior Court. Spriggs and Harris were serving 18-month sentences and Aiken and Holt 12 month terms.

Only five of ten leaders of a mob of 600 who stormed the jail on the night of August 15 in an attempt to lynch Winstead were convicted and sentenced, while at least one of the men against whom the grand jury had returned a bill of indictment was not even summoned to the trial.

LABORERS BEING SOUGHT

New York — The NAACP has been asked by the War Manpower Commission to assist in finding qualified skilled Negro workers for certain specific jobs in war industry. There exists almost immediate openings for those with as little as one year's experience in the types of work listed below. Individuals who think they can qualify are asked to mail name and address to Edward Lawson, Field Assistant, War Manpower Commission, New York City. Applicants are asked positively not to visit the office as it is not equipped to take care of applicants except thru correspondence. Some of the jobs available call for: Bench Hand, Metal Patterns; Boilermaker; Boring-Machine Operator; Automatic; Boring-Mill Operator; Centerless-Grinder Operator; Cylindrical-Grinder Operator; Die Maker; Die Setter; Engine-Lathe Operator; Etching-Grinder Operator; Forming Press Operator; Gear-Hobber Operator; Machine-ists; Lathe operators; Sheet Metal Workers; Millwright; Tool-maker. Persons having the qualifications are asked to WRITE to Mr. Lawson at the Commission Office, 123 E. 42nd St. New York City.

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