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TRAINS AND BUSES MUST END BIAS

WASHINGTON, D. C. In two history making decisions designated for the emergency Commission, last Friday, ordered an end to the separation of white and Negro persons on interstate trains, buses and in all public waiting rooms.

The decisions ended a problem that has confronted the ICC for 68 years, and followed a course already established by the U. S. Supreme Court in several cases of segregation, although it has never ordered a discontinuance of segregation in interstate travel.

Prior to Friday's decision, the ICC had approved the "separate but equal" theory in providing transportation for the races in administering the Interstate Commerce act.

Plaintiffs in the action were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and others with Thurgood Marshall and Robert L. Carter as complainants and interveners.

Representing the defendants were: John W. Foster, Charles Cook Howell, Wirt P. Marks, Jr., Charles P. Reynolds, Sidney S. Alderman, A. J. Bauman, Jos. R. Brown, Wm. E. Davis, Arthur J. Dixon, Roland J. Lehman, Prime F. Osborn, III, Starr Thomas, Charles F. Turner, John W. Weldon, Tom L. Farmer, J. T. Suggs, Robert Thompson, Wm. G. Duncan, W. C. Dowdy, Jr., Wm. R. McDowell, James B. McDonough, Jr., Charles T. Abeles and Walter G. Treanor, Herbert Brownell, Jr., Stanley N. Barnes, C. H. Western and Lawrence Gochberg for the United States of America as amicus curiae.

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PRESIDENT OF NAACP SHOT MISSISSIPPI

BEHZONI, MISS.

It's the same setting as it was last May 7th when the Rev. George Wesley Lee, a man who dared speak out and fight for desegregation, was mysteriously killed after his automobile crashed into a home. This time it's the president of Behzoni chapter of the NAACP who was shot Saturday night by gunmen who fired through his store window.

At Mound Bayou Hospital, Gus Courts, 65, civil rights leader, told how a car containing three or four men drove up to his store as he stood near the cash register and opened fire through a window. Courts was struck three times. Just last Spring, Courts was forced to move his store for getting Negroes to register and vote.

At the sheriff's office, the report was that it was investigating "the shooting of a Negro Saturday night."

From the governor of Miss., Hugh White, came a demand on Monday for a thorough local-level investigation of the shooting of Courts to avoid "serious trouble" with the federal gov-

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Pictured above are Bishop William A. Stewart of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AMEZ Church, who assisted Bishop R. L. Jones in presiding over the 76th annual session of the Central North Carolina Conference held here last week. Bishop R. L. Jones (center) was absent the first two days of the Conference on account of the death of his wife, Mrs. Carrie L. Jones. Bishop Jones is the presiding prelate of the Seventh District. At the right is Dr. J. W. Eichelberger, Director of Christian Education, Chicago, Illinois.

Threats Against Catholic Priest May Close Church

ERTHA, La. A hot dispute that has raged for seven weeks in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Roman Catholic), may result in the closing of the church. Such an action was threatened by the most Rev. Jules B. Jeanmarc last Wednesday following the excommunication of two women who beat a teacher of a mixed religious class. The bishop issued the warning to 2,500 members of the church and promised that in case of any further instance of violence he would close the church.

The bishop also threatened that any others threatening violence, or spreading malicious gossip "to interfere with the ministry of the priest in charge of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, or with the teaching of the catechism to children of this parish, as ordered by us, will be automatically excommunicated from the church without further notice."

Threats against the priest of the church, Father A. M. Labbe, have caused him to obtain the services of a college student as his bodyguard.

The priest said that information that he was in danger was relayed to him by friends. He had received no letters or threatening calls.

The priest also said that he had been followed by various groups when he went out, but found out some of them were seeking his protection.

About 650 whites and 75 Negroes had been receiving instruction with "no trouble" until Nov. 14, when the priest was forced to suspend the integrated class. He said that beginning with Dec. 5, the class would be conducted as before.

Ertha, located in Louisiana, Cajun County, is an area in which there has been less racial trouble than anywhere else in the state. But a recent pronouncement that parochial schools in the state would be desegregated when the time is more suited for a total break with community tradition created a tense situation.

Reporting on the beating of the teacher, Father Labbe said Mrs. Lula V. Ortman was beaten last week in part of the church as she was going to say the Rosary. Three women were present, but only two assaulted her.



Five of the contestants in the Annual Queen Contest, sponsored by The American Veterans of World War II and the Korean War, the AMVETS, are shown in the above photo. Upper row, left to right: Miss Mary Lipscomb, George T. Mayo, Commander of AMVETS, and Mrs. Carolyn McGhee. Bottom row, left to right: Mrs. Evelyn Armstrong, Mrs. Esther Bland and Miss Shirley Ister.

AMVETS Annual Popularity Contest Gets Underway

The "American Veterans of World War II and Korea", popularly known as the AMVETS commenced their Annual Queen Contest Friday, Nov. 25. Each year this contest is sponsored for the purpose of raising funds to buy Christmas Food Baskets for the needy families of Durham County. Last year the AMVETS fed more than sixty five families during the holiday season, in cooperation with the Durham County Welfare Department.

Because of the large number of families on the list in Welfare Department who do not have food the AMVETS along with other Civic groups have attempted yearly to provide food for this ever growing list (Please turn to Page Eight)

Bishop Reid Closes South Carolina Conference With Forceful Message

GREENVILLE, S. C. Sessions of the Piedmont Annual Conference of African Methodist Episcopal Church were concluded here Sunday afternoon with the reading of appointments by Presiding Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

A forceful message from the subject "The Three Prodigals" was delivered by the Rev. Frank Madison Reid, Jr., son of Bishop Reid and pastor of St. John's AME Church, Chicago, at the concluding Sunday ser-

vice. A capacity audience was spiritually stirred by the challenge of the message following which more than \$300 was given for needy preachers.

Other high churchmen and visitors at the five-day sessions included Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Philadelphia; Dr. L. T. Thornhill, Santa Monica, Calif., a prominent candidate for bishop; Dr. D. A. Russell, Jacksonville, Fla., a candidate for Secretary of Church Extension; (Please turn to Page Eight)

Zions End Successful 76th Annual Session At St. Mark Sunday

When Bishop Raymond L. Jones, presiding prelate, Central North Carolina Conference, AME Zion Church, read the appointments at the end of the 76th annual session of the meet, records for continuous service of ministers of the Durham District are believed to have reached a new high, when Rev. W. W. Long was assigned to lead the district for the 31st time, Dr. S. P. Perry was returned to St. Mark for his 20th year and the Rev. J. Z. Siler was sent back to Mt. Olive to begin his 15th year.

Aside from reporting the spiritual activities for the year and the general growth of the year, the conference devoted much attention to temporal matters. It went on record as being against any form of discrimination, segregation, or inconvenience that denied any segment of this nation first-class citizenship.

Bishop W. A. Stewart, Washington, D. C., opened the conference on such a note on Wednesday when he admonished the delegates that they must be ready for integration and not only strive for first-class citizenship, but should be ready to assume responsibility of a first class citizen. Bishop Stewart who presided over the first two days of the session, due to the death and funeral of Bishop Jones's wife, told the conference that we as a group must begin to save. He warned that the only insurance against dependency, privation, and even starvation in old age was security.

Dr. J. W. Eichelberger, Chicago, Director of Christian Education, made a stern plea for Christian leadership in America's fight to become the arsenal of democracy. He pointed out that God is opening doors to our people through which we (Please turn to Page Eight)

FUNERAL HELD FOR BISHOP R. L. JONES' WIFE IN SALISBURY

SALISBURY Mrs. Carrie L. Jones, wife of Bishop Raymond L. Jones, presiding prelate, Seventh Episcopal District, AME Zion Church, was buried here Thanksgiving, from Moore's Chapel Church.

Mrs. Jones, who was supervisor of the Missionary work in the areas presided over by her husband, died in a local hospital Monday after an extended illness.

Bishop W. J. Walls, senior Bishop of the denomination, was in charge of the funeral. Others who took part in the ceremony were Bishops Stephen Gill Spottswood and W. A. Stewart, Revs. W. W. Long, J. E. McCall, and L. L. Boyd. Mrs. Abbie (Please turn to Page Eight)



MRS. CARRIE L. JONES

THURGOOD MARSHALL SEES END OF THE SOLID SOUTH

COLUMBIA, S. C. There is no longer any Solid South in regard to Negro rights, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, declared in an address scheduled for delivery here this afternoon (Sunday) at the closing session of the three-day 15th annual convention of the South Carolina Conference of NAACP branches.

Moreover, the NAACP chief counsel declared, "There is no longer the possibility of re-establishing the once Solid South." On the issue of public school segregation, he pointed out, "we have states that are determined, intelligently and as

rapidly as possible, to bring about conformity with the Constitution of the United States." On the other hand, he asserted there are "southern states that seem determined not to budge an inch."

Reviewing progress made in desegregation of schools in compliance with the United States Supreme Court rulings, Marshall noted that the District of Columbia and eight of the 17 southern and border states which formerly required racial segregation are desegregating their elementary and high schools. Only nine states have failed to integrate any of their public elementary and second-

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Some Of The Leaders Who Attended The 76th Annual AMEZ Conference



The above photo shows some of the leading figures who attended the 76th session of the Central North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church held here at Saint Mark last week. In the photo at the left are Rev. W. W. Long of Durham, Presiding Elder of the Durham District; Rev. T. J. Young, Presiding Elder of the Laurinburg District; Rev. G. F. Watkins, Presiding Elder, the Raleigh District and Rev. J. W. Marsh, Presiding Elder, Sanford District. Center photo: Rev. S. P. Perry, pastor of St. Mark, Durham; Rev. R. L. Speaks, pastor, Varick A. M. E. Zion Church, Philadelphia; Mrs. Emma B. Watson, Executive Secretary, WHFM Society, Lancaster, S. C.; Rev. E. Franklin Jackson, John Wesley Church, Washington, D. C. and Rev. Frank Thomas Roberts. Photo at right: Rev. F. R. Brown, Dean, Hood Theological Seminary; Rev. E. A. Armstrong, pastor, Second Fair Promise A. M. E. Zion Church, Sanford; Dr. Victor J. Tulane, General Secretary, Board of Lay Activities, Washington, D. C.; Rev. E. V. McIver, Director of Youth, Sanford; Professor J. W. Harrison, General Director, Christian Education, Central North Carolina; Mrs. M. J. Quick, Director of Adult Education, Sanford District; Miss Lina L. Cullough, Conference Director of Youth and Guy Maryck, Conference Director of Adults.