

## Preparing a Cushion for Rape Defendants

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"The mother of one was shot to death in a bar room when he was 7. Another's mother died when he was born. A third youth can neither read nor write.

Sheriff Bill Joyce gave background details Thursday on the four white men who will be arraigned Friday on charges of raping a 19-year-old Negro college coed. An all-white grand jury indicted them Wednesday, five days after the girl was attacked. All four have confessed.

Patrick Scarborough, 20, was born in Tampa. His mother was shot in 1946 and his father committed suicide the same year. His Tallahassee grandparents took him in after his parents' death. He had a ninth-grade education when he joined the airforce in 1956 but finished high school while in service.

He told police he got in trouble with juvenile authorities three or four times, once served 30 days in jail for a traffic law violation but has no adult criminal record.

Ollie Stoutamire, 16, is a Tallahassee native. His mother died when he was born and he was brought up by an aunt. His father, an employe of the city sanitation department, is a first cousin of Tallahassee Police chief Frank Stoutamire. The lanky teenager quit regular public school after the eighth grade but has been attending a vocational school.

He has had one brush with juvenile authorities. He was employed by a pipeline company for three weeks before his arrest on the rape charge.

David Ervin Beagles, 18, was born in Westville, a small northwest Florida town. He has been here about seven years. He is a high school senior and worked part time at a service station. His father is a truck driver and his mother a waitress. He has no police record.

William T. Collinsworth, 24, was born at Ponce de Leon, also in northwest Florida. He's been here five years, is married and has a 2-year-old son and 11-month-old daughter. His wife is a hospital aide. Collinsworth finished the sixth grade but can't read or write. He has been a telephone

company lineman for five years. He has no juvenile or adult police record.

Now there is one and only one apparent reason why all of the above information has been dug up by the Sheriff of Tallahassee, and that is to soften up decent people of the world for what Florida intends to do about this shocking crime. This crime that four members of that segment of southern society that is always screaming against mixing of the races has confessed they committed in that hour when they sank to the lowest depths of human depravity.

Who ever heard of a Sheriff in the South becoming concerned with the background of a Negro accused of raping a white woman? If the background of these four members of the dominant group who have every advantage of the best jobs, the best education, the best homes, the best environment and the best of everything else America has to offer, is important in the case of the Florida rapists, what about the background of Negroes all over the South who are denied equal opportunities in every avenue of southern society?

Unless undue pressure is brought to bear, the courts of Florida are preparing to commit a crime that will be far more heinous than the one committed on the young Negro co-ed. From every indication the courts of Florida intend to follow the usual southern pattern of exacting a light penalty or none at all of a white man for raping a Negro woman and exacting the supreme penalty of a Negro accused of raping a white woman.

We have called the attention of our readers again and again to the fact that no white man in the South has ever paid with his life for raping a Negro woman. In fact the records will show that seldom has one been convicted even, when brought to trial. Again, we say unless decent people all over the world bestir themselves and bring undue pressure on the courts of Florida, we may as well brace ourselves for a trayesty in southern justice that will be revolting to the sensibilities of all decent people the world over.

## Too Easy on the Criminal Element

Every respectable citizen of Durham should be struck with horror at the wanton killings that have taken place among Negroes of this city within the past three weeks. While we are not placing all the blame on the courts of the city and county, it is our opinion that in far too many cases both the police and the courts are too lenient with criminals of all sorts. The lawless element which roams our streets night and day with freedom, and often with affront to any respectable citizens who show any dislike for their disregard for the law, should be made to understand that they will not be tolerated.

Public drunkenness, vagrancy, shoplifting, racing cars, obscene language and murder have become the weekly and almost daily routine of the city's criminal element. If the police put half as much time on making it unpleasant for such people as they do on giving parking tickets to overtime parkers we are of the opinion that the present high crime rate in Durham would be lowered within two weeks.

If the courts were as diligent about sending some of the criminals to prison for long terms that infest this city as they are about collecting \$1.00 for parking tickets and placing heavier fines on law-abiding citizens who happen to be late paying the \$1.00, it is our opinion that many of the murderers, would-be murderers and other criminals who now roam our streets as free men would be behind prison bars.

## The Negro Vote in Last Saturday's Election

A careful analysis of the voting in the election held in Durham on last Saturday will disclose that over 50 per cent of the total was done by Negro voters. The interest in the bond election as well as that of the candidates for the City Council, so far as Negro voters is concerned, was created by the untiring efforts on the part of the Committee on Negro Affairs. For this fine piece of work we again commend

the CONA.

Officials of the CONA have faith in progressive white people of Durham and are proud to cooperate with them in the building of a bigger and better city. It was the opinion of leaders in the CONA that the bond issue was a necessity for the growth and development of Durham and in view of that fact they were happy to cooperate in helping to carry it in the election.

A careful analysis of the tabulation of voters by precincts will disclose that over half the votes for the bond issue were cast in four Negro precincts alone. When the scattered Negro votes in the other precincts are considered it plainly apparent the success of the bond issue, which in reality was one for progress, was almost entirely dependent on a favorable Negro vote.

That Negroes voted for the bond issue is evidence of the faith the masses have in the leadership furnished by the CONA. It thus with pride that we again salute the CONA for a job well done.

NO LEGISLATION OF MORAL INVOLVED. JUST PLAIN REBELLION



## Kenya's Tom Mboya Says Country Will Press For Freedom Now

Tom Mboya, 28 year old Nationalist Leader from Africa, flew back into New York last week, to start on his journey back to his home in Kenya, after spending five weeks touring the United States.

In a press conference held in the Shelton Hotel here, Mboya in discussing his trip to this country said, that his purpose in coming to the United States was, "to try and explain and interpret the situation in Africa, as it affects American Foreign Policy." In this connection he said, "there is no reason why the United States should fraternize with South Africa, South Africa should be treated as any other country, Communist Country, that has no regard for the democratic process."

Further he stated, that he had had an opportunity to meet with much of the Negro Leadership in the United States. That the problem of the American Negro here is similar, in part, to the problem of the Negro in Africa. That American Negroes are welcome in Africa as, "we feel a particular kinship to the American Negro and have a particular interest in the solution of their problems."

wants freedom for Kenya now. Mboya was high in his praise of the American Committee for Africa, which group sponsored his American trip, and he urged donations, through the American Committee, for the defense of the Africans now on trial in South Africa, and their families.

Mr. Mboya's trip, his second to this country, took him into the South and as far west as the West Coast. He left by plane for London, Thursday night, May 14, from Idlewild Airport, N. Y.

**Southerners Speak Out**  
A Symposium was held last week at the University of Notre Dame on desegregation. On the program, by way of a long distance telephone circuit, was Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta, who describes himself as a moderate. Said the Mayor, "The United States Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation decision must be recognized as an accomplished fact and the law of the land." The most important thing is not how fast we are moving in school desegregation, but in what direction." The Mayor said further, "Georgia's best elements have been largely silent, while the demagogues have been active for years."

### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



## God's Gift of Deliverance Is Free To All Willing to Accept His Way

**THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION**  
"Brethren to us has been sent the message of this salvation..." Acts 13:26

We have been given the message of salvation. The message of salvation has come to us from God through Christ Jesus our Savior. All things are prepared for your salvation. Jesus said on one occasion... "All Things Are Ready, Come!" But what have you done about this gift of salvation? There are thousands in our community and millions in our land who have not accepted the message of salvation. God, in Christ, has prepared everything for our spiritual deliverance and salvation. God, in Christ, holds out the blessed gift of deliverance; and behold, we are still loving in the darkness of spiritual enslavement.

Let us arise and claim our gift of spiritual deliverance of salvation in Christ. Christ is God's gift of salvation. We need salvation from just one, not a

thousand things—sin. Yes, this is what keeps us in the main from being what God would have us be. Thus, God in his love as revealed in Christ drew near us to save us from our sins.

We must recognize the fact of our sinfulness. God in Christ has opened a way of escape for us. We must accept God's plan of escape freely. God does not force himself upon us. We are free to accept or reject this message of salvation.

God's blessed forgiveness awaits every repentant soul. We all must take this first and important step of repentance if we would receive the rich spiritual blessings of salvation in Christ Jesus, our Savior. All other schemes of human salvation have failed. God has taken the first step towards us in our lost condition. Now it is up to each of us to take the next step through faith and repentance.

The rich blessings of forgive-

ness and the matchless peace which follows are yours in Christ now. Gods holds out his gift of salvation in Christ to you. How long will you halt between two opinions?

Each soul must be born for itself—physically and spiritually. Your mother is unable to take this step for you. You must take it for yourself. Christ loves you and he came to save your soul too. Why would you tarry or delay so long in accepting God's gift of salvation in Christ? It is a new, rich, bountiful and satisfying kind of life. The old life has been empty, unrewarding. Now, give Christ a chance with his new quality of life—"To us has been sent the message of this salvation..."

This message of salvation can give you that new, full life which you are hungering to possess. It quenches man's deepest thirsts and satisfies his persistent hunger.

### WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By ROBERT SPIVACK



## The Other Side of the Story in The Steel Industry Wage Issue

WASHINGTON — Intelligent and inquisitive children sometimes force a man to think, even when he is inclined to let things slide and take things easy. "What's an oligopoly, Dad?" my 11-year-old daughter insisted on knowing. "It's a small group of companies," I explained, "in control of a major industry that is supposed competitive but is, in fact, just one step removed from being a monopoly."

She then forced me to explain that a monopoly is and we launched into a more or less serious discussion about economics, how business is run and all the other related matters that to a youngster seem so mystifying.

What precipitated all this discussion was a claim by the United Steelworkers Union that its members are not as well off as U. S. Steel and apparently a large number of other citizens believe them to be.

In the current steel negotiations the important point the union makes (which seems to be ignored by many newspaper editors, for reasons that I will not go into) is that while wages have gone up in the industry, profits have so far outdistanced them that you can hardly mention the two items in the same breath.

The explanation by the union, and I have not seen it refuted,

is that "fewer men are making more steel." Result: total labor costs have remained almost the same from 1952 to 1958. The union's economists say that of each "sales dollar" labor costs the companies 42.1 cents in 1952 and only 42.8 cents in 1958.

On the other hand "net profits" have gone up 100 per cent. The company's own reports reveal a profit of \$143,678,740 in 1952 and a profit of \$301,558,231 in 1958. (And the latter was a "recession" year.)

How Is It Done?  
I am well aware that many public officials are now urging the union to "go slow" and "take it easy" on wage demands because any substantial increase now will send up the cost of steel and contribute further to the fires of inflation. This will undoubtedly be the case unless the government is prepared to impose some restraints on the industry. And, as I read the record, it is the industry (far more than the union) which needs restraining.

We would not be caught up in this inflationary spiral, I believe, if during the Eisenhower years the President had ever urged the steel industry to control its desire for exorbitant profits.

David J. McDonald, the Steelworkers' president, sums up

the profit picture this way: "How does the steel industry do it?" By consistently raising prices all out of proportion to the wage increases granted to the Steelworkers. Here is the record. Since 1946 for every dollar of wage increase the steel industry has boosted prices \$3."

**Common Sense About Housing**  
For a country that prides itself on listening to new ideas I sometimes get the feeling that a man must stand on his head on the Capitol steps to get a really important story into the newspapers. Such was the case before the Sparkman committee.

Abrams said the federal housing credit program, as now constituted, is working largely for the benefit of "banks, mortgage lenders and the higher income families." Abrams, not only was former New York State Rent Administrator, but he is also a very wealthy man who made a sizeable portion of his fortune in real estate. He knows whereof he speaks, but from the scant attention he got in the press you would never have known he was here.

The only way poor people can get to be home-owners is for government help, at least partially equally to that given via subsidies to the bankers. A family with an income of \$4,272 could afford a \$12,000 mortgage if in-

In discussing what he expects upon his return to Kenya he said, "I will take my seat in the Legislative Council for the first time since last October." Further he said, "We will not compromise on the question of freedom in Kenya."

"We expect to set up a real Democracy and the white population must decide to be Africans or Aliens." The Constitutional Conference is the next step. He would not go further in detail as to how a Democracy is going to be set up in Kenya. However, he did express his disagreement with the proposed "British Plan" for Kenya. He said, "the African must organize and put on pressure for their freedom. He

## Prince Edward County School Ruling Not Totally Unexpected

It was a foregone conclusion that District Judge Hutcheson's ruling which gave Prince Edward County, Virginia, seven additional years to commence school integration would be contested.

The county had already spent four years in preparing for private schools in place of a public school system, and it was the consensus of even the most ardent opponents of the Supreme Court's 1954 decree that while allowing some time for local adjustments, the decree did not mean that a locality or county might have ten years to think the matter over.

So the decision of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ordering Prince Edward to desegregate by September, 1959 did not come with much surprise. However, in view of the present scrambled condition of public school affairs in Virginia, and the frustrated political minds controlling the situation, we venture to say that

it might have been better if the Circuit Court had set the date at September 1960 instead of 1959. As the situation rests, the colored children of the county stand to lose a year or so of schooling if the Prince Edward segregationists carry out their present intentions of closing down all public schools, rather than accept any desegregation at all.

It takes more than a tuition subsidy to operate private schools. There is the important matter of housing and operating costs not covered by tuition. Negroes in Prince Edward, depending on the law have made no preparations for the full operation of a county-wide school system.

What the oligarchy in Prince Edward wants most is to deny any and every Negro any education at all.—Journal and Guide, May 16.

Interest rates were cut to 3% and amortization ran for 35 years. It's the only way impoverished minorities e.g. Puerto Ricans and Negroes can ever achieve

home ownership. Instead, Abrams said, we've got "socialism for the rich and private enterprise for the poor."

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