

Soldiers "Smuggled" Out After Jury Votes Acquittal

Verdict Shocks Judge; Demands Poll Of Jurors

Resort To Ruse To Avert Clash

SPARTA, Wis.—(ANP)—After hearings charges of rape and assault filed May 12 against three soldiers of the 184th field artillery now stationed at Fort Custer, an all-white jury in Monroe county circuit court of Judge Charles Beckman here returned a verdict of not guilty last Saturday. The verdict returned after Capt. Louis Euclid Taylor and Gen. William J. Warfield had presented unshakable defense in setting forth circumstances upon which charges were based, came as a shock to Judge Beckman. The judge personally polled the entire jury at the close of the trial to ascertain the veracity of the decision.

FALSE TESTIMONY

Denying the charges, the defendants cited that they, along with other white and colored soldiers, had accidentally come across the couple living in a field a short distance from a skating rink in which the soldiers had attended a dance. They testified that instead of joining the rest of the soldiers in kidding the couple about their embarrassing situation, they had nothing more to do with the affair.

NOT GUILTY

The return of Miss Van Kirk and Pvt. Stagg to identify any of the accused as their assailants also aided the jury in reaching the "not guilty" verdict.

The revelation that the youths were tricked into signing their names to a blank sheet of paper, to which later a typewritten confession to the alleged assault and rape was added, brought to light another of the unscrupulous devices resorted to by Sparta authorities to gain conviction of the defendants.

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JIVE GRAY



JIVE GRAY STAR REPORTER ON THE 'LIBERATOR' ONE OF AMERICA'S COURAGEOUS RACE PAPERS GETS A CALL FROM HIS EDITOR'S OFFICE

High Council Masons To Meet At Allen Univ.

33rd Degrees To Be Conferred Upon Several

BALTIMORE—(ANP)—The united supreme council of the sovereign grand inspectors general of the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the southern jurisdiction of the United States of America, Prince Hall affiliation, of which Willard W. Allen is the most prominent sovereign grand commander and James T. Beason the secretary general, will assemble in its 55th annual session in the auditorium of Allen university, Columbia, S. C., the home of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Oct. 19-21.

The session will open with a memorial service to the deceased members, Sunday night. The sermon will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Monroe H. Davis, bishop of the Second (Episcopal) district of the A.M.E. church. The music will be furnished by the chorus of Allen university, assisted by Graham Jackson of Atlanta, noted singer and radio artist.

The delegates will leave Columbia on Tuesday and will arrive in Washington and Baltimore Wednesday morning.

MANY GET USO JOBS

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Faster and faster new men are being appointed to take over the duties of the United Service Organization for enlisted men in camps. These men are being assigned to spots nearby the camps and will look after their recreational activities in an effort to keep down the vices which usually follow camps.

It requires the latex obtained from two hevea trees for an entire year to provide enough rubber for a six ply tire for a small automobile.

Carver Paintings Feature Art Week

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(S N 4)—National Art Week, beginning November 17 and continuing through the 23, will be celebrated at Tuskegee Institute by the opening of the new art rooms in connection with the George Washington Carver Museum.

As Convoy Route For 372nd Was Checked



Checking over the route and time schedule of the convoy from Fort Dix, N. J., to Fort Devens, Mass., of the 372nd Infantry, at the New York end of the George Washington Bridge, are left to right: Capt. Leroy Clay of the Service Co. 372nd Infantry in charge of the convoy; Lt. Vernon F. Greene, of the Service Co. 372nd Infantry, Lt. Oswald J. Wines, of Headquarters Co. 372nd Infantry, and Major H. A. Bruce, observing the movements for the Headquarters of the Second Army. Capt. Clay and Lt. Greene are from Baltimore and Lt. Wines from Washington, D. C.—(ANP)

Probe Of AFL Monopoly On Building Jobs Is Sought

NEW YORK—(S N 5)—The effect of an alleged workers of the virtual closed shop agreement granted by the Office of Production Administration to the Building Trades Union of the American Federation of Labor was urged by the NAACP in the investigation of monopoly practices being conducted by Thurmond Arnold of the U. S. Department of Justice, by the NAACP on October 19.

The NAACP pointed out the grave importance of the matter to Negro workers because many AFL building trade unions completely deny membership to Negroes through constitutional provisions, literal and other means.

The NAACP said that prejudice on the part of AFL labor unions invades the aircraft industry and quoted the ritual of the International Association of Machinists, contracted by Boeing Aircraft Company, Seattle, Washington, which says:

Negroes Buying Defense Bonds

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(S N 5)—The American Negro, both individually and through his organizations, is participating actively in the National Defense Savings Program, according to information reaching the Treasury Department.

Of 50 Negro insurance companies of various types, in the United States, more than 25 already have notified the Treasury of initial purchases of Defense Bonds amounting to a total of \$469,074. Six of these companies bought \$60,000 worth of Series F and G, the maximum amount any corporation is permitted to buy in one year. They are Mammoth Life and Accident, Louisville; Supreme Camp of American Woodmen, Denver; Atlanta Life, Atlanta; Southern Aid Society of Virginia, Richmond; North Carolina Mutual, Durham; and Universal Life, Memphis.

The Federal Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C., reported purchasing \$33,800. Other companies include the Pilgrim Health and Life, Augusta, Ga., and the Metropolitan Funeral System Association, each \$20,000; Virginia Mutual Benefit Life, Richmond \$15,000; Domestic Life and Accident, Louisville, \$15,000.

Five companies reported purchases of \$10,000 worth of Defense Bonds each. They are: The Great Lakes Mutual, Detroit; Golden State Mutual Life, Los Angeles; United Mutual Benefit Association, New York; Guaranty Life, Savannah; and Afro-American Life, Jacksonville.

In Memphis the Negro Division of the Defense Savings Commission has laid out for itself the following five-point program: (1) Canvass all Negro business houses to explain the allotment plan; (2) "Buy-a-Bond" Sunday; (3) Speakers bureau to serve club and lodge meetings; (4) School parades; (5) Distribution of posters and placards, etc., by Negro Boy Scouts.

The Lichman chain of Negro theaters in Washington, D. C., has inaugurated the sale of Defense Savings Stamps in their theater lobbies, and a notice on the screen asks patrons to take their change in Defense Savings.

Many business organizations, churches and social clubs are actively interested in promoting the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps, the reports show. In addition, special meetings designed to stimulate interest in the Defense Savings Program have been arranged in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, O.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Braddock, Pa.; Durham and Greensboro, N. C.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Duluth and Minneapolis, Minn.; Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Stockton, Sacramento, Salinas, Venice, Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif.; El Paso, Tex.; Pueblo, and Denver, Colo., and Omaha, Neb.

RELEASES LATE BOOK

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The Negro Publication Society of America recently announced the publication of "The Kidnapped and the Ransomed," a true story of Peter Still and family, written by Kate Pickett.

The novel is a tragic tale of a boy who was kidnapped, sold into slavery and then ransomed after forty years; and it is held to be forerunner of inspiring works dealing with historical and cultural information of the Negro people.

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Full-Time OPM Field Man Need Of Detroit Area

Suggestion Is Made by NAACP Labor Committee

DETROIT, Mich.—(S N 5)—To awaken the Negro workers of this city to the problems involved in the scheduled lay-off of 100,000 men which has already begun in plants here, the Labor and Industry Committee of the local branch of the NAACP held a conference to discuss the training, apprenticeship and employment of the Negro in defense industries in Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20.

Out of the conference came a request for a full-time Negro representative of the Office of Production Management to be stationed in Detroit.

It was complained that there could be no effective follow-up of FEPC investigations and other efforts to stop violations of the President's Executive Order under the present plan where the present representative has to cover three states—Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan.

Aggie Graduates Look Into This

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Graduates of agricultural schools would do well to look into the possibilities of jobs with the government as junior soil conservationists, the salary range of which runs from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per annum.

Students or graduates versed in agronomy, animal husbandry and agricultural education, especially young men just finishing college, are needed in this field.

Examinations will be held and the applications are receivable until December 31.

This offers one of the finest opportunities for trained persons that have been presented recently and there is a great need for such persons.

Applications may be had by writing the Civil Service Commission in Washington.

The Globe Trotter • By Cliff Mackay

Another Smokescreen

HUNTING EXCUSES to keep from helping the valiant Russian forces to stem the sweeping advance of Hitler's hordes, America's non-interventionists, whose ranks include the appeasers, the fascist-minded and those down-right in love with the ex-papabanger's "new order" plan of world conquest, during the past week reached way down to bring out one of the most incongruous arguments they have yet advanced.

They got cramps in their fingers pointing to what they termed Russia's lack of "religious freedom," conveniently forgetting Christ's admonition to "first, pluck the beam out of thine own eye, then thou can see clearly the mote in thy brother's eye."

Of course, our non-interventionists are not really seriously interested in religious freedom, or any of their other four freedoms of which President Roosevelt has spoken so forcefully. If so they would not now be creating all of this confusion in their frantic effort to stymie the government's foreign policy which is based on keeping alive these freedoms now being so seriously threatened by the Hitler-inspired world revolution.

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The President called attention to Article 124 in the Russian constitution which not only guarantees freedom of religious worship, but goes one step further than America's in guaranteeing freedom of anti-religious propaganda.

A virtual hornet's nest was stirred by the statement. A chorus of complaints from many American clergymen followed and non-interventionists, happy in the knowledge that they had further served to bedevil the issue, joined in the refrain.

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NONSENSICAL ARGUMENT

Nonsensical is this plea that we not help Russia fight the Nazis because the Russians are not "Christians." If a bandit is holding a gun in your face and another armed man appears, would you keep your rescuer from shooting the bandit long enough to ask him whether or not he believed in "freedom of religion"? Hardly. Just as silly in this catechism of the Russians.

You would be entirely too-gratefully to your rescuer for getting that gun out of your face. Too, before pointing so hard at Russia, it might be well for some of our religious Americans to put in everyday practice some of the Christian principles they so ardently profess.

It is no secret that the section of America that boasts the most churches, the most preachers and the most "Christians," is the section which can also boast the most bitter hatreds and the most blind intolerance.

One American churchman sneered at the Russian constitutional provision of religious freedom as a "hollow mockery," forgetting that the Russians could justly sneer back at certain provisions of the United States Constitution, say the 14th and 15th amendments, as being "hollow mockeries."

THESE ARE NOT MOCKERIES

It certainly could be argued that corresponding provisions of the Russian Constitution dealing with racial issues are not mockeries, but are religiously and rigidly enforced.

Surprising to most Americans will be the knowledge that Russia unqualifiedly outlaws the discrimination and jim crow statutes that plague the American scene.

Article 123 of the Russian Constitution, which not even the non-interventionists can argue is a "hollow mockery," reads: