Howard Students Seek Jobs Of Two 'Biased' Teachers

POINTING TO THE CELL from which a band of armed men removed Willie Earle, Negro prisoner in jailer Ed Gilstrap, 62, of Pickens, S. C., who said he offered no resistance because he "didn't figure it was any use." The prisoner, who was being held in connection with the fatal stabbing of a taxi driver, was found shot to death a short time later on a road in Greenville County. (Here are the arrests. (Intern Capital Boundphoto)

Demonstrators Joined By Faculty Petitioners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (NNPA) — Students at Howard University last week staged two mass demonstrations demanding the resignation of two white professors, who are accused of racial bias in their writings, and were joined in their demand by a petition signed by eighteen members of the faculty.

Following a mass meeting last Monday, a student committee called on President Mordecai W. Johnson and urged him to request the resignation of Dr. R. Biggers Gates of the Zoology Department, on the grounds that he, in writing for several publications, has demonstrated that he considers colored people inferior to whites and that he has aired this view in his classroom.

They also asked Dr. Johnson to dismiss Dr. Lee Finney, of the Zoology Department, who, they charge, was instrumental in the hiring of Dr. Gates and who has previously been charged with having written articles derogatory of colored people.

Dr. Johnson reportedly has promised the students of the proper steps to be taken in evaluating charges for dismissal of professors. He also is said to have told the students that the charges must be made in writing, that a copy of the charge must be given the accused, that he must be given a hearing before a committee selected by the faculty, and that final decision will be reached by the university board of trustees.

At the mass meeting held by the students Monday, it was reported that a student had reported the alleged statements of Dr. Gates to the president, and that an copy of the charges against Dr. Gates had been sent to both the school and the student.

The student committee also asked that the student be kept informed concerning the matter to all members of Howard's trustee board.

Asked last Friday if the student petition had reached the desk of Dr. Gates, James M. Nabrit, secretary of the university, said a copy of the charges had been made with the dean of the College of Liberal Arts by the students and turned over for further action. A spokesman said that the matter would be heard at a special meeting of the university board of trustees, he denied by Dr. Johnson.

Dr. Gates appeared at the mass meeting held by the students Monday, but he attempted to speak he was greeted with a barrage of jeers, and he left the meeting. Neither he nor Dr. Finney was present at the chapel hour Tuesday, it was reported, but both had left the campus.

The news broke after Dr. Gates' lecture from his zoology book, "Heredity and Man," published in 1944, and an article appearing in the February issue of Esquire magazine. The students charge that in these articles Dr. Gates clearly indicated that he considers the colored man inferior to the white.

NAACP Urges ICC To Act On Rail Bias

NEW YORK, N. Y. — For the second time this year, NAACP counsel filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Seaboard Airline Railroad, on February 19th, charging that it had discriminated unlawfully against Dr. Luther P. Jackson, of Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia, in denying Dr. Jackson, a Negro, service in the dining car of the railroad going and coming from Atlanta, Ga., December 6th and 7th of 1941.

The complaint charges that Dr. Jackson was denied service, basis for the denial was that the station or the dining car ordinarily reserved for Negroes was at that time being occupied by white. Although there were empty seats available in other sections of the car, Dr. Jackson was not served.

Spottswood W. Robinson, III, of Richmond, Va., and Robert L. Carter of New York City, presented the NAACP's testimony in the case before the trial examiner, seeking to secure damages and to obtain a cease and desist order from the commission ordering the Railroad to desist discriminatory practices with regard to dining car service to Negroes.

Essay Contest Opens Feb. 28 $85 In Prizes

The 120th Anniversary of National Newspaper Week will be observed during February and March 4th. In connection with the observance the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association with The Atlanta Daily World are sponsoring their 3rd Annual National High School Essay Contest which opens February 28 and closes March 21.

This year subject is "The Significance of the Negro Press in the 1948 Elections."

The essay rules are as follows:

The first three winners in the local contest will be entered in the National Contest with prizes of $50 and $25 Savings Bonds.

Three local prizes totaling $150.00 will be given to winners, first of which is $50, second prize $25 and third prize $10, all of which will be Savings Bonds.

Manuscripts are to contain not less than 800 words and not more than 1000 words. Manuscripts are to be done in ink or typed on theme paper only on one side. Names is to be written on separate sheet of paper with address, school and principal. Essays are to be mailed to the Contest Editor, the Atlanta Daily World, 210 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. They are to be post marked not later than midnight March 23.

For further information, write to Contest Editor Atlanta Daily World.

Nationwide Protest Mounts On Michigan Witch Hunts

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — Students, professors, clergy and labor leaders, Philippine and veterans joined the growing nationwide movement protesting action by the administration of Michigan State College placing all members of American Youth for Democracy on "permanent disciplinary probation" for distributing a leaflet on campus supporting a Michigan FEPC.

Heading a list of prominent national leaders speaking in defense of student rights, Norman Thomas, vice-president of the United Auto Workers (CIO), declared that no one should be fooled by this red baiting as just an attack on the American Youth for Democracy or the Communist party. Leo Gallagher is aiming at the labor movement and that it is operating behind the old red baiting frame-up process to divide our ranks.

Other prominent leaders who have expressed support for the students at Michigan State included William Jay Schieffelin, the Rev. Jack McMichael of the Methodist Federation of Social Services, Dr. Gene Weltfish of Columbia University, Mary Ian Wilkins, pianist, Rose Russell, president of the Teachers' Union (CIO); George Pitnicky, of the American Slav Congress; Katherine Earnshaw, of the New York City CIO Council; Hazel Scott, and Henrietta Buckmaster.

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LABOR IN DIAMOND MINES

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa — (ANP) — An estimated 6,000 African laborers and about white diggers are taking part in a great diamond rush 30 miles north of Bloemhof on the Vaal river.

Diamonds worth more than $40,000 were discovered during the prospecting. Reports revealed Sigler is aiming at the labor movement and that it is operating behind the old red baiting frame-up process to divide our ranks.

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WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY AT YOKOHAMA, Japan.—Colonel Philip L. Cook, Eighth Army surgeon, pins the Army Commendation Ribbon on Captain Russell M. Marshall, 205 Windmill Lane, Southampton, New York. Captain Marshall received the award for his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Japan as commanding officer of the 567th Medical Motor Ambulance Company (Separate), from June 30, 1946, to December 31, 1946. (U. S. Army photo from Public Relations Division.)

Combat Team At Fort Benning Is Dissolved

The 555th Regimental Combat Team, formed here on February 20, 1946, as the 10th RCT, was deactivated on November 21, 1946 (final dissolution of the 10th was deferred until the group of 20 officers and 300 enlisted men chosen for assignment with the Regiment in Japan had proved to be trained and designated). This action for the 555th was ordered by Headquarters, Ninth Corps, Fort Bragg, N. C., on February 20, 1946.

The 555th Regimental Combat Team was conducted at Lawson Field, Fort Benning.

The 24th Infantry Regiment, which was activated on the 10th Infantry Regiment, with the latter adding units of an engineer combat company, chemical smoke generator company, medical collecting company, a medium tank company, and a field artillery battalion.

On March 1, 1946, orders were published redesignating the infantry regiment as the 24th Infantry Regiment, with company functions as a regimental Army unit. Attached to the regiment will be the 555th and 999th Field Artillery Battalions and the 10th Medical Collecting Company, and formally assigned to the regimental Combat Team.

Recently Reduced

The infantry regiment was reduced to a two-battalion regiment, the second battalion was inactivated, and the regimental Combat Team was reduced to a regimental Combat Team.

The 24th Infantry Regiment will continue functioning as a regimental Army unit. Attached to the regiment will be the 555th and 999th Field Artillery Battalions and the 10th Medical Collecting Company, and formally assigned to the regimental Combat Team.

Poland Passes Law To Shoot Racists

PARIS — (ANP) — Death awaits Poland's racial agitators, according to an announcement issued by Sigmund Modzelewski, Poland's foreign minister, during a press conference at the French capital.

"Polish laws, per-[illegible] have found guilty of inciting race hatred will be shot," Modzelewski said. "We have the new decree in Poland, we have made it [illegible] public. Thus we have [illegible] the Polish people [illegible] marked [illegible] Department [illegible] Polish citizens [illegible] race hate [illegible] nation is not punishable by law."

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NAACP YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETS IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The National Planning and Advisory Committee elected at the NAACP Youth Conference in New Orleans, La., last November, met in New York the weekend of February 15 and 16 to implement recommendations and resolutions made at the conference.

In addition to administrative changes which would give youth groups greater autonomy within the association, the committee went on record in favor of youth projects which would ensure [illegible] age of state civil rights acts, the extension of rent controls and price ceilings, and the lowering of the legal voting age to eighteen.

The committee, representing the youth members of the NAACP, accepted the goal in the 1947 Nationwide Membership Campaign of [illegible] members in the association's drive to "Make it a Million."

Wilson Chairman

Chairman of the meeting was Robert Wilson, of Colgate University, M. Ruby Hurley, youth secretary, presented the report, which was accepted by Walter White, executive secretary of the association, and Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary, NAACP's representative in Europe.

Among those present were: Hugh Lee, New Orleans, [illegible] Chicago; Andrew Rayford, Hampton Institute, Virginia; Jacqueline [illegible], Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; John [illegible], Atlanta, Ga.; Mae [illegible], Y. & M. College, Norfolk, Va.; [illegible] Williams, Norfolk, Va.; [illegible] Anderson, Va.; Miss Dorothy [illegible], Miss Bertha [illegible], St. Louis; [illegible] M. Miller, Hampton Institute, Va.; [illegible] Washington, Lincoln University, Pa.; Shamrock Lanier, Newark, New York City; Herbert Hayes, Syracuse University, New York City; Irvin Butterbean, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; [illegible] Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

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Sen. Morse Assails NAACP Labor Position

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — Senator Wayne Morse, liberal Republican, of Oregon, has assailed the position of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People opposing all bills which would outlaw the closed shop, industry-wide bargaining and otherwise restrict labor unions.

After Clarence Mitchell, NAACP labor secretary, had told the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare that his organization is opposed to all bills on which the committee is holding hearings, Senator Morse attacked the association's position which parallels that of organized labor.

When Mr. Mitchell finished reading a prepared statement, Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, committee chairman, remarked that "I take it you are opposed to any legislation."

Modifies Answer

"That is correct," Mr. Mitchell replied. He modified his answer, however, saying that he was opposed to any pending measure.

Are you in favor of any labor legislation, Senator Morse asked.

In reply, Mr. Mitchell distributed to the Senator Morse a statement made last Wednesday by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, that the representatives of labor and some members of Congress get together and map out a labor program.

Senator Morse told Mr. Mitchell that he was trying to be a good legislator. Senator Morse said, "I hope I can vote for a good labor bill. I hope I can make a choice between no legislation at all and some legislation that, in the judgment of me, is the best I can get. Do you think I can vote for that goal?"

When Mr. Mitchell replied that he would be "unfortunate" and that pending bills were "predetermined in an atmosphere of hostility," Morse interrupted him.

"You overlook the essence of the legislative process. We have to work out a comfortable compromise. We just are not getting any help from labor at all."

Unless labor comes forward with some constructive suggestions, Senator Morse said, the Congress will have to do the best it can without the help of labor.

Train Porters Again Victors In Job Suit

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Judge Albert L. Reeve, of the Federal District Court of the United States for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri, has signed an injunction restraining the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad from forcing Negro train porters off the head-end of the train and substituting white brakemen, it was announced by A. Philip Randolph, international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, last week.

The court action grew out of a claim by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of jurisdiction over the work done by these porters and demanded the cancellation of the contract held by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for these men. This led to a temporary restraining order which will now be replaced by the injunction.

Attempted Displacement

The railroads attempted to displace the porters, who for decades have performed yeoman service in the capacity of porter-brakeman with duties including flagging, coupling, signaling and switching on western and southern railroads, followed by pressure from the white Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which took the position that performance of such work belonged to the members. The Trainmen, headed by A. F. Whitney, have in their constitution a color bar excluding Negroes from membership.

It is well to remember that the recent strike of the railroad brotherhoods, if successful, would have eliminated Negroes from their jobs. They were calling for a full crew law which would have failed to include the Negro worker because of the color bar.

Newspaper Week Broadcasts On Feb. 28, March 6

WASHINGTON. (SNS) — The annual celebration of National Newspaper Week begins Friday, February 28, with a broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 6:15 p. m. Eastern Standard Time. The broadcast will feature Marquis Childs, Douglas Freeman and Frank Stanley, president of NNPA, and will originate in Washington.

On Thursday, March 6, a Newspaper Week broadcast over the American Broadcasting chain at 10:45 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, will feature Carol Brice, noted contralto, a veteran choral group, Mrs. Robert L. Vann, publisher of the Pittsburgh Courier, a spokesman for the white press and a dramatic presentation.

This program will originate in New York.

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