

MEN MISSING IN LEXINGTON PEONAGE

House Gets New Bill To Prohibit Employment

Rep. Bender Proposes New Measure

Hearings Start
June 11 On Ives
Senate Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA).—Representative George H. Bender, Republican of Ohio, introduced in the House last week a bill to prohibit race or religious discrimination in employment.

In announcing last Monday that hearings would begin June 11 on the new bill, the measure after which several House bills are modeled, Senator Forrest C. Donnell, of Missouri, chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee which is to consider the measure, said it was hoped that the taking of testimony will be concluded in six days.

It is the desire of the committee to hear both sides relative to the bill, Senator Donnell said. Any one desiring to suggest the name of any person to appear before the subcommittee should communicate with Mr. Philip R. Rogers, clerk on the Committee of Labor and Public Welfare.

"DEEP SATISFACTION"

The Rev. Allan Knight, chairman of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, greeted Senator O'Donnell's announcement with an expression of their "deep satisfaction."

Members of the national Council for a Permanent FEPC and representatives of affiliated and cooperating religious, labor, civic, welfare, and minority organizations will present proof that discrimination in employment has increased since the war and requires enactment of the new measure.

"Millions of American citizens are suffering daily discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry. The total is more than 20 million."

"Discrimination in employment forces not only members of minority groups but all wage and salary earners and business and industry as well by tending to depress wages and working conditions and the purchasing power on which depends a continued market."

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Prosecution Of 31 "Lynchers" Starts

GREENVILLE, S. C. (SNS).—The actual prosecution of 31 Greenville white men for the lynching of Willie Earle began Tuesday afternoon. The morning court hours had been consumed with the choice of three more veniremen to join the nine chosen Monday.

The state's first prosecution against Dr. J. E. Converse, coroner's physician, who declared that a shotgun blast killed 24-year-old Earle. The doctor declared his belief that the five stab wounds sustained by Earle had killed him.

Upon cross-examination, Defense Attorney Thomas A. Wofford gave an indication of the kind of defense tactic which would be employed when he attempted to question Converse regarding the death of T. W. Brown, white Greenville taxi driver, whom Earle had allegedly stabbed and robbed.

TRIAL STOPPED

Thereupon, the trial was stopped.

GANDHI'S SON BLASTS BAR AGAINST NON-WHITES

By D. A. S. CHARI

NEW DELHI, India. (ANP).—The color bar, which takes the form of a ban on Asians and Africans entering public places and using public utility services, is gaining enough, but often the whites in their arrogance do not stop there. Whenever and wherever possible, they seek to employ methods of repression and suppression.

And nowhere is the situation as scandalous as in the areas included in the so-called Commonwealth of Nations of which the white islanders of Britain are so proud. Observed the Hindustan Times, India's most influential daily, in a bitter editorial complaining against the treatment of the colored races throughout the world, particularly in the continent of Africa and in

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Florida's "White Primary" Bill Defeated

WILLIE FRANCIS DIES COURAGEOUSLY

Measure Aimed At Eliminating Negro Voters

Author Says He'll

Stump State To "Tell The Truth"

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (SNS).—By a vote of 30-4 the Florida Senate Thursday rejected a proposed "white primary" bill that would withdraw the Democratic primary election from State control and return it to party supervision.

Senator John F. Mathews of Jacksonville, author of the bill, proposed to the Senate today that he would stump the State as a candidate for governor and "tell the people the truth."

"You, by this action, have produced a candidate for governor intent to take this to every road and crossroad in Florida to spread the truth," declared the senator.

It is believed that the Senator in mentioning the "truth" referred to his prolonged address on the Senate floor charging that Communists are behind a move to have Florida Negroes vote as Democrats.

Dining Car Jim Crow Faces Test

Says New Rules Hurt More Than Replaced Order

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA).—The dining car regulation of the Southern Railway, reserving one table behind a curtain for the exclusive use of colored passengers, is more disadvantageous and discriminatory than the regulation it replaced.

This contention is made by J. Ford V. Lawson, attorney for Willie W. Henderson, recently appointed executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Mr. Lawson last Monday filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission exceptions to the proposed report of Walter D. McClelland, an ICC examiner, who found that the new regulation conforms with the principles and

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SNYC Maps State Program For Youth

Plans to rally South Carolina youth in activities for peace, economic security and voting privilege. Highlighted the one-day leadership training of South Carolina members of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, held at Allen University, Saturday.

Louis L. Burnham of Birmingham executive secretary of the organization, discussed specific summer projects during the afternoon session, urging that youth see to it that their teachers, ministers and other leaders register to vote.

NAME PRAGUE DELEGATE

The conference elected Able Wilson, president of the SNYC chapter at Allen, this state's delegate to the World Youth Festival in Prague, Czechoslovakia, July 20-August 17.

The summer program also included a drive to assist Negro veterans in applying for terminal leave pay before the September 1 deadline.

Mrs. Simkins reported that 250 million dollars was available to assist Negro veterans if they but applied for it under terminal leave and unused furlough provisions of the War Department.

Plans for a state SNYC meeting October 17-19 were also drawn up Saturday.

BOARD NAMED

A planning board, in behalf of state projects was organized. Mrs. L. H. Lindsay of Moncks Corner was named president of the board. Miss Katie Graham of Irmo and George A. Holman, Jr. of Moncks Corner were also named secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Other members include: Miss Melba Doby, David Gandy, Rev. J. J. Alston, Miss Dorothy Howard Leroy Aiken, Miss Inez McAdams, Mrs. Naomi N. Jackson and John H. Wrighton.



HIGH MOGULS OF GREEKDOM

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS).—When the eighteenth annual meeting of the National Pan-Hellenic Council convened here Friday and Saturday, chief officials of Negro college fraternities assembled for the sessions. Friday night they assembled for an official picture. Left to right are: Mrs. Luleia Harrison of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Atty. Belford V. Lawson, president of Alpha

Phi Alpha Fraternity, who delivered the principal address. In the center, Mrs. Mae Wright Down of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; George Parker of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Mrs. Edna O. Gray of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and Mrs. Ethel Riss Smith of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Col. Campbell Johnson, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

At the business session Saturday, Alpha Phi was elected chairman of the Pan-Hellenic Council, while Mrs. Maude Brown of Louisville, Alpha Kappa Alpha, was named vice chairman. Dr. R. O. Johnson of Atlanta, Phi Beta Sigma, secretary, and Mrs. Vivian Hayes, Grand Treasurer, Zeta Phi Beta. SNS Staff Photo by W. A. Scott, III

FBI, NAACP Seeks Whereabouts Of Duet Claimed By Sawmill Owner

The FBI as well as state officials of the NAACP Association for the Advancement of Colored People, were endeavoring to determine the whereabouts of two Lexington County men Tuesday in what the NAACP described as a "postage case."

The men, identified as Billy Young and L. B. Cannon, had been either arrested or forced from their jobs in Columbia and taken into Lexington County, where they were beaten and either jailed or forced to return to the sawmill of W. A. Nichols near Leesville where they had worked up to about one month ago when they came here, because of a hull in work at the sawmill and obtained employment at a Columbia firm.

James M. Hinton, state NAACP president, said he had been advised by the Department of Justice at Washington that the case would be looked into, adding later that N. A. A. C. P. Counsel here had reported that local FBI agents were interested in the case.

Mr. Hinton said the arrest or abduction of the duet had taken place during last week. That their whereabouts were a mystery, which it was hoped to clear within a day or so.

Both Young and Cannon admitted to owing Nichols a balance on money borrowed when taking employment here and had instructed their employer to continue weekly until the money was paid.

Each said they had left the sawmill job because they were not paid more than a day or two of work weekly and pay from this left them with practically nothing after the employer deducted his five dollar installment.

Trial Of Earle Lynchers Underway At Greenville

(By Staff Correspondent)

GREENVILLE, S. C. (The trial of 31 white men, 28 of them local tax-delinquents, charged with the Feb. 17 kidnapping-lynching of 23-year-old Willie Earle, got underway in the city's federal court here today. The entire panel had been exhausted and Judge Martin ordered an extra 36-man panel, from which the remaining three jurors were to be selected Tuesday.

For two hours clerk of court, T. E. Christberry donned through four indictments counts in which all of the defendants were charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder on two counts, and Rosevelt Carter Hurd, Sr. previously identified as organizer and leader of the mob and trigger man drawing the extra-murder counts while the thirty other defendants are charged with being accessories before and after the fact of murder.

PLEAD "NOT GUILTY"

At 12:30 the general sessions court, conducting the trial, heard and later overruled defense counsel motions to reduce the counts. The court then turned to taking pleas. All the defendants, aided by counsel, pleaded "not guilty" and electing to be tried "by God and my country."

work returned to report the matter to the Columbia employer. Nichols, the Columbia man said, has rejected an offer of the Columbia business pay the indebtedness of the men.

NAACP lawyers advised the men to continue on their Columbia job and it is presumed that it was from this place the two were spirited away during last week.

The court, presided over by Judge J. Robert Martin, Jr., turned to selecting a jury from a 26-man panel. At recess time, about 1:30 p. m., only two had been seated, and the afternoon, beginning at 2:45, netted seven other jurors but the entire panel had been exhausted and Judge Martin ordered an extra 36-man panel, from which the remaining three jurors were to be selected Tuesday.

KLANSMEN REJECTED

Mild excitement coursed the courtroom when Solicitor Sam R. Watt of Spartanburg, representing Attorney General John M. Daniels in the case, proposed a prospective juror, W. C. Vance, Jr., admission that he had been convicted in Spartanburg County a few years ago of belonging to a "secret order," several members from which had been jailed for unlawful assembly and being disorderly.

SYMPATHIZERS BARRED

Judge Martin, who conducted interrogation of prospective jurors, laid emphasis on finding whether or not the prospect had contributed, or been asked to contribute to, a defense fund, a committee of whites had been raising since the arrest of the defendants. In asking the usual question of relationship to the defendants, Judge Martin added an inquiry into relationship to E. L. Craig, Luke Forrester and J. L. Hamilton—court attaches identified as leaders of the defense fund move.

The courtroom on the main floor was jammed with white spectators and court attaches while the gallery was equally packed with Negroes. About 1,000 persons, an overflow

Second Trip To Chair Fatal To Francis

18-Year-Old Youth Tried Vainly To Appeal Decisions

ST. MARTINVILLE, La. (SNS).—An 18-year-old Willie Francis, who waged a year-long battle for his life in state and U. S. Supreme courts, walked the last mile to the chair Friday. Smilingly he settled himself into the chair at 12:02 p. m. CST; the switch was thrown at 12:04 and he was pronounced dead at 12:10. Thus he made his second official trip to the chair.

Francis had walked to the chair and walked away on July 3, 1946, after a loose connection had caused the deadly current to be diverted from his body and into the ground. Following this miracle a fight against a second trip was vainly taken three times to the Louisiana State Prison Board, Supreme times to the Louisiana Supreme court and twice to the U. S. Supreme court. On one occasion the U. S. Supreme court ruled against Francis only by a five-to-four vote.

Francis was convicted of murdering Andrew Thomas, a white druggist of St. Martinville, during a holdup which netted him a watch and \$4.00.

Claude Thomas, who was Police chief at the time of the slaying and brother to the slain man, was among the witnesses at the execution.

Outside the jail millied an orderly crowd of some 500 about 100 of whom were Negroes, who waited in expectation for news of Willie's fate.

Guidance and supervision of the club's activities will be provided by members of the sorority on a voluntary basis. Part of their local campaign against juvenile delinquency—instruction in band music, athletics and handicrafts will be given the boys. And bicycles for riding in the park will be provided for the boys free of cost.

Mrs. Annie Belle Weston is business of Columbia chapter.

Judge Lauds Negro Cops

SAVANNAH, Ga. (SNS).—Two of the newly-appointed Negro officers appeared in Police Court here in full uniform to present their first case before Judge Emmanuel Lewis. The arrested person was a 56-year-old man who was arrested for disorderly charges.

After the case was dispensed with Judge Lewis commended highly the manner in which the two officers presented their case.

House To House Call For NAACP Memberships Set

Workers in the 1947 membership drive will visit Columbia homes on Sunday afternoon to enroll membership toward the 3,000 membership goal for Columbia and outlying districts.

Citizens also are urged to join through their schools and churches, as well as directly to campaign workers.

crowd, was packed in while many others hung around outside.

The trial, first and biggest lynch case recalled in this section, has drawn several reporters for white papers outside the State as well as wire services, local and state papers. Only colored papers with reporters on the scene Monday were The Lighthouse and Informer and The Pittsburgh Courier, although coverage for several other papers was to be made by one of these.

Former Ballard Principal Takes Post July 1

Hampton Feels Keenly Loss Of Administrator

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. (SNS).—James A. Colston, Director of Public Relations for Hampton Institute since July, 1946, and former president of Bethune-Cookman College, has accepted the presidency of Georgia State College, Savannah, where he will assume duties this summer.

Mr. Colston's appointment came largely as a result of his work as principal of Ballard School in Macon, Georgia; work with the High School principals of the state; teaching experience at Atlanta University; successful administration of Bethune-Cookman; and experience in public relations at Hampton Institute.

President Ralph P. Bridgman,



PRES. JAMES A. COLSTON

Boys Club Opened By Sigma Rho Women

Columbia's first Boy's Club, available to youths between the ages of 3 and 14, will be opened under sponsorship of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in St. Anna's Park Monday May 19. It will maintain hours between 5 and 7 p. m.

Guidance and supervision of the club's activities will be provided by members of the sorority on a voluntary basis. Part of their local campaign against juvenile delinquency—instruction in band music, athletics and handicrafts will be given the boys. And bicycles for riding in the park will be provided for the boys free of cost.

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Bus Incident Nets Arrests And Bonds

Mrs. Harold Davis, secretary to President S. R. Higgins at Allen University, Albert Walker, a veteran who is a student here and an unidentified white man were arrested at Taylor and Main streets about 6 a. m. Tuesday and docketed on charges of disorderly conduct at police headquarters, the outgrowth of an incident on an Edgewood bus.

Mrs. Davis, well known and highly respected said that the bus had stopped in front of her and just as she began boarding it for work, the white man pushed her, almost making her lose her footing, and preceded her in crossing over the sidewalk.

Walker, who was witnessed, Walker struck the man with his fist, whereupon the bus driver requested two officers, nearby to arrest the two men.

Mrs. Davis, against whom the driver made no complaint, also stepped off the bus, telling Walker that since he had been so nice for her sake she would go along with him to be of any possible assistance.

Turning to the white man, Mrs. Davis said, "You better be glad you didn't hurt me."

One of the officers is quoted as telling her "shut your damn mouth."

At suggestion of the second officer, she was arrested and charged with being disorderly although she said nothing further.

Bond of \$25.00 was posted to Walker whose intervention Mrs. Davis said exhibited a manhood too often lacking in colored men. Mrs. Davis posted a bond of \$15.00. Bond for the white man was not immediately disclosed.