

Race Issue Flares In Edgewood "Mystery" Rape Case

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Southern Newspapers Accused Terror Reign In Southeast Agitation Result

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Soldiers Irked By Marcus Ray "Whitewash" Gillem Report Ignored, Post Run By Georgia Laws

CHICAGO (AP)—Following the release of 28 self-confessed lynchers in Greenville, S. C., many southern white newspapers have spearheaded violence against Negroes by playing up stories of alleged assaults on white women by Negro men. They have reported reign of terror that engulfed Negroes from North Carolina to the farthest boundaries of Florida.

All of Columbia, S. C. was excited last week over the alleged slaying of a white housewife by a Negro male. The whole Negro area was intimidated by 300 armed citizens and a 200-men posse of state, county and municipal police officers, all joining in the search for the Negro suspect while unarmed Negroes looked on. Negroes are not allowed to join South Carolina's law enforcement agencies.

Under the guise of enforcing law and order, white citizens may legally enjoy the nighthunt, which is a southern sport comparable only to the old English foxhunt. Why should 900 white citizens be permitted to take up arms to find one Negro when 300 police officers are getting paid for that purpose?

What happened last week in Columbia, S. C., happens in other southern communities that tolerate mob rule. Rather than give needed space to the attack story, a crime punishable by law, the State should have played up the mob element, and editorially denounced all law enforcement agencies for permitting a citizen posse to assist in capturing the suspect.

The State gave a faithful report of the mob spirit under a sub head which read "Posse Hunts Negro After Woman Slaying." Part of an Associated Press story quoted police as saying a "fiery cross" was burned near a Negro residential section last night (Wednesday) and officers were investigating a report that white men threw a hail of flaming tar into a Negro's home.

The posse, armed with clubs and guns, was formed quickly after the woman (white) reported that a Negro who attempted to attack her last Wednesday broke into her home again yesterday, cursed her and slashed her arm with a knife and then fled." The AP dispatch read:

The State carried an AP report of the fathers of two 15-year-old white girls who said a Negro attempted to rape them as they were returning home from a movie in Raleigh, N. C. in a telegram to Gov. Cherry, the fathers expressed the old Dixie spirit. Although their daughters were not harmed, they said:

"Would you try and get some of the would-be mob of white men in Northampton county to help catch the Negro who attacked our daughters Saturday night?"

The governor replied that he would not ask the FBI to enter the case until he had some "foundation" for such a request.

Playing up rape stories involving Negro males and white females is a big business proposition to most editors who know the intensity of local sentiment of "white supremacy" against southern white newspapers. The editors know the intensity of local anti-Negro hatred. They know the depth of "white supremacy" sentiment, but they also understand the tenets of democracy.

URGE NEGRO TO S. C. LAW SCHOOL NAACP Plans Largest Mass Meeting



ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS)—CROWNING MISS CHARITY OF 1947—Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Estella Anderson was crowned Miss Charity of 1947 at a benefit dance for the Colored Catholic Clinic, which was sponsored by the CO. X-141 Veteran Social Club at the Top Hat.

accessories. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses and was crowned by Mr. Walter Hanley. The runner-up, Miss Marie Hutchinson was presented with a bouquet of carnations. The roses were donated by Mrs. C. E. Rogers and the carnations by Mrs. Marie Drisker. This event attracted the first of its kind to be planned and carried out for this year.

Mr. Reese Jennings who is president of this Club wished to thank all Clubs and individuals who helped to make this charitable affair such a tremendous success. All members of CO. X-141 Social Club are Veterans of World War II. Sister class was presented \$50.00 for the Colored Catholic Clinic.

Emancipator And "Intriguer"?

Civil War Re-Fought As UDC Speaker Blasts Abe

Son Born To Mr. And Mrs. Joe Louis In Mexico City

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—(SNS)—Joe Louis, the internationally famous Brown Bomber and world's heavyweight champion took time out during a game of golf here Friday to let the world in on a well guarded secret.

After confirming reports from Mexico City that Mrs. Maria Trotter Louis had given birth to a son on May 28, to whom she had given the name Joe Louis, Jr., the heavyweight king disclosed that he and Mary had remarried last July in a small town in the suburbs of Chicago.

Attorney Marshall held that although the Orangeburg school has been sanctioned by legislative action, it does not yet exist, is still under the probe of a committee which has yet to submit its report and has not yet a single penny and won't get any until after July 1st. Attorney Carter, who delivered the argument for the plaintiff, suggested that even though the school were in operation, it would still be "unequal," this being product of the fallacious "separate but equal" system. He hinted that later the issue of "segregation" may come before the court.

Louis and his wife were divorced son Davis, president of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Condemning Abraham Lincoln as an "intrinsic" who brought about the Civil War and extolling Davis as a patriot, Charles C. Baskin, professor of history at Georgetown University, principal speaker at the ceremonies, said the "glorious confederate flag is not a conquered relic in southern museum" but is a "symbol of freedom."

Even Rankin Of Miss. Says Speaker 'Went Too Far'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(SNS)—The Civil War was still being fought here last Monday at the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the Statuary Hall of the Capital to pay homage to Jefferson.

Indication that Hermap Talmadge forces plan yet to impose South Carolina's "white primary" system on Georgians is made in a letter published in the May 29, 1947 edition of THE STATESMAN'S Hopes.

The letter, dated May 15, 1947, was sent Talmadge at his Florida law office, 1422 William Oliver Building by Wm. P. Baskin of Bishopville, state chairman of the S. C. Democratic party.

Truman Set To Tell Policy On Race Tensions Meeting Slated Most Significant In Race History

WASHINGTON, D. C.—N. A. A. C. P. officials in Washington, New York and key cities throughout the Nation, were moving ahead rapidly with plans for the staging of what promises to be the largest single mass meeting in the Nation's history. Focal point of the gigantic meeting will be the June 29 closing session of the NAACP annual convention at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Simultaneous with the Lincoln Memorial meeting, NAACP branches in practically every section of the United States will assemble in hundreds of meetings halls. These meetings will be held in a spirit of unity and will be held in a spirit of unity and will be held in a spirit of unity.

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Baskin Letter Indicates Ga. Primary Fight May Break Anew

South Carolina's seeking to require our party to allow Negroes to vote in our primaries. Governor Thurmond has asked me to reply to your letter and I am delighted to do so.



COLUMBIA HONORS FIRM PRESIDENT-ELECT—Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, noted educator (right) received the honorary degree of doctors of letters from Dr. Frank D. Fackenthal, acting president of Columbia University, at the 33rd commencement as the famed

Alma Mater statue of Columbia provides the background. Dr. Johnson's humanitarian spirit and his ability to help people understand one another through his spirited scientific writings was a potent factor in his selection for the degree. (Continued On Back Page)

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Two nights later at least four smoke bombs, similar to those used to produce smoke screens during the war, were touched off in the Waverly section. These exploded with a loud boom—but do little damage.

In the Arsenal Hill section was made a report that flaming tar was pitched on the home of a Negro. At a tourist camp near the Edgewood section, a white group halted a man and when, frightened by the bright group, he ran, fired several shots at him. At the same time, posse members reported as surprising a man in a white cemetery and firing upon him. This man just seemed to vanish in this air.

Meanwhile, rumors of all sorts kept citizens on the run and officers plagued. However, sheriff Heise's office reported it found no evidence in any of them. Persistent, however, from start to the present, and propagated by citizens of both races, was the version that the actual assailant (if there was one) was a white man, perhaps a former spouse of the complaining woman who, not knowing of her present mate, had been supplying an allotment. It was pointed out that a Negro, if he had first attacked the woman, would not have returned twice to the closely watched woman. More Negro being shot at or beaten

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As fast as they are discharged from the army at Fort Benning, colored soldiers leave the garrison post haste for parts of the country where Jim Crow and aggression are not part of the general pattern condoned and supported by the federal government.

Another incident which indicates the recent trend in spite of Marcus Ray's statements and visit to the denial of a seat in the post theater to Chaplain Andrew L. Johnson, who had been accustomed to sitting where he pleased—as had all members of the colored contingent attending the theater. An officer requested the colored officer to move to a segregated section of the post theater, especially reserved for colored patrons. This new attitude bespeaks the general attitude toward colored officers and officers now stationed at the post. It is also a part of the complete segregation proposed at the post.

It has been decreed that no colored officers will be given honor of the permanent type on the post and colored officers must not wear uniforms that are not for this post. GA. LAWS PREVAIL. Every act indicates that the manner of the post is to be that the laws of Georgia shall prevail on this federal reservation. Many minor annoyances harass colored officers at every turn. In instances, they have no colored leadership, but are forced to accept. (Continued On Back Page)

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U.S. Court Asked To Admit Wrighten To South Carolina University Law School

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Brushing aside defense counsel pleadings that a law school "substantially equal" to that at the University of South Carolina will be opened in September at State College in Orangeburg, U. S. NAACP lawyers Thursday urged U. S. Court Judge J. Waties Waring to order the school to admit John H. Wrighten of Charleston, who has filed a \$15,000 damage suit against university officials.

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