

KLAN SURRENDERS CHARTER WITHOUT A FIGHT

AMENDMENT SEEKS TO NULLIFY FEP PROPOSAL

GOP Senator Would Remove Legal Sanctions

Ellender Pleads South Be Given Chance To Improve

By LOUIS LAUTNER
WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Under an amendment Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican, of New Jersey is toying with, states opposed to federal legislation to ban race and religious discrimination in employment would be given the right to nullify those sections of the Ives-Chavez bill which would impose legal sanctions for violations.

While Senator Irving M. Ives, Republican, of New York was testifying before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee holding hearings on the measure last Wednesday, Senator Smith disclosed that he has in mind an amendment which would permit any state by legislative action within a specified time after enactment of the measure to declare sections 7 and 8 of the bill inapplicable.

Senator Ives said he had not yet the procedure to be followed by

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Dr. Hill President At Wilberforce Univ. Reported

Dr. Charles Leander Hill, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Columbia, was elected president of Wilberforce University in Ohio, A. M. E. leaders said here Friday.

The churchman said Dr. Hill had been selected by trustees at an meeting Thursday but that even at the first of the week had not been settled as to whether or not he would accept the position, which he said was being opposed by supporters of Dr. Charles Wesley, who for several weeks has been engaged in a difference with A.M.E. Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom.

Clarification of the matter, much of which has stemmed from demotion of the university by a western rating agency, months ago could not be made late Tuesday. Dr. Hill, who traveled by plane to Wilberforce, had not returned to the city then, and a S. Carolina A.M.E. bishop, also attending the Wilberforce trustee meeting, was not scheduled to return to the state until July 7.

At Allen University, where Dr. Hill is head of the department of Philosophy, Dr. Samuel R. Higgins president, said that while he had reports of the election, he had no official word and that so far as he was concerned Dr. Hill was still on the Allen faculty if he wants it.

Other A.M.E. circles were jubilant over the honor to perhaps the outstanding A.M.E. minister who, three years ago, assumed pastorate of Bethel church after a decade as a professor at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, also operated by the A.M.E. church.

Columbia Teacher Gets Masters Degree

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Miss Lucy E. Williams, a teacher in the Waterbury elementary school at Columbia, was awarded the Master's Degree at the June commencement of First University, it was announced here this week.

Miss Williams, daughter of Mrs. Lilla Williams, 606 McLees Street State College at Orangeburg in earned the B. S. degree from S. C. 1940. She is a native of Greenwood and is the only woman of the race to hold a Master's Degree.

U.S. Prosecution Of S.C. Lynchers Viewed

WASHINGTON (SNS)—The Justice Department announced Tuesday that it is considering Federal prosecution of the 31 white men who allegedly spirited Willie Earle from a Pickens County jail in February and lynched him.

The official reported that the department has made a continued inquiry of the events leading up to the slaying of Earle since the white men are being held in Greenville jail.

Investigations have been reported, said of any federal violation, and it is possible to find use before a Federal Grand Jury, said one official.

The case is being approached on the basis of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, the official stated. This Amendment states that "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges of immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Federal District Attorney F. J. Western, South Carolina, Oscar A. Doyle, who is conferring with the

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RANSOM-WESLEY DISPUTE EXPLODES



"ST. LOUIS WOMAN"

The Broadway theatre will miss the beautiful and exciting young woman to make her first appearance on the New York stage in many a year, "The Only Good Critic" in Stage Magazine, Richard D. ...

Miss Hill is one of the most

Nation Faces Recession Until Spring, Spaulding Predicts To Editor

By JOHN H. McCRAWY
Editor Lighthouse and Informer
ATLANTA BEACH, S. C.—That "recession" better term for depression, we have heard much of since the end of war is already here and will last until the spring of 1948.

Dr. C. Spaulding, president and developer of the powerful North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham, N. C., is spending "several days" of vacationing here

with his wife, formerly of Columbia. The business school talked "having dinner at ...

The well known business executive, said that within the last few weeks the federal government had drawn some 22 billion dollars from banks with which to pay war debts.

We had anticipated the withdrawal, Dr. Spaulding said, "and made no difference." Here the financial affairs of Durham was referred to the Farmers and Merchants Bank which he also heads.

SPARKS WERE READY
The recession, which he predicted would reach the "critical stage" at the first of 1948, will not be as exacting of Negroes as were "recessions" following World War I, Mr. Spaulding continued.

"During the first war," the executive pointed out, "Negroes threw away money in ten dollar bills and good times. But in the last year many of them" saved, benefiting from the lessons of the first war, and also because rationing and restrictions limited spending.

"Most of our people," he went on, "paid off old debts and avoided new ones. Hence, today, the Negro enjoys the finest economic security in his history. By his wise efforts during the past war, he has paid off debts of impropriety in spending, held against him for more than two decades."

Small businesses, the financial leader said, "are in better shape today" than ever before, largely because they took advantage of war.

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Church Board Ousts Wesley For Dr. Hill

State Board Rehires Noted Administrator

WILBERFORCE, Ohio (NNPA)—The dispute between Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Wilberforce University and Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom of the schools A.M.E. Board of trustees over which side was to blame for the loss of the school's accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, was climaxed by a wide open split between the two trustee groups here Wednesday.

First action in the splitting of the two groups came from the church trustees, who met by telephone at 10:30 a. m. and voted 15 to 6 to oust Dr. Wesley from the presidency without giving cause or charges, and electing him with Dr. Charles Leander Hill of Columbia, S. C.

The state board, which controls the school's educational and industrial work, announced reappointment of Wesley as head of the two schools at the same salary.

RANSOM IMAGE BURNED

Another faction, represented by the student body, entered into the dispute and on learning of Dr. Wesley's dismissal, 600 students staged a torchlight parade to Bishop Ransom's home, bearing placards stating, "No Wesley, No Graduation." In front of the bishop's home, the student delegation burned the prelate's image in effigy.

Cause of the dispute arose from severe criticism given the trustee system three months ago by NCA. The accrediting agency held that the group was main factor contributing to "unhealthy conditions" in the school. One of its criticisms was that Bishop Ransom, as head of the church board, was drawing \$60 a month for "entertainment." Others included the school president's lack of clear-cut authority; 21 relatives of board members on the salaried staff, none of whom

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Two More Lynchers Land In Jail

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Two more of the lynchers of Willie Earle landed in jail this week which may be Earle's partial atonement for the acquittal, branded the mob of 31 white men in Greenville last month.

U. S. Judge O. C. Wyche of the Western District Federal Court, on Monday, ordered revoked the paroles of Walter T. Crawford and Perry Murrell, both Greenville cab drivers on the grounds that the men were "not law-abiding citizens."

Revocation of the paroles was sought by the U. S. District Attorney. Court records show that Murrell was on probation from a sentence imposed Oct. 5, 1943, for the theft of \$900 worth of chocolate bars from a railway freight car.

Crawford was under probation for operating a "whiskey still." He had served a year and a day of a sentence imposed Oct. 13, 1941.

Judge Wyche sentenced both men to six months in jail.

Last week at Greenville, City Recorder, James M. Richardson fined Hendrix Rector, also a member of

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Completes Course

Odell W. Humphries, son of Mrs. Julia A. Humphries of Columbia, has completed studies in the Renouard's Training School for Ambassadors in New York City, it was announced this week.

Mr. Humphries is a graduate of S. C. State College at Orangeburg and held the rank of Staff Sergeant in World War II. He is vice president of the Welfare-Equity Association of New York City, active in affairs of the South Carolina State College Club there, the order of Masons and is a sub clerk in the New York City general postoffice.



ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL GRADUATES—shown left to right are members of the 1947 graduating class of the Anderson County Training School at Piedmont, S. C.—Ruth, Cecilia, Malinda, Joe Williams, president; Millie Betha, Valdeletorian; Hattie V. Scott, Susie Mae Peppers, Gustie Lee Kinard, honor student; Beniah H. Webb, Ruth Williams; and Joe Prof. W. H. Thompson, principal; Robert G. Reese, Janie Lois Donaldson; Charletta Williams, Victoria Baynes; Erskine Reed, Marshall Thomas Spear; Florine Donaldson; Frances Lewis, honor student; Miss J. Louise Perry, secretary; and Mrs. Martha Sue Lovelace, Dorothy Spear, Annie Laura Gfate, substitute; F. L. Donaldson, Ruth Jenkins, Genevieve Maxwell and Ross E. Goodley.

Slain Troup County Man's Wife Jailed In Terror Reign

Mrs. Henry Gilbert Arrested On Charge of Being Escapée

LAGRANGE, Ga. (SNS)—Mrs. Henry Gilbert, wife of the well-to-do Troup county farmer who was lynched last month in the Hamilton (Harris County) jail, has been arrested by police officials on the same charge as placed against her husband. It was revealed Monday.

Officials and members of the Citizens Defense Committee of Georgia, with headquarters in Atlanta, said meanwhile a reign of terror continued in the Troup county area almost a month after a white farmer was slain when he went to a Negro church and attempted to beat with a stick a young colored man whom he accused of running

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Practice Democracy We Preach, Wallace Urges

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Henry A. Wallace, former vice-president and secretary of Commerce, pleaded tonight for the United States to square its practices with its professions of democracy.

Speaking at the Watergate, under the auspices of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which only last Saturday was branded as a communist front organization by the House un-American Activities committee, Mr. Wallace urged concentration on the solution of major domestic problems and positive actions to make peace with Russia.

As a "pre-emptive" peace with Russia he suggested that President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall invite Stalin and Molotov to confer with them in Berlin, to settle points at issue between the

S. C. Democrats Wins 1st Round In Hiers \$250,000 Libel Suit

With the filing of an order by Circuit Court Judge J. Henry Johnson, granting a transfer of a libel case from Bamberg to Richland counties, the South Carolina Progressive Democratic Party won its first round in a lawsuit brought against Hiers by state representative Fred L. Hiers of Bamberg.

Notice of Judge Johnson's order was received by Atty. Harold R. Boushware of Columbia, counsel for the Democrats, Tuesday morning. It was based on Hiers' withdrawal of his opposition to the transfer, sought by PDP last November.

CLAIMS "CONNECTIONS"

Hiers, June 13, had written Judge Johnson of his withdrawal saying "I feel that I might be taking an unfair advantage of the defendants by insisting that the case be tried in Bamberg county, where I naturally have an advantage, due to my political connections."

The case could be brought up in

RESERVED LETTER

Hiers initiated this action a year ago, seeking a quarter million dollars, after receiving a letter of inquiry into reports from Bamberg county Negroes that he had interfered with their obtaining registration certificates.

Contending he was innocent, Hiers held the letter intended to defame his character.

Defendants in the case are John McCray, state chairman, Mrs. Ann Belle Weston, secretary, and J. C. Artemus, treasurer, all party officials. Lucius Wright of Denmark was also named a defendant, on which fact Mr. Bowden argued before Judge Johnson last fall. PDP records show Mr. Wright to be not a member or official and its leaders held that he was included merely to lay grounds for the trial in Bamberg County.

Action Of Klan Counsel Shocks Court Crowds

Green Claims Klan Status In Georgia Remains Unchanged

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—In Fulton Superior Court Friday the hooded order of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in a surprise move, surrendered its charter to the state, thus avoiding a contest of the suit brought about by the state to have the charter dissolved.

The surrendering which caught Attorney General Eugene Cook and his assistant Claude Shaw by surprise was immediately objected to by the assistant attorney who declared that the "state has brought no warrant proceedings against the Klan and is entitled to have a judgment in the suit."

Attorney Morgan H. Meier, who represented the Klan, objected at this point and cited a point of law which stated that it was mandatory of the judge to sign the petition if it was in order and that the state could not force the Klan to do what it voluntarily consented to do. The "state is asking to keep the organization alive, a few minutes longer to officially kill it," said Mr. Meier.

Judge Tom Ainsaid accepted the petition and issued an order awarding the state a victory in the suit.

Attorney Meier gave a prolonged discussion of the order before he reached the climactic surrendering.

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Edgewood Case Still Being Investigated

With the city "keyed" to an anticipated breaking of the three week old "Edgewood" case in which a white woman alleged that a Negro friend molested her in her home, Sheriff Alex T. Hesse said Tuesday the case was still being investigated.

GREENVILLE COOLS

Sheriff Hesse declined to say whether or not credence was to be given a persistent rumor among both white and colored persons that slashed both the arms of the woman was a white man, and not a Negro. He predicted, however, detention within a few days, a hint that law officers have a substantial lead into the case.

A local radio newscaster said Sunday afternoon the case would be broken by Monday and that it was "hot." However, this did not materialize.

Greenville Minister To Go To Denmark

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Rev. H. W. D. Stewart, pastor of the Welfare Baptist church here will delegate to the World's Alliance which meets in Copenhagen, Denmark in July, it was announced this week.

The church is paying \$1,500 on his expenses and the National Baptist Convention a smaller amount, it was said.

Rev. Stewart, who just returned from the 43rd annual convention of the Sunday School Congress at Detroit, expects to leave here by plane July 21. Enroute to point of embarkation he will visit relatives in Detroit who are giving a going away reception in his honor; thence, to New York, from which point he will travel via American Airlines. Abroad he plans to visit cities in Palestine, England, and Italy.

The pastor will also be a platform guest for the NAACP at a Lincoln Memorial service during its national convention in Washington on June 29.

'Red' Label Put On Conference For Human Welfare

WASHINGTON (SNS)—The Southern Conference for Human Welfare Saturday night was branded by the House committee on un-American activities as "perhaps the most obviously camouflaged Communist front organization."

The committee, in an official report to the House, linked with the conference in various capacities such well known names as Paul Robeson, Henry A. Wallace, Melvyn Doan, Mrs. Marshall Field, Harold E. Kahn, Joseph E. Davis, Dorothy Parker, Langston Hughes, Don West and Dr. Clark Foreman.