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PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL TREND SAID HARMFUL



CHILD VICTIMS OF 'OLD MAN RIVER' ALTON ILL. Lily Mae Tyson and Kenneth Vaughn seen contented enough in a Red Cross shelter tent at Sate Park, Alton, after they were driven by the Mississippi river floodwaters from their home.

Housing Tensions Mount In Disputed Atlanta Area

Man, Police Say, Claimed That He Aimed To Kill Pair Arrested In Shooting Affray Held On \$100 Bond



Restrictive Labor Bill, Witch Hunt Hit Most Encouraging Action Is Civil Rights Probe

WASHINGTON (ANP)—The passing of the Roosevelt era as seen in the drift of congress towards the right and the passing of restrictive measures against labor, the spreading of witch hunting while lynchers go free is regarded as harmful to the best interests of Negro Americans as to other Americans, according to some outstanding Negro leaders in the nation's capital.

The most encouraging thing in President Truman's administration is the good which may come out of the President's Commission on Civil Rights. The commission will find that some of the fundamental laws of the nation originally designed to guard Americans in their civil rights are no longer in existence and that the federal government lacks the power to take charge of some cases since the individual's rights have been violated.

POWERLESS TO ACT Innocent Negroes may be lynched and the mob members acquitted as was the case in Greenville, S. C. but the federal government is powerless to act. The Negro prisoner may be taken from the jail at Godwin (Buddy) Bush was, but the federal statute against kidnapping does not apply in such cases unless the prisoner is transported across state lines.

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Judge Rules Special AME Conference Legal

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—The unfrocking of Bishop D. H. Sims as a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and his removal as head of the First District of the church by a special conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas, last year, was upheld last Wednesday by Federal Judge George A. Welsh.

The suit brought by Bishop Sims to enjoin Sherman L. Green, of Little Rock, who was designated to replace him, was dismissed.

Besides dismissing the suit, Judge Welsh warned factions in the church that unless ended their controversies, which included the removal of Bishop Sims, they may "destroy" the whole AME Church.

In a lengthy opinion Judge Welsh said he had decided the matter solely upon the question of whether the "special conference" of the church was properly called and whether action taken there was in accordance with the discipline of the church.

Substitute Dangerous "We feel it would be highly dangerous to substitute for the judgment and opinion of the ecclesiastical authorities the judgment of a civic court unless both the letter and spirit of the governing law had been practically ignored," Judge Welsh said.

A breaking down of this principle of law would result in the civil courts ruling the church rather than the church being ruled by duly constituted ecclesiastical bodies.

In his court action, Bishop Sims had attacked the legality of his ouster and had contended that appointment of Bishop Green was illegal.

Africans Plan London Visit For "Rights"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA)—Dr. Naandi Azikwe, African news paper publisher and president of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons, said in a radio broadcast here last Sunday that a delegation from his organization will arrive in London sometime this month to make demands for additional freedom of his people from British rule.

Speaking on the weekly "Americans All" broadcast over radio station WWDC, Dr. Azikwe said he will be present in London when the demands are presented to the British government.

He said the demands would include a request for a more democratic

ATLANTA (ANP)—The reign of terror that has been afflicting Negroes in the Ashby-Belle area during the past year exploded again Saturday afternoon when Officers J. J. Morris and W. E. Harwell came upon the scene at 102 Ashby Street, S.W. and found J. J. Smallwood flaunting a pistol and to have been used to fire into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, residents of 352 Ashby Street.

Upon their arrival at the flare-up, the officers reported that Smallwood handed them four empty 38-20 cartridge cases and the pistol, saying that he fired at the officers. The officers told Smallwood that he did not know whether he killed anyone or not, but tried to claim that Brown had fired on him.

Brown, who occupies one of the dwellings that has been bombed during previous disturbances, told officers that Smallwood had been standing in front of his house, flaunting a pistol and shooting into the dwelling. It was then, Brown said that he went to the back room of his residence and secured his shotgun, returning to the door. Brown said that he stood at the door to see if Smallwood would attempt to enter his house. While standing at the door with the muzzle of the gun pointed at the floor, the gun discharged, said Brown, blowing a small hole in the floor.

Both men were arrested by the officers and Smallwood was booked on charges of disorderly conduct and shooting at another. Brown was booked on charges of disorderly conduct and discharge of a firearm.

The cases were called for Monday afternoon but were postponed at the request of Brown's attorney.

HOUSTON BOOM IS REPORTED

HOUSTON (ANP)—Largely behind the rest of the community during the war years, the Houston area is now catching up with the rest of the country in building new businesses, remodeling churches, buying new homes and also in getting their civil rights.

Most of the older churches have gone in for remodeling on large scale. The framed churches have been covered with brick, interiors remodeled in the modern manner.

One church, Baptist, has bought and demolished an entire block of frame building and plans have been laid for a most modern structure, including a large parking lot.

Several finance companies have started operation with groups of young men lumping the money with which to operate. They have raised from \$5,000 to \$20,000 as their capital and from such a small beginning they are hoping to do business in a big way.

Major R. R. Wright, Illustrious Leader, Dies In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (SNS)—Major Richard Robert Wright, founder and president of Philadelphia's Citizens and Southern Bank and one of the foremost members of his race, died here Wednesday at the age of 91.

Until he became generally weak about a month ago, the many-time honored businessman, educator and good-will ambassador continued highly active despite his advanced age.

It was Major Wright who most notably overcame the adversity of slavery to rise to the pinnacle of the business world among Negro Americans.

Morris Brown Stadium Rises Out Of Faith!

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—The faith that will move around the city of Atlanta is the faith that will move around the Morris Brown Stadium.

If you don't believe it go out to Morris Brown College and peek over behind the surplus dormitories on Hunter St., or just behind the campus buildings proper on Vine St.

The five-foot across founders have been one foot and pushed off the prepared field proper by men and

Carrollton Suspect Reveals Fear Motive

ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—Eddie Brown, Jr., 22-year-old youth who narrowly escaped death at the hands of 300 lynchers in Carrollton Monday claims that he shot Andrew Boyd, white farmer, in fear of being shot himself.

Lodged in Fulton Tower where he was brought for safe-keeping, Brown said Wednesday that both he and his victim had guns in their possession when the fatal blast was fired.

Giving a recount of the developments which led to the fatal shooting Brown said he first saw the white farmer when he came to the Little Tallapoosa river apparently to do some fishing.

After exchange of greetings they both settled down on the river bank to do their fishing, Brown said.

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ATLANTA, Ga. (SNS)—My parents had no objection to my marrying an American, says Mrs. Lelani Thomas of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. "No, not at all, that was perfectly all right with them."

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More About Larry Doby

South Carolinians are delighted of course that the second Negro has been taken into his league baseball but they are especially happy that the second is a native of South Carolina.

When the Cleveland Indians signed Larry Doby, 22 year old player with the Newark Eagles, Monday he was turned from Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Eagles.

Although Doby was born in Camden, little has been found yet of his stay there.

However, the following information gives about the best dope on the youngster. It is from The Press Box, column by Jake Penland, sports editor of The Columbia State, of Tuesday morning.

Mr. Penland headed the item, "Doby Learned His Baseball 'In Camden.'" The discussion follows:

"Skipper Frank Heath, the alert publicist, advises that Larry Doby the Negro infielder recently signed by the Cleveland Indians, learned his baseball in his native Camden under tutelage of Richard DuBoe, Negro baseball promoter and

manager there since 1924. "According to Heath, Doby was born in the 600 block of Market St. His father, David Doby, played a first base for the Camden Stagers, as DuBoe's team is then known, was one of the first suckers in the colored ball ranks of the state. David taught Larry to be a good ball player and when the youngster was seven years of age, David had him playing baseball. Heath quotes DuBoe as saying: 'That boy was a natural player. He was a real kid and you would never know his power—when you saw him throw the ball or swing a bat. I remember that when he was just a kid, I'd throw around with his pa, he was always carrying a glove. He just loved to breathe baseball.'

"DuBoe, a leader in Camden Negro baseball for many years, recalled that when Larry was about 14 or 15 he played first base regularly for my Camden city team. He played with us out at the local park and in many parts of the state, knew that somebody that kid would go places as a player. He is a natural if there ever was one."