

# TRUMAN DRAFT ORDER BANS DISCRIMINATION

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## U. S. Justice Department Asked To Probe 'Ware' Case



TALKING OVER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' HITS, Paul Stevens appears optimistic over construction progress on the temporary home that is being built for her and her seven children through the cooperation of the Atlanta Chapter Red Cross and interested citizens. She talks over construction with Charlie Ray, the supervisor at the Rockdale Park location. The Stevens family was forced to live in the basement of a funeral home before their plight came to the attention of citizens and Red Cross authorities. (Photo By Perry)

## T-MEN SET ON TRAIL OF KLANSMEN

### Truman's Order Bans Racial Discrimination

Husbands, Fathers  
And Other Essential  
Workers Deferred

WASHINGTON (SNS) — President Truman's decree Friday caused a sigh of relief among husbands and fathers when he deferred them from the peacetime draft along with others in industries pertinent to national health, safety and interest.

At the same time, the President directed that no discrimination on account of race, creed, color, membership or activity in any organization be practiced in classifying draft registrants. He decreed that such registrants shall receive equal justice.

Also deferred by Mr. Truman's order were farmers marketing a substantial quantity of essential crops.

TO BEGIN AUG. 30  
The draft will begin August 30. Classification of draftees will generally follow the World War II pattern.

It is speculated that the first army call will be in September and the first draftees inducted in November.

EROM IS THREE 25  
The peacetime draft will include all men between the ages of 18 through 25. Those inducted must serve 21 months, providing the meet requirements. Eighteen-year olds may serve a one year limit if

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### 'Witness' Disappears As NAACP Seeks Federal Action For Rev. Ware

The U. S. Department of Justice was urged to look into the brutal slaying August 10 of the Rev. Archie Ware of Calhoun Falls, in Abbeville county, resulting in his turning his home and the State under fear of threats.

Meanwhile, a probe was being made into the whereabouts of City Officer 'Laver' Moore of this town, close to the Georgia border, named in affidavits by the 66-year-old pastor of four Baptist churches as an eyewitness to the attack. The only information newsmen reported available from Calhoun Falls authorities was that Moore was 'on vacation.'

(Moore, it has been developed, is reported to have left town the morning of August 10, but whose whereabouts was entirely different from that insisted upon by other officials.)

REV. WARE LEAVES STATE  
His stiches removed by a Columbia physician, the Rev. Ware in custody of a daughter and two sons, all of whom had rushed home from far points of the country to help their father, departed from Columbia Saturday and is believed to be in Evanston, Ill., with a sister and daughter.

He had been brutally beaten and slashed by a man he identifies as John Black, a candidate for the office of county auditor in the August 10 primary, who led a band of four or five other unidentified men.

An unconfirmed report was that a week back in his left thigh, a quilled 11 stitches and a similar one in the right of the stomach needed to be made. The left top of his head was gashed by a club, a piece of wood long two and about three feet long. There was also a stab wound in the left shoulder blade.

AFFIDAVIT, PICTURES TAKEN  
An affidavit, outlining as lurid an experience of brutality to hit South Carolina, since the Willie Marie lynching in February of 1947, was made by Rev. Ware here. Pictures of the wounds were also made.

All of these have been transmitted to the Department of Justice.

Friday, indications were that a request may be made on Governor J. Strom Thurmond to set state machinery into motion at once to apprehend and bring to justice all of the suspects.

The Ware Glee club is the only one to be rechartered the August 10 primary balloting, first ever in which Negroes participated on a state wide basis since inauguration of the primary system in the 1890s.

'BLOODY BUT UNBOWED'  
Rev. Ware, who owns his home in Calhoun Falls and has lived all his life in the county, who operates a store and also owns nine acres of land additionally in the town, was attacked as he emerged from the town's white high school building, where he was also the lone of an estimated 200 enrolled Negroes, to vote. Begging for his safety of Black, his affidavits were backed towards the protection of two city officers at the polling places, Moore and another man he identifies as Bill Powell, candidate for the office of sheriff and chief of the town's police force. Seeing these could not help, he turned to run and was caught by Black's club, which he had successfully fended off before this time in the stomach but was with his hands, was slashed again, saved by an unidentified white official who begged for his life.

'My head is bloody, but unbowed,' he told city leaders in Columbia. 'I ask nothing for myself I

### Potential Artist



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (SNS) — Mrs. William H. Burgess, Jr., the former Louise Bennette of Birmingham, Ala., and a product of Jefferson County School System. Mrs. Burgess is a graduate of A. & M. College. She is presently employed as teacher in the Jefferson County School System and plans to do further study in the field of Art and Design at Chicago University.

### Re-elect Truman Fund Reaches \$129.25 As 60 More Readers Write

Sixty additional readers and two Democratic clubs, scolded the Re-elect Truman Fund in South Carolina to \$129.25 by Tuesday afternoon.

REV. WARE LEADS  
Rev. Archie Ware, Calhoun Falls pastor who was brutally beaten because he voted in Democratic primaries on August 10, led the second week contributors by donating \$25.00, largest single contribution yet received.

Two New Yorkers, Nat J. Humphries, formerly of Union and Norridge B. Matthews, formerly of Georgetown, also were in the number. The Camerons Town and Vaux Progressive clubs in Florence county sent in contributions from their clubs.

South Carolina is seeking 100,000 and 100,000 Negro voters who will donate at least one dollar and pledge the general election vote to Mr. Truman. John H. McCray of Columbia has been appointed to the National Committee to Re-elect President Truman.

DONORS LISTED  
Contributors during the week were:  
Rev. Archie Ware, Calhoun Falls, \$25.00; N. J. Humphries, \$5.00; Norridge B. Matthews, \$5.00; both of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harper, Jenkinsville, \$3.00; Cameron Democratic Club, \$6.00; Vox Democratic club, \$14.35, both in Florence county.

COLUMBIA: Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Reese, \$5.00; \$1.00 each from: Norman P. Pendergrass, Albert Kennedy, Harvey Myers, LeRoy P. Hardy, James D. Lortch, Freddie Griffith, Mrs. Louis Rivers, Willie Douglas, P. J. Herrin, Malachi Glover.

NEWBERY: Rev. E. E. Gaubden, \$2.00; \$1.00 each from: Meadames Janie Boozer, Beulah Morris, Pearl Williams, Elizabeth Reeder, Mamie

### Revenuers Act Following League Plea

NEW YORK (AP) — T. MAR... the U. S. Treasury department have been set on trail of the Ku Klux Klan as a result of a plea made by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, backed up by Rep. Arthur Klein of New York, the league revealed this week.

The revenuers have gone after the Kluxers on account of an unpaid federal tax bill for \$685,308.08 owned by the Klan. For the past two years the three-quarter million dollar Klan has been collecting nothing but in an Atlanta court, the Anti-Nazi League charges.

Grand Dragon Samuel Green doesn't know it, but two Kluxers are standing within a few feet of him as he conducted the mass Klan rally on Stone Mountain, Ga.

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## Trial Underway In Loganville Burnings

BY C. LAMAR WEAVER  
MONROE, Ga. (SNS) — The eyes of the nation turned once again to this little town of infamous notoriety Tuesday when within its southern county courthouse the state placed on trial for arson, Isiah Grimes, 27-year-old father of three children and disabled World War II veteran.

Grimes had been indicted in the burning of two Loganville Negro churches and a Negro school. The case had elicited wide concern when it was disclosed that a smuggled note from the defendant claimed that a confession allegedly signed by him was obtained through duress, coercion and fear.

On the other hand, a high degree of skepticism was evoked in the case when reports and documentary evidence showed that Loganville City officials were keenly interested in having the highway property where the building were burned relinquished to whites.

Almost the entirety of Tuesday's session was consumed by the state in calling its witnesses for testimony.

STATE PRESENTS CASE  
Solicitor M. D. Pollard extracted testimony from a county deputy, an insurance investigator, a GBI agent and a local Negro minister.

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### Satisfied With Truman's Recent Order

NEW YORK (SNA) — A Philip Randolph, chairman of the League for Non-Violent Disobedience Against Military Segregation, last Wednesday did an about-face and abandoned the movement on the strength of President Truman's announced plan to end segregation in the armed forces.

Mr. Randolph, who founded the league on June 20, to urge young men, subject to the draft, to refuse to register under selective service or, if they registered, to refuse to be inducted, said he also spoke for Grant Reynolds, a member of the organization's executive committee.

At the same time, Bayard Rustin, executive co-secretary of the league, made it clear that the movement will continue without Mr. Randolph. Nineteen members of the league said they will continue the movement because they are convinced that Mr. Truman's executive order establishing an advisory committee to the Secretary of National Defense on 'equality of treatment and opportunity in the armed services' did not abolish military segregation.

The nineteen officials of the league, who rejected Mr. Randolph's and Mr. Reynolds' stand, promised to carry on the civil disobedience campaign until 'there is an unconditional order or law stating that non-segregation in military service is the national policy.'

GIVEN ASSURANCE  
In their statement, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Reynolds declared that 'through Senator J. Howard Mc-

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### Citizens Flail At Editor Davis Lee

If Editor David Lee of the Newark, N. J. Telegram dares to poke his face South again, studying Negroes for the 'whitefolk' he would do well to clear of South Carolina.

This would mean a total of two known states in which he is not welcome as a rattlesnake. Lee fled from Savannah, Ga., ahead of police authorities in 1940 or 1941.

Irate South Carolinians who have read his 'editorial' which has had great reception in white circles and weeklies, and has even made the Congressional Record, continue to deluge The Lighthouse and Informer with angry retorts.

William O. Brown of the Allen University faculty, wrote Lee he was a traitor and niggerpoop who scuffed through looking out his window. He sent a copy of 'The Lighthouse.'

And so did Levi Byrd at Cheraw, who had just agreed to sell a few copies of Lee's 'scandalous sheet.' Mr. Byrd told the Lee gentlemen to take his trashy journal and sell it all in Newark.

Numerous others say impolite and unprintable things about Davis Lee. One man has volunteered to wait on his in person and 'make him take back every lying word he wrote or set the whole paper.'

Lee, a newspaperman who stays in hot water, first with one race and the other, has been renounced by Negro publishers, E. H. or John H. McCray of the Lighthouse and Informer said this week, adding, 'The Negro newspaper people would be very happy were the Dixiecrats to adopt him permanently.'

### Elmore Weeps As Rev. Ware Relates Vicious Beating

It was a touching and dramatic scene when George A. Elmore, whose oratorical gifts paved the way for a Democratic voting by South Carolina Negroes, met the Rev. Archie Ware of Calhoun Falls, who was beaten and slashed by a band of whites on August 10 for exercising the right Mr. Elmore made possible.

The two men met in the office of Lighthouse's editor, John H. McCray, Friday.

After shaking hands, they compared notes on voting.

As the Rev. Ware began his pitiful episode, Mr. Elmore's countenance grew silent. As the minister exhibited one of his several wounds, tears streamed down the face of Mr. Elmore, who did nothing to conceal them.

Without commenting, without revealing what he was thinking, he left with his camera shortly afterwards, the tears still on his cheeks.

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### Towns

BLACKVILLE, S. C. — Citizens here, late Tuesday, confirmed reports that a mob, estimated variously between 100 and 500, many bearing Georgia license plates, passed through Blackville early Saturday evening.

Some eyewitnesses said the mob was led by a state highway patrolman. Credence to this angle was substantiated in part by reports that many people, hearing shrieks, dashed to their doors looking for a life among them were children.

City authorities had not been reached late Tuesday for their account of the incident but several persons talked freely.

One merchant said that while usually he takes in around \$300 Saturday nights alone from Negro shop pers, his income Saturday night was less than one-third the amount.

NEGROES FLEE STREETS  
He said that the town was jammed with Saturday afternoon and night Negro shoppers but thirty minutes after the caravan passed through, 'You couldn't find a Negro on the streets.'

Asked what he thought was behind the appearance, he said, 'I don't know but it looks like a bunch of damned fools trying to stir up trouble.' He was white.

It was understood that town authorities were also, bitter over the incident. No permit for such a demonstration had been issued. The town's mayor was ill and some other officials were out of town at the time, it was reported.

HINT WILLISTON TEE-IV  
A possible tie-in between the parade and a double cutting and shooting at Williston, 13 miles away, through which the motorcade passed shortly before was being studied.

Sheriff Jeff Black of Darwell county explained that Williston officers Williams and Westbury was cut, Williams seriously, by Boston Smalls, a Negro whom they sought to arrest on a disorderly charge.

Smalls was shot three times, all flesh wounds, in the affray, and was lodged in the Aiken county jail for safe-keeping and then removed to the penitentiary at Columbia.

Rumors were that the Klansmen's appearance had precipitated the Williston incident.

Attention to Charleston affairs. It is the first publication to appear on the scene since founding of The Light house and Informer ten years ago, which 'later' transferred its business offices to Columbia.