

# GEORGIA MOB LYNCHIES ANOTHER

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# TRUMAN WILL FIGHT ON

## TRUMAN DECLARES BATTLE FOR LIBERALISM WILL BE CONTINUED

By Alice A. Dunnigan  
 WASHINGTON — (ANP) The annual Robert S. Abbott award was presented to President Harry S. Truman last Wednesday at the White House by John H. Sengstacke, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender.

The Chief Executive was honored for making the most significant contributions to democracy in 1948. The award, conceived in memory of the late Robert Sengstacke Abbott, founder and publisher of the Defender, has been a symbol of enlightened advancement in human relations.

That President Truman was chosen recipient of the award during the Defender's 44th year of leadership of the Negro press attests to the widespread regard in which Mr. Truman is held by colored Americans.

**SENGSTACKE SPEAKS**

In presenting the award, Sengstacke said "it is fitting that this award be presented to a man whose leadership has been a great boon to our people."

That his leadership role has served to guide you in a hard-fought battle for determination and

obstacles became milestones along the path of progress. After a hard-fought battle you triumphed to win our nation's highest honor. We are proud of you as Americans, we like a fighting man.

The President thanked the Defender editor very much and expressed his hope to continue to deserve the award. He quoted again one of his favorite statements that the principles for which we are fighting are as old as the Constitution of the U.S.

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## SAY JOHNSON DISMISSES THIRD TEACHER IN WAR AGAINST NAACP

MULLINS — The third firing of a faculty member at the Palmetto high school here because of NAACP sympathy was reported here during the week.

While the teacher preferred to remain anonymous, the dismissal was said to have come after she had been notified of re-election for next year, and for the reason that she was suspected that she sympathized with Mr. and Mrs. McNeil Harris, who got the prominent axe last week because they had NAACP membership.

**COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES**

A committee of citizens which waited on school officials during the week in the Harris case reported it was told that officials held nothing against the pair which enjoyed an excellent record over four years at the high school, but took action on the recommendation of two principals who charged that the Harris did not cooperate with him. They are said to be the only faculty members with memberships in the local NAACP branch, which has been a target of principal Saul Johnson's greater part of the year.

The newly dismissed teacher instructor is reported to be a friend of the Harris family.

**MAY SEE OFFICIALS**

There were reports that the re-elected teachers may file charges in their behalf.

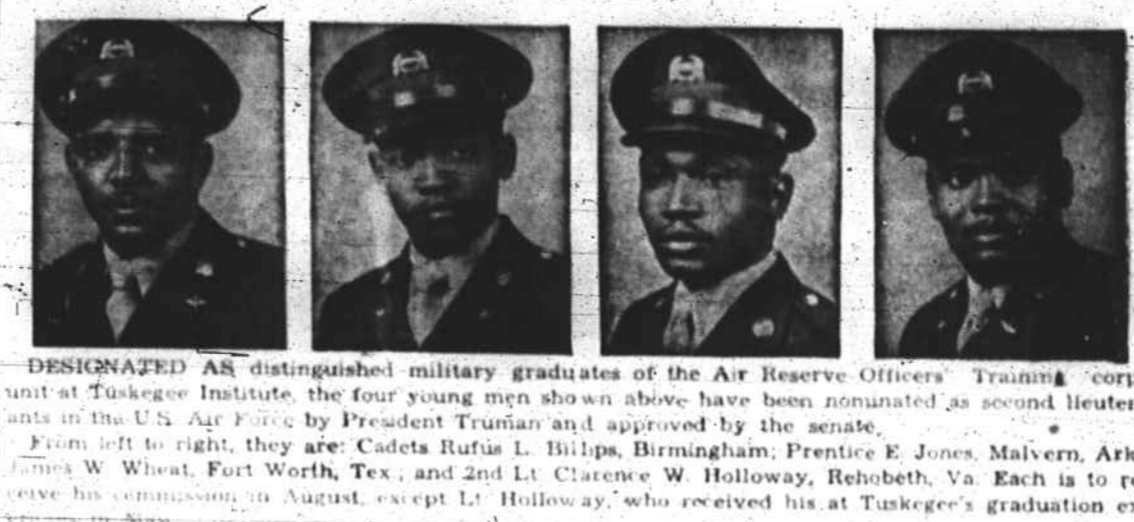
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## Woos White Mate, But Lands In Jail

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Clarence Lee Weir, 27 year old resident of San Bernardino, was jailed here last week on charges of "grand theft bunco raffle."

Weir, already married, has become engaged to white woman of New Bedford, Mass., through mail. The woman, Miss Ethel Couto, 28, said her would be husband, had sent her a picture of a white man, but when she arrived in Los Angeles, she found he was colored.

## Nominated For Air Force Commissions



DESIGNATED AS distinguished military graduates of the Air Reserve Officers' Training corps at Tuskegee Institute, the four young men shown above have been nominated as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force by President Truman and approved by the senate.

From left to right, they are: Cadets Rufus L. Billips, Birmingham; Prentice E. Jones, Malvern, Ark.; James W. Wheat, Fort Worth, Tex.; and 2nd Lt. Clarence W. Holloway, Rehoboth, Va. Each is to receive his commission in August, except Lt. Holloway, who received his at Tuskegee's graduation exercises in May.

## Eboue Remains Are Reburied

NEW YORK — (ANP) The remains of Felix Eboué, a famous Negro governor of French Equatorial Africa during World War II, were interred in the Pantheon at Maraisville, France, here recently. His ashes and those of Victor Schœlcher, white author of the 1848 law abolishing slavery in the French colonies, were interred in a symbolic ceremony honoring them as "great champions of human freedom."

Eboué was the leader in rallying the people of French Equatorial Africa to the cause of the Free French forces. His remains arrived from Cairo, Egypt, last May 2.

## Dr. BUNCHE TURNS DOWN OFFER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Dr. B. B. Bunche turned down an offer to become assistant secretary of state for middle eastern affairs here Wednesday.

The 44 year old native of Detroit would have become the first Negro in American history to receive such a high government job.

**STRONG REASONS**

Bunche's refusal was based on two strong reasons. First, as director of the UN Trusteeship Council, and acting UN representative in the Middle East, he draws \$24,000 annually, tax free. The assistant secretary position would pay him \$10,330 minus tax cuts, he could not afford to live as a second class citizen in the nation's capital.

The assistant secretaryship is a new one which is to be established under the reorganization legislation of the state department, and is part of the process of completion. The job was tendered Dr. Bunche because of his knowledge of the middle eastern area, and a mark of appreciation for his services as UN mediator.

In explaining his refusal on financial grounds, Dr. Bunche said he has a daughter about to enter college, another preparing for college and a six year old boy, starting school.

"I have lived in Washington and worked here in the government and know what it costs. I do not find it possible to live in a position without finding myself in very great financial embarrassment."

The acting UN mediator stated he wished to emphasize that he had been highly honored by the offer and had seriously considered it.

**FATHER OF THE YEAR**

Meanwhile, from New York came word that Bunche has been named "Father of the Year" for his achievements as mediator.

## Judge Threatens Davis With Jail

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Federal Judge Harold Medina threatened to jail city councilman Ben Davis Wednesday during a verbal exchange between the two in federal court here.

Mr. Davis, one of the defendants in the government prosecution of the Communist Party, took exception to the procedure when Judge Medina refused certain testimony to be entered in the records.

The councilman declared it was impossible to get the truth out of a matter since the records were sealed. Sharp words ensued, and the judge threatened to jail the defendant.

Davis, himself a Harvard Law School graduate, objected to the way Judge Medina was ruling. From time to time, various members of the group have attempted to express their opinions with the permission of the court.

This was the first time Davis had a case to speak.

## Asks Probe In Georgia Killing

NEW YORK, May 28 — In a letter to the Department of Justice of the murder of a Brunswick, Ga. Negro by two policemen was requested this week by the NAACP.

In a letter to Maceo Hubbard, chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Justice Department, Mrs. Constance Baker Motley of the NAACP last week urged action on an earlier NAACP request for investigation of the murder for possible violation of the Federal Civil Rights Statutes.

While Johnson, the murdered man, was killed at eight o'clock on the evening of May 3 by two Brunswick policemen who charged that he was looking suspiciously at a house, Johnson was not notified of his death until following morning.

Johnson, 55 years of age, was an employee, and was a deacon of St. Paul's Baptist Church.

# Teacher Swears White Sold List

Indication that the probing of state education officials in cheating during February examinations for teachers may be on whites, began on the week end when one suspect who lived in Columbia reported he had declared in his submitted affidavit that he obtained a list of the answers from a white man he was unable to identify, who he said had had ten dollars, after first demanding one hundred dollars.

The teacher, who lives in Columbia, is reported as saying he was stopped on the street near the two colleges by the man and asked, "Have you gotten the answers yet?"

The purchasing followed and the man was left standing there, presumably waiting for further sales.

**10 LOSE STANDING**

From the official and state board officials announced after a meeting here Saturday that the certificates of ten teachers, two of whom were white, had been revoked. Some of these may be re-instated at a later date, if the circumstances so warrant it, but those found more deeply involved in the sale and uses of the answer lists are to be suspended for good.

Hearings are scheduled to continue until the list of suspects is exhausted.

**STILL MYSTERY**

Source of the lists which are believed to have affected the careers of some 800 teachers is still an official mystery. But during the week there were two new theories advanced.

One was that a white person close to the place the examinations are stored, obtained a list

## Governor Picks Trio For N. C. State Board

RALEIGH, N.C. — (ANP) — Gov. W. Kerr Scott last week appointed three Negroes to serve as members of 47 members Resource-Use Education commission. This act was in keeping with the governor's campaign promise to appoint Negroes to all major state boards.

Named to the commission were: H.V. Brown, principal Dillard high in Goldsboro, and president, North Carolina Teachers' association; Dr. Alfonso Elder, president, North Carolina college, Durham; and Dr. J. W. Sabrook, president, Fayetteville State Teachers' college, Fayetteville.

## Democrats Drop 'Rights' Battle For Time Being

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The dropping of the civil rights proposal contained in the administration's program was taken off the must list during the week by Democratic leaders, along with such other proposals as health insurance, the new farm program, foreign arms bill, and the President's four billion dollar tax boost.

According to Senate majority leader Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.), the only bills up for priority action by congress before its tentative adjournment on July 31, are expansion of the reciprocal trade program, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, and ratification of the North Atlantic Security treaty.

**DIPPING NETS PROTEST**

The dropping of the civil rights plan from the must list evoked a protest from various organizations and leaders. Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action executive committee, called this action "more than a flag of surrender, it is a flat betrayal of

By The ATLANTIC NEWS SERVICE  
 IRWINGTON, Georgia — Federal, state and local officers continued searching early Wednesday morning for members of a mob of white men of undetermined number, who went into the county jail Sunday night, seized 28 year old Caleb Hill, Jr., took him some three miles away and pumped bullets in him viciously, leaving the body near the Sandy Creek section, where it was discovered the following morning.

While officers moved about searching for clues to the identity of the slayers, speculation mounted over how the mobists had been able to learn of Hill's whereabouts so quickly after sheriff George W. Hatcher had jailed him on a disorderly conduct about a hour before, the whole incident taking place in a colored community, and there being no tension or friction involved. The arrest had been routine although a early official statement had suggested that Hill, wearing handcuffs, had disarmed Hatcher, and had fired at him from close range, but had missed in several shots. This view has been discounted.

Hatcher admitted Tuesday that Bureau of Investigation as well as local men in his office were working the case. However, he advised, all of them had run into

## NAACP URGES A SPECIAL CALL FOR 'RIGHTS'

NEW YORK — Announcement by Senator Scott W. Lucas, majority leader of the administration, that the Congress will take up this session of Congress a bill to amend the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in a wire to the Senate leader today.

In the name of the millions of Negro citizens who voted for the President and his party last November on the strength of the Philadelphia platform and the promises of Mr. Truman himself, Mr. Wilkins urged the Truman administration to call a special session of Congress this summer for the purpose of acting upon civil rights legislation.

The complete text of the wire to Senator Lucas follows:

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## WHITES UNCONCERNED

White persons here were unconcerned over Hill's lynching reported Tuesday. The general consensus was, "He was just a Negro (they used the other term). Some said, 'He had it coming.' One man said news of didn't stop a checker game."

said that while he could not see the abductor, from the conversation that took place he thought the sheriff was with the men.

Mrs. Hatcher, the sheriff's wife, and that from their living quarters downstairs in the jail, she had heard the men enter and to leave with the victim, but believed them if not husband was with them if it was she who on

## WALLACE'S AIDE FLAILS AWAY AT POSITION TAKEN BY NAACP

DES MOINES, Iowa — (ANP) — Charles P. Howard, keynote speaker at the convention of the Progressive Party in Philadelphia last year, and who was one of the principal Negro campaigners for Wallace as he ran for the presidency, launched a vitriolic attack upon the NAACP and its official organ, The Crisis, in a letter to Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the organization this week.

**DEFENDS ROBESON**

Howard, who is an attorney and a publisher here, took exception to an article on Paul Robeson, carried in the May issue of The Crisis, charging that the NAACP was no longer serving the best interests of Negroes, and that it had developed into a political organization.

"The NAACP has been dishonest in its practices, in its convention tactics, in its publication, The Crisis, and in the pronouncements of its officers," Howard charged in his open letter to Wilkins.

"It has claimed it was non-political while it carried on a vigorous campaign for the Democratic party. Its national officers have toured the country, extolling the virtues of Truman, while they violently attacked candidates of the Republican and Progressive parties, even to the extent of lying on Wallace," Howard asserted.

"It is inexcusable for The Crisis to be guilty of failing to avail itself of the ascertainable truth so as to enable them to write the kind of an editorial that satisfies the party of its allegiance."

"Robeson gave up his concert, radio and stage career for almost a year ago and sang and fought for the common people. And to say that Robeson has none except sentimental roots among American Negroes, or that with his tremendous talent and charms he could have been an outstanding

## Clare Boothe Luce Poses At Tuskegee



President Frederick D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute and Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former congresswoman of Connecticut and commencement day speaker at the institute, smile as the procession line assembles for the commencement day exercises. Seen in the center is Vice-President I. A. Derhigny of the institute, who also serves as the administrative dean.

## Presbyterians Decry Jim Crowism

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (ANP) — Delegates attending the 161st general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U.S. here on Wednesday, voted to go on record as against racial segregation within its ranks.

The vote was not without content however, as ministers and laity fought against the change of policy.

Some of the church leaders viewed the issue as a major stumbling block toward reunification of the northern and southern groups of the church. The two had split during the Civil War but made overtures toward unification at the recent meeting.

## Tampa Bulletin Has 35th Birthday

TAMPA, Fla. — (ANP) — The Tampa Bulletin, one of Florida's oldest Negro newspapers, last week observed its 35th anniversary.

Founded in 1914 as a tiny four-page sheet, the Bulletin in its 35th anniversary published a large 12 seven-column-page edition. It was founded by the Rev. M.D. Potter, who died in 1947. Since its first edition the Bulletin has not missed an issue.

When it was first published it had only one employee, and it was printed in the plant of the Tampa Tribune. Today it is published in its own plant by a large staff.

James Jackson, who has been with the paper 19 years, is general manager.

## S. C. State College Graduates 194

ORANGEBURG, — (ANP) — A class of 196 including eight candidates for master's degrees was graduated from South Carolina State A & M college, May 30.

LT-Gen. AVAR C. Gillem Jr., author of the Gillem report on Negroes in the Army, delivered the main address. Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological seminary, preached the baccalaureate sermon.

The eight students receiving M. S. degrees were:

Arthur Lee McParlin, King's street; Edward L. Crosby, Chester; Joseph Jefferson, St. Stephen; Alpha L. Lewis, Gerald; M. DeGusta, Charles Henry; Mas, Bertha F. Williams, and Fannie Williams, all of Orangeburg.

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