

RACE INSULTED BY EXAM OFFICER

Probes Beating On Farm

An investigation into the case of a prisoner on a South Carolina penal farm, where the man is reported to be in a helpless state following a series of brutal and savage whippings by guards was made Tuesday.

The appeal in behalf of the man was made by a woman relative in a Maryland city, whose letter said in part: "They have beaten my brother until he is helpless and the doctor says he can't do anything for him (the prisoner)."

The letter was signed by a woman who is also a minister of the Gospel. She had made the appeal to Dr. Jesse E. Beard, a Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Charleston, where he led the NAACP's program, who has since last fall kept office in Nashville as an officer of the A.M.E. church.

Dr. Beard turned the plea over to John H. McCray, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer, with the note: "I know of no one who is more interested in a matter like this than yourself."

The newspaper editor said the whippings, nor the guards who case would be placed before state and penal officials at once, and that an appeal would be made to the state NAACP conference to conduct an investigation.

AT BOYKINS FARM
After giving the name of the prisoner, the sister said he was confined to State farm No. 2, at about 12 miles from Camden. She did not list the date of the alleged whippings.

For more than a decade stories and statements from released men on the farms indicate that they are forced at gun point to strip off clothing, lie face down on the ground and take anywhere from 10 to as many as 200 lashes at one time, these being given with all the force the 200 pound guard can summon.

There are reports that several men have been shot to death on the farms, and others of men being savagely whipped for accidentally chopping a hill of cotton, or allowing a mule to step on a corn sprout.

Superintendent Wyndam M. Manning invoked a no-beating program when he took over his office in 1947, but after subsequent beatings were reported, announced he had rescinded the order.

It is the state law to beat prisoners. Only Negroes are put on the state farms. The state operates farms one and two, from which have come the reports of continual whippings.

Miss. Man Wouldn't Convict White, Freed From Jury Service

GREENVILLE, Miss., July 3.—A Negro man who refused to convict a white man for the murder of his mother, Mrs. Della Lee Thomas, was freed from jury duty in the trial of the man.

Three other Negroes were put on the jury, but they were dismissed because they did not favor a conviction.

Attorney General J. B. McLaughlin said he did not favor a conviction because of the circumstances of the case.

Two Negroes were put on a challenge early in the prosecution and the defense.

RESPONDS TO UNCF APPEAL

W. C. Buford, of the Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Company of Louisville, "insures" the success of the first United Negro College Fund appeal to be held in the Kentucky city by presenting a check for \$500, representing his company's contribution, to Frank L. Stanley, the Fund's Louisville Co-Chairman.

This is the sixth annual appeal of the Fund to aid 31 private colleges and universities throughout the country in meeting current operating expenses.

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Leaders Snub Democratic Dinner

SEE DIXIECRATIC PLOT TO EMBARRASS RACE, PARTY

Two state leaders this week joined in urging that none of our people attend the July 1 dinner rally at the Jefferson hotel here in Columbia.

Speaker for the occasion is to be Vice President Alben W. Barkley, who will address a Democratic gathering made possible by the National Democratic party of the state.

A controversy over the affair has raged since the announcement of it was made, with State Righters, the South Carolina Democratic Party, exploiting it for every point of advantage.

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RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASS held at Waverley School. Reading left to right: Miss L. E. Williams, Mrs. E. J. Finley, Mrs. E. E. DeLee, H. B. Rutherford, Principal of School, Miss E. E. Young, Miss S. Birch, and Miss E. L. Richardson. Otis Sims, Chapter Volunteer Instructor, taught the group Standard First Aid. Miss Williams will represent the Richland County Chapter at a Red Cross Aquatic School

Negroes Facing Job Discrimination On West Coast?

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Don't go west young man. If you do, you'll find a white employer who may not be a white man, but every one except the Negro.

Oriental and Mexican seem only able to get out of the state where they are, and that is only if they are not Negroes.

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nature was undertaken, specific plans should be worked out first. Neither planned to attend the affair, saying that the argument over whether Negroes would attend or not was one being made by Dixiecrats, who were struggling to convince white citizens that the National Democratic party was also the party of the Negroes, which they said was not supported by enrollment records and voting in last summer's primary.

Vice President Barkley said in Washington Tuesday that he would speak to any Democrats present for the meeting and would not differentiate as to race.

Earlier, Mr. McCray had issued a statement declaring that segregation at party affairs, or the complete elimination of one group because of race and color, was illegal.

BREAKS SILENCE

Hinton Tells Why Abducted

ATLANTA (ANP)—Speaking to a soundly applauding audience in Central M. E. Church on Monday night, James M. Hinton, president of the South Carolina NAACP conference, revealed for the first time why he was abducted by several cars of unidentified white men in August, the night of April 21.

The NAACP leader said he had been requested by FBI agents not to disclose the exact date of his abduction, but that the FBI had passed up the offer.

College of Charleston.

Mr. Hinton said his abduction was asked, "You are the man who wants to get colored people into the College of Charleston, aren't you?"

He had been lured out of his boarding house and seized in his night clothes and ridden about ten miles out of Augusta, where he was put out of the car and forced to lie face down until the kidnappers released him.

"The next time the kidnappers come after me," he said, "I am going to shoot first and ask questions afterwards."

He was introduced by C. A. Scott, editor of The Atlanta Daily World, whose paper began a campaign for a reward fund as soon as the abduction was reported.

More than \$1,800 was reported on the first day Mr. Scott presented him as the man who has "done enough to bring democracy to the southern states. The affair was a meeting of the local NAACP chapter.

In his general speech, Mr. Hinton chided Atlantans for not having fought well enough, and declared that the Negro's biggest problem now is to get the business and professional people to get up and do something which will help progress.

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AN EDITORIAL

And Now We're All Accused

Hearings into the alleged cheating by some teachers in the last examination were renewed during the week, and apparently reached an all-time low at one stage when one official allegedly referred to Negroes as little "N's" he was trying to "clear" themselves.

The teacher to whom the remarks were made during a fit of anger left the hearings and recently dismissed from a hospital where she had undergone a serious operation, wept like an infant. Her offense was refusing to sign her name to a statement not drawn by her, charging that she stole the "B" rating she received on the examination. She had entered the profession, not because she had to earn a living, but because she felt she would be rendering a service. She happens to belong to a family which is well off, and belongs to a religious denomination in which the offense of cheating is a great sin.

Now, the young woman wonders about continuing her education. She is a young woman who is well off, and belongs to a religious denomination in which the offense of cheating is a great sin.

Johnson Extends Bias Report Time

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Section Chief Louis Johnson has given the Department of the Interior until July 15 to make a report on the bias in the state's public schools.

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DEMOCRATS SAY: Civil Rights Not Dead

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Passage of civil rights legislation this session is not a lost cause, according to Democratic leaders in the senate.

Sen. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, Sen. Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, and Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, all were optimistic on the passage of some types of civil rights laws.

The greatest hopes for a law is apparently a kind of omnibus bill which would establish two civil rights committees, one of congressmen, and the other appointed by the President.

Sen. McGrath heads the judiciary committee which is holding hearings on this bill. It would establish a 14-man committee of seven senators and seven representatives to be known as the joint

rights and a five-man commission on civil rights appointed by the President. This latter committee would make an annual report to the President.

Neither of these committees would have any enforcement power. They would be empowered to study the question, but no power to conduct hearings.

Sen. Humphrey is proposing a statute to set up a civil rights commission which would have subpoena and hearing powers. Both this bill and the omnibus bill could have committee members chosen on a sectional basis.

CAREFULLY PROMOTED
The omnibus bill is being promoted very carefully. Supporters are seeking approval of southern senators in advance in order to avoid a filibuster.

Speaking of the possibilities of civil rights bills passing, Sen. Lucas was optimistic. "He said succeeded. He declared, "I intended to continue the fight for civil rights that fights has been brought to a successful conclusion."

Blaming Republicans for the failure to stop the filibuster in the senate, he said, "I hope the Republican leaders will redeem themselves in the future, and will no longer try to evade their share of the responsibility for the enactment of this vital legislation."

PEOPLE DEMAND
"One of the most important steps will be to impress upon the minds of those senators who voted against civil rights the fact that there is a tremendous demand on the part of the people for this legislation, and those who continue to obstruct it will be defeated at the polls."

"There must be a great deal of education on the part of groups interested in civil rights. These groups must carry the story of the filibuster fight to their fellow Americans."

Sen. Lucas also pointed out that the senate had passed much of President Truman's program including rent control, low cost housing bill, school health bill, federal aid to education, the Marshall plan, government reorganization, and other bills.

He declared his determination to carry out the President's program by saying, "I will do everything within my power to obtain action on the most urgent proposals of the President at this session of the congress, and to seek action on the remaining phases of the Democratic program at the next session."

Plans Memphis Meet

Rev. W. H. Jernagin is president of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union congress which will hold its 10th annual session in Memphis July 21-26, at the Mt. Nebo Baptist church. Rev. Jernagin and the other officers of the Congress have planned a far-reaching program for the six-day meeting.

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Teacher Protests Treatment

SAYS HEAD CALLED RACE UGLY WORD

Charges that a high ranking Department of Education official hurled the "n-----" epithet at her during hearings into alleged irregularities here Tuesday were filed here late that night by an emotionally upset teacher.

The charges were contained in a letter to state superintendent of education Jesse T. Anderson, and were leveled at Dr. Ellison M. Smith who, the woman said, used the word twice in a fit of anger after she refused to affix her signature to a statement indicting her on cheating during the February examinations, an allegation of the investigating committee she vigorously denies.

OK Fairfield County
The teacher, Mrs. Bessie C. Mangault, and her husband, O. E. Mangault—a Winnsboro undertaker, released the former's letter late Tuesday. Several hours after having appeared before the committee, Mrs. Mangault, the former Miss Henny Churchill of St. Matthews, and who teaches in Fairfield-county—not far from Ridgeway, was visibly upset. She and her husband said she had recently undergone a serious operation.

According to the letter, and the context follows:
Dear Sir:
On June 24, 1949, I received a registered letter over the signature of Dr. Ellison M. Smith, Director of the Division of Teacher Education and Certification, requesting that I appear before the Investigating Committee for the last teacher examination in the state chamber of the state house on June 28 and June 29.

At about 3:50 P.M. on June 28 I arrived in the office of Dr. Smith in the senate chamber and he proceeded to explain why I had been asked to appear before him and the committee, this being in the presence of two other men and a stenographer.

At the conclusion of his lecture, Dr. Smith requested me to sign a statement I had dictated indicting myself as having cheated on the February examination. I tried to explain my innocence, and also refused to sign such a statement.

MADE 455 POINTS
I explained that I had made only 455 points on the examination, which is a normal expectancy of any teacher who does the average job, and also that being a devout and God-fearing Catholic that it was very much against my religion to cheat.

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