

Peace Conferees Defer Decision On Status Of Italian Colonies

Clark Asks Lawyers' Aid Against Mobs

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA).—Attorney General Tom C. Clark has urged the lawyers of the country to do all within their power to suppress mob violence and bring the perpetrators to justice.

In a letter to the presidents of the American Bar Association, the National Lawyers Guild and State Bar Associations, made public by the Justice Department last Friday, Mr. Clark said that lawyers "can do much to bring to an end these cancerous outbreaks and that by doing so they will render a priceless service."

Mr. Clark disclosed that he plans to ask the next Congress to revise the civil rights statutes to give the federal government power to deal with mob violence. He considers the present civil rights laws inadequate.

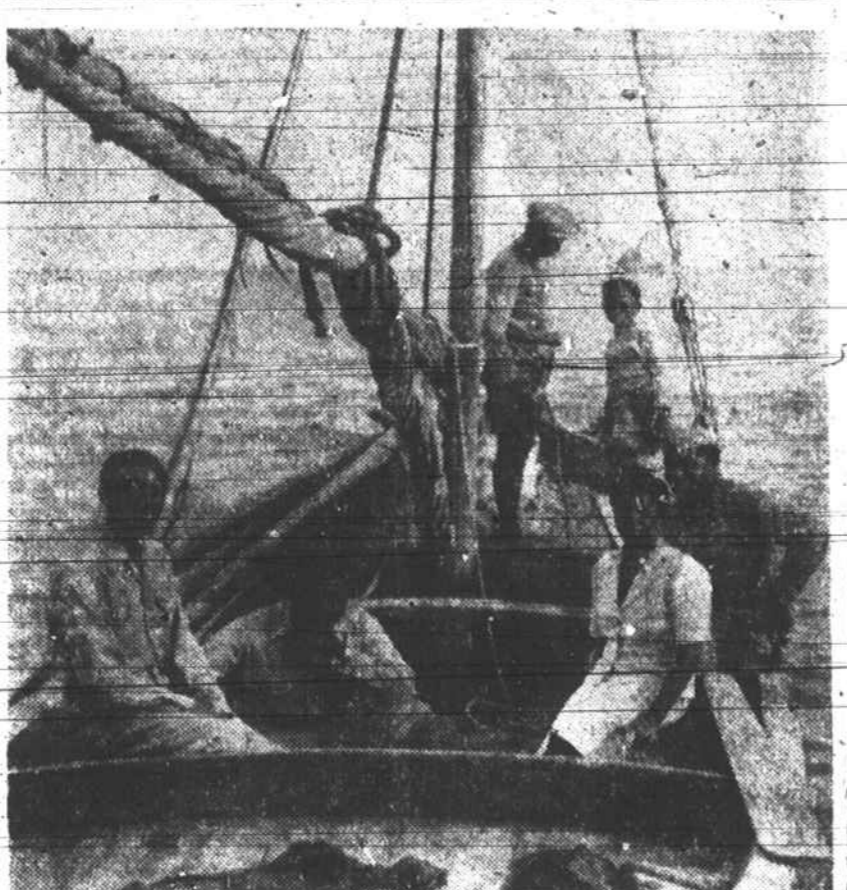
The text of his letter follows: "I am deeply concerned about the increasing number of cases of mob violence throughout the nation. These shocking outbreaks, occurring at a time when the nation is earnestly seeking to return to the ways of peace, are alarming. As you know, the authority of the Federal Government in such cases is extremely limited.

"The Department of Justice has investigated and will continue to investigate each and every such case and if there is evidence of a violation of the federal statutes prosecution will follow. If, on the other hand, no violation of federal statutes is found, the reports of our investigation are made available to the appropriate state or local authorities for such action as they deem proper.

"As I indicated in a recent address in Ohio, I intend to make a report to the President about the matter before the next session of Congress, pointing out the weaknesses of the present law and suggesting specific remedial legislation. I will also make myself available to the appropriate committees of the Congress if they desire an expression of opinion from me about this grave problem.

"My concern at the moment, however, is for the immediate future. It is for this reason that I call upon my brother lawyers for assistance.

"I am of the opinion that local civil disturbances of any kind are best subdued by local action and this is in keeping with our political traditions. At the same time, local solution will succeed only when the citizens of the community are aware of their responsibility and assist themselves to the end that their local machinery of



SAIL THE ADRIATIC—Off for a sail on the blue Adriatic go American Red Cross Worker William Barrow, 409 Edgecomb Ave., N. Y. C. and Gls from Red Cross manned club in Manfredonia, Italy. Left to right, Cpl. William J. Jones, 312 S. Baker St., Covington, Tenn.; Pfc. John William, Star Route 1, Box 8, Warrenton, N. C.; and Pfc. Bill Mosby, 1577 A North 9th St., Milwaukee, Wis. (Photo from American Red Cross).

5 Indicted In Miss. Flog-Death

LEXINGTON, Miss. (NNPA).—Five white men have been indicted for manslaughter in connection with the flogging death last July of Leon McAttee, 35 years old, a tenant farmer whose body was found in a bayou.

Their indictments by a Holmes County grand jury were revealed last Wednesday as Sheriff W. L. Murtigh stated that manslaughter warrants had been sworn out for their arrest.

He said that four of the five had been released under \$1,000 bond each. They were Jeff Dodd, 35, 35; D. G. Roberts, 41; Spencer Ellis, 62, and Jeff Dodd, Sr., 65, on whose 300-acre farm Mr. McAttee was a tenant.

The fifth defendant, Private James E. Roberts, 19, was on duty at an Army base and had not been arrested.

The men were held for grand jury action on murder charges after Mr. McAttee's body was found in a Sunflower County bayou, 60 miles from here, two days after Mr. McAttee disappeared.

At that time the men admitted that they whipped McAttee for the alleged theft of a saddle from the McAttee's two stepsons later confessed to the saddle theft.

Hastie Requests Hotel Operation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA).—Governor William H. Hastie, through the Interior Department, has asked Government Services, Inc., to take over and operate two hotels in the Virgin Islands, it was learned last Thursday.

Government Services, Inc., is a non-profit corporation which operates most of the cafeterias and other installations in government buildings here. A spokesman for the firm admitted last Thursday but said no decision had yet been reached in the matter.

108,130 Enlisted Men In Regular Army August 1

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP).—On August 1, 1946, of the 189,193 Negro enlisted personnel in the Army, 108,130 were in the Regular Army, their terms of enlistment ranging from one to three years.

The majority of these Regular Army troops, 81,215, were stationed in the Continental United States, while 26,415 were stationed overseas.

More than a fourth of the Negro troops who enlisted chose the Air Corps as their arm of service. Following are the arms and services to which Regular Army men are assigned:

Air Corps, 28,922; Quartermaster Corps, 27,025; Corps of Engineers, 12,095; Infantry, 15,545; Transportation Corps, 8,870; branch assigned, 5,418; Ordnance Department, 3,687; Field Artillery, 2,723; Medical Department, 2,638; Detached List, 2,544; Signal Corps, 1,951; Coast Artillery Corps, 952; Corps of Military Police, 924; Armored, 617; Chemical Warfare Service, 557; Cavalry, 360; Adjutant General's Dept., 199; Finance Department, 5.

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Voting Sees Solid Split Of West, Soviets

Molotov Advises Cooperation For Democratic Peace

PARIS (NNPA).—The Paris Conference last Thursday morning completed approval of the peace treaty with Italy, leaving decision on the future administration of Italian African colonies deferred for one year.

In the voting on disputed issues, the Western nations voted solidly against the Soviet Union and the Slav states that vote with it. All 11th Ethiopia abstained from voting.

Before voting on the proposed treaty started, Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, who presided, stepped down from the rostrum to advise the 21 nations represented at the conference to cooperate in establishing a more democratic peace.

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Probe Of La. Death

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Agiers, Louisiana, was reported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Monday through the secretary, Daniel E. Johnson, who sent a report to the NAACP office in New Orleans.

Johnson's death was strikingly similar to that of John C. Jones, 19, a 17-year-old boy in Madison, La., who was shot in the back of the head in a shooting less than 10 miles from New Orleans, on Tuesday.

The aged man, according to information received, had been engaged in an altercation with Joseph Billet, who, a conservative agent for the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, on Tuesday, that was the last time Johnson was seen alive.

Dies In Plane Crash Near Estranged Wife's Home

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (AP).—Despondency is said to be the last word of Raymond J. P. Heroux, responsible for the airplane death near the home of his estranged wife, Mrs. Harriet "Daisy" Richardson Heroux.

A body found in Heroux' pocket case papers, the despondent accident was deliberate suicide, it is said. "In case of accident notify Martin, 85 Post Road, White Plains, N. Y."

Heroux, who was granted a pilot's license on June 19, crashed his small rented plane into a nine-foot alleyway between two buildings in the heart of this city, near the home of Zelma Martin. His wife, with whom he had tried to effect a reconciliation, lives in Mrs. Martin's home and both are employed as telephone operators in the White Plains exchange of the New York Telephone Company.

CUT ENGINE

Police theorized that Heroux had attempted to kill himself in the crash and injury or kill his wife also, but at the last minute had cut the engine to prevent injuring her. Had he not cut the motor of his plane when he went

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AME Bishops Issue Special Conference Communication

Open Rebellion, Edict Disregard Behind Meeting

WILBERFORCE (ANP).—The bishops' council of the AME Church released a special communication here last Saturday to explain their reasons for approving the proposal for an extra session of the general conference of the church which is to meet in Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 26-27.

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This provision entitled "trial of bishops" provides that if the senior bishop is accused of improper leadership, the bishop next in seniority may be called upon by a majority of bishops to issue a call for a special council of the bishops for whatever action they deem necessary.

Next in line to the senior bishop is Bishop R. C. Ransom, who ordered a meeting of the bishops in the mission headquarters last Sept. 22 in New York City. The bishops, at this meeting, voted to hold the general conference of the denomination's highest tribunal for settling questions of authority and to hold special meetings to have conference members vote upon their authorization to call the general conference.

Indictment Of Lynn Bomar Urged

NEW YORK CITY—U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark was urged by the Workers Defense League to immediately indict Lynn Bomar, Tennessee public commissioner, on the basis of his testimony at the trial of 25 Negroes in Lawrenceburg.

The WDL wire to Clark pointed out that Bomar admitted stomping on a Negro's neck, entering Negro homes without warrants and performing other acts in violation of the federal civil rights law.

The trial in which 25 Negroes were charged with "attempted murder" during the February lynch threats at Columbia, Tenn., ended with 23 acquittals and two convictions.

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HASTIE NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF POLICE

By Adolph Gereau
ST. THOMAS, V. I. (ANP).—Dudley W. Stevenson of Washington, D. C., was released by the United States army last month to accept the position of director of police for the municipality of St. Thomas.

Thomas and St. John on the staff of Gov. William Hastie. Mr. Stevenson and much latitude assumed duty here during the past week.

At the request of Acting Gov. Morris F. de Castro, District Judge Herman E. Moore, along with the staff of his court, came to St. Thomas from St. Croix by airplane for the purpose of swearing in the new director of police.

Capt. Stevenson's father is a postal employe in Washington. His wife, Mildred Irene, who will join him here as soon as their first baby is old enough to travel by air, earned her pilot's license some time ago. She also taught ground operations for fliers in a Washington school for about a year while Capt. Stevenson was on overseas duty in Europe.

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Seek Leg In Brown Beating

LOS ANGELES (ANP).—Los Angeles police are on the lookout for two white members of the American Legion, at the request of San Francisco police. The men, Walter Shaw, of Wabash, Ind., and A. J. Harris, Indianapolis, are formally charged with having led a gang attack on Edgar G. Brown, director of the National Negro Council.

Charges of assault and battery were filed against the two men and a list of John Does," as their accomplices by Brown on Oct. 4, appearing personally in the district attorney's office. He told the authorities that during the American Legion National convention, he and other members of the council had made requests and demands that the Legion take action against some of the injustices to Negro citizens, protesting the limiting of Negro enlistments in the Army to 10 per cent, etc.

SINGLED OUT

On the closing day they had been demonstrating in front of Legion headquarters, when he was singled out and set upon by the mobists. They knocked him down, tore a banner from his hand and destroyed it, dragged him a considerable distance, tore his clothes, and injured him painfully.

It is because that by California law, more than two men are considered a mob, and dragging any one a specified distance turns a simple battery case into a kidnaping.

ing, that San Francisco police are anxious to capture Brown's attackers. Members of Brown's organization, Henry Brown, told the American Legion, that he also Brown took an active part among the delegates to the Security Conference in San Francisco a year ago.

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