

Negro First Citizen to Be Selected Soon

Dude Ranch Doorman Wounded

PROMINENT SERVICE MAN SHOT, DEPUTY SHERIFF HELD

Under date of December 24th, the following article appeared in the Daily Journal (quote)

"Joseph Walter Brooks, 33, Negro, of 236 N. Page street, door man at the Dude ranch, Negro night club at 240 N. Broadway, was seriously wounded when shot in the abdomen by Deputy Sheriff Sam Blanchard. Negro, early today after Blanchard allegedly forced his way into the lobby of the club after it had closed.

Blanchard, who later surrendered to police, assertedly attempted to "shake down" Joseph Reed, owner of the Acme club, 1508 N. Williams avenue, before he went to the Dude ranch. He was relieved of his deputy sheriff's commission today by Sheriff Martin T. Pratt, who said he will make a complete investigation.

Blanchard worked out of the Vanport City precinct but was off duty at the time, the sheriff said.

Lieutenant Sees Fight

According to police, Brooks had already been taken to Emanuel hospital by Samuel Amato, manager of the club, when they arrived at the Dude ranch shortly before a. m. to investigate. Lieut. Rual Bell, Negro, of 319 NE 75th avenue, eye-witness to the shooting, told officers that Blanchard went to the front door of the club, which was closed for the night, and wanted to enter. Brooks, the witness said, told Blanchard that he could not enter because the place was closed.

"You're getting d— officious," Blanchard told Brooks, according to Bell, and with these words Blanchard pushed by Brooks and stepped into the lobby. Brooks then turned and faced Blanchard, who, according to Bell, used very abusive and profane language toward Brooks and walked in a circle around him. When Blanchard reached the right rear of Brooks he pulled his gun and shot, Bell said.

Strolls Calmly Away

The bullet entered the right side waist high and penetrated downward through the abdomen to the upper left leg. After shooting Brooks, Blanchard walked out of the door to the street and calmly strolled away, Bell said.

Police Sgt. Stuart Heath reported that he talked to Reed, owner of the Acme club, who, he said,

told him that at approximately 3 a. m. Blanchard had been in his place and had demanded money from him (Reed), apparently in an attempted "shakedown." When Reed refused to give Blanchard any money the deputy left in company with another deputy, a white man.

When the two deputies got outside on the corner of N. Williams avenue and Cherry street Blanchard pulled his gun and stopped a Negro soldier and a white sailor and forced them to raise their hands while he kept the gun on them, Reed said. Police said they did not learn whether anything was taken from the two service men. According to Reed, Blanchard also forced four or five other persons to raise their hands at the point of a gun. It was after this that Blanchard went to the Dude ranch, where he shooting occurred.

Condition Good

Brooks is a recently discharged veteran who has reenlisted and is working while on a 30-day leave. Hospital attendants said his condition is good and that he apparently is out of danger.

After the shooting, Blanchard went to police headquarters and gave himself up to police detectives, who now have him in custody.

Brooks told police at the hospital that his orders were to keep all customers out after 2:30 a. m. He said that when he opened the door after Blanchard demanded to enter, Blanchard said "You're pretty smart," took out his gun and shot. The shooting also was witnessed by Pauline Countie, hatcheck girl.

Second Deputy Seized

Another deputy sheriff was taken into custody today after a witness observed him and Blanchard allegedly hold up and attempt to rob a sailor and several citizens at N. Williams avenue and Cherry street a short time before Brooks was shot.

Police are investigating fully the possibility of unveiling a "shake-down racket" in that vicinity. No charges have been placed against Blanchard or the other deputy as yet.

Brooks has been in Portland for quite a while and was in charge of prophylactic station on N. Williams avenue and Hancock for ex-servicemen for a long time.

He was scheduled to go to Philadelphia, Penn., to re-enlist in the army within 30 days.

A representative of the Inquirer visited him at the hospital and he repeated that he did not know any reason whatever why Blanchard shot him.

As we go to press Brooks is convalescing nicely.

"Knockout Tuberculosis" Supported by Boxer



Norman Houston, president, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance company, points to 1945 Christmas Seal poster and explains the part it plays in the fight against tuberculosis to Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

Truman Moves to Curb Racial Discrimination On U. S. Jobs

WASHINGTON (ANP) — A move to curb racial discrimination on federal jobs was made here Thursday by President Truman, who simultaneously empowered the FEPC to probe employment discrimination in private industry engaged in military or "effective" reconversion production.

"It has come to my attention," said the President's directive, "that a considerable number of loyal and qualified employees have been refused transfer and re-employment by employing agencies solely because of race and creed. This is a violation of civil service rules issued by the President and of an existing law."

Aside from his directive to heads of government departments on racial discrimination, Truman also authorized the FEPC to investigate racial bias in private industry and continued the FEPC until June 30, 1946. A midwest hearing will be conducted by the FEPC in February to determine the extent of discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in reconversion hiring.

The FEPC may now move ahead to issue directives against racial discrimination on U. S. jobs but is limited to investigating and reporting similar practices in private industry. The senate labor committee has approved legislation for a permanent FEPC but the house rules committee, dominated by southern Democrats, has blocked the measure for several months.

Only three of the nation's FEPC offices are operating. They are in Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit. The agency must operate on less than \$63,000 of the \$250,000 appropriated by congress under the war agencies appropriation act until next June 30, of-

Bronze Mayor Contest Starts Next Week

Portland Inquirer Sponsoring This Event

Who will be the "Mayor of Bronzeville? The citizens of "The City of Roses" will be given the opportunity to decide this question shortly.

The Portland Inquirer will in its next issue sponsor the election of a Mayor of Bronzeville who will hold office for one year.

The person so chosen will be inaugurated by Mayor Riley and other city officials in an elaborate inaugural ceremony.

As in other cities the Mayor of Bronzeville will act as aid, and advisor to the elected mayor of Portland and other city officials on all pertinent matters touching our group; he will appoint members of his cabinet to contact all departments of city life and to meet and consult with persons and committees that will aid and assist in having better relations between races, secure employment for our groups, and see that all the departments of city government function properly and that fair play and justice prevail, and especially to bring about better race relations between all groups.

The rules governing this contest will be announced in the next issue of the Inquirer, also those who will have charge of the Inaugural Ceremonies.

Now send in the name of your candidate.

Officials disclosed.

President Truman ordered government departmental heads to make a careful analysis of personnel policies, procedures and practices "in order that you can assure me that they are in accord with national law and policy and in order that all qualified workers in existing temporary war jobs will be considered fairly for appointments without distinction because of race, creed, color or national origin."

Clifford C. Walker, president of the Progressive Democratic club, announces that the 6th annual dinner-banquet of the club will be held during Negro History Week. This is the second year that the Negro First Citizen award will be presented. Last year, if you will recall, Dr. Unthank was the winner of the award. The club request that all organizations send names and qualifications of potential candidates. The banquet is scheduled for the Norse Hall, 111 N. E. 11th avenue, Wednesday, February 13, 1946. Committees have been appointed as to decorations, menu, public affairs and reservations. The judges will be announced later.

Three men who are doing much to elevate tentation and create harmony among the various groups will be guest speakers: Edwin C. Berry of the Urban League, George L. Thomas, race relation advisor of the Council of Churches, and Dr. Robert N. Joyner, newly elected president of the N. A. A. C. P.

According to Mr. Walker, the annual affair of The Progressive Democratic Club has gained momentum since the first banquet in 1939 and since this is election year, 1946, it is very important that every one register to vote. In the past such speakers as G. B. Noble, Lew Wallace, Edgar L. Williams, Rev. J. James Clow, Nan Wood Honeyman, W. L. Josslin, Angelo Herndon, Richard L. Neuberger, Rev. L. O. Stone and Rev. B. C. Allen were guests. National Negro History Week is an annual affair celebrated during Brotherhood month. Mr. Walker asserts this is the largest interracial affair scheduled for this week with the cooperation of other organizations in the field of civic, political or race relations. Mr. Oliver E. Smith will act as Toastmaster.



Clifford C. Walker

Color Problem Slaps America at World Capital Site

LONDON (ANP) — America's color problem slapped her in the face last week as the home of the new United Nations organization.

The color question, or racial discrimination, was raised first by the Indian delegate, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, in a speech before the preparatory commission and by a United Kingdom delegation. Both expressed concern in selecting an American city which draws no color lines as the site of UNO headquarters.

In a paper on the subject, the British delegates said it was "indispensable that the area be such that all members of the United Nations should be able to feel at home in it, whatever their racial origin or the character of their state." The British warned the UNO to "go slow" in selecting an American site, but recommended that the distance of the capital from Washington be considered because "very close proximity to Washington might affect the character of the delegation to the UNO assembly."

They added that "the necessity of creating a distinctive and permanent center, which shall develop its own life in the manner in which Washington has done, is 'all important' but indicated a preference for an eastern site where 'a number of useful small towns in the east of the United States with fine historical and cultural associations."

P. J. Nool-Naker, a British UNO delegate, objected to the United States being called the "host state" and Russia joined the Philippines to provide a procedure which recognizes the principle that dependent peoples should elect their spokesmen under UNO supervision. America voted against the measure.

Gen. B. O. Davis to Retire Dec. 31

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis Sr., will retire from active duty in the army Dec. 31. Gen. Davis was promoted to brigadier general Oct. 25, 1940 and retired in July, 1941. He was immediately recalled to active duty and has served with the inspector general's office, acting as a trouble shooter principally on problems involving colored troops. He will report to the status of colonel as is customary upon retirement.

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This is to inform you that Mr. Ralph L. Faulk, former owner and publisher, of the Portland Inquirer, is no longer connected with the paper any more and has no right or authority to solicit ads, subscriptions, make collections or receive funds for the Inquirer, or do any business for or in the name of the Portland Inquirer.

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Mr. Chesley E. Corbett is now Managing Editor and Publisher of the Portland Inquirer as Mr. Faulk's successor.

Respectfully,
B. D. Robinson,
Business Manager

Dentist to Run For Council

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (ANP)—Dr. B. A. Coles, local dentist, will be a candidate for the city council here in the Democratic primary to be held March 5. It is the first time in the history of Charlottesville that a Negro has run for public office.

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