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AID SEAL CAMPAIGN—Jimmie Lunceford, Lena Horne and Rex Ingram gave a helping hand in the fight against tuberculosis by campaigning for sale of 1945 Christmas Seal.

Alabama OK's New Buildings For Negro College

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (ANP)—The Alabama Board of Education approved last week the expenditure of \$500,000 for new buildings at the Agricultural and Mechanical institute for Negroes at Normal.

After a visit to the school Wednesday, members of the board approved building a girls' and boys' dormitory, expansion of home economics and library facilities and cottages for several teachers, now domiciled in the old hospital building. The latter building will be renovated and restored to use as a hospital. Board members also plan a central heating plant for the school.

Jewish School Includes Negroes In Sports Program

NEW YORK (ANP)—Negro colleges will be included on Yeshiva university's sports program in the future.

During the school's 17th annual dinner at the Astor hotel here last week, it was revealed that Yeshiva's cage schedule this winter includes meeting Virginia Union university at the 15th Regiment armory on Dec. 22, and Morgan State college at the Olympia stadium in Philadelphia on Dec. 27.

In addition to basketball games with the two southern schools, officials of the Jewish school disclosed that a western Negro college will also be included in Yeshiva's 1945-46 basketball schedule.

Ignores Threats of Vigilante Committee; Wife, Two Children Die In Mystery Fire, Husband Burned

FONTANA, Cal. (ANP)—Two weeks after receiving a note threatening physical violence unless he moved his family from their newly acquired property in a white section here, O'Day H. Short was critically burned and his wife, Helen, and two children, Carol Ann, 7, and Barry, 9, were fatally seared in a mystery fire and explosion at the Short home Sunday evening.

Short reported these and other pertinent facts to the Los Angeles Sentinel in an exclusive interview the next day.

The sheriff who investigated the fire, reported that Deputy Cornelison and Deputy Glines "on one or two occasions had talked to this individual, Mr. Short, and told him that he was out of his bounds and advised him that he contact the colored chamber of commerce and get together with the white chamber of commerce and see if a lot of disagreeableness could not be prevented."

Atty. Ivon Johnson of Los Angeles, whom Short consulted after receiving the threats, advised that Short, on his advice, get in touch with the FBI, who told him to keep them informed of any developments.

Following the fire, Johnson again contacted the FBI and has been advised that they have asked Washington for permission to enter the case. Grounds for an FBI investigation are understood to be the alleged existence of a conspiracy on the part of two or more persons to deprive Short of his constitutional rights. Such a conspiracy is considered a crime under federal statutes.

Fontana police stated that, according to Short, the explosion occurred when he was filling a coal oil lantern.

The sheriff's account declares: "Short claims that they had no electricity down there to use for lighting and it was necessary to use coal oil lanterns; that one of these lanterns had run out of oil and he was at the door at the back of the house, on the south side, filling this lantern with coal oil, and that it exploded, throwing the oil all over him and the family and to all parts of the house."

"That the whole thing happened so quickly and the flames were so heavy that they were unable to get out of the house without being severely burned."

Rumors were widespread in the colored community that Short's house was bombed by vigilante whites who objected to Negroes living in the South Fontana area.

Carol Ann, the younger child, received the worst burns. She is learned to have died at about 6:20 p. m. at the Southern Permanente hospital, approximately 15 minutes after she was admitted. The boy, Barry, died at 2:10 a. m. on Monday, and the mother about 11:00 a. m. the same day.

Short, whose worst burns were understood to be around the face and head was given a 50-50 chance to survive by attending physician, Dr. Norman Haugen.

One of Short's white neighbors, Boyd Gilpin, stated to a reporter that he saw the fire start in the early evening. He said that it was at one side of the house and that he thought it was a trash fire and therefore didn't investigate immediately.

A picture of the lantern, allegedly to have been the cause of the fire, which was taken at the scene of the ruined home, showed that the lantern was more or less intact.

The sheriff's report on the fire stated further: "Upon investigation, we found that the outside walls of the house had all fallen to the outside and that everything in the house had apparently ignited at the same time."

"The conclusions were that this man was apparently using some kind of gasoline or coal stove to cook on and that this had exploded, setting the small house afire practically all at one time,

also the explosion causing the walls to fall out."

In his report of vigilante threats, Short quoted Sutherland as stating to him: "Mr. Short, I don't mean to frighten you or insult you, but the vigilante committee had a meeting on your case last night, and they are a tough bunch to deal with. If I were you, I'd get my family off this property at once."

Short said he then asked that if he failed to do so did this mean that physical violence would result. "His reply," Short said, "was 'yes.'"

About Nov. 15, Short, a refrigeration engineer, purchased five acres of unimproved property at Randall and Pepper streets, Fontana, and began building a home for his family. The deed on the property, Short pointed out, contained no restrictive clause, nor was he advised at the time of the purchase that there were any restrictions or bars against his residing there.

Although the building was only partially completed, Short moved his family into the new home a few weeks after he paid over the \$1,000 installment on the purchase price.

First indication of opposition, Short continued, came when he received a visit from the deputy sheriff, who advised him that some neighbors had complained about his presence there, and also told him that an agreement existing between the Fontana Chamber of Commerce and prominent Negroes in the community provided that Negroes should live only in the Baseline district.

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—After a conference Tuesday afternoon, California Attorney General Robert W. Kenney stated that his office would cooperate to the fullest extent with San Bernardino county authorities in carrying on a thorough investigation into the fire that caused the deaths of Mrs. Helen Short, and her two children, Carol Ann and Barry, on Sunday night.

He immediately dispatched an assistant from his office to Fontana. The deputy left immediately with Mrs. Carrie Morrison, sister of the deceased, and a newspaper photographer. They, together, with district attorney of San Bernardino county, would attempt to obtain an interview with O. H. Short, now in the hospital in a serious condition.

The district attorney of San Bernardino county has also pledged his full cooperation in the investigation.

Attending the conference with Kenney, in addition to Mrs. Morrison, were Leon H. Washington Jr., publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel, and Atty. Loren Miller.

FEPC RALLY HELD (Continued from Page 1)

izens of Portland are urged to write President Truman, White House, Washington, D. C., Senators Albin Barkley, and Wallace White, Senate Building, Washington, D. C., asking them to do all possible to bring the bill to a successful vote in the senate. Letters of encouragement and praise should be written to Senator Wayne Morse who is one of the leaders of the FEPC fight in Washington.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and Senator Robert Wagner of New York are honorary chairmen of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. The Council's address is 930 F Street, NW, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, who visited Portland last May is executive secretary.

Capt. Johnson-Roundtree may be contacted through the Portland Council of Churches, YMCA Building and the Urban League, 6 SW 6th Avenue.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON PERMANENT FEPC IS IN SIGHT!

Pubic pressure appears to be breaking through the stalemate that for many months has held up congressional action on Permanent FEPC.

Soon after the issuance of our November 23rd political analysis of the House deadlock and call for immediate Senate action to force the issue, things began to happen:

First, came the commitment of a group of Republican Senators to undertake an aggressive role to force the issue to the floor of the Senate at the first opportunity—aiming for Senate action in January. This leadership group includes Senators Wayne Morse, Oregon; Joseph Ball, Minnesota; H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey; Milton R. Young, North Dakota; William F. Knowland, California; Charles W. Tobey, New Hampshire; George D. Aiken, Vermont.

Second, came assurances from individual Republican and Democratic Senators pledging support for Senate action soon after the Senate reconvenes in January.

Third, the Housing Republican leadership took to the Chicago meeting of the Republican National Committee a proposed platform for the 1946 campaign incorporating the principle of FEPC.

Fourth, last week House Minority Leader, Joseph Martin, told the National Council for a Permanent FEPC that as soon as possible after the House holiday recess enough Republicans will sign the petition to bring the bill to the floor of the House. His estimate is floor action late in February or early in March.

Meanwhile, the protest resignation from the President's FEPC of Attorney Charles Houston made the country acutely conscious of the utility of a government agency which must rely upon The Executive for enforcement powers, and emphasized the great need for a Permanent FEPC with full authority to go to the courts for enforcement of its directives.

Washington is moving — but it will move only just so far as the people of the country want it to move. It is our job to mobilize all possible public opinion to back up the congressional leaders who are making initiative, and to let the others know that THE COUNTRY WANTS ACTION NOW! These are the things that must be done—at once.

1. Intensify the campaign of messages calling for immediate

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Bible Band Wed. Eve. 8 P. M.
REV. J. C. LEWIS, Pastor

Senate action, to:
President Harry S. Truman, The White House; Majority Leader Alben S. Barkley, United States Senate; Minority Leader Wallace H. White, Jr., United States Senate; Mr. Herbert Brownell, Republican National Committee, Washington.

2. Intensify the campaign of message to Senators, calling for support of immediate Senate action and closure on S. 101.

3. Congratulate the Republican Senators listed on page 1 on their leadership, and let them know the country is with them.

Intensify the campaign for petition signatures. As announced in the November 23rd bulletin, a revised list of those who have not yet signed is enclosed.

5. Congratulate Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (address him at the House of Representatives) on his intention to take leadership in securing Republican signatures in the House.

Take Advantage of Recess

Congress will recess for the Christmas holiday this week, to reconvene about the middle of January. This is your opportunity, while your Representatives and Senators are at home, to have delegations call upon them and urge their support for immediate congressional action.

Push Ahead Mass Meetings

Public concern is at its height, We must solidify and channel this concern—and mass meetings are the instruments of the people. All the mass meetings scheduled for January should be big enough to demonstrate solid public backing for the attempts congressional leaders should be making at that time to enact FEPC IN HOUSE AND SENATE. The circumstances are unique. The time is ripe. MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

"The accelerated program of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC needs money. Maintenance of the Washington headquarters, and the eight regional representatives now at work in the areas where Representatives have not yet signed, takes money. Please, please accelerate your money-making activities and start the funds rolling in. We need it now, if we are to serve you effectively," states Mrs. Hedgeman, executive secretary.

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Evening Service—7:30 P. M.
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Come One! Come All!
Mrs. Lampkin, Reporter.

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