

Negroes Indicted In Alabama for Boycott of Buses

Montgomery, Ala.—(U.P.)—The sheriff's office today started a roundup of more than 100 persons named in indictments charging Negroes with illegally boycotting city buses in a segregation dispute.

A grand jury returned the indictments Tuesday. They were reliably reported to name 114 defendants in a presentment stating the boycott was one sign of "a growing tension between the races" in the city.

State Law Violated

"If we continue on our present course of race relations, violence is inevitable," the grand jury said.

The indictments charged leaders of the 11-week boycott with violating a state law making participation in a boycott without just cause a misdemeanor.

The boycott began as a protest against the arrest of a Negro seamstress for refusing to move to the segregated section of a bus. It was continued to enforce demands for better seating arrangements.

To Continue Boycott

Some 2,000 Negroes at a mass meeting two nights ago decided to continue the boycott despite the grand jury action. The Negroes have been riding in car pools, accepting rides provided by employers, or walking.

"We find that there has been an illegal boycott existing in this county," the grand jury said. "Indictments have been returned where guilt was shown."

The Negroes sought a neutral zone on each bus in which seats would be available on a first come, first served basis. City officials rejected the request as being inconsistent with state segregation laws.

Mississippi To Be Bombed With Constitution Copies

Chicago — (U.P.) — Negro disc jockey Al Benson planned to celebrate Washington's birthday by "bombing" Mississippi with 5000 copies of the U. S. Constitution.

Benson said he wasn't yet sure whether he would make the flight in person because Mississippi officials haven't answered his requests for an assurance of safety.

But his chartered plane will take off with its load of the Constitution whether or not Benson decides to go along, he said.

To Emphasize Desegregation

The Mississippi-born record spinner thought up the stunt to emphasize the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on school desegregation. He said the plane would dump the Constitution on the Mississippi cities of Jackson, Vicksburg, and Meridian and return to Chicago late today.

"I'm not trying to hurt or

harm anyone," Benson said. "I merely want to drop the Constitution, which is certainly the most legal document we have in the nation."

The copies of the Constitution weigh less than an ounce apiece and they "sure can't hurt anybody," he said.

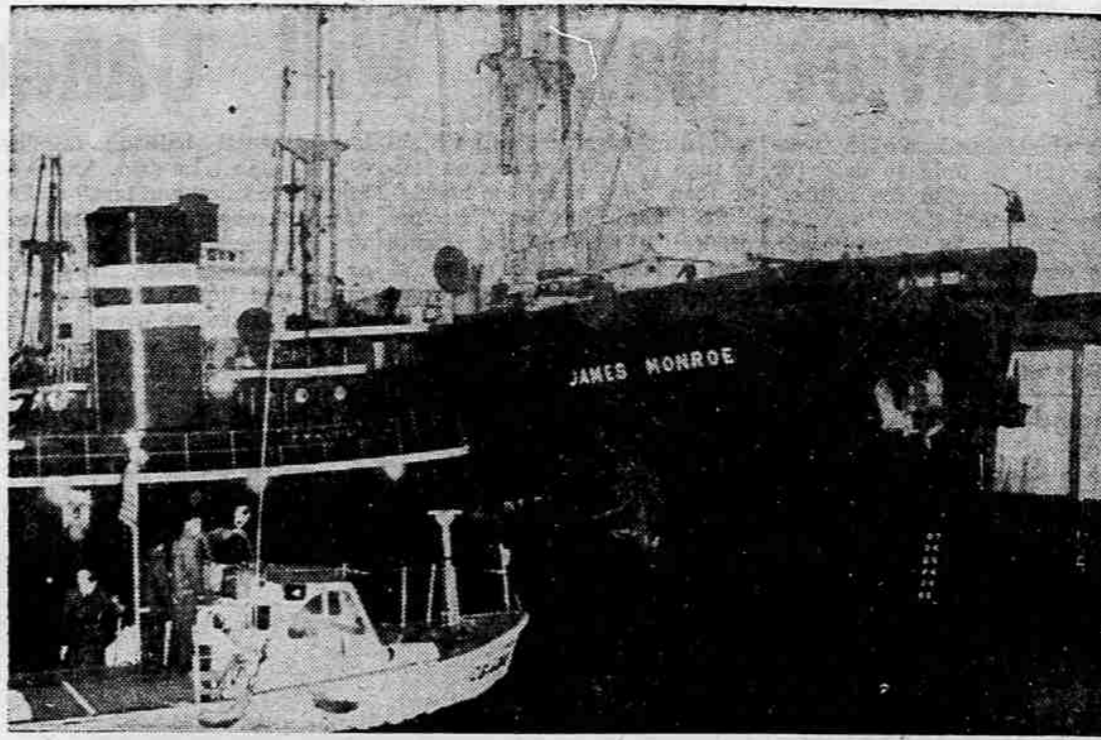
Mississippi Public Safety Commissioner T. B. Birdsong said the state will officially ignore Benson's flight.

Retaliation Planned

However, a Mississippi disc jockey promised a counter "raid" on Chicago and Meridian City officials threatened to arrest Benson if he lands there.

The retaliation "raid" plans came from Allan English, who spins records for Oxford, Miss., radio station WSUH.

If Benson drops the Constitution on Mississippi, English will fly over Chicago and scatter 10,000 miniature Confederate flags, he said.



CONTROVERSIAL CARGO—American freighter James Monroe, loaded with 18 light tanks for Saudi Arabia, is eased from her berth in New York under the protective guard of a Coast Guard patrol boat. The sailing was delayed almost nine hours by the last-minute demands of the crew for war-risk insurance in the event of possible reprisals or war hazards in connection with the cargo of tanks.

Strato-Plane Crashes, Grange Explodes in Florida

Griffin Creek Grange
West Palm Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — A four-engined Strato-freighter crashed and exploded "like a rocket" in a routine landing attempt Tuesday on the edge of Palm Beach Air Force Base, killing the five men aboard.

The Air Force withheld the names of the victims pending notification of next of kin.

Witnesses said the KC97 Boeing cargo craft slammed into a road beside the base in making a low-altitude approach and skidded onto the base.

Mrs. Lillian Palmer, living in one of some 2,000 homes in an adjacent housing development, said flames "shot 80 feet into the air and a hot ball of black smoke covered everything."

Flying debris from the plane did not strike any of the homes or other buildings in the vicinity, but flames which enveloped the plane started a grass fire on the base.

HEC met for potluck dinner at Mrs. Will Darby's with Mrs. Mable Buchanan cohostess. There were 12 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Ethel Wheeler. HEC will have a public turkey dinner Sunday, March 4, at the Grange hall. Dinner will be served 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The earth's orbit is such that the sun is 3,000,000 miles closer in January than in July. If the sun's rays did not strike the northern hemisphere more obliquely then, winter would be warmer than summer.

Is That So?

All we know of our surroundings is brought to us by our sense organs, gateways to the mind. Those affected by external things are sight and hearing, taste and smell, touch and temperature. For the present, let's consider taste and smell which are affected by chemicals only. For example, we can only taste sugar when it comes in contact

seldom be smelled for more than five minutes.

Man can detect odors: rancid, vinegary, fragrant, and burnt.

Although man's smell is very feeble as compared with cats and dogs and many other mammals, even so it will respond to remarkably small amounts of substance—a synthetic substance for the odor of violets can be detected when it is present as one in over 90 billion parts of air.

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with taste buds; we can only smell roses, skunks and vanilla when their essences enter the olfactory cells behind the bridge of the nose.

Taste and smell are closely allied: In fact, smell often plays the larger part in what is commonly called taste; temperature, too, plays its role. Next time you drink a cup of coffee hold your nose—and with the fragrant aroma gone, coffee will taste very flat. As well, when the nose is blocked with a cold, much of our so-called taste vanishes and food has lost its zest. As for temperature, when the same food is served cold and then hot, the hot meal will evoke much more taste because the heat stimulates the lining of the mouth and tongue.

In insects, both taste and smell are highly developed. Bees, for example, smell and taste nectar and pollen—and in gathering them cross-pollinate plants to produce many fruits on which man is dependent.

Smell guides certain moths and butterflies to lay their eggs on particular host plants on which the young caterpillars feed. By spraying extracts of these host plants on other plants, these insects will lay their eggs readily on the wrong plants—to the chargin and sometimes death of the oncoming caterpillars.

As everyone knows, houseflies are quickly attracted by odors of food cooking. Fruit flies, particularly, are very quickly attracted by ripening or overripe fruit: within an hour, overripe fruit may be covered. And female mosquitoes are lured by body odors.

Ants, bees and wasps smell through their antennae.

Out of 30 sugars and related substances which taste sweet to the human, only nine are sweet to honeybees—that is because only these nine are found in the bee's natural foods.

The sweeter the nectar which female honeybees discover, the more will they excite the workers in the home hive upon their return from successful foraging trips.

Essentially, humans have but four major tastes: salty, sweet, sour and bitter. The salty taste buds are located on the tip of the tongue; the sweet taste buds in a band directly behind these; the sour along both sides of the tongue; and the bitter toward the center of the root of the tongue. The central part of the tongue is insensitive to taste!

The catfish, *Amiurus*, has taste buds along the sides of its body and even though blindfolded will snap at bait which is suspended near its flank.

Taste sensitivity varies widely from one person to another—and it's largely a matter of heredity: for example, there is a chemical, Phenylthiocarbamide, which may taste sweet to the first person, bitter to the second, salty to the third, sour to the fourth, and not have any taste whatever to a fifth.

Within limits, both the organs of taste and smell can become fatigued within minutes of a certain taste or smell: for example, the first piece of candy always tastes sweetest; and the stronger the odor, the more quickly it will fade—a solution of camphor can

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Shoppers Flock To Downtown Washington For Washington's Birthday Sale Bargains

Washington—(U.P.)—This being Washington's Birthday, hordes of shoppers flocked downtown in search of 99-cent typewriters, ladies' pink panties at a penny a pair and fur coats that never should have left the rabbit.

By tradition, or long-ago planning, merchants take advantage of the anniversary of the first President's birthday to unload their shelves of excess goods, some of it junk.

Bargains Listed

If you were in Washington today and were one of a lucky few, you could buy:

Men's shoes at 79 cents a pair.

Olives in large cans for a dime a can. Mattresses and box springs, 99 cents, regular \$139. Bookcases worth \$39.50 for \$1.95.

Some more than used TV sets were offered at 99 cents.

Ladies dresses came down quite a bit in some of the cheaper stores.

For \$8.98 on the going market to \$2. Nylon girdles could be had on a grab deal for \$1.48.

Local Ads

One store was proud to pay a considerable sum to a local paper to advertise "assorted fur pocket books, muffs and collars, 25 cents. Also mink scarfs, \$5."

One shoe store advertised shoes ordinarily costing \$14.95 for a buck and a half. And the ad said you could have a second pair for a nickel. And the ad added: "If you can't use both pairs, bring a friend."

New York also had its version of the Washington Birthday sales, largely limited to low-price and cut-rate stores. As here, the sensational values actually were few. But one New York chain rented the basement of Madison Square Garden for a George Washington sale, featuring such come-ons as three pairs of nylon stockings for \$1.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.
Driving Too Slowly Can Be Dangerous Also

When a person allows himself to be "talked into" something his better judgment warns him not to do, he is likely to be sorry.

(Q) "My problem is a different and, you may think, a trivial one but it is important to me and I hope you can help me with it. I am a very slow and careful driver. Shortly after I started to drive a car, when I was a girl, I had an accident and this upset me so much I thought I could never drive again. However, as we do not live right in town, it is necessary for me to drive for shopping, to take the children to and from school, etc. I have never gotten over the shock of my accident and that is why I am so cautious now, especially in the winter when the roads are slippery."

"My children, both of whom are in their teens but too young to get drivers' licenses, are constantly telling me to hurry up, to stop poking on the road, that I am a menace to other drivers, etc. They claim that as soon as they are old enough to get licenses, they won't let me drive them. How can I get over this fear that has made me such a slow driver?"—J.T.

(A) If, by "slow driver" you mean that you literally creep along the roads, you are a menace to other drivers and are likely to have another accident. If, on the other hand, you are merely cautious, not taking chances or going at speeds that could lead to an accident, don't change your tactics, regardless of what your children say.

It is very questionable if you will or could ever get over the effects of the accident you had, no matter how hard you tried. People simply cannot forget such an experience just by wanting to do so.

Impatient With Caution

Because your children are growing up in an age of speedsters, and hear their friends talk about how fast they can go, they are impatient with your caution. It certainly is not good for the morale of a driver to have the passengers constantly complaining and urging speed.

If I were in your place, I would tell the children that they can have their choice, riding with you at the speed they consider safe or walking. When they begin to complain, pull the car to the side of the road and stop until they understand that you mean what you say. It is always better to be safe than sorry, and the sooner they learn this, the better for all concerned.

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STUDEBAKER'S CHEVROLET
Danville, Ill.—(U.P.)—Police recovered Mrs. Shirley Studebaker's stolen Chevrolet Tuesday.

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Court Records

POLICE COURT

Jerome Neil Shopp, failure to yield right-of-way to oncoming traffic, \$10.

Odus Edger Roberts, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Hernest Donald Ames, failure to stop at a red light, \$5.

Ralph Hale, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Ivan N. Farris, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Keith Ray Bakshaw, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Dewey Roy Anderson, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Jona Raymond Pool, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Jack Herbert McCandless, failure to yield the right of way, \$10.

Robert Clay Perkins, failure to yield the right of way, \$10.

Joseph Ray Beeson, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Mark Spurgeon Tolle, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Ernest Joseph Breckenridge, expired drivers license, \$5.

Beverly Bruce Norris, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Joseph Avery Bowdoin, turning from wrong lane of traffic, \$10.

Dale Frankie Culky, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Margaret G. Wilcox, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Cecil Orville Watkins, failure to stop at a stop light, \$5.

Madolyn Mae Beeson, no operator's license, \$10.

Weldon Franklin Goodin, violation of basic rule, \$10; no operator's license, \$5.

Larry K. Tolle, reckless driving, \$10; violation of basic rule, \$10.

Edward Waltman Carte, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Donald Clark Barnes, four people in front seat of vehicle, \$5.

Richard Eugene Foy, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Paul Dale Vincent, no operator's license, \$10.

Joe Junior Holmes, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Edith Vanhise, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Harold Raymond Littrell, failure to stop at a red light, \$5.

Maynard Oren Grove, violation of basic rule, \$10.

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