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Autherine Lucy Case To Alabama Court

Birmingham, Ala. —(U.P.)— Negro student Autherine Lucy goes into federal court here today in a historical test case to determine if she was legally barred from the all-white University of Alabama after her admittance sparked three days of riots.

The case was brought before Judge Hobert Grooms by the 26-year-old Negro on the ground that the demonstrations were condoned as an excuse for barring her from the traditionally white campus.

Miss Lucy claimed the university violated an earlier federal court ruling which said qualified Negro students cannot be barred from the university solely because of race.

The university said Miss Lucy was barred from classes after three days solely for her own safety and that of other students and the faculty because the riots had continued almost unceasingly while she was officially a student at the university.

Violation of Ruling

Miss Lucy, with the backing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asked the federal court to hold university officials in contempt of court for excluding her from classes in violation of the earlier ruling.

She also asked \$3,000 damages for being excluded from campus facilities and asked that she be granted full use of coed dormitories and dining facilities on the campus at Tuscaloosa, 58 miles southwest of Birmingham. Miss Lucy was denied the use of campus sleeping and eating facilities even during the three days of her attendance at classes.

The suit named Dr. O. C. Carmichael, the university president; the entire board of trustees; William F. Adams, the dean of admissions; and Sarah Healy, the dean of women. It asked jail sentences for any officials obstructing the justice she seeks.

A few hours before the case opened there was abundant evidence that an all-out fight would be waged to prevent the readmission of Miss Lucy to the University of Alabama.

Hearing Tomorrow on Urban Area Problems

The state legislative interim committee on local government and urban area problems will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the cafeteria at Hedrick Junior high school.

The hearing is one in a series in the state to obtain directly from residents more information concerning fringe area problems, data which might aid in analysis of them, and suggestions for possible solutions.

Many governmental units have been invited to participate, including rural fire districts, school districts, water districts, cities and other units in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Discuss Problems

Among problems which the committee hopes to hear discussed are methods by which services like sewage disposal, water, fire and police protection and road construction can be provided and financed; local government organization structure and public services of various local units; and functions and powers of county and city governments in relationship to the needs of unincorporated urban areas.

The committee also hopes to discuss methods of financing public services in unincorporated urban areas as well as controls on subdivisions, building and zoning regulations and inspection for suburban areas.

Taxation problems, including overlaps and equity in tax burdens also are among proposed discussion topics.

Written Comments

The committee is asking for written comments or suggestions, especially from those who are unable to attend public hearings. The committee's study represents one of the first attempts

'Lack of Loyalty' Charge is Dropped By Welfare Group

Mrs. Blanche Lyman, former administrator of the Jackson county public welfare commission, has decided not to appeal her recent dismissal by the state public welfare commission, it was reported today.

She agreed not to appeal provided the commission withdrew its charge that she "lacked loyalty to the department."

This the commission did yesterday afternoon.

Agree to Pay Salary

In addition, the commission has agreed to pay her salary for the period during which she was suspended from office, Dec. 31 to Jan. 13.

Mrs. Lyman, who had served the local welfare department as a caseworker and administrator for more than 21 years, was released by the commission following an investigation of the administration of the department which coincided with the indictment of Harley Heubner, a former caseworker, on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary on the charge.

The commission made no allegations which implicated Mrs. Lyman with any wrongdoing in the case. But it did state that she failed in her "administrative responsibility" in not bringing the situation to the attention of the commission, and it charged her with lack of loyalty—the charge which it withdrew yesterday.

Mrs. Lyman said that since the commission has taken that action and agreed to pay her for the period she was under suspension, she will not appeal her dismissal to the state civil service commission. Such an appeal, she told the commission, might result in unfavorable publicity to the state program of public welfare, and she has no desire to do any damage to the program.

Bids Called on Armory Building

Bids will be called on Friday for construction of the Medford memorial armory, according to word received today by County Judge Rodney Keating.

He said notices were mailed to prospective bidders yesterday and bids will be opened March 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Revised plans have been approved by the National Guard bureau and the bureau of the budget and call for a \$348,000 two-unit building to be erected on the fairgrounds. It will replace the old Medford armory which was almost destroyed by fire several years ago.

State, federal, county and city funds will finance the project.

The new plan will provide approximately the same floor space on the main floor as in the first plan, according to Architects Robert J. Keeney, and Jack Edson, but will eliminate a basement, reduce the air conditioning system, simplify the heating system, and eliminate a substantial portion of the plumbing.

Plans and specifications may be secured from the bureau of office, room 504, State Office Building, Salem, on deposit of \$25.

Court Inspects Three Possible Home Sites

Members of the county court inspected three possible sites for the county juvenile detention home yesterday in a further attempt to find a site "completely adequate in every respect," according to County Judge Rodney Keating.

One was a new location and two had been inspected previously.

Keating said the special qualifications and specifications of the home "make it difficult to find a suitable site." Voters approved construction of the building almost 1½ years ago.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 483.65, off 2.06; 20 railroads 159.82, off 0.45; 15 utilities 65.09, off 0.23; and 65 stocks 171.05, off 0.64. Sales today were about 3,900,000 shares compared with 2,540,000 yesterday.

Annexation Is Considered By Two School Districts

Representatives of the Medford, Oak Grove and West Side school districts last night agreed that a plan for joining the two rival districts to the Medford district should be through annexation rather than consolidation.

Board members discussed problems which arose at previous meetings at Oak Grove and West Side, and mechanics of consolidation. Oak Grove and West Side representatives reaffirmed their approval of the plan to join the Medford district.

The annexation plan was favored because employee's social security benefits could be jeopardized through consolidation, according to state and legal authorities, and for other technical reasons.

In order that the areas be annexed, residents of the districts must file petitions with the Jackson County Boundary board. Petitions from the Medford district must have 100 signatures, while those from Oak Grove must have 50 signatures, and from West Side district five signatures.

After petitions are submitted, the boundary board would set a date for two elections, to be held at different times because West Side is not now contiguous to the Medford district. If residents of the Oak Grove and Medford district approve annexation, then an election can be held in the West Side districts.

School officials have urged residents of the districts interested in annexation to complete necessary legal technicalities prior to the time to draw up budgets for the district.

Excavation for New Fire Station Starts

Excavation began yesterday for the new East Side Fire station to be constructed on Highland dr near Siskiyou blvd., City Manager Robert Duff said this morning.

Completion date for the new station is June 1. The cement block building will house two fire trucks and provide potential living quarters for eight men. Myron Corcoran Construction company was awarded the bid for construction of the station.

Griffin Creek School Addition Bids Opened

The bid for construction of three additional classrooms to the Griffin Creek school was awarded yesterday to Don Jacobs, contractor, James Walker, school board chairman announced today.

Jacobs' bid of \$34,814 was slightly higher than the \$34,644 bid of Harold Salter, Rogue River, but when alternate construction plans, including wood rather than steel window frames and construction of an additional concrete trench under the building, were considered, Jacobs was low.

The classrooms will be built in a wing off the last addition of the school building, will be of poured concrete, and of design similar to the other addition. It is expected the classrooms will be completed by early summer.

Other bids were H. G. Goldsmith, Medford, \$37,795; Myron Corcoran, \$37,990; M. D. Jones, \$40,700; Minshall Construction company, Jacksonville, \$41,996; and Carl Construction company, Salem, \$42,845.

Body of Gresham Boy Found in Pit

Gresham —(U.P.)— The body of Robert John Stanley, 9, who drowned in a water-filled gravel pit near here, was found today by county police.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a few showers tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 34. High Thursday 50-52. Temp. Highest Yesterday 34. Lowest this Morning 37. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .01

Nixon Receives Glowing Praise in Ike's Statement

President Declines To Discuss Running Mate

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower accompanied his second term announcement today with glowing praise of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. But he declined to discuss a second term running mate until the Republican Convention picks a presidential nominee.

Mr. Eisenhower was asked specifically about Nixon as his second term running mate.

He replied that he would not mention the vice presidential nomination at this time. He said he would have to see who was nominated for President by the GOP Convention at San Francisco in August.

But he went on to say that his admiration for Nixon is unbounded. He said Nixon is a loyal and dedicated associate.

Heavy Favorite

With the President's announcement, Nixon immediately became a heavy favorite to win re-nomination as Mr. Eisenhower's running mate.

But Nixon isn't a sure thing.

There is active opposition to Nixon in the No. 2 spot on the 1956 Republican ticket, some of the "dump Nixon" talk has been based on personal feelings, some on the belief that he is weak with independent voters, some on the conviction that Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack makes voters more aware than ever that the vice-president they choose is one heart beat from the presidency.

Talk To Increase

This talk is expected to increase, until unless Mr. Eisenhower himself stops it by saying flatly that he favors Nixon or some other.

Although Mr. Eisenhower declined to discuss the 1956 vice presidential nomination, he has made it plain that 1.—The presidential nominee should have the major choice of a running mate, and that 2.—He admires Nixon.

Stood By Nixon

He stood by Nixon during the 1952 campaign crisis that developed after Nixon's "expense fund." He has been quick to come to the defense of Nixon against Democratic attacks.

GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall and many other party leaders have said in the past that they expected Nixon to be the vice presidential nominee if Mr. Eisenhower decided to try for a second term.

A United Press poll of Republican state chairmen this week showed Nixon to be a heavy favorite for the No. 2 spot on a GOP national ticket headed by Mr. Eisenhower.

Would Be Chief Target

Supporters are aware that Nixon, if he is renominated, will be the chief target for an all-out onslaught by Democrats. The Democrats intensely dislike Nixon and would not miss an opportunity to remind the voters that Mr. Eisenhower is a President who has suffered a heart attack and that Nixon is next in line of presidential succession.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Will Run Again If He's Wanted (See story on page 8)

Statement Pleases Oregon Republicans

Mrs. Frank Bash, chairman of the Jackson county Republican Central committee, said today of the President's announcement: "Naturally, all Republicans are overjoyed by the news. The hearts of all Americans are lifted today with the announcement that Dwight D. Eisenhower has decided to think first of the welfare of the nation and stand for reelection.

"It is what we had hoped and expected, and what we might expect from the man who, more than any other, has furnished world leadership, but who remains the good soldier by putting country before self."

Robert Boyer, chairman of the county Democratic Central committee, stated:

"I am pleased that the President has recovered from his recent heart attack to the point where he feels he can now be a candidate to succeed himself.

"The issues to be decided this November are those created by this administration and it would be to the interest of the nation if the architect of those governmental policies will actively and vigorously present, explain and defend them to the people."

Kiwanis Show Starts At High School Today

Medford Kiwanis Kapers production, "Holiday Review," opens tonight for a four-night run at the Medford high school auditorium.

Curtain time today is 7:30 p.m. Shows will start at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The musical variety presentation has local talent under professional direction. Colorful production numbers, comedy sequences, dance chorus routines and solo and group song selections are on the program. The Kiwanis song chorus will have an important part.

Proceeds will be used for Kiwanis youth work in Jackson county.

General admission tickets only for tonight's performance are being sold. There will be a special student price tonight only. Reserved seats may be bought for Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows.

Ike Undecided If Veto of Natural Gas Bill Has Caused Him Any Political Harm

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower said today he hasn't the slightest idea whether his veto of the natural gas bill has hurt him politically.

The President, who favored the bill's objectives, repeated his explanation that he rejected the measure because a minor segment of a great industry engaged in arrogant and indefensible acts in lobbying for its passage.

One of Several Issues

The gas bill veto was one of several issues Mr. Eisenhower discussed at a news conference largely dominated by his second-term announcement. He also made these points:

1. He is unalterably opposed to high rigid farm price supports and wants Congress to take speedy, positive action on his own program for a "soil bank" and flexible supports. He declined to say if he would veto the rigid support bill now pending in the Senate if it is passed.
2. He hoped Congress will enact the Upper Colorado Basin Bill, now before the House, as quickly as possible.
3. Urged every American to give so generously to the Red Cross in its current fund drive that the humanitarian organization not only will meet, but double, its quota.
4. He is very gratified by the current visit of Italian President Giovanni Gronchi to this country and hopes that Americans will extend a warm welcome wherever he goes to show the nation's respect for Italy as a great member of the Western alliance.

TONIGHT TO TELL STAND

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower said today he will run for a second term if the Republican convention and the people want him.

Republican leaders left no doubt they want him. They took his decision as a firm yes, and jubilantly predicted "overwhelming victory" in November.

Mr. Eisenhower made his announcement at a record breaking news conference.

To Speak on Radio, TV Tonight

He will go on a nationwide radio-TV hookup at 7 p.m. (PST) to explain to the American people, he said, a number of factors bearing on his decision. Then he added:

"My answer will be positive. That is, affirmative."

"And I assure you of this: My answer would not be affirmative."

President Eisenhower's address to the nation tonight will be carried over radio stations KYJC and KMED and station KBES-TV at 7 o'clock.

unless I thought I could last out the five years."

Mr. Eisenhower said he did not know for certain whether the Republican Convention would want him after his speech tonight.

But the Republican leaders were more than satisfied. To a man, they predicted the party convention in San Francisco next August will renominate Mr. Eisenhower by acclamation, without even taking a roll call. And probably with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon as his running mate again, although Mr. Eisenhower would not commit himself on that today.

Health Seen as Issue in Campaign

Even Sen. William F. Knowland, the only opponent for the presidential nomination who has been on the horizon, said: "The President in my judgment will be renominated by acclamation at the San Francisco convention."

Democrats promptly made the President's health a campaign issue, perhaps the main issue.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler said "The American people will never elect a President who, at 65, has had a serious heart attack and who is unable to be a full time chief executive."

Mr. Eisenhower said he will give the American people a report on his health in his broadcast tonight. He said he will be just as truthful as he can about his health. He said he hadn't given any thought to whether his health will be a campaign issue.

Mr. Eisenhower said he was not certain that the Republican Convention at San Francisco in August would want to nominate him after he outlines tonight the various factors involved in his willingness to run again.

High Admiration for Nixon Reiterated

He said he wanted all of these factors to be thoroughly understood by the American people and by participants in the nominating convention.

He declined to say whether he wanted Vice-President Richard M. Nixon as his running mate again, although he reiterated his high admiration for Nixon.

Mr. Eisenhower said he would have to wait to see who the Republican Convention nominated for President. Then, he said, would be the time to discuss the vice-presidency.

The president confirmed, as reported by the United Press, that his decision was a last minute matter.

He said he was still arguing with himself about the answer yesterday morning. During last night he confided in about six people, he said.

Current State of Health To Be Discussed

Among the factors bearing on his obviously qualified willingness to run, and to be explored at length in his talk to the nation tonight, are the current state of his health and the type of campaign he would be willing to undertake.

The President's disclosure came in a tense and dramatic news conference which attracted a record crowd of 311 reporters and photographers.

Sharply at 10:31 a.m., the President entered the room, invited the reporters to sit down and began a series of announcements having nothing to do with the big question.

Personal Announcement Next on Agenda

It was 10:38 when the President said quite calmly that his next announcement involved something more personal.

He recalled his promise that when he reached a decision about his own personal future, he would let the reporters know.

He then said that he had reached such a decision, but found that there were so many factors involved that his answer could not be expressed in a simple yes or no.

A fuller explanation to the American people was necessary. Furthermore, he would not go before the people or allow his name to go before the Republican Convention until all concerned knew exactly who they were nominating and the many factors entering his life.

Mr. Eisenhower was asked about the reaction of Mrs. Eisenhower to his decision. He said she and other members of his family had said from the beginning that it was his decision to make and they would conform with whatever he decided to do.

The President appeared quite thoughtful as a reporter asked him how he expected the issue of his health to come up in the campaign this fall.

Mr. Eisenhower said he would try to be just as truthful as he could about his condition. While some of his political enemies might regard him as stupid, he thought they believed he was honest.

Eisenhower Record To Be Campaign

Asked generally what he thought the campaign issues between the Republicans and the Democrats would be, Mr. Eisenhower said that he had a record established before the American people and this record would be his campaign.

Giving some background of how he arrived at his decision, he said he had consulted everybody he thought was a friend and some of whom he was not so sure.

He said he discussed his political future as recently as yesterday morning with Nixon. But in another part of the conference, he said he had not discussed the vice presidency for this year.

He pointed out that no one could have known his decision before last night because he did not know it himself.