

# Letters NAACP Have Become Symbol of Whites As Worst Woe in Race Problem

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of dispatches on the big issue of the desegregation controversy by the United Press Atlanta bureau chief who is touring the states of the deep South.)

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Greenville, Miss. — (U.P.) — The letters NAACP have become a symbol to the White South of the worst of its woes in the race problem.

The letters stand for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Organized in New York 48 years ago, it is now in the forefront of the Negro battle for equality. Many sincere Southerners are convinced that the NAACP has Communist leanings.

Conservatives hate it passionately. Many moderates, while sympathetic with some of its aims, argue that the NAACP is carrying the banner of racial integration so fast and recklessly that bloodshed may result.

Whites who do join or endorse the NAACP do so at the risk of community abuse. Negro leaders of the organization find themselves subjected to all sorts of pressures, usually economic ones.

Nevertheless, the NAACP is growing steadily in the South. Practically all the large cities and towns have organized offices. Even in this Mississippi delta country, with great expanses of flat plantation land separating Negro settlement houses the NAACP has its members.

The organization's aim is to crumble segregation barriers wherever they exist. It has scored some notable victories, its greatest being the part it played in the Supreme Court ruling on desegregating public schools.

Getting Tougher  
But its task in the South has been tough and will get tougher. Right now race relations are at a new low in the core of the deep south — Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Louisiana has filed suit to outlaw the NAACP on the ground that it failed to file membership lists in compliance with a 1924 law aimed at the old Ku Klux Klan.

Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook gave the White Citizens Councils an effective propaganda weapon — a research project that Cook claims proves

a Communist front tie-in with NAACP. The organization calls Cook's findings a smear.

## Lodge Sees Reds Starting Economic Hold Onto Africa

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. warned today that Soviet Russia has begun an economic penetration of Africa.

Lodge, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, returned on Tuesday from a three-week inspection tour of U.S. and U.N. economic air projects in Libya and the Sudan.

He said he had prepared a report for Washington on the "battle of assistance" with Russia and that he expected to testify before Congress on the U.N. technical aid program.

"I think the Soviet Union is beginning to establish itself in Africa in a general way," he said.

"There is a competition in the world as regards economic development. The free world is in that competition. How to meet it without making the people scrap their freedom is a very big question."

Strings Attached  
Lodge refused to identify the African countries concerned but said he had heard of "a number" that had received and are considering Soviet offers of aid with "strings attached," to the Kremlin.

The "strings," he said, are Russia's insistence that Soviet personnel be assigned to any economic project so they can "work behind the scenes."

"The Soviet Union has shown," Lodge said "that when it goes into a place, freedom disappears."

"What we do has no strings. We do not offer the type of assistance we have seen behind the Iron Curtain."

Lodge said the Kremlin has been offering African countries "things which are desperately needed in most parts of Africa."

Among them, he said, he had heard of offers of cement, road materials, farm machinery and hospitals fully equipped and with personnel.

A. P. Tureaud, NAACP leader in New Orleans whose court battles cracked the racial barrier in Louisiana colleges, scoffs at efforts of the state to outlaw the group there. He said individual lawyers like himself would keep the work going even if the NAACP is banned.

Tureaud contends that the South might have been spared

## All-White Jury Acquits Man of Slaying Negro

Sumner, Miss. — (U.P.) — A white cotton gin operator was acquitted Tuesday night of slaying a "highly respected" Negro in the same courtroom where two white half brothers had been freed of Negro teenager Emmett Till's slaying.

An all-white jury deliberated only four hours before finding Elmer Kimbell, 34, innocent in the shotgun slaying of Clinton Melton, 33-year-old Negro service station attendant.

The shooting, last December 3 in nearby Glendora, Miss., resulted from a squabble over a gasoline purchase. The local all-white Lions club called the shooting an "outrage."

The verdict failed to cause even the slightest commotion in the little Tallahatchie courtroom where half brothers Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam were acquitted last September of the "wolf whistle" slaying of 14-year-old Chicago Negro Emmett Till. The verdict was handed down at 5:25 p.m. (EST).

Kimbell, claiming he shot Melton in self defense, testified he was fired on three times before he reached for his shotgun to return the fire. Three state witnesses testified however, that Melton was not armed.

Kimbell's wife followed him to the stand and testified that her husband, on returning home the night of the slaying, told her he had been wounded at the station where Melton was employed.

Dr. Paul Googe testified he treated Kimbell for a shoulder wound and said it was caused by a pistol or rifle. The bullet was not found, Googe said.

the pain of quick integration demands had the region "faced up to the problem years ago."

The fact is that the South dragged its feet on providing adequate schools and recreation facilities for Negroes until the NAACP went into court to fight for them. Outstanding exceptions exist, but as a region the South is far behind the rest of the nation. Part of the reason was economic — cured by a post-war industrial boom — but part was the old notion that Negro children don't need much schooling.

## Bond Voted Down

Tureaud says he went to the New Orleans school board for 12 years trying to get a second negro high school. In 1946, he says, a suit for separate but equal facilities brought a school bond election to authorize the money. The bond issue was voted down. This correspondent has discussed Tureaud's viewpoint with several Southern editors whose papers have taken the middle-ground, moderate approach to the desegregation problem.

"Our profession should hang its head in shame," a Louisiana editor said. "We failed to stimulate the public's interest in helping Southern Negroes before all this trouble started. We are partly to blame for NAACP."

Hodding Carter, the noted Greenville editor, is one who believes it's time for the NAACP to apply the brakes to its integration drive.

"One of the arguments advanced effectively against integration in schools," Carter says, "is the vast difference at present in the intellectual levels of the Southern Negro and White child."

"The NAACP should turn its activities inward for a while and try to prepare the Negro people for acceptance and use of the opportunities they are requesting."

## Expelled Student Offered Education

Atlanta — (U.P.) — Georgia Gov. Marvin Griffin has offered to "guarantee personally" a college education for Leonard Wilson, 20, a student segregation leader expelled from the University of Alabama.

Griffin told his news conference he sent Wilson a telegram Monday night, a few hours after the trustees of the University of Alabama announced his expulsion.

Wilson was expelled for making "outrageous statements" about university officials in the wake of their prior expulsion of Autherine Lucy, Negro co-ed whose presence on the Alabama campus as the first Negro student in the university's history led to three days of rioting.

Wilson said he had "no comment to make on the offer. I just don't have anything to say today."

Griffin, a last-ditch foe of integration, last made national headlines on the issue in December when he tried, unsuccessfully, to prevent the Georgia Tech football team from playing in the Sugar Bowl against Pittsburgh, which had a Negro player.

## District Suggests Annexation Fee

Portland — (U.P.) — A charge of \$300 per house should be made on builders of housing developments which seek annexation to the Portland school district, members of the board have asserted.

Directors said that would still be less than the per-child cost of education for one year. They said large suburban developments coming into the district put a strain on school district finances with unanticipated expenses charged against the budget.

Superintendent J. W. Edwards said a case in point was the 50 or 60 homes in Southwood Homes development. Though located in Clackamas county, the project is closer to Portland schools than to Oswego schools.

Director James Yeomans said Southwood was typical of the kind that should be charged an annexation fee.

## Forrest Sentenced to 180 Days in Jail

Hillsboro, Ore. — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge Glen Hieber Tuesday sentenced Louis Forrest to 180 days in Washington county jail on his conviction of an assault and battery against Mrs. Esse Robertson.

Forrest, 25-year-old former member of the Scofield school board, was accused of beating Mrs. Robertson, a teacher at the school, in an argument over placement of furniture in the one-room Scofield school.

# Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS  
Manchester, N. H. — Gov. Lane Dwinell on the write-in vote for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon in the New Hampshire primary:  
"If the trend continues it could be interpreted as a mandate to the convention to re-nominate Nixon."

Washington — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson on Nixon and the vice-presidential nomination:  
"I know nothing but good about him (Nixon)."

London — General Sir John Bagot Glubb, former Arab legion commander, on his abrupt dismissal by King Hussein:  
"Similar things have frequently happened in history when young kings do not fancy their grandfathers' advisers much."

Ottawa — Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe, on a possible Soviet invasion in Europe:  
"I am not saying that we would win because I am absolutely convinced if a third world war came there would be no winner."

New York — Nancy Hamilton, 13, calmly facing death from a rare blood disease, on the spiritual guidance she received from a visit to the French shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes:  
"I felt it the day I got there. The shrine was so holy and beautiful."

## Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Audrey Hepburn, back in Hollywood for the first time in 2½ years, has a comeback for what she calls "the wicked tongues" that have been sniping at her marriage: She insists her husband is no Svengali.



Aline Mosby  
The notion that handsome actor-director Mel Ferrer rules Audrey with an iron hand has been filling the gossip columns and fan magazines.

Audrey admits (1) He taught her modern dance rhythm; (2) "I don't have to make decisions alone now," and (3) "We like to be together."

## Tokyo Rose Ordered To Leave Country

Chicago — (U.P.) — Tokyo Rose today was given until April 13 to get out of the country.

The Immigration and Naturalization Department notified her that if she has not left voluntarily by then, it will start deportation proceedings.

Tokyo Rose, the disc jockey propagandist for Japan during World War II, has been living here since her release from the Federal Women's Prison at Alderson, W. Va., last Jan. 28.

Her real name is Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino. She is an American-born citizen. Her husband is living in Japan.

Her attorney, Jiro Yamaguchi, said he doubts that she will leave the country voluntarily. He said he also doubts the legality of deportation proceedings against a native-born citizen.

"Rose" had hoped to live an inconspicuous life here as an assistant to a doctor or dentist. She served six years and two months of a 10-year treason sentence and is now under the supervision of the local parole office.

## Careers Don't Interfere

"Our careers don't interfere. We planned it that way — accepting scripts so we can be together. Naturally we discuss all of our projects together — but we make our own decisions. I couldn't follow anybody else's decision."

## Court Records

DISTRICT COURT  
Jimmie H. Day, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, \$15.  
Chester Boyd Keene, inadequate emergency brake, \$6.  
Earl Franklin Burwell, no signal device, \$10 (ball forfeited).  
Frank Calvin Brown, no PUC permit, \$15 (ball forfeited).  
Forrest Glen Jones, failure to yield right of way, \$10.  
Donald Wayne Blankenship, inadequate muffler, \$15.  
Virgil Durant Jackson, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Henry Francis Padgham, Jr., failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Abraham Lincoln Halfhill, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Weldon Mack Agnew, passing on crest of hill, \$10.  
Jack Everett Dunlap, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT  
Rawley P. Rogers III vs. Delores Mae Rogers, divorce decree.  
Gloria A. Smith vs. Robert J. Smith, divorce decree.  
Louise M. Dye Schultz vs. Paul L. Schultz, decree of annulment.  
Fernando P. Palacios vs. Marcene Palacios, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS  
Charley T. Williams, 3935 Boardman st., Klamath Falls, and Mildred C. Stevens, route 2, box 558, Klamath Falls.  
John Olaf Green, 838 Dakota st., Medford, and Myrna Maureen Potts, 48½ N. Orange st., Medford.

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ion. If anything went wrong it would be his fault.

"Of course, he has a great deal of experience and I benefit by listening to him. And — I make some sense to him, too."

Audrey will dance for the first time since she was an unknown chorus girl in London stage musicals four years ago. Ferrer, she added, taught her "modern rhythm" because she had been taught ballet in the European classical manner.

The Ferrers are strictly non-Hollywoodites. After this film they'll return to Paris for more movies — "And we would love to do one together, if the parts were right for both of us," said Mrs. Ferrer, as she stretched happily in her skin-tight black leopard.

## London Papers Reported

"Why, one of the London newspapers reported that I insisted I be addressed as Mrs. Ferrer. Ferrer. Really!" She said. "Every young girl calls herself by her married name. It's unnatural to do otherwise."

"And I'm certainly not going to defend the fact we like to be together."

Audrey's first film at Paramount since "Sabrina" will be her first musical, "Funny Face," co-starring Fred Astaire. When I visited her rehearsal set, thin Audrey in black tights was dancing an exotic sight in one corner and thin Fred was warming up in another corner. How these two toothpicks can fill a vast-screen is a wonder.

After rehearsal, Audrey curled up with a cottage cheese-and-pineapple salad and talked happily about her husband.

"I am very happy," she smiled. "To some people marriage only complicates their lives. But I am much freer and happier now than when I was single. I am never alone to worry about things."

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