

Atlanta Negro Ministers Attempt To Break Georgia's Bus Segregation Laws

Atlanta — (U.P.)—Twelve Negro ministers boarded an Atlanta city bus today and sat in front seats in an apparent attempt to break down Georgia's bus segregation laws.

The public vehicle, an electrically operated trackless trolley, appeared to develop power trouble just after the Negroes boarded and two mechanics were called to repair it. All but one of the five or six white passengers aboard got off. The Negroes remained.

The first attempt at bus integration in the Georgia capital city occurred at a busy downtown intersection. The Negroes, members of the "love, law and liberation" movement, held a prayer meeting this morning and then went downtown to board buses.

Gov. Marvin Griffin promptly blamed "outside agitators" for the integration attempt and said the Negro bus riders should be jailed.

Plan General Strategy

The integration move in the Georgia metropolis, a bedrock of Deep South segregation practices, was made on the eve of a meeting of bus integration leaders from other Southern states, including the Negro ministers who led movements to end segregated seating laws in Montgomery, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla. The group plans to map south-wide strategy to implement the Supreme Court decision declaring segregated bus seating unconstitutional.

A Negro organization in New Orleans announced today it will seek racial integration on city buses by "peaceful" means. The Rev. W. Scott Chinn, a spokesman for the New Orleans Minis-

terial Alliance, Negro group, said a petition will be presented to the president of the New Orleans Public Service Commission, asking that bus segregation be ended and that Negroes be given equal job opportunity by the bus company.

Governor Hints Action

One of the Negro ministers who sat in the front of an Atlanta bus this morning was the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the leader of the Montgomery integration drive. He said it was the first time he had ever sat in the front of an Atlanta public conveyance.

Gov. Griffin hinted at quick action to nip the integration attempt in the bud. He said that his powers under Georgia riot statutes are very broad and added, "I am charged with the responsibility of preventing trouble."

"I would call on these people to disperse and if they did not I would put them all in jail," the governor said.

Montgomery To End Curfew

In Montgomery, Ala., where court ordered bus integration has been in effect for some three weeks, a night-time curfew on bus operations will be lifted this

afternoon. The curfew was imposed during the Christmas holidays in an effort to stop a wave of shootings which wounded one Negro bus passenger.

At Knoxville, Tenn., segregationist John Kasper warned that a suit to integrate Knoxville schools may lead to more "race riots" and "possible bloodshed."

Kasper, who figured in the Clinton, Tenn., integration riots last fall, called a White Citizens Council "strategy" session to plan demands on the Tennessee legislature now in session.

The suit filed last Monday by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will arouse legislative support of white demands for bolstering Tennessee segregation laws, Kasper said.

Legislative Bills Expected

The legislatures of Tennessee and South Carolina, also just beginning its 1957 session, were expected to receive packets of bills designed to keep schools segregated regardless of court action.

Gov. Frank Clement, addressing a joint session of the Tennessee legislature, proposed segregation of Tennessee schools on a "voluntary" basis saying any other plan, when challenged in court will be held unconstitutional.

Marie McDonald's Attorney Irlked By Investigation

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Famed criminal attorney Jerry Giesler served notice today that he and his client, Marie McDonald, are dissatisfied with the way authorities are investigating the case of her kidnapping.

"It is about time that the police start proceeding with the investigation of the kidnapping instead of investigating Miss McDonald," Giesler said. "I only ask them to show the same diligence hunting for the kidnapers that they have used in trying to prove her story a hoax."

Offered To Take Lie Test

Giesler said Miss McDonald has offered to take a lie detector test to support her story that she was kidnapped by two Latin-type men early last Friday. He charged that "police have been subjecting Miss McDonald to an inquisition" instead of searching for evidence.

Giesler hovered over Miss McDonald's shoulder Tuesday as she signed a formal police report charging that she was abducted from her \$65,000 home by two men and left wandering along a desert road near Indio, Calif. The report, however, made no mention that she had been assaulted and robbed, but merely described details of the alleged kidnapping.

Hatfield To Attend Holmes Inaugural Ball

Portland — (U.P.) — Mark O. Hatfield, Oregon's new Republican secretary of state, said here today he would attend the inaugural ball of Democratic Gov. elect Robert Holmes with complimentary tickets that had been sent to him.

Hatfield said "I am in agreement with former Gov. Sprague, the last governor to hold an inaugural ball, that, in his words, 'partisan differences should blank out social amenities.'"

23 MORE HUNGARIANS

Portland — (U.P.) — A group of 23 Hungarian refugees was scheduled to arrive here today, bringing the total number to come to Oregon to 145.

Amherst, Mass. — (U.P.) — Alfred W. Boicourt, extension specialist in horticulture at the University of Massachusetts reported that he "contracted a terrific poison ivy rash while helping with our school horticultural show," adding: "you can imagine my embarrassment."

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Egypt Said Slowing Clearance of Suez Through Restrictions

London — (U.P.) — Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler said today Egypt was slowing down clearance of the Suez Canal by imposing restrictions on the number of salvage vessels he could use.

The retired American general who is in charge of the United Nations salvage job said in Port Said as result of the Egyptian "quota" he was sending home the British salvage vessels Spencer and Uplifter.

Negotiations Avoided

Another indication of growing Egyptian toughness came from Cairo where the government announced it would not enter direct or indirect negotiations with Britain and France over the future control of the canal.

However Abdel Kader Hatem, director of the Egyptian Information department, said Egypt was ready to discuss the question of navigation in the United Nations.

Hatem based Egypt's refusal to talk with Britain and France on charges that the two nations violated the 1888 Suez Canal convention when they attacked Egypt and Occupied Port Said. "All of this took place after the Security Council's Nov. 13 appeal for a peaceful solution of the question of canal navigation — which Britain and France accepted," he said.

Wheeler Tuesday disclosed another restriction placed on the

U.N. salvage operations. He said Egypt insisted the Anglo-French salvage fleet working in Port Said harbor get out at the end of January.

Ambassador to Report

Egyptian leaders have been conferring with both Arab and Russian representatives over the plan.

A U. S. Embassy spokesman in Cairo announced that American Ambassador Raymond Hare would report on Egyptian reaction to President Eisenhower's proposed Middle East doctrine. There has been no official Egyptian reaction to the plan but newspapers have been cool to the idea.

Oregon's Farmers Share in Prosperity

Corvallis — (U.P.) — An Oregon State College agricultural economist said today that Oregon farmers shared in the increased prosperity enjoyed by the nation's farmers during 1956.

Economist Mrs. Elvera Horrell said sales of farm products in Oregon from January through September of 1956 showed an increase of three per cent compared with the same months in 1955. She said farmers took in more money from both crops and livestock, with larger marketings of both more than offsetting the lower average prices farmers received in 1956.

Mrs. Horrell reported that nationwide farm income turned up after four years of decline. Net income based on the first nine months of 1956 was up four per cent from 1955. She said soil bank payments had a part in the upturn.

Union Office Robbery Claimed 'Amateurish'

Seattle — (U.P.) — Police today termed as "amateurish" a burglary at Teamsters Union headquarters here and said no records were missing.

In Washington, D.C., yesterday, Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel of the Senate investigating subcommittee, said that his agents were questioning union officials about reports that someone entered Teamster's headquarters early yesterday and broke into the filing cabinets.

The subcommittee had previously subpoenaed the files.

Frank C. Ramon, detective captain in charge of the Seattle police department's burglary detail, said the burglary was "a very amateurish effort, probably by juveniles," and that no records were missing from the Teamster's headquarters.

Cattlemen Will Take Stand on Federal Aid

Phoenix — (U.P.) — The American Cattlemen's Association convention was expected to take a stand today with regard to federal aid in the face of the extended drought.

The cattlemen were to hear reports of standing committee and adopt resolutions this afternoon. Also on the schedule was election of officers and selection of a site for the 1958 meeting.

Spokesmen for the cattle industry earlier indicated opposition to federal subsidies and portions of the soil bank program.

The highest automobile highway in the United States winds up about 14,260 feet to the peak of Mount Evans, one of the highest in all Colorado.

Gasoline Fumes Linger in Sewer

Fort Morgan, Colo. — (U.P.) — Explosive fumes from 600 gallons of gasoline lingered in Fort Morgan's sewer system today, but the city accepted the remote danger calmly.

The gasoline was pumped accidentally from a city supply tank, and flowed into the sewer system through a ground-level drain.

Fire Chief Vic Edwards had fire hydrants throughout the city turned on immediately, to help flush the gasoline from beneath the city. But he said explosive fumes would remain in the air spaces of the sewer pipes for "two or three days."

The chance that the fumes might be ignited appeared slim. But Edwards and police were worried that if the story got out, rumors soon would exaggerate the danger and cause panic.

Fort Morgan radio stations did not broadcast the story Tuesday night.

Networks To Carry Eisenhower Address

New York — (U.P.) — Spokesmen for ABC, CBS and NBC said today their networks will carry President Eisenhower's State of the Union address Thursday, both on radio and television. Mutual announced it would broadcast the speech by radio.

Girls Apprehended For Attempted Theft

Two 13-year-old Medford girls were apprehended Tuesday after admitting an attempt to take several articles from the Perl Funeral home, 426 West Sixth st., Medford, and the garage of Dorothy P. Winchester, 111 King st., Medford, according to police.

Police apprehended the girls after Dorothy Winchester reported she observed two young girls run from her garage when she drove into the driveway, police reported.

They were released to their parents with instructions to appear before juvenile authorities, police said.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

Jersey City, N.J. — (U.P.) — Five of seven men named Murphy were picked from a panel of veniremen Tuesday to serve on a Hudson county jury. The defendant's name is Johnson.

About two of seven auto drivers in the U.S. have been given police tags for one or another kind of traffic violations over the recent years.

Ragweed Declared Out of Control In Two Counties

Portland — (U.P.) — Ragweed is out of control in Umatilla and Josephine counties and the State Board of Health reported today that some 100,000 Oregonians can expect to suffer from allergic reactions unless the pest is controlled.

The board said the Legislature would be asked for funds to put the state's four-year-old ragweed control act into operation.

Dr. N. E. Irvine of Lebanon, president of the board, said the Milton-Freewater area and portions of Josephine county are now too heavily infested with ragweed for practical control.

Fairly large infestations also were reported in Marion and Clackamas counties and smaller concentrations in Polk, Benton, Washington, Yamhill, Columbia, Morrow and Jackson counties, according to Dr. Irvine.

The board estimated that \$50,231 would be required to enforce the eradication law which puts the responsibility for eliminating ragweed on landowners.

Dr. Irvine said ragweed is one of the most vicious of the pollen-producing plants and constitutes a health menace to many persons not affected by other plants.

Snow Makes Driving Hazardous in State

Salem — (U.P.) — Snow over many parts of the state made driving hazardous today, the State High Department reported.

Motorists were advised to carry chains for travel at Government Camp, Warm Springs junction, Detroit, Prospect, Lapine, Lakeview, Meacham, John Day and Austin.

Icy spots were reported at Sunset summit, Tillamook, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Carpenterville, The Dalles, Brothers, Baker, and Seneca.

Four inches of new snow was reported at Government Camp, three inches at Warm Springs junction, two inches at Detroit, four inches at Prospect, one inch at Ochoco summit, one inch at Willamette pass, four inches at Meacham and three inches at John Day.

Former Editor of Collier's Succumbs

Los Altos, Calif. — (U.P.) — Private funeral services were held today for James Marshall, former Pacific Coast editor of Collier's Magazine who died Monday in Palo Alto hospital after a long illness. He was 65.

A native of England, Marshall began his American career as a reporter with the Scripps-Howard newspapers in 1914. After joining Collier's, he virtually commuted between San Francisco and the Orient.

He was one of the casualties in the famous prewar incident when a Japanese warplane dropped a 50-pound bomb onto the American gunboat Panay on the Yangtze river.



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