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MAY INDICT WHITE WOMAN FOR ACCUSING MAN SAYS COMMUNISM CAN SOLVE RACE PROBLEM

ASS'N URGES PROSECUTION

NEW YORK, April 8.—Mrs. Dorothy Skaggs, the white woman who falsely accused a Negro, William Harper, of assault in Norfolk, Virginia, on which charge Harper was first sentenced to die and then acquitted on second trial, may herself face indictment on a perjury charge, according to information reaching the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Olivet Church Dresses Up

With nearly fifty shrubs artistically placed on the church grounds, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, through its Fellowship Club, makes an especially inviting appearance this Easter. The newly decorated interior is worshipful, restful and beautiful. As a climax of numerous activities, Easter services will consist of a Sunday School program at 9:30 a. m., entitled "There Is No Death"; an Easter message by the pastor, Dr. Caston, on "Immortality and My Faith in It"; a one-hour service by the young people at 7:30 p. m., and Holy Communion at the regular evening hour.

The Fellowship Club will present its new usher board, consisting of attractive matrons. They are: Mrs. Dennis Collins, Mrs. Leon Fisher, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Mrs. Effie Johnson and Mrs. Edward Rutherford. The memorial flower table will carry a floral tribute in honor of Carra Henry Porter, deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Porter. The Mount Olivet Visitor will make its initial appearance and splendid music will be furnished by the choir of the church. At the 11 o'clock service, Miss Barbara Hubbard will sing "Consider the Lilies."

TRUE TALES OF THE TELEPHONE



A Billionth of an Inch
To the layman, a billionth of an inch seems too small to conceive, much less actually to measure. For the telephone engineer, however, such infinitesimal quantities often determine success or failure.

In order to study the properties of pormalloy and other magnetic materials, for example, Bell Laboratories scientists have found it necessary to make minute measurements of the changes in length of specimens when subjected to magnetization. Through the use of specially designed apparatus employing delicately balanced mirrors, glass screens and photoelectric cells, it is possible to determine, in a centimeter of length a change in the order of one-tenth of the diameter of an atom, or something like a billionth of an inch.

Such a length is so incredibly small that if it were possible to manufacture paper equally thin, over a million sheets would have to be piled one on top of the other in order to obtain a thickness equivalent to that of ordinary tissue paper. So delicate is the measuring apparatus that it is specially mounted to guard against building vibrations and is sealed in a vacuum to protect it against changes in external temperature.

PARKS SUCCEEDS BISHOP CAREY

CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—Bishop H. B. Parks, Oakland, Cal., senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, was chosen on last Saturday to succeed the late Bishop A. J. Carey as presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District until the next general conference at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1932. It seems that the consensus of opinion is that Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City, Mo., will be the next bishop of this district.

'BIRTH OF NATION' FILM AGAIN UNANIMOUSLY DENIED BY CITY

Promoters of "The Birth of a Nation" film petitioned the city council again on last Wednesday morning for a rehearing to show the film in Portland. The editor of The Advocate was summoned and spoke against the film, pointing out that it was not only historically untrue but that it incited hatred between the races. Mrs. E. B. Colwell presented records showing that the film had been barred a number of times previously. Upon motion of Commissioner Barbur, seconded by Commissioner Clyde, the petition was unanimously denied.

OMAHA BARS VICIOUS FILM

NEW YORK, April 8.—Dr. John A. Singleton, president of the Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports that showing of the "Birth of a Nation" has been prohibited in that city.

WORKERS ANNOUNCE MEETING

The Workers' Hall, 191 1/2 Third street, will open Sunday night, April 12, with a program, and Fred Walker, young Communist League district organizer, recently acquitted of a criminal syndicalism charge, will speak. The hall is the new headquarters of the Portland branches of the International Labor Defense, Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Council Section. Admission is free.

Daily Papers Criticise Howard Univ. FIRE HERO HONOR'D

BIG BILL GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT

CHICAGO, April 8.—William Hale Thompson, master politician who served three terms as mayor of Chicago, has just been turned out of office in favor of Anton J. Cermak, former Bohemian immigrant whose career began in the coal mines of southern Illinois. Cermak's smashing victory at the polls by a majority of almost 192,000 was "Big Bill's" first taste of defeat during his spectacular career. Complete returns today from the 2987 precincts as compiled by the police gave Cermak 666,439 and Thompson 474,808.

Followers of the democratic president of the Cook county board hailed Cermak's victory as "the end of Thompsonism, waste, extravagance and crime." Civic leaders called the republican incumbent's defeat a "tremendous step toward good government and prosperity."

The election was a record-breaker in many respects. Thompson's defeat was the most overwhelming in majority history. Until yesterday he held the record for rolling up the biggest plurality. Cermak's total vote was larger by almost 16,000 than the landslide for Senator James Hamilton Lewis last fall. Thompson carried only five wards out of 50.

Cermak lost no time in taking advantage of his victory. No sooner had he received news that he was elected than he spoke over the radio. "This election marks the end of crime in Chicago," he told the listeners. "I shall serve notice on the hoodlum and gangster that he'd better pack up and get out or prepare for a long stay under restraint. "Within a day or two I shall present my new cabinet to the council—a cabinet that will lead Chicago on to development and prosperity."

When news of defeat reached Thompson, he smiled and announced tomorrow he would be off on a cruise of the Mississippi river to boost his waterways plan.

HONOR ROLL OF STATES DECLINE

NEW YORK, April 8.—The ninth annual Honor Roll, showing states free from lynching in the year 1930, has just been announced by the Commission on Race Relations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The record shows that lynchings took place in nine states as compared with five states in 1929. The number of victims was 21 during 1930, more than double the number of the previous year. Of the 21 persons, one was white and 20 were Negroes.

PEACE ADVOCATE VISIT

On Thursday, April 9 at Lincoln high school auditorium, Menni Forchhammer delivered an address on the question of world peace. The speaker, who is a delegate to the League of Nations, has done much to discourage international traffic in women and girls.

WHITE MINISTERS PLEDGE INTERRACIAL ACTIVITIES

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—Fifty white ministerial students from various Southern theological schools, in annual meeting here last week at Emory University, featured race relations as one of their principal topics and voted without dissent to make next year's conference interracial.

EDITOR CHOSEN

Beatrice Cannady, Editor of The Advocate, has been appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier to represent the State of Oregon at Tuskegee Institute's celebration of its 50th anniversary.

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TROUBLE BREWS IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(CNS)—The daily papers of the city have for several days given wide publicity to the fact that "there's trouble brewing on Howard Hill." The Washington Post in a front page article on Sunday, March 29, gave an account of internal strife in the Law School, which centered around a movement to oust James C. Waters, an instructor and the school's librarian. For several days the Post ran additional articles outlining dissensions in the several departments of the university; and the Washington Times, the Washington News and the Evening Star all joined in giving publicity to different phases of the "scandal."

BAPTIST CHURCHMEN BACK FROM HAITI

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(CNS)—The Rev. J. H. Randolph, secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society; the Rev. A. W. Brown, pastor of the Sixth Street Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., and the Rev. George Bullock, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of this city, have returned here after a trip to Haiti, where they made a survey of conditions in the black Republic. The churchmen reported much progress is now being made in Haiti and the country still remains a fertile field for the work of the Foreign Mission Department of the National Baptist Church.

According to the advance sale of tickets, indications are that the Elks will have the biggest crowd of the season at their ball next Wednesday night. Everybody will be there to aid the Elks in their worthy effort to maintain their fine property at the corner of Williams avenue and McMillen street.

PROMINENT N. Y. ATTY IMPRESSED WITH SOVIET RA.

NEW YORK, April 8.—"After three and a half years' study of racial minorities in Soviet Russia, I am convinced that the program of Communism is the only solution of our race problem in America," said William Lorenzo Patterson, former law partner of Assistant District Attorneys George E. Hall and Thomas B. Dyett, who returned to New York from Russia on the Deutschland Friday.

Asked if he had renounced his American citizenship, Patterson smiled said that he is still an American subject, and that he had traveled home on an American passport. He is home for an indefinite stay, he said, and does not know when he will return to visit his Russian bride of 15 months, who remained with her parents in Moscow.

Sailing from New York in the fall of 1927, he arrived in Moscow in time to witness the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the October revolution in Moscow. From there he went to Kharkov, where he made an address at a similar celebration in the Ukraine, a south Russian state, of which Kharkov is the capital. Returning to Moscow, he began to study economic conditions, visiting libraries, factories, Communist party meetings and interviewing government officials.

"After a critical comparison of the Soviet system with the various phases of capitalism in other parts of the world, I am convinced that when the Negro masses of America come to understand more clearly the ideology of Communism they must accept it as the only genuine relief from their present plight," declared Patterson.

"Under capitalism they are doomed to exploitation and oppression. The door to better things is closed to the American worker by his wage scale. In Russia, where private profit is being progressively abolished, there will be no limit to the benefits the worker may receive. When the Negro realizes the superiority of that system he is bound to accept its tenets."

San Francisco's Own Telephone "League of Nations"



This smiling group of young ladies, part of the regular operating force of the San Francisco long distance telephone office, can handle calls in 14 languages besides English: Italian, Greek, French, Portuguese, German, Dutch, Russian, Swedish, Austrian, Spanish, Finnish, Bohemian, Armenian and Hebrew. It helps to make telephone service just that much easier for some people to whom these languages are native tongues. Right: This call may be headed for Paris, and the operator would not be at all disturbed if it began with "Je voudrais parler . . ."

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