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SECTION ONE

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LEADERS SEPARAT'D BY SMALL MARGIN VOTES

STUDENTS PROTEST TO ALABAMA GOVERNOR

ONLY FEW WEEKS REMAIN IN WHICH TO AID YOUR FAVOURITE

Candidates Hit Top Speed in Campaign for Hudson Car — Last Big Vote Offer Closes This Wednesday Night at 11:00 P. M. — Also, Gold Offer Ends!

Gritting their teeth with absolute determination, candidates in The Advocate's circulation campaign and the vocate's gift distribution are going today at top speed in the race for the coveted valuable gifts.

The gong sounds at 11 o'clock Wednesday night on the big third period vote and point schedule; the last big vote on New Subscriptions. Campaign headquarters will be open until 11 o'clock Wednesday night to wait on candidates and credit their votes and points and subscriptions, on this important schedule period.

Can Accomplish Wonders
Wonders can be accomplished between now and closing time Wednesday night. Vote the pile up rapidly until the closing hour. The next and final week sees the smallest vote schedule of the entire campaign in effect. There are no final favors the last week of the campaign.

Race Is Hot
Never in this section has a race of any kind been so close or so hotly contested. Friends seem almost as interested as candidates themselves and are watching with anxiety and

EIGHT CONDEMNED NEGRO BOYS IN JAIL: ASK N. A. A. C. P. TO DEFEND THEM

Pickens, Present at Interview, Denounces "Communist" Tactics — N. A. A. C. P. Attorneys at Court Hearing.

New York, June 5 (By N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)—The eight Negro boys condemned to death in Scottsboro, Alabama, are being represented in court today by attorneys retained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The N. A. A. C. P. will receive tonight telegraphic and long distance reports of proceedings in court and will promptly make this latest news public.

At an interview in Kilby Prison, on May 31, all eight boys in the presence of William Pickens, N. A. A. C. P. Field Secretary, asked Alabama's foremost criminal lawyer, retained by the N. A. A. C. P., to defend them. Final arrangements to defend this attorney and his firm are to come

before the Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P. on Monday, and when the arrangements are concluded the attorney's name will be publicly announced.

At the interview in Kilby Prison at which both Mr. Pickens and this attorney were present, Mr. Pickens felt obliged to warn the condemned boys that the Communists were seeking only to use them for their own purposes. Speaking of the Communist tactics to the boys, Mr. Pickens said in part:

"Their chief aim is to use you as a means for interesting colored people in the Communist Party, and in that they are likely to make you a great sacrifice in Alabama—They have be-

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PICKENS WRITES TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER

New York, June 5—William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is among a list of well-known Americans who contribute each one chapter to a book entitled "What I Owe to My Father." The book is published by Henry Holt & Co., with an introduction by James E. West, chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

NEGRO PRISONERS BURNED TO DEATH

Coral Gables, Fla. June 10—(CNA)—The carelessness of a white prison guard carrying ignited dynamite in a prison van in which some Negro prisoners were being taken to jail. The guard was in charge of the keys of the van immediately ran off and the prisoners were left to roast to death.

Several prisoners horribly burned were asked to sign affidavits clearing the cowardly guards from all blame, that nothing will be done to convict these guards of murder is absurd.

MME WALKERS MANSION GOES FOR \$60,000

Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. (CNS) June 11—Villa Lewaro, the \$300,000 mansion of the late Madame C. J. Walker, will remain in the custody of the wealthy woman's estate as the result of the auction of the property here Friday. Madame Walker, who died May 25, 1919, lived in her country home less than eight months after its construction.

Van Mater Stilwell, president of the Continental Loan and Savings Association of New York and one of the oldest practicing attorneys in New York City, offered the only bid, which he said was in behalf of an unnamed client. Mr. Stilwell opened the bidding at \$50,000 but lost the property. F. B. Ransom, trustee of Madame Walker's estate, made the only other bid, of \$60,000, in behalf of the estate.

Mme. Walker amassed a fortune through her invention of hair tonic. An organ in the residence is valued at \$25,000. Only a lack of buyers kept it from passing to other hands, according to Benjamin Wise, the auctioneer.

Mr. Ransom said the estate might run the place as a hotel and Wise said he was considering obtaining permission from the village of Irvington to run it as an art museum. The next chapter in the history of Villa Lewaro will depend upon the attitude of Irvington's Board of Trustees.

TOLAN IS VICTOR AGAIN

Philadelphia — (CNS) June 10—Under the flying colors of the University of Michigan, Eddie Tolan, the fleet footed runner from the west, captured the 220 yard dash here Saturday at the fifty-fifth annual intercollegiate A. A. A. title games. In the century dash he was beaten by only a few inches by Frank Wykoff of Southern California. Tolan's victory was one of the five won by the east, nine of the other events going to the schools from the West Coast.

LONDON ELKS HOLD SERVICE IN WESTMINSTER

Columbia, S. C. — (CNS)—June 9—For the first time in its history Westminster Abbey Friday was the scene of services held exclusively for fifty members of the newly-formed London branch of the Elks of the World.

Before the services the Negroes assembled in Parliament Square. The officers wore purple and white sashes. Many of the members wore white duck trousers and blazers with Panama hats and one was attired in evening clothes.

The sermon inside the Abbey was preached by the Rev. Frederick Lewis Donaldson, Canon of Westminster. Wreaths were placed at the graves of and Buxton.

One of the largest garlands was placed on a statue of Abraham Lincoln outside the Abbey in the square. The London lodge is a branch of the Negro Elk order in the United States.

BOYD LOSES FOR COUNCIL POST

Nashville, Tenn.—(CNS)—June 10—Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, prominent Baptist leader and editor of the Nashville Globe, was defeated in the run-off of the councilmanic race here last Thursday. Bell his white opponent polled 336 votes to 194 for Boyd. Boyd, who was running in an entirely Negro district was almost certain of victory. A number of his friends contended he was elected but the boxes who control the election machinery reverse the vote.

Mrs. Wilbur Mercier is reported ill at her home this week.

Elks Annual Boat Excursion July 4, 1931

AL JOLSON WANTS TO PLAY THE LORD IN "GREEN PASTURES"

New York—(CNS)—Al Jolson, well known white comedian has gone serious and says he has all but bought the rights of "The Green Pastures" in which he desires to play the part of the Lord in a screen version of the famous play which has been running on Broadway for over a year. Within recent years Jolson has become famous as a player of "Mamie" roles in the talkies.

DR. ISAACS, PROMINENT IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH DEAD

Nashville, Tenn.—(CNS)—The Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of the National Baptist Convention and editor of the Nashville Clarion, died here last Sunday. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday with Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention and several other prominent Baptist leaders present paying their respects to their deceased associate.

Dr. Isaac, who is 68 years of age, was born at Waskom, Texas. He was educated at Bishop College. He taught school for several years later taking up the ministry. He was for years prominent in Baptist circles in Texas before coming to Tennessee.

NEGRO PRIZE WINNER THANKS 'GOD' FOR FORTUNE

Boston, Mass. June 10—(CNA) Joseph P. Kennedy, the Negro worker of Boston who suddenly found himself the possessor of \$150,000 thru his holding of a ticket on the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes, attributes his luck to the watchful care of God over him.

It would appear that the Negro

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ROBESON SAYS HE 'FITS IN' IN ENGLAND

London—(CNS) June 11—In England, Paul Robeson says, he "fits in" but in America he feels he has no right because of his color and even in France he is not comfortable. The above is the reason says, the famous actor-singer, why he has deserted the United States for the United Kingdom for a permanent home.

"In the United States discrimination against the Negro is general," Mr. Robeson said, "Everywhere he is made to feel that he is at the bottom of the social scale. As for specific instances affecting myself, there is no lack of them. Americans who ask for such instances know well that cannot without difficulty get admission to a first class hotel in America. If I am admitted, it is because I happen to be well known. "My brother would not be received."

BARCLAY ELECTED PRES. OF LIBERIA

Washington—(CNS)—The State Department was notified last Monday by Charles E. Mitchell, the American Minister in Monrovia, that Edwin Barclay has been elected President and James S. Smith, vice president of Liberia.

Mr. Barclay was secretary under President Charles D. B. King and has been Acting President since the latter resigned upon the exposure of slavery conditions in Liberia by the international commission made up of representatives of the League of Nations, the United States and Liberia. Mr. Mitchell has been instructed to maintain the informal diplomatic relations. Formal recognition will not be extended until slavery and sanitary conditions are adjusted satisfactorily.

New York—(CNS)—June 10—Albert Kellogg, fifteen year old boy, was sentenced to serve eighteen months in a reformatory Tuesday for the theft on the night before of a handbag containing \$5,000 worth of former motion picture actress.

REED STUDENTS VOICE DISAPPROVAL SENTENCE

ASK FOR RETRIAL OR A COMMUTATION

DOCUMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OF STUDENT BODY

"Spontaneous response" is the expression used by one student in describing how his fellows at Reed College last week responded to a request to send a petition to the Governor of Alabama for a re-trial or commutation of sentence of the eight colored youths sentenced to the electric chair for alleged assault of two white prostitutes. Fully 97 per cent of the students approached signed the petition. In other words, only three per cent refused to sign, said our informant, "and they were of the ignorant, backward class."

Information regarding the case of the nine unfortunate lads of the working class in the South was obtained from magazine articles and newspaper reports coming to the university.

The document which was forwarded to the Alabama Governor last Saturday was officially signed by Glenn Barbur, president of the Reed College Student Body.

Those who led and organized the petition are among prominent students of the campus. They are Bryce Wood, president N. W. Students' International Club, and past-president of the Student Body; Marian Warne Wood and Mildred Cline, both past-presidents, A. R. A. Association of Campus Women; Charles Hammerquist, editor "Student Thought," Campus magazine, and Nathan Berkham, president of Social Science Club.

Bryce Wood will leave in a few days to attend an international meet to be held in the East.

This case, known as the Scottsboro case has attracted world-wide attention.

HEARING IS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 13 BY JUDGE; ATTORNEY IS THEATENED

New York, June 6, (By J. L. D. Service)—General George W. Chamlee of Tennessee and Joseph R. Brodsky of New York, International Labor Defense attorneys, argued the motions filed for a new trial for the eight Negro boys sentenced to die in the electric chair on July 10th. The hearing has been continued by Judge Hawkins to June 13th, to allow filing of final affidavits and briefs.

Chamlee and Brodsky appeared in court with affidavits proving that Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, the two girls involved in the case, are notorious prostitutes, as well as affidavits from the train crew, showing that the nine boys were not taken of the same gondola car as the girls on the night of the arrests. The prosecutions in the original trial made the claim that the sheriffs removed the boys and the two girls from the same car. They were not contradicted by Steve Roddy or Moody, state appointed attorneys. Judge Hawkins allowed the state ten days in which to file additional affidavits and for Brodsky and Chamlee to file briefs.

All the jurymen in the trial (of five of the boys) appeared as witnesses, and under Chamlee's exami-

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A Carnival Night In Harlem

COTTON CLUB

EAST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET
One and One-Half Miles South of Foster Road

MONDAY NIGHT, JUNE 15 — 8:30

Seattle Hot Jazz Orchestra

Admission \$1.15 Per Person

which includes dancing and a special chicken dinner

CHARLES R. REDD, Prop.



"When the attorney for the Alabama Power Company was asked by the judge to defend the nine boys in the Scottsboro case, he told a friend that his company is in business to sell 'juice' to 'burn Niggers' and he welcomes that sale."

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