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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DEATH FOR 7 BOYS

Digesting . . .
 . . . The News
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 A POLITICAL CHRYSALIS

The subject of this digest may not interest you as an individual but his political situation is unique. Doubtless, there is not one reader out of a thousand who ever heard of the man, and perhaps not even one colored editor out of a hundred. Certainly, I have not seen one inch of news matter about him in any of the colored papers (seventy odd) that reach me. My observations of his activities are therefore taken from the white dailies and weeklies, in Michigan, which makes his efforts even more interesting to follow.

Whenever you hear, or read of, Battle Creek, you perhaps think of sanitariums and breakfast foods, but in this Michigan city of around 50,000 souls a colored lawyer, James R. Golden, is running for City Commissioner. The office itself is more honorary than pecuniary. And while there is nothing particularly remarkable in having a colored candidate there is a convincing example of an interracial political angle when you learn that there are considerably less than a thousand colored votes to be garnered, assuming that they all registered and voted.

Mr. Golden is the only colored lawyer in Battle Creek and his professional contacts are mostly with the whites with whom he is highly respected and honored. His position in the community is established on merit and ability and a list of the prominent citizens active in his behalf, reads like a "Who's Who in Battle Creek."

Without any flamboyant efforts, or any particular racial appeals, an organization of workers are gratefully canvassing the voters. Civic organizations are extending every cooperation and the various churches are offering their platforms to Mr. Golden and his speakers.

When the voters go to the polls (March 25th for nomination and April 4th for election) cars will be provided by Mr. Golden's supporters and whether or not the returns will be sufficient to place Mr. Golden in office, Battle Creek's citizens will have given the country an excellent lesson in political cooperation.

For the benefit of the readers who have never heard of Mr. Golden, I will briefly sketch his career, or as much of it as my voluminous files will disclose.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1899. Graduated from Wayland Academy in 1921. In 1923 he graduated from College Department of Virginia Union University. He then entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1928. Admitted to the practice of Law in September 1929 and is now highly recommended by the members of the Bar Association in Battle Creek, Court judges and prominent business people of the city.

In presenting this particular digest to the readers throughout the country, it is the exemplary situation that I wish to emphasize and not particularly Mr. Golden for I doubt that this column will be read by more than a handful of readers who are capable of voting in Mr. Golden's community.

MAN WEARS MANY SUITS

Albany, Oregon, March 16—The most over-dressed person to come to the attention of the city police is Leonard Rush, diminutive colored man from Albany, Ga., who was wearing six pairs of pants, five shirts, four coats and a vest when he was searched at police headquarters this morning after being held for investigation while attempting to sell a truck chain at a local second-hand store.

Rush assured the cops that he had come into possession of his extensive wardrobe honorably. "Ah just got these hyar last pair of pants at Eugene," he pleaded.

He said the climate in Oregon, particularly on misty nights, is colder than it is "down south" and he merely wore the entire wardrobe to keep warm.

Rush presented a queer sight. Only 4 feet 8 inches tall, he looked as broad as he was long, in his half dozen layers of clothing. He was turned loose.

MRS. MULLEN IN HOSPITAL
 Mrs. George Mullen, of 318 E 41st street was confined in St. Vincent hospital undergoing treatment preparatory to an operation. She went to the hospital on Tuesday of this week.

NEGRO MAKES NOTED DISCOVERY

EXHIBIT BUST OF CRISIS EDITOR

New York, March 23—A bust of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the CRISIS and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, by Alexander Portnoff, is to be shown in an exhibition of sculptor's work at Columbia University from March 20 to June 15. It was announced today.

HOWARD UNIV. FUNDS RESTORED

SENATE SUPPORTS NEGRO UNIVERSITY

Washington, D. C., March 24—The Senate last Monday restored the \$935,000 item in the Howard University appropriation.

Senator Costigan, Colorado, presented amendments for the following increases: salaries, from \$450,000 to \$475,000; general expenses from \$225,000 to \$275,000; and building and heating power plant . . . the University from \$200,000 to the budget recommendation of \$460,000.

In presenting the amendments, Senator Costigan spoke of the work at Howard University as being admirable and indispensable, so far as the educational leadership of millions of Americans is concerned, and that the purpose of the amendments offered was to retain and promote efficiency of this exceptional institution which is highly regarded by educators.

Senator Hatfield, West Virginia, offered an amendment increasing from \$100,000 to \$400,000 the item for building a library at Howard University and providing that \$400,000 should be immediately available upon passage of the bill to expedite the project. This is in addition to a sum of \$400,000 already appropriated.

In praising the school's work, the Senator said: "The single institution of Howard University, alone, has furnished 50 per cent of all the negro physicians administering to the colored people of the United States. The same is true in dentistry and pharmacy. A school for colored people to be found anywhere in the borders of the United States, Howard law graduates represent at least twenty-five per cent of all Negro lawyers in the country."

MILLIONAIRE ENTERTAINS WILLIAM PICKENS

When William Pickens was in San Francisco in 1930 he delivered a characteristic address on music at a gathering of artistically minded people in one of the San Francisco cultural clubs. Noel Phelan, who inherited the millions of the Alice Phelan Sullivan Corporation was present. He inquired at the time if he could entertain the Dean in some way, but Mr. Pickens was leaving shortly.

But on March 19th Mr. Pickens found himself again in San Francisco and the guest at a luncheon given by Mr. Sullivan at his beautiful residence. The lunch was served in the garden at the top of the house overlooking the San Francisco bay on three sides, and among the guests were two well known western writers, Colonel C. E. S. Wood and Sara Ward Field, both of Los Gatos, Calif.

Noel Field is well known for his benefactions toward colored people and their education; he is supporting the musical education of several colored students. He himself is fond of music and is known as a singer.

International House and the campus of the University of California at Berkeley claim to have had one of their greatest thrills in the seven-day visit of the colored speaker.



IT IS OUR FAITH THAT THIS PRESENT LIFE CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD BY WHAT COMES AFTER IT; THAT LIFE HAS ITS EXPLANATION IN THE FACT OF ITS CONTINUITY. WELL MAY WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF HIM WHOSE LIGHT IS THE LIGHT OF LIFE THAT MAN IS NOT ONLY MORTAL, BUT IMMORTAL ALSO; THAT THE SPIRIT OF MAN IS DEATHLESS, AND THE INCOMPLETENESS OF THE PRESENT IS YET TO BE COMPLETENESS.

WE NEED THIS FAITH THAT WHAT WE CALL DEATH IS BUT A POINT IN THE LIFE OF ADVANCING BEING, A MOVING FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE, THAT IT IS NOT EARTH AND A CEASING TO BE, BUT EARTH AND AN ENDLESS LIFE. WE NEED TO BELIEVE THAT EARTH IS SOMETHING MORE THAN A GREAT BURIAL PLACE, AND THAT THE EXPLANATIONS OF EARTHLY LIFE SHALL BE IN THE EXPERIENCES OF THE HEAVENLY WHEN THE DIVINE SIDE OF THE STORY SHALL BE TOLD. WE NEED THIS FAITH, WE GREATLY NEED IT TO RIFT THE CLOUDS, TO LIFT THE SHADOWS, AND TO CHEER OUR HEARTS IN THE EXPERIENCES AND UNDERSTANDINGS OF LIFE. EVEN WERE IT AN UNFOUNDED FAITH AND ONLY A HOPE, WE SHOULD NEED IT FOR ITS UPLIFTING GRACE AND POWER; BUT THOSE WHO POSSESS THIS KNOW THAT IT IS NOT UNREAL. EVEN NOW WE MAY TEST THE POWER OF THIS FAITH TO LIFT US ABOVE OUR SINS, ABOVE OUR SORROWS, AS A TRUE AND SPIRITUAL FACT THAT GOES FAR TOWARDS PROVING OUR HOPES OF THE FUTURE. THE LIGHT OF NATURE IS A RUSH-LIGHT UPON THE MYSTERIES OF OUR BEING; IT THROWS BUT A GLIMMER UPON THINGS PRESENT, AND HAS ONLY DARKNESS FOR THE FUTURE. HAPPY ARE THEY WHOSE EXPERIENCE CONFIRMS THE UPLIFTING HOPE WHICH AS A PROPHECY OF LIFE'S FULLNESS AND COMPLETENESS LIGHTENS OUR HEARTS AND OUR WAY.

LET US BE GLAD IN THE TRIUMPH SONGS WHICH ARISE ON EASTER DAY FROM SO MANY HEARTS WHICH COMMEMORATE HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER WITH HIS GRACIOUS LOVE AND POWER TO UPLIFT US TOWARDS HIMSELF.

WHAT THEN MAY WE SAY OF THOSE WITHOUT THIS FAITH AND HOPE? THIS WE CAN SAY, IF WE ARE SPIRITS—AS WE ARE SURE WE ARE—AND IF A FUTURE LIFE IS A CERTAINTY, AS WE BELIEVE, WE CANNOT LOSE OUR MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CHOICES IN THAT FUTURE WITHOUT CEASING TO BE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BEINGS. IT DOES APPEAR THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PHYSICAL NATURE HAS ANY BEARING UPON ONE'S MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BEING OR CHARACTER IF SO, EVERY MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BEING WILL ENTER INTO ITS MORAL AND SPIRITUAL BEING WILL ENTER INTO ITS MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CHOICES AND DECISIONS, AND THIS CHOOSING WILL GO ON ALWAYS AND FOREVER THROUGH ITS EVER-DEVELOPING FUTURE.

WILL RACE PREJUDICE CRUCIFY THESE BOYS?



Scottsboro sends these boys to the Electric chair for the alleged raping of two white prostitutes. The boys' ages range from 14 to 20 years when arrested. Thousands throughout the world believe the boys innocent.

GETS COPYRIGHT FOR MATHEMATIC SOLUTION

Solves Problem That Has Baffled Scholars For Ages

St. Augustine, Fla. —A certificate of copyright No. 5402 issued by the Librarian of Congress and covering a method of trisecting an angle has been received here by J. Clifton Smith.

For two thousand years the world's greatest mathematicians have attempted the solution of this problem and failed. It had grown to be regarded as one of the impossibilities of mathematics. Formerly approximate solutions have been attained but these involved intricate and advanced calculations. So far as is known none up to this time, have been able to accomplish it by the use of the ruler and compass alone or to devise an accurate method.

J. Clifton Smith points out that the method for which he has just received the copyright requires no knowledge beyond elementary geometry, employs only the compass and ruler and is accurate within the limits of construction, thus meeting all the requirements of the science of mathematics.

The solution was arrived at by a system of philosophy which he has worked out and which he calls "A Doctrine of Properties". The author of this system of reasoning declares it potent to solve many of the world's standing problems such as "culminated light", "the square root of two", and "perpetual motion". He was educated at Morehouse college and Harvard University and is at present instructor in science and mathematics at Dunbar High School at Green Cove Springs, Fla.

IRVING JONES DIES

New York, N. Y., March 25—Irving Jones, 58, one of the best known veteran actors in New York, with a national reputation, died of paralysis in Harlem hospital Friday. He has appeared in Sam Q. Jackson's Creole show and in Henry Williams' own company. He was also a member of the unit of Jones, Drew and Jones. Three years ago, Irving Jones singled out on the Radio-Kelth Orpheum circuit.

BITTERLY FOUGHT CASE LOST BY DEFENDANTS

WORLD-WIDE INTEREST MANIFESTED IN CASE

DEFENDED BY I.L.D. WILL NO DOUBT APPEAL TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

Montgomery, Ala., March 24—The Alabama Supreme court today upheld seven of eight convictions in the Scottsboro assault case, resulting from an alleged attack by Negro youths on two white girls.

The boys were sentenced to death after a trial under protection of National Guardsmen. Attorneys retained by the International Labor Defense appealed the convictions to the State supreme court.

Charges against the youths grew out of an episode on a freight train near Scottsboro, Ala., last March. Testimony at the trial was that Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, white girls "hoping" from Chattanooga to Huntsville, Ala., were in a freight car with seven white youths when 10 or 12 colored boys jumped aboard. Fists started to fly and the white boys were said to have been ousted by the colored boys. According to the testimony of the girls, the colored boys then attacked them.

Nine colored boys were arrested soon after the freight car incident by a posse which met the train at Paintsville, Ala. When the prisoners were thrown into the Scottsboro jail, a mob, muttering about lynchings, formed. National Guardsmen were summoned and the prisoners were taken to Gadsden, Ala., in automobiles for safekeeping.

Their trial was held at Scottsboro, in the small courthouse protected by guardsmen with machine guns and bayonets. The trials were speedy. 3 of the defendants were sentenced to death. The ninth, 14-year-old Roy Wright, obtained a mistrial.

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Hayes Honored



ROLAND HAYES
 FISK TO CONFER HONORARY DEGREE ON ROLAND HAYES
 Nashville, Tenn., March 24—For the first time in Fisk's history, the university will confer an honorary degree on a famous son, when, during the Music Festival in April, Roland Hayes will become a Doctor of Music. Though degrees are usually conferred at commencement, it seemed especially fitting to President Thomas E. Jones and the board of trustees that honor should be done a great musician at the annual festival that holds within its three days all of Fisk's music made famous round the world.