

# HUSBAND SHOT BY WIFE

## INTER-NAT'L CONFAB INVITES WORLD YOUTH

### ACTS ON HABEAS CORPUS WRITS

### Economic, Political and Social Freedom Is Their Objective

### JUDGE TO DETERMINE FATE OF TWO BOYS

Birmingham, Ala., May 24 (ANP)—Acting on petitions for writs of habeas corpus in behalf of two of the Scottsboro boys, Judge James E. Horton, sitting at Decatur Thursday, issued two writs, commanding the sheriff of this Jefferson county, to have Roy Wright and Eugene Williams before him June 1 to determine what should be done with them.

Wright and Williams have been in jail for two years.

The writs were sought in their behalf by Attorney George Chamblee, southern legal representative of the International Labor Defense.

Mr. Chamblee pointed out to the court that Wright, now 15 years old, was only 13 when the alleged attacks on two white women occurred and that he was accused of assaulting Ruby Bates, not Victoria Price, the two women in the case.

The Bates women has since denied that she was attacked by anybody.

Mr. Chamblee also stated that Williams was only 13 years old when the alleged attacks took place and that under the laws of Alabama his case should have been referred to the juvenile court. Williams has never been tried.

The case of Wright, tried at Scottsboro two years ago, resulted in a mistrial.

Hearing of Heywood Patterson's plea for a new trial will take place in Decatur, where he was convicted a second time April 9, on June 22, according to information received from Judge Horton.

### CITES RACIAL UNITY AMONG WORKERS

By DAWN LOVELACE

Washington, D. C. (With the Veterans marchers) May 19—Evidence of the growing united front between the white and Negro masses in America frequently comes to light among the veterans who are in Washington to fight back the program of increased poverty being thrust upon the impoverished veterans of America. A contingent of 50 men left New York, marching, riding trucks and freight trains to Washington. Forty seven of the group were white—three Negroes. All day they marched, their funds low, and

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### ON ORPHEUM TOUR

New York, N. Y., May 24—Such tremendous box-office draw has been demonstrated by Cab Calloway and his Cotton Club orchestra on a tour of the South during the last two months that Irving Mills, his manager, has decided to postpone the return of the band to New York until fall and to continue its record-breaking tour in midwestern cities.

An unusual and comprehensive advertising and publicity campaign will be waged preceding Calloway's appearances in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri by Ned E. Williams, exploitation specialist, who has left New York to go in advance of the attraction. He will supervise local advertising and publicity campaigns and effect special exploitation tie-ups in each town.

Williams is familiar with Calloway's potentialities as a theatre and ballroom draw, having handled his publicity from New York for the last two years. This is the first time that an extensive hallyhoo on the road has been put on in advance of an attraction of this character. A majority of the theatres into which the band goes have had no stage shows for some time, and the unit carries enough specialty performers to make up a full hour show.

Beginning May 22, Calloway will play the Orpheum theatres in the following cities: Davenport, Ia., Cedar Rapids, Ia., St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., Des Moines, Ia., Sioux City, Ia., Omaha, Nebr., and Kansas City, Missouri. His tour ends June 30th.

### Digesting... The News

BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

#### HELPING THE NEGRO IN BUSINESS

The "exchanges," releases, and propaganda literature received during the week have been exceedingly full of mass protests, marches, appeals, and whatnot, all designed to create sympathy for, and to extract funds to aid the cause of the various organizations and their monetary complaint.

There is no writer in America who is in better position to understand the worthiness of attempting to secure equal rights in the courts of justice for the black man—particularly in the south—because I have lived with and among prisoners for nearly half of my life I am also aware of the fact that the best way for the black man to be assured of his just rights is for him to improve his economic standing generally.

As a prisoner, I would rather have one good strong influential and respectable business or professional man pleading my cause than to have ten thousand marchers. Of course, knowing something of publicity values, I'll admit that the ten thousand marchers would attract more attention, create more clamor, etc., which would subsequently fill the "kitty" with more nickels and dimes, consecrated and otherwise, to carry on and further the spread of pertinent propaganda.

If some organization, legal in scope, non-political in character, and embracing all factions were to come into existence to fight the legal battle of all prisoners, regardless of whether the particular case would make good publicity campaign fodder, then the prisoners themselves, throughout the country, and their sympathizers, would contribute regularly to keep such an organization in sufficient funds to carry on the work. As matters stand now, all prisoners know that not one case in a thousand is given consideration by these protest organizations and that such a case must be a "natural" for campaign and publicity purposes.

Until such an organization, as illustrated above, comes into existence, this writer will save all of his protests and hallyhoos for the benefit of creating an interest in helping the Negro better his economic standing through the fostering, maintenance and general encouragement of racial enterprises or the increased employment of racial members in the white enterprises who will cooperate.

We should organize more protests and public marches in the doors of Negro enterprises who need our help, or to the enterprises of whites who will give us employment, and if we would just expend one-half of the enthusiasm on such efforts as we do on otherwise useless and wasteful forms of propaganda our newspapers would be more thriving for they would be helping to build up business and instead of reading of Negro bankruptcies and failures, we would be reading of Negro successes who in turn could wield vastly more power in righting the wrongs practiced on the blacks than any amount of protests or publicity marches will ever accomplish. Helping the Negro in Business will be this writer's motto.

#### DR. T. HEDLUND SPEAKS

##### YOUNG DEMOCRAT CLUB MEETS

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Speaking before the Young Colored Democratic Club of Oregon at the Williams Avenue branch Y. W. C. A. last Wednesday night, Dr. E. T. Hedlund, chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee, stressed the importance of registration.

It was the regular meeting of the club and Mr. Charles Adams, its president, introduced the speaker at the close of the business session.

Dr. Hedlund had a sort of heart to heart talk with the club, praised them for the splendid showing they are making and urged them on to greater accomplishments. He explained a number of interesting activities of the party since the election and also discussed and explained the special election to be held.

The popular dentist and high Democratic official was given a warm response by the members who have been won over to the cause.

The club is very active and at nearly every meeting new members are enrolled.

The meetings, held every Wednesday night at Williams Avenue YWCA, are open to the public and the officers and members invite the public.

At each meeting some interesting speaker appears or some interesting political discussion ensues.

#### "KING OF JAZZ" TO GO ABROAD

A final exchange of cables between Irving Mills and Jack Hyrton, the British bandmaster, who represents Mills abroad, has just confirmed Duke Ellington's opening at the Palladium Theater in London for two weeks beginning June 12th, with the Empire Theater in Liverpool and the Empire Theater in Glasgow to follow.

The band, which is also booked for night club, broadcasting and concert engagements in England, will close at the Cotton Club in Harlem on May 31st, and sail for London on the Olympic June 2nd, accompanied by Mr. Mills, who will negotiate Continental appearances for Ellington and his famous orchestra while they are abroad.

Duke Ellington's final week in New York, beginning May 26th, his orchestra will be headlined at the Capitol Theater with Ethel Waters, singing "Stormy Weather," and the entire Cotton Club revue.

#### TEXAS FARMER MOB KILLS 17-YEAR OLD NEGRO BOY

CARTHAGE, Tex., May 24—A 17-year-old Negro boy was killed by a mob of farmers Tuesday, less than 15 minutes after he allegedly attempted to attack Mrs. B. C. Coleman and had shot her brother in attempting to escape.

The posse, numbering more than 20 farmers, cornered the Negro, W. C. Lovell, in a field along the Sabine river bottom.

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#### GIVEN SENTENCE

Medford, Oregon, May 24—Charlie Westfield was fined \$18 in city court Monday on a charge of being drunk.

### LYNCHING JUDGES EXILE FOR NEGRO DEMOCRATS

#### THE RAPE OF THE VIRGIN

#### MORE PERIL FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS

(By William Pickens)

Recently there have been two attempts to lynch judges for performing their duties according to law: the attempt by Iowa farmers and the attempt by members of Congress from Virginia, Texas, and such other places. The Iowa farmers wanted to lynch a

### PLAN NEGRO SOLDIER WESTERN MEMORIAL

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 24 (ANP)—The movement to commemorate the services of Colored soldiers in the Rockies was begun here the past week end. Retired men of the 10th Cavalry and the 9th Cavalry and 24th Infantry were present as honor guests to 150 kiddies in a pageant "Spring Party," demonstrating the realization of a dream of the Pioneer Negro soldiers of Rockies that the kiddies would be happy in the land of Indians and outlaw campaigns.

Sgt. Armstrong of the grand 10th Cavalry, Sgt. Lyman of the famous 9th Cavalry and Sgt. Swinton of the glorious 24th Infantry received colored wreaths about the neck from the Springtime dancing girls as a special token of love and appreciation.

G. A. Dobbs is general chairman of this movement and was director of the event. He says that already two Governors and seven cities in the West have offered parks and playgrounds as suitable sites for monuments.

At present funds for this movement is supplied by Miss Josephine Baker of Paris, France, Geo. Lyman, Phoenix, Ariz., and G. A. Dobbs, Phoenix, Ariz. Miss Baker's fund came through the Pantier's of Ethiopia. The chairman said that in view of the offers of the states, governors and cities no campaign for subscriptions will be necessary to raise funds for the purchase of lands and parks, etc.



William Pickens

judge for carrying out the laws of foreclosures on their property; the gentlemen in Congress want to lynch Judge Lowell, of Massachusetts, for following the decision of the Supreme Court with respect to the right of Negroes to sit on juries that are trying Negroes.

We can have some sympathy for the Iowa farmers; at least they were battling, like pursued or trapped animals, and starvation and destitution for their families goaded them into action. Besides, these Iowa farmers are not the very hypocrites who make the laws and swear to enforce them. And the farmer is not supposed to know quite as much about law as the members of Congress.

But there can be no sympathy for these would-be lynchers in Congress; they are trying to violate the laws which they themselves make, because those laws now strike at their pet schemes for keeping Negroes down. A Congressman knows, or ought to know, that if a judge in a lower federal court makes a ruling based on a previous ruling of the Supreme Court, it is the Supreme Court's business to say finally whether the lower judge has ruled correctly, and not the business of Congressmen or of the President, or of any other member of the government. A vote in Congress cannot decide whether a verdict in a federal court is right. That is the function of the Supreme Court. The fellows do not seem to know that the Supreme Court would normally resent such meddling and will give the attacked judge every protection that belongs to him.

How brazen these hypocrites are to accuse anybody! They themselves violate the Constitution and outrage justice by keeping Negroes off juries, and many of them have been elected to Congress only because of the illegal and immoral disfranchisement of colored citizens. Those coming into court claiming equity, "should come with clean hands."

It is rumored that the Negroes who voted for Roosevelt and Company are to be "rewarded" by being given jobs in the Virgin Islands. What a nasty break for the Virgin Islanders! All the jobs in that territory should be given to the islanders themselves and not to any outsiders, black or white. The salaries, emoluments and graft of all offices in the islands are to be paid for, in so far as possible, by the taxes of the islanders themselves,—and why should these poor people, whose country was called by Hoover a "poor house", be required to pay off the Democrats' "debts" to its black henchmen? But that is from the standpoint of the Virgin Islanders.

Now, from the standpoint of these American Negro Democrats: What an insult to any Negro of Harlem or Pittsburgh who helped to put the south back into the saddle in the last election, to learn now that the only way in

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### MID-NIGHT PARTY ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING

LOS ANGELES, May 24—A quarrel that is said to have been over his decision to leave home at an early morning hour led to the death of Richard O. Greer, 25-year-old proprietor of a hamburger stand at 42nd street and Central Avenue, when he was shot by his 25-year-old white wife, Swanna, about 3:30 last Thursday morning. Greer died about 9:30 the same morning at Georgia Street hospital. Mrs. Greer is held on a charge of suspicion of murder pending the inquest which is scheduled for 9:30 Monday morning.

The shooting took place at the family home 1182 East 41st street as the climax of a fight in which Mrs. Greer claims that her husband struck and severely injured her. When taken into custody, Mrs. Greer had a black eye, bruises about the face and was wearing torn and bloody clothing.

Trouble between the couple began when they returned from the Tuxedo club dance at Elks Temple, the woman told Officers Chas. S. Broady, E. L. Conway and A. R. McClanahan who are in charge of the case.

A number of friends accompanied them from the social affair for an after party, Mrs. Greer claims. The dead man is alleged to have changed from his evening clothes and to have declared his intention of going to his place of business. Mrs. Greer objected.

When Greer went out and got into his car which was standing in the yard, his wife followed him and remonstrated with him over the decision. She claims that he began to beat her about the face.

Reaching into the side pocket of the car, Mrs. Greer grabbed out the gun which was kept there, and shot her husband through the right side. The bullet passed through his abdomen.

Frightened at the course of events, Mrs. Greer drove to the home of Dr. Turner where she awakened the physician after much effort. The two were unable to carry the wounded man into the house and Dr. Turner suggested calling an officer. Before they could act on the decision, a radio police car came and the officers called the police ambulance which took the man to the receiving hospital. Mrs. Greer was taken into custody.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer came to Los Angeles about fifteen months ago driving a large car with a New York license. Soon afterward they bought the Nickel Hamburger stand at 42nd St. and Central Avenue, which has seemingly prospered under their management. Mystery surrounds the antecedents of Mrs. Greer who claims that she married her husband in Washington, D. C., prior to their coming here.

### The Advocate Commentator

—By—  
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### ON NOT KNOWING WHAT ONE IS TALKING ABOUT

It is a nice question whether Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, who has undertaken to expound the Inflation Bill, or Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, who has undertaken to oppose it, has less understanding of what it is all about. It is a great pity that in a matter of such great consequence both parties are represented by spokesmen who, whatever their other virtues, do not know what they are talking about.

Even despite this prominence, and the preponderant weight of his opinion, some will even dare suggest that Mr. Lippmann does not know what he is talking about.

### ORGANIZED BODIES URGED TO SEND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Chicago, May 24—Dear Co-Worker: As one who is in close contact with the Negro youth we are calling upon you to help promote the International Negro youth conference. The primary purpose of the Conference is to make a start toward the unification of Negro youth of the world in order that we may carry on concerted action in solving the problems that confront the black race. We are enclosing you the black race.

The call which is signed by many nationally known Negroes with George S. Schuyler's name topping the list is as follows:

The time has come for concerted action by the Negro youth of the world. Too long have we accepted economic, social and political slavery. The necessity of economic security has become imperative, for without a certain degree of economic security and independence, the desire for political freedom and social improvement will inevitably terminate in disillusionment. Our knowledge of conditions with which the Negro is confronted is generally limited to the one little "parish" in which we live. Our failure to grasp the necessity of international cooperation reflects badly upon the Negro as a race.

The burden of this uncontrolled, unplanned, unwieldy, machine age is falling more and more heavily upon the youth of the world, and especially upon the Negro youth. Peoples of Liberia, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, Congo, South Africa, and others less industrialized groups are rapidly being subjugated by commercial exploitation of market-seeking western nations. The United States is making a desperate attempt to thrust an imperialistic dictatorship upon the Republic of Liberia because she has not paid five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the firestone Rubber Interest. The recent Ottawa Conference resulted in the inability of the British West Indies to buy cheap shoes and hosiery from Japan and the importation of expensive commodities from other countries not a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Such a policy means widespread unemployment for the West Indians. In the United States today seven Negro youths face the electric chair for an alleged attempt of rape. This is another of the barbaric invasions of human liberty and one of the most atrocious attempts to annul the constitutional rights of Americans. The irony of the case is that one of the two women who claimed to have been raped has appeared in court and has denied the reputed attack. These examples are not unique, but typical of the plight of the Negro, and the conditions are steadily growing more acute.

The problems which confront the black race will not be solved until Negroes will be able to get it.

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One of the things that leads Mr. Lippmann to think that these eminent gentlemen did not know what they are talking about is the fact that they did not recognize every one to belong to the debtor and the creditor class, excepting possibly the unemployed and the penniless. Mr. Lippmann did not pause long enough to define what he meant by the debtor and creditor class, and with which class among the classes would be in favor of or against the inflation of the currency. It is my conjecture that they know.

It would be futile to cover the arguments of either Senator Thomas or Senator Reed. They represent two schools of political philosophy. Both of them are thoughtful men, and know what they are talking about. Senator Thomas represents the great emotions and disappointments of millions of men and women without bread and who blame an old, effete political system for its failure to furnish them. Senator Reed, a great statesman and thinker, who always knows what he is talking about, but like his former colleague in the Senate, Senator Moses, is too brilliant for his own good. Then too, what a horrible cause he represents.

I challenge any one for a greater admiration than I have for the almost uncanny wisdom of Walter Lippmann. To me he is the greatest writer on public matters living today. But since he has stated that Senators Thomas and Reed did not know what they were talking about, on the floor of the United States Senate in their discussion of the money question, I have revived my interest in the finesse of dialectical disquisition and am now certain that, after Mr. Lippmann having discovered the vanishing point in the reasoning of United States Senators, he should be able to tell us how many angels can stand on the point of a needle.

Apart from whether Senators, Representatives, editors and writers, or any part of the so-called intelligentsia, know what they are talking about, this thing is certain, the people know what they want, and as things now look, will be able to get it.

## MEMORIAL DANCE

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