

# NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS TO INVEST GATE LYNCHING CONDITIONS

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# THREE RACE MEN APPOINTED TO GOV'T JOBS SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS DEATH SENTENCE

## INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE PLANS INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN PETITIONS FOR RE-HEARING TO BE FILED, TO APPEAL TO GOVERNOR FOR ASSISTANCE

(Special to the Advocate by Dawn Overleaf)

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 11—By a decision of five to two, the Oregon Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Theodore Jordan, young Negro sentenced to death in Klamath Falls last year for the murder of a white Southern Pacific steward, according to word received Wednesday.

Justices Rossman and Kelley were the dissenting opinions. The Jordan case has aroused much public interest, particularly since the International Labor Defense undertook a campaign to save the alleged murderer on the grounds that Jordan's confessions, which formed much of the evidence at his original trial, were obtained by third-degree methods and that in other respects his trial was unfair.

International Labor Defense attorneys stated that a petition for a re-hearing will be made at once. Irvin Goodman, Portland lawyer noted for his defense of working-class cases, stated when the decision was made known, "Of course we are more than disappointed at the decision, but that is far from meaning that we are in any way discouraged. It simply means a harder fight than ever."

The International Labor Defense went into committee meeting as soon as the word was received. A campaign of broad protest has been laid out, along the lines of the Scottsboro campaign. Three committees have been established to conduct the work which promises to involve wide public sentiment in behalf of the condemned Negro. Special arrangements are being made for presenting the issue before the special session of the State Legislature this month, and a petition will be circulated throughout the state calling on the Governor to exert his influence in saving Jordan's life. A group of Portland people, including Irvin Goodman, as well as others from outside the State who are interested in the campaign called on Jordan Wednesday evening to offer assurance that the fight in his behalf will continue.

William Sidney, young organizer of the International Labor Defense in Oregon, issued a statement, declaring that the campaign should be broadened and intensified, and urging organizations and individuals to lend their support by wiring and sending encouragement to Jordan and protests to the Governor.

"Jordan has said, himself, that it is not so much his own life that is at stake, but the welfare of the entire Negro race in America," Sidney stated. "That is the reason for the mass campaign technique. There have been thirty-five illegal lynchings of Negroes in this country since the first of the year, and the Jordan case has all the factors of illegality, except the masks. There never has been any question as to the third-degree methods used in extracting confessions; in the prejudice of the court which originally tried and sentenced him, and in the fix-up nature of his conviction. From the stand-point of the International Labor Defense—which is the stand-point Jordan himself wholly heartedly endorses—Jordan belongs to, first the American working class, second to the Negro race. It is up to us to save him, and I can say, with confidence, in behalf of the I.L.D. that we are going to save him."

Attorneys Solomon and Levinson, associated with Irvin Goodman in handling the legal phases of the appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court, both made it clear that they will continue to lend their aid in carrying forward the fight.

The International Labor Defense asked that the following appeal be made: Anyone desiring information on the Jordan case and desiring to assist in the campaign should get in touch with the International Labor Defense, 501 Mackay Building, Portland.

### JUDGE LOWELL VACATES

CRAWFORD WRIT  
Boston, Mass., Nov. 11—Judge James A. Lowell of the United States District court, vacated Tuesday the writ of habeas corpus he granted last April to George Crawford, sought by Virginia for trial in connection with the slaying of two white women.

### VACATION OF THE WRIT FOLLOWS ACTION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN REVERSING THE DECISION OF JUDGE LOWELL.

Crawford has been turned over to state authorities for extradition to

### ATHENA STUDY CLUB GIVES PROGRAM ON NEGRO SUBJECTS

Athena, Ore., Nov. 8—The Study club was entertained last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Little, with eleven members present. Pursuing the study of the Negro of the South, Mrs. W. O. Read gave a comprehensive review of the book "The Negro Looks at the Race Question," by Robin Moton, and the Negro poets were discussed and a number of their poems read by Mrs. E. C. Rogers. A general discussion followed.

An interesting feature of the program is the roll call, which is replete with miscellaneous information on various subjects. The meeting on next Friday, November 3, will be at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd with Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Mrs. Stella Keen and Mrs. Louis Keen giving the program under the subject: "Culture in the South."

### MRS. LOMAX OPENS ATTRACTIVE TAVERN

Mrs. W. P. Lomax, attractive matron is another Portland woman who has entered the business world. Mrs. Lomax has opened the "Virginia Tavern" on the east side at 1862 Interstate avenue.

She makes a specialty of serving chicken and Virginia baked ham from prettily appointed tables decorated in green.

Mr. T. Brown is the able chef and Mrs. Sherman Dennis, the attractive waitress.

### NOTED COLORED BARITONE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Richard David Mann, noted Negro baritone, known throughout America and Europe appeared in an all Negro Art Program, comprising baritone solos, readings, etc., at the Christian church on November 2nd at 2 o'clock.

The people of Pendleton had a rare opportunity of hearing this gifted artist, who is a cousin of Roland Hayes and traveled extensively throughout Europe and America. He is gifted by nature with a fine, resonant, rich bass voice of excellent quality and range, capable of performing any work that requires an artist of his type, and is spoken of as the coming baritone star of America.

### MRS. WILLIAMS LAID TO REST

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Dixie Williams were conducted Wednesday, November 8th from the Miller and Tracey Funeral Parlors. Reverend James Deo Wilson, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church delivered the eulogy; Mrs. Robena Martin and Mrs. Mabel Henderson were the soloists; Mrs. Beatrice Reed, attended.

The services were attended by sorrowing relatives, friends and acquaintances. Mrs. N. D. Watson, a time-honored friend of the deceased sat with the family.

The floral tributes were very pretty and effective. Interment was had in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

### SENTENCE SLAYERS OF CHINESE

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 11—Roland Batson, Lucillus Lee and Clarence Pruitt were found guilty by a jury Tuesday night of the murder of Joe Tong, Chinese merchant. Batson, who fired the shot, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Lee and Pruitt were given sentences of not more than 25 years each.

### BLIND MAN MAKES CLOCK

New Orleans, La., Nov. 1—Willie Jackson, after nine months work, finished Monday, a mantle clock of mahogany and walnut inlay. Jackson is blind.

The clock is 32 inches high and 20 inches across the base. It is surmounted by ornamental carving and two carved birds.

For many years, before he went blind, Jackson worked as a clock and watch repairer in a factory at Baton Rouge. Later, he repaired furniture and started saving scraps of wood. He said that he had fitted more than a thousand scraps (sawdust) of mahogany and walnut into his clock.

## GOLDEN WEST HOTEL AGAIN OPENS DOORS GALA OPENING SUNDAY PUBLIC INVITED

IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN

(See cut on page 10)

The three-letter word "New" has worked magic with the Golden West Hotel, corner Broadway and Everett street, since this once famed hostelry was leased a week or ten days ago from the Washfield-Fries Co., Inc., by Mrs. Catherine Byrd, a recent arrival from Denver, Colorado.

The hotel will be known in the future as the "New Golden West Hotel." Ever since Mrs. Byrd, a quiet nice-looking, brown-skinned woman in her early forties, I should say, took over the place and started fixing it up, colored men, women of all sizes and ages, have swarmed in and out, like bees around a hive, trying to get a job of some kind or another.

Much speculation is rife as to how long this quiet little brown woman will operate the place. Some have been very liberal in giving her six months before her doors will close—others not quite so optimistic say three or four months at the most, but as I looked into that determined countenance, I would say she'll keep the business going as long as she wants to.

Mrs. Byrd is no novice at the game—she's had experience in hotel management in Denver and other cities and has a record of success.

I was curious, of course to know why she selected Portland for her business and she informed me: "I went to Seattle—the colored people there have made some progress during the past twelve or fifteen years; I looked over the field in California, Los Angeles in particular. Los Angeles has several small hotels and then there is the Duane Hotel when I came to Portland, I found the colored people had not progressed in a business way since I was here a good many years ago—indeed, they seemed to have gone backward and so I thought I'd settle here and open a hotel in the business district to accommodate them."

"Of course everybody has not given me encouragement but I've leased the place for a term of years and I am going to make a go of it."

The last few days have been busy ones for Mrs. Byrd. She has been shopping for suitable rugs, drapes, and furniture for the spacious lobby and rooms.

The whole place is newly decorated and the furniture throughout is practically all new with nice new mattresses and linens on the beds.

Everything has been carefully planned and arranged, making the place very attractive and inviting. Many rooms have already been rented and others have been spoken for.

Mrs. Byrd's three-room apartment on the fourth floor is furnished throughout with brand new furnishings including an electric range and an over-stuffed living-room piece.

Mrs. Byrd has six children, one of whom, Miss Sylvia Lewis will graduate from a business school in Denver in February. She will then come to Portland and keep books for her mother. Her eldest son is clerk and elevator operator at the hotel. Other assistants about the hotel at present include Mr. Ewgg, of Kansas City; Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Sammie Blanchard.

The signs in the grille formerly run by white people, "we cater to white trade only" have been taken down for Mrs. Byrd has also taken over this part and will operate the same with the necessary help.

Mrs. Byrd is not exactly a stranger in Portland. She lived here awhile a good many years ago and Seattle is her native home. She has many friends with whom she went to high school where she graduated.

Everything is in readiness for the gala opening Sunday (tomorrow) Nov. 12th. The opening bids fair to be one of the smartest social functions of the season.

DISPLAY AFRICAN RELICS  
Chicago, Nov. 11—(ANP) An exhibit of African relics was placed on display by the Union Welfare League of Illinois at its clubhouse here Wednesday night.

### Local News Events

Sammy Blanchard is employed as clerk and operator at the New Golden West Hotel.

Miss Barbara Hubbard is the maid at the Paramount Theatre which opened Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin and Attorney John Jamison, have been invited to attend the meetings of the International Club. They are present Friday evening at the meeting of the club at the home of Miss Ruth Griffin in Eastmoreland.

Miss Catherine Franklin is employed as maid in the ladies lounge at the Pantages theatre.

Miss Elise Evans gave a review of several books at the afternoon tea sponsored Thursday afternoon by the Womens Work Committee at Williams avenue branch Y. W. C. A.

The Young Democratic Club met Wednesday night at the Williams avenue branch Y. W. C. A.

The Advocate was happy to have a call from Captain Russel Skinner, Recreation Director of the C. C. C. District of Washington on Wednesday the aid of the Advocate editor in helping to find suitable recreation for the colored C. C. C.s who will soon come to Camp from various points in the east.

Master "Chuck" Gragg, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gragg, of Alberta, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovelace have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C. They are anxious to renew friendships with the Advocate readers. Mrs. Lovelace will be remembered by Advocate readers as the little lady who personally interviewed Theodore Jordan in Oregon State prison, and who later released several articles on the Negro to the publication.

Rev. J. R. Mills is in the city visiting his family.

A recent issue of the Daily Journal carried cuts of Master Clarence Ramsey, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Donald, of East Broadway and little Miss Ruth Bruce, granddaughter of Mrs. J. C. Logan of Interstate. The young duo won the Tommy L'ike prize in a Journal Junior Contest.

C. Clemens, former proprietor of the American Lunch Room on N. W. 3rd street, has landed a porter's job in a barbershop on E. Morrison street.

George Washington, who is said to be an expert in the barbecue business is now doing business on Wednesdays Saturdays at his home, 1734 N. E. Williams avenue.

George Moore, former Portlander, is now of Seattle, was a visitor in the city Monday. He is considering a business proposition which, if accepted will cause him and his family to move back to Portland.

Henry Williams of Elkhorn, Indiana is here with his employer who is a salesman, making a tour of the Pacific coast.

A jury in circuit court this week failed to agree on the appeal case of Mack Johnson who was sentenced to 60 days and fined \$100 in police court several months ago upon conviction on a charge of driving while intoxicated. There may be another trial in the case.

James Madley, of Salem, Oregon lies critically ill in the Veterans hospital in Portland. It is said that his condition is very grave and the end is expected at any time.

### CREOLT KITCHEN CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

One of the nicest, cleanest, and most convenient eating places in town is Mullen's Creole Kitchen on N. W. 5th avenue at the corner of Flanders st. Mullen is well known as a fine chef, having, for a number of years, served on private cars in that capacity.

His sister, Mrs. Rebecca Lowe, and Mrs. Della Scott are his able assistants. Mullen's Creole Kitchen is doing a splendid business, according to all reports.

Everybody is talking about the Armistice Dance Saturday night, Nov. 11th at the Elks home.

Buck Clayton presented the Advocate with a large autographed photograph of his band.

## LYNCH THREATS BLAMED ON ECONOMIC ORIGIN

New York, Nov. 11—A delegation representing the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, leaves Thursday November 2, for Tuscaloosa, Alabama. In that city, the recent lynchings of four Negro lynchings, the Committee will conduct an investigation. It is the stated purpose of the delegation, according to Alfred H. Hirsch, Secretary of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, "Not only to investigate, but to make clear the causes of the lynchings and to fix the true responsibility for them."

"It is our aim," Mr. Hirsch said, "to surround our findings on this lynching with the broadest and most searching publicity. We want to bring these crimes before the court of world opinion so clearly and sharply that extra-legal lynchings—which are becoming a recognized short cut to terrorism in the fight for Negro legal rights grow—may become impossible."

"Above all," Mr. Hirsch's statement concludes, "we will avoid a 'library shelf report' which leads to no immediate and pressing action."

At least one of the Tuscaloosa lynchings, four are Southerners and three are women.

The composition of the investigating group is considered significant for two reasons. The predominance of Southerners is an answer to the "Northern interference" red herring. The unusual number of women is considered equally an answer to the "sex-traitors" explanation commonly offered for lynchings which investigation shows were of economic origin.

At least one of the Tuscaloosa lynchings was of this type. Dennis Brock 50 years old, a paralytic, so helpless that his wife had to dress and undress him, was accused by police of having attempted to attack a white woman and was lynched by men posing as deputies. It is known that he was the single remaining witness of the murder of a Negro in a store owned by a Mr. Denton. The other witnesses have been sentenced to long prison terms on robbery charges.

The other Tuscaloosa lynchings were of Dan Pippin, Jr., A. T. Harden, and James Pruitt. Pippin and Harden were killed while in the custody of Sheriff R. L. Shambelin on a lonely road to which they had been taken in an automobile. The other two were being transported from the Tuscaloosa jail to the Birmingham jail for "safe-keeping." A third prisoner, Elmore Clarke, escaped with bullet wounds. All three were defendants in an alleged "sex-crime." International Labor Defense attorneys in charge of their case had earlier been run out of town by an armed mob.

The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners' investigating delegation will question Sheriff Shambelin, Judge Foster of Tuscaloosa and other citizens.

Steps have already been taken to indict and convict Sheriff Shambelin for the lynchings under a Federal statute.

Upon its return from Alabama the Committee will stop in Maryland to investigate the lynching of George Armwood in Princess Ann, Md., on October 15.

The Committee, in order to make this investigation a thorough one, needs additional funds which should be sent to 156 Fifth Avenue, Rooms 534, New York City.

## HE WHO RUNS AWAY WILL LIVE TO RUN ANOTHER DAY

(Special by Ivan Cannady)

Hubert Scott, companion of Edgar McChristian, slain colored convict, can thank his agile and nimble feet that he is alive today. These same feet enabled Scott to outrun the bullets from the gun in the hands of Patrolman Nick Persinger, he accosted McChristian and Scott at 1st and Pine streets last Monday night. The Patrolman, after receiving the reply that the two were looking for a place to sleep, told them to come along to the police station to see if they were O. K. McChristian 22, an escaped convict from the Tennessee State Prison who was serving life for murder, drew a pistol and fired at the officer. Luckily for the officer the gun mis-fired several times and gave him a chance to draw his gun. Officer Persinger fired a shot into McChristian's head, fatally wounding him. Scott, alarmed, made a get-away, but was later found in the railroad yards waiting for an out-bound train.

When interviewed by an Advocate reporter in his cell at the police station, Scott, who is booked there on a charge of vagrancy pending police investigation, stated that he had left his home in Denver to go to Seattle where employment awaited him. While on the road two days out of Portland, he met Edgar McChristian, who told him nothing of his criminal record, but on the other hand, impressed Scott that he was a "swell fellow."

Unsuspecting Scott (who incidentally says he travels alone for safety) travelled the last two days with McChristian. The tragedy which occurred on their arrival in Portland, completely surprised Scott according to his statement. Scott says that he was just in bad company, but he also says that he will know better in the future.

## NAME THREE NEGROES TO WASHINGTON POSITION HUNT IN FARM BUREAU

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Weaver Get Posts As Aids To Clark Foreman

Washington, D. C., November 11—Three more colored men have been appointed to federal posts.

Dr. Clark Foreman, Adviser on Economic Affairs in the Department of Interior announced Saturday that Dr. Joseph Johnson of Columbus, Ohio and Dr. Robert C. Weaver of Washington, D. C. had been appointed assistants in his office.

Dr. Johnson, who is one of the leading Democrats of the country and who served as a member of the Advisory Committee, popularly known as The Big Four during the last campaign, is the second Negro Democrat of prominence to receive an appointment under the Roosevelt Administration. He is expected to represent Dr. Foreman's office in the field, serving in an educational capacity and carrying on groups in various sections of the country information regarding the benefits to Negroes under the different National Recovery Acts.

Announcement was also made by the department of agriculture of the appointment of Dr. Henry Hunt, principal of Fort Valley, Ga., Industrial School and Spingarn Medal winner in 1930 to a position in the United States Credit Corporation. Mr. Hunt will have headquarters at Columbia, S. C. from which point he will set up Negro cooperative credit organizations to finance crop production. His appointment is indicative of the government's desire to employ the best means possible to secure to all farmers in the south the benefits of recovery measures in behalf of agriculture.

Dr. Johnson who was born in Dearborn, Ohio, on the Indiana line is the son of one of the pioneer families of that section, which migrated under the direction of the Quakers to free soil. He taught school in Kentucky during his early life and practiced medicine for a number of years. He served as minister to Liberia during the Wilson administration. He has recently received wide recognition for detailed statistics before various hearings in an effort to safeguard the interests of Negro workers under the codes being established to govern the colored workers. Serving as the research secretary of the Negro Industrial League, he presented a mass of material to the National Industrial Conference of the vast amount of statistical and research work which Dr. Foreman has already found necessary in the conduct of his office. He was born in Washington, D. C., graduated from Harvard university in Economics has since mentioned for numerous posts since the election.

Dr. Weaver who holds a Ph.D. from graduate work at Harvard. He is but 25 years old.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and acquaintances for their many expressions and deeds of kindness and love during the recent illness and death of my beloved wife who departed this life November 3rd. I am deeply grateful to the Rev. Mr. James Deo Wilson who delivered the principal eulogy; to Mrs. Mabel Henderson and Mrs. Robena Martin who sang; to the pallbearers; to Mrs. Beatrice Reed who rendered sympathetic attention and to the Miller and Tracey Mortuary for their perfect funeral service, and to all who sent floral tributes.

Signed  
Sterling Williams  
108 North Page St.

## THE GALA OPENING OF THE NEW GOLDEN WEST HOTEL

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## RADIO ARTIST BEATS EX-WIFE

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 11—Although what was once considered a perfect marriage and a beautiful romance has long since come to an end and he has married again Henry Starr, noted pianist, singer and radio artist, is said to have recently subjected his former wife, Marie Starr, to a very severe beating.

According to her story, tearfully told a reporter at her home, she was dining at a tea room in company with two leading physicians and two well known business men, when Henry entered. Seemingly he flamed into anger and asked to speak to her privately. Unthinkingly one permitted him to lead her into an adjoining bedroom, but no sooner had they entered than he locked the door and began beating her. He blacked both eyes and crashed his fists so brutally against her body that she was badly injured internally.

## CARVER ON TOUR

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Nov. 11—Dr. George W. Carver, director of agriculture research and consulting chemist left the Institute Sunday on a lecture tour which will take him to the following places in Georgia: State college, Savannah; Macon; Fort Valley; Statesboro; Louisville; Milledgeville and the Lo Cablin Community Center near Sparta. Dr. Carver was accompanied by H. O. Abbott, head of the printing division.