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WOMAN COLLAPSES; DIES MYSTERIOUSLY BELIEF IN INNOCENCE OF TED. JORDAN GROWS

CONFERENCE CALLED AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 1.—An initial step toward arousing popular opinion against the carrying out of the death sentence of Theodore Jordan was taken Saturday, November 25th, when the "Save Theodore Jordan" conference met in the Public Library Hall at 1 P. M. The conference was called upon the arrangements of the International Labor Defense as part of the protest against the Oregon Supreme Court's decision, upholding the conviction and death sentence of Jordan.

Organizations responding to the appeal sent out by the International Labor Defense, have adopted protest resolutions, urging that the petition for re-hearing be granted. According to Irvin Goodman, I.L.D. Attorney, the time for filing the petition for a re-hearing by the State Supreme Court has been extended to December 15. Various groups have registered protests with the State Supreme Court, including the Council for Social Economic Research, composed of local professional men, and the Multnomah Federation of Unemployed, which endorsed the Jordan conference, and adopted a resolution to the Supreme Court.

Jordan, 25 year-old Negro, was arrested in 1932 and charged with the murder of T. F. Sullivan, railroad steward at Klamath Falls. He was tried, convicted and sentenced by the Circuit Court of Klamath County. Evidence of third-degree methods of obtaining "confessions", seven of which Jordan signed, and one of which was used to substantiate the circumstantial evidence in the case is arousing much public interest as the facts become known. The majority opinion of the Oregon Supreme Court, as written by Justice Bean, even while sustaining the conviction and sentence as handed down by the lower Court, goes so far as to state "We do not command the procedure in the present case."

The majority opinion also comments on the "peculiar circumstances" in that the "same officers that obtained confessions in the present case" were instrumental in obtaining two previous convictions for which Jordan served sentences. One of these officers is W. G. Chandler, Southern Pacific detective, who, it is known, had sworn to "get" Jordan.

A growing number of professional men and influential leaders of public opinion are accepting the challenge for a fight in Jordan's behalf since the adverse decision of the higher Court has become known. Dr. Virgil MacMickle, who spoke at a recent mass meeting in Jordan's behalf, made the following statement: "Jordan has, I am convinced from a careful study of the history of the case and the transcript of the evidence, been the victim of an unfair trial. Or is it a fair trial when a man, arrested on suspicion by a railroad officer who hates him and has sworn to 'get' him is convicted on one of seven 'confessions' secured by third-degree methods, to escape the torture of which he would have signed seventy confessions; when the prosecution is permitted to drag into the evidence all sorts of irrelevancies calculated to prejudice the jury against the prisoner, and when, worst of all, the prosecution is permitted to inflame the jury with hate because the defendant happens to be a defenseless colored man?"

FINDS FORTUNE IN CLOTHES OF AGED NEGRO

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 2 (ANP)—Led through curiosity to examine the pockets of a pair of much patched pants of the late Andy Baker, 72, who died at the county poor farm a few days ago, resulted in the finding of money amounting to \$45,000.00, at the home—a mere shack—of the deceased.

Considerable attention is being attached to the find as it was not known that Baker possessed very much of this world's goods. Information obtained is to the effect that Baker married many years ago and reared several children. However, he and his wife and children have lived apart for the past several years, his children having grown up and left home. Meanwhile the father lived a rather quiet and unostentatious life and was not considered capable of doing much hard work. He did such things as would come to hand from time to time. He was frequently seen around dumping grounds, inspecting garbage cans and on backway streets constantly looking here and there and searching everywhere as though he had lost something.

A few months ago, Baker became ill and, having no one to care for him he was carried to the County Poor Farm, as no one knew of any funds he had with which he might be provided for. After a few months stay there, Baker died, and the children were notified to come and prepare for the funeral. A few days following the funeral, after clearing away the old furniture and discarded garments from the room which the dead man had occupied in the city, the searchers at attention was attracted by a pair of very ragged dirty work trousers because of the many patches. Led by curiosity to make further examination, the searchers are alleged to have found money in the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars sewed in the patches and in the pockets.

NEGRO HISTORY ASSOCIATION TO TEXAS FOR NEXT YEAR MEET

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 1 (ANP)—President Joseph J. Rhoads of Bishop College has just returned to the city after ten days trip, on which he filled engagements in Washington, D. C., New York City, New Haven, Connecticut, and Chicago. In Washington he delivered the keynote address opening the eighteenth annual session of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He is a life member of the association and one of its national directors.

While in the east the president visited the offices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and other educational foundations, in the interest of Bishop College. His visit to New Haven carried him back to Yale University where he won "Allis Scholarship" honors in 1923.

President Rhoads announced that the 1934 session of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History will be held in Texas.

COLORED WOMEN ATTEND NATIONAL COUNCIL

New York, Dec. 1 (ANP)—Dr. Mary Waring, president of the National Association of Colored Women, headed a delegation which attended the National Council of Women's annual meeting at the Vanderbilt Hotel here, last week. Dr. Waring was the only voting representative, but there were about ten other delegates and life members in attendance who had a voice and all other privileges. Among the life members of the council are Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, who is fourth vice-president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Adelle Dickerson of Pennsylvania and Miss Hallie Q. Brown of Ohio. Mrs. Waring left the city after the council to address meetings of club women at Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

MOB HANGS NEGRO YOUTH IN MISSOURI

VICTIM DRAGGED FROM JAIL AND LYNCHED FOLLOWING ALLEGED CONFESSION THAT ATTACKED WHITE GIRL BODY IS BURNED

By the Associated Press

Another lynching was added to two which preceded it early this week. A 19-year-old Negro was taken from jail in St. Joseph, Mo., and hanged from an elm tree to the cries of "String him up" from a crowd of 7000, including many women. The crime for which he was under arrest was an attack on a white girl Sunday night. After hanging, the body was soaked with gasoline and set afire.

The week's previous lynchings were those at San Jose, Cal., of two men who had confessed the kidnaping and murder of Brooke Hart. Echoes of still another lynching were heard from Maryland, where efforts were made today to release by habeas corpus proceedings four men arrested by state soldiers yesterday. The four are charged with participating in the lynching of a Negro several weeks ago.

FAVORITE COOK KILLED BY AUTO

Yazoo City, Miss., Dec. 1 (ANP)—A white daily publishes the following report:

"Moses Lewis, 60, one of the most faithful and trusted Negroes of this city, and for many years an expert cook in many homes here, was run over and instantly killed here by a truck driven by another Negro, Claude Baldwin.

"A Gregory ambulance was called, but the 'aged darkey' was dead when the ambulance reached the scene of the accident.

REEMPLOYMENT BEGINS IN KY.

Louisville, Dec. 1 (ANP)—According to advice from the Louisville Urban League, James A. Thomas, Executive Secretary, 30 per cent of the 1800 men reemployed by the Reemployment Committee for the State of Kentucky have been Negroes. In a special news item in the Louisville Courier-Journal last Sunday morning, it was stated that the National Reemployment Service had placed 1800 men in jobs. Mr. Thomas, who is a member of the Jefferson County Reemployment Body, represents the Negro worker. He states that he expects Negroes to be employed on every one of the 103 public works projects now in operation in Kentucky. These include river and dam projects; highway construction; barracks for the Citizens Conservation Corps and various municipal projects.

GIVEN 25 YEARS FOR ACCIDENTAL KILLING

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1 (ANP)—Albert Miller fired a pistol at one woman. The bullet passed through her arm, then through two windows and into another apartment, where it killed Mrs. Grace Meade who sat listening to her radio. Miller was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary on last Monday.

NEGRO WOMAN INVOLVED IN WHITE TOPEKA SLAVE CASE

Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 2 (ANP)—A sensational White Slavery case involving a Negro woman was unearthed here this week by county authorities who were brought into knowledge of the affair by a white man who had applied to the Negro woman, but later declined after accepting the terms, finding the woman he was to see was a 14 year old white girl, he thereupon went to the Prosecuting Attorney's office where he swore to a complaint which resulted in the arrest of the colored woman.

Local News Events

Lester Golden, 25, accused by Orris P. Albertson, 1925 N. W. Glisan street, of being one of two colored men who robbed him of eight dollars early Wednesday morning near the Honeyman Hardware store, was arrested Wednesday night at N. W. Park avenue and Glisan street by Sergeant Williams and detective Heckman and Schaffer and booked at police headquarters on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Albertson told police that one of the men threatened him with a knife. Golden's bail was set at \$2500.

Mrs. Lucille Morgan continues ill at her home in Commercial street.

Mr. Revels Cayton left early Tuesday for his home in Seattle. He plans to return Saturday, November 25th to participate in the Jordan Defense conference to be held at 1 p.m. at the Public Library.

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met last Sunday afternoon at the Williams avenue branch Y. W. C. A. The occasion was the annual election of officers. About twenty people attended and only a part of the officers were chosen. Clarence Lee, president informed the group that he did not care to serve as the president any longer. The office will be filled later.

Joe Hland who has been a porter for five years in a barbershop on S. W. Sixth avenue has resigned. Jimmy Waldron now has the job.

W. C. Becton, barber, who is one of our pioneer citizens and business men is ill at his home on Kearney st. As a result, his shop on Glisan is now closed.

Out-of-town guests registered at the Hotel Golden West this week are as follows:

E. H. Dusenberger, of New York City spent three days in Portland this week. He is a chauffeur for a party making a tour of the Pacific Northwest. His employers stopped at the Hotel Benson and Mr. Dusenberger stopped at the New Golden West Hotel on the corner of Broadway and Everett streets.

John Sims, of Omaha, Neb., stopped over in Portland for a day while en route to Bonneville, Oregon.

Mrs. Ada Clark, of Billings, Mont., a nurse-maid, is at the Bellison hotel this week.

Sam Jackson, of Bend, Ore. is here looking for work.

Ted Mullen, a young man about town was held in jail Tuesday in connection with an altercation with a white man and a Japanese. Mullen's bail was fixed at \$1000.

Lester Mapps, San Francisco; M. Graves, Los Angeles; R. A. Lark, St. Paul; A. W. Starks, Louisiana; Oscar Dunn; Los Angeles; J. O. Lewis, Salem, Oregon; R. L. Chandler, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, San Diego; Emmet White, Chyenne, Wyoming; C. C. Muller, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Neal (Cotton Blossom troupe); Mr. A. Pruitt; Miss Alice Timms, Klamath Falls, Oregon; E. B. Dusenberger, New York City.

Mrs. Catherine Byrd, proprietor and manager of the New Golden West hotel motored to Salem on last Monday to visit Theodore Jordan in Oregon State Prison, accompanying Mrs. Byrd were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin; Mr. Revels Cayton of Seattle; Mrs. Belle Taub, of New York City and Ivan Cannady. Mrs. Byrd presented Mr. Jordan with a carton of "Luckies" before taking leave. The party called on Mr. George Cannady at his residence on Court street, across from the capitol, members of the household, they left after visiting with him and other members of the household, they left for Portland.

Mrs. Belle Taub, of New York City, wife of Allan Taub, one of the Scottsboro Defense attorneys, is busily engaged in aiding the Jordan Defense program. She is giving her time and talent gratis that an innocent man will not hang.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clemens have moved from 720 Union avenue North to 822 N. E. Shaver street.

Mrs. Brown is the new chef cook at the New Golden West Hotel grill, succeeding J. Kennedy.

Mr. Duck Jordan went to Seattle Wednesday night to pass Thanksgiving at home with his parents.

EDITOR MAKES SPECIAL VISIT TO SEE JORDAN

FINDS VICTIM CHEERFUL AND HOPEFUL

(By Beatrice Cannady-Franklin)

Evidently expecting visitors, he had donned a neat, light-colored tan tweed business suit with which he wore a blue shirt and black bow tie. His shoes were newly polished brown oxfords, and his hair, cut rather close in the back, ended in a bushy, parted mass to the front. His appearance reminded one of a poet or a philosopher or an artist of some kind or another.

This neat, trim young man, still in his twenties, invited us to sit down; as we did so, he made some hurried apology for the presence of an old typewriter on a table close by which he thought marred the appearance of his spacious "reception" room. By his courteous and refined manner, no one would think that Theodore Jordan had any worries at all much less suspect that he is the man whom the Oregon Supreme Court had just decided should die on the gallows.

The day that Theodore Jordan was received at the Oregon penitentiary, I was in Salem and out to the prison. Some one asked me if I wanted to see him. I declined because I had promised myself a long time ago that I would not visit a man under death penalty since a most unhappy experience I had had in trying to save such a one's life. To this day I can feel the grip on my arms of the victim as he begged me to save him, stating that he had known it could not have been done, he would have starved to death rather than die the ignoble death on the gallows. I wanted to do all I could for Jordan on the outside and I have. It remained, however, for a little lady of the Jewish race who journeyed all the way from New York to Portland, to extend a special invitation to visit Theodore. I told her of my reason for not having gone before and also demurred on several other grounds: "What could I do by seeing him? How could I help by going there even? How could I help by going there? How could I help by going there? How could I help by going there?"

Theodore Jordan is under sentence of death for the murder of a Southern Pacific Steward in June 1932. This murder appeared to have been committed in cold blood. No one, after seeing and talking with Jordan would believe him capable of deliberately planning to take anyone's life.

The thing that impresses one with him almost is the spirit which he has. He does not complain—he is cheerful—smiling—showing his guests recent snap-shots of friends, "comrades"—many of whom he has not seen, but who have become interested in the brave fight he is making to save his life. Among his souvenirs is the picture of aged mother, taken a little while ago when she came to Oregon in his behalf.

"Have you heard from your mother lately", some one inquired. "Yes", he replied. "What did she have to say?" another asked. "O! it was the sort of letter any mother would write to her son who is similarly situated" and he added parenthetically, "Of course you know she hadn't heard the news" (meaning the Supreme Court's decision affirming death sentence).

Theodore Jordan admits that there has been nothing in his life that would make him any different from the average man who is similarly situated and he has been in trouble before, apparently because he was a "smart nigger". He is not the type of person who cringes and bows and scrapes in "Uncle Tom" fashion. He looks you square in the face and talks like a man to another. Unfortunately, there are people in this world who want Negroes to whimper, and beg and cry and cringe. And from the history of Theodore Jordan's life, it appears that he had the luck to have to deal with this type in a series of incidents.

Despite the fact that the Oregon

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INVESTIGATES ALA. LYNCHINGS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 30.—No trace of Dan Phippen, Sr., father of the Dan Phippen who was lynched in Tuscaloosa, and chief witness in his son's case would be found by the delegation to investigate lynching sent into Alabama by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.

Phippen, Sr., has not been seen in Tuscaloosa for more than two weeks. Reports that he had been killed have been denied, but all searches for him have ended in failure and the conviction grows that he has been "quietly" done away with. Judge Henry B. Foster, interviewed by the investigating group, stated as his conviction that Phippen, like Willie Jemison, another witness, had "left town for his own safety."

The Phippen disappearance is noted only as a single instance of "bitter, flagrant oppression of all Negroes in Tuscaloosa, which has followed in the wake of the four lynchings there," according to Alfred H. Hirsch, secretary of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners and one of the Tuscaloosa investigators.

From first hand and unassailable sources the Committee which he heads has learned:

Not one Negro dared to register this year, although 300 voted in 1932.

The Ku Klux Klan is parading with increasing fervency in and around Tuscaloosa. In a letter written by a white resident of Tuscaloosa he found the following words: "The Ku Klux Klan ride often. They were down the other night in full regalia, over a hundred strong. Routed a bunch of darkies out, one left and hasn't been heard from since."

Negroes are now excluded from theatres where they were formerly admitted.

The most prominent Negro business men in Tuscaloosa have lost the "favors" formerly extended to them by white attorneys.

Several Negroes whose property "is too good for a nigger" have either been forced to leave Tuscaloosa or have left voluntarily.

A Negro who collected funds for the International Labor Defense was obliged to leave Tuscaloosa.

The delegation sent by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners to investigate the lynchings was subject to open hostility from the deputy sheriffs who refused to be interviewed by them and restrained and suspicious politeness from Judge Henry B. Foster and Sheriff R. L. Shamblin, Jr., refusing to cooperate with the delegation, declared: "If you go to Tuscaloosa, you will be treated as people would in any other state. If you step beyond certain bounds, I do not know how you will be treated. No one can tell what will happen."

Further information was obtained on the case of Dennis Cross, lynched on September 24. This man, a semi-paralytic, worked in and around a store known as "Hinton's." Some time before a Negro had been murdered in the store in a dispute arising over a Negro woman, said to have been the concubine of Hinton, a white man. There were three witnesses, all Negroes. Cross was one of these and the other two were sent up on charges of having broken into and rifled Hinton's store. They got terms of 17 to 20 years, in spite of the fact that all of the small amount of supplies taken from the store were found intact.

Cross remained as the only witness to the murder. He was charged with "grabbing" at a woman but was released on \$300 bail, allegedly supplied by Hinton. The small figure is worthy of notice, since had the charge been a real one, no such diminutive sum would have been set as bond.

On September 24, men posing as deputies, came to Cross' house, telling him that "something had to be done in connection with his 'bond,'" and took him out and shot him. Next day, a local undertaker was told that "there's a dead nigger down the road. You'd better pick him up."

The committee was informed that the automobile tracks leading to the scene of the murder displayed the treads of new Good year tires. Hinton's car also had new Good year tires.

Further information on the findings of the Committee in these two cases is being assembled for publication, in order that the citizens of the entire country may realize the significance of these cases, as they already do in the Scottsboro case.

A call for volunteers to join a group of observers of the Scottsboro trial to be held in Decatur, Ala., was issued today by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, 156

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ATTACK FATAL TO MRS. I. L. DAVISON PORTLAND RESIDENT

Mrs. Birdie L. Davison, a pioneer resident of Portland, succumbed at the Good Samaritan hospital Wednesday night at 10 o'clock, where she was carried following a collapse on a Portland Traction Company street car at East Broadway and Union Avenue.

The woman lay in the hospital from 2 o'clock until 6 p.m. The officers called the editor of the Advocate requesting her to accompany them to the hospital to identify the patient. Mrs. Franklin identified Mrs. Davison instantly and notified her physician, Dr. DeNorval Unthoff. She also requested the officials to notify her husband, Mr. I. L. Davison and her pastor, Rev. James Dee Wilson, all of whom immediately went to the hospital. Mrs. Davison was unconscious from the time she collapsed on the street car until her death. Hence no version of what happened was obtainable from her.

Mrs. Davison had been ill for some time and under a doctor's care. An autopsy was held Friday morning and the cause of death was pronounced as due to cerebral hemorrhage.

The remains are at the Miller and Tracey Mortuary.

BOY KILLED AT DESK BY MYSTERIOUS BULLET

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 1 (ANP)—While he sat at his desk in the Riley school at Powderly Tuesday morning, Green Robinson was struck and fatally wounded by a bullet which crashed through the window. No one knows who fired the shot.

BROTHER SLAYS BROTHER

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1 (ANP)—An argument over a letter from their sister Monday resulted in Anderson Clay, 22, being fatally shot by his brother, Buster Clay, 24 years old.

ASIST FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Toy and Joy makers, composed of all members of the Portland Fire Department requests the cooperation of Portland parents in their 8th annual campaign to bring happiness to the less fortunate children of our city.

Old broken, discarded toys, dolls, and books are very badly needed. They request that you bring them to your nearest Fire Station. The Fire Department Toy and Joy makers will repair, remodel and repaint these old broken toys making them just as good as new for Xmas delivery to the poor children of our city.

Last Yuletide season, four thousand poor children had a happy Xmas because of the Toy and Joy makers of the Portland Fire Department, over fifty thousand dollars worth of old broken toys were repaired and rehabilitated. One hundred and twelve truck loads of toys were repaired and remodeled last year and over three thousand dolls were again made life-like for poor girls whom Santa Clause would have otherwise overlooked. Three thousand dollars worth of paint furnished by the Portland Paint Club was used during last year's campaign to repair and repaint old discarded toys.

With the increased unemployment and other toy-given agencies devoting their effort to direct relief, the burden of supplying most of the toys to poor children will have to be taken care of by the Portland Fire Department.

Due to the gigantic task of repairing more toys this year than ever before, the Portland Fire Department requests that you bring these toys to your nearest fire station as early as possible. Do it now. Don't wait. If you have no way of bringing your toys to the nearest fire station call East 4154, and the drivers of the Palace Laundry Company will pick up your old toys at your home and deliver them to the Fire Department. Help provide and toys251P

partment. Help provide joy and toys for unfortunate children.