Illiterate Attack Suspect to Face Gallows Jan. 25

Ritchie Signs Death Warrant for Man Accused of Rockville Crime.

ALLEGED CONFESSION SIGNED WITH CROSS

Execution Will Follow Two Others by Week.

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Less than a week before relinquishing his office as governor, Albert C. Ritchie signed the death warrant for William Harold, alias Alexander Jones, 35-year-old illiterate Rockville man, convicted of criminal attack on a 16-year-old white girl in September, and set the date of execution as January 25.

In signing the warrant, on Thursday of last week, the former governor reviewed testimony offered at Harold's trial to the effect that he and an accomplice assaulted the girl after beating her youthful companion in a parked automobile into unconsciousness. He continued:

"The young woman returned home and reported the matter to her mother and notified the police. Certain consequences to the young woman followed, which need not be repeated."

Courtroom Guarded

Harold was convicted in the Montgomery County circuit court last December 2, by Judges Hammond Urner, Charles Woodward and Arthur Willard.

Every available policeman in the county and twenty special deputy sheriffs guarded the segregated courtroom in an effort to prevent an outburst of mob violence, threats of which had caused the prisoner to be held in Baltimore for safe-keeping while awaiting trial. Officers patted the pockets of each spectator as he entered.

Cross-Signed Confession Used

Harold's conviction was based largely upon a prepared confession, to which the prisoner, who could neither read nor write, had affixed a rude cross-mark as a signature. He steadfastly denied any participation in the beating of the girl's companion and insisted tacked.

that the girl had not been attacked.

Five automobile loads of special policemen guarded the prisoner as he was hurried to the Maryland penitentiary, after being escorted through a rear door of the building following the trial.

Two Others Await Death

Harold's execution will follow, by exactly a week, that of John A. Gross, 25, and Gordon Dent, 30, two of the three Washington bandits convicted of the murder of a white barbecue stand operator at Priest Bridge during a holdup last summer.

Death warrants for Gross and Dent were signed on January 2, while the death sentence of the third of the trio, Donald Parker, 24, was commuted to life imprisonment because of information he had given authorities which led to the arest of the other two.

Runaway Returned

Impressed with the adventure that one may find in the world, William Smith, 11, 1024 McCulloh Street ran away from home, this week, but his flight ended when police of the western district caught and returned him to his mother, Mrs. Nannie Lee Brown.

Furniture Quarrel Ends When Razor Takes Man's Life

Victim Objected to Moving of Articles, Accused Tells Cops

DECLARES FINGER WAS CUT DURING STRUGGLE

Scissor Stabbing Also Occured, Says Report

Murder leaped from the keen edge of a razor, which police say was wielded by George D. Williams, 823 Sterling Street, and claimed William Johnson, 48, of the same address, following an alleged argument over furniture, this week.

Johnson's jugular vein was severed, and he was pronounced dead at the Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was taken by a passing motorist.

Williams is being held without bail, and police have a confession of the killing, which they say Williams made.

This confession states that he gave his sister, Mrs. Beatrice Richardson, 1004 Sterling Street, furniture from the house at 823 and Johnson who lived at the same address, objected to the gift.

Man's Finger Cut

During a subsequent fight, the confession states, Williams's finger was cut by Johnson. The razor was brought into play during the struggle, according to the confession.

William Smith, 823 Sterling Street, told police of the Northeastern district that he heard an argument between Williams and Johnson that resulted in a fight. After the fight, Smith says, Williams left the house and returned with a razor, about an hour and a half later.

Written statements by witnesses say that Williams had the weapon in his watch pocket and the victim was cut without warning.

Earlier in the day, Williams, according to statements in possession of police, is supposed to have stabbed Johnson in the side with a pair of scissors during an argument on the street.

Women Choose Cleveland

CHICAGO (ANF.) — The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs will hold its biennial convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, according to announcement from the office of the president.

Deserted After 12 Years, Husband Says

Charging that his wife, Mrs. Martha B. Marshall, 11 N. Calhoun Street, deserted him after nearly twelve years of married life, Israel L. Marshall filed suit for an absolute divorce in the circuit court, Friday.

In his petition, entered through the law offices of U. Grant Tyler, the husband stated that he was married April 3, 1919, and was deserted March 20, 1931. There are two children whose custody he seeks, namely, Charles, 14, and Beatrice, 8.

Counsel Is Named for Youth Held in Holdup Try

After Howard Mims, 18, of 2339 Madison Avenue, accused of attempting to hold up a payroll truck on December 13, pleaded that he was a pauper, Judge Edward Soltes, of the criminal court, appointed Clarke L. Smith, attorney, to defend him, Tuesday.

During the alleged holdup attempt on Smith Street near Eutaw Avenue, William Jackson, of 1227 Pennsylvania Avenue, was fatally shot by one of the guards on the truck reported to have been carrying $100,000.

After Jackson was fatally shot, his accomplice fled. Mims, who was arrested on suspicion, was held under $6,000 bond when police testified in the Northwestern police court that he had made a confession admitting participation in the crime and stating an automobile to be used in the getaway.

This alleged confession was made, according to Captain Nicholas Galich of the Northwestern district, to Lieutenant Mitchell McKew and Sergeant George Kalas. The captain would not disclose the substance of the confession or the method by which it was obtained.

Man Returned to N.C. on Murder Charges

Extradition of James King, 1117 Parish Street, was granted to authorities from Wilmington, N.C., this week, when it was learned that he is wanted in North Carolina to answer a charge of murder.

King was arrested by police of the western district and held in jail pending the signing of extradition papers by the governor.

Business Men To be in Symposium at Youth Forum

J. LOGAN JENKINS

Four of Baltimore's outstanding business men will be presented in a symposium on the history and progress of their establishments at the City-Wide Young People's Forum in Bethel A.M.E. Church, Friday of next week.

J. Logan Jenkins, caterer and manufacturer, will tell of his entrance into the world of business and the obstacles which he had to overcome to make it a success.

Willard W. Allen, president of the Southern Life Insurance Company, will give the origin of his company and outline some of the business possibilities therein.

Frisby in Group

Arnett Frisby of the Metropolitan Finance Corporation will tell of the little exploited loan and banking business. His company enjoys the distinction of starting in a period of depression and moving ahead in spite of the fact that older and more established institutions crumbled.

Howard H. Murphy will represent the AFRO-AMERICAN Company, and he is scheduled to tell of the new avenues through which a publishing company must travel in order to be successful.

Tonight (Friday) Howard C. Beck, Jr., administrator of the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission, will speak at the forum on the policy of the organization that he represents.

Sections of City to be Improved Kept Dark Secret

The location of blighted areas in Baltimore that the Federal Government is supposed to spend $4,000,000 to eliminate are being kept secret by members of Maryland Emergency Housing and Park Commission.

According to announcement from Washington, however, Baltimore will very likely be given the allotment for the purpose of eradicating slum areas in colored and white districts.

Officials of the commission indicate that they have chosen the sections of the city that have the highest death, crime, and disease rates for clearance and improvement.

Several months have been consumed by the commission in the study of the city's needs, and they expect that the housing structures erected in place of tumble-down shacks will be model apartments.

Work May Begin Soon

The work of construction will be done by the Federal Government, and it is expected that the destruction of the old buildings may begin in the spring.

At least two areas are reported to have figured in the planning of the committee. One of these areas is located in South Baltimore in China Street and the other is in Northwest Baltimore.

According to members of the commission, innumerable schemes have been devised by real estate dealers who are seeking to get the locations of the projects in order to hold out for exorbitant price when asked to sell their property if it is in the areas to be improved.

Two Glasses of Water Conquer Bedroom Fire

Two glasses of water saved the fire department a trip, Thursday, when Daniel Porter, 204 Pearl Street, used just that amount of moisture to douse a flaming dress that was on his bedroom door.

Vagrancy Gets Man in Municipal Hospital

Convicted on the charge of being a vagrant Roy C. Young, who told police that he lives at 135 W. Hill Street, was sentenced to three months in the City Hospital at the western police station, this week.

Seek Kin of Victim of Pneumonia

Relatives of a woman who died and a man whose mother wants him to write, were the objects of searches being made by officers of the missing persons' bureau, this week.

Relatives of Miss Elsie Thompson, a native of Philadelphia, who died Tuesday at 608 E. Madison Street, were sought by officers. The woman, who succumbed to pneumonia, has no relatives in the city, police were informed. Her body is at the morgue.

A letter from Huntsville, Ala., requested officers to locate Clemmie Stephens, who formerly lived at 431 N. Carey Street, and notify him to write his mother, Mrs. A. M. Barrett, 307 Howe Street.

Mrs. Barrett requests that a canvass be made of churches, as her son attended church regularly.

Form Mid-Year Freshman Class at Morgan College

A new freshman class will be organized at Morgan College at the beginning of the second semester to take care of the many applications filed by students who found it impossible to enter during the first semester, according to Howard N. Wilson, registrar.

January 28 to February 4 is the time for registrations. The size of the class must necessarily be limited, according to reports, which makes it imperative for those who expect to attend, to file application immediately.

This mid-year class will also take care of those high schools having mid-year graduations.

A catalogue will be mailed upon request to anyone desiring information concerning courses of study, fees, schedule and regulations, Mr. Wilson stated.

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Citizens of Maryland

This Message Is of Vital Importance to YOU

This space will be used weekly by an **Inter-Racial, Non-Political** and **Inter-Denominational** organization, "The Federation of Maryland Organizations, Incorporated," for the sole purpose of making an expose of conditions in Maryland.

The State of **Maryland is the only State** in this country with a bi-racial educational system **that does not have a State College** for Negroes. This condition makes higher education for Negroes in Maryland suffer in comparison with any of the southern States, even with **Mississippi** which ranks near or at the bottom of our State educational systems. Higher education for Negroes in Maryland has suffered not only because of inadequate high school facilities and the absence of a State College of high grade, but because the Federal funds appropriated to Maryland for higher education have evidently not been properly divided as between white and colored citizens.

Maryland receives annually from the Federal Government through the Smith-Hughes Act (1917) $96,052.46 which is appropriated on the basis of rural population according to the Federal census (up to 1930). This money should be expended as follows: (1) Agriculture, for salaries of teachers, supervisors and directors, $33,863.79; (2) Trade industry and home economics for salaries of teachers, $48,418.18; (3) Teacher training, salaries and maintenance, $13,770.49; the total which should be expended for Negroes under these designations: (1) $6,027.96; (2) $8,618.44; (3) $2,451.14. In 1931-32, the amount actually spent in Maryland for Negro work was, items (1) and (2) $907.91; item (3) nothing. The Negro rural population of Maryland is 17.8%. White rural population 82.2%. The total which should be expended according to these percentages each year would be, white **$78,955.13** and colored **$17,097.33** as against **$907.91** actually spent. It seems to be a practice in Maryland to count the Negroes in order to receive Federal money, but to forget them when the money is disbursed. (Source of information—Dr. H. O. Sargent of the Federal Board for Vocational Education and President John W. Davis, West Virginia State College in "Land-Grant Colleges for Negroes," pp. 31-33.)

This same practice of denying the Negro a privilege which is certainly his is very evident in the State appropriations for higher education. A careful study of the Governor's Budget for the present fiscal year (Sept. 30, 1934 to Sept. 30, 1935) reveals the following appropriations:

	WHITE	COLORED
University of Maryland	$2,068,604.50	
Johns Hopkins University	75,000.00	
Maryland Institute	20,000.00	
Blue Ridge College	7,000.00	
Charlotte Hall School	9,500.00	
St. John's College	70,000.00	
St. Mary's Seminary	11,000.00	
Washington College	65,000.00	
Western Maryland College	30,000.00	$26,000.00
Morgan College		$26,000.00
	$2,376,304.99	$26,000.00

On the basis of population the Negroes should receive $395,849.54.

State appropriations for Teacher-training for the same fiscal year show:

	WHITE	COLORED
Towson Normal School	$297,728.00	
Frostburg Normal School	60,015.00	
Salisbury Normal School	64,265.00	
Bowie Normal School		$36,030.00
	$332,006.00	$36,030.00

On the basis of population the Negroes should receive $52,579.00.

The Federation of Maryland Organizations has been organized and incorporated for the purpose of having all organizations function under one central authority therefore by presenting a UNITED FRONT, to the end that abuses such as herein complained of may stop forthwith.

This great organization is committed to the following program:

1. Equal length of school term for every child in the state with regard to race or sex.
2. Equal pay for equal service for every public school teacher in the state without regard to race or sex.
3. Equal provisions of buildings, equipment and supplies for every student in the public school population of the state without regard to race or sex.
4. Just and proportionate distribution of funds expended for the transportation of children to school centres, without regard to race or sex.
5. Equal opportunity for all children to attend the nearest or most convenient school according to the qualified citizen of the state desiring it without regard to race or sex, by:
(a) Making available the facilities of the University of Maryland to every person qualified to use them without regard to race or sex or:
(b) Providing adequate facilities for fully sustaining the present system of tuition grants for those not able to enter the University of Maryland; or:
(c) Paying the cost of full scholarships for those who are eligible to go outside of the state to secure like or equal higher or professional training.
6. A colored Assistant State Supervisor of colored schools.
7. State provision for a sound and controlled corrective institution for colored boys together with a suitable permanent or manage it.
8. Colored representatives on all public boards in control of colored institutions.
9. A colored personnel in all institutions established and maintained for colored inmates, or work at any or established hereafter.
10. Abolition of all Jim Crow Laws in the state.

Monster mass meeting (place to be announced) February 12, 1935, at which time more facts, conclusions and recommendations will be made. Hundreds of Numerous individuals and organizations have endorsed our program and affiliated with us. WILL YOU? Then SIGN the attached coupon.

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Quartet Contest Planned at Abyssinian Church

A quartet popularity contest, sponsored by Reuben Parker, Jr., will be held at Abyssinian Baptist Church, Franklin and Popplestone Streets, of which the Rev. T. H. Wainwright is pastor, Monday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

Quartets participating in the contest will be the Morning Star quartet, North Carolina Jubilee Four, Holy City Four, Easton Jubilee Four, Willing Four, Golden Four, Galilee Four, Progressive Four, Staple Sisters, Mountain Four, and the Starting Four.

Deeley K. Nice, nephew of Governor Harry W. Nice, is expected to deliver an address, and Mayor Howard W. Jackson is expected to present the prizes. Judge George F. Norton and Joseph Rosenthal, both white, are also listed as speakers. The Rev. Junius Gray will deliver the welcome address and Dallas Nicholas, attorney, the response.

Police Say Man Got $1.50 as Flim-Flamer

Because police say that he took part in a flim-flam game that resulted in the loss of $1.50 for George King, 102 N. Carey Street, Robert Jeffres, 1221 Shields Alley, is being held under bond of $500 this week.

Police of the western district arrested Jeffres on information received from King concerning the offense, which is alleged to have been committed on January 2.

New York Elder Holds Apostolic Faith Meet

A revival at the First Apostolic Faith Church, Monument and Eden Streets, is being conducted by Elder Moses Simms of New York.

According to the Rev. J. M. Turpin, pastor of the church, one hundred persons were baptized during the past church year.

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Mrs. Roosevelt Refers to Triplets as Pickaninnies

First Lady Writes Letter to Virginian Who Named Boys for President.

WHITE VERA WORKER SENT PHOTOGRAPH

First Lady Says She and F. D. Were "Amused."

FLASH-BULLETIN

Asked about the "pickaninny" letter by an AFRO reporter, Mrs. Schneider, secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt, said that the letter was authorized and that Mrs. Roosevelt knew about its contents.

Reporter—Do you know what you want to do with the letter?

Reporter—We want to use it as a news story.

Mrs. Schneider—Mrs. Roosevelt in answering the letter would not want it used for publication. Where did you get the letter?

Reporter—It simply came in as a report to us.

Mrs. Schneider—The fact that it was addressed to Mrs. Woodward leads me to believe that it was a personal letter and should not be used except you write. for Mrs. Woodward's conset.

WASHINGTON — "They are certainly cunning little pickaninnies," wrote Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt about "Frank," "Del," and "Rosy," 13-month-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. John and Mary Ross, relief clients of Prince Edward County, Va., after receiving Christmas greetings from the triplets.

The triplets are named Franklin, Delano, and Roosevelt. They and their parents are the relief clients of Mrs. M. H. Morton, white, a VERA worker of the county. The family got on the relief roll three weeks before they were born, and so great was the interest in the triplets in his room when the news hound from work, but there was no apparent ill-feeling between them.

Ross said he was going out, according to Hawkins's story, and Mrs. Sewell said that she was going, too.

Later, Hawkins's testimony indicates, Ross was heard in the street, saying, "Pauline, you cut me!"

House Re-entered

Both of them then entered the house. Hawkins told the coroner, and Mrs. Sewell asked him to get a policeman.

John White, who also lives at 2419, told the coroner that he saw Ross go into a house down the street where another woman, whom he named as a rival of Mrs. Sewell, lives.

When Ross got on the step of the house in question, White said, Mrs. Sewell seized him, saying at the same time, "I got you."

No Knife Seen

According to White, the two then engaged in a struggle, but that time no knife was in evidence.

The witness declared that the fight did not last very long and the two re-entered the house.

Saw Towel Used

"I came into the kitchen," White told the coroner, "and Frank was lying on the floor in a puddle of blood and Pauline was trying to stop him from bleeding with a towel.

"Uncle John,' she said to me,' his story continues, "'get me a policeman.'

At this point he was asked whether he heard Ross say anything before he died, and he told the questioner that the victim said only four words, which were, "Let me alone, Pauline."

Says Age Is Wrong

White also declared that 47 is the proper age for Mrs. Sewell, but

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THE WEATHER

FAIR—WARMER

Friday and Saturday North and Middle Atlantic States: Fair and Warmer.

Sun Rises, 7:29 a.m.; Sun Sets, 5:08 p.m. Moon Rises, 12:31 a.m. Moon Sets, 12:18 p.m. Moon Phases: New, 5th; 1st Quarter, 13th; Full, 19th; Last Quarter, 27th.

LINCOLN GYM FALLS

Sighting down the concrete 6-inch wide concrete blocks were "pasted." The 80-foot sidewall had been built to a height of 27 feet when it nearly poor and wet. Four concrete posts can be seen, just where they dropped. At extreme right is part of the all-white crew cleaning mortar from blocks which did not crumble.

Wife Won't Claim Slain Mate's Body

Romance Between Youth and Age Ends in Tragedy

Man, 27, Stabbed with Penknife after Fight with Woman, 47.

LEGAL WIFE IN VA. DOESN'T WANT BODY

Bleeds to Death in Love Nest.

A May-December romance that residents say lasted several years in the 2400 block of Hudson Place, came to a bloody close on Saturday night when Frank Ross, 27, was slain with a penknife that Mrs. Pauline Sewell, his 47-year-old sweetheart, is accused by police of having wielded.

According to testimony given at an inquest in the Northern police station, Wednesday, Ross and Mrs. Sewell were talking in the room of George Hawkins, 2418 Hudson Place, a few minutes before the crime.

Hawkins testified that the victim and the accused lived together in

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Test Your Knowledge

by Reading The AFRO-AMERICAN

Can You Answer the Following Questions?

(If you can answer three, you are of normal intelligence.)

Where is George Godfrey and what is he doing for a living? See sports page.

Who is Hollywood's newest Cinderella? See theatre page.

Who is the AFRO's choice for Maryland's No. 1 woman? See editorial page.

Where is the Federal government considering construction of a $9,500,000 subsistence homestead project? Page one.

What city's YMCA barred colored persons from its swimming pool? See New York page.

What physician set aside $1,000 in his will for funeral expenses? See Philadelphia page.

What great poet held a job in the library of Congress? See editorial page.

AFRO VISITORS

Those who visited the AFRO office last week were:

Jay Madison Walton, Chicago, Ill.; Albert Moore, Baltimore, Md.

U. S. Favors Plan for $9,500,000 Homestead in Md.

Albert Cassell, H. U. Architect, Submits Project to Sec'y Ickes.

500-ACRE SITE LIES ON CHESAPEAKE BAY

Place Would Also Serve as Summer Resort.

(AFRO Bureau)

WASHINGTON — Favorable consideration on the proposed $9,500,000 subsistence homestead project in Calvert County, Md., was reported in the capital, Tuesday morning.

The project, presented by Albert L. Cassell, Howard University architect, has already won the informal approval of Public Works Administrator Ickes and persons close to the administration feel certain that it will receive the presidential okey.

A 500-acre site on the Maryland South Shore, fronting Chesapeake Bay, was suggested for the construction of the homestead project and a summer resort, on which would be erected a modern hotel and casino, with a half-mile boardwalk.

The new homestead project is one-half mile southeast of Friederick, Md. It fronts three-fifths of a mile on the Chesapeake Bay at its widest point. There are about a hundred acres and the market is known as Bare's Wharf, being the original Bare grant from the King of England.

Acting with Mr. Cassell in laying the project before Secretary Ickes were Maj. Fernando Tormey, crews, landscape engineer, and M. V. Wilberding, a mechanical engineer. The proposal provides that the government would put up the money and would take the

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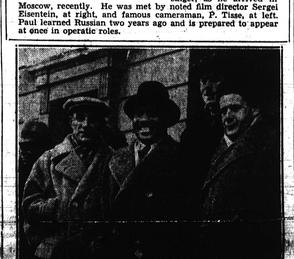
WELCOMED TO RUSSIA



Paul Robeson, center, noted American actor-singer, as he arrived in Moscow, recently. He was met by noted film director Sergei Eisentein, at right, and famous cameraman, P. Tisse, at left. Paul learned Russian two years ago and is prepared to appear at once in operatic roles.

Mitchell Is Absent from H. U. Prexy's Birthday Party

(AFRO Bureau)

WASHINGTON.—A reception to be given in honor of the Democratic Congressman, Arthur W. Mitchell, by the state will fight in Howard University, will take place within the next two weeks, the AFRO learned exclusively this week.

Last Saturday night, members of the local alumni gave a birthday reception, honoring the forty-fifth birthday of Howard's president, Mordecai W. Johnson. The reception took place at the home of the president with approximately seventy-five persons on hand to wish the president well.

Mitchell Absent

The reception was conspicuous for two reasons: The majority of those present were members of the faculty and the absence of Congressman Mitchell, who is reported to have been invited.

The invitation is said to have been given to the Congressman by a member of the committee on arrangements, which consisted of

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WINS $75 IN FABRIC CONTEST

NEW YORK.— Hilda Jones, 19-year-old student at the Girls' Commercial High School, won the first prize of $75 in a competition for silk and dress fabrics in which nearly 300 designs were entered.

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Robeson Pleased with the Soviet Social Scheme

By PAUL PUSHKIN

MOSCOW,—(CNA)—In an interview here with Paul Robeson internationally famous singer and actor, it was revealed that he is very enthusiastic in praise of the Soviet Union.

Robeson stated that not only did the theatres in the Soviet Union have great interest for him, but the whole new social system.

The new life, new culture, new economy, new people all compelled his admiration.

Elites Treatment of Group

Robeson also stated that he expects to spend much of the remainder of his life in Soviet Asia, Africa, Russia and Soviet China.

He also expressed the opinion that the whole future of the colored people is tied up with conditions in the parts of the world, especially the Chinese situation, which is much like the situation in Africa.

Robeson recently left England where he encountered race prejudice, which does not exist in the

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Name Traffic Cop in Oklahoma Town

TULSA, Okla.— Armstead W. Berry, of North Norfolk, one of the eleven who recently passed the examination, was appointed traffic officer, here Tuesday. Fifty-one persons took the examination, and all were white but two.

Man Claims He Is 132

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad.—Claiming he is 132 years old, a man who was brought here on a slave ship to be sold to the owner of a plantation near where he now lives, has applied for confirmation to the Anglican Church at St. Joseph.

Claim Administration O.K.'s Lily-White Policy of Contractors.

CAMPUS ALIVE WITH "STOOL PIGEONS,"

Espionage System Keeps Radicals in Check.

By RALPH MATTHEWS (Staff Correspondent)

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. — Lincoln University is a seething hotbed of unrest which was fanned to red heat by a sixty-mile gale which blew down the 80-foot sidewall of the new gymnasium now under construction.

The rebellious spirit, smouldering throughout the student body, is not against the elements which have deprived the institution of its gymnasium, but against the administration which permitted the contract to go to a construction company that refuses to employ colored labor.

The wall was destroyed by a windstorm, Monday, and verified the charge, to some extent, that the building was not being properly erected and charges of some students that even when finished it would have been unsafe.

Charges Detailed

The students base their contentions on several basic factors:

First, they point out, that no steel framework was erected before the walls were built.

Second, they contend that the walls, constructed of cement blocks, are not inter-locking, but are merely a construction with no metal spikes or braces to hold the blocks together.

The students also point out that because of the cold weather the mortar used in holding the blocks of intact freezes before the adhesive qualities have time to take effect.

No Space for Door

They also contend that the con-

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Is DePriest Broke! Chicago Says No!

CHICAGO. — Oscar DePriest is broke, press dispatches declared last week, and Chicago winked one eye.

Mr. DePriest, former G.O.P. congressman, is out of the city. His wife declined to talk for the Associated Negro Press. Reports are current that he lost large sums in stock transactions and is probably pretty poor and without available cash.

Another version of the recent court case in which Mr. DePriest declared himself bankrupt is that former lieutenants of the Congressman double-crossed him in the last political fight and that rather than pay them off, he declared himself bankrupt.

FLASH

Gay New Philly U. S. Attorney

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Senator Guffey announced at an inaugural ball the appointment of Walter A. Gay, Jr., as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the post formerly held by E. Washington Rhodes.

Winds Blow Down Lincoln U. Gym; Students Blow up

Maddox Returns to Face Charges In Scott Murder

(Special to the AFRO)

ATLANTA.—George Maddox, 28, a member of a prominent local family, wanted in connection with the murder of W. A. Scott, newspaper publisher, returned and surrendered to police authorities here at noon Tuesday morning, and is being held without bond.

Maddox, sought in Chicago last week after a Fulton County grand jury returned an indictment against him, had been arrested on a railroad run between St. Paul and New York, it is reported, and had been expected to come from Chicago the day after his indictment. He failed to show up however.

His white lawyer, William Howard, said that "I am keeping my agreement with Sheriff Lowry to turn over Maddox, and sent him to the jail this (Tuesday) morning."

Files for Bail

The attorney, it is understood, has already filed for bail but it is thought that the state will fight the application. In other quarters it is felt that the bond will be placed at a high figure.

Maddox still maintains his innocence and appears fresh and confident that the charges against him will be dropped.

Howard said, "I try cases in the courthouse and not in the newspapers. George Maddox, Jr., isn't more guilty than you" (meaning the writer).

Will-Probe Charges

Howard further stated: "We have heard numerous charges of subornation of perjury in this case since the coroner's inquest, naturally we are going to probe these charges."

Waiting on State

It is probable that the case will come to trial as soon as the state is ready. The defense appears ready, so it is a general belief that there will be no delays. Those familiar with the courts believe that the case will be tried in the March term of the superior court.

For several days it had been reported that Maddox was in Atlanta to surrender. There were also rumors that he had left town again, but Howard declared that Maddox has been here since Thursday of last week, and was not dodging anyone and had been in his office every day since his arrival.

Long Trial Expected

The state vs. Maddox is expected to be one of the longest Grand jury trials in Fulton County's history. At least a hundred witnesses for each side will parade in front of the jury box. Scores of national testimony on both sides are expected.

It is stated by some that much more interest was shown by the solicitor's office in presenting the

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Court in Uproar; Hamid Jailed for Anti-Jew Talk

SUFI ABDUL HAMID

NEW YORK (By Wire to the AFRO) — Sufi Abdul Hamid, nicknamed "The Black Hitler," is in jail and awaiting sentence which will be meted out to him Saturday by Magistrate Aurelio in Washington Heights Court.

After beating the rap on more serious charges some weeks ago, following city-wide protest against his Hitlerite anti-Jewish oratory, Hamid Tuesday was found guilty of the comparatively minor charges of preaching atheism and selling spurious pamphlets without a permit. He was denied bail.

Police Tense

From the crowded courtroom, from the corridor — even prominent citizens and law officers at hand ready to tell the court what kind of a man Northwest formed Mohammed is, it was quite evident that a trap had been set for the caustic soapbox orator and non-conformist and that the threat of police and certain Harlem limites to "get him yet" was keenly realized. Hamid was a pioneer in picketing of white Harlem stores that refused to employ colored persons.

After routine arraignment and finding of guilty, magistrate Aurelio chided for character witnesses who through their testimony would help him decide the kind of sentence to give.

Moers and Police

It was at this point that Fred Moers, the

liaher, together with a white sheriff and police officers, painted Hamid as an instigator of racial hatred, a racketeer, a blasphemer, perverter of the truth, and a liar.

Secretary Serves

The courtroom was packed. Hamid's followers resented some testimony and were arrested. Miss Edna Berger, his secretary, was

Patrolman Allen Jr. served the summons on Hamid Monday. Both Allen and Sergeant Alexander P. Holley, who heard the athletic talk, were present.

Maddox Attorneys Named Candidates for Education Post

(Special to the AFRO)

HARRISBURG, Pa. — For the A. A. Norris or Johns J. Williams Pennsylvania, a member of the colored race will have a place on the staff of the State Department of Justice when the Democrats assume and take over the reins of state government.

He will be a deputy attorney-general, and will be chosen from the membership of the Philadelphia bar, in all probability, either

The position of executive secretary of the governor's education commission will be given to either Robert P. McGuinn or W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., both of whom are attorneys, it was learned this week.

The power of making this appointment is entirely in the hands of Judge Morris A. Soper, chairman of the commission, who is at present in North Carolina.

The position will involve the supervision of office work and correspondence for the commission, according to members, but the executive secretary will not be required to make a survey of the state's educational system as was originally reported.

Survey Necessary

Since the commission has as its goal the determining of how the higher education of Maryland colored people can be taken care of beyond the high-school years, a survey of some kind will be ultimately necessary, members of the commission say.

It is thought that the services of an individual trained in making researches and compiling statistical data will be required, if the survey is to be of some value.

One suggestion is that the person secured spend a week in each high school of the state in an effort to determine how many students want higher education, how many types of professional training are sought and what will be the approximate cost of training.

Aids Sought

An effort will be made, according to members of the commission, to determine what steps will be necessary before the institution can objects a grade A rating.

The question of salaries, equipment, and administration costs must also be determined and members of the commission are eager to be assured of enough funds.

Pa. Will Get Deputy Attorney-General

(Special to the AFRO)

HARRISBURG, Pa. — For the first time in the history of Pennsylvania, a member of the colored race will have a place on the staff of the State Department of Justice when the Democrats assume and take over the reins of state government.

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