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What We Expect of Congress

D.C. STUDENT SLAYS 2

Charge Police Were Brutal

NAACP, Negro Congress Push Probe of Beating of Tailor

With affidavits from eye-witnesses who stated they saw police officers brutally beat Joseph Dunlap, Pennsylvania Avenue tailor, while arresting him, officials of the NAACP and the Baltimore Council of the National Negro Congress appealed to Police Commissioner Robert Stanton for an investigation, Thursday.

W. A. C. Hughes, NAACP attorney, and W. Everett Lane, Dunlap's lawyer, prepared the document sent to the commissioner and will push the fight for a full investigation of what they say seems to be a clear case of unwarranted police brutality.

May Lose Sight

Mr. Dunlap who operated a tailoring business in the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, is in the Maryland General Hospital suffering from injuries he received at the hands of three Northwestern district officers when he was arrested on December 17.

One of his eyes was so badly injured while in the custody of police that his physician, Dr. Reginald West, says he may not be able to see with it again. His condition has been such that he has not been able to appear for a hearing in the police station.

Dr. West told the AFRO-AMERICAN on Thursday that while the inflammation in his eye may subside, he could not tell about its future usefulness.

Signed Statements

The NAACP and congress officials have three signed statements from eye-witnesses who not only deny the officers' statement that Dunlap resisted arrest, threatened or struck any one of the officers, but also say that

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Governor Nice Asks Funds for Women's Gym

Callaway on Hand to Greet Solons as Assembly Opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Recommendations that the legislature appropriate funds to complete the gymnasium at the Training School for Colored Girls by retiring Gov. Harry W. Nice and the presence of Marse S. Callaway, lobbying about the legislative halls, helped to add interest in the opening day of the State body here on Wednesday.

The recommendation was a part of the last message the governor will make before he leaves office next Wednesday.

To Carry On

Callaway, who was busy shaking hands with both Democratic and Republican members of the legislature, stated that he would carry on in his efforts to

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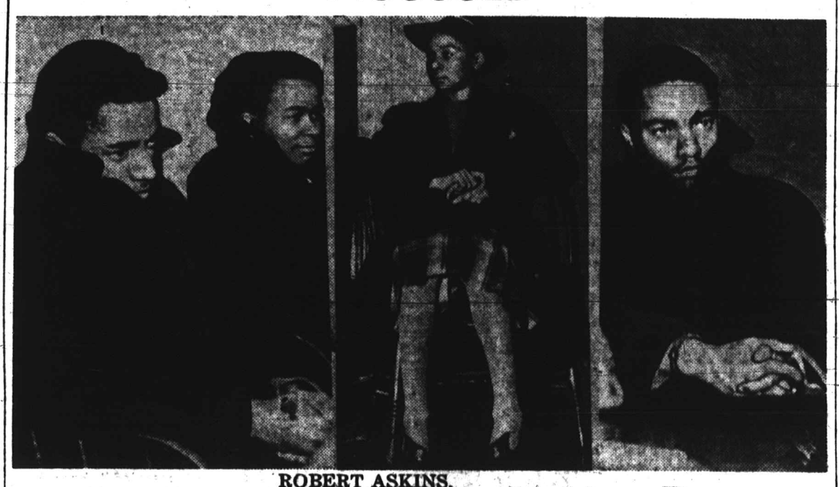
THEY PRAY THE NEW YEAR IN

Christians who had faltered during the year were invited to the altar at People's Christian Church, Baltimore, to pray the old year out and ask forgiveness for their sins. The Rev. C. Edward Brown (in black robe) is leading the prayer service as bells and whistles roared outside.

ALLEGED SLAYER HEARS SELF ACCUSED



ROBERT ASKINS,

Miner Teachers' College chemistry student, who is accused of poisoning one woman and stabbing another to death. | In the center, Alice Brown Patterson testifies before the coroner's jury as to how she also drank some of the poisoned drink which he passed around.

Baptists, AME's and ME's Plan Merger of Homes

The plan for the unification of the A.M.E., M.E., and Baptist aged homes suggested at the last meeting of the executive committee of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance was hailed with enthusiasm when it was presented to the body of the alliance on Thursday.

While property interests involved were viewed as a possible obstacle to the union, it was generally felt that the homes, the people in the homes, and the churches supporting the homes would be benefited by the merger.

In support of the proposal, the Rev. C. C. Ferguson, AME minister, said:

"The strain of providing food, shelter, and fuel for the homes is very great. I am highly in favor of the plan".

Need for Sanity

"The disposition of the property involved will necessitate action by various conferences and therefore much subsequent delay. There is need for sanity and broadmindedness in order to solve the attendant problems."

Said the Rev. W. D. Yerby, Baptist minister: "We have anticipated the difficulties which will arise before the matter is accomplished, and do not expect that the merger will be accomplished immediately."

The Rev. E. A. Haynes, Methodist minister, stated that a single drive to raise funds for one home would net greater results than several drives carried on by several denominations.

Ten Form Committee

The following committee of ten ministers from various denominations was appointed to work out the details of the proposed merger:

The Revs. A. J. Mitchell, E. A. Haynes, J. T. Colbert, V. C. Hodges, W. H. Taylor, G. M. Edwards, W. D. Yerby, C. C. Ferguson, G. A. Crawley and W. W. Walker.

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Nine Teachers Are Promoted

William Parrott was assigned acting principal of School No. 123 to fill the vacancy made by the death of George Owens at a meeting of the school board, Thursday.

Mr. Parrott is a graduate of Coppin Normal School and has been teacher-in-charge of School No. 150 since 1935.

Nine Promoted

Nine individuals, who have served satisfactorially as Class 2 substitutes were advanced to the Class 1 substitute list.

They were:

Miss Mae B. Golder, Veloo G. Green, Mary I. Greene, Ruth A. Greene, Bertha R. Gross, Sylvia Mozer, Goldie Wachter, Ada V. Hachett, Inez Johnson, Gladys A. Leigh and Mamie L. Watson.

Vocational Advisors

Appointments on the trade advisory committee in the Vocational School for 1939 were:

William L. Fitzgerald, attorney; T. Wallis Lansey, manager of Druid Laundry; Mrs. John L. Hitchens, house wife and civic worker;

John L. Berry, insurance company manager; Mrs. Sarah C. Fernandis, social worker; Dr. Albert O. Reid, dentist;

The Rev. Luke Reynolds, tailor; Preston Linberry, garage; Willard W. Allen, insurance, and George B. Murphy, retired principal.

Tribute to three teachers, who recently died were given by Dr. David Weglein, superintendent.

The late George Biddle, he pointed out, who began his teaching career in 1873 and was the first colored principal of a school here, was especially opposed to one-session school days and never allowed one in his school.

The others mentioned were J. Clarence Chambers, who began teaching in 1902 and served thirty-four years, and George Owens, who had been a teacher in Baltimore schools from 1898 to the time of his death.

Miss Isabella Hall, Retired Teacher, Ill

Miss Isabella A. Hall of 1911 Druid Hill Avenue, retired school teacher, is seriously ill at her home, it was learned this week.

She retired from the system in January, 1938, after forty-six years in the schools. At her retirement she was located at Elementary School 107, Gilmor Street near Laurens.

Her condition on Thursday was reported as "just about the same."

Md. Body Asks State to Take Over Morgan

Transfer to the State of all the property of Morgan College except a two-acre area is the chief recommendation of the Maryland Commission on Scholarships for Negroes in its 1938 report to the governor and the State Legislature.

The report recommends that the State and Morgan College Corporation agree upon the price to be paid and that the State agree to offer courses at Morgan equivalent to the curricula at the University of Maryland.

The report concurred in by trustees of Morgan College declares that the State should obligate itself to erect supplementary buildings to provide an adequate plant within a reasonable period.

Would Get Regents

The commission recommends a bi-racial board of regents for the proposed Morgan State college or

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Woman Files for N.C.U. Entrance

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A New York woman, whose name has not yet been released, filed application for entrance at the University of North Carolina, officials of the school disclosed, this week.

While the North Carolina State Constitution decrees separate institutions for colored and white, the recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court that in Missouri the right to attend the State university was extended, because facilities were not provided for colored students, is expected to hold good in this instance.

No disposition of the application has been made by the president of the institution as yet.

One Man Purge of Vice Area Leaves 2 Dead

Robert Askins, Miner Student, Accused in Double Murder

WASHINGTON

Because his life had allegedly been ruined by women of Washington's sub rosa red light district and he hoped to save fellow students from a similar fate, Robert Askins, a Miner Teachers' College chemistry student, faces charges of killing two women in a one-man crusade which he waged last week.

The victims are Ruth McDonald, 31, of the 600 block Freedmans Court, who died from poison after five of her companions intended for the purge were saved and Elizabeth Johnson, 26, whom police accuse Askins of stabbing to death.

Arrested Saturday

Askins was arrested on Saturday and identified as the stranger who gave a mysterious drink to the McDonald woman and was also identified as the mysterious stranger who fatally stabbed Miss Johnson last Saturday night.

Askins was quoted by police as saying that he was a "woman hater," but denying the murder charges. In the past, he is reported to have acted as police informer in connection with vice and liquor raids.

Alice C. Brown Patterson, also of the 600 block Freedmans Court, testified that she met Askins on the street and carried him to the house in the 600 block of Freedmans Court and there they engaged in drinking at which time he is said to have offered $1 to the person who could drink his drink the quickest.

Passed Around Drinks

He passed the drinks around, but refused to take any himself,

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NEW YEAR'S KISS

Alone in a crowd is about the most fitting title for the couple shown embracing above at Broad and South Streets, Philadelphia, at the stroke of twelve on New Year's Eve. The flashlight startled them and they sought cover before their names could be learned.

Congress Will Face Problems

Nazi Issue Brings Decision to Study Color Bans in U.S.

WASHINGTON

Matters affecting colored people in this country will loom large in the Congress which convened Tuesday, by reason of the various protests by the State Department against the Nazi anti-Jewish decrees.

This country, it is believed, can not continue in the anomalous position of insisting that the German Government abate its campaign against Jews while condoning discrimination against colored people within its territory.

Proves Embarrassing

The German proposal to follow the example of Southern States in setting up jim crow cars for Jews is only one incident which is bound to prove embarrassing to this government in the strained relations over the Reich decrees.

In view of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission upholding jim crow practices of States in the deep South, it is likely that representatives from Congressional districts with large colored electorates will offer amendments to the Tranpsortation Act to prohibit segregation of in-

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Congress Gets 10 Antilynch Bills as Session Opens

Mitchell Introduces 5 Other Measures in Lower House

WASHINGTON

Representative Joseph A. Gavagan (Dem., N.Y.), who sponsored in the House in the last Congress the anti-lynching bill approved by the NAACP, introduced a similar bill on the opening day of the present session.

Antilynching bills were also introduced by Representatives Edward W. Curley, (Dem., N.Y.); U. S. Guyer, (Rep., of Kans.); Arthur W. Mitchell, (Dem., Ill.); Matthew J. Merritt, (Dem., N.Y.);

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I'll Lick Joe Louis, Says John Henry

It'll Be Just Another Fight, Joe Tells AFRO

By HARRY B. WEBBER

POMPTON LAKES, N.J.—With a winter background of trees laden with snow and a frozen lake, Joe Louis opened his first sparring exhibition on Saturday afternoon in training for the John Henry Lewis title battle.

Joe paused during a rubdown in the gym here on Friday to say indifferently:

"It's just another fight. I'll try to win but will not name the round. It will be a tough fight, for he is a good man."

Keeps Playing Record

In his leisure hours his thoughts are apparently on his wife, Marva. This was indicated from his constant playing of a phonograph record, "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby."

"He plays it constantly," Trainer Jack Blackburn said,

Joe took time off from a vigorous punching bag workout to straighten out statements in two recent national magazine articles about him. One article poised the question of whether he was "going soft." The other cited Max Schmeling as his "pet hate."

"I hate nobody," was Joe's summary of the latter story.

There was a hint of battle in

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Has Pee Wee Forgotten His Glasses?

No indeed. He knows where they are but he doesn't need 'em when he picks up his favorite newspaper.

The type and pictures are so distinct and the printing so clear and clean that Pee Wee can read with his naked eyes. So can you.

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Challenger Is Sure He Will Topple Bomber

By HARRY B. WEBBER

SUMMIT, N.J.—"I'll lick Joe Louis, although I won't say what round. Yes, Joe is king, but kings pass away too. So consider me the contender for his throne."

These are the words of John Henry Lewis in an interview in Madame Bey's training camp here where he is grounding out a hard daily routine which he is certain will end in victory for him on January 25 over Joe Louis at Madison Square Garden.

Lewis was in a fighting mood as he talked of the battle.

"I regard Joe right now as an enemy to be whipped," he declared. "Our friendship has ceased for the moment until after the fight. When the gong rings in my favor then we will shake hands and be the best of friends."

John Henry said he was through with the light-heavyweight division and thinking only of heavyweight battles. He said he always wanted to meet the heavyweight champ and "Joe Louis is the guy."

He thinks Maxie Baer is a swell fellow but has never cared for his style of fighting. He says

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