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Nazis Free Minister's Kin

Yes, a Bona Fide MP

SGT. ARCELLIUS THOMPSON, of Company B, 6th Ordnance Training Battalion at Camp Rodman, Md., adjoining Aberdeen Proving Ground, who is the first bona fide colored military police officer in this vicinity.

Fully armed with the same authority as other military police, Sergeant Thompson drives a regulation army police car in patrolling the roads between his camp and the nearby towns and supervises the activities of colored soldiers both on and away from the post. He has five assistants who are used on special details.

Court Rules Cassell's H.U. Suit Was Too Late

Statute of Limitations Bars Architect's $26,500 Claim for Services

WASHINGTON—Because he was six weeks late in filing suit, the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia on Monday set aside the $19,687.50 judgment obtained by Albert I. Cassell, architect, against Howard University. The case was remanded to the District Court with instructions to dismiss the suit. Mr. Cassell had sued the university for $26,500 for services which he said he performed in connection with the development of the 20-year building program and was awarded a judgment of $19,687.50. The university ap-

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Bias Hits Radio Quartet

Expectant Mother Held for Burglary

Mrs. Estelle Webb of 1425 W. Lanvalle Street, 19-year-old expectant mother, accused on sixteen burglary counts, was held for grand jury action under aggregate bail of $8,500 in Northwestern police court Thursday by Magistrate Walter J. Dewees.

She waived a preliminary hear- [illegible] Bernard E. Felkin and Milton H. Talkin, both white.

The charges against Mrs. Webb, who, according to Sergt. Elmer T. Collins, will bear a child in January, include entering and looting of sixteen homes of white residents in the Northwest section of the city.

Arrested December 2

Lieut. John Spites, Sergeant Collins, Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte and Officers Orville Cook and Thomas Insley, stated that the period of Mrs. Webb's alleged burglaries extends from April to her arrest on December 2. The estimated total value of goods stolen amounts to over $2,200.

However, police state that nearly half of this booty, which consisted mainly of women's clothing and various articles of jewelry, has been recovered from the home of Mrs. Webb.

Officers Insley and Cook of No. 55 radio car, receiving a call stating that someone was attempting to break into a house on Bentalou Street, at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon of December 2, joined by Lieutenant Spites and Sergeant Collins, went to the scene, where they stated they arrested Mrs. Webb as she was fleeing.

Had Ingenious Method

She was taken to Northwestern police station and, after questioning her, police state, they went to her home and recovered numerous articles of clothing and jewelry.

Sergeant Collins charged that Mrs. Webb's method of operation

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Southernaires Plan to Sue D.C. Airport

WASHINGTON.

The NAACP has opened an all-out campaign against the discriminatory practices now in force at the capital's million-dollar airport following the refusal of the terminal restaurant to serve the nationally known radio quartet, the Southernaires, Wednesday morning.

The Southernaires, returning from Williamsburg, Va., where they had been guests of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on round-trip tickets over the American Airlines to New York, were each given a petty cash voucher by the [illegible] to the dining room.

The group, Spencer Odon, J. S. Toney, Lowell Peters, Homer Smith and William Edmondston, entered the dining room at 7:25 a.m., were each given a glass of water and a menu card and the waitress was just about to take their orders.

Invokes Jim Crow Law

Just then, the assistant manager, a Mr. Wiley, ordered the waitress not to take the orders, invoking what he called "Vir-

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"Defense" Is NYA Alibi to Oust Youth

By Staff Correspondent

The National Youth Administration in Maryland is effectively using the national defense program to gently ease colored youth from its program in this State.

Questioned by the AFRO as to how the State's colored youth will fare in the curtailed program recently decreed by Washington, Glen D. Brown, white, State head, said Thursday that no figures were available as to how many colored projects would be closed or how many boys and girls would be affected.

Originally scheduled to be closed, the sewing project at 2003 Druid Hill Avenue will be spared, Mr. Brown said. The number of workers will be slightly reduced and assigned in a rotary fashion, taking turns in attending the project.

Fairmount Project Saved

It was also learned that the Fairmount Heights sewing project, employing approximately 70 youths, will remain, but the eventual fate of a similar project in Annapolis, involving more than forty persons, hangs in the balance.

The procurement of adequate housing facilities has much to do with the future of the project in the State capital, observers disclosed.

In a letter to area directors Mr. Brown said last week that every effort should be made to see that colored youth will have proportionate employment, and on projects employing both races,

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OUR "Democratic" NAVY

N.A.A.C.P.

Although he passed, with flying colors, written, oral and physical examinations and was certified by the navy's own board of examiners, Dr. Harold J. Franklin, New Jersey interne, was declared physically unfit to become a naval medical officer by the Navy Department in Washington. There is only one reason, no matter what the excuse: Dr. Franklin's case is an example of how capable colored Americans are barred from serving their country.

(Facsimile of cover of a pamphlet distributed last week by the NAACP)

Nazis Free Missionary's Wife, Child

Co-operation of the Liberian Consul and the U.S. State Department has secured the release from Germany of the wife and 13-year-old daughter of the Rev. T. O. Dosumu, former Baltimorean and well-known field missionary, Baptist officials learned this week.

The Rev. Mr. Dosumu remains incarcerated in a German prison camp. All three were rescued by a Nazi raider when the Egyptian Steamer Zamzam was sunk several months ago.

Nazi officials promised their release some time ago, when the Liberian Consul in Berlin interceded in their behalf, if the United States would grant them transit visas to return to and remain in America until after the war.

Baptist Group Helped

Cables and other communications passed between the officials of the three nations, promted by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Rev. E. L. Harrison of Washington, his pastor, and the Rev. J. H. Randolph, former executive secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

The money for the family's passage to the United States was advanced by the foreign mission board, and visas have been granted by our State Department for Mrs. Dosumu and her daughter, Ayodelene.

Final arrangements for their passage, however, had not been made early this week, due to limited transportation facilities in the war zone.

Sailed Last March

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dosumu and child sailed March 2[illegible] for Liberia, in defiance of warnings of danger. The raider which sank the Zamzam carried them to Germany, where the husband and wife were placed in separate

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Approximately 100 persons crowded the Holland Funeral Parlor, 1631 Druid Hill Avenue, Thursday afternoon, for the funeral of Mrs. Martha Tibbs Brown, 18-year-old June, 1940, Douglass High School graduate, who was accidentally slain in the Dunbar Theatre, 619 N. Central Avenue, on Sunday.

Burial for Mrs. Brown, a resident of the Frederick Douglass Homes, was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

A member of Fountain Baptist Church, she had been married to John Brown since September, 1940. Her husband is employed by a local rubber heel factory and they have no children.

Her other survivors include her parents, Frank and Mrs. Anna Tibbs; Mrs. Lillian Beasley and Mrs. Juanita Presco, sisters; and Cyril Maxwell and Frank Tibbs, brothers.

May Air Gang Activities

Meanwhile, operations of East Baltimore's infamous "Brimstone Gang" are expected to be aired in Northeastern police court when the still unscheduled preliminary hearing for Junius E. Smith, alias Bubbles, 19, of 1046 Harford Avenue, alleged slayer of Mrs. Brown, is held.

The shooting occurred shortly

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Suspect Seen Here

This man, said by police to be Lawrence B. Hess, white Diamond taxi driver wanted for questioning in connection with the alleged abuse of 5-year-old Philip Brown, of the 900 block of N. Carrollton Avenue, on November 4, had not been apprehended at press time. The night before, however, a phone call to the AFRO revealed that a man answering his description had been seen entering a store at North and Pennsylvania Avenues, and after apparently being recognized fled and entered the basement of a North Avenue house where police said his family resides.

Bowie Hearings to Begin Dec. 18

President Leonidas S. James of Bowie State Teachers' College, and his assistant, Mrs. Thalia Davis Thomas, teacher of physical education and former acting registrar, will face charges of incompetency in hearings before the State Board of Education on December 18 and 19.

Both are under suspension pending the hearings. The charges were precipitated by a two-day strike of students, four weeks ago, against what they termed "low morale" of the school, which followed Mrs. James's criticism of the association between her husband and Mrs. Thomas. Immediate cause of the strike was President James's rejection of

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Ork Leader Says Pastor's Son Cause of Marital Rift

A rift is not being caused by his preventing Mrs. Marie A. Wooden from living with him as his wife, but her interest in Oliver Paige, son of the Rev. Dr. R. Paige, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Charles A. (Pee Wee) Wooden, leader and emcee of the Woodpecker Orchestra, charged, this week.

The charges came in an answer to a petition filed by Mrs. Wooden, through J. Howard Payne, attorney, seeking a divorce from Mr. Wooden. She had also asked that she be given alimony by her husband, who she says earns $30 per week.

Wife Charges Cruelty

The wife had said that she and Mr. Wooden were married two years ago and lived together until recently. She charged him with cruelty and abandonment, saying that he prevented her from living with him as his wife, though they remained in the same house.

Mr. Wooden asked the court to dismiss her plea, saying that she is still his wife and that he is maintaining and supporting her.

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Short of Men, Navy Still Won't Take Colored Men

WASHINGTON.

Despite the fact that it has suffered a fifteen per cent drop in enlistments, the United States Navy continues its jim crow policy of confining colored men to the messman's branch.

So serious has been the drop in enlistments—from 11,000 to 9,000 monthly—following the sinking of the Reuben James and the torpedoing of the Kearny, that the Navy Department is seriously considering using selectees to man the fleet.

Dr. Harold J. Franklin, Jersey City physician (shown above) was a victim of the navy's jim crow policy. Last August, along with nine other physicians, he was advised that he had passed

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High Court May Save Boy, 16

WASHINGTON

Execution, on a rape charge, of frail, 16-year-old Joseph R. Mickens, of Waynesboro, Va., may be averted if the United States Supreme Court decides to review his conviction.

Chief Justice Harlen F. Stone on Saturday granted a stay of execution and gave the youth's attorney, Charles Curry of Staunton, until noon Friday to file a petition for a review of his trial in the Circuit Court of Augusta County.

Mickens, having waived a jury trial, was convicted by Circuit Judge Floridus S. Crosby of criminally attacking a young white mother of a 6-month-old child, near midnight on November 24, 1940.

Appeal Futile

The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction,

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Supreme Liberty Fires 3

CHICAGO — Three Supreme Liberty Life Insurance women employees have petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for reinstatement. They charge that they were fired for union activities.

Club Adds to Reward for Slayer of Maid

An additional reward of $25 was offered this week by the Fifteenth Ward Active Republican Club, Inc., of which Lewis R. Mickle is president, for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Miss Mary I. Howard, 26-year-old McDonogh School maid, whose body was found October 20 in an oil tank at Danville and Bayliss Streets.

This brings the total reward to $75. Two days after the young woman's body was found, the AFRO offered $50 for exclusive information leading to the arrest and conviction of her slayer.

Widow May Buy All Smith Shares

The Circuit Court authorized, this week, the purchase by Mrs. Hazel Hughes Smith, widow of the late Wallace Smith, of the remaining heirs' shares of the Druid Hill Avenue real estate left by the brother of the late Thomas Smith, hotel proprietor and politician.

Wallace Smith, who inherited the property from his brother, was slain in a robbery shortly after he had received the property.

Pays $3,789.25

The real estate sold included porperty at 441, 437, 437½ and 435 Druid Hill Avenue, which includes the Smith Hotel, in addition to the furniture in the hotel. The inventory valued the whole at $7,578.50.

As widow, Mrs. Smith inherited one-half of the estate, one-sixth, $1,168.28, going to Mrs. Marie Tillie and Mrs. Katie Rhodes, nieces, and a similar amount divided between Nathaniel Wilson, William Wilson, and Catherine Wilson, children of a nephew, the late Nathaniel Wilson.

Mrs. Tillie had filed the petition asking that the property be sold in as much as an equal distribution could not be made.

Miss Classic

MISS DOROTHY GILMORE

Between the halves at the Howard-Lincoln classic in Philadelphia was chosen "Miss Classic," won by Miss Dorothy Gilmore, above, of Philadelphia. Runners-up for the title were Betty Bailey, Elizabeth, N.J., Mary Davis, Summit, N.J., Aurelia Johnson, Atlantic City and Mayola Samuels, Philadelphia. Bob Montgomery, lightheavyweight boxer, crowned the [illegible]

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Ira Bryant Opens New S.S. Union Printing Plant

Starts New Business Across Street from Old A. M. E. Plant

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Ira Bryant, ousted by the courts as secretary of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union printing plant, has moved across the street and opened his own plant. He is said to be using the same name, A.M.E. Sunday School Union, as his Tennessee corporation charter has not been revoked. The building, said to belong to Mr. Bryant, was previously a hotel. The basement and first floor have been cleared up and printing machinery installed. The plant is busy and looks up-to-date. Some of Bryant's machinery came

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