University Women Reaffirm Democracy

Local Branches May Not Reject Members on Prejudicial Grounds

By MABLE ALSTON

A real victory against racial prejudice and discrimination was won, this week, when the American Association of University Women's National Board passed a resolution unanimously outlawing racial, religious and political discrimination by any of its branches, following an expose by the AFRO-AMERICAN of prejudice in the local organization.

The AFRO expose began when it was learned that Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, prominent educational and civic leader, who was once a member of the local branch, but because of her many activities and family became inactive, decided to seek reinstatement only to have her dues returned by members of the local chapter's executive committee, with no explanation whatsoever.

Mrs. Clarence F. Swift, life-long friend and classmate of Mrs. Terrell's, upon hearing of the incident, forwarded a letter to the committee pointing out the objectives of the organization, and asked for specific reasons why the reinstatement was rejected.

Vote Against Democracy

According to Mrs. Swift, she did not receive a reply. She then immediately contacted members and a protest was registered.

Balloting was then held among the 1000 local members to determine their stand on the admittance of colored members. The results were 364 for and 250 against.

The president of the local branch, Mrs. G. R. Wilhelm, told the AFRO that because of the results of the balloting, she had been empowered by the executive group to appoint a committee to change the by-laws.

Liberals Triumph

The AFRO learned, however, that they were to be changed so that the reference of having colored women as members would never be brought up in the future.

Incidentally, the two members who introduced and seconded the motion for continuation of liberal legislation in all branches of the organization were Dr. Susan Riley of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Gillie Larew of Lynchburg, Va.

The Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women met Friday through Sunday. The motion on membership in branches was sent to Mrs. Swift by Mrs. Kathryn McHale, general director of the association, as well as a copy of the resolution.

Reaffirm Unbiased Policy

The resolution, adopted unanimously by the AAUW Board members from all sections of the country, reads:

"The Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women considers it imperative at this time to reaffirm its established membership policy that all women who meet the educational requirements are eligible to be members of the association.

"Under the national by-laws and under branch by-laws, which may not conflict with those of the national, there can be no authorization for any discrimination on racial, religious or political grounds.

Branches Must Conform

"The board, therefore, takes for granted that the branches will practice within their own groups those principles which are in line with the association's history—

"Its expressed international policies, its membership in the International Federation of University Women, and its deep concern with all agencies seeking to rebuild a world shattered through discriminations and intolerance."

Mrs. Terrell as 3 Degree

Mrs. Terrell, a member of the national group, is the widow of the late Judge Robert H. Terrell of the District Municipal Court.

She received her A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1884, and her A.M. from the same institution in 1888. She studied in Europe between 1888 and 1890. She received and honorary LL.D. from Wilberforce this year.

She is one of the first two women of her race to be appointed to the District Board of Education, where she served for 11 years.

Won Civic Honors

She has been active in women's suffrage, and was the first president of the National Association of Colored Women and has been appointed honorary president for life.

Mrs. Terrell has represented women in three international conferences—International Congress of Women, Berlin, 1904; International Congress of Women for Permanent Peace, Zurich, 1919, and the World Fellowship of Faiths in London, 1937.

She was named as one of the "One Hundred Most Famous Alumni" of Oberlin College at its 100th anniversary in 1933, and is author of "A Colored Woman in a White World," published in 1940.

To Return Same Check

Mrs. Terrell told the AFRO, Wednesday, that it was unthinkable that college women should be so narrow and unjust as to exclude from membership any woman, who is educationally qualified to join.

Continuing, she said, "I plan, immediately, to return the same check for my reinstatement that the executive committee sent me, informing me that my reinstatement would not be accepted."

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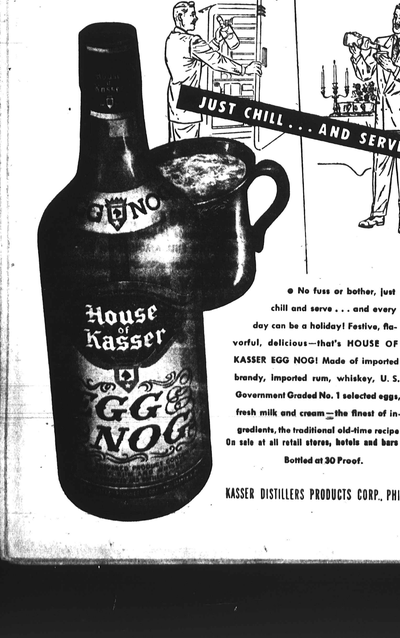

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Howard Women in 25th Annual Candle Service

Some of the 200 members of the Howard University Women's League taking part in the 25th annual Christmas candlelight service last Sunday at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Group Stymied in Fight for Department Store Jobs

Negotiations Break Down After Conference; Pittsburgh Committee Splits Over Tactics

PITTSBURGH — Negotiations completely broke down between department store representatives and the Committee for Fair Employment in Pittsburgh Department Stores, late Tuesday, after two sessions of over three hours each.

The merchants of the "big five" department stores offered nothing but "delaying tactics" to forestall hiring and public action of groups determined to force them to adopt democratic employment practices, it was pointed out.

The stores in question were Kaufffman's, Gimbels, Frank and Seders, Hornes, and Rosenbaums. Picketing, Monday, had resulted in the mayor's intervention and the calling of the futile meeting.

Reports that 95 girl pickets of both races repudiated the "appeasement" action of the committee, which considered a series of conferences to begin Jan. 3, at the insistence of the mayor, were latter found to be true.

The conferences were suggested so that the stores would have at least one month to "study and research" the situation. Pickets wanted an improved hiring policy implemented on Jan. 3.

Such a postponement was not in line with "action pledges" given by members of the committee, a spokesman of the girls, who wanted the issue to come to a head immediately, declared.

Late reports were that the parent body was on the verge of collapsing after the girls informed the stores and the mayor that they would be their own bargaining agents.

Several strong groups indicated that they would join the girls, if they would "promise immediate action and not kow-tow to the stores and the mayor as the parent group had done."

The girls formed a Community Action Council, directing themselves from the parent committee, and voted to start the picketing again Thursday morning.

They also voted to recruit other action groups to help with the fight, hold a mass meeting Monday evening at Central Baptist Church and raise funds to carry the fight on as long as needed.

The new group secured the services of the Young Peoples Political Action Committee, Committee Against Discrimination in Industry and of numerous other interracial groups and leaders.

The campaign, which has aroused Pittsburghers to fever heat, is a struggle to make the stores hire colored employees in capacities other than those of maids, porters, janitors and elevator operators.

The proposal which the store representatives rejected was that the stores begin a program of training colored persons in "white-collar" occupations by Jan. 3 and assure hiring by Feb. 1.

Preceding the futile negotiations of Tuesday, approximately 150 pickets of both races surrounded the "big five" Pittsburgh department stores, which for months made no definite commitment as to altering their "illy-white" hiring policies.

72 Local Couples to Help Swell Number of Holiday Newlyweds

Helping to swell the number of seasonal holiday weddings, 72 local couples obtained marriage licenses here last week.

The youngest bride-elect among the group was Delores Hamm, who was granted a license to be wed to Samuel A. Winfield, 18, of 501 Archer St. The entries follow:

WILLIAMS-BRANDON—Sydney B., 46, widower, 1814 St. Matthews St.; Beatrice, 36, divorced.
CYMAN-HARDY—Stephen H., 29, widower, Mary, 29.
CANNADY-GREEN—Rogers W., divorced, 3 N. Stockton St.; Beatrice, 32.
WILLIS-DABNEY—John H., 27, 2514 Huron St.; Anna M., 24.
FRAZIER-ALLEN—Vernon, 47, widower, Salisbury, Md.; Olive, 44, widow, 1 Bedford Sq., N.E.
HOLMES-THOMPSON—Thomas J., 19, 1531 McCulloh St.; Shirley, 19.
WHYTE-SUMMERS—Sylvester, 27, 1511 Mother St.; Ruth, 26.
HICKS-HOWARD—Clarence, 20, 2534 McCulloh St.; Erma J., 36, widow.
JACKSON-KEYS—Clarence, 22, 1320 N. Patrick St.; Mildred, 20.
BRAGG-BRAGG—Ernest, 46, 4 Aberdeen Proving Ground; Rosetta A., 23, 535 Laurens St.
CARTER-SPARKS—Paul T., 24, 6 W. Lee St.; Rose, 47, divorced.
DIX-ROGERS—Richard, 21, 313 N. Carey St.; Geraldine, 19.
PETROSE-BENNETT—Harry, 5, 50, divorced, 327 W. Biddle St.; Louise, 48.
ALLEN-HARRIS—Crawley, 38, 1603 E. Madison St.; Edria, 34.
HYMAN-LEE—George, 38, 1311 Madison Ave.; Helen, 34.
NEAL-WRIGHT—Howard, 23, 533 N. Calhoun St.; Coulter, 22.
FOX-HOWARD—Robert L., 21, 5236 Dennore Ave.; Cynthia F., 24, divorced.
STEPHENS-WARE—Clarence H., 24, 1602 Harlem Ave.; Rebecca, 22.
THOMAS-BAILEY—Walter G., 32, 405 N. Bond St.; Marie, 28.
BARNES-MAKER—Kelvin H., 31, 455 Mance Ct.; Rose E., 19.
LEE-BENNETT—Horace, 50, widower, 666 St. Anne St.; Mary, 52, widow.
WINFIELD-HAMM—Samuel A., 18, 501 Archer St.; Delores, 18.
CARTER-PETTY—Harry, 27, 241 W. Hoffman St.; Celia M., 25, divorced.
BARNETT-DANIEL—Oscar, 22, 630 Smithson St.; Kathleen, 21.
RINGGOLD-CLAYTON—Ralph A., 22, 928 Franklin St.; Bernie, 22.
MOORE-BRYANT—Thomas E., 25, widower, 333 E. 21½ St.; Clement-ine, 22.
BROGDEN-JONES—Robert, 19, 122 N. Carlton St.; Margaret L., 18.
WILLIAMS-BROOKS—Ernest, 24, 644 W. Franklin St.; Virginia, 25.
DUDLEY-HANEY—David, 64, widower; Eleanor T., 60, widow, 623 N. Carey St.
BOGIES-BYNANT—William, 48, widower; Minnie, 38.
SIMMS-BERRY—Robert L., 22, 1312 Argyle Ave.; Thelma L., 19.
WARREN-RICH—Stephen, 24, 2310 Severn St.; Helen, 40, divorced.
HARRIED-BROWN—Millman, 23, 729 W. Fairmount Ave.; Evelyn, 23.
CLARK-ROBINSON—Edward, 21, 1117 W. Montgomery St.; Sadie L., 18.
WAKE-EDWARDS—George C., 37, 623 George St.; Millicent E., 29.
EATON-MURRAY—Otis, 18, 112 N. Pearl St.; Katie R., 47.
DANBY-HARRIS—Joseph, 51, 3006 Sienna Ave.; Lucy, 48.
HANNA-BAILEY—Ira Lamer, 20, 609 Lafayette Ave.; Irene, 18.
PAGE-MILLER—John R., 31, 1800 Laurette Ave.; Pauline, 22.
THOMAS-MOORE—Albert, 22, 2806 Simpson St.; Alice W., 20.
BANKS-SMITH—George W., 58, divorced, 1113 W. Lafayette Ave.; Bessie, 48, widow.
DAVIS-WALKER—Russell W., 42, widower, 1317 N. Chapel St.; Ruby L., 36, divorced.
PERKINS-AUSTIN—Clarence, 26, 1309 Barnes St.; Dorothy B., 19.
GRIMES-POPE—Ulysses, 21, 122 N. Calhoun St.; Catherine, 31, divorced.
WOODS-CUMBO—James, 22, 1217 Wolfe St.; Estelle, 23.
TAYLOR-TATE—Leon, 24, 28, Texas, 1 Aisquith St.; Ruth, 23, divorced.
DAVIS-MURRAY—James J., 35, divorced, 1908 Madison St.; Rosie B., widow, 38.
BUTLER-COOK—John C., Sr., 46, widower, 1919 N. Monroe St.; Viola E., 45.
ABERNATHY-KENNEDY—Jesse, 32, 1011 Druid Hill Ave.; Ruth, 32.
MILLER-DORSEY—Robert, 23, 1623 Edmondson Ave.; Helen, 23.
HARRISON-GILES—Herman, 23, 1434 Orleans St.; Gladys, 24.
WRIGHT-MITCHELL—Clifton C., 32, divorced, 658 George St.; Mildred, 32.
CURRY-BRAXTON—James, 39, 886 Pierce St.; Daisy, 36.
EARNESTINE-WILLIAMS—William H., 25, 332 N. Eutaw St.; Nannie, 20.
GOWANS-SAUNDERS—Ernest, 21, 1526 N. Stricker St.; Irene, 21.
LIVINGSTON-VENNEY—Hampy, 37, 1310 Lorman St.; Olivia, 24.
SPENCER-BROWN—John T., Jr., 37, divorced, 1806 Madison Ave.; Dorothy, 30, divorced.
LEWIS-CARTER—James H., 41, 318 Diamond St.; Edie, 38.
DODD-GROOM-DORSEY—Jesse, 32, 1613 Division St.; Dorothy, 23.
CREWS-BAKER—Fletcher, 36, widower, 1016 Lanvale St.; Florence, 42, divorced.
ENOOT-JOHNSON—James F., 30, 723 Hanover St.; Bertha C., 18.
LUGE-BLACKSON—David, 35, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Willie M., 36, 39 S. Bond St.
LANE-BROWN—Herman, 18, 5434 Dennore Ave., Betty, 18.
BROGDEN-FORTUNE—Theodore, 31, 2130 Gilmor; Md.; Clemmie C., 20, 2130 Gilmor.
ROBINSON-WILLIAMS—Cornelius, 24, divorced, 721 W. Mulberry St.; Elaina, 18.
POWELL-STITH—Stanley, 32, 1329 Harford Ave.; Mary, 33, divorced.
SMITH-KITTRELL—Edward, 41, 1630 Druid Hill Ave.; Irene, 23.
BRADLEY-BRADLEY—Ernest, 23, 1908 N. Franklin St.; Vivian, 23.
CANNON-CORNIBS—John H., 22, 803 N. Wolfe St.; Naomi A., 17.
COVINGTON-WOMACK—Alfred C., 27, divorced, 1061 Brasilia Ave.; Velda, 26 divorced.
SINGLETON-DAVIS—Mack B., 21, 1411 Edmondson Ave.; Emma L., 26.
WALKER-LOGAN—James M., 1013 N. Calhoun St.; Dorothy, 18.

3 Recommended for West Point

PHILADELPHIA

Three 17-year-old boys, one a freshman at Lincoln University, last week, were recommended to Sen. Joseph Guffey (Dem., Pa.) for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The youths, each 17 years old, recommended by a citizens' committee, are:

Curtis Long, 3706 Fulaski Ave., and Charles Nesbit, 719 Naudain St., both seniors at Benjamin Franklin High; and Norman Brown, a June honor graduate from Benjamin Franklin, now attending Lincoln University.

Praised by Counselor

At the high school, Friday, where the selections were announced, Joseph Silberman, counselor, said:

"Each of these young men excels in personality and character traits. Each has evidenced leadership, and has contributed to the welfare of the school.

"From the standpoint of scholarship, they are among the best qualified students we do or have had."

Selection Committee

The committee which had asked the aid of Silberman in making the selections, consists of:

Dr. Tanner Duckrey, assistant to the board of superintendents, board of education; Russell Branon, faculty member at the Durham-Arthur School; Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, local minister and recorder of deeds in Washington.

William T. Taylor, representative of the Tuscan Morning Star Lodge (Masons), and George Thompson, U.S. Army Recruiting Service.

The selection of the boys was made, following a statement by retiring Senator Guffey, that he would appoint a qualified colored youth to West Point.

HAMPTON ALUMNI TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Hampton Alumni Association of Washington will be held at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA on Sunday at 5 p.m.

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Randolph Warns of Dangers in 'Flirting with Communism'

La. Lynch Case Being Quashed

By JOHN ROUSSEAU JR.

SHREVEPORT, La.—While the eyes of the nation were focused on the Georgia lynch probe and the Bilbo investigation, feverish preparations were being completed here for whitewashing the Minden, La. lynching of war veteran John C. Jones.

Last Tuesday, it was announced that Federal Judge Ben C. Dawkins would hear arguments for dismissal of civil liberties charges filed against five Webster parish white men in United States District Court here Dec. 16.

Charge Perjury

Thirteen separate motions were filed by Attorneys H. C. Drew and A. S. Drew, of Minden; Harry V. Booth and Whitfield Jack of Shreveport, on Nov. 25, in which they alleged that grand jury indictments returned against the five men were based on perjured testimony.

The men, Oscar H. Hayes Jr., Charles M. Edwards, Webster parish deputy sheriffs; Samuel Naddry Sr., Willie D. Perkins and Harry E. Perry, Cotton Valley oil field workers are charged with depriving Jones, the victim, and Albert Sonny Man Harris of their civil rights.

Turned Over to Mob

On Aug. 8, Jones and Harris were jailed on the complaint of a white woman, who later refused to press charges. They were handed over to a mob at the jail door. The next day, Jones' body was found on the banks of Dorcheat Bayou.

Harris, who escaped after a severe beating, was the Government's principal witness. Sheriff Armin G. Gantt, Minden chief of police, one of the six indicted, was exonerated on Nov. 26 at the recommendation of U.S. District Attorney Malcolm Lafargue who said Attorney General Tom Clark had consented.

Russia Seeks Base for Civil War Here

Leaders Asked 'Not to Retreat'; Va. Students Told Meaning of Democracy

RICHMOND, Va.—A warning of the dangers of flirting with Russian communism as a solution to our problems "as colored people, laborers, or other minority groups," featured an address on "The Crisis of Negro Leadership" by A. Phillip Randolph, Dec 5, at Virginia Union University.

"Though we have "bread and curtailed liberty now," he pointed out, "we will have neither under the Russian regime," he asserted.

"Russia's only aim," Mr. Randolph emphasized, "has been to seek to build a base from which to wage civil war in America. She tried it in the labor unions and failed. Now she is making a bid for colored youth."

Crisis Described

Describing the crisis faced by leadership, the president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters' Union said:

"The crisis in which we live is marked by economic chaos, social confusion, political disorder, intellectual uncertainty, and personal and group frustration. He cited four vital world problems which our leaders must face:

"The atomic bomb, the decline of monopoly capitalism, the revolt of the world of color against white-world dominion, and the conflict between imperialisms of the western capitalist democracies—thus the expansion of communism."

What Democracy Means

Mr. Randolph told his audience that democracy was born in "the revolt" of the merchant, trading and commercial classes, together with handicraftsmen and journeymen workers, and the plain people who were against feudalism and monarchy."

"Democracy," he said, "stems from the Judeo-Christian ethic which is fundamental affirmation of the value and worth of the individual."

He said democracy means "individual worth, equality, freedom, rule of the law, elementary standards of morality in public relations, and individual responsibility."

He concluded with the admonition "not to retreat—if we do, we will the time require that we march forward to the achievement of world equality and justice."

Members of Beta Epsilon chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on Va. Union's campus, pose with clothing donated to Salvation Army at Thanksgiving gift tea recently. Unfortunately, Salvation Army is not so generous or liberal in return, all of its establishments in Richmond are being open to white people only. Front row, left to right, Kathryn Leigh, Edith Holt, Lucille Atkins, Dorothy Disley, Clara Carter; second row, seated, Doris Washington, Marion Robertson, Alice Adams, Dorothy Bess; third row, Wilmoth Claiborne, Thelma Young, Helen Winfree, Eleanor Clarke, Geneva Clinkscales, Alice Harris, Joyce Clay, Robinette Dyson. Miss Adams, a Baltimorean, is president of the group.

Three Journalism Awards Offered

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The second annual Wendell L. Wilkie Awards for Journalism will be presented here at a dinner in February, after final judging of a committee composed of officers of the journalism sponsoring group and 14 regional committees for preliminary selections.

Three $500 cash awards will be made to members of the colored press for objective reporting, for public service and for the best example of writing, either in columns, features, or editorials.

Officers of the organization, which formed a corporation under District laws last month are: Douglas Southall Freeman, editor of the Richmond News Leader, and author; Mark Ethridge, Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times; Frank L. Stanley, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association and publisher of the Louisville Defender;

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Reactionary Moves in Attack Case Hit by League Official

NEW YORK — Solomon Harper, National Equal Rights League official, has denounced the campaign of reactionary elements who are resorting to outright lies against his organization, the NAACP and other interested persons who have helped to expose exonerating evidence for James Johnson, who was convicted of attempted criminal attack.

Johnson is serving a 15 to 30-year term in Sing Sing for a crime which Harper says he never committed. Last week, a notice of appeal of the sentence was filed with the Queens District Attorney by Johnson's three women attorneys: Mrs. Sara Speaks, Miss Mary Kathryn Cullen, and Miss Geraldine Driscoll.

According to Harper, when Johnson was arrested, certain elements in Jamaica "attempted to inflame the minds of a lynch furor. Colored bus passengers were terrorized by being forced to march for passengers and local newspapers peddled the criminal assault story.

"The identity of the person who attacked the girl has not been established," he added, explaining that a schoolmate of Dr. Ralph Bunche, UN acting attorney, helped to expose the case in the beginning by interviewing the girl's parents, so that the District Attorney was forced to withdraw the charges against James Johnson.

The girl, Gloria Paterno, testified at one time that Johnson had not touched her intimately or exposed himself.

Harper urges the sending of telegrams to Charles Sullivan, Court House Square, Long Island City, N.Y., demanding the arrest of the guilty person and Johnson's release.

U.N. Gives Smuts Mild Censure

LAKE SUCCESS (NNPA)—By a vote of 24 to 19, with six nations abstaining and 11 absent, the United Nations General Assembly recently passed a resolution asking that the South African Government ameliorate its policies towards Indians.

The vote was taken on a Mexican-French resolution considerably milder than the original Indian resolution which bluntly stated that South Africa's treatment of Asiatics "constitutes a denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The United States delegation believed the real issue between the two countries had been narrowed down to technical points since, in the Mexican-French proposal, reference was only made to an implied violation of treaty obligations between India and South Africa.

Final Action Delayed

The proposal requests the two Governments to report to the next session of the General Assembly where a two-thirds majority will be required, India must muster 12 more votes during the interim.

Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts denounced the Indian case, warning that if the United Nations interferes in "the domestic affairs of member States it is bound to lead to ultimate disruption of the organization and for the peace of the world."

Mrs. V. I. Pandit, militant chairman of the Indian delegation, said that Freedomists have been guaranteed in the UN charter for all peoples were "individuals."

Pleading that the whole issue be kept on a "moral plane" She declared with emotion: "While the matter is being decided people go to jail. What does it matter if black people go; they have no feelings?"

3 Die in as Many South Philly Fires

Three week-end fires that swept as many South Philadelphia homes snuffed out the lives of a 28-year-old woman, a young war veteran and a 70-year-old man.

The woman, Mrs. Daisy Carey, died in Graduate Hospital, Friday, from burns and fractures she received when she plunged from the third-floor apartment at 417 S. Juniper St.

Mobley's Parents Saved

The other victims, James L. Mobley Jr., 26, of 1801 Christian St., and William Maxwell, of 502 S. 11th St., died from second and third degree burns.

Arthur Daniels, a deputy coroner, rescued Mobley's parents after they were trapped in the smoke filled brick-row building.

More than a score of witnesses, many attracted by the screams of persons who pleaded with her not to, saw Mrs. Carey plunge from a window after flames gutted and trapped her in a seldom-used bedroom.

Her husband, Robert, a night employee at Gimbel Brothers' Department Store, was in the bathroom when the fire broke out. Realizing that he was trapped, he screamed but was unable to get into the bedroom because one exit was locked and the other blocked by flames.

Driven to a window, Mrs. Carey, her skin already seared, watched the flames engulf her and then threw herself out, falling on the pavement flat on her front.

She lay there, breathing heavily, until firemen arrived and took her to the hospital, where four physicians strove to save her life by giving her blood plasma.

She failed to rally and died 18 hours later from a skull fracture, compound brain concussion, spring fractures of the wrists, second and third degree burns of the legs, arms, face and body, and shock.

Origin of Fire Questioned

Fireman said they were unable to determine the origin of the fire because no heating facilities were used in the room in which it broke out. The apartment was heated by an oil stove located in another room.

Mrs. Carey's body was carried for burial to Washington, N.C., where her mother, Mrs. Ida Dixon, to save