'. . . No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of the citizens of the United States . . ." 14th AMENDMENT U.S. CONSTITUTION

Cardinalship For Kiwanuka?

In the past 55 years, we have witnessed the election of five popes—St. Pius X in 1903, Benedictus XV in 1914, Pius XI in 1922, Pius XII in 1939 and John XXIII in 1958—and in each case we have had hopes that an American would be chosen for this highest of Catholic ecclesiastical offices.

With the election of Pope John 23rd last month, all our hopes go out the window. We are convinced now that an American will not be elevated to the papacy in our day.

Popes are elected by the College of Cardinals from among their number. When we look at the list of cardinals, we are further convinced that an American pope is not a possibility.

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TWENTY-EIGHT OF these cardinals are Italians. Italy has 48 million Catholics.

Four Cardinals are from the United States which has 33 million Catholic.

India and China having 30 million Catholics have two cardinals. France has five, Spain three, little Portugal two and Australia with but two million Catholics has one.

But Africa referred to by the church as its "Blossoming Black Flower," with 18 million Catholics has no cardinal.

Pope Pius, before his death, had indicated a desire to name an African cardinal. It was at his urging that Bishop Joseph Kiwanuka of Maska, Uganda whom he consecrated in St. Peter's Basilica in 1939, six years ago made an impressive tour of the United States celebrating mass in Raleigh and New York.

Pope John named 23 new Cardinals last week, none of them from Africa.

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HOWEVER, IT IS believed that Pope John plans to hold another consistory, probably in March, during which five additional cardinals are to receive their traditional red hats.

It may well be that he plans to include among these later appointments Archbishop Kiwanuka as well as Archbishop Albert Meyer of Chicago, the only Cardinalitial See in the United States.

Democratic Showdown

Any doubts about whether the Democratic Party will accept the overwhelming mandate of the voters and press relentlessly forward in the area of civil rights should be resolved after December. 6.

That's the showdown day when it will be determined whether the Democratic National Committee follows the forthright lead of its chairman, Paul Butler, or bows to the pussyfooting compromises of Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson.

The Dixie contingent will be on the scene shouting rebel yells for Butler's scalp.

They're mad because of Butler's blunt invitation to all rebels to get out of the party if they are not in favor of a strong civil rights plank which he says must be adopted if the Democrats are to win in 1960.

Significantly, the fight against Butler is being led by Alabama Committeeman Charles McKay, who was elected on a pledge to bolt as he did in 1948 if the 1960 candidate and platform prove displeasing.

Millions of voters across the nation who supported Democratic candidates on Nov. 4 will be watching to see what happens in Washington on December 6.

On the outcome of this crucial struggle could rest the fate of the Democratic Party not only for 1960 but for many decades to come.

The Sudanese Revolt

The Sudan, which proclaimed its independence less than two years ago, has had a change of government.

Sudan is a country of a million square miles and ten million people.

A bloodless revolution has been staged by the army, its leaders say, to keep the country from falling into the hands of Prime Minister Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

The army made its move at the unGodly hour of 2 a.m. It suppressed all newspapers, interrupted telephone communications, dissolved all political parties and prohibited all public demonstrations and political meetings.

Strained relations between the Sudan and Egypt revolved around the question as to what to do about the waters of the Nile.

The Sudan wants a system of dams and storage in the upper waters of the Nile which flows through their country. They dislike Nasser's proposal for the Aswan dam, which would flood 150 miles of the Nile inside Sudan.

The trutl is that neither country can exist without the waters of the Nile and they must agree on its use.

Our hope is that the Sudan is not establishing a pattern for itself of a revolution every two years.

Its independence and progress depend upon a stabilized government and some reasonable solution to the Nile River dispute.

Flag Foolishness

Governor J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia announced Thursday that the Stars and Stripes will not fly atop the Virginia flag on any state-owned building.

State buildings with only one flag staff will be ordered to fly the Virginia flag only. All state police headquarters will fly only the state flag.

The decision from Almond's office reporters noticed that no United States flag had been flown from the staff of the State Capitol in Richmond.

Governor McKeldin of Maryland was quick to respond that this state was proud to belong to the Union; happy in its membership of the United States of America and on all national holidays the Old Glory will fly at the top of the pole over the State flag.

Whether Virginia flies the stars and stripes is a matter of small moment to the rest of the country. It is understood that Virginians would have been happier under a Confederate flag, but to raise a question of this kind at this late date in history seems to us to denote a lack of something to talk about, or think about.

A Governor of the state ought to be so busy improving the state roads, the schools, employment in the state, bringing in new businesses that will increase the total number of employed in the state at higher wages, finding new markets for Virginia products, justifying the expenditure of the high taxes that Virginia collects; then he would not have time to talk about whether a flag flies where.

This is evidence of provincialism, of a small town, cracker barrel outlook and of peanut minds.

Suggestion To Johnson

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson is full of ideas these days.

Right after the election he presented a 12-point program of activity for the Congress, but found it convenient to say nothing about civil rights.

Last week, at the invitation of U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Johnson addressed the United Nations.

He outlined a program for international cooperation in outer space, which he pointed out "today is free and unscarred by conflict."

It was quite a speech.

"If the Majority Leader can devise a program for outer space, " dourly commented NAACP Secretary Roy Wilkins, "he ought to be able to devise a civil rights program for the country in which we live here on earth."

Need more be said?

'The Law Be Damned'

The official attitude of Birmingham and, perhaps, the entire State of Alabama appears to be symbolized by repealed expressions from City Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.

When U.S. Attorney General William P. Rogers revealed that a Federal Grand Jury had been ordered to investigate the recent arrest of three Montgomery ministers, Connor took the position that the Federal Government is trying to frighten the South.

At the same time Mr. Connor, director of the Birmingham police, was telling the FBI that his attitude toward civil rights for colored citizens is "The law be damned."

He said that down here (meaning Birmingham, particularly, and the South, generally) "We make our own law."

What Mr. Connor and other Alabama officials must learn is law and order are the same, North and South.

Both the Birmingham police commissioner and Gov.-Elect John Patterson must be made to understand that rights guaranteed by the Federal Constitution are not to be denied simply because of race and color.

In protecting these rights, it isn't that the Federal Government, or Mr. Rogers, is trying to frighten either Alabama or Mr. Connor.

The real objective is to uphold the Constitution.

Mr. Rogers, like the President of the United States, realizes this cannot be done if one section of the country is permitted to assume an official attitude of "The law be damned."

Preposterous

The reason the South lost the Civil War, according to a Columbia University historian, is because it insisted on democratic freedoms in wartime.

The epitaph of the Confederacy, Mississippi-born Dr. David Donald, would have the world believe, should read, "Died of Democracy."

His comments were made at the second annual Civil War conference at Gettysburg.

The South, he reasons, championed civil liberties while the North was suspending newspapers critical of Lincoln and holding more than 15,000 persons in prison without a hearing or trial.

Dr. Donald's arguments are preposterous.

The South didn't have to suspend any newspapers, because no Dixie editor, for fear of his life, would have dared question the rightness of the Confederate cause.

As for human freedom, how could a slave country even pretend to hold itself up as a democracy and dare mention civil rights or civil liberties?

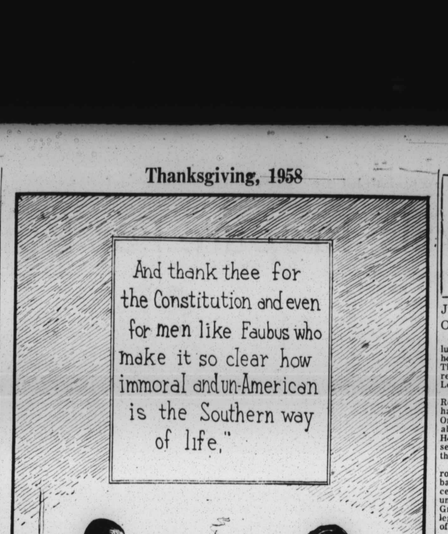
A Law Needed

Bomb scares are so common these days that some school principals who get an anonymous telephone report—"There is a bomb in your school"—do not bat an eye.

The pupils are kept in classes and a routine report is made to police.

These scares are probably the work of some Citizen's Council member or a follower of Governors Faubus or Almond, who're against seeing integrated schools succeed.

There "ort a" be a law not only to punish with severity those who bomb schools, synagogues and churches, but also those who seek to create terror by anonymous reports.



WHAT AFRO READERS SAY:

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it—Voltaire on Helvetius

BULL CONNOR AND THE LAW

New York — Long years ago I attended a public mass meeting where I heard a speaker mention "Bull" Connor then chief of police in Birmingham, who, the speaker said, had broken up an interracial gathering with the declaration that "I am the law."

Years after that—in 1948—he arrested the then Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho, who was Henry Wallace's running mate as vice presidential candidate on the Progressive Party ticket. I don't recall what Senator Taylor was accused of, but there seemed to be pretty good legal reason for belief that Connor had overstepped his bounds.

The arrest of the three ministers in connection with the bus segregation dispute in Birmingham recently would seem to give the impression that "Bull," now Police Commissioner Connor, really does think that he is "the law." It's high time for the people of his state or the Federal Government to convince him otherwise.

ALVIN CAMPBELL

Hartford, Conn. — For a responsible police official, no matter where he is stationed, declares, as does Commissioner Eugene Connor of Birmingham, "Down here we make our own law," is to show a complete disregard for the Government of the United States, which is a government built upon respect for the law.

If one wonders where the racists and petty peddlers of hate and bigotry get their ideas and the audacity to flout the decrees of the U. S. Supreme Court, let them look no further.

Their inspiration and encouragement, their aid and comfort are to be found in the tirades of officials like Connor, of his ilk: "down here, we make our own law."

WILLIS THEOBALD

Boston — Attorney General Rogers appears to be cracking the whip on Alabama and its beautiful music to these old aching ears.

I only wish he would jail Bull Connor and a few other segregationists who take so much pride in trampling on the rights of others.

Anyone with good sense knows that Connor and half the police force in Birmingham should be in jail. It Rogers' probe ends as so many Federal probes have ended — then let's just give the country to Bull and his likes.

FRITZ WRIGHT

BISHOPS ARE WISE

Columbus, Ohio — The Catholic bishops meeting in Washington last week, said a mouthful when they denounced segregation as being wrong.

God bless them for their statement.

I also was glad to note that they called for decisive action to eliminate the terrible stigma of segregation before it is too late.

The 2,500 - word statement, signed by members of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said the only thing that could have been uttered in the eyes of God.

J. LEE BANKS

FROM WAY BACK

Seaford, Del. — That person who signed her letter, "Sally Graham," in last week's magazine surely must be a "hankerchief - head" from way back.

The NAACP is doing all in its power to help our race, including such persons as she, and it does not, as a race, don't try to help ourselves, who pray, tell, is going to help us?

I suppose "Miss Mary" or Miss Rose" or some of her mistresses told her that the NAACP is no good, and of course, she believed it— poor thing.

She's to be pitied rather than censured.

She should have, however, taken the four cents she used to buy the stamp and "went," and bought herself some bubble gum.

B. H. WATSON

EDITORIAL MASTERPIECE

Trenton, N. J. — The AFRO editorial on Nov. 1, "Let's Don't Lynch Ourselves," was a masterpiece.

It's really almost uncanny. The AFRO mentioned six incumbent U. S. Senators who had failed as true Americans in that they advocated their defeat.

All six went down to resounding defeat.

Some of those sitting in high places had better sit up and take notice. One word in the editorial columns of the AFRO and bam! . . . down they go.

I recently wrote to a local paper pointing out that many of the whipped candidates were men who had voted to limit and ham - string the U. S. Supreme Court.

It is up to all of us to keep all of our citizens informed.

MILTON BERRY

MILDRED HAS IT

Bennettsville, S. C. — Congratulations to the AFRO, and especially to "Mildred" of the magazine section.

Mildred was dynamite last week. To me, her kind of stuff is sweeter than honey.

I am ever grateful to the AFRO and its staff.

JOSEPH D. MORTEN

THE TIME IS RIPE

New York — There was a time when much of the colored leadership had no reason for giving any serious attention to what went on in Congress.

The leadership was under the impression that nothing ever happened in Congress that was of any importance to the solution of the problems of colored Americans.

This contention is no longer valid. The vigorous leadership of the colored press changed this misconception.

The same vigorous leadership of the colored press is again needed — to lift the sights of our people concerning the United Nations.

C. P. HOWARD

The Weather

Nov. 26, 27, 28 — Rain or snow.
Nov. 29, 30 — Cold.
Dec. 1, 2 — Cold rain.

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First Quarter Nov. 17 11:59 p.m.
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Fri., Nov. 28 6:50 a.m. 4:14 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 29 6:51 a.m. 4:14 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 30 6:52 a.m. 4:14 p.m.
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Tues., Dec. 2 6:54 a.m. 4:14 p.m.
HOLYDAYS AND HOLIDAYS
Nov. 27 . . . Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 30 — First Sunday in Advent.

My Favorite Quotation

"And though I bestow all my gifts to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity it profits me nothing."

(Submitted by Winifred A. Ross, Washington, D. C.)

Capital Spotlight

By Louis Lautier

Julius Thomas Gets Off Nifty On Faubus

At the Equal Opportunity Day luncheon at the Willard Hotel here the other day, Julius A. Thomas, industrial relations director of the National Urban League, got off this nifty:

Thomas said he was in Little Rock recently and hoped to have a conference with Gov. Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas, about a year and a half ago. He waited for the governor's secretary to call him back, but the secretary never called him.

This reminded Thomas of a rookie player on a minor league baseball team. He was playing centerfield one day and seemed unable to do anything right. Ground balls went through his legs and pop flies popped out of his glove.

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AFTER A BAD inning, the player - manager told him he need not return to the centerfield position — that he would take over.

When three men were out, the player - manager went out to centerfield. He made three errors in one inning.

When the player - manager returned to the bench, the rookie expected to hear him say that centerfield was difficult to play. Instead, the player - manager told the rookie that he had made centerfield so that nobody could play it.

Thomas' punch - line: "Faubus has messed this business (Little Rock schools) up so that nobody can find an answer to it."

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CONGRESSIONAL candidates are slow in filing their reports of campaign contributions and expenses.

Their first reports were due to be filed with the Clerk of the House between Oct. 20 and 25; their second reports between Nov. 4 and Dec. 5. Some have not yet filed their first reports.

Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Michigan Democrat, who won reelection over Charles P. White, filed his first report on Nov. 14. It showed total contributions of $750 and no expenses.

Diggs' contributors were Varnum B. Steinbaugh, Detroit, $100; United Automobile Workers, Detroit, $250; American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, Detroit, $300, and Detroit Building Trades Council, $100.

White previously reported contributions of $542.60 and expenditures of $431.22.

The 13th Michigan district, which Diggs represents, has 125,213 voters, and the amount that can be legally spent by a Congressional candidate is $3,756.39.

REP. JIMMY ROOSEVELT, California Democrat, who defeated Crispus Wright, Republican, filed his second report on Nov. 10, showing total aggregate contributions of $7,575.58, total aggregate expenditures of $1,235.60, and total expenditures not included in report, $6,562.

The second Roosevelt report listed contributions from Faye Wingrad, Los Angeles, $5; Mendel B. Silberberg, Los Angeles, $200; Mark Pierce, Los Angeles, $100; Dollars for Democrats, $130.86; Max J. Ruderian Los Angeles, $100; M. Hofberg and M. Len, Santa Monica, Calif., $50; Ted Leff, Beverly Hills, $25.

Merton L. W. Dunbar, Los Angeles, $10; M. M. McKinley, Los Angeles, $350, and H. N. Hickerson, $50; $500; Henry M. Kannee, a Washington, D. C. lawyer, $200.

ROOSEVELT previously received contributions of $5,728.72, including $1,000 from the Committee on Political Education, Washington, D. C.; $1,000 from J. Oxenhandler, St. Louis; $1,000 from the Trainmen's Political Education League, Cleveland, Ohio; nine contributions from Chicagoans, totalling $550, and 26 San Francisco residents which Roosevelt represents, had 193,274 voters, and a candidate may lawfully spend only $5,000.

The Committee on Political Education (AFL-CIO) gave $250,000 to the Maryland State Committee, earmarked "Federal election," according to the Texas State COPE at Austin to aid the campaign of Senator Ralph Yarborough, Texas Democrat.

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THE MEMOIRS of Judge Armond W. Scott, off the press this week, make interesting reading. He will tell of the skulduggery, which went on behind the scenes, to keep President Franklin D. Roosevelt from appointing him to the District of Columbia Municipal Court bench at the insistence of former Representative Frank C. Mitchell, Democrat, who represented the first Illinois district.

Incidentally, there are some bright young lawyers in the District of Columbia who ought to be pushed for judicial vacancies. Judge Scott got the character and ability.

At the time Judge Scott was appointed to the Municipal Court, his opponents said he lacked judicial temperament. He had been a rough and tough criminal lawyer. The legal profession and Washington newspapers attest to the fact that he has made an excellent judge. Perhaps some of these young lawyers of ability and character need only a chance to show that they, too, possess judicial temperament.

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From The Work Bench

By Clarence Mitchell

Not All Agitators In Dixie

TRENTON, N.J. — For a brief moment I thought that I had made a mistake in my travel plans. I was supposed to be in New Jersey, but the Sunday edition of the Trenton newspaper looked like a Mississippi publication.

A huge picture on the front page showed a colored man who was charged with staging a hold-up with a toy pistol. He was surrounded by an impressive array of officials. Just below there was another story about happenings in Trenton after dark.

The after dark feature told of the bravery of policemen who must face knife wielders, gun toters and juvenile delinquents. A large picture inside the paper showed a policeman extracting something from a colored man's pocket.

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AT ANOTHER point the story related that a fearless reporter was accompanying an equally fearless policeman who had some juveniles at bay. The juveniles were pictured as hurling insults at the policeman while he, exercising almost paternal forebearance, was suggesting that they go home.

After the juveniles left the scene, the officer was quoted as saying that he did not like any reason to fear them because they were all yellow. It was not clear whether the attribute of cowardice was directed as these particular juveniles or at all colored people in general.

By coincidence these stories are appearing at a time when the colored community is aroused about a steady invasion of taverns and liquor dispensing establishments. The Rev. S. Howard Woodson, one of the leading clergymen in Trenton, estimates that in one area two blocks wide and seven blocks long there are forty - seven places where liquor can be purchased.

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CLERGYMEN AND other leading citizens are protesting against the addition of more places selling intoxicants. During one of the public hearings someone mentioned that police seemed to be overly tolerant of some conditions connected with these establishments.

The suggestion that the police department was not doing its duty evoked a storm of indignation from the usual quarters that believe policemen can do no wrong. Traffic tickets, minor incidents and a manufactured crime sensation are now being flashed before the public.

No doubt a reasonable man would reach the conclusion that if the pressure campaign continues the public will forget about the high concentration of liquor establishments and those who made the original protest will be intimidated and silenced.

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AS FAR AS I was able to determine from the brief visit I made, the newspaper publicity, the efforts to intimidate and the raising of the race question seem to have backfired. Now many people, who did not have much concern before, are beginning to check on the workings of the police department and other city operations.

If the present enthusiasm continues, I believe that some who are now in public office will be ousted and officials more responsive to the wishes of good citizens will be elected.

This experience should remind the people of Trenton and other northern cities that those who like to promote racial friction to cover up other problems are not all down South.

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

Buffet At The Mercer Cooks

PARIS — Race relations in the USA got a real going - over here recently when a group of Americans (including about six Ph.D's) got together for an evening of talk. The occasion was a gourmet's dream in the form of a buffet supper given by the Mercer Cooks (Mrs.) in their Paris apartment.

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Lipstick

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But the things that should draw deepest thanks are not the food, the shelter, the clothes you can touch today.

They are the intangibles which fate passed on to you:

Parents who instilled honesty in you, thereby providing you with a conscience easy to live with;

Spiritual advisors who have kept their skirts fair and thereby your faith intact;

A rose that goes on blooming despite hydrogen bombs and spulniks, thereby confirming your hope, and encouraging you to go on doing your job even on the darkest days.

These are the makings of life, the glory of existence.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

In quietness is our strength.
John H. Murphy Sr.
March 26, 1898

U. S. IS ROBESON'S HOME

Eslanda Flies Here, Rejoins Paul Nov. 28

NEW YORK — Mrs. Paul Robeson flew from London, last week, to arrange affairs at home.

She will put in two weeks at the United Nations and return to London on the Queen Mary Nov. 28.

Mrs. Robeson will be the guest of Ghana Government at an all Africa Peoples Conference in Accra Dec. 9.

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MR. ROBESON, on a concert tour of England, will be unable to attend.

"This conference," Mrs. Robeson says "is thrilling and exciting because so many persons we have known over the years in Africa and at the UN as petitioners are now members of governments."

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THE ROBESON'S visit India in January as the guests of Paul Robeson all India—Birthday Committee.

Mrs. Robeson says her singer husband is making his head quarters in London and will remain in England for a time.

"He is keeping his New York home and will be traveling back and forth."

She added "a man may live and work in many countries, but a man's home is where his family is, where his people are and where his roots are.

"All these for Paul are in the U.S."

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THE "YORKSHIRE and Leeds Mercury said of the last week's Robeson concert:

"It began at 9:30 and was still continuing some two hours later.

"As far as the audience was concerned it might have gone on forever, for there is no limit to the pleasures Robeson can give.

"The program he gave us, one would hardly refer to it as a recital in the term's accepted sense.

"**THE SPLENDID** voice seems quite untouched by the passing of the years, always deeper than one had imagined.

"Robeson is an enchanter through sheer force of personality.

"No other singer would pass a whole evening with the music offered by Robeson; he would not dare and he would not have the artistic ability to do so."

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"DURING THE year of exile in his own land he has discovered the international languages of folk songs — the strange fact that certain songs from China to the Hebrides have certain features in common.

"He sings in Chinese and in Russian. He regaled last night's audience with demonstrations in German, Yiddish, French and African dialects besides his Gaelic and English songs.

"All this plus a miniature lecture on African spirituals.

"He also broke off to treat us with the 'I have done the State some service' speech from Othello.

"He has an intensity of expression and an emotional range quite beyond the range of any singer of our day.

"He is a most remarkable artist, a great personality and a lovable man."

HAPPY AS A LARK—Lydia A. Scott, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William and Julia Scott, 1345 Ritchie Pl., NE, smiles delightfully as she enjoys her third birthday in her new home. A Brown Baby from Salzburg, Austria, Lydia was adopted by the Scotts under the Grammon Plan and flown here (4,000 miles) by Scandinavian Air Lines. Little Lydia was christened Sunday by the Rev. Arthur A. Azlein, pastor, Michigan Park Christian Church, with Mrs. Hamilton, a Boardtey of Washington, godmother, and John Murphy III, of Baltimore, godfather.

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

19 states now have 'right to work' laws

By LOUIS LAUTIER
For the NNPA News Service
WASHINGTON

Should union membership be voluntary or compulsory?

Voters in Ohio, California, Colorado, Washington and Idaho turned down proposals that would have outlawed the union shop in their states. Only in Kansas did the proposal carry.

Eighteen states already had outlawed compulsory union membership. Kansas makes the 19th. Another state, Minnesota, permits it in the form of a brief supper given by the Mercer Cooks (Mrs.) in their Paris apartment.

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SURPRISE MEETING recently with Harry Watkins, 4941 Just St., NE, Washington, D.C., who's on a 60-day furlough from the U.S. Army. A government personnel officer, District of Columbia, Watkins left home the first of November and got back January 1.

"Sightseeing and pleasure — that's the purpose of my trip," he told me. "During the latter I was in Europe in 1952, and came by boat. So far, with only London and Paris behind me, I can say that it's been all I could ask."

From here, Watkins moved on to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Jerusalem, India, Burma, Singapore, Manilla, Japan, Honolulu and Los Angeles. He says he planned his itinerary himself — even to booking hotels along the way. "I'll never use a travel agency again," he said.

The unions won public support in their fight against unfair labor practices on the part of management by citing the firing of union members, black listing of strikers, and the use of the so - called "yellow dog" contract under which workers had to sign away their rights to join in order to get a job, as the builders.

Unimportant opinions

AN EDITORIAL

The race problem will never be solved until America rids itself completely of people who think like Sheriff Willis McCall, a Florida law enforcement officer described by Coronet Magazine as one of the South's most outspoken racists.

The Lake County sheriff is quoted as declaring "The colored man is making progress. He has come a long way in a few hundred years from darkest Africa, but I don't think you'll ever make him the equal of the white man. The Supreme Court decision just won't work."

Unfortunately the words of Willis McCall reflect the thinking of a large segment of Americans especially in the southland.

They are incapable of thinking of people as individuals, but like to lump whole races together and base their arguments on invalid comparisons of great masses, pitting the most backward of a group against the most advanced of the other.

Does a backwoods country sheriff think he is the superior of men like Ralph Bunche, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Thurgood Marshall, George Washington Carver, Prime Minister Nkrumah and others, both past and present, who have and who are still shaping the course of history?

Millions of peoples throughout the world follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, Confucius, Mohammed and Buddha.

They were all of different ethnic groups, proving that no race has a monopoly on genius.

Strutting around in their little worlds, lauding it over ignorant sharecroppers and exploited turpentine workers, the McCalls are so busy looking down their noses that they fail to see the dark men of status who tower so far above them that they are not perceptable to the prejudiced eye.

What is really important is that thousands of colored youths following the example of the greats who have gone before, are so preoccupied with their march along the higher road that they have no time to bother about what men like Willis McCall either say or think.

Their opinions on racial equality are of no importance whatsoever.

OFF TO GHANA — Mrs. Audrey Thompson and son, Billy say goodbye to William S. Thompson, attorney and president of the National Bar Association as he left National Airport last week for Ghana, where he will begin organization of an NBA chapter He will also visit Paris and London on three-week trip.

New homes

BALTIMORE

The city's Planning Commission on Wednesday approved plans for the erection of 15 houses in the 1500 block Dukeland St.

The houses are to be two-story brick row dwellings in two groups. They will be located on a vacant tract on the east side from 1501 through 1529 Dukeland St.

The Dukeland Homes, Inc., 217 W. Monument St., is listed as the builders.

Dr. Noisette heads Del. church council

WILMINGTON, Del. — The Rev. Dr. Ruffin N. Noisette Sunday became the first member of his race to be elected president of the Council of Churches of Wilmington and New Castle County in the 14 years of its existence.

Dr. Noisette, pastor of Bethel AME Church here, was unanimously elected to the post by the 30 - member council board of directors following his nomination. He succeeds Dr. William F. Dunkle as president of the body.

The council represents 90 Protestant churches of white, colored and interracial congregations. It comprises the largest Protestant body in Wilmington and New Castle County.

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A NATIVE of Summerville, S.C., Dr. Noisette came to Wilmington after pastoring Ebenezer AME Church in Rahway, N.J. for a year and holding the position of assistant chaplain of the Chapel at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

He was graduated from Howard University, Washington, with the A.B. degree, where he also completed seminary study. He received the D.D. degree from Wilberforce University in Ohio.

Dr. Noisette has been affiliated with the Wilmington Council of Churches since 1951 when he accepted the Bethel AME Church pastorate. He was a member of the council cabinet for two years and a member of the board of directors for two years.

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"I AM happy to have been elected to this office and gratified at the opportunity to serve in the world - wide fellowship of Christianity," Dr. Noisette told the AFRO.

He said several colored persons were members of the council board of directors and one minister, the Rev. J. R. Shockley, was a council cabinet member.

Of the three council secretaries, Dr. Noisette said one was colored — Miss Patricia Hackett.

The 35-year-old council president is married and the father of four children, including a set of twins born 10 days ago.

His wife, Mrs. Thelma A. Noisette, formerly of Washington, is the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Leon Anderson. The Noisettes have been married nine years.

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AS HEAD of the council, Dr. Noisette will represent the organization at various civic affairs and preside over the meetings of the board of directors, the cabinet and the board of representatives.

The term of a council president is one year. He may be re-elected to another term, but no president may serve more than two years.

Neighbors Aid Fire Victim

PHILADELPHIA

The Theodore Berry family, victims of a fire which attracted favorable attention to an Army private, has been relocated in the same block by a neighbor's appeal to the American Red Cross.

The mother, Mrs. Geneva Berry, 26 and two of their five children, escaped from their first floor apartment at 852 N. 41st St. last Tuesday morning by barging through the flames.

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AND ARMY Pvt. Boris Witherspoon, 19, of 4150 Westminster Ave. who was on leave from Fort Dix, N.J. is credited with rescue of the other three children. His uniform was burned in the heroic deed.

The family, was stranded, taken in by a neighbor Mrs. Mary Fauntleroy of 665 N. Holly St.

Her son, Albert Fauntleroy, manager of a grocery store at 854 N. 41st St. not only contacted the Red Cross for aid but enlisted help of Lloyd Fatman' a Radio Station WHAT disc jockey who broadcast appeals for help for the family.

Mr. Fauntleroy said this week that not only had the Red Cross paid attention to the family but money to sustain them until the father, Robert, a partime plasterer can go back to work.

And best of all, Mr. Fauntleroy's appeal to the Red Cross made available for the fire victims another apartment at 859 N. 41st St.

Mrs. Berry had been employed as a partime sales clerk at the store managed by Mr. Fauntleroy who is also a amateur photographer.

The Berry family was asleep when a passerby, George Gary, 42, of 4144 Parkside Ave. saw flames coming from the front room of the apartment, which is in a three-story house.

TENANTS on the second and third floors were not at home.

Gary ran to the porch and began pounding on the door and window. He was seen by Private Witherspoon, a passerby who was on leave from Ft. Dix, N.J.

Witherspoon joined Gary in trying to rouse the family. Gary broke the window, and Witherspoon tried to climb in but was driven back by the flames.

They ran to the rear of the house and found Mrs. Berry staggering out of the smoke-filled place with her oldest child, Geneva, 8, and her youngest, Gwendolyn, five months.

She told them the other three children were still inside.

Witherspoon ran in the back door and got the children, Vincent, 4, Niles, 3, and Catherine, 18 months. He carried them to safety.

Firemen from Preston St. and Haverford Ave. confined the blaze to the front room of the two-bedroom apartment. They put out the flames in 45 minutes.

ALL AMERICAN FAMILY—Eddie Bell, former All-American star from the University of Pennsylvania, now defensive half-back with the Philadelphia Eagles, relaxes with his family in their Elkins Park home. They are Myra, 2; Eddie Jr., 3 months, and Mrs. Barbara Bell.

1300 at NAACP's 'Freedom' Dinner

NEW YORK — More than 1,300 friends and members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People packed the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Roosevelt here Sunday night to pay tribute to Rudolf Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, and John H. Johnson, magazine publisher of Chicago, at the second annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner.

Cited for his "unprecedented achievements in the magazine publishing field and . . . for his steadfast support of the continuing struggle for full enjoyment of civil rights by all Americans," Mr. Johnson, in his acceptance remarks, declared that, to a large measure, without the successful work of the NAACP, the progress and achievement which our magazines reflect would not have been possible."

Minimizing his role in breaking the color bar at the Metropolitan, Mr. Bing said that he "never felt that one should be 'honored' merely for having done what is decent and right.

"When I became general manager of the Metropolitan eight years ago," he continued, "I said I proposed to run the house on the basis of quality and quality alone. On this promise we at the Metropolitan are not looking for colors. We are looking for voices."

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