"We are Americans, and, as Americans, we speak to America. . . ."
—Frederick Douglass

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LARRY DOBY SAVED FROM BREACH OF CONTRACT SUIT CONCERNING TOUR WITH JACKIE ROBINSON

WHO USED 'POISON PEN'?

Curious Crowd Gathers at Scene of Accident

When two cars crashed at Carey St. and Lafayette Ave. on Thursday afternoon, Robert Skinner, 33, of 950 Stoddard Court suffered a fractured rib and fractured shoulder and was taken to Provident Hospital for treatment. Driver of the other car, Pfc. Charles A. Rowlett of Fort Meade, was uninjured. Both men were cited for traffic Court. Curious crowds gathered at the scene of the accident.

Larry Doby Involved in Tour Wrangle

Injunction Blocks Threatened Run-Out

By SAM LACY

NEW YORK — A last minute switch in plans probably saved Larry Doby the discomfort of facing a breach of contract suit plus possible jailing on a contempt of court charge here this week.

The star Cleveland Indian centerfielder appeared likely to face the two court counts following his threat to run out on a contract to barnstorm with the Jackie Robinson All Stars.

Doby and his Indian teammate, Luke Easter, were signed several months ago to accompany the Robinson team on a post-season tour of the South. But both are reported to have accepted a later offer to barnstorm with an outfit headed by Alex Pompez, former colored National League club owner.

Halted by Injunction

Upon learning of this, Lester Dworman, local Jewish promoter obtained an injunction restraining Doby from playing with the rival group.

Dworman told the AFRO that he and his partner, Ted Worner, had fulfilled their end of the contract by putting the money guaranteed Doby and Easter in escrow.

"Their money is in the bank," he declared, "and I have no intention whatever of letting them get away with breaking their contract with me.

Promoter Threatens Suit

"Injunction papers have been served on Doby and if he goes through with his announced plan to run out, he will be put in jail on a contempt of court charge the

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Unsigned Letters Sent to Members of Douglas Church

Intimidating Notes Which Sought to Keep 7 From Church Meeting Taken to State's Attorney's Office

"Poison pen" letters mailed to seven members of Douglas Community Church have aggravated a situation of unrest among the congregation.

The unrest exists because of certain conditions which have developed within the past two years under the pastorate of the Rev. M. C. Bascom.

The anonymous and defamatory letters which contained vulgar character insinuations were sent to members who have expressed dissatisfaction with the way the church is being operated.

Discussed at Meeting

The notes, some in pencil, some in ink, and in various handwritings were the cause of a heated discussion at a church meeting on Oct. 3.

Before the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Bascom had been questioned by Assistant State's Attorney Henry Blair to whom one of the recipients had taken the letters.

By threats of personal intimidation, the writer or writers had sought to discourage the recipients from expressing themselves at church meetings.

No Criminal Threats

Mr. Blair said that his office can take no action because the letters contained no criminal threats or attempted extortion.

During the church meeting, one of the members defied anyone to make openly the accusations which were contained in his letter.

No one spoke up.

The following day, two of the poison pen victims received letters of apology, begging them to "forgive and pray" for the anonymous writer.

Criticisms Listed

Members of the church stress the fact that there are no "factions" among the congregation, although some make the following criticisms:

1. That the church, which had $5,000 in the bank two years ago, is now considering another mortgage because attendance and income have fallen off.

2. That the Constitution under which the church was operated under the late Rev. Frederick Douglas, the founder, has been changed so as to give more authority to the pastor and less to the church boards.

3. That some officers of the church are dissatisfied with the way certain reports are made.

4. That several church officers of long standing have resigned recently.

5. That the management of a church and parsonage as large as that of Douglas needs an experienced administrator.

Struck By Speeding Car

Donald Lewis, 6, 1300 block Argyle Ave., was treated at Provident Hospital by Nurse Annie Davis for head injuries after beig struck by a car Tuesday. The child was crossing Pennsylvania Ave. near Lafayette Ave. when struck by a car operated by Richard Hargrove, 33, 1800 block McCulloh St. Hargrove received traffic summons for reckless driving and speeding.

SEARCH ON FOR SLAYER:

Mother of Suspect in Distraught Condition

By RUFUS WELLS

The mother of the man sought by police for the slaying of Norman P. Huster, SPCA agent, was obviously worried. She talked about her fugitive son with the concern you'd expect any distraught mother to show under the circumstances.

"My boy is no murderer," she said with confidence, "I don't know how the shooting began, but my son wouldn't kill anyone unless it was to save his own life. He was my bread and butter, my sole support and a steady worker."

Quizzed Day and Night

The worried mother, wearing a plain house dress, paused briefly as a police car loaded with plainclothesmen drove slowly pass her door. Her conversation changed:

"I have been so upset by the police that I hardly know which way I am turning. They hound me day and night, asking the same questions over and over again. I don't know where my boy is. If I did, I would go to him and have him surrender so we could straighten out this awful mess."

She wrung her hands nervously, then began talking again.

"If something doesn't happen soon, I will go crazy. The police, they follow me everywhere. When I go downtown, or to the corner store for a loaf of bread, they go too."

Even as the mother talked, a squad of officers moved about the neighborhood methodically, searching houses and fields. They were looking for the body of her son. They believed he was wounded during the exchange of gunfire with the SPCA agent and crawled into some hidden place to die.

The search was centered within a four - block area of Lexington and Aisquith Sts., because police surmised that a seriously wounded man could not have walked very far.

But the mother seems to think her son is alive. In her eyes glittered the hope all mothers cling to when their children are in trouble.

Meanwhile, hope that the suspect would surrender dwindled with each passing hour.

In Northeastern district police station at roll call time, Captain Julian Forrest, instructed his men to continue the search without a let up, despite surrender overtures.

Interest in the case reached a high point Tuesday when the suspect's brother, a government employee, visited Anthony S. Federico, attorney, and promised to surrender the wanted man if he could contact him.

The man sought by police lives within a few blocks of the spot where the shooting occurred. He is 29 years old, a World War II veteran and former GI tailoring school student.

Officer Sees Shooting

An eyewitness to the shooting, Special Officer Wendell P. Miller, told homicide investigators that Huster shouted "I'll kill you, I'll kill you," and then fired the first shot in the gun battle which resulted in his death. Miller watched the duel from his third-floor window.

It was also revealed that Huster was involved in a minor traffic accident with a taxicab and later became engaged in an argument with the man who killed him.

The autopsy showed that Huster had been drinking.

On Tuesday, three days after the shooting, Miss Mary Shearer, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said she was convinced that Huster was lured to his death by a fake telephone call.

Miss Shearer said the agent received a phone call from a woman that a white horse was at Lexington and Aisquith St. in a shocking condition. Huster went to the intersection but found nothing.

Dr. Jenkins on Defense Group

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president Morgan State College, was named by Mayor D'Alesandro, Tuesday, to an 11-member civil defense advisory committee.

Chairman of the group is William Purnell Hall Jr., vice president of the Maryland Drydock Co. Other members include:

Thomas J. O'Donnell, municipal director of public relations; Charles C. G. Evans, former city solicitor; Col. Arthur L. Shreve, district executive, Second Army; Douglas C. Turnbull Jr., president of the local Traveler's Aid Society;

Carl G. Scholtz, union official; Abram C. Joseph, W. Frank Roberts, industrialist; James K. Cullen, chairman of the Liquor Board; and Mrs. Gideon N. Steiff on the Baltimore chapter, American Red Cross.

Monte Irvin to Give Awards for NAACP

Monte Irvin, star New York Giants outfielder, will present awards to winning teams in the NAACP membership drive which closes Oct. 21. The awards will be made at a victory meeting in Sharp St. Methodist Church.

The campaign has a goal of 10,000 new members and is patterned on a baseball world sdries competition with workers divided into league teams.

This week, West Baltimore campaign workers, known as the "New York Giants," moved ahead of other teams in an all-out effort to bring the civil rights pennant to Baltimore. They are led by C. M. Puryear.

Close on the heels of the "Giants" are the Northwest Baltimore workers, known as the "Brooklyn Dodgers," and headed by R. A. C. Young.

East Baltimore Third

Third place is held by the Eastside workers under Mrs. Birtsal Ross. They are called the "Cleveland Indian." "The "Boston Braves," South Baltimore workers, under Glenton Taylor, are in fourth place.

Other competing units are the "St. Louis Browns," the special gifts committee headed by Dr. Charles Watts; the "Chicago White Sox," and interracial committee led by Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell; and the youth division (minor league) led by Shellman Johnson and Miss Lillie Mae McDouglass.

"Anything Can Happen"

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the local branch, and a "commissioner" in the baseball-patterned campaign, said "anything can happen" before the drive is over. She indicated that the Northwest and East Baltimore workers are making a strong bid for the leading spot now held by the westside workers.

Leader of the winning team will get a free trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., to attend the 42nd annual NAACP conference. Baskets of groceries, donated by local merchants, are given to leading team captains at the report meetings held each Tuesday and Friday in the Sharp St. Church lecture room.

The campaign is being directed by John Flamer of Philadelphia and Mrs. ertrude Gorman of Cleveland. The Rev. Jentry McDonald is series "commissioner," Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., auditor; and Dr. Charles E. Watts, treasurer.

UN Servicemen to Make Tour

All Korea Fighting Forces Represented

Baltimore will be included in the nationwide tour of the United Nations servicemen who will participate in the observance of United Nations Day, Oct. 24, in Washington.

The group will include representatives from each national contingent fighting in Korea. Among them, there are Belgium, Ethiopia, France, India and the Philippines.

Selected by Gen. Matthew Ridgeway, commander-in-chief of the United Nations Forces, the group will include two men from the Army, two from the Navy, two from the Air Force, two from the Marine Corps and two from each of the other fighting contingents.

They will be flown to Washington for the United Nations Day observance, following which they will be divided into two parties. One will make a tour of southern States, and the other will have a northern itinerary.

Both groups will meet in San Francisco—birthplace of the United Nations — on Thanksgiving Day, prior to their return to Korea.

During the 30-day tour, the servicemen will participate in civic programs and Defense Bond rallies, will address defense workers and assist in the joint Red Cross-Armed Forces Blood Donor Program.

SPORTS EDITOR ILL

NEW YORK—Sam Lacy, AFRO sports editor, was admitted to Columbia Presbyterian hospital here Thursday in a critical condition. Mr. Lacy, a member of the Baseball Writers' Association, was in New York covering the World Series.

'NO HIDING PLACE DOWN HERE':

Nobody's Safe in War Say Medics in Korea

By RALPH MATTHEWS Sr.
(AFRO Correspondent in Korea)

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA—The cry of "Medic!" is the most heartrending cry you can hear in this war because it means another American soldier has been struck by enemy bullets.

The seed with which the medics answer that cry and administer first aid may be the factor between life and death.

Sometimes the victim is already beyond the power of human knowledge to save, but the fact that so many do come out and live to tell the story is a tribute to the efficiency and bravery of the men of the medical corps.

Risk Lives Daily

If ever a man risked his life to save another, these men do it every day because they must often rush into the same line of fire which got the comrade they are calling upon to save.

"We never think of the danger," said Pvt. Robert Mountain of 2412 Shannon Pl., S.E., Washington, in relating his experiences. "Our job is to help the wounded man at all costs, and that's all we try to do."

Contrary to belief, few of the "medics" with a company are physicians, but having worked as an orderly in a Washington hospital proved of great value to Mountain, although few of the men have had even this meager experience.

Carry Side Arms

Mountain is the son of Mrs. Margaret Holly of Washington.

A medical crew of a company consists of four aides and four litterbearers. While they carry side arms, they remain behind the advance lines and only rush into action when called.

Their main job is to give the wounded man temporary relief and rush him back to a base hospital, where he can receive treatment from a physician or surgeon. They carry bandages and morphine for the more painful cases.

An important unit in the treatment of the wounded is the shower company. "Our job," explained Cpl. Matthew Dawson Jr. of 318 8th St., Columbus, Ga., "is to give the wounded men a bath the minute they reach the base, so that the doctors can work on them.

Get Deloused

"We snatch off their dirty clothes and rush them through a hot bath and the delouser and give them clean clothes at the end.

"But don't think for a moment that our job doesn't have its risks. I recall last winter up at the Yalu River when we were the last to be evacuated.

"Technically we are non-combatants, and you will never know how jittery we were when we discovered that all of the infantry and most of the other fighting units had retreated, leaving us exposed to the enemy which was pushing closer every minute. We got out just in time."

Hell of War

"The real hell of war comes," said Cpl. Charles Bibbs, 411 E. Columbia St., Detroit, "when you get wounded and there are no medics around. That's what happened to

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The Weather

Fair, somewhat warmer,
A "4-M" WEEK END
MODERATE, MILD, MEDIUM, MELLOW, EMOLLIENT.
Old summers never die, they just fade away.

Dr. J. T. Gunn Sues for $11,000

Dr. John T. Gunn, physician, of Morgan Park, filed suit for $11,000 this week, to recover for personal injuries and damages to his car which struck a detached electric wire on Dec. 29.

The suit was filed in City Court against the Gas and Electric Co.

The physician of 2410 Overland Ave., related through his attorneys that he was driving near Hillen Rd and 35th St. when his car struck the wire that was detached from its pole and hanging in the path of traffic.

Car Hit Pole

The accident, which occurred at night, made him lose control of his car which crashed into another pole, the physician's suit went on, adding that sparks and flames flew into the car and in his face.

He asked $10,000 for injuries he received, and $1,000 for damages to the car.

Applications Taken Now for Christmas Postal Service Jobs

The Post Office is now receiving applications for temporary employment during the Christmas period. Jobs are available to both men and women.

Application may be made in Room 329, Post Office Building, Calvert and Fayette Sts. from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BALTIMORE DECREE UPHELD:

Baby Loses Court Suit As Parents' Divorce Stands

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

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MAPLEWOOD — Mrs. Mary E. Mickey is stuck with the divorce she testified in Newark she secured by fraud in Baltimore, Md., in January, 1947 — and she may yet be punished for that indiscretion.

And the suit instituted by her 2-year-old daughter, Sharon Marlina, through her aunt, Alverta Robinson as guardian, in an effort to set aside her mother's divorce and thus make her birth legitimate, has been thrown out of court.

This double judicial rebuke was meted out last Thursday by Advisory Master Herman E. Hillenbach who, in his clear-cut decision, castigated Mrs. Mickey for her conduct during five years of domestic storms with her husband, Dr. Harry W. Mickey of 23 Laurel Ave. here.

Joint Fraud Not Proved

Judge Hillenbach threw out the child's suit on the ground that her mother had failed to prove that she and her husband had obtained the Maryland divorce fradulently in 1947.

The child instituted the litigation against her parents in the Superior Court of New Jersey in April, 1950.

In July, 1946, Mrs. Mickey, then living with her husband at the family home here, filed a petition in the Chancery Court of New Jersey for separate maintenance and support.

Falsified Residence

On Nov. 11, 1946, she filed the divorce suit in Baltimore without her husband's knowledge.

She obtained the divorce in Baltimore in January, 1947, by alleging desertion by her husband and that she was a resident of Maryland.

About December of the same year, testimony in the case reveals, on the ground of illness, Mrs. Mickey returned to Maplewood and lived again with her husband.

Child Born While Divorced

Sharon Marlina was born of that relationship on Oct. 16, 1948 but Mrs. Mickey left the home thereafter.

Dr. Mickey admitted paternity of the child and supported her.

Later, the question arose as to the child's legitimacy and her right to share in the physician's property if he died intestate.

Child Questions Status

The child, through her aunt, then raised the question of fraud as to her mother's Maryland divorce, and petitioned the Superior Court of New Jersey to void the divorce since she and her mother were residents of New Jersey.

Mrs. Mickey sought in these same proceedings a declaration of the court on her counterclaim against Dr. Mickey to have the divorce declared void.

Mate Denies Conspiracy

Dr. Mickey answered his wife's suit by denying any fraud on his part or conspiracy with her in the divorce action in Maryland.

All records from the Maryland court were introduced in evidence, and the court, after filing of briefs by counsel, held up its decision for six months.

Support for Child Waits

"The matter of custody and support of the infant plaintiff," Judge Hillenbach ruled, "must be determined by a magistrate or other municipal court."

Mrs. Mickey, the New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN learned Friday, is now working in Washington. The child is still in custody of the aunt.

Dr. Mickey was represented by Robert S. Hartgrove of Jersey City, a former assistant prosecutor, and the child by Gilhooly and Tauch.

Let Us Pray Each Day for Peace