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

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SUSPECT IN 1938 BOMBING OF LITTLE WILLIE'S TAVERN REFUSED TO ANSWER SENATE QUESTIONS

'BISHOP' TUCKER IN JAIL

Before 'Bishop's' Miracle Failed

Sporting a skull cap which he was allowed to keep on during his trial, Bishop Paul L. Tucker raised his hand in a symbol of victory as he entered the courthouse, Tuesday, for trial on embezzlement charges. The "bishop" was convicted. The miracle he promised to work "downtown" didn't materialize. With him is his attorney, Warren Weinberger Jr.

STYMIED CRIME COMMITTEE:

Suspect in Little Willie Tavern Bombing Kept Mum

William (Little Willie) Adams was followed to the witness stand during the U.S. Senate Crime Committee hearings by Julius (Blinky) Fink who was arrested in connection with the bombing of Little Willie's tavern in June, 1938.

Mr. Adams had identified Fink as being with the men who told him they were taking over the Baltimore numbers business and wanted five per cent of his "take." This was a few nights before the explosion.

Only a few minutes before the bombing, police had seen a car with no lights drive off from Mr. Adams' tavern. Mr. Fink was a passenger in the car, but he was not convicted in the case.

When he followed Mr. Adams to the witness stand during the Senate Committee's closed hearing on July 2 in Washington, he refused to answer most of the questions.

When asked if he knew Mr. Adams, he replied "I refuse to anser that question. It might tend to incriminate me."

The complete text of his testimony as he was questioned by Downey Rice, committee counsel follows:

TESTIMONY OF JULIUS FINK
BALTIMORE, MD.

MR. RICE — You are not accompanied by counsel?
MR. FINK — No.
MR. RICE — Where do you live?
MR. FINK — 2631 East Monmouth Street.
MR. RICE — And you are Julius Fink?
MR. FINK — Yes, sir.
MR. RICE — Have you ever been known by any other name?
MR. FINK — No, sir.
MR. RICE — By the name of Blinky?
MR. FINK — I used to blink my eyes when I was a young kid.
MR. RICE — Have you been called Baltimore Blinky?
MR. FINK — Yes, sir.
MR. RICE — Anybody ever call you Blinky?
MR. FINK — I blink my eyes. That was why they called me Blinky. I have no alias.
MR. RICE — Where were you born?
MR. FINK — Baltimore, Md.
MR. RICE — How long ago?
MR. FINK — Fifty-four years ago.
MR. RICE — What business are you in, Mr. Fink?
MR. FINK — Gentlemen, I have respect for all of you, and I stand on my constitutional rights, and I won't answer any questions to you, because it would tend to incriminate me.
MR. RICE — Are you advised by counsel?
MR. FINK — No, sir.
MR. RICE — Are you under indictment?
MR. FINK — No, sir.
MR. RICE — With respect to the question, what business are you in, you refuse to answer on the ground that it would incriminate you of a Federal or State offence?
MR. FINK — Tend to incriminate me.
MR. RICE — Of a Federal or State offense?
MR. FINK — I wouldn't answer any questions.
MR. RICE — Do you have a specific offense in mind?
MR. FINK — No, sir.
MR. RICE — You don't have any offense that you are afraid you might be incriminated in connection with?
MR. FINK — I never did anything. I don't know what I am here for.
MR. RICE — You say you have never done anything.

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Awaiting Sentence for Embezzlement From a Follower

'Miracle' Fails to Materialize as Evangelist Is Convicted of $3,000 Swindle; Has Old Record

Off to jail waddled plump "Bishop" Paul Lawrence Tucker, Tuesday, there to wait for Judge Emory Niles to decide what to do with him for embezzling $3,950 from a 53-year-old woman follower.

The 'miracle' he had promised to help him 'beat the rap' failed to materialize.

Allowed "because of his religion" to keep on a dark blueskull cap during the three-hour trial, the 57-year-old roly-poly evangelist exclaimed, "I want to pay it back. I've got some here today. I want Mrs. Foord to know I'm a Christian man."

He was convicted of embezzling the funds from Mrs. Mazie E. Ford, a former Washingtonian, who turned the money over to Bishop Tucker so that he could help her purchase and furnish a Baltimore home.

No Bail Allowed

After finding the "bishop" guilty, Judge Niles refused to renew bail in the case, and ordered a probation department report on Tucker before sentence. The "bishop" was said to have a record for an unnatural sex act in Springfield, Ohio, and fortune telling in Detroit.

One of four women followers who supported his story that Mrs. Ford donated $600 of the money to the church, was banished from the courtroom late in the trial for prompting a witness.

The woman, Mrs. Mabel Prettyman of the 600 block Fulton Ave., denied throwing the cue toward the witness stand, but she left at Judge Niles' order, and said she had to be getting home anyway.

Mrs. Prettyman described herself as "house mother" of the Good Samaritan Holiness Temple on Aisquith St., which "Bishop" Tucker founded and pastored.

Warned About "Signs"

Three times as she and the other three were testifying for the "bishop," William C. Rogers Jr., prosecutor, jumped to his feet, and declared that the "bishop" was throwing sings to them.

Judge Niles warned the "bishop" against this, and with that, the evangelist turned about in his seat at the trial table, put his chin in one hand, and looked out the window. At other times, he played with his fingers and made the Sign of the Cross.

Mrs. Ford was backed by Bernard Meyerson, real estate broker, in the following story:

Husband's Insurance Money

She and the "bishop" went to Mr. Meyerson's office on April 4 to contract for the purchase of a home at 819 Bentalou St. At the time, Mrs. Ford had a check drawn on a North Carolina bank, for $3,850, representing her dead husband's insurance money.

The "bishop" insisted that she pay only $500 deposit on the house, and because he did not want to cash the $3,850 check, Mr. Meyerson made one out for $3,350 and told Mrs. Ford to hold it until the original check had been cleared. The "bishop" insisted that the

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Well Now, What About Gloves?

This will teach Jack, the dog not to go around swiping lady's bonnets in his neighborhood wanderings. His master is Ishmael J.Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper of 332 E. 22nd St., Baltimore.

Cheap 'Smoke' Drink Claims 30 Victims

ATLANTA—"Smoke," an alcoholic drink illegally concocted by mixing paint remover with water, killed 30 persons and caused 100 others to be hospitalized, this week police reported, after the victims had attended "moonshine" parties during the week-end in a slum area of the city known as "Peoplestown."

On Thursday, a 360-pound white man with an FBI record admitted distributing the concoction which has blinded some of the victims for life. He is John R. (Fat) Hardie, who has a previous manslaughter and liquor violation record.

Of this death toll, two are white persons, although five had been treated at the hospital.

In the meantime, police are holding under $2,500 bail eight men charged with involuntary manslaughter for distributing the "smoke."

Sound trucks are being used to warn the citizens against drinking the moonshine.

Week-End Supply Poisoned

Three persons died shortly after they were brought to the hospital on Monday morning; and by evening automobiles and ambulances streaming in with the others.

Three containers of illicit liquor seized by police reacted positively to tests for methyl alcohol, Dr. Herman Jones of the Fulton County Crime Laboratory reported.

He added that the lethal portion could have been made either by mixing water with paint remover or with methyl alcohol itself.

A lieutenant in the police department said that an entire load of illegal liquor delivered in the section for week-end consumption evidently contained the poison.

The Weather
INCREASING CLOUDINESS
WARM
POSSIBLY RAINY
A "4-M" Week End
Mild, Moist, Misty, Muggy

Burial for Morgan's Dean

Services Saturday, for Charles C. Key

Funeral services for Charles C. Key, 49, dean of men at Morgan State College who died Tuesday afternoon in Johns Hopkins Hospital will be held Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. He had been on the college staff for 26 years.

Dean Key, also an associate professor of biology, had suffered an internal hemmorhage and required several blood transfusions. More than 60 Morgan students had volunteered to give blood.

A man of culture and charm—the Dean's career was centered mainly at Morgan—he joined the faculty upon graduating from the school in 1925.

Native of Philadelphia

He was a native of Philadelphia.

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NEXT WEEK!!

Rufus Wells, veteran staff writer, brings to you in Tuesday's AFRO the inside story of the school on the Shore—Maryland State College at Princess Anne—where it is going and where it came from. This illustrated analytical piece on the college which has long been a controversial issue should be a must on your reading list.

'Unity' Tour Finally Gets Tan Member

AFRO Expose Brings Addition of Staffer From Morgan ROTC

WASHINGTON

The Department of National Defense came up with a colored Korean veteran on Thursday to join a delegation of 48 representing 21 United Nations states who are here for a 30-day tour of this country. The tour, according to reasons given by the Department of Defense is to:

"Graphically demonstrate to the American public the unity of the United Nations forces in Korea who, despite their diverse colors, creeds and racial and national origin, are engaged in the common purpose of ending aggression.

"These servicemen served as a visible reminder that the desire of peace and freedom knows no national boundaries and is strong enough to instill the will to defend the peace wherever it might be present."

Inclusion of a colored veteran came as a result of an expose in

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A TALE OF TAPS AND TEARS:

24th's Saga of Blood, Courage Ends in Korea

By RALPH MATTHEWS SR.
(AFRO Correspondent in Korea)

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA—There were both joy and tears as the long-anticipated deactivation of the famous 24th Infantry Regiment finally came to pass among the rolling hills of Korea, bringing to a close a great epic in the history of colored troops in the United States Army.

The joy was expressed by the hundreds of men, both youthful draftees who saw in the ceremony only the long-awaited chance to get back home after their six months tour at the front, and seasoned veterans who had witnessed many a bloody campaign with the unit both here and throughout the Pacific during World War II.

The tears were shed by men like M/Sgt. Jack M. Gourdine of Chicago to whose lot fell the solemn job of casing the colors for the last time as Commander Thomas D. Gillis, his staff and the entire regiment looked on.

Sounding of Taps

As he folded the blue and gold standard and placed it in its canvas bag, taps were sounded and tears rolled down his cheeks.

"I hope I am never called upon to perform such a duty again," he said, remembering the many pleasant hours he had experienced with the regiment during his eight years of service.

Another man who was none too happy was Second Lt. Clifton McVey of 305 G Street, San Antonio, Texas, who led the last assault of a platoon against an enemy.

And grim of face was 1st Lt. Joseph Crawford of Slidell, La., who is credited with killing the last Red aggressor before the life of the regiment itself was snuffed out.

The last man called in from an

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4 Mayors, Governor Laud Joe Addison

Four mayors, one of them now Governor of the State, took time out, Wednesday, to pay homage to a man who for nearly 33 years has served Baltimore well.

And the recipient of the unprecedented honor, amiable Joseph (Joe) Addison, fretted because "I didn't know anything about it. I could have put on a clean uniform!"

Hosted at City Hall

Being the official chauffeur for four Baltimore mayors since 1919, Mr. Addison won the affection of all because of his easygoing nature, loyalty and his ability to keep his mouth shut about the politics that naturally came from the back seat.

Mayor D'Alesandro was the host at the ceremonies, Wednesday, which marked Mr. Addison's transfer from the job of chauffeur to that of messenger in the mayor's office. Mr. D'Alesandro said "Joe told me that he feels he has done enough driving, so he's going to be a messenger in my office. And Joe, don't you jump around there and get nervous about anything. That's the mayor's job."

On hand to back up Mayor D'Alesandro's praise of the faithful employee were former Mayors William F. Broening and Howard F. Jackson, and Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, former mayor.

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HITS JO BAKER INSULT:

Mayor Impellitteri Says He'll Boycott Stork Club

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Although Josephine Baker left here Wednesday for an engagement in Baltimore, her Stork Club incident flamed into a still whiter heat in New York as Mayor Impellitteri denounced the Stork Club, Miss Baker called on President Truman to step into the controversy, the NAACP continued its picket line, and Walter Winchell struck back by attempting to smear Mrs. Bessie Buchanan and her husband by hinting that they are leftwingers.

Mayor Impellitteri's first act after he arrived back in the city from a vacation in Europe was to issue a statement condemning the Stork Club's treatment of Miss Baker. "I will not go to the Stork Club or any club that practices discrimination" the mayor said.

(This means the mayor will be absent from one of his favorite haunts).

His statement came after he praised the action taken by acting Mayor Joseph T. Sharkey, who in his absence ordered all agencies concerned in New York to investigate the charges made against the club by Miss Baker.

Official Investigation

Mr. Sharkey's order started an official investigation of the incident by the State Liquor Authority to determine whether the club has violated its liquor license in the incident, and another by the Mayor's Committee on Unity which serves as a watchdog to New York's interracial living.

President Truman was summoned into the incident by Miss Baker herself who wired Mr. Truman on Tuesday:

"Dear Mr. President: I regret to inform you of the undemocratic discourteous treatment I received in the Stork Club here in New York

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La Baker's Million-Dollar Personality Enhances Quarter-Million Wardrobe

By LULA JONES GARRETT

NEW YORK—Don't be fooled by the publicity attending the famed Josephine Baker wardrobe. It's La Baker who makes the clothes, not the clothes that make the woman.

These gobs and gobs of fabulous materials, glitter and furs dreamed up by such distinguished Parisian designers as Desses, Griffe, Rochas, Balenciaga, and chiefly Christian Dior, come to life only when Miss Baker begins to ripple her golden muscles within their folds.

And don't believe all the things you read in the papers anent the number of gowns, the number of trunks it takes to hold them and the numbers of dollars involved.

44 Frock Wardrobe

Her 44 frocks are packed in 11 large trunks and seven small cases. The frocks are insured for $250,000, but you will learn they are worth about $150,000. She does about four costume changes per show, so that in the normal day's threatrical activity she will use between a dozen and twenty different gowns.

Her maid can't say an hour before the performance, or even during the show, which of the gowns Miss Baker will wear. The lady is apt to change her mind on the spur of the moment.

Hence, the moment she takes off a frock, two attendants immediately begin refurbishing it. Both are expert seamstresses, both French. So is her wardrobe mistress, Marie.

And, because Miss Baker puts so much into her performances (there is never a moment on stage when she is still), the dresses need a lot of refurbishing. Three weeks' wear on the brand new layout she brought back from France less than a month ago, is already evident.

White, Rose

High valued colors in Miss Baker's wardrobe are white and a soft rose. Her fabulous fur garment ($32,000) is of fox, dyed rose, enhanced by a heavily encrusted yoke and underpinnings of rose satin. There is also a lush number in rose tulle (150 yards of the stuff) hand sewn with pearls, rhinestones and further embellished with tiny ermine tips.

Her white frocks are magnificent beyond words. One Dior frock of heavy corded silk is embroidered from its strapless bodice to its hem in heavy gold braid. Another of white tulle over satin ($10,000) has an intricate design in silver sequins covering the bodice and shading off to near the hem of the voluminous skirt.

Color A-plenty

There is, however, also color in the Baker wardrobe. In fact, one frock has as many colors as Joseph's coat. . . of chiffon in yellow, green, rose and purple. It was, said Marie, "a Mainbocher model." Then there is a velvet, the entire front of black but the back a sweep of green beginning where the backless top ends.

There is also a blue net, beaded all over and a coat of pale yellow

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