HATE BOMB KILLS OFFICER OF NAACP

Christmas Reunion With Korea Vet Marred By Tragedy

B U L L E T I N !!

ORLANDO, Fla.—Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, arrived here by plane early Friday. He left immediately for Mims, Fla., 45 miles north of here for an on-the-scene investigation. Mr. White was accompanied by Attorney Paul C. Perkins of Orlando, and Rufus Wells, AFRO reporter.

MIMS, Fla.—The annual Christmas reunion of Harry T. Moore, 46, his wife, Mrs. Harriett Moore; daughter, Annie Rosa; his mother, Mrs. Rosa Moore and his brother-in-law, M/Sgt. George Simms, just back from Korea, ended tragically Christmas night when a terrific blast from a hidden bomb killed the NAACP State executive and seriously injured his wife, two days before their 25th wedding anniversary.

According to Sheriff H. T. Williams and Coroner Vassar B. Carlton, the explosion that wrecked one side of the Moore home apparently, was caused by nitroglycerine or some other chemical stronger than dynamite.

The explosion of a bomb placed directly beneath the bedroom of his one-story frame house threw Moore and his wife, from their double bed, knocking down sections of the ceiling and shaking the countryside.

A three foot wide by three foot deep hole in the ground was left under the house by the blast.

Mother, Daughter Safe

A connecting door between the Moore bedroom and that of a daughter Annie, an Ocala school teacher, was thrown off its hinges, landing on the daughter's bed. Mrs. Rosa Moore, 71, Moore's mother, who is a teacher in Jacksonville, was also in the house. Neither she nor her granddaughter was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Moore, who is still in a critical condition at the Fernald-Laughton Memorial Hospital, has a 50-50 chance of recovering.

She is suffering from concussion, internal chest and abdominal injuries, shock and hemorrhage. Witnesses at the scene said the bedroom and front porch, which adjoined it, were "blown to kindling."

Mr. Moore active in the work of the association for more than four years, died shortly after he was taken 20 miles to a Sanford Hospital at 11:45 p.m. Time of the blast was fixed at 10:30 p.m.

"I tried to get him to quit the NAACP, thinking something might happen to him some day, but he told me 'I'm trying to do what I can to elevate the colored race;" his mother told newsmen. She quoted him as saying further:

"Every advancement comes by the way of sacrifice and if I sacrifice my life or health, I still think that is my duty to my race.' "

Mr. Moore led the fight for the prosecution of Sheriff Willis McCall for the slaying of Samuel Shepherd and the near-fatal shooting of Walter Irvin accused in the Groveland criminal attack case. His death is the third believed part of the aftermath of that case.

Shepherd Killed

Shepherd was slain early last month while being returned from State prison with Irvin for a retrial hearing ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court on their first convictions. Lake County is approximately 40 miles from Mims.

Mr. Moore was rushed to the hospital in the car of his brother-in-law, M/Sgt. George Simms, who is on Christmas leave from Korea.

Two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were reported on the scene investigating the wreckage for clues. Florida's Governor, Fuller Warren, said he was sending an investigator to the scene immediately.

While public indignation mounted throughout the county, State deputy Bates of Brevard County sheriff's office said he did not believe dynamite caused the blast because he could not smell any powder. He would not elaborate.

Mr. Moore, a former school teacher, was employed as executive secretary of the State branches of NAACP until recently when the post was abolished due to lack of funds. At the time of his death, he was secretary of the Brevard County NAACP branch and active in the Florida progressive voters' league.

FLASH!

Here is on-the-spot story of the Christmas day slaying of an outstanding Florida civic worker and NAACP executive, by Rufus Wells, AFRO Staff Writer, now on the scene.

By RUFUS WELLS
AFRO Staff Writer

MIMS, Fla.,—A tense expectant air hung over this terror-stricken orange grove town of 200 persons on Thursday. The citizens were still suffering from the shock of the bomb which blasted out the life of Harry T. Moore, executive secretary of the Florida NAACP, and wrecked his two-story frame house on Christmas night.

Federal, State and Brevard County investigators were still probing into the ruins to determine the type of bomb and the person or persons responsible for planting it.

They sifted the sand surrounding the house which is hidden in a clump of trees about a mile off U.S. Route 1, and inspected the shattered timbers. At nightfall, the investigators admitted they had "no tangible clues."

Other developments on Thursday were:

1. Governor Fuller Warren on behalf of the State put up a $2,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for the Moore bombings plus a $1,000 for recent Miami bombings.

2. Mrs. Harriet Moore, wife of the murdered civic leader, declared that she had "a couple ideas" who might be responsible. She was seriously injured in the explosion.

3. Investigators theorized that Moore's slaying is linked with the Groveland rape case and a series of bombings of

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—Frederick Douglass

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

RAY ROBINSON, middleweight boxing champion of the world, was named "Fighter of the Year" for the second time in three years by Ring Mgazine this week.

MRS. ODETTE JACKSON, French war bride convicted in Philadelphia of stabbing her ex-GI husband to death because he beat her said "all men aren't bad" as she boarded a ship to return to her homeland. The manslaughter conviction against her was suspended by a Philadelphia court provided she returned to France.

MRS. BROWNING SMITH, Annapolis benefactress of Boys' Village pupils, who annually collects gifts, food and money for the boys, was serenaded by a 12-voice chorus from the Village on Christmas Eve.

ALLEN WILLINGHAM, 114-year-old Philadelphian, died on Wednesday, leaving 65 descendants, including 2 daughters, 18 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

MRS. ERMA BALLARD, mother of 9 other children, gave birth to Siamese twins joined from neck to abdomen on Saturday at St. Luke's Medical Center in Philadelphia. They lived only 45 minutes.

MRS. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE will receive the Philadelphia Cotillion Society's Cross of Malta at the annual Christmas Cotillion at Philadelphia's Metropolitan Opera House on Friday.

MRS. MARIE POSTON, Harlem social arbiter, who went to the Virgin Islands to distribute Christmas gifts bought with funds from charity benefits, ran afoul of traffic laws and paid a $10 fine for going the wrong way on a one-way street.

Masons To Give Free Dinner For Aged Home Inmates

Inmates from various homes for the aged will be entertained at dinner at the Masonic Temple at 1 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. E. Adolph Haynes, former pastor of Ames Methodist Church. This is the 29th annual dinner for aged persons given by the Grand Lodge of Maryland Masons. All such persons who would like to attend the dinner and need transportation should call MAdison 6876.

600 AKA SORORS ARRIVE — VICTIMS DESCRIBE ROBBERIES

'Dollar Killer' Held

Fratricide Mars Yule Holiday

Remorse Causes Surrender After Slaying Over $1

On the day before Christmas Eve, traditionally a time when peace and good will abound, a 19-year-old lad died of knife wounds inflicted by his brother in a dispute over a mere dollar.

But, Marion Harper, 1023 Rice St., evidently forgave his brother, for before he died, the youth placed blame for his serious wounds on "three guys who jumped me at Pennslyvania Ave. and Mosher St. after I didn't give them a quarter."

In fact, police were still investigating this hold-up angle when William Harper, 24 walked into Northwestern Police station on Christmas Eve and reported to Patrolman Marcus Corcoran that he had killed his brother.

"You know that Harper death, that's my brother—I killed him," the man told police.

Thinking the man had either imbibed too much Christmas "cheer" or was just a crank, Patrolman Corcoran jokingly asked Harper for the name of his "victim." When police reports revealed there was a corpse bearing the name of Marion Harper, the police immediately placed the man under -arrest pending investigation. er asked him for a dollar loan, The suspect told police his brother asked him for a dollar loan, and when the request was refused, an argument started. When the dead youth appeared to be going to get a rifle he owned, Harper said he then stabbed him.

A charge of causing his brother's death has been placed against Harper, who is employed as a huckster.

The tragic chain of events which marred the Christmas holiday for the large Harper family began in the small house on Rice St., early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mamie Harper, 43, mother

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AKA Sorority Delegates Arrive For Boule

The 31st annual Boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority brought to Baltimore this week over 600 delegates from throughout the USA who found, as did Delegate Lois R. DuValle of Indianapolis, (at left) that finding an address when one's hands are full is a neat trick if you can do it. At the same time, many members of the sorority renewed old Boule acquaintances as did Mesdames Eugene B. Lang of Tyler, Tex., and Gwendolyn Floyd of Little Rock (at right.) The convention is in session Dec. 26 through Dec. 31.

623 DELEGATES REGISTERED:

Sorors From 23 States Here For AKA 31st Boule

Morgan State College opened its doors, Thursday, to 623 delegates from 34 states, who are attending the 31st annual boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, here.

More than half the sorors will be housed on the campus during the four-day meet, and all business sessions will be held in the new Edward P. Hurt Gymnasium located on the South Campus. Other delegates will be guests of fellow sorors and friends in the city.

Mrs. Lovelace Presides

The boule will have as presiding officer Mrs. Laura T. Lovelace of Cincinnati, Ohio, during which projects including those of health, the American Council of Human Rights, scholarships and an Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Endowment, will be studied.

Public Meeting Scheduled

The public has been invited to attend an open meeting on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Enon Baptist Church when Dr. Josephine E. Alpenfels, New York anthropologist, will speak.

Other affairs during this week end will include an artist concert, given by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, with Miss June McMechen, soprano, and Mrs. Carol Blanton Diggs, pianist, as performers; an "Interlude of Fun" hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; a tour of the city with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as hostesses on Sunday morning, and a New Year Eve party given by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Hosting the boule are Epsilon Omega Chapter, of which Mrs. Mildred Seaborne is basileus; and Alpha Delta Chapter, which Miss Ruth Davis heads.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY PROTESTS FLA. BOMBING

The Progressive Party of Maryland has called upon the FBI to bring to justice those guilty in the bombing death of Harry C. Moore, Florida NAACP official.

The political group also wired President Truman, asking him to work for the immediate end of fighting in Korea.

The Weather

A COLD ONE

As the folks sip their wine,
And sing Auld Lang Syne,
Ringing out a year that's old,
The weather will be snowy and cold:
On Friday the weather will be freezin'
On Saturday snow will have you sneezin'
So all you revelers dress with care
By donning your warm, woolen underwear.

THE LAST 24 HOURS IN BALTIMORE

AKA Sorors Dance

Some 2,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors and Baltimore guests were the first to dance in the new Edward P. Hurt Gymnasium at Morgan State College, Thursday night. The affair was the hostess chapter's prom for Boule delegates, who had been hosted at a cocktail party previous to the affair by Baltimore Omega Psi Phi fraternity members.

Gun Theft Charge

Calvin Temple, 1516 Rutter St., is being held at Northwestern Police Station, pending a hearing at 4 p.m. today on charges of stealing of a .42 calibre revolver, unlawfully carrying the weapon and discharging firearms within the city limits.

Bus Vagrants Fined

Police rounded up 18 men of both races in the Greyhound Bus Terminal last night. Magistrate John L. Berry who indicated that the bus depot manager should hire special police to keep vagrants out, fined the men $5 and costs. One man, William Jennings, who had no home listed, was recognized by Magistrate Berry as a repeater and fined $10 and costs.

Second Army Seeking 35 Young Attorneys

The Army is offering lieutenant commissions to young lawyers between 21 and 32, Second Army headquarters announced this week.

According to authorities at Fort Meade, the present need for young judge advocates calls for at least 35 by April, and 10 are needed for duty in January. Further information may be obtained from the Judge Advocate's Office, Army Department, or the nearest Military District Chief.

IT'S SMART TO TAKE NO CHANCES:

Victims Describe How It Feels To Be Robbed

How does it feel to get robbed?

Baltimore shop owners found out the bitter way when they became the victims of Christmas bandits who took a total of $521 in six holiday holdups.

An interracial robber team figured in one stickup, a lone youth in gray in another. In all the holdups, the bandits escaped capture.

Philip Rabinovitz, owner of a liquor store in the 500 block Light St., was victim in the sole Christmas day robbery.

Bid Him Merry Christmas

Shortly before noon, a colored man and his white accomplice robbed Mr. Rabinovitz, bound him hands and feet, took $50, a fountain pen and wallet, then wished their prey a merry Christmas.

"How does it feel to be held up? I can tell you, it doesn't feel so good," said Mr. Rabinovitz.

"My shoulders still ache from having my hands tied behind me."

Jumped Over Counter

He related how the mixed stickup duo had proceeded with the robbery. The white man asked for a bottle of scotch. His partner suddenly jumped over the counter and drew a pistol.

"They talked over who was to tie me up," he said. "The white man said to the other, 'you tie him, you know more about it than I do.' "

The bandits then commanded Mr. Rabinovitz to lie on the floor. They rifled the cash register, took his personal effects and dashed out of the store.

'Are You Insured?'

"One of them asked me if I was insured. I said yes. 'What have you got to worry about then?' he said. They even wished me a merry Christmas."

Mrs. Blanche Warren was the Christmas Eve victim of a sharp featured young man in grey suit and hat who calmly let her wait on other customers midway the robbery.

"I saw that gun," said Mrs. Warren, "and didn't know whether I was standing or sitting. It's a terrible thing to have someone holding a pistol on you."

Wanted Five Cents

The calm bandit came into Mrs. Warren's grocery store at 679 W. Fayette St. about 9 p.m. Christmas Eve. He asked for five pennies. While Mrs. Warren counted them out, he drew his gun and demanded her money.

"I put my hands up," she said. "But he told me to keep 'em down. I guess that was because someone might see us from the street.

I Was Perspiring

"As cold as it was, I was perspiring after he pointed his gun.

"Two other men came in and asked for cake. He told me to wait on them. I did it somehow.

"Then he took $36 out of the register and walked down the street.

A Different Story

"All day today, people have been

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