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

OPINION

Some are wise, and some are otherwise.—PROVERB.

Bones Without Meat

"Bold and inspiring," exclaimed one editor. "Forceful definitions of national needs," said another. "It was a speech of a man of action, designed to build national policies based on vigor and wisdom," cheered the third.

Thus did President Eisenhower's hour-long State of the Union message win overwhelming approval of a majority of the nation's press.

Unfortunately, we cannot share this wave of verbal enthusiasm. It was an address which by the most charitable standard must be termed nebulous.

Missing was a specific program of action. And disappointing in the extreme was the faint-hearted approach to the major problem confronting America's largest minority.

The Republican platform on civil rights was bad enough. And when under Senator Taft's direction it was adopted back in July, we said so.

A group of eastern Republican leaders, including Senators Ives and Lodge and Govs. Driscoll and Dewey, hastened to assure us during the campaign that the platform actually did not mean what it said.

Under it, they pledged enactment of a federal FEPC with enforcement powers, along with other legislation guaranteeing equality of opportunity politically and economically.

But less than two weeks after he has taken office, the new President emerges not only on this pledge of his most ardent supporters, but even blandly ignores the milktoast civil rights provisions of the platform upon which he was elected.

Let's examine the record.

The platform pledged Republicans to "prove their good faith" by:

1. Appointing qualified persons, without distinction of race, religion or national origin, to responsible positions in the government.

(President Eisenhower has made numerous appointments to government positions below Cabinet level, but has yet to name a single colored person to any position.)

2. Federal action toward the elimination of lynching.

(Eisenhower completely ignored this platform pledge in his State of the Union address.)

3. Federal action toward the elimination of poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting.

(This has been dropped from Eisenhower's civil rights program.

4. Enacting federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices.

(President Eisenhower prefers to forget this promise. Instead he would hold "friendly conferences with those in authority in our states and cities.")

(He assumes that by this vague method "we can make true and rapid progress in civil rights and equality of employment opportunity.")

5. Appropriate action to end segregation in the District of Columbia.

(This is the one field in which the President indicated an awareness of the platform pledges of his party. But even here he hedges.

(He severely limits his action "to whatever authority exists in the office of the President." Surely, he must know that the District of Columbia is under the control of Congress, not the President.

(Unless Congress can be persuaded to act with appropriate legislation, there is little the President can do by executive decree).

The President appears at first glance to speak forcibly on the issue of civil rights. But upon closer examination, the words turn out to be hones without meat.

Significantly, it was when Mr. Eisenhower reached this phase of his address that loud-throated congressional cheers subsided into a telling and stony silence.

"Much of the answer lies in the power of fact, fully published; of persuasion, honestly presented; and of conscience, justly aroused," said the President.

"These are the methods familiar to our way of life, tested and proven wise."

But our President is naive indeed if he thinks he can, by fact, persuasion or conscience convince such avowed foes as Byrnes of South Carolina, Shivers of Texas or Kennon of Louisiana to accept the premise of equality of rights of all citizens.

Also subject to challenge is his statement that persuasion is the only method that has been tested and the only method proven wise.

Several of the governors who were his most enthusiastic supporters could easily tell him otherwise.

Thomas Dewey of New York found out that while persuasion in this field is good, there's nothing like legislation to give it direction and purpose and make it really effective.

Alfred Driscoll of New Jersey, John Lodge of Connecticut or his new Secretary of the Interior, Donald McKay of Oregon are three others who might well advise him along this line.

No one would argue that FEPC laws placed on the statute books of their states have not been fully tested, nor that they haven't been proved wise.

To say we were sorely disappointed in this first major effort of our new President is to state the case mildly.

His unwillingness to deal boldly in this politically sensitive area is in sharp contrast to his courageous, outspoken and much-maligned predecessor.

Another Silly Proposal

Southern proponents of the segregated school have been searching frantically for a legal loophole in event the Supreme Court decides, as we think it will, that separate schools are unlawful.

South Carolina's James F. Byrnes has gone so far as to have legislation adopted enabling him to completely abolish all public schools if worse should come to pass.

Not far behind Georgia's Governor Herman Talmadge has pushed through legislation instantly cutting off the public funds to any school which would dare accept colored and white pupils on a basis of equality.

Virginia's Attorney General Almond has sounded the usual warning of riots and bloodshed in Virginia in an effort to frighten Supreme Court justices against handing down an opinion unfavorable to the South's cherished separate but unequal school system.

Apparently fearful that none of these schemes will work, an Alabama legislator has come forth with a still sillier idea. He would utilize the new medium of television to perpetuate jim crow.

"There would be no problem of segregation," State Rep. Sam Englehardt reasons, "if instruction were beamed directly into the homes."

This proposal is about as nonsensical as Governor Byrnes' threat to close down all public schools.

Overlooked amid the political hysteria over the issue, is the fact that few homes in Alabama have television sets and even fewer communities have television stations.

The more frantic the search for a path to evade a decision ending segregated schools, the more apparent it becomes that the only solution which makes moral and economic sense is to throw open the doors of public schools in all states to all citizens without regard to race.

It Was Inevitable

Events in South Africa are moving to their inevitable climax.

Dr. Malan as prime minister has acted with ruthless force and harsh measures to crush all hopes and aspirations of the nine million majority of colored peoples in his hapless country.

The Afrikaner, who has never enjoyed freedom since the Union of South Africa was established in 1910, now finds himself stripped of the few rights he did possess.

Now the Nationalist Party which Dr. Malan heads, has introduced legislation allowing the government to proclaim a state of emergency whenever it wishes.

Under this bill, the government could suspend all laws, seize the press, search and imprison anyone who objected and impose the death sentence at will.

In other words, Dr. Malan would become a dictator with greater powers than were possessed by Hitler, the man whom he so ardently admires.

As we said before, this move might well have been anticipated.

South Africa's white minority of 2½ million was living in a fool's paradise if it thought freedom could be denied the colored majority without losing its own.

The Pope Acted Wisely

Pope Pius XII acted wisely in selecting Archbishop Valeriano Gracias, of Bombay, as India's first cardinal.

In the past, all cardinals have been white. The Catholic Church, embracing as it does Christians of all races and colors, should be the last to draw the color line in closing its hierarchy.

An opportunity to nominate Archbishop Gracias was offered by the untimely death of Cardinal-designate Carlo Agostini, Patriarch of Venice.

The naming of India's 52-year-old spiritual leader means that five million Catholics in that new nation now have important representation in the College of Cardinals.

It could also mean that Pope Pius has moved a step nearer to choosing a cardinal in Africa for the first time.

A Thief Is A Thief

The British journalist, Lord Winster, writing in the Baltimore Sun, seeks to justify white settlers grabbing the best land in Kenya.

The African, he says, has little idea of soil conservation, but farms one area to death and then moves on to another.

Now that is typical British reasoning.

The fact that one individual does not make the best use of his profit does not warrant a foreigner from coming in and stealing it.

A thief is a thief no matter what justification he offers.

CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT

By Louis Lautier

Hob Reynolds To Liberia?

MRS. JESSIE M. VANN, president of that Pittsburgh newspaper, will get a high post no other colored person has held in about forty years as a reward for the support her paper gave President Eisenhower during the campaign.

Her appointment is in the pipelines and may be front-page headline news any day now when it sends her nomination to the Senate.

The only other appointment of a colored Republican definitely in the works is that of Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia, head of the Elks' civil liberties department. He will succeed Ed Dudley as Ambassador to Liberia.

Mr. Lautier

Some folks think his mate, Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds, a socialite, would like to go to the Virgin Islands as the wife of the Governor, but her husband is definitely under consideration for the Monrovia post. In Monrovia she will be the mistress of an embassy valued at $1,614,279.

Carey To Haiti?

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey, pastor of Paul Quinn AME Church in Chicago, a city councilman and lawyer, was in town the other day, but what post he will be offered is not known. Carey had been mentioned for Ambassador to Haiti or Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African Affairs.

If Judge Francis E. Rivers of the New York City Court wants a Federal judgeship, a nod of his head will get it. His City Court judgeship, which pays $20,000 a year, expired December 31.

George E. C. Hayes, one of the best lawyers at the District of Columbia bar without regard to color, is rated a good possibility for appointment to the Federal bench in Washington.

If a second colored lawyer is appointed to the Federal bench in the District of Columbia, James M. Nabrit Jr., secretary of Howard university and professor of civil rights law in the Howard law school, is considered a likely choice.

Other than Rivers, Hayes and Nabrit, no colored lawyer is given at this time an outside chance for appointment to the Federal judiciary anywhere within the continental United States.

Howard's Dilemma

Perry W. Howard, Republican National Committeeman for Mississippi, and Vaz Washington, assistant to Wesley Roberts, chairman of the Republican National Committee, have the ear of the top brass of the GOP high command, who are dishing out the patronage.

Now Howard is faced with a dilemma. The Eisenhower Administration is going to give the South a token appointment. Howard wants it for himself. Roberts wants it for Washington.

Unless Howard can persuade the Administration that he is the man who has the respect of his people, who is qualified for the job, and who can go out among his people and win friends and influence people to support the party.

Also ordinarily, the person appointed should be a Republican.

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The Same Group

Now who are these people in our race? They are of the same group of people who occupied the back seats in the white race until the election. They are the Old Guard.

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Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

Nature really doesn't stand a chance during this atomic age. Females of this era have so many varied artificial appendages and conceptions available, that if they aren't satisfied with the way nature made them, they'll re-arrange things.

Mr. Matthews

The bulk of their attentions seems to be focused on their "crowning glory." Believe there are more items on sale for beautification than any other thing in the beauty line.

A craze recently swept the nation, making a grey streak in the middle of one's hair "the thing." Years ago, a grey hair was associated with advancing age.

Not any more. A man is supposed to look distinguished with a little grey around the temples, and women—a grey streak is definitely "chic."

No Trouble At All

Noticed these streaks cropping up almost overnight on women — got to wondering just how much trouble it was to get it put there.

The natural assumption is that the hair is dyed—not so. Seems there's a powder on the market that the gals merely brush into their hair and the streak blossoms forth.

To get rid of it, they need merely wash their hair. Amazing. Incidentally, the gals don't refer to the streak by any name so plebeian as "grey streak." It's a platinum streak, if you please.

It's amusing to note also that hair is no longer dyed. The word "dyed hair" dates one immediately. Today, we **henna** rinse, or highlight the hair.

Oh well! It may become fashionable for men to start powdering their hair around the temples to become a "man of distinction," but Ol' Hodge won't have to worry—no hair!

Now To Get Down To Specifics, My Son!

". . . . my administration will be dedicated to the well-being of all our citizens and to the attainment of equality of opportunity for all . . . . . ."

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

ON NEW FEPC BILL

Atlanta — Those 19 liberal senators are naive indeed if they think by merely dropping the letters "FEPC" they can charm southerners to accept a federal law calling for job equality.

WILLIAM L. DAVIS

Birmingham — Senator John Sparkman and 21 other southern senators will filibuster just as long against a federal equality of opportunity in employment bill as they would against FEPC.

HARRY C. WOODS

Richmond, Va. — It isn't the initials "FEPC" that make Senator Harry Byrd and the other Dixiecrats see red. They just can't stand the idea of colored people being accepted as first class citizens.

DANIEL T. HENDERSON

New York — If Congress passes the new federal equality of opportunity in employment bill as proposed by 19 senators, there is no guarantee that Eisenhower won't veto it.

It would still be federal legislation and like has made it plain that he considers this an invasion of states rights.

TARLETON LOUIS

DR. JAMES LEE DICKEY

Houston, Texas — The AFRO didn't have to be so editorially rough on our neighbor of Taylor, Texas, Dr. James Lee Dickey. His advice to "sit and wait" does sound like he's a holdover from the days of Booker T. Washington.

HERBERT JOHNSON

Philadelphia — It's so-called leaders like Dr. James Dickey who stand in the way of progress. The idea of advising somebody to "sit and wait" in these action-filled days of 1953!

RAYMOND R. ROBINSON

Durham, N.C. — Add another name to the bandana brigade —Dr. James Dickey of Taylor, Texas. I was happy to see the AFRO tell him to stick to his pills. He certainly has no business passing out advice on racial matters.

JAMES RICHARDSON

Taylor, Texas — Dr. James Dickey's admonition to "wait and hope" for better racial understanding is good advice. Radical northern publications like the AFRO do more to stir up bad feeling down here than anything else.

SIDNEY SHAPIRO

Editor's Note — Reader Shapiro is wrong. The AFRO is neither radical, nor is it a northern publication — not unless you consider Baltimore, Md. as north.

New Orleans — I would bet that if the colored residents had voted, they never would have rejected Dr. James Lee Dickey as 1952's outstanding citizen of Taylor, Texas.

He was picked by the white citizens and what he says about "waiting and hoping" is music for white Texas ears.

LUCIEN DeMOIS

PRAISE FOR FDR, HARRY

Lake City, S.C. — I read Al Sweeney's story "Roosevelt, Truman Left GOP Challenge" with much interest. Mr. Roosevelt was a great president. We have a lot to thank him for.

Think of the progress that has been made in the last 20 years. That great gentleman from Missouri, Harry S. Truman is more than a good leader. He is a preserver of human rights.

BUSTER GREGG

PRAISE AND A QUESTION

Morgantown, N.C. — I want to express my gratitude for the AFRO's excellent coverage of the inauguration. You really brought out the part our people played in this important event.

I have a question. I read in a magazine that there were two daily newspapers. I know of the one in Atlanta. Where is the second?

RUTH SMITH

Editor's Note — The Daily Express at Dayton, Ohio.

WORRIED ABOUT RENT

Baltimore — I hope every AFRO reader writes President Eisenhower protesting his decision to allow price and rent controls to expire on April 30.

The end of rent control affects not only those whose tenancy came under the law, but those whose rent was not. Landlords will have free rein to boost rents for all that the traffic can bear.

RUTH A. HALL

CONN.'S TWO SENATORS

Suffield, Conn. — Colored voters of Connecticut went along with newspapers like the AFRO in backing Governor Stevenson.

Two new Connecticut senators went along with Taft and the Dixiecrats in keeping the filibuster, and shoddy apologies only make them look worse.

(Mrs.) BAILEY L. BROWN

THROUGH IN POLITICS?

Chicago — The Democrats did not want the support of colored voters any more than did the Republicans.

It looks like our people are through in politics — and in a short time through in America, if all the rumors I hear are true.

S. A. DAVIS

WE DIDN'T DO IT

Schenectady, N.Y. — We colored people are of the Tribe of Judah. We are Hebrew, of the House of David which dates back to 1897 B.C. We did not take part in the crucifixion of Jesus, for He, too, was born a Hebrew and He is my witness to and of this truth.

PROPHET CARLOS

SENTENCE TOO LIGHT

Charleston, W. Va. — I was shocked to see that Mrs. Arizona Love was not given the supreme penalty for one of the most gruesome murders in our state's history. A life sentence for her is a miscarriage of justice.

(Mrs.) THELMA ANDERSON

High Point, N.C. — "Ax Lovie" who chopped up her employer like you would butcher a calf, brazenly pleaded "guilty" and got only a life sentence. What's the matter with West Virginia's electric chair?

THOMAS FULLER

Bluefield, W. V. — The only thing good about the Ax Lovie" sentence was Judge Walter Ross' recommendation that she not be eligible for parole for 50 years. She's 49 now. That would make her 99 when and if she got out. I hope the state never turns this dangerous woman loose on the community.

ESTHER BROWN

SHE GOT PICTURE

Wilmington, N.C. — I read the AFRO story "Mystery Blast Rocks Home" in the Jan. 24 issue. I saw something that I called a fire ball in the sky.

I rushed in for my camera and photographed it several times. It passed about 30 degrees or more south of me and the explosion was some degrees below the sun. It could have hit the earth at Statesville, N.C. where the mystery blast occurred.

LURENA HOLLINGSWORTH

REACHES CONCLUSION

Hartford, Conn. — There is only one conclusion to be drawn from the U.S. Court of Appeals' decision in the Washington restaurant case. The application first-class citizen applies to white people only.

DAVID A. SAMUELS

COMMUNISTS AIDED

Washington — The five U.S. Court of Appeal judges who decided that Washington cafe operators have a right to deny service to colored people have done Joe Stalin and the world communist cause yeoman service.

J. H. JENKINS

NONE FOR HIM

Song Dong, Korea — I am sitting here in South Korea pretty lonely. Most of the fellows get mail but for me there is none. I would like to correspond with someone, so that I can look forward to mail call. My address: Pvt. John F. Watson, US 52138059, Medical Co. 27 Infantry Regt., APO, San Francisco, Calif.

(Pvt.) JOHN F. WATSON

Voters' Vineyard

By James L. Hicks

The Difficult Job Eisenhower Faces

WHEN IT COMES down to the appointing of a colored man to a position of responsibility in his government, President Eisenhower must find himself between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Mr. Hicks

Ordinarily, if the appointment is to be a position of stature the President would naturally try to select a colored man who has the respect of his people, who is qualified for the job, and who can go out among his people and win friends and influence people to support the party.

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NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay

Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

More Unanswered Questions???

HOW DID THE attorney general miss that California fascist outfit, America Plus, in making up his list of subversive organizations? . . . When asked will WW alias "Lisschitz" wake up to the fact that the AFRO offers an apologies for its support of Josephine Baker in that Stork Club matter, or for its series exposing him for what he is? . . . . . How does Eisenhower expect to get Republican Hawaii admitted to statehood while leaving Democratic Alaska out in the cold? . . . Is it true that Howard U. has its eye on Morris Brown Coach E. J. (Ox) Clemons as Eddie Jackson's successor?

Mr. Mackay

Is the move to make Adlai Stevenson president of Harvard a Republican plot to keep him out of the 1956 hustings when Tom Dewey is expected to run again? . . . Don't Mrs. Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson realize who won the election? Hasn't it occurred to them that their posting of "no smoking" signs in the dining cars and serving coffee with cigarette accounts who "sold" Ike to the electorate? . . . Is it true that Joe Louis will make youthful singer Dorothy Parker his June bride? . . . Wonder who gave Drew Pearson that bum steer about a group planning to picket the White House and the white only theatre if Mrs. Eisenhower attended the premiere of "Never Wave at a Wac?"

It Takes Names To Make News

Larry Doby, whom the Cleveland Indians won't give $25,000, says he may stay home . . . Joe Louis in Gotham, N.Y., on talk with Coley Wallace who will play the Brown Bomber in the new picture, "The Joe Louis Story" . . . Marshall Fields, ex-manager of Joe Louis, in trouble at Buffalo. Uncle Sam says he owes $36,622 in back income taxes . . . Detroit disc jockey, Leroy White is vain and overbearing. His wife, Cherine, Michigan legislator, says so in a petition for divorce . . . Herbert Wright has been named assistant to the sales promotion manager of Philip Morris.

Alderman Dr. Roy Perry of Windsor, Ontario, was host to 1,000 youngsters at his annual ice-skating party . . . Owen Madden Jr., who thumped piano for Erskine Hawkins, was caught in Norfolk, Va., with a still and load of sugar aboard his truck . . . Chance of a lifetime came last week to soprano Lenora Lafayette, 20, of Baton Rouge, La. She was in Amsterdam, Holland when a rush call came from London to sing the lead in "Aida." She was warmly received . . . The Ernest O. Briggs, Detroit newlyweds, have been forced to delay that honeymoon in the west. A matter of property settlement stood in the way.

Communists are making much of the fact that John Davis, world's strongest man, is unemployed. The Finnish Olympic Committee is upset over the matter and can't understand why a man so prominent in sports would be allowed to go hungry in America . . . The cover of the current Time magazine features Kwame Nkrumah, prime minister of Gold Coast, Africa. Inside it smears him as a psuedo Communist which he is not. Otherwise a well documented 7-page article about the ferment for freedom on the Dark Continent.

You Might Like To Know—

That the newest thing in rubber is a sidewalk which does your walking for you. It's on exhibition at the Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry . . . That the University of Omaha is now in the market for qualified instructors, librarians and clerical workers, regardless of race. That the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Creighton university, Omaha, lowered the job barriers two years ago . . . That 44 girls were expelled from Tokyo's exclusive girl's school for getting permanent waves.

That the Quakers started the nation's first Sunday School in Philadelphia, Jan. 13, 1791 . . . That in only three states, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas are colored women barred from membership in local chapters of the American Nurses' Association . . . That the Rockefeller Foundation's general education board has given one million dollars to the United Negro College Fund . . .

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

PARIS — There's nothing you can do or anybody can do for you, if you haven't already got your room reserved in London for the Coronation (June 2). The same thing goes for a seat along the procession route.

Mr. Stewart

Travel agents report that rooms and seats for the big spectacle have been sold out for a year, but that they expect thousands will pour in at the last minute, hoping a miracle will get them a place. From where I'm sitting, it will be a miracle if a lot of folks don't have to walk the streets all night.

I wouldn't encourage it, but if you plan to be in England about the time of the Coronation, you might get your money's worth just being on the streets of London on June 2. All the colonies and dominions will be represented, in local costumes and regalia. And without a room, you could catch a night train to Plymouth, Southampton or Dover — or even to France. Anywhere for a bed.

Doctor Is Also Pianist

Personality of the week: Dr. Thomas Roy Peyton, gynecologist, Jamaica, N.Y., came back to Gay Paree a few days ago to get away from medicine and to make music. Also to try to interest French movie makers in filming his book, an autobiography called "Quest for Dignity."

Graduate of the Long Island College of Medicine, Dr. Peyton is also an accomplished pianist. During the time he did graduate study here before the war, and also in Canada, he helped to pay expenses by playing in night clubs. Later he traveled in Brazil. He brought his wife and son to Paris the last time he was here.

"I don't know how long I'll stay," he told me. "Every now and then I just have to get away from medicine and play the piano — and Paris always appeals to me."

Baltimore-born Dr. Virginia Nyabongo (Tom, State college), on a Fulbright research grant, is now in Bombay, India, working on her project and assisting the general committee in conducting the World Student Christian Federation Conference. She reports that 120 representatives from 30 countries are attending.

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

An hour today is worth the whole of tomorrow and all of yesterday.

That is why it is so important to fill the sixty minutes you have in hand to the brim with love and laughter; with giving and the excellent sense of unselfishness; with good will and kindness.

For looking back with regrets or forward with too great anticipation is the fallacy of jesters.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

Nothing is ever done well hastily. Preparation is the first important step—and this means heroic and courageous consideration of the subject in all its bearings.

JOHN MURPHY Sr.
Sept. 26, 1914

MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter — February 6 — 11:09 p.m.
New Moon — February 13 — 1:19 p.m.
First Quarter — February 20 — 6:46 p.m.
Full Moon — February 28 — 1:39 p.m.

	SUN RISES	SUN SETS
Wed., Feb. 11	6:59 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 12	6:58 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13	6:57 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14	6:55 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	6:54 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 16	6:53 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 17	6:52 a.m.	5:37 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

February 12 — Abraham Lincoln's birthday.
February 14 — St. Valentine's Day.

My Favorite Quotation

And this be our motto—"In God is our trust."
—Francis Scott Key.

(Submitted by Leory A. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.)
(Next week's quotation by the Rev. Charles Mayberry, Newark, N.J.)

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The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
February 11, 12 — partly cloudy, warmer.
February 13, 14, 15 — fair and freezy
February 16, 17 — rain or snow

Silent Wife Given Life

Refused To Talk At Murder Trial

DETROIT—Mrs. Rosetta Fortune faces the balance of her natural life in the Detroit House of Correction—all because she refused to talk or answer questions during her trial for the Oct. 28, 1952, cleaver-slaying of her husband, Arthur P. Fortune, 36.

Mrs. Fortune, 32, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, Monday, by a jury before Recorder's Judge Frank G. Schemanske.

Earlier in the day the defense attorney, Harry Piskow, had prepared to plead with Mrs. Fortune guilty to second degree murder, but was unable when she refused to testify in her own behalf.

Found Her Sane

A sanity commission found Mrs. Fortune sane.

Judge Schemanske told the court that during his 20 years in court as an attorney and a judge he had never seen a case of this nature where the defendant refused to testify in her own behalf—when she was given the opportunity to plead guilty to second degree murder.

Mrs. Fortune will be sentenced Feb. 9.

'Equal Opportunity' Day Ordered In Mich.

DETROIT (ANP) — Gov. G. Mennen Williams has declared Feb. 19 as "Equal Opportunity Day" throughout Michigan. This is the day on which he hopes to start the ball a-rolling for the passage of FEP and other civil rights laws by the state legislature.

Many outstanding organizations have come together and formed a mobilization committee which calls for their respective chapters in all parts of the state to send delegates to Lansing on Feb. 19.

Report Many Jobs At New Steel Plant

Urban League Gives Aid In Recruiting Workers

NEW YORK — Several thousand more jobs are expected to be filled by the time the huge new $450,000,000 Fairless Works of the U.S. Steel Corporation at Morrisville, Pa., begins is full operation.

Construction of the plant has been in progress since early 1951 and the first steel-making operation began last December.

National Urban League representatives have been conferring with plant management to discuss ways and means of recruiting qualified colored workers in all levels of skills including professional and clerical workers.

Many Already Hired

More than a thousand workers have been employed already —mostly in production. It is reported that 80 per cent of the work force at Fairless Works will be hired from within a 35-mile radius which includes Trenton and Philadelphia.

The Urban League urges all qualified colored workers to apply for jobs at the personnel offices of the plant at Fairless Works and also at the public employment service offices in the various cities and towns in the area.

The Urban League of Philadelphia and other local Leagues in Newark, Elizabeth, Englewood, Morristown and New Brunswick are cooperating with the national office in an effort to increase the number of colored applicants for jobs at Fairless Works.

The Urban League has assigned a national staff representative to discuss employment opportunities with interested persons. He will be at the office of the Philadelphia Urban League, 413-S Broad st., for three days —Feb. 16-18.

Find 2 Teen-Agers Guilty Of Stealing 8-Month-Old Boxer

DETROIT — Two 18-year-old youths were found guilty of stealing an 8-month-old boxer dog Friday by Recorder's Judge Paul E. Kraiuse and sentenced to 30 days each in the Detroit House of Correction. They are Clifford U. Berry and Herman Wilson.

Police said the dog "Jemis," was stolen from the backyard of Mrs. G. Genevie Greenwald by the youths and sold for $40.

The owner of the dog paid Berry and Wilson $14, and promised to pay the balance when they produced ownership of the dog. But before the buyer could complete the transaction the officers arrived.

Ex-Cop Convicted Of Gun Charges

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — An ex-Chester county patrolman was convicted here last week of the illegal possession of guns growing out of the March, 1952, slaying of two colored men near Yonkers.

The 50-year-old former policeman, Stanley La Benskey, acquitted in June, 1952 on a self-defense plea, was found guilty by a Westchester county jury which deliberated 50 minutes at the second trial.

Slain by La Benskey were James Blacknall, 22, and the latter's uncle, Wyatt Blacknall, 38.

Remanded To Jail

La Benskey, who was remanded to jail after the trial, pending a probationary report, was convicted on two counts, felony and misdemeanor, growing out of the possession of two pistols.

On the first, he faces a three-and-a-half to seven-year jail term; on the latter, a year in jail and a $500 fine.

Former Vice President Henry A. Wallace was called as a prospective juror but was challenged by La Benskey's attorneys and excused.

Newsman Gets Top Post With Lingual Group

CHICAGO—For the first time the International Language (Ido) movement in U. S. has named a colored person to a responsible position, according to an announcement by the World Language Institute.

The appointee to the position of assistant director of the Institute is W. Eugene Simmons of Charleston and Sum mer ville, S. C., a well known journalist and International.

Mr. Simmons

Mr. Simmons has long been a proponent of the international language, having at one time been identified with the Esperantists and also Interlinguists. A few years ago, however, he joined the Ido (Reformed Esperanto) movement.

Mr. Simmons has translated into the Ido language many classical works from English and Spanish. He has written (in Ido) a short biography of the late great Dr. George W. Carver, which will appear in a forthcoming edition of the Swedish World Language Review.

The 45-year-old ex-newsman will be in charge of field work among Ido-adherents representing all races. He is the founder of United Neighbors International. His address is: Box 371, Summerville, S. C.

Justice Delany Stays In Foster Care Post

NEW YORK (ANP)—Domestic Relations Court Justice Hubert T. Delany was among five members of the New York City Commission for the Foster Care of Children sworn in last week by Mayor Vincent Impelliterri. The mayor reappointed them for a term to run until Nov. 26, 1956. The posts are nonsalaried.

310-Pounder Is One Peck Of Trouble

DETROIT — When police arrested 310-pound Elan Johnson, 57, during an early Saturday morning, the officers soon encountered more trouble from hauling Johnson than expected.

First, four policemen tried to pour Johnson's five by five body through the patrol wagon door but the space was not big enough.

Second, they squeezed him into a police scout car. But as the officers attempted to drive away, the axle broke.

Third, the policemen finally squeezed Johnson into one of the new patrol wagons—which has more room. It was a tight squeeze.

Fourth, Johnson walked out of Recorder's Court to his freedom after loitering charges against him were dismissed by Recorder's Judge Gerald W. Groat.

West African Leaders Meet

President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, left, and Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of Gold Coast, West African leaders, who met recently when the Prime Minister visited Liberia to discuss unity among West African peoples. The Prime Minister is leader of the movement for self-government in the British colonial territory.

Supreme Court Now Considering Case Of Two Airmen Condemned To Death

Lawyers Contend Civil Courts Have Right To Determine Fairness Of Military Trials

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The U. S. Supreme Court took under advisement last Thursday the question of whether civil courts may determine the fairness of trials by court martial where questions raised in habeas corpus proceedings have been reviewed by the military authorities.

The question was presented in the case of Robert W. Burns and Herman P. Dennis Jr., two airmen who were convicted by court martial of the murder and rape of Miss Ruth Farnsworth, a white civilian Navy employee on the island of Guam.

Staff Sergt. Burns and Pvt. Dennis, who were members of the 12th Air Ammunition Squadron stationed on Guam, are under sentence of death and are presently confined in the custody of Headquarters of the Japan Logistical Command.

Represented By NAACP

The case was argued before the Supreme Court on behalf of the two men by Robert L. Carter of New York, a member of the NAACP's legal staff, and Frank W. Reeves, a Washington lawyer for the NAACP.

The NAACP intervened in the case when the two men were convicted, at the request of parents and relatives of the two airmen.

Walter J. Cummings, Solicitor General of the United States, appeared on behalf of the Government.

Right Of Civil Courts

Mr. Carter and Mr. Reeves contended that civil courts had the right to examine military proceedings to determine whether basic constitutional guarantees have been violated.

Insofar as the U. S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia held that a civil court had the right to inquire into whether the military trial was conducted in compliance with constitutional guarantees it was correct, Mr. Carter told the high tribunal.

But Mr. Carter disagreed with the ruling of the appeals court that civil courts in habeas corpus proceedings may not review questions raised and determined by the military tribunal if there is a fair trial.

He contended that even if this rule is applicable to the case of Burns and Dennis, the two airmen were entitled to a review on the merits in the District Court.

Mr. Cummings contended that the District Court properly denied the petitions for habeas corpus because all the issues raised by Burns and Dennis had been considered and passed upon by the military authorities.

Liberia Greets Kwame Nkrumah

MONROVIA, Liberia (ANP)—Last Wednesday, the heads of two adjacent African countries, The Republic of Liberia and the Colony of Gold Coast, clasped hands as Dr. Kwame Nkrumah prime minister of Gold Coast, arrived at Monrovia for a brief visit with President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia.

Dr. Nkrumah arrived by sea aboard the half million dollar Liberian presidential yacht, the "President James Edward Roye." The dock was crowded with Liberians and Gold Coast resident in Liberia to welcome West Africa's first premier.

The ship, dressed overall with flags and bunting, was boarded by an official party led by the presidential aide-de-camp, Brig. Gen. Russ. Dr. Nkrumah inspected the Liberian guard of honor drawn up on the wharf before entering the official car sent to convey him to the presidential palace.

Addresses Legislators

President Tubman received Dr. Nkrumah. The following day Nkrumah visited the Senate and House of Representatives, addressing both. He extended greetings from the legislature of the Gold Coast, and advocated a greater exchange of friendship and of citizens between the two countries.

At a dinner later, President Tubman recounted the history of Nkrumah's struggles and adventures which led up to the political triumph which had made him Prime Minister. Nkrumah said he hoped to see develop finally, a United States of West Africa.

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