Woman, 25, Doomed To Death In 'Love' Slaying

Race Issue Raised In Debate Over Statehood For Hawaii

Va. Congressman Urges Bills Defeat Because Population Not White

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — As was expected, the race issue in all of its ugliness was raised during the debate in the House on the bill to give statehood to Hawaii.

Rep. Howard Smith (Dem., Va.) perhaps, appealed more openly to racial prejudice than any other member. He urged defeat of the bill because only 16½ percent of the population of Hawaii is white.

"We have never brought a state into this Union where the Caucasian race was in the minority, and this minority consists of only 16 per cent," he told his colleagues.

2nd Argument Advanced

The other argument used in the effort to defeat the bill was the disproportionate representation Hawaii would have if admitted to statehood.

This argument was based on the fact that Hawaii, with a population of 499,794, would be entitled to two Senators and two Representatives in Congress.

A preliminary breakdown by the census bureau showed the racial composition of the 1950 population of Hawaii to be as follows:

Hawaiian and part Hawaiian, 87,000, or 17.5 per cent; Caucasian, 114,000, or 22.8 per cent; Chinese, 33,000, or 6.6 per cent; Filipino, 60,000, or 12 per cent; Japanese, 183,600, or 36.7 per cent, and other races, 21,700, or 4.3 per cent.

Republican Uses Invective

Smith and other Southerners were not the only ones to use the racial issue in an effort to defeat the bill.

One of the Northerners who appealed to racial prejudice was Rep. Chas. M. Mason; (Rep., Ill.) who called the people of Hawaii "a polyglot population if ever there was one."

Rep. John W. McCormack, (Dem., Mass.), who voted last year for statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii, moved to recommit the Hawaiian bill to have the House interior and insular affairs committee report a bill providing for statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii.

This caused Rep. Jacob K. Javits, (Rep., N.Y.), to note:

"Strange alignments of voting by groups, one of which wants a measure passed, but wants more than is offered being joined with a group which is dead set against the particular measure completely by conviction, with the result that by this strange combination of groups, with completely diverse views, a very desirable measure is defeated."

The bill survived the motion to send it back to committee. After rejecting the motion to recommit, 183 to 227, the House passed the bill, 374 to 138.

Prior to its passage, however, the bill was amended to provide for congressional ratification of the Hawaiian Constitution by a majority vote, also to fix Hawaii's representation at two Senators and one Representative.

Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, the majority leader, has predicted passage of the Hawaiian statehood bill by the Senate without filibuster.

Filibuster Expected

Senator Taft may be right, but if what took place on the floor of the House is any indication, the Senate of the 83rd Congress is in for a talkfest when the Hawaiian statehood bill is called up.

There is talk, however, of a "deal," whereby southerners would be given support for the bill to give the coastal states title to the marginal seablands within their historic boundaries.

This, in the case of Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico, coast of Florida, would extend these leagues (about ten miles) into the sea.

If such a deal is made, an oil-grab unprecedented in history will pay for first-class citizenship for the minorities of Hawaii.

Giving the states rights control of the tidelands does not appear to be in the public interests.

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Fire Leav es 300 Workers Homeless

Six frame buildings which housed 300 migratory workers were leveled to the ground by this fire early this week in Belle Glade, Fla. Miraculously no one was killed, and only one volunteer fireman was injured in the blaze.

Fires Destroy Six Frame Dwellings, Drive 300 Persons From Homes

BELLE GLADE, Fla.—Angry fires Monday night left in their wake six frame family structures leveled to the ground and 300 persons homeless.

The destruction confirms the fact that the tenements designed primarily for migratory workers who come here each year to harvest crops—principally beans, had long been fire traps.

Four buildings, owned by Almax, Inc., of Miami, were a total loss, a fifth damaged beyond repair and a sixth structure, owned by James Oliver, was leveled.

Starting at 6:50 p.m., the flames quickly spread through the frame buildings facing Sixth Ave. Only the fact that the Oliver building was stuccoed inside and outside saved the block of buildings on B pl.

According to Sgt. V. R. Clark, the fire started when Alonzo Cartwright, a Puerto Rican field hand, left a kerosene cooking stove burning while he went for water.

Cartwright reported the stove was defective and said it is believed that the stove exploded, setting fire to the upstairs room he occupied in the corner building.

City Inspector N. B. Willis estimated the damage on the Almax property between $50,000 and $60,000 and that of the Oliver property $7,500.

He stated that 300 homeless were a very conservative figure. Okeechobee Labor camp and privately owned rooming houses took care of the refugees for the night. Requests for food and bedding were made and the response was most gratifying, according to those in charge. An emergency structure has been set up at the Lake Shore Elementary school.

55G Grant Helps Build Laboratory

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — From an initial grant of $55,000 from R. W. Woodruff, chairman of the Board of the Coca-Cola Company and a trustee of Tuskegee Institute, work will soon begin on a new Food Processing and Storage Laboratory at Tuskegee Institute, Dr. F. D. Patterson announced this week.

In discussing details of the proposed project, Dean L. A. Potts of the School of Agriculture said that the laboratory will serve principally for teaching and research purposes.

The new unit will not only be opened for the training of students, but will offer in-service training for professional workers, and render services to farm families.

TOLEDO TO IMPROVE SLUMS TO PREVENT FIRES

TOLEDO, Ohio (ANP)—As a result of the death of two small children who were burned to death in a makeshift home here, the Toledo Health Department has mapped a program to force improvement or abandonment of substandard homes. The health commissioner estimated that 9,000 homes in the city do not meet minimum health or sanitation requirements Colored persons are believed to occupy 70 per cent of them.

DANISH WRITER TO SPEAK AT KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Johannes Laursen, a member of the Danish Information Office, New York City, will address Knoxville College students and faculty when he comes here on Wednesday, April 1.

Modern Church Losing Magnetic Pull Over Teen Agers, Lawyer Declares

By JAMES E. SHANKEL

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — "The modern church has lost its magnetic pull over teen agers and over young men and women from 20 to 35," Mrs. Ruth W. Whaley told 150 members and guests of the Varick AME Zion Calendar Club, 242 Dixwell ave., Sunday.

"The church must avoid the stubborn tendency to be overly preoccupied with rallies, concerts and office seeking activities," she declared. Under the stress of such preoccupation, the church will lose its potential membership," she added.

Mrs. Whaley, attorney for 20 years, is secretary of the Board of Estimates of New York City, and members of the Board of Tutors, Urban League of Greater New York.

Planned Programs

Mrs. Whaley suggested planned programs of secular activities to "show young people that we are interested in them." These could be held in neutral rooms, if necessary, under volunteer hostesses, or in friendly homes — always under adult observation.

"Don't pray on such occasions," she warned, adding, that it is best to meet young people "on their own terms," help them to understand their growth needs, and adult standards, or to take an interest in good books, or to learn to follow rules.

Other Participants

Other speakers included Mrs. William E. Griffin, president, New Haven Council of Church Women, and Daniel Y. Stewart, president, local NAACP.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by June Eldridge, a Winchester school student. Other soloists included Mrs. Mary Mezzacane, and Herschel Wadley. At the piano was Richard G. Pettiway and Charles A. Hubbard, local poet, recited.

Mrs. Richard Gilmore is president of the Calendar Club. Chairman of the program committee was Miss Q. Esther Rogers.

Good Samaritan Returns $1,000 Found On Highway

RALEIGH, N.C. (ANP)—What would you do if you found $1,000?

This question recently faced Mrs. Viola Johnson. In her own words she decided the matter as follows:

"I believe in doing unto others as I would have them do unto me."

Mrs. Johnson, a widow of six months, found the money in a wallet along U.S. Highway I while on her way to work as housekeeper of a family with whom she has been employed for almost 20 years.

The owner of the wallet was identified by card, and Mrs. Johnson sent it to Lewis Ulrich, of Elizabethtown, Pa. In a letter to a Raleigh newspaper, Mrs. Ulrich said, "We rewarded her, but perhaps money isn't everything to some people."

Breaking Ground For Library

At Harpers Ferry, W. Va., this week, Miss Mabel Brady, president, Storer College Alumni Association, turns the first shovelful of soil, assisted by W. D. Johnson, vice-president, Storer board of trustees, at ceremonies marking the breaking of ground for a $30,000 addition to the Roger Williams Library.

Seize Musician On Dope Charge

BALTIMORE

Cecil Milton Carey, 34, was released in $3,000 bail for grand jury action Saturday afternoon after a hearing in Northwestern Police Court on a charge that the musician had violated the narcotics law.

Carey, a pianist who heads a quartet and finished a local engagement Sunday, was arrested by Officer Clarence Roy of the Narcotics Squad Friday morning around 4 o'clock in the 1900 block of Maryland ave.

Later, officers searched the pianist-entertainer's home room in the 1400 block Pennsylvania ave. Sgt. Joseph Carroll told Magistrate E. Everett Lane that the following were found in a dresser draw in the room:

Believe It Marijuana

Five smoking articles believed to contain marijuana, a plastic tobacco pouch and three large smoking pipes — all believed to contain residue of marijuana, a glass vial containing same, four packages of cigarette paper and three partially filled cigarettes believed to contain marijuana. All were removed to the Narcotics Bureau for testing.

Sgt. Carroll told the court that Carey admitted possession of everything found in the room except the tobacco pouch and the vial. The musician was represented at the hearing by Attorney Michael F. Freedman, who waived examination.

Trial Airs Story Of Female 'Sweeties'

CINCINNATI (NNPA) — One of the most sensational criminal cases in Cincinnati's history was heard here last Thursday when a jury returned a verdict of first degree murder against a woman without a recommendation of mercy.

It was the third time in Ohio history that a woman has been convicted of murder without a recommendation of mercy. Such a conviction automatically carries with it the death penalty unless upset on appeal or the Governor commutes the sentence.

A Common Pleas Court jury of seven women and five men found Mrs. Betty Butler 25, guilty of first-degree murder in the "love" slaying of Mrs. Evelyn Clark, 30.

Admits Perverted Act

Mrs. Butler, who admitted on the witness stand that she had engaged in acts of perversion with the dead woman, was convicted of having strangled Mrs. Clark and then holding her head under water in Sharon Woods Lake near here Sept. 8.

During the trial, Mrs. Butler, who is married and the mother of a child, told a tale of the unnatural sex relations. She testified that she met Mrs. Clark in a bar and Mrs. Clark offered her $15 for an act of unnatural sex relations. She agreed. The next day, she testified, Mrs. Clark came to her home and told her, she said, "I wanted me to be her woman."

She said the unnatural sex relations occurred three times, and then she began hiding from Mrs. Clark who came to her home three or four times a day. On one occasion, she testified, she remained in a theatre over 12 hours to avoid Mrs. Clark. At other times, she said, she would slip through her back window.

Reads Love Letters

Mrs. Butler's attorneys read to the jury alleged love letters from Mrs. Clark to Mrs. Butler, addressed over to them by Mrs. Elizabeth Sheridan, Mrs. Butler's mother, who disclosed that her daughter had been a ward of the Hillcrest, a girls' correctional institution.

The letters contained such endearing sentences as "Baby, I love you more and more every day. . . ." "You are my idea of paradise," read another. "All the money I have will be spent on you," said a third.

Others were: "I won't drink if you will change your mind and take me back." "I love you and the Good Fellow above know I am out to prove it." "I will meet you anywhere, freight yard or hobo jungle." "I've fallen in love with you."

Dragged To Lake

Assistant Prosecutors Thomas Stuebe and William Lovelace said Mrs. Butler strangled Mrs. Clark as they sat together in Sharon Woods Park and then dragged her to the lake.

Mrs. Butler showed no emotion when the verdict was returned and jail attaches said she still appeared to be unconcerned late last Thursday. They said she slept well after hearing the verdict.

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Patterson Resigns As Tuskegee Head

To Replace Tobias As PSF Director

Has Been At Ala. Institute 25 Years—18 As President

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (ANP) — Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, last week announced that he has resigned as president of Tuskegee Institute as of June 1.

The noted educator will become director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund in New York, June 1, replacing Dr. Channing H. Tobias, who already is past the retirement age.

In resigning from Tuskegee, Dr. Patterson is concluding 25 years at the famed school, 18 of them as its president. Booker T. Washington, founder, was the first president, serving 34 years, and Robert R. Moton was his successor, serving 18 years.

Successors' Last Jobs

Dr. Washington died in office, and Dr. Moton served until he felt compelled to retire because of physical disability.

Dr. Patterson, although he undoubtedly could have remained at Tuskegee for half of his working days, declared in his letter of resignation to the board of trustees that he "had given more than twice the average length of tenure for college administrators."

The Phelps-Stokes Fund was established in 1911 under the will of Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes for work in the field of education both in the United States and in Africa. Dr. Patterson has been a member of its board for many years.

Board Must Approve

Basil O'Connor of New York, chairman of the Tuskegee board in announcing Dr. Patterson's resignation, said it was received "with extreme regret" and would be presented to the board at its next meeting on April 11.

Dr. Patterson in his statement declared:

"It has been a joy and inspiration to work with the faculty and staff at Tuskegee.

"It is a source of growing satisfaction to note the mounting achievements of the student body and their increased willingness to measure up to the full responsibilities of citizenship.

"In going to the Phelps-Stokes Fund, however, I see a promise of usefulness in a broad program of service to educational institutions for youth.

"During the next few years of transition, I can think of no service more important than that resources as they seek to meet fully the standards of higher education."

At Tuskegee Dr. Patterson came to a school with a budget of less than a million dollars, but now has an annual budget exceeding $5,000,000. He established a school of veterinary medicine which is the only colored operated school of its kind in the world and one of only three such schools in the south.

In the field of low cost housing Tuskegee leads. The federal government now regards Tuskegee as an important resource in that field.

As an educator, Dr. Patterson's outstanding achievement probably was the initiation and development of the United College Fund, which he has served as president for the past 10 years.

Through the UNCF, 32 private colleges banded together to raise funds to prevent deficits. Since 1945, the UNDF has raised more than $20,000,000.

Although he is going to the Phelps-Stokes Fund, he will continue his work with the UNCF.

Selection Praised

Officials of the Phelps-Stokes Fund praised the choice of Dr. Patterson as its new head. Emory Ross, president, said Dr. Patterson's character, training, experience and achievements in education qualify him for his new post. Ross added:

"The international influence of America's successes and failures in education and in facilitating colored citizens' participation in American life is greater than ever before.

"It is a critical element in our world struggle. So also is America's relationship to Africa, its people and their aspirations and problems. The trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund believe that Dr. Patterson can give special leadership qualities in these matters."

Tobias' Statement

Dr. Tobias said:

"Dr. Patterson has demonstrated by his administration of Tuskegee Institute and his pioneering in collective marketing of college education that he is fully capable of directing a foundation with principal objectives include improvement of opportunities for disadvantaged groups regardless of race."

Dr. Patterson will remain at Tuskegee until June 1. The Tuskegee board is expected to form a committee to select a new president.

A native of Washington, Dr. Patterson was born Oct. 10, 1901. He was graduated from Iowa State college in 1923 as a doctor of veterinary medicine and received his M.S. there in 1927 and earned his PhD from Cornell University in 1932.

Before coming to Tuskegee he was an instructor in veterinary science and director of agriculture at Virginia State college.

In 1935, Dr. Patterson was married to Miss Catherine Kelson, daughter of the school's second president. They have one son, Frederick D. Patterson Jr., 12 years old.

They will reside in New York after the Tuskegee school year ends.

AME Bishop Endorses NAACP Spring Drive

NEW YORK—Bishop William A. Fountain Sr., of the AME Church this week joined other religious and organization leaders in endorsing the NAACP spring drive, for 300,000 new members.

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Alaska Passes FEPC With Teeth

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (ANP)—The Alaska senate last week passed House Bill No. 8, titled "Fair Employment Practices Act." The vote was unanimous, with one senator absent. Because the senate deleted a provision calling for an advisory commission, the bill was sent back to the house for concurrence.

The house of representatives had passed the bill a week earlier by a vote of 22 to 2, with two members absent. Introduced by Wendell Kay of the third judicial district, and a member of the Anchorage branch of the NAACP, the bill succeeded through the efforts of Reps. Herald Stringer and Bert Rutherford, Republicans from the third district, and Theodore Duffield, Democrat from the second district.

Since it is considered certain that Governor Gruening will sign the bill, it will become operative as a law within 90 days. The bill makes it illegal for employers or labor unions to discriminate against any person for reasons of race, religion or national origin. Violation is punishable by a fine of $500 or one year in prison or both.

V. I. Honor List For '52 Names

NEW YORK — Dr. Paul M. Pearson, first civilian Governor of the Virgin Islands, was honored posthumously this week, when he was named first on the V.I. Honor List for 1952.

Others cited on the list include Ron de Lugo, a radio announcer in the islands whose interest and promotion was partly responsible for the Virgin Islands Carnival revival; Alberto Senior, a native of the islands; George Van Ripper, a native of Connecticut, for his work with the museum in St. Croix and the Rev. Arthur Swinson of the Anglican Church (Protestant Episcopal) in St. Thomas.

Honorable mention this year went to a young Virgin Islander, Amadeo Francis Jr., who competed in the Olympics, as a runner, and became the first Virgin Islands athlete who ever competited in the world famed event.

Celebrated 99th Birthday

Richard Webb Roy, who on March 4th celebrated his 99th birthday in Alexandria, Va., where he is known as the "oldest man in town" and the town historian. One of Mr. Roy's favorite possessions is a letter from the Mayor of Alexandria congratulating him on his longevity.

Powell Says Give Ike Rent Control

Testifies As Landlord, Politician Before Solons

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Rep. Adam C. Powell (Dem., N.Y.) last Thursday urged that power to control rents be given to President Eisenhower so that he may take necessary action as the "economic pendulum swings from one extreme to another."

Testifying before the House Banking and Currency Committee as both a Congressman and a landlord, Mr. Powell said he favored leaving the whole problem of rent controls to the President because he thinks there is going to be "some terrific swinging of the economic pendulum from month to month, whether it's going to be a rash, or depression, or whatnot."

Mr. Powell, who owns several pieces of property in Manhattan, told the committee that the rent problem is not local, or just confined to New York or Chicago. He said the situation is critical in many communities, including Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, and industrial New England, and in places where atomic energy plants are being located.

Live in Trailers

At Paducah, Ky., where an atomic energy plant is being built, he cited testimony that there were 18,000 new employees, most of them living in trailers, and added that the same thing was true at the Savannah River project, near Aiken, S.C., and at Chillicothe, Ohio, where a plant is going up.

In New York City, Mr. Powell explained, there are no vacancies, except in the so-called luxury apartments. He said he owns two houses. One of them is a luxury-type apartment building built by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. It is an eleven-story building with 300 rooms priced at about $30 a room. In that apartment, he testified, he has had about seven vacancies in eight years.

Powell said he also owns a house at 241 W. 111th st., in New York where the apartments are for "more humble" people. The apartments rent for $40 or $45 a month. "I have had one vacancy in that house, six stories high, in eight years," he said.

Up Vs. Down-State

New York City faces a difficult problem, Powell said, because the State Legislature is getting ready to decontrol rents. He described this action as "an up-State versus down-State move, a typical situation where you have a big city in a State such as Chicago in Illinois."

"If we do not have rent control in New York City, I don't know what will happen, frankly," Powell said. "We are overcrowded now. Without rent control, there will be a holiday for the worst type of landlords, who would bludgeon the poor people of New York City mostly."

Powell described New York City as a "city of ghettos." He said Puerto Ricans live in one ghetto, colored people in another, Jews in another, Italians in another, and Chinese in another.

Corrupt City Leaders

Powell charged that the poor of New York City is caught between an inefficient and corrupt city administration, which has allowed property to deteriorate, and an up-state legislative body that is indifferent to the problems of New York City people.

Decontrol of rents in New York City, Powell said, will work in the long run to the detriment of landlords because real estate taxes in New York City are going to be raised to such an extent that it might "become a ghost town." Already people are moving out of New York City he added.

Powell said Puerto Ricans in New York City are now living in substandard apartments of about six rooms, in what are called "railroad flats." He said a Puerto Rican will rent such an apartment at $50 a month, and then rent each room at $50 a month. He suggested "room control" to prevent such gouging of tenants.

Rep. Charles G. Oakman (Rep. Mich.) a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, told Powell that throughout the entire slum area of Detroit the practice exists of renting six-room flats for $50 a month and then subleasing individual rooms at $50 each.

Powell testified that there are 25,000 people in his district, which embraces most of Harlem, living in basement apartments. Basement apartments have been legalized in New York, he said. "It is a pretty bad thing to make it legal for people in New York City to live in a cellar," he added.

Cleared Of Red Charges, Veteran Gets Job Back

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (ANP) — A World War II veteran, fired March 8, 1948 on vague charges of Communism, last week won a five-year battle to regain his federal job in the department of the army.

Bennie W. Gordon Jr., 29, of Webster Groves, Mo., was cleared of all charges of being a security risk and awarded back pay he would have earned since that time — a sum estimated at $10,000. A letter, signed by the man who had him discharged five years ago, informed Gordon that a special review panel had found that all charges against him were false.

Gordon, the father of three children, will be reinstated in a position comparable to auditor, the job he held at the Army Finance Center in St. Louis five years ago. He will get back pay minus earnings from other sources for all the past five years except for the time he spent on recall to active duty, in the U.S. Army, October, 1950 to August, 1951.

Vague Accusations

His battle for freedom began five years ago when John M. Martyn, administrative assistant to the secretary of the army, ordered his dismissal on vague accusations that he attended Communist or red front sponsored meetings; he was active with such organizations, and he once attended a meeting open to Communists only.

One of the meetings he was fired for attending was a rally at Kiel auditorium featuring former Vice President Henry Wallace and singer Paul Robeson in the heyday of the Progressive party when Wallace was a candidate for president. He said he attended that meeting, not to hear either of the main speakers, but to hear an a cappella choir directed by Kenneth Billups, a former teacher of his.

Police School Grad Honored

NEW YORK—Albert Maxwell 25-03 12th st., Queens, attained the highest average in physical education and instruction of the probationary policemen in Class of March, 1953, of the New York Police school.

Maxwell, who averaged 98.89 per cent, was honored on his graduation by being the recipient of the Harold M. Gall trophy. He was the only colored police trainee in the nine who were honored upon completion of the course.

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Cicero Riot Victims Sued For Million $

Apartment Owner Names Twelve

Claims White Slavery; Police Win New Trial

CHICAGO — Cicero, Ill., the scene of the 1951 race riots, made news twice last week.

1. Mrs. Camille De Rose, 47, white owner of the apartment building in which the riots centered, sued 12 colored defendants for $1,000,000 damages, claiming they conspired to defraud her of her property and led her into terms in prison and a mental institution and subjected her to peonage and white slavery and illicit concubinage.

2. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered new trials for the Cicero police chief and two police officers who were found guilty of violating the civil rights or conspiring to violate the rights of Harvey E. Clark Jr. when the war veteran tried to move into the all-white suburb.

Include Rental Agent

The defendants in Mrs. De Rose's suit included Clark and his wife, Hohnetta and the rental agent, Charles Edwards. Also included were four lawyers, Ulysses S. Keys, George Adams, George Leighton and Aaron H. Payne.

In addition, Maurice Scott Sr. and his son, who moved Clark's furniture into the building, Minerva Adams, wife of Attorney Adams; Ruth Anna Miller, friend of Keys, and Jewell Young, niece of Adams were named.

The alleged conspiracy was entered into in January, 1951, the suit claimed, and was designed "to start a civil insurrection in Cicero."

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Mrs. De Rose also claimed when she sought advice from Keyes he told her to move into his home and live with him as his wife. She said she did until Nov. 14, 1952 but he never paid her for various services, she charged.

The three convicted policemen were Police Chief Erwin Konovsky, fined $2,000 and Sgt. Roland Brant and Patrolman Frank A. Lange, each fined $250.

Citing several errors in the handling of the Cicero case, all three judges of the appelate court concurred in the action. Chief Judge J. Earl Major, Judge F. Ryan Duffy and Judge Walter C. Lindley, who wrote the opinion, heard the appeal.

Among the errors noted were: the judge should not have told the jury Konovsky was also involved in civil action; too much "hearsay and prejudicial" testimony was given in the trial; pictures of riot scenes should not have been shown; and certain available testimony was not heard.

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