—Halts Lynching

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Justice will be done and proper punishment meted out to anyone found guilty of a wrongdoing."

On Sunday also, Gerald Norris, agent in charge of the FBI at Tucson, revealed that his office likewise is seeking to determine whether a federal law has been violated.

The FBI entered the case on receipt of complaint from Dursey J. Watsong, legal advisor of the Tucson branch of the NAACP, that civil rights laws had been violated.

Sought For Murder

According to the story, Thomas, a 29-year-old ranch worker from Conroy, Texas, and Ross Lee Cooper, 17, were being hunted Thursday night in connection with the murder of Mrs. Janie G. Miskovicky, proprietor of a grocery store near Willcox, Ariz., located approximately 80 miles south of here.

The body of the murdered woman was found, beaten, stabbed and wrapped in a mattress to which fire had been set.

The search, being conducted by Sheriff Howard and his posse, was rewarded with the discovery of Thomas hiding in a clump of mesquite a half mile from the store.

Highway Patrolman Harry Selchow, who had been called into the hunt, reportedly reached the scene shortly after Thomas had been apprehended.

It was he who reputedly saved the life of Thomas.

Rope Around Neck

Selchow told superintendent Greg Hathaway, his superior officer, that when he arrived on the scene of Thomas' capture, an unidentified cowpuncher had a rope around the neck of the suspect and was dragging him toward a tree, yelling, "Let's lynch him!"

The state trooper said he grabbed the rope and ordered the rancher to slacken it, declaring:

"This is no way to handle this!"

Both the would-be hangman and Sheriff Howard ignored him, Selchow further stated.

Howard in the meantime, according to Selchow, was busy threatening Thomas, repeating over and over: "Are you going to confess, or do we have to hang you?"

Following Selchow's revelation of Howard's part in the affair, the latter charged, in effect, that the state trooper had lied.

He insisted that he was the one who had eased the tension and spared Thomas' life at the hands of the ranchers, none of whom up to Sunday had been identified.

County attorney Wesley Polley stated Saturday that Thomas had signed a confession which, he said, was "obtained without duress."

A charge of murder while committing a robbery has been lodged against Thomas.

At the same time, juvenile authorities released young Cooper and plan to use him as a material witness against the suspect.

Hubby Cut With Glass Police Say

Storekeeper Tells AFRO Victim Was Drinking

A mother of seven small children, who allegedly stabbed her husband to death with a broken glass Saturday night, is being held without bail pending further hearing at Central Police Station.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Butler, 28, 200 block Beale Court, refused to state whether or not she was guilty of the crime at Pin st. Women's court, Sunday morning.

Her husband, Clyde Butler, died at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, enroute to Johns Hopkins hospital, from stab wounds in the chest between the heart and the lung.

Police found Mr. Butler lying in the street on the corner of Bond and Orleans st. where he is believed to have fallen due to loss of blood. The stabbing took place in the home, however, police say.

Blood on Court

By the looks of the broken front door window and the pools of blood leading from the court to the street, it is believed that the husband staggered from his home after the assault, seeking help from neighbors.

Police say the incident occured as result of a family argument. Residents of the court say they knew nothing of the affair, until an unidentified woman ran through the area shouting: "There's a man lying bleeding in the street."

The owners of a grocery store between Bond st. and Caroline st., who refused to give their names told the AFRO reporter that Mr. Butler had stopped by for a package of cigarette, 45 minutes before his body was found.

One of the proprietors stated that Mr. Butler appeared to have been drinking heavily when he entered the store. "Mr. Butler was in a very nasty mood when he came into the place," the owner said.

"A Good Mother"

"Mrs. Butler is a nice woman and a good mother," the owner continued. "It's hard to believe she would do a thing like that, and yet, I don't blame her. He was a big fellow who liked his liquor, and I understand he used to beat her quite often when he came home from work."

"I guess this time he took things a little too far," the man asserted.

Relatives of Mrs. Butler are taking care of the children. Jerome, 12, Clyde Jr., 8 and Gloria, 5 are staying with their aunt, Mrs. Eloise Minor, 1200 block Canal Court;

Patricia 9, is with an aunt, Mrs. Eileen Destice, 2900 block Westwood ave.; Cornell 4, is with an aunt, Mrs. Katherine Castle, 100 block Willow court, Day Village;

Fernando, 3 is with an aunt, Mrs. Minnie Rowe, 100 block Teal court, Turner's homes, and the baby, Sandra, six-months, is with her uncle, John Winston, 1700 block E. Madison st.

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Mr. Butler will be held Thursday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at Elliott Funeral Home. Interment was not arranged at press time.

Beside his wife and children, Mr. Butler is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Butler, 1724 E. Preston st.

Talks At Vocational Institute

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Central State College delivered the main address Sunday at the first meeting of the Vocational Guidance Institute. The Institute had as its theme during a two day session "Guiding Youth Toward Tommorrow's Job." The workshop was the first of its kind held in Baltimore. The event was sponsored by the National Urban League and the Supreme Counsils of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. (Prince Hall Affiliation)

—Trial Board

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ing his ruling that police officers were justified in their manner of arresting Mrs. Bernice Wilkins.

Pending the outcome of this meeting, W. Emerson Brown Jr., counsel for Mrs. Wilkins, is prepared to file papers, charging the officer with false arrest, in one of the city courts the latter part of the week.

On the national level, the NAACP has requested Herbert Brownell, U.S. Attorney General, to investigate Mrs. Wilkins' arrest in view of possible violation of her constitutional rights by the policemen.

Arrested Without Warrant

Mrs. Wilkins was arrested in the vestibule of her home at 1624 Edmondson ave., March 2.

Officer Bernard Zilinski and Sgt. John Dunn, forced their way into her home without a warrant and charged her with "disorderly conduct in a public place" after she allegedly ripped a button from the uniform coat of Sgt. Dunn.

The officers had been asked to intervene after the young 22-year-old mother refused to allow a neighbor to go through her home to repair a roof on the adjoining house.

Dressed in a robe and nightgown which were soiled and badly torn as she was taken into custody, Mrs. Wilkins appeared at Pine st. Women's Court where the charge was dismissed.

During this time, her three children, age 5 months to 4 years, were left alone in the third-floor apartment with a lighted gas stove.

Officers Exonerated

Public indignation prompted a police department investigation, however, Chief Inspector Joseph Itzel and Commissioner Ober ruled that the officers were justified in making the arrest.

The only mistake had been in the charge preferred against her, the commissioner stated in his 5,000 word report. She should have been charged with "assaulting an officer," he said.

At a recent meeting of civic groups, Mr. Brown revealed that the Commissioner made no attempts to verify all the facts before he wrote his report.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the Commissioner did not approach Mrs. Wilkins nor did he visit her home where the incident occurred.

3-Man Trial Board

The legislative bill, if passed, will create a three-man trial board to hear all cases involving police conduct. Reports of the hearing will be sent to the commissioner who will have 30 days to make his decision.

If the board disagrees with the Commissioner's report, it then has the right to make an appeal in the city court.

Under present regulations in Baltimore, such hearings may be held solely at the discretion of the police commissioner.

This bill, drawn up by the NAACP legal redress committee, is the same one which Senator Menicore introduced to the legislature last fall. However, it never got out of committee, the senator said.

Civic Group Meets

The citizen's committee, which has arranged an audience with the Commissioner, was formed at a recent meeting of 14 civic groups at the Urban League office, 2404 Pennsylvania ave.

The league, headed by Edgar M. Ewing, called the meeting to formulate recommendations for more satisfactory relations between police officer and citizens of the community.

It was this group that agreed to take the case to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In a formal letter to Attorney General Brownell, Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of the NAACP, pointed out that Col.Ober has never taken action to discipline officers involved in similar cases.

"If any justice is to be given the victim of arrest in this case, the Department of Justice must act," he wrote. "We urge that there be an immediate investigation and a full prosecution of the officers involved."

—Pupils Flee

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to give the alarm to the principal.

Uses School Alarm

Mrs. Johnson rang the school's alarm system to notify all concerned, while a secretary telephoned the fire department.

The children filed from the building without incident and by the time fire engines arrived were at a safe distance.

Despite dense clouds of smoke which permeated the school building, firemen confined the blaze to the store-room. Damage was slight.

Because of the previous arson attempt, members of the Arson Squad, led by Chief W. Emerson Bowers, rushed to the school along with police and fire vehicles.

Served Arsonist's Work

Chief Emerson, head of the Arson Squad, after a short investigation, immediately pronounced the latest fires the work of an arsonist.

"Some crazy fool is endangering the lives of almost a thousand children," the fire official declared. "We've been lucky so far in catching the fires before they did too much damage."

When the janitress first gave the alarm, Raleigh Dean, president of the School's PTA—who chanced to be in the building—grabbed a fire extinguisher and attempted to put out the blaze. Because the fires were set in four different places, however, Mr. Dean's efforts proved futile.

In the March 6 arson attempt, fires were set in a lavatory and the school library. Firemen confined the blaze to these two spots with little resultant damage.

—Apex Head

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except for summer courses at Columbia University and a degree in business science from Northwestern College.

While the exact amount of her fortune is not known, it was estimated back in 1940 that she had made more than a million dollars.

Worked Under Crude Conditions

While Mrs. Washington is known to have labored hard under crude conditions to build her business and was the advocate of endless labor toward success, it also is stated that she never made bills but conducted all transactions on a cash basis.

She was known to have personally checked all financial deals whether for 10 cents or $10,000. Mrs. Washington got her start in business with a scheme for beautifying women.

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Cited Often

At the last New York World Fair Mrs. Washington was awarded the medallion as one of the outstanding business women of America. During the last war she received a citation for meritorious service rendered in behalf of her country.

The beauty specialist has been honored with plaques, cups and certificates from many schools, business and professional organizations from every section of the country.

In addition to varied business interests Mrs. Washington did a great deal of civic and fraternal work. A Republican, she had been a delegate to the Republican National Convention; Atlantic County Republican Committee Woman, and member of Standpatters' Republican Club.

In Social Work

She was assistant director, Department of Social Diseases; president, Northside Business and Professional Women's Club; chairman, Industrial Department of the New Jersey Federation of Colored Women's Club and secretary and treasurer, Jersey Welfare Association on the Conditions of Urban Colored Population.

Mrs. Washington was a member of the Daughter Elks. She organized her business in 1930 on a small scale. Currently the company employs more than 215 men and women as office workers, salesmen, managers, supervisors, teachers, field representatives, operators, laboratory workers and investigators in addition to the 45,000 active Apex agents.

68-DAY JAIL SENTENCE GIVEN IN ASSAULT CASE

Jasper Long, a 28-year-old laborer of the 2000 block Lanvale st. was sentenced to 60 days in jail Monday in Northwestern police court for assaulting and striking Marion Long, same address, on Saturday.

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—Governor

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dorse or condone such prejudice and bigotry.

Surprise And Consternation

"Consequently, there was astonished surprise and consternation when you were elected to the effect that you would be guided by the selections of a small committee of a group which would under no circumstances recommend for appointment a member of the colored race or a woman of any race regardless of their qualifications.

"Heretofore you have recognized both of these groups of our citizens. It is unbelievable that you would reverse this policy.

"It is rather generally felt that you would not wish to repudiate your previous course by entrusting a power which is yours alone to a few members of such an organization under a procedure so unfair and undemocratic, once the facts were brought to your attention."

In his reply to Judge Brown, Governor McKeldin declared:

"You can be sure that I would not make appointments from any list which did not give adequate consideration to all lawyers, regardless of race, creed or color.

"My statement was not intended to be limited to the list of any of the bar associations, and I will certainly be glad to receive and consider the recommendations of each of the organizations if the revision of the magistrates' system becomes law.

"I have already confirmed my attitude in this respect by my actions in naming you as the first woman to sit in the housing court, Miss Main (Charlotte Main) as the first judge of the women's court . . . and by my designation of Mr. John Berry, and thereafter to Mr. Everett Lane as his successor, to sit at the Northwestern police station."

The report that the Governor would make appointments from the Baltimore Bar association list was also condemned recently in a resolution drawn up by the Monumental City Bar association.

—Doctor's Car

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still fighting it out in the Baltimore courts, Dr. Benjamin obtained a divorce in a southern city, and soon afterwards married Mrs. Olga Dennis, R. N. then on the staff of Morgan State college.

His first wife discounted these proceedings and obtained a divorce in Baltimore, and was subsequently married to Austin McCall of New York.

After a hearing in Circuit Court, Thursday, Dr. Benjamin, facing action on a contempt charge preferred by Mrs. McCall's attorney, U. Theodore Hayes, agreed to permit his automobile to be sold with the proceeds to be used to satisfy as much of his wife's claims as can be realized from the sale.

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Baby Girl Loses Life In Fire; Four Escape

Boy, 7, Emerges As Hero; Led 2 Sisters To Safety

A five-year-old girl lost her life while playing with matches Saturday, but four other children escaped without injury when fire partially destroyed a second floor apartment at 1223 Smithson st.

Taken to Provident Hospital suffering with first and second degree burns about the head, neck, chest, and arms, the youthful victim Rita Banks died at 8:13 Sunday morning.

Her three sisters and brother, Christine, age 3, Joyce 4, Sherdean 11, and Jack, 7 years of age, escaped from the building safely.

Brother Hero

The 7-year-old boy emerged as hero of the fire when he led two of his sisters to safety, and sought the aid of neighbors in rescuing two others.

Parents of the five children, Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, were away from home when the fire started. According to the children both had been away since 6 p.m. The fire occurred at approximately 9:45.

The children were left in the care of their 11-year-old sister Sherdean. Mr. Banks they said had gone to the store.

In an effort to locate both parents, police at first went to the home of Mrs. Banks' relatives in the 1400 block of Bruce st. Neither parent was there.

With the exception of knowing that the young girl had been playing with matches, the four children were at a loss to say what caused the fire.

The dwelling was owned by Mike Lafer of the 3500 block Woodbrook ave. Funeral services for the young victim have been scheduled for Thursday.

Planned Parenthood Holds Luncheon Meet

The auxiliary board of the Planned Parenthood Association of Baltimore, will have a luncheon meeting March 25, 11:30 a.m. at 1028 N. Broadway, with Dr. Ivan E. McDougle, protessor of Sociology of Goucher college, as the guest speaker.

Seeking Baltimore Postal Improvements

In an effort to secure improvements in the operation of the Baltimore Post Office, a delegation of members from the National Alliance of Postal Employees of Baltimore called on U. S. Senator John Marshall Butler Saturday. The delegation from left to right included Alliance President Page Bell, George L. Russell, William H. Beverly, E. L. worth C. Wilson, Raymond A. C. Young, Howard M. Conter, Lincoln G. Dadd, Charles M. Blake, Calvin W. Parktr, William C. Russell, Mary F. Christmas, Richard V. J. Allen Peed, Vernon Smith, Robert O. Martin Sr., Emma Johnson, and Marshall F. Bright.

She said that when she came out of her house, she was frightened by a man who loitered outside and who was wearing a plaid jacket. However, she could not tell his race because he was holding an umbrella over his head.

James Johnson, a Fort Meade employee of the 2800 block W. North ave. testified that on the Monday and Tuesday previous to the Naylor slaying, he had seen a suspicious character in the neighborhood who meets the description first given out as the assailant.

He reported this to Northwestern police, he said, but they took no interest in his information.

Minister Testifies

A character witness for Terry was his minister, Rev. Sandy F. Ray, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

A friend of the Rev. Mr. Ray, the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, was a spectator at the trial.

Mr. Hughes also contends in his new trial motion the widespread publicity given to the case was such as to deprive Terry of a fair and impartial trial so soon after the slaying which set off a citywide howl of a "crime wave."

On this contention last February Mr. Hughes had won a month's postponement of the trial. When the trial opened on Wednesday, he asked for another delay for the same reason. This was not granted.

The case was heard by Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith and Judge Charles E. Moylan. Prosecuting attorneys were George D. Solter and Joseph Koutz.

Associated with Mr. Hughes as defense attorneys were Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and John R. Hargrove.

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—New Trial

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to 25;" some said the color is "very dark;" others said "medium brown." Some said they could not remember.

Question Raised

This prompted Mr. Hughes to ask whether half of the officers were looking for a light man while the other half was looking for a dark man.

In his closing argument, Mr. Hughes declared that "not only is this boy on trial, but the administration of justice as well," inasmuch as some members of the police department had faulty memories.

He was referring to the conflict in testimony about the description notices; and also to the conflicting testimony of the officers who questioned Terry shortly after his arrest on Jan. 22, the night following the Naylor slaying.

Knife In Belt

Terry was arrested at Lafayette ave. and John st. by Officers Leroy Moody and John C. Boyle, who found a 6-inch blade butcher knife stuck in his belt.

Shortly afterwards he was questioned by these officers and Sgt. Joseph Haegerty in the sergeant's room on the second floor at Northwestern police station.

Terry testified that during this questioning, the sergeant smacked a blackjack in the palm of his hand, and later rubbed it across Terry's head. Officer Moody, Terry said, drew the butcher knife across Terry's neck saying "let's see if it's sharp."

The officers uniformly denied this behaviour, but their testimony conflicted as to whether the butcher knife was in the room with them or downstairs at the property desk.

"Positive" Conflicts

Sgt. Haegerty and Officer Boyle were positive that the knife was upstairs; Officer Boyle saying that he brought it up himself to show to the sergeant. Officer Moody was just as positive that the knife was left downstairs.

At another time, Mr. Hughes challenged the recollection of State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro concerning whether Terry asked for a lawyer when the written confession was taken from him on the afternoon of Jan. 23.

When asked whether Terry had asked for a lawyer, Mr. Sodaro said no. Asked if he was sure, Mr. Sodaro said yes.

Mr. Hughes asked whether anything in the record to the contrary would mean that the record was wrong.

He then read from the confession Mr. Sodaro's question to Terry: "You have not asked for a lawyer, have you?" and Terry's answer, "No, but I would like to have one."

Confessions Admitted

Admissions of the confessions as evidence at the trial were also cited by Mr. Hughes as reasons for the new trial motion.

He pointed out that up until the time the written confession was taken 15 hours after his arrest, Terry had not been advised of his constitutional right to refuse to answer questions without benefit of a lawyer.

He also contended that while Terry was not actually mistreated, he was intimidated by constant questioning and by not being permitted to talk with anyone other than policemen until after the confession was given.

The lawyer also argued that the simple fact that Terry was found in possession of a knife should not be construed as evidence that he was guilty of the Naylor slaying.

Blade Vs Wound

He contended too that the six-inch blade of Terry's knife could not have caused the seven-inch wound is Miss Naylor's back, one of the three fatal wounds she suffered.

The victim had not been stabbed five times and robbed of her purse as she locked her car at Lafayette ave. near Mt. Royal preparatory to taking part in a concert at the Lyric Theatre.

The state produced witnesses who said that shortly before the slaying they had seen a man with an umbrella, who was wearing a plaid jacket, a dark visored cap and what they thought were khaki pants.

Clothing of this description was found later at 718 S. Hanover st. where Terry lived with his brother-in-law and sister.

No blood was on the clothing, although the confession said that after the stabbing, Terry put the knife into his pants pocket.

On the stand, Terry denied the confessions and the slaying, saying that he had been in the movies at the time.

Defense Witnesses

Among defense witnesses on the closing day of the three-day trial was Miss Mildred Elliott who lives at Mt. Royal ave. and Lafayette on the opposite corner from where the slaying occurred.

Rites Held For Union Official

Funeral services for Benjamin Curtis, 53, vice-president of the International Longshoremen for eight years, were held Saturday at the first Baptist Church in Fairfield, Md.

A native of Calvert county, Mr. Curtis died Tuesday in a local hospital. He had been ill for the past three months.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amanda Curtis; mother, Mrs. Florence Curtis; and three daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Jones, Mrs. Nadine Gardner, Miss Jean Curtis; and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Alice Turner.

Also two sons, James Curtis of Baltimore, George B. Curtis of Sacremento, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Chorus Presents Religious Drama

A religious drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," will be given by the members of the Gospel Chorus of Providence Baptist Church on Thursday night, March 26, at the First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1142 N. Fulton ave.

Mrs. Grace Gordon is president of the group presenting the play with major roles played by Meadames Estell Fletcher, Ethel Holsey, Genevie Wilson, Edith Williams, Louise Palmer, Nannie Williams, Ownay Vance, Lillian Ringgold and Grace Gordon.

John Young is director of the Gospel Chorus. Music is furnished by other members of the Providence Baptist Gospel Chorus.

Canal Zone Tutor Wins Ford Grant

BALBOA, Canal Zone (ANP) —Miss Beafy DeSouza, teacher in the La Boca junior high school for colored children of Panama Canal-Company-Government employees, has been awarded one of two fellowships provided by the Ford Foundation for travel or study in the United States during the coming school year.

The other of the two awards for the Canal Zone went to Miss Lois Morgan, teacher in the Balboa junior high school for white children.

Both Miss DeSouza and Miss Morgan were chosen by a local committee from applications received from teachers in Canal Zone's colored and white secondary schools.

Father Who Burned Daughter's Hands Gets 8-Year Term

An 8-year prison term was imposed Friday on Armstead Funn, 26, convicted of punishing his 8-year-old daughter by holding her hands over gas stove flames.

A hospital physician testified that the hands of Marcia Wood on Funn were so badly burned that they will be "definitely disfigured and probably disabled" throughout her life.

Marcia said that after slapping her for telling a lie, her father took her into the kitchen of their home in the 3900 block Littleton rd., lit the gas range and held her hands there until she screamed in agony.

Denying the charge, Mr. Funn maintained that the child burned herself in a fit of temper.

But Judge James K. Cullen expressed the opinion that no human being could voluntarily hold his hands over a fire long enough to inflict such severe burns.

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The Southwestern district will participate in an Explosive Ordinance Reconnaissance Class, Tuesday, today, at the Edgar Allen Poe Home, 206 N. Fremont ave. from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mrs. Leona Logan will conduct a first-aid class at the homes, Thursday, March 26, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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