Principal In Interracial Melee Freed Of Assault

Principal in an interracial melee which attracted a "riotous" crowd in the neighborhood, James Presbury, 28, of the 200 block Bradford st. was freed in an assault-to-murder case, Monday.

Pregbury was accused of a butcher knife attack on John Zeback, white, of 418 N. Patterdelinquency.

March 22.

Presbury was reportedly beaten by a gang of white youths, who broke windows up and down the block as an angry crowd milled about the Presbury house.

Police said that when they arrived they found garbage and ash cans strewn over the street shattered window panes, and a disorderly crowd gathered around.

Complainant Testifies

Zeback testified that as he and his girlfriend were about to leave a party in the 200 block Bradford st. Presbury made an insulting remark to the girl which he resented.

When he finally broke loose and ran home, he barricaded the door as the crowd pounded on it, then on his mother's advice, went out the back way and got the police.

During his absence, radio car officers were called to quell the disturbance. Officer Jack Cook said that when Zeback failed to find Presbury in the house, he wanted to prosecute Presbury's brother, Carol Boyd.

Mother of the two men, Mrs. Helen P. Boyd said that the unruly crowd in pursuit of her son broke the windows and broke locks on the door so much so that, "I thought they would have torn down the house."

Other neighbors testified that the "Presbury men behave" made them retreat into their homes in fear.

Finding that the attackers "may or may not have been justified in fighting the defendant," Judge James K Cullen said that he did not believe that Presbury went into the house and returned with any weapon to "face that group in its frenzy."

He, therefore found Presbury not guilty.

Presbury was represented during the two-day trial by Robert B. Watts, attorney.

LOIS ANN JOYCE ANN

LATEST TWINS — Lois and Joyce Littlejohn, 6 month-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Littlejohn, 7 N. Monroe st., are the latest double addition to the family. Their maternal grandmother has a twin sister; their mother has a twin brother; their paternal aunt and uncle are twins and they also have twin cousins.

Porter Pleads Guilty To Armed Holdups

Second Suspect Surrenders; Third Of Bandit Trio Sought

William Chapman, a 21-year-old porter, was ordered held for criminal court in $1,000 bail Saturday in Northwestern police court after he pleaded guilty to 14 armed holdups.

Later in the day a 23-year-old man, suspected of being one of Chapman's two accomplices in a number of the alleged robberies, surrendered to Northwesters district police. He is expected to be charged today (Tuesday).

Taken in the 1 holdups with which Chapman is accused was $1,815 in cash, along with quantities of liquor and cigarettes and a .25-caliber automatic. The holdups occurred during March and April.

In one of them, Louis Parabee of the 900 block W. Saratoga st., a special policeman, was robbed of $15, his badge and cards, tied and stuffed into the trunk of his car, and taken on a long ride before being abandoned by the robbers.

Arrested Near Holdup Scene

Chapman, whose address was given as the 1100 block Woodyear st., was arrested Wednesday shortly after a market in the 2700 block W. Presbury st. was robbed of $569.

Patrolmen Philip Buratt and James Mathias, on duty in the scene of the holdup, saw three youths loitering in the vicinity. Two of them were approached by the officers. The third, Chapman, was found to have $318 and a .38-caliber revolver in his possession, and was taken into custody.

Chapman's list of holdup victims, in addition to Mr. Parabee, includes:

Jacob Rabbinowitz, 1100 block Laurens st., robbed of $118 on April 3;

Sol Kramer, 2900 block Ridgewood ave., robbed of $55 and five pints of whiskey on March 24;

Lillie Lichtner, 600 block N. Carrollton st., robbed of $200 and a probation department check on March 18;

Jacob Donich, 700 block W. Harlem ave., robbed of $120 on March 16;

Other Victims

Leon Caplan, 800 block N. Fulton ave., robbed of $200 on March 20.

William Gross, 3200 block Yosemite ave, robbed of $79 and a bottle of whiskey on March 11;

Jerome Kessler, 3600 block Lucile ave., robbed of $50 and a 32-caliber automatic on March 28;

Ted Gebrowitz, 1700 block N. Calhoun st., robbed of $75 on March 25;

Jacob S. Ruddle, 5800 block Gist ave., robbed of $121, whiskey and cigarettes.

Edward Penn, 2400 block Able pl., robbed of $70 and nine pints of whiskey on April 6.

Harry Randall, 3800 block Cold Spring Lane, robbed of $500, whiskey and cigarettes on April 8;

Isaac Yurfest, 100 block N. Mount st., robbed of $65 on March 31;

Isreal Genut, 1500 block Myrtle ave., robbed of $83 on March 28.

All of the victims except Mr. Parabee and Mr. Rabinowitz, a clothing store proprietor, are operators of grocery and liquor stores.

Traffic Mishaps Claim 4 Lives

Maryland's week-end highway death toll of three persons, included four colored persons, according to State highway patrolmen.

Crushed fatally when a car driven by her husband, William, 73, crashed into the rear of another car on Washington blvd., was Mrs. Annie E. Taylor, 65, of the unit block Roberts ave.

The accident occurred near Elkridge. Mrs. Taylor was thrown out of the car.

Hit And Run

In a hit-run accident on State Route 224 in Charles County, Purnell Brooks, 25, of Pomonkey, was killed instantly.

Another mishap on Route 20 in Kent county proved fatal to Irvin P. Palmer of Wilmington, Del., and a companion, Cpl. Leslie T. Powell.

Powell was killed instantly. Palmer died later at Queen Anne hospital, Chestertown. Paul Congo, third man in the car was taken to the hospital with serious head injuries.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Talk Postponed

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's talk on the United Nations, originally scheduled for Sunday, April 12, at Ford's theatre, has been postponed until Tuesday, April 28.

Also postponed until April 28 is the reception and dinner in Mrs. Roosevelt's honor, to have been held at the Sheraton Redwedere by Governor and Mrs. Theodore McKeldin and Mayor and Mrs. Thomas D'Alesandro.

The last-minute change of date was necessitated by the sudden critical illness of Miss Malvina Thompson, personal secretary of the former first lady, and her intimate friend and companion for many years.

Suffers Stroke

Miss Thompson suffered a stroke recently in New York and her condition is reported grave. Mrs. Roosevelt has been at her bedside almost constantly and has postponed all immediate out-of - town engagements.

Tickets held for the Sunday meeting will be honored on the April 28 date, said Charles Cockey, director of the UN association of Maryland, sponsor of the affair.

Proceeds of the meeting will go to further the educational program of the UN Association of Maryland.

Alderman Won't Seek Re-Election

ANNAPOLIS—Charles A. Oliver, fourth ward Republican alderman here has stated he will not seek re-election this term.

Having served 18 years in the City Council, the veteran politician publicly announced his withdrawal from the Republican city primary to be held April 21.

"I want to express my sincere thanks to those who have given me their loyal support during the past years," he said.

During his political term, Mr. Oliver served two years as manager of College Creek Terrace for the Annapolis Housing authority.

Wife Offered Own Hubby In Exchange For Money

Charging that her husband's girl friend offered to return him if she would return money he had spent, Mrs. Virginia Bigby is exchanging the evidence for her freedom; this week.

She filed a petition in Circuit Court asking that she be divorced from William Bigby, on grounds of cruelty, harshness and brutality.

With her petition, filed by J. Howard Payne, attorney, Mrs. Bigby filed a letter from a woman she designated as Mrs. Olivia Walls, which she says she received on Mar. 3, and signed "Olivia."

The letter addressed to Mrs. Bigby said in part:

"I got a most surprise after him. I was home attending to my own business when he called and told me about losing his home and how you treated him. I had never seen anyone in such a dog house as he was in.

"But now that you want him back, maybe you will help him to pay his bills, including the $300 he owes me that went on his car."

Mrs. Bigby said that the letter only confirmed suspicions she had that her husband was interested in the other woman.

Voluntarily Apart

Divorces went to two who testified that separations from their mates were by consent.

These were: Joseph Hill of 18 S Smallwood st., who said that he and Mrs. Shirley Hill were married in 1944; that repeated arguments occurred, and that they agreed to end the union in 1949.

Mr. Hill was represented by Ernest L. Perkins, attorney, who also represented Mrs. Sallie Snow of 910 Edmondson ave. Mrs. Snow won the divorce from Julius Snow of New York City.

Mates Deserted

James Frederick of 542 N. Pulaski st. was granted a divorce from Mrs. Gladys Frederick of Philadelphia. He testified that she deserted him in 1948 after their marriage in 1943. Roy S. Bond was attorney for the husband.

A divorce also went to William Coleman of 1508 N. Carline st. from Mrs. Rose Coleman. The couple were married in 1950 and, he said, she deserted him in 1950.

James W. Miller To Be Honored

James W. Miller, local civic and political leader, will be honored at a testimonial meeting Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist church, Druid Hill ave. and McMechen st.

The meeting will be sponsored by a group of colored organizations, including the Regal Social club, the 22nd Ward Republican club, The Wide Awake Pleasure club and the 25th Ward Republican club.

Over 500 persons are expected to attend the testimonial, including the pastors of many local churches, Congressman George Fallon from the Fourth district of Baltimore, and Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro.

Mayor Breaks Ground For School For Problem Boys

Ground was broken today (Tuesday) for a new $150,000 day camp school for boys on the Edmondson ave. site formerly occupied by the Maryland Home for Boys.

The ground - breaking ceremonies were conducted by Mayor D'Alesandro.

Operated by the Department of Education, the new institution is intended to provide educational training facilities for boys who cannot adjust to or benefit from the traditional educational programs.

Behavior Problems

This covers such behaviour as insubordination, lack of cooperation, truancy, fighting, stealing, etc.

It is hoped that through a program of outdoor activities, care of animals, constructive work, responsibility and individual attention, it will prevent delinquency and help adjust the youngsters so that they can be returned to the regular school system.

A minimum amount of academic classroom work will be provided, but emphasis will be placed on the social activities and understanding of the causes of the individual problems.

This is the type of program which has been recommended for years by Judge Charles E. Moylan of the Juvenile Court.

One social worker will be assigned to work exclusively with the boys and their families.

Similar To Highwood

A similar school for white boys is the Highwood Day Camp School. The new institution, larger than the Highwood School will provide for an enrollment of about 70 youths, but may be expanded if necessary.

The boys will range in age from 11 to 16 years.

The new structures will include:

A new service building containing dining hall, auditorium, sick bay, teachers' dwelling, caretaker's dwelling, sanitary and shower facilities; and a nearby two-car garage.

School Remodeled

A remodeled school building to provide two classrooms, a gymnasium and a shop.

A new barn with stalls for horses and cows.

The work also includes alterations to the existing shop wing and classroom wing.

Built purchased by the city, the site on the south side of Edmondson ave. extended, 3200 feet west of Rolling rd. held a privately operated home for boys.

49 Persons To Lose Jobs At Fort Meade

FORT MEAD, Md.—To meet the new May 31 civilian personnel ceiling, the Second Army staff sections will be required to reduce 49 positions from their present strength. This will mean a loss of 48 persons.

Post Headquarters and various functions under the headquarters will be required to reduce their strength by approximately 113 to meet the May 31 ceiling. This is the second reduction force to be made at Post Headquarters this year.

The total reduction at Fort Meade will be about 162.

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OPINION

Size up the job ahead and prepare yourself to fill it.
LAWRENCE A. DOWNS.

Clear Answer Needed

The Eisenhower administration has lined up its big guns in opposition to the Bricker admendment.

The brainchild of Ohio's junior senator John Bricker, the amendment would cut from the Constitution the provision that treaties, are the supreme law of the land.

Sixty-three senators have endorsed the move in whole or part.

The greatest support comes from the extreme nationalist block which would like nothing better than to see the end of the United Nations.

Appeal to southern senators was made on the narrow issue of states rights. Brickerites have argued that a amendment would block America's acceptance of the UN Covenant on Human Rights.

Many a southerner fears that ratification of the covenant would be a back door enactment of hated civil rights laws. They don't want the racially restrictive laws of their states placed in jeopardy.

But in wisely opposing Senator Bricker's proposal the administration appears to have got its wires crossed.

Secretary of State Dulles told the senate that the United States has no intention of signing the human rights declaration.

This places America in the same odious corner with such totalitarian regimes as Russia and South Africa.

In place of the covenant Mr. Dulles explained, the Eisenhower administration favors "methods of persuasion, education and example."

This is the same faint-hearted and ineffective states rights approach to the civil rights problem that Mr. Eisenhower has embraced at home.

Mr. Dulles thus serves notice that he's expanding it to the international field.

But hardly had the Dulles reversal of policy been announced, when President Eisenhower appeared to have counteracted it.

He instructed our representative on the Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva to present:

"... positive action programs. . . which we feel will contribute to that recognition of human rights and fundamental freedoms which people are seeking throughout the world."

Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, who replaced Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on this commission, surely must be confused. So must other nations wondering this strange two-head approach to an important international issue. Certainly we are.

Badly needed is clarification of our exact position in this matter. Do we favor the human rights covenant? Or do we oppose it? When are we to believe—Mr. Dulles or Mr. Eisenhower?

We wish they go back in a huddle and come up with a clear, correct and unequivocal answer.

About "A Good Man"

One of the best sellers is "A Good Man" by Jefferson Young, a book about relations between white and colored residents of Mississippi.

The whole story revolves about a colored man who wanted to paint his house white.

He had seen others with painted houses in the community but it became his ambition to have a coat of paint on his crude, plain clapboard cabin.

But a majority of the people in the community objected. Whoever heard of a colored man having his house painted white? They said, such uppity thing' he would want to be white himself.

In the end, he doesn't get his house painted.

Somebody shot 'at his calf. There was a threat of violence, but no actual violence.

Some good white people tried to help. But there were not enough of them to justify him in believing that he could paint his house without having it burned down.

The critics are saying that it is a good book; that it represents racial progress in the south.

Said one character: "For less reason than that I've seen them get their guns and tell a man to pack out of town in twelve hours or they'd kill him."

It appears to us that the moral of this story is two-pointed:

1. The unwillingness of the older generation to migrate from the villages, where they are in virtual bondage, to other areas of this country where they are free to paint their houses any color they desire;

2. The absence of the public conscience, and the ineffectiveness of the Christian religion in the average community, whenever the loud and noisy minority clamors in shrill and hateful tones for segregation.

An Explanation Due

Maryland's senior senator, John Marshall Butler, reportedly delivered an Atlanta address in which he held himself out as a strong champion of segregation laws.

This is surprising.

It was a far different Butler who won the Republican primary in September, 1950. Less than three years ago, Mr. Butler was wrapping himself in the garb of a civil rights advocate.

In speech after speech during the campaign, he pledged to oppose the filibuster. He promised to faithfully support the 1948 Republican platform, including the pledge to enact FEPC with enforcement powers.

It was because of this stand that the state's colored Republicans gave him sufficient support to insure his nomination. And both colored Democrats and colored Republicans, some 150,000 strong, united in the 1950 general election to aid in the Butler triumph.

Had he not been true, incumbent Senator Millard Tydings conceivably could have been re-elected instead of losing by nearly 40,111 votes.

Aides in Senator Butler's office say that no copies of the speech are available. Further, they insist, the senator was misquoted in the press on what he had to say about segregation. Actually they were unable to tell the AFRO exactly what he did say.

We don't think this is a satisfactory explanation. We don't think the voters who put him in office will think so either.

Senator Butler had better do some fast talking—and not out of both sides of his mouth. He should explain why he felt it necessary to defend segregation in Georgia, while pledged in Maryland to oppose it.

If such an explanation is not forthcoming, the voters who backed him in 1950, will know how to conduct themselves when he comes up for re-election in 1956.

On Crime And Race

It's common knowledge that crime rates in southern cities are higher than elsewhere in the United States.

Embarrassed by this fact, Dixie police officials for years without evidence to support it have blamed the high prevalency of large colored populations.

Now comes a survey which proves this simply is not true.

Anram Schienfield in the current Cosmopolitan magazine presents figures to show the proportion of colored citizens to white in a given city has nothing to do with that city's crime rate.

Prime examples are provided in Birmingham and Memphis with 40 per cent of their populations colored.

Incidents rates for these two cities is considerably less than it is for Louisville, Dallas and Knoxville, three cities with colored populations of only 15 per cent.

Not race, but social and economic caste lines are responsible, Mr. Schienfield concludes. The resulting disparity between levels of the population provides more conflicts, he says.

We find no reason to disagree.

The Mau Mau Grows

The situation in Kenya is rapidly deteriorating into a full scale civil war.

Great Britain is sanctioning the very methods she condemns in other countries by permitting ruthless and promiscuous slaughtering of Africans without any evidence of guilt.

As a consequence the number of Mau Mau supporters increases at an unprecedented rate.

The British are killing Africans, not only by police and troop shootings and native auxiliary stabbings. They are herding them into inadequate reserves where thousands of women and children are dying.

There is not sufficient food and water for their sustenance. All hope is fading. Facing desperation, they are taking up arms in self defense.

"S. V. Cooke, a member of the Kenya Legislative Assembly has condemned British methods in that unhappy territory.

"Africans," he said, "are beginning to doubt British justice."

Unquestionably Africans have been given little reason to have confidence in the British brand of colonial justice not only in Kenya, but in Central and West Africa as well.

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

Miss Dobbs Charms Paris

PARIS — Here's one of the many fascinating stories about the appearance of Mattiwilda Dobbs, Atlanta, Ga., as guest soloist with the Society of Concerts of the Conservatory, during Easter week in Paris:

"Miss Dobbs possesses captivating poise and charm and is equally impressive in both her personal presentation and vocal presentation. She sings with perfect ease, purity, confident of every note and keenly aware of pitch.

"Miss Dobbs has the good fortune to possess the combination of a lovely rich voice quality and intelligence of interpretation. Although her phrasing could be more mature upon occasion, it was always sensitive and highly musical, and her feeling for musical subtleties was well expressed."

Return To America

A party of 18 American travelers left by air for New York on March 30, after a six-week tour of Europe and north Africa. The group included Dr. and Mrs. Earl Marquer, Stamford, Conn.; Dr. Lucien Brown, Bronx, N.Y.; and Mrs. Marie Grant, NYC.

The entire trip was made by air, and the first port of call after leaving the States on February 12 was Lisbon, Portugal. Then came Tangiers ("pleasant but shocking"), Algiers, Cairo, Luxor, Jerusalem, Beirut, Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Capri, Barcelona, Madrid and Paris.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the home of an eleven-year-old Greek girl — adopted by the Girl Scout troop of Pound Ridge, N.Y., with which Mrs. Marquez works.

Grants Of Howard U.

Dr. Marquez is a graduate of Howard U. and practices in NYC. Associate physician at Harlem Hospital, he has three hobbies: gardens, cameras and boats. He has won prizes at flower shows from coast to coast.

Finance: Peace may be truly wonderful and something to be devoutly wished for — but I bet you didn't know it is poison to the American dollar. The first headlines in Paris papers that said peace talks had been resumed in Korea caused the dollar to drop ten points in the open market. Boom! Just like the Bull.

What this actually means is this: If you had changed $100 into French francs the day before the peace talks began, you would have received 40,000 francs.

The very next day you would have received 39,000. Losing 1000 francs means losing $3. You really appreciate the difference when the dollar drops 25 or 30 points —and you lose from ten to twelve dollars on every hundred!

Geared To Arms Production

Most Americans don't realize that the value of the dollar (at home and abroad) is geared to America's arms production. A war scare means more guns and tanks and planes. Peace — even the threat of peace — means a cut-back.

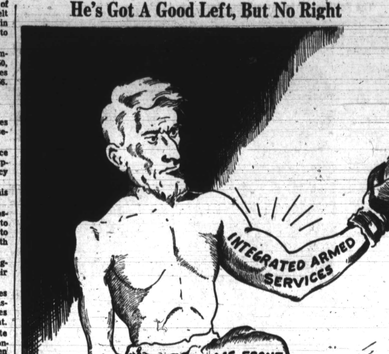
Refuse to admit it if you want to, but employment and fat pay checks in the USA would take an awful wallloping if there were no war plants supplying U.S. and allied troops around the world.

If there were universal peace tomorrow, the Almighty Dollar would be a drug on the markets of the world. Even now, the Swiss will sell you a dollar for ninety cents.

Why? Because the Swiss have had peace for centuries. They don't bleed themselves white to support a war machine. If other nations in Europe did likewise, you could hardly give away an American dollar. Which may be why a European woman said to me a few days ago:

"Certain groups of business men in the USA must fear peace more than a Russian invasion. An invasion would make them richer — but peace would wipe them out." Makes you stop and think, huh?

He's Got A Good Left, But No Right



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

THE JONES CASE

Washington — What does the AFRO have against our ministers? First it was the case of the Rev. Earl Harrison of Washington. Now it's the Rev. Arthur Jones of Baltimore. Who will be next?

(Mrs.) DOROTHY VAUGHN

Editor's Note — The AFRO does not make the news. The function of its editors and reporters is to collect and publish it.

Baltimore — There's something smelly about the paternity accusation against the Rev. Arthur Jones Sr.

What would an 18-year-old girl have to do with a 60-year-old man? And what could a man of that age do even if he wanted to?

LOUIS MARLOW

Harrisburg, Pa. — I blame the mother of Susie Jones. If she had kept better watch over her daughter, she would never have become the grandmother of an illegitimate child.

SELMA JONES

Richmond, Va. — I think the Rev. Mr. Jones has been accused falsely. That girl is a dingbat to the church. She's the guilty one, I'm convinced.

(Mrs.) ARDELIA ALLEN

Baltimore — If that minister could pastor all this time and hold four charges and keep a spotless record, I'm inclined to give him benefit of the doubt on that girl's charge.

MAXINE TURPIN

Norfolk, Va. — Don't you think he's sort of old to be the father of an 18-year-old girl's baby?

JOE A. ROBINSON

Wilmington, Del — Why not give him a blood test? He asked for it. After all he doesn't have to be guilty just because that girl said he was.

HAZEL SHAEFER

HAND FOR HICKS

Wilberforce, O. — My congratulations to the AFRO's James L. Hicks for a job well done. I refer to his well-reasoned and timely piece on the revival of "Porgy and Bess."

America would be surprised to learn of the growing number of persons who resent this and other articles which tend to deny the existence of tens of thousands of law-abiding citizens of color.

I wish only that more of our journalists would use the tremendous powers they have to bolster our ego and thus add to racial self respect. America would be the stronger for it.

MARCUS H. RAY
Colonel, Artillery

GREAT AMERICANS

Wilberforce, O. — There is much to be said for each one in the group of great Americans selected by the AFRO. I would not include any living persons in this list.

At any time, some one of them may commit some act or give some utterance which would be quite contrary to some of the actions which have lifted them in our estimation.

Then, too, whether their work is to "live after them" or not is still in the laps of the gods.

(Dr.) CHARLES H. WESLEY

Brooklyn, N.Y. — I was disappointed to see that the AFRO omitted the name of Paul Robeson in listing "great Americans."

I realize that Robeson's ideas are not popular in some quarters. But who can deny that he is one of the great figures of our day in the cultural as well as political fields.

I hope that you will add his name to your honored list.

SAM WALTERS

NAACP AND CLOSED SHOP

Detroit — Louis Lautier has a lot of gall criticizing the closed shop. Since when did he become an expert on labor problems?

The closed shop has brought a halt to the ancient creed of colored workers being the last hired, first fired. Seniority, not color, is what counts now.

SYLVESTER DIXON

New York — Who authorized Clarence Mitchell to say that the NAACP favored the closed shop? I haven't read where the board has voted on this issue.

CHARLES M. MOORE

Editor's Note — The NAACP at its Oklahoma City convention passed resolutions endorsing the principle of the closed shop.

Atlanta, Ga. — I knew the payoff had to come sooner or later. The CIO has time after time given financial support to the NAACP. Now the NAACP says it favors the closed shop.

It's a simple case of I'll scratch my back and I'll scratch your's.

RAYMOND PARSONS

Washington — I thought Clarence Mitchell's defense of the closed shop before that senate committee was nauseating.

PAUL MALONE

Cleveland — Lautier's bitter condemnation of the NAACP's position on the closed shop is unjustified. Should a recession come, no longer can colored workers be dismissed in wholesale droves. The union is there to protect them in their job rights.

GEORGE ADAMS

Hartford, Conn. — Of course the NAACP favors the closed shop. That's the price Walter White has to pay for playing footsie with the labor bosses and bogus deal Democrats.

CHARLOTTE GREEN

FBI AND RIGHTS

Washington — J. Edgar Hoover is quoted as saying that Communists have entered into every field of activity including civil rights.

If America had been zealous in her desire to accord civil rights to all citizens there wouldn't be any civil rights issue for Communists to enter in 1953.

It would be better that colored citizens be in slavery than permit any threat of communist sympathy to browse them from the goal of equal justice before the law.

J. H. JENKINS

MRS. ELEANOR WELLBORN

Newark, N.J. — I was amazed to read where Mrs. Eleanor Wellborn was given only two years in the death of Russell Bundy. What a difference the color of one's skin makes.

If Bundy had killed Mrs. Wellborn under the same circumstances that she took his life, he would now be on his way to Virginia's electric chair.

RALPH WILLIAMS

Winston-Salem, N.C. — Russell Bundy's favorite song was "Let's Live a Little Before We Say Goodbye." It's rather ironic that the woman who killed him joined him in singing it before she took his life.

(Mrs.) ESTHER POSTER

Lynchburg, Va. — White men must be softening up in Virginia. Imagine a jury giving a white woman two years for killing a n - - - - r.

MARVIN LEE.

Washington — I'll be willing to bet that Mrs. Wellborn will never serve her full sentence. She'll be back with her family before Christmas.

HERBERT R. HARRIS

New York — I wonder what Mrs. Wellborn's husband was thinking as she testified about her sordid relationship with a colored man.

(Mrs.) SOPHIA EGGLESTON

Martinsville, Va. — The Wellborn case should be an object lesson to other Russell Bundys in Virginia. They're playing a losing game. I know, for I was once one.

T. J. S.

FATHER GRATEFUL

Atlanta — Thanks for the fine publicity given my daughter, Mattiwilda in the AFRO magazine of March 28. My present address is 540 Houston st., Atlanta.

JOHN WESLEY DOBBS

THE YOUNG FAMILY

Washington — The AFRO article on the Young family contained some errors. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Young, are the parents of 14 children, not nine.

Their ages range from 21 to 43, not 22 to 44. The youngest is La Verne, an instructor of elementary music in the Baltimore county schools.

JOSEPHINE O. YOUNG

Editor's Note — The errors about which Reader Young complains were corrected in later editions.

WANTS CORRESPONDENCE

Monrovia, Liberia — I would like to receive friendly letters from people of my color all over the world. I am interested in boxing, photography, stamp collecting, world affairs and sports.

I read the AFRO in the U.S. Information Service here. My address is c/o Mr. Thomas F. Allie, P. Z. and Co. Ltd., Monrovia Liberia.

FRANCIS A. L. MANAWO

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

Picked up a column this morning in which the inverter (a man, of course) said that women are expected to fib about their age, but definitely the sex which actually worries most about age is the male of the species. When a woman becomes conscious of her years (and usually at the direction of the man in her life) she does something about it.

Take grey hair, for instance. When the world began getting ideas (personal) about her silver slands, the modern day woman glamorized white hair. Now they have all of those who have no "white among the gold" painting silver streaks in their dark locks.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

We hold our clergy in high esteem and we never want to hold any other opinion of them, but we must confess their good name has received many hard jolts lately in many sections of our country—October 22, 1810.

JOHN H. MURPHY, SR.

My Favorite Quotation

Life is too short for sorrow.—Dunbar

Submitted by C. Leslie Frazier, Washington, D.C.)

(Next week's quotation by the Rev. John Dillingham, Newark, N.J.)

The Weather

Over North and Middle Atlantic States
April 15—fair and mild
April 16, 17—unsettled
April 18, 19—cool and windy
April 20, 21—fair and frosty

APRIL 1953

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MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter—April 6, 11:56 p.m.
New Moon—April 12, 3:09 p.m.
First Quarter—April 20, 7:40 p.m.
Full Moon—April 28, 11:20 p.m.

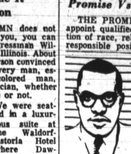
	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Wed., April 15	5:34 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Thurs., April 16	5:32 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Fri., April 17	5:31 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Sat., April 18	5:29 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Sun., April 19	5:28 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Mon., April 20	5:26 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Tues., April 21	5:25 a.m.	6:41 p.m.

Voters' Vineyard

By James Hicks

You Can Blame It On Bill Dawson

IF THIS COLUMN does not square well with you, you can blame it on Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois. About two years ago Dawson convinced this writer that every man, especially every colored man, has a politician, whether he wants to be one or not.



Mr. Hicks

We were seated in a luxurious suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where Dawson was staying and I remember it well. Dawson said: "Some of my people walk around and say 'I don't like politics. It is a dirty game. I wouldn't get in politics for anything'."

Dawson shifted his position on the bed where he was seated and pointed his finger straight at me as he said "Mr. Hicks (he is always formal with reporters) I say to you now: "Politics is not dirty. It's the heart and life of this country. And if anyone, including colored people are going to be a part of that life and blood they must play politics for everything around them is people."

Begins To Listen

I looked at him squarely for a long time. I thought of Lincoln when he turned around that he was a typical politician, mounting his soapbox, getting ready to deliver a political speech.

When I left the Waldorf I had become a politician. But don't get me wrong. I had not decided to enter politics per se.

Dawson simply convinced me that if I am to be a decent American citizen with any hope of getting all the good things which America offers one I must become a registered voter.

The thing that struck me most was that Dawson never once urged me to become a Democrat. His advice was simple: Register, be alive, look around, find out what's happening.

Idea Behind Column

From that day on I have tried in my own small way to do these things. And that's the idea behind this column.

I want to try to get over to you what Dawson got over to me. I want to say to you that you are not alive if you are not a registered voter.

I want to remind you that we have 15 million colored people in this country and that the best only three million of them get out and vote. I want to try to shame anyone who is not registered into going out and registering.

I look at it as all a part of my job as an American newspaperman. This is my part of politics. This makes me a politician. If you go out simply and register to vote you become a politician too.

Let's look at it another way. When someone commits a serious crime the federal government will take away from him the privilege of voting. In short the government more or less outracisces him.

Badge Of Courage

This seems to mean then that if a man is not a registered voter he falls in one of these categories: He either has committed a serious crime and the government took his privilege away from him, or he doesn't have the brains to realize that voting is a privilege which he cannot buy.

I say then that your name on the voting lists in your district, or your paid up poll tax receipt in states where there is a poll tax, should be worn like a red badge of courage.

Look around you. Look at the person up front. Is he a registered voter? Ask him. Check on him. He should be proud to tell you.

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay
Editor, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

Promise Vs. Performance

THE PROMISE: "If elected I shall appoint qualified persons, without distinction of race, religion or national origin to responsible positions in the government"

—Dwight D. Eisenhower, speaking at Wheeling, W. Va., during the campaign. The performance: Nothing. Apparently President Eisenhower has been unable to find a single "qualified" colored person to appoint to any federal position, responsible or otherwise.

The how silly-

Mr. Mackay can-you-get department:

"I think we should stop calling this country a 'democracy' because Communists also use that word" — Representative James E. Van Zandt (Rep., Pa.) . . . Senator James Duff, pioneer lies supporter, has recommended Municipal Judge Herbert Millen for the federal bench in Philadelphia. No word yet on this from the White House . . . President Charles Wesley of Central State college has admitted rejecting the $25,000 yearly ambassadorship to Liberia. His wife's poor health is believed the reason.

The case of Jomo Kenyatta could duplicate that of another African, Kwame Nkrumah. Kenyatta has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Nkrumah twice was exiled from his Native Gold Coast and given a life sentence. He was in jail when elected prime minister. The British may yet be forced to come to terms with powerful and resourceful