Flash News In Brief

Roundup Of The Week's Newsmakers

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when he left, they pointed out, and much more recently, one Harry S. Truman was 68 years and 263 days old when he left.

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MONROVIA, Liberia — **Evangelist Billy Graham** recently informed **President W. V. S. Tubman** of Liberia that he would be "delighted" to accept the President's invitation to visit Liberia in the latter part of January, 1960.

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PINE BLUFF, Ark. — **Mc-Kinley Rawlings,** candidate for a post on the Dollarway School Board, was defeated by his white opponent, **Joe Pierce,** who was re-elected for his second five-year term.

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LITTLE ROCK — **Governor Faubus** last week received a parchment replica of the Bill of Rights from the American Principles Foundation. **Tom McCullough** of Houston, a Foundation director, said the group was donating copies of the Bill of Rights to schools to acquaint the public with the document. "That is our only purpose," Mr. McCullough said.

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NEW YORK — **Stanley Guinn,** 14, was crushed to death last week a split second after he had tossed a two-year-old girl from a falling self-service elevator in a New York tenement. The car, which contained four other passengers, was halted in its plunge when the boy's body was wedged between its roof and the sixth floor. The elevator had been reported as defective five days earlier.

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PHILADELPHIA — **Robert C. Weaver,** administrator of the New York State Rent Commission, said the large-scale migration of Puerto Rican and non-white families to large cities does not result in automatic downgrading of urban life in those cities.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — **James Lee Richard,** 76, who once "played nursemaid" to **Commissioner Robert G. Storey,** member of the President's Civil Rights Commission, renewed the acquaintance last week while the commission held hearings at Montgomery. "I came here just to see him," Mr. Richard said, "I don't care nothing about the case."

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ATLANTA — **Graham Jackson,** who has entertained Presidents **Roosevelt, Truman** and **Eisenhower** with his mastery of the piano, organ, accordion whatever instrument happened to be handy, recently recorded a stereo disc on the Westminster label with his choir which sings 16 spirituals.

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — **Frank T. Wood Jr.,** director of a local community center, told the Join Legislative Committee on Matrimonial and Family Laws that too many social agencies are classifying babies as "unadoptable" because they have mixed racial backgrounds.

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DETROIT — Detroit's fabulous "Flower" Jones owes the Federal Government $61.16 cents less on a tax claim of $10,322.46. Federal agents found the $61 in pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters when they opened a sale deposit box rented by Jones in a downtown bank. The vault included also an empty money belt and some World War II ration stamps.

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NEW YORK — **Roy Campanella,** still paralyzed, from the waist down, but 15 pounds heavier and quite cheerful since his release from the hospital, last week accepted the chairmanship of an advisory committee on the Knights of Pythias March of Youth program aimed at combatting delinquency among slum area children.

ACCRA, Ghana — **Emperor Haile Selassie** of Ethiopia donated $1,100 to the All-African People's Conference which opened last Monday at Accra. American delegates included **Dr. Horace Mann Bond,** dean of Atlanta University; **Jaroge Houser,** executive director of the American Committee on Africa; **W. Schemmant,** committee member, and **Miss M. Sprincer** representing the American Council of Labor.

WASHINGTON — Credit for making the first successful delivery of reindeer to the United States goes to **Cecil W. Thomas,** senior keeper of large mammals at the National Zoological Park here. Aboard one Santa's draft animals were brought 3,100 miles from Alaska for **President Eisenhower's** Christmas tree-lighting pageant.

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Newsmakers of the Week

They Said It: "Quote And Unquote"

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NEW YORK — "In a fight I figure that if Sugar loses, he'll get another chance — and then he's sure to win. Tryo, notos don't hit back, but if you miss any, especially on TV, there is no re-match." — MRS. EDNA ROBINSON, explaining why she was so nervous when her husband made his singing debut on the Steve Allen show.

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ATLANTA — **"If moderation means moving to justice with wise restraint, then I am for it. But if it means surrender to the status quo—no!"—Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.,** addressing a mass meeting here.

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SAN ANGELO, Texas — "I voted for the civil rights bill because I think everyone ought to have the right to vote whether he's white or brown or black." — LYNDON JOHNSON (D., Texas), Senate majority leader.

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ACCRA, Ghana — "Most of our people live in serfdom and helotry . . . People of Africa unite—We have nothing to lose but our chains."—PREMIER KWAME NKRUMAH at opening of all-African People's Conference held last week at Accra.

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NEW YORK — "The day can come when discrimination is as rare as human slavery . . ." — GOVERNOR WENNEN WILLIAMS of Michigan.

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MONTREAL, Can. — "The first count I heard was five. I said 'I've got to get up' Then I remember going down again and getting up and going down again. I was woozy. But at the end of the round, the cobwebs were beginning to clear" —Light Heavyweight Champion ARCHIE MOORE, describing how he was knocked down four times in the fourth round, yet came back in the 11th round to knock out Yvon Durelle to retain his crown.

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RENO, Nev. — "Marriage is a right, not a privilege." — JUDGE TAYLOR WINES, declaring this state's 94-year-old law against interracial marriages a violation of the 14th Amendment.

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RENO, Nev. — "Marriage is more than just a contract on which two people can agree. The State has an interest in marriage and its offspring so it can maintain control over its society," testified Deputy Attorney EMILE GEZELIN in defending Nevada's statute against interracial marriage, declared unconstitutional last week.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "The chance to remove from the testimony of the witnesses and from the refusal of officials to testify that somebody has been doing things that have kept colored citizens from registering to vote. There is no reason for them to be silent unless they have something to hide." — ERNEST WILKINS, member, Civil Rights Commission after two-day hearing here.

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ATLANTA — "Never since the War Between the States was the sincerity of Christian righteousness in the so-called 'Bible Belt' been more seriously challenged . . . The Christian conscience abolished slavery and is now struggling to establish the human rights of all free men against racial inoloerance, discrimination and arrogance. —DR. HARRY FIFIELD pastor of Atlanta's First Presbyterian Church.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — "I think the civil rights plank we had in 1956 was a good one. The South stayed with it and it will again. It will be a strong plank you can be sure of that." — EX-PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN during a press conference during a two-day North Carolina visit.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "I hope the exposure of conditions that prevail will show the leaders of the white South how far they are removed from the main stream of democracy." — THE REV. K. L. BUFORD at Civil Rights Commission hearings on Alabama vote denials last week.

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NEW YORK — "The American people, by the astonishing proportion of five people to one, now consider discrimination as more critical than Sputnik and, by two to one, as more important than the state of the domestic economy." — DR. FRANK STANTON, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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WINSTON-SALEM — "If I'm an integrationist, it's because I'm a constitutionalist. I do believe in integration to the extent of complying with court orders and with the reasonable demand of the minority. You do not have to hate and despise a person who persists in a different viewpoint." — REP. BROOKS HAYS in an address delivered to the student body of Wake Forest College.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — **Louisville has sent out to the world not only the products of its factories, but also a couple of regrettable incidents in human relations. You made the front page of every Virginia paper I saw — North Carolina, too." — DR. GORDON LOVEJOY, Guilford College (N.C.), national program consultant of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.**

The Sound And Fury Of Racial Madness

ATLANTA — Arkansas' Sen. J. William Fulbright said last week that Chief Justice Earl Warren and several other of the Supreme Court justices were not qualified for their posts. "Only a few of the justices," he declared, "have ever been judges in lower courts. It is surprising then that they have gotten off on the wrong track when they lack judicial experience".

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MOBILE, Ala. — **Approximately 300 pupils were evacuated from the annex of a school here, Friday, after Mrs. Alma Preston, vice principal, said that a man telephoned her that his brother planned to place a bomb in the school. A police search found no explosive.**

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JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa — Eric Louw, Minister of External Affairs, declared last week that "South Africa has become the whipping boy of the World" in racial matters and that it was time for his nation to "hit back" at nations which have criticized it in the press and in sessions of the United Nations.

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ATLANTA — U.S. Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers last week declined an invitation to address the Georgia Bar Association on the school segregation dispute. Plans for the meeting had called for member of the association to follow the Attorney General and give the Georgia side of the school question.

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NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported last week that anti-Semitism throughout the United States is "basically and most accurately reflected" in housing, employment, education, resort's and social attitudes. "Discrimination against Jews is persistent, tenacious and most difficult to combat because it is usually practiced so furtively," a League official said.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Legislative Council last week restored the upping of Faubus' salary from $1,500, $1,800 and $2,100 salaries now paid 3 colored Governor's Mansion employees to $2,400 each. Faubus' secretary said the increase was asked because of the segregation situation gets "more acute" the colored servants might have to be fired and replaced by white persons.

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PORT GIBSON, Miss.—Rep. John Bell Williams (D.-Miss.) said in a speech before the Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce last week that the migration of colored Southerners to the North is helping to win northern sympathy for the South in the school crisis. He also blamed an increase in the number of pregnancies among white District of Columbia schoolgirls under 13 over the year of 1954-55 on integration in D.C. schools.

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BOSTON — The American Farm Bureau Federation closed its four day convention last week with the passing of a resolution which accused the United States Supreme Court of invading the legislative field and called upon Congress "to put the high tribunal "back in its place."

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RALEIGH, N.C. — North Caroliina Gov. Luther Hodges last week sternly denounced school bomb hoaxers and said that he would ask the General Assembly to provide severe punishment for those who bomb or threaten to bomb schools or churches.

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HOUSTON, Texas — A group of 12 ministers and laymen who circulated a petition critical of the scheduled appearance of Gov. Faubus of Arkansas in Houston to speak for the Sons of the American Revolution took his claim that they had been "brainwashed" in their stride. "We believe brain washing is good Christian doctrine," they said, "I'll quote from the Bible: 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.' That's in Philippians, second chapter, fifth verse."

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — During the hearings of the Civil Rights Commission in the Federal Building last week, Rep. George Grant (D.-Ala.) whose office is on the same floor, had a Confederate flag tacked to the wall plainly visible, and a bottle of Air-Wick deodorizer hanging from a string in the doorway.

LITTLE ROCK — Fire Inspector V. C. Throckmorton last week ordered the 240 pupils removed from the John E. Bush School until fire hazards are corrected by the Little Rock School Board. He suggested that the pupils be transferred to the Horace Mann High School building which is currently closed because of the integration crisis. Mrs. Erma P. Kelly, principal of Bush School, said, however, that she had no authority to move the pupils to Horace Mann without instructions from the school board or school superintendent Virgil Blossom, all of whom resigned several weeks ago.

On The Desegregation Battlefront

CLINTON, Tenn. — A Federal grant of $45,510 last week increased to $144,000 funds which are available for the rebuilding of bomb - wrecked Clinton High School. $73,000 was received from insurance claims and private contributions amounted to $23,248.25. Estimates on the cost of rebuilding range from $70,000 to $210,000.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — **Raymond G. Wilson, executive secretary of the commission on secondary schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, told colored educators here last week that there is some fear that too-rapid admission of colored high schools to full membership.**

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DOVER, Del. — Representatives of Delaware School boards and the State Board of Education conferred for more than two hours Saturday to start planning the integration of public schools. The board is under Federal Court order to decide on integration plan within 55 days from Nov. 19.

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ROME, Ga. — The Georgia Alabama District Ruritan Club Convention last week adopted a resolution supporting the right of each state to settle its own integration problem after State Court of Appeals Judge H. E. Nichols of Rome declared: "What is happening in Little Rock and the state of Virginia is furnishing political fodder to the Communist machine."

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LITTLE ROCK — The election of three moderates and three segregationists to the Little Rock School Board has created a potential deadlock and offers little hope of an early solution to the city's school problems. Even if members of the board could agree, however, it would mean little, since they could not act toward opening the schools without the approval of Governor Faubus.

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LITTLE ROCK — Federal Judge John E. Miller last week set a Jan. 6 hearing date on the Little Rock school integration case. At that time, Judge Miller said, he will probably issue an order spelling out details of how integration is to proceed.

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RICHMOND, Va. — Representatives of several committees working to prevent the closing of public schools agreed Saturday to unite into a single state - wide organization. More than 12,000 persons are already members.

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OBERLIN, Ohio — Oberlin College last week withdrew from the Washington semester program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. because it segregated housing arrangements for students in the program would not permit a colored student to live with the other students who had been assigned to privately owned housing which bars non-whites.

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HOUSTON, Texas — The Houston School Board last week heard the first specific proposal for integration which is believed to be the largest segregated school system in the nation. Board members, however, postponed action on the plan which was presented in a prepared statement by Attorney Charles F. White, newly-elected colored member. White takes office after the first of the year.

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LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Orval Faubus said last week that he has no plans to intervene in the Jan. 6 Federal Court school integration case. "I don't see what purpose it would serve at this time," Faubus said, "We'll just wait and see what bridges we have to cross." The court is expected to force the school board to challenge the law under which Faubus closed the schools.

Covering The International Scene

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NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya is on the alert against a possible resurgence of Mau Mau-type violence. A government statement warned that "There have been statements. . . about a plan for 'positive action' and the government naturally is watching such developments very closely."

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WASHINGTON—Senator-elect Frank K. Moss (Dem.-Utah), an advocate of civil rights, last week approved proposal that Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, (Republican whom he succeeds, resign in order to give him seniority over other newly-elected Senators. Watkins' resignation before his term ends on Jan. 3, and the appointment of Moss to fill out the term would give him seniority over the other newcomers.

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WASHINGTON — Democratic liberals their numbers boosted by newly-elected members in the 86th Congress will intensify demanding a stronger voice in House Democratic councils. More party caucuses, revival of the Democratic Steering party Policy Committee and consultation through the party whip and his assistant before party positions are taken.

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COLUMBUS, Ga. — Georgia's National Democratic Committeeman, **Mrs. Edna Kilbrick,** returned from the national committee meeting in Washington with a firm belief that the South will not bolt the party over the civil rights issue. Within the party, she said, the South is a minority voice. Outside of the party, she spoke out, it would have no voice at all.

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MONROE, N.C. — **Robert F. Williams,** president of the Union County, N. C. branch of the NAACP, last week assailed Governor Hodges as "twice the most honored office in the state in an attempt to whitewash un-Godly acts of insensate bigots" in attempting to explain away the imprisonment of an 8 and a 9 year old boy for kissing a 7 - year - old white girl.

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LITTLE ROCK—Fire Chief Wells, who has asked a House Committee to investigate the "write - in" victory of **Dr. Dale Alford** over Rep. **Brooks Hays** in his campaign for re-election from Arkansas' Fifth District, in last week telegraphed three congressional leaders asking them to refute reports that the committee would take no action.

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WASHINGTON — Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.) said last week that he does not expect that the South "will wield the same influence in the next Congress that it has in the past" because of the Nov. 4 election which saw the election of many Representatives who are classed as liberals. This means, he said, that Southerners will have to step up their activity.

The Fight For Justice Through The Courts

LITTLE ROCK — Ten Arkansas ministers last week asked the Arkansas Supreme Court to void two laws passed by the 1957 legislature which established the State Sovereignty Commission and gave the commission authority to require financial and membership reports by certain organizations. The laws were passed at the request of Governor Faubus.

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TRENTON — William J. Levitt, builder of the Levittown housing projects, last week filed a suit in Superior Court seeking to nullify New Jersey's law against discrimination in housing backed by Government insured loans. Levitt also won an injunction postponing a hearing by the Division Against Discrimination into charges that he refused to permit Willie R. Jones and Franklin D. Todd to buy homes in his development because of their race.

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BIRMINGHAM — The U.S. District Court was asked to dismiss the suit of 13 bus riders to nullify Birmingham's new bus segregation law last week by the City Commission and the Birmingham Transit Co., which operates the buses. Plaintiffs in the suit were convicted last October of violating the new ordinance which makes no mention of race in giving bus drivers authority to assign seats to passengers.

ATLANTA — Three plaintiffs in a Federal Court suit for admission to Georgia State College testified last week that their effort to enroll in the school was not sponsored by the NAACP. Four members of the State Board of Regents confirmed that requirements for the endorsement of each applicant by two alumni of the school was not aimed at excluding colored students, but is an effort "to improve the quality of students entering the state institutions.

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PLAQUEMINE, La. —A state district judge said last week that it might take two months to reach a decision in the case of Miss Louise Singleton, who said that she was fired after teaching for 14 years because she was too fat. School officials said that the 325 - pound teacher had been transferred four times in an effort to help her find a favorable teaching atmosphere for her, but that she was unable to maintain order or get around in a classroom.

LITTLE ROCK— The NAACP last week filed suit in Federal Court challenging the validity of four Arkansas "Sannett Bills" which would (1) make it a crime for organizations involved in school litigation to refuse to surrender membership information; (2) Enable searches of the offices of organizations suspected of tax evasion; (3) Prohibit "unnecessary litigation" affecting public schools, and (4) Bar persons or organizations from donating money to assist a person in carrying out a court order.

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ATLANTA — The first of three major suits challenging Georgia's pattern of racial segregation went to trial last Monday before U.S. District Judge Boyd Sloan. Attorneys for Barbara Hunt, Iris Mae Welch and Myra Elliott Dinsmore, who claim that they are being denied admission to the Georgia State College of Business Administration in violation of their constitutional rights.

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation have approved a $40,732 grant to Tuskegee Institute to conduct a summer institute in radiation biology. Approximately 20 high school teachers are expected to take the specialized training from June 8 through July 31, 1959.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A colored Catholic school was ordered closed until further notice last week because of fire hazards. Fire Department officials said that school authorities had twice ignored orders to clean up debris in the furnace room and take other steps for fire safety. 196 pupils in grades 1-7 attend the school.

BALTIMORE — A $69,400 grant to establish a summer institute for high school teachers of science has been made to Morgan State College by the National Science Foundation. Approximately 30 teachers will be enabled to attend the institute which will be conducted June 22 - August 14.

TOKYO — United States authorities last week ordered military personnel to remove from their shelves a controversial pamphlet urging Americans not to marry foreigners. The pamphlet, written by Chaplain George W. Thompson and published at his own expense, attempting to hurdle to social and religious barriers of such marriages. It had begun to create ill will in Japan where 30,000 U.S. Servicemen have married foreign girls.

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WASHINGTON — **Sen. Richard Russell** (D-Ga.) said last week that he would be glad to support Federal legislation to curb "hate" bombings of synagogues and schools provided it did not violate the constitutional powers of the state. Several Southern leaders gave notice that such legislation will be introduced during the next session of Congress.

The Crime Element: Man Against Man

ATLANTA — **Judge Durwood Pye** last week declared a mistrial in the state's efforts to convict **George Bright** of the bombing of the Atlanta Jewish Temple and to inflict the death penalty. The jury was hopelessly deadlocked with nine for conviction and three against after more than 8½ hours of deliberation. Judge Bright ended the case for immediate retrial.

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SELMA — **C. J. Phillips** and **Calvin Lassiter** sheriff's deputies to a spot in a swamp near Selma last week where they had found a human skull with a little cutting firework. Noting from condition of the skull that death had occurred several years ago, officers began a search for other parts of the body.

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MEMPHIS — A Louisiana segregation leader, **Dale E. Rudesill,** 22, was arrested last week by vice squad men who said he was living in a room with a Negro. The 6-foot-2-inch Maryland girl with whom he was registered as man and wife Birdsell told police that he is a segregationist publisher and came to Memphis "to contact Klu Klux Klan members and strong segregationists."

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WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — **Willie C. Gates,** a janitor at the Merchants and Planters Bank at West Memphis was arrested by the FBI, Friday, and accused of stealing $770 in cash from the bank vault where he was cleaning it.

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MOBILE, Ala. — Circuit Judge **Robert T. Ervin Jr.,** last week declared a mistrial in the rape trial of **Arthur Lott** after one of the jurors misunderstood instructions and became separated from the rest of the jurors at lunchtime. **Lott and Willie Seals** are accused of dragging a young white woman from a telephone booth and assaulting her. Seals was convicted and sentenced to death last week.

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ALEXANDRIA, La. — Police and FBI agents last week joined in a manhunt for two men who robbed the bank of LeCompte (about 20 miles south of Alexandria) of between $1,000 and $2,000 during the noon rush hour last Wednesday.

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ATLANTA — Atlanta police reported last week that **James Andrews,** 39, was found in his home with the top of his head blown off and a 12-gauge shotgun lying beside his body. His wife, **Mrs. Kete Andrews,** said that her husband had fired the gun at her twice, then after she fell to the floor went into another room and fired the blast that ended his life.

About Politics And Some Politicians

PARIS — **Gaston Monnerville** was elected last week to his sixteenth term as French Senate leader.

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LITTLE ROCK — **Dr. Dale Alford,** who defeated **Rep. Brooks Hays** for re - election to Congress from Arkansas' 5th Congressional District, announced last week that his secretary in Congress will be **Claude D. Carpenter Jr.,** who managed Alford's eight day campaign as a write - in candidate against Hays.

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BONHAM, Texas — House Speaker **Sam Rayburn** (D-Tex.) sees no mandate in the recommendations of the Democratic advisory council. Rayburn said Congress welcomed suggestions from the council or any other source."

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Guinea wins entry into United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The General Assembly of the United Nations Saturday night approved the admission of Guinea into the new 82-member family of nations.

On Dec. 8, the 11-member Security Council had voted 10 in favor, none against and one abstention (France) to recommend to the General Assembly the admission of Guinea.

All those voting for the admission spoke in glowing terms of Guinea's qualification for UN membership and of France's adherence to the spirit of the charter of the United Nations in her handling of the trusteeship of Guinea that made possible Guinea's emergence as an independent state.

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BUT FRANCE'S Ambassador Georges-Picot stated that France did not veto Guinea's admission, which would have barred her, but she raised strong objections.

France was surprised at the discussions and reported planned action between Guinea and Ghana. She pleaded that too many questions remain unanswered for the Council to now recommend the admission of Guinea.

Guinea had advanced far in the organization of her government, but had far enough.

He concluded by announcing before the vote was taken that France would abstain.

Ambassador Lodge of the United States was pleased at the admission of Guinea. "Once again the United Nations witnesses the process of peaceful birth of a new member of the free world community.

"We all extend the hand of friendship to this new African state."

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IN THE General Assembly, Japan and Iraq sponsored the admission of Guinea and spoke in support of its adoption. France intervened for only a short statement, reiterating what she had said in the Security Council and announcing that she would abstain.

The President then asked if there was any objection to the admission of Guinea and hearing none declared Guinea to be elected without objection.

Ambassador Diallo Telli was then escorted to his seat by the sergeant-at-arms and was called upon by the president with warm words of welcome to address the General Assembly.

In his statement to the Assembly, the Ambassador reiterated the statement of Guinea's willingness and ability to adhere to and perform the obligations of the charter of the United Nations.

He also brought greetings from Prime Minister Seko Toure. He thanked all those who had worked for the admission of Guinea and expressed the hope that a satisfactory working relationship would be worked out with France consistent with honor and the dignity of the Free Republic of Guinea.

MAKING PLANS for a new business venture known as Cook's Enterprises Inc., are left to right, Devreaux Tomlinson, public relations director; C. R. Coleman, assistant to general manager; A. A. Johnson, secretary-treasurer, Herbert C. Cook, founder and chairman of board of directors; and Joseph A. Bailey, seated, general counselor.

U.S. Dept. criticized by Braden

ATLANTA — Carl Braden, Louisville, Ky., integrationist, has accused the U. S. Department of Justice of harassing integrationists with its left hand while claiming to support integration with its right hand.

His comments were made in a letter submitted to the U. S. District Attorney's office here as he surrendered on a charge of contempt of Congress.

The charge resulted from Braden's refusal to answer questions about his work in the integration movement at a hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities last July.

Braden told the committee that its real aim was to attack those working for racial equality.

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BRADEN is a field secretary for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, a Southwide group working to end all forms of segregation and discrimination.

His indictment could result in a year in jail or a $1,000 fine, or both. He was freed under $5,000 bond pending preliminary hearing.

Braden asked U. S. District Attorney James W. Dorsey and the latter's assistant, J. Robert Sparks, to relay his letter to officials of the Justice Department. Part of the letter follows:

"**IT IS** a cause for great concern that the U. S. Department of Justice should be supporting the Un-American Committee's harassment of southern integrationists, as this indictment indicates.

"There have been official statements that my indictment had nothing to do with my work for racial integration, segregation and discrimination.

"However, the fact remains that I would have never been called before the committee and asked unconstitutional questions if it had not been for my work and the work of the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

"**IT IS** not enough that the Justice Department files court briefs in support of moves toward desegregation and gives its blessing to civil rights legislation at the top level.

"The battle for integration will be won or lost at the grass roots in the South—at the community level where Southern people must dare against great odds to give the court decisions meaning in life."

Man risks his life; saves St. Louis tot

ST. LOUIS—John Relling, a blond truck driver, rushed into a burning building where a child was rescued two-year-old Tony Campbell.

He was unaware that two other tots were sleeping in the next room. Their charred bodies were found later by firemen.

The children, Tony, his one-year-old and two-month-old brothers, were left in the living room of the apartment by Mr. and Mrs. Eulus Campbell while Mrs. Campbell went to a nearby store for fuel oil.

Mr. Relling saw smoke coming from the third floor windows of the house as he drove past it. Stopping his truck, he dashed into the house, after turning in an alarm, and saved Tony.

Lightning strikes 3 times, but she lives

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (ANP) — A South African woman was thrilled to a recovering from her third bout with a lightning bolt.

Mrs. M. J. Coleman of the mining town of Springs, Sunday was sitting on the couch in her living room when lightning knocked her to the floor. She was not seriously injured. It was the third time in her life she had been struck.

Javits and Keating call for integration

NEW YORK — "So vital is the Supreme Court's function in being the final voice on the constitution . . . the Constitution . . . I believe the question is to be settled once and for all by constitutional amendment," Sen. Jacob K. Javits (Rep., N.Y.) said "I intend to offer a joint resolution for this purpose in the new Congress."

The New York Senator said it is time to give the high tribunal power to pass on the constitutionality of state and Federal law, in clear written authority.

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FOLLOWING MR. Javits' statement on Thursday, his colleague, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (Rep., N.Y.) called on the American students to speak out for integration.

He made his plea in an address Friday night to the National Student Association meeting at Union College in Schenectady.

A unified student rejection of school discrimination," he said, "would leave no doubt of the inevitable results."

He urged students to explain to their parents that "there is practically no student" who would deprive himself of an education "rather than share his classroom with a child whose skin is another color."

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THE SENATOR, elected during the November election while in the House of Representatives, blamed the closing of schools in Virginia and Arkansas on "unscrupulous persons willing to play politics with the welfare of our youth."

Referring indirectly to Orval Faubus of Arkansas, he said "Faubusism has afflicted large areas of the South," breeding on germs of "ignorance and intolerance."

CONGRATULATIONS from New York Governor Averell Harriman were extended to George B. Kelley, one of the founders of the first colored fraternity in the United States, founded Dec. 6, 1906. More than 550 friends attended the 52nd anniversary celebration of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, held recently at the Arbor Hill Community Center, Albany, N.Y. Hon. Myles Paige, Justice of the Court of Special Sessions, New York City, and national president of the fraternity was guest speaker. From left to right, Edward F. Kennell, executive secretary of the Albany Inter-racial Council; George Kelley, Gov. Harriman and George Torian, member of committee in charge.

Harriman to continue battle on housing bars

NEW YORK — When he becomes a private citizen next year, New York Gov. Averell Harriman will continue his fight against private housing discrimination in the state.

Almost simultaneously with this announcement came the revelation from Trenton, N.J. that builder William J. Levitt has filed to kill the state's law against discrimination in homes backed by Federal loans.

Mr. Harriman pledged to bring pressure to bear upon the New York State Legislature next year for a state law to prohibit discrimination in private housing. He said:

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"THERE CAN'T be equality of opportunity unless there is equality to buy and rent homes."

Levitt, who is building a 16,000 home community between Trenton and Camden, has flatly declared he will not sell homes to colored persons, in defiance of a law in his adopted Government insured loans.

In light of complaints filed with the State Division Against Discrimination by Franklin D. Todd and Willis R. Jones, Levitt is suing to nullify state laws forbidding discrimination in housing.

The homes he is building are backed by Government loans. His suit charges that the law against discrimination interferes with the liberty of contract and is a state invasion of Federal powers.

Houston integration plan kept mum by school unit

HOUSTON, Tex.—"We would like to see that when desegregation comes, it is done peacefully, quietly and without violence.

Basically, that was all school attorney Joe Reynolds would say last week about his plan to integrate the Houston school system.

The proposal was discussed at a closed session of a regular school board meeting, but no details of the plan were made public.

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BOARD President Mrs. Frank Dyer did say, however, that the board would take no action on the plan before Mrs. Charles E. White takes office.

Mrs. White became the first member of her race elected to this city's school board when Houston voters chose her last month. She takes office in January.

Reynolds said he and School Supt. John W. Metfland have studied his plan since last summer. He added:

"This would be something that no other large Southern city has been able to do."

DOES THIS mean the schools will be integrated in the near future?

Neither Reynolds nor McFarland would say, but the latter injected:

"It will help immeasurably if the solution to this question can be arrived at quietly by the board members without publicity.

Holiday hints found in Pruning Handbook

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — A real lift for the holiday season is to be found in the Pruning Handbook, published by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on the 28th in its Handbook series.

In addition to instructions for the pruning of choice holiday decorations from our own plants, the handbook offers full directions for pruning major classes of plants, including roses, ornamental and tree shrubs, lilacs, tree and bush fruits, boxwood, hollies and broad and needle-leaved evergreens.

The handbook, available from the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Brooklyn 25, N.Y., also gives illustrated step-by-step directions for the improving of old trees through proper pruning.

Paige Lancaster buried in Hampton campus plot

HAMPTON, Va. — Paige I. Lancaster, head bookkeeper and cashier at Hampton Institute, for 42 years, died recently at his home on N. King St.

Funeral services were held at Wine Street Baptist Church and burial was in the cemetery on Hampton Institute campus.

Survivors are three brothers, George C. of Charles City, Charles W. of Farmville and Clem C. Lancaster of East Orange, N.J., and a number of nephews and nieces and other relatives.

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UPON GRADUATING from Hampton in 1912, he was employed by the college and continued in the employ of the institution until he founded his own business, "Ye Olde Colonial Club."

He was a member of the Church of Christ on the campus, member of the Quarter of a Century Club, a Mason and a veteran of World War 1, having served as an officer with the Army in France.

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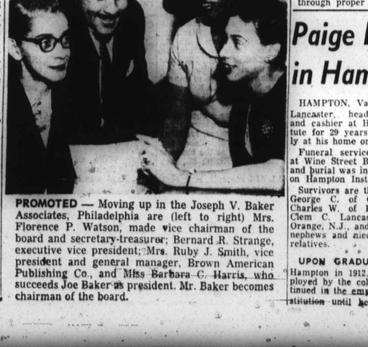
WHILE IN school at Hampton, Mr. Lancaster was lead-tone with the Hampton Institute Quartette, was the leader of Sunday evening vesper singing, and sang with the Men's Chorus in weekly broadcasts from the campus under his direction.

While a student at Hampton Mr. Lancaster worked with Dr. Nathaniel Dett to compile and edit a volume of spirituals.



PROMOTED — Moving up in the Joseph V. Baker Associates, Philadelphia are (left to right) Mrs. Florence P. Watson, made vice chair