WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

TEACHER HELD IN BEDROOM SLAYING OF HIS WIFE

Scared to death..

BANDIT HERE — That's what George Petty, (left), told Lt. John S. Barron and Patrolman James Thompson Monday when a hold-up suspect forced his way into a Greene St., apartment building following a bank robbery. The wounded man reportedly asked to borrow a pair of trousers.

Who killed lady found in yard?

BALTIMORE

"Mae had a lot of friends. She was the kind of person who liked to have a good time." "It's a shame the way she met her death."

"She must have put up a struggle because no one took advantage of her."

Those were the comments of friends and neighbors of Miss Mae Hall of 1227 E. Chase St., Johns Hopkins Hospital employee, who was found strangled to death Tuesday at 8 a.m.

She was described by one neighbor as a "well-liked person, known all over East Baltimore."

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THE NEAR-NUDE body of the 159-pound woman was discovered in freezing 30-degree weather in the rear yard of a house in the 1300 block E. Eager St.

The discovery was made by Irvin Curtis when he took out the trash at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lavinia Curtis.

Mr. Curtis told the AFRO he had seen Miss Hall before in the neighborhood and added he heard no unusual noises during the night or the early morning hours.

Northeastern District police reported that on their arrival they found Miss Hall lying on her back with her head resting near an oil drum.

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THE UPPER part of her body was bare, her coat was off and one leg of the men's trousers she worn had been removed.

Police surmised that since rigor mortis had not set in, she was killed a few minutes before her body was found.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital. The body was removed to the city morgue where an autopsy was performed.

There a bruise was found on the right side of her neck.

Homicide division officers at first were working on the theory that the death involved both murder and rape.

The latter theory had not been entirely discounted at AFRO presstime.

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IN CONNECTION with the slaying, eight persons have been questioned by Northeastern District Police.

Two men, one of whom police described as the boyfriend of the deceased, and a woman were detained for further questioning on Wednesday.

Mrs. Susie Hall of 1027 McDonogh St., mother of the deceased woman, told the AFRO her daughter was last seen alive around 10 p.m. Monday when she left the home of a sister, Mrs. Esther Diggs in the 1700 block of E. Eager St.

The mother said she did not know her daughter was dead until another daughter overheard someone discussing it on the street.

MISS GRACE HALL told the AFRO that when she overheard someone say, "Grace does not know that her sister is dead," she went to the morgue and identified the body.

Her mother said a friend of the family stopped at her home later in the day and asked: "Is it true? I heard that Mae is dead."

The family declined to discuss the incident further but expressed surprise that the police department had not notified them of Miss Hall's death.

They said that no one had been to the home to question them.

DEATH SCENE—Through the rear entrance of 1308 E. Eager St., Irvin Curtis points to where he discovered the body of Miss Mae Hall Tuesday. Outline on pavement was drawn by police who examined the 31-year-old woman who was reportedly strangled to death.

Domestic dispute ends in gunfire

By RUFUS WELLS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — A single shot from a .38 caliber automatic pistol snuffed out the life of pretty Mrs. Charmaine Woody Higginbotham, early Saturday, and ended a stormy marriage.

Mrs. Higginbotham, a 35-year-old teacher at Albert Harris High School here, was slain while lying in bed at her home 606 Fayette St.

Police have arrested her husband, Curtis Olden Higginbotham, also a teacher, and charged him with the slaying.

According to Martinsville Police Chief F. M. Bowman, the shooting climaxed a domestic argument over Mrs. Higginbotham's whereabouts the previous night.

Chief Bowman quoted Higginbotham as saying:

"I asked her where she had been and she said it was none of my business."

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POLICE WERE called by Higginbotham's mother, Mrs. Mattie H. Higginbotham, immediately after the shooting. Lt. E. J. Bolejack and Det. R. L. Stowe answered the call. They reported finding the younger Mrs. Higginbotham in bed in a first floor bedroom with a bullet wound "just above and in back of her right ear."

The popular young teacher was rushed to Community Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Higginbotham, at the home when police arrived, was immediately arrested. He is a teacher at Washington - Carver School in Henry County. Higginbotham, who is 36, is well - known and liked in this area. Police Chief Bowman described him as "a quiet, well-educated man . . . from a good family."

"He (Higginbotham) has not denied the shooting," Bowman said.

"The Higginbothams have two daughters, aged 5 and 6.

No date had been set for a preliminary hearing for the accused teacher at presstime Tuesday. Chief Bowman said Higginbotham asked police to call William F. Stone, an attorney and State senator, and that Mrs. Stone visited Higginbotham and talked with him at the jail.

Funeral services for the victim were held Tuesday afternoon at Trinity Baptist Church, in Danville, her hometown.

'I know I've done something wrong and I am sorry . . .'

BALTIMORE

"We were talking about going to this drug store and holding up the man. He (Charles Richardson) said he had stocking caps to cover our faces."

"I started thinking then I would take the place as a lookout, because it would hurt Charles more than me. I had the gun and something went wrong."

A 17-year-old Carver Vocational High School girl was confessing in Criminal Court Tuesday, telling how she served as gun moll for her young boy friend and two male companions on October 2.

When the trial was over the girl and two of her male companions, whose ages totaled 55 years, found themselves sentenced to a total of 56 years in prison.

The terms were imposed on: Miss Doris Elizabeth Dyson, 17, 1500 block Brunt St., 18 years in the State Reformatory for Women; Charles F. Richardson, 17, 2200 block Druid Hill Ave., her confessed boy friend, 18 years in the penitentiary, and Isaac Christopher Wall's, 21, 600 block Pennsylvania Ave., 20 years in the penitentiary.

The trial of a third youth charged in the case, Raymond E. Johnson, 17, 1700 block Braddish Ave., was postponed because he was ill and unable to appear in court.

THE TEENAGE girl maintained a serious expression throughout the trial, and walked quickly, without swagger, to the stand when called to testify.

She gave her testimony in a matter-of-fact manner, and concluded with this statement:

"I know I have done something wrong, and I am sorry for it."

EVEN THOUGH the girl contended she acted as gun moll in the robbery to protect the youth she loved, she also admitted double-crossing him and her other accomplices, by holding out $250 of the loot, without their knowledge.

The girl, approximately five feet, six inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds, has plain features and looks to be every inch of her 17 years in age.

JUDGE MICHAEL J. MANLEY, who heard the case, offered this comment prior to passing sentences:

"It is amazing how she could act as cruelly as she did, in view of her upper middle class and apparent good family background."

"HOW SHE could do that I can't understand.

"Your guilt was just as merciless as the others. She ought to get the maximum (20 years) for her participation, but because she cooperated with the police, I am imposing a lesser term."

The girl, a 11th grade student at Carver, and the youths were accused of entering the store shortly after 12 noon on Oct. 2, and escaping with $75 worth of whiskey, two watches, a diamond ring, a pistol and approximately $1,400 in cash.

The girl said much less money was taken. She told Judge Manley the four of them got $45 each, and that she took an additional $250 the others did not know about.

Convicts husband on arson charge

BALTIMORE

"The verdict is guilty, but I'll not dispose of this case now. Indications are that a medical report is in order first."

Judge Anselm Sodaro gave this conviction and comment in Criminal Court Monday, in a arson charge against Lawson H. Jones, 46, 1300 block McCulloh St.

Mr. Jones was convicted setting fire to a clothes closet in his third floor apartment on Sept. 27, and damaging the premises and $1,063 worth of his wife's clothing.

Mrs. Jeanette Jones, his wife, told Judge Sodaro that they had quarreled just prior to the fire and she had left the house.

Mrs. Bertha Jones, owner of the house, occupied the second floor apartment said she saw Mr. Jones leave his apartment and noted the fire directly afterward.

Judge Sodaro was told that Mr. Jones in a written statement said he "intended" the fire. Fire Department officials told Judge Sodaro that they construed that to mean Mr. Jones had set the fire.

Man accused as father to spare another's wife

BALTIMORE

The case of a 29-year-old mother, who was committed to Domestic Court Monday that she had falsely accused a man of being the father of her child, has been referred to the State's attorney's office for possible criminal charges against her.

Judge James K. Cullen took this action when the woman gave these answers to questions asked by him, and Miss Lucy Ann Garvey, assistant state's attorney.

Q—Did you come into the State's attorney's office and swear out a complaint against a man named —?

A—Yes, I did. It was something agreed to.

Q—AGREED to by whom?

A—By the three of us.

Q—For what reason?

A—**Because Mr.— has a wife. She suffers with a heart trouble. I didn't want to upset her, or cause any trouble.**

"So, we talked it over and came to an agreement that he would sign his name, but that —would take care of the baby, which he has been doing."

Judge Cullen was told the baby's father had been paying his mother $7 a week, plus $1 a week for medical expenses.

Testimony further revealed that the baby was born the past October 15, and the mother had been receiving $71 monthly aid from the Department of Public Welfare.

Maid in Kravitz spotlight

By MILDRED O'NEILL

PHILADELPHIA

The Kravitz murder case spotlight will shine this week on Mrs. Mabel Turner, 2133 Christian St., who will testify at the trial in Norristown.

Mrs. Turner is employed by Mrs. Gladys Robinson of 1301 Grenox Road, Wynnewood. Mrs. Robinson is a neighbor of Mrs. Ethel Kravitz.

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MRS. KRAVITZ is accused of killing her wealthy realtor husband in their pretentious home on July 4th. She has steadfastly denied the shooting and District Attorney Bernard Di Joseph is trying to build a first degree murder case purely on circumstantial evidence. The sensational case also features a brilliant defense by Attorneys Elkins Wetherill and William L. O'Hey Jr.

"I was cold on Monday night and I was happy to sit and chat with Mrs. Turner in the first degree murder trial now while waiting for a taxi. I felt as though I had known her all my life.

"Not having yet been called as a witness, she is not permitted to discuss the case. The prosecution hopes to establish that the murder weapon was taken from the Robinson home where Mrs. Turner is employed.

"We discussed how people become involved in situations even though they have no active connection with the trouble.

"Mrs. Turner said she was born in Dover, Del., but has lived in Philadelphia since her early years.

We talked about teen-agers of today and juvenile delinquency. She told me that two boys had tried to snatch her purse while she was partly hidden in an AFRO newspaper. She was carrying as she came home from the seventh day of the trial.

Mrs. Turner said she found the courtroom experience very tiring.

The case entered its second week with the state seeking to establish that Mrs. Kravitz was in the house with her dying husband when police arrived to check on a reported burglary there. Officers testified that she met them away after telling them that everything was all right.

The body was officially discovered after Mrs. Kravitz went to visit a brother-in-law who accompanied her back to her home at her request.

Father has son arrested for forgery

CAMDEN, N.J. — The treasurer of the Lawnside Federal Credit Union, caused his son's arrest last week on a charge of forgery.

Lawrence Struthers Jr., of 26 W. Charleston Ave., Lawnside, was taken into custody on Monday by Lawnside policeman Leon Williams, on complaint of the father, Lawrence Sr.

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ARRAIGNED before Borough Magistrate Frances E. Malloy, Struthers Jr. waived a preliminary hearing, through his attorney, Everett Jones, of Camden.

He is charged with forging checks for $2,200 against funds of the Credit Union. Eight of the checks, totaling $1,240, were endorsed by Victor Gerber of 401 White Horse Pk., Barrington, trading as Victor's Liquor Store. Most of the checks were in the sum of $185.

According to the father the total amount may go as high as $2,500. He said some of the checks had been destroyed, and payment had been stopped on several others.

James Turner, of Woodbury, represented the bonding company for the father. Judge Malloy held the son for action of the Camden grand jury.

Jones' vault yields $49, ration stamps

By ALBERT WASHINGTON

DETROIT — Prophet Jones —$49?

Nickels, dimes and quarters plus a cardboard box containing 2,070 pennies totaled only $49 to the disgust of chief tax collector John H. Gardner, last week, when Prophet Jones' large safety deposit box was opened in the downtown office of the Bank of the Commonwealth.

Jones' $45 - a - year vault was attached in an internal revenue service claim for $10,000 tax deficiency for the years 1953-54.

Other items in the box were a deposit slip for $1,137, dated Nov. 22, 1938; letters; money belt; and World War II food ration stamps.

GARDNER WAS also seeking $70,000 worth of perfume believed to have been given to Jones during his heyday as head of the Church of Universal Triumph, Dominion of God. The perfume was not found nor was Jones, 345 Arden Park, at the vault opening.

Earlier Jones said he had lost the key. When officials planned to drill open his box, one of his members, Mrs. Ophelia Kemp, 2340 Calvert, brought in the key.

Prophet Jones's representative, assistant prosecutor Samuel Brezner, said Jones declared gifts of a diamond ring was worth $5,000, an ermine cloak $14,000.

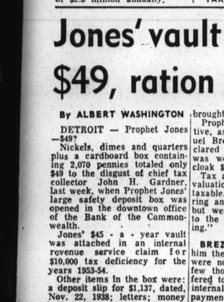
Tax authorities accepted this valuation and declared it was taxable. The agents said the ring and cloak were not gifts, but were actually a payment to the Prophet for his "healing."

BREZNER SAID experts told him the ring and coat together have a resale value of "not more than "a few thousand dollars." He offered to surrender both to the internal revenue service in payment for the taxes but the tax men would not accept them.

The tax service seized Prophet Jones' bank account, balance of $114, but failed in their attempt to repossess four Cadillacs which were all out of the city.

In 1956, Jones left Detroit after he was acquitted on a morals charge. He sold his "castle" at 75 Arden Park to Daddy Grace.

Jones went to Philadelphia and launched a nationwide crusade which took him to the West Coast. He returned to Detroit July this year.



PROPHET JONES

$1.5 million numbers ring cracked in raids

WASHINGTON

Gambling Squad raiders armed with search and arrest warrants moved in on the "Old Reliable" Barber Shop at 718 Florida Ave., NW, and three homes, cracking a reportedly $5,000 - a - day or $1.5 million a year operation.

Among those arrested Tuesday were a barber, a taxicab driver and the wife of Charles (Geechie) Anderson, one of the key figures in the Washington police department bribery case in 1954.

Anderson is now serving a 16-months to 4-year term in Lorton for bribing police officers.

Police said the principal players of the operation was a house owned by Anderson in the 2900 block 12th St., NW, where his wife, Mrs. Lydia Anderson, 40, was arrested when police officers forced their way into the home unexpectedly.

Confiscated were $2,400 in cash and six adding machines.

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OTHERS ARRESTED on the scene were Mrs. Margaret R. Stewart, 50, 1900 block 14th St., NW; Lawrence W. Johnson, 50, 600 block Farragut St., NW; and George W. Gardiner, 45, 900 block Sixth St., NE, a taxicab driver.

About the same time, other officers of the 16-man raiding party moved in on the Old Reliable Barber Shop; arrested a barber, James(Jack) Jackson, 56, of the 3100 block Fifth St., NW. Mrs. Leola Hawkins, 54, 2100 block Eighth St., NW, was picked up at her home.

Raiding officers also moved in on a house in the 2200 block Eight St., NW, but found no one inside.

Police did seize a quantity of numbers slips, rundown tapes and other equipment, including three half pints of whiskey and 19 cans of beer at the home of the 2100 block Eighth St., they said.

ALL SIX suspects, represented by DeLong Harris, were arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner Wednesday on charges of operating a lottery. They were released on $1,000 bond each and the preliminary hearing date continued until Jan. 6.

Lt. W. D. Foran and Det. Samuel E. Carter, Julius Durham and Ellsworth D. Dory of the Gambling Squad reported the following observations that led up to the Tuesday raids.

Spinster names chauffeur, maid

BALTIMORE

James Whack, 400 block Manse Court, and Mrs. Marie Keys, 2000 block Brunt St., have been named beneficiaries in the will of Miss Emma Stein who resided in the Marlborough Apartments, Eutaw Place and Wilson St., and died in September.

Mr. White was employed as Miss Stein's chauffeur while Mrs. Keys was her housekeeper.

Mr. White is to receive $30 each week for the rest of his life from a sum of $60,000 invested for that purpose by the Baltimore Fidelity Bank and Trust Company. Mrs. Keys is to receive $25 each week for the rest of her life from a sum of $60,000 also invested for that purpose with the Fidelity Bank.

NATION'S PRESS BLASTS ALABAMA

Here's what the nation's press had to say about Alabama officials' failure to cooperate with the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, a body created by the U.S. Congress:

NEW YORK TIMES—"Minorities in a few states or a few cities must not attempt to enforce their folkways on the nation.

"This is why the Civil Rights Commission, duly established under Federal law and including Dr. (J. Ernest) Wilkins, felt it necessary to find out what is going on in Alabama."

NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE—"While the action now being taken in Alabama and in Georgia is unlikely to lead to any overnight change in customs, the fact that jail sentences are even possible will tend to create a greater caution and fear of the law."

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LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL—"Alabama has its full share of clever lawyers, judges and politicians. But their current display of cleverness is likely to defeat its purpose—and to produce, instead, a 1959 Civil Rights Act with teeth in it."

LEE COUNTY (ALA.) BULLETIN—"Mr. Patterson's (Governor-elect of Alabama and currently attorney general) pugnacious attitude cannot help but create the impression in other parts of the country that we've got something to hide.

"Otherwise, outsiders will reason, why make such an issue over the commission checking the records?"

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BALTIMORE SUN—"The Civil Rights Commission has now, nevertheless, encountered a blank wall of opposition to its voting-right investigation in Alabama.

"The white public officials called to the stand have refused to testify in answer to proper questions about voter registration in their counties. Five of six even refused to be sworn witnesses.

"This is a piece of defiance more bold than anything that has happened during the turbulent history of school desegregation. It is not evasion. It is without rationale. It is simply defiance."

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH—"Obstructionism of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission's work in Alabama has taken an ugly turn. It is not edifying to see Attorney General and Governor-elect John Patterson leading the pack in defiance of Constitutional rights.

"But is another and more serious matter when a judge of the state courts makes himself a party to these dubious proceedings, as Circuit Court Judge George Wallace has done.

"If violators can be thus allowed to hide behind the judicial robes, the only possible consequence will be disrespect for the law. Judge Wallace, if he is wise, will spare the country the spectacle of a state judge defying an agency of Congress."

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WASHINGTON POST—"The immediate issue is whether the Government of the United States is to be permitted to gather the facts about racial disfranchisement. The Department of Justice has wasted no time in announcing that it will seek a court order compelling the production of the voting records sought.

"It could not rationally take any other course. Nor can there be any doubt about the outcome. Alabama officials will have to be told by the most authoritative sources that the state is now a part of the United States."

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MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER—"The somewhat antic, aimless acts of defiance by the officials provide a whole new arsenal for the January oratory in Congress of such realots, adventurers and bounders as Humphrey and Adam Clayton Powell.

"Their kind or oratory, based on what the American people have read and seen on TV, will have true firepower, perhaps opening the way for even more pugnacious strokes by the Federals than we have previously seen.

"It will make it harder than before to prevent race mixing in Alabama schools.

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make angry. We became angry."

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NEWARK (N. J.) EVENING NEWS—"Confronted by Alabama's mass resistance movement, the commission did the only thing it could do. It called off the hearing and requested the Department of Justice to seek Federal Court orders to compel witnesses to testify and to produce their official voting records.

"The reason for this organized strike against the commission is easily found. It is getting too close to the heart of the racial trouble in the South. For once colored gain the right to vote, other rights will inevitably follow. The political force of the ballot will of itself redress other wrongs, including segregation."

"Ah! We Stand On Our Sovereign Rights!"

SEEK ADMISSION — Looking over copies of their subpoenas (left to right) Mrs. Barbara Hunt, Miss Myra Dinsmore and Miss Iris Mae Welch, are seen during recess of the trial held in Atlanta, Ga., recently. The trio seeks to gain admission to the all-white Georgia State College. The suit, an effort to end segregation at the state supported institution, listed members of the state board of regents and officials of the college as defendants.

Foes show rights-laws need teeth

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Roy Wilkins, speaking at a dinner meeting of the local NAACP Thursday night, told his audience:

"The refusal of Alabama officials to submit voting records to the Civil Rights Commission "is the strongest testimony to the nation to justify enactment of further civil rights laws by the Congress at the session opening Jan. 7.

He said that, in a way their action can't be understood."

Explaining, the NAACP executive secretary said that "they have a smelly scandal under cover and they know that the full revelation would convince the rest of the nation that states rights doctrine is, instead, a states' wrong country."

PRIOR TO coming to Milwaukee, Mr. Wilkins sent a telegram to Attorney General William P. Rogers asking him to provide protection for "colored witnesses who intend testifying concerning the disfranchisement.

He told the Attorney General that such action "is vitally necessary lest others be discouraged from assisting Federal agencies in making similar inquiries in the South."

Speaking of the "smelly scandal," the NAACP leader said:

"We of the NAACP know it all the time. Colored citizens know it. Students of politics know it. But how Alabama officials, themselves, have told the world."

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EVER SINCE the U.S. Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling of May 17, 1954, the segregationists have based their defiance of that ruling on the ground that "the court is not a law-making body and that its opinion, therefore, is not "law." Mr. Wilkins pointed out.

"This is, of course, nonsense," he added. "But the 1957 Civil Rights Act, under which the Civil Rights Commission was created, was enacted by the Congress.

"In defying this congressional act, Alabama is saying that regardless of the Constitution, the Supreme Court, or the Congress, it is going to treat colored citizens as it pleases."

Because of the actions of Alabama's attorney general and Governor-elect John Patterson, of Circuit Judge George Wallace and of the registrars, Alabama has already seceded from the Union," Mr. Wilkins asserted.

FIRE GUTS GHURCH: $40,000 DAMAGES

DETROIT — A two - alarm fire last week caused an estimated $40,000 damage to the Plymouth Congregational Church here, completely destroying the pulpit, an organ and a large part of the dome.

Censored Ga. cleric unanimously elected to ministerial post

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Nominated for the ministry by a board by Rabbi Alfred L. Goodman, the Rev. Robert B. McNeill, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, was stripped of the majority of his pastoral duties for taking a mild stand on racial issues in a national magazine article.

The Presbyterian Church since, however, has upheld the minister's right to speak out and his action Monday in the church command of the entire armed forces of Haiti.

General Merceron who was chief of police, studied law enforcement methods with the FBI and other agencies in the United States for about a year.

Maj. Daniel Beauvoir, police chief in the Petionville suburb, was named as the general's successor.

THE NEWS of Merceron's promotion was made during the preparation of the news broadcast on Saturday.

Some hours later, another shocker was announced as it was made known that all of the colonels in the Army had been retired. Earlier rumors noted that all ranks above captain were to be dropped.

This move has a tremendous impact on the social set-up in Haiti because of the important social status given high grade officers — not to mention prestige and political influence.

The news was quite a shock to the military which has run Haiti through its turbulent history.

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MANY HAD expected faithful Gen. Maurice Flambert to be named to head the armed forces, especially after he was promoted to that rank from major for his part in the July 29 attempt against the Government.

It's felt that if General Flambert was not given the position, Gen. Louis Roumain would be promoted, would have been given the job.

Rumors said, however, that the latter two were arrested because they had plotted a revolt after becoming unhappy over the fact that the Haitian Army had to take orders from the American Marine mission.

Reliable sources scoffed this rumor; however. The generals were not arrested; there was no plot; and the whole change is said to have been reform in the Army—"getting rid of dead wood."

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AN INTERESTING note is the fact that Lucien Daudet, Dejoie, who is now in New York, had vowed to end the domination of the Army.

The new regime, which has been calling itself revolutionary, is now another that revolutionary it is.

Getting back to the retiring of the colonels, 14 in all, including four lieutenant colonels, young men are to be promoted as replacements.

The 14 colonels and two generals are all good men, loyal to the elected president, but all of the officers also have been in the Army from 25 to 27 years.

So the full story is that fresh young blood is replacing old blood.

A. AND T. COLLEGE

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Dr. James W. Smith Sr., pastor of Seventh Street Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was the speaker at regular chapel service at A. and T. College last Sunday. The college choir offered music.

Bishop Hyland lauds racial crisis stand

ATLANTA — Rt. Rev. Francis E. Hyland, Catholic bishop of Atlanta, has praised an interfaith statement on the racial integration crisis as "a splended and most timely document."

The statement, signed by 311 Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis called for the appointment of a bi - racial committee to preserve peace in the community, a plan to avoid closing public schools, and free and intelligent discussion of the issues.

Hear Latins Challenge U.S. racism

NEW YORK — The basic question that Latin Americans toss to American visitors deal with the race issue, a group of civic and professional Americans reported last week upon return from seven South American countries.

This was stated by three of 32 representatives of American civic and professional societies, who returned last Saturday from a month - long privately sponsored trip to South America.

Mrs. Edith Sampson, former UN alternate delegate and member of a committee of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, said of the tour:

"ON EVERY occasion, I was questioned about problems of racial integration in the U.S.

"There was much emphasis on Little Rock, despite a brave picture of progress I tried to present."

Mrs. Oscar M. Ruebhausen, UN observer for the League of Women Voters, stated:

"This country often incurred South American enmity by our preparation for friendliness with dictatorships. We caught hell for this every place we went."

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COMPARING Latin America with the U.S. 75 years ago, George Wilson, a Clarksburg, Calif. farmer, representing the American Farm Bureau Federation, said:

"In every field, politics, economics, opportunities for non-whites, the difference is in a period of development, rather than a lack of good intentions."

The group agreed it found good will in Latin America, but also a deep concern about the U.S. racial situation.

Indian talks about U.S. discrimination

NEW YORK — Princess Amrit Kaur, a member of the Indian Parliament, told a luncheon here last week that discrimination in America can be compared with the "untouchables" in India.

The Princess, who once served two years in jail because of her fight for Indian independence, said both have been "abolished by law, but not yet by the heart."

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'U.S. of Africa' May Stem From Parley

Freedom observance is April 15

SPECIAL TO THE AFRO

ACCRA, Ghana — The groundwork for what may become "The United States of Africa" was laid here last week as over 300 delegates gathered in the All-Africa People's Conference.

The conference was called by Ghana Premier Kwame Nkrumah who told the delegates:

"We have not moved, nor shall we budge one jot until the last vestige of colonialism and imperialism have been wiped out."

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THE DELEGATES were from political parties, unions, youth associations, women's groups and other organizations throughout Africa.

The meeting came on the heels of the announcement that Ghana and Guinea had formed a federation. This federation is considered by its originators to be the nucleus of a continent-wide federation of independent African republics.

The meetings were presided over by Tom Mboya, a trade union leader from Kenya.

Mr. Mboya announced that the delegates had resolved to celebrate April 15 of each year as "Africa Freedom Day."

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THE "DAY" was selected in commemoration of the founding of independent African states which opened on April 15 this year in Accra.

It was the day, Mr. Mboya said: "When oppressed people of Africa dedicated themselves to fight relentlessly for their freedom."

The delegates at the five-day meeting were unanimous on fundamental issues — that Africa must be governed by Africans.

ATO GETACHEW Makasha of Ethiopia said that radical proposals for continental union introduced to his parliament a motion approving the union with Guinea.

He said that the new union (which will have its own flag and constitution) is "the first step in the fulfillment of a dream long held by those who have carried higher the banner of Africans' freedom."

KWAME NKRUMAH

ers, especially in Algeria, will eventually determine whether we should also use force.

"And when that time comes, we should not be blamed."

He later added: "The colonial powers are already engaged in violence against some of our people in Kenya and Algeria and one day will come where we will not hesitate to reply."

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DR. NKRUMAH, however, proposed the other African nations that Ghana would support them in "every form of non-violent action" to win Africa's "legitimate rights and aspirations."

G. Kiano, Kenya, demanded the removal of Gov. Sir Evelyn Baring from Kenya and called for the release of Jomo "Burning Spear" Kenyatta.

In 1953, Kenyatta was sentenced to seven years in prison for speech-heading the Mau Mau movement.

Mr. Kiano called him "a freedom fighter of no less caliber than our host, Kwame Nkrumah."

He told his fellow Africans that in the fight for full freedom, "one cannot be neutral; those who are not with us are against us."

The conference ended peacefully with mutual accord among the delegates.

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FOLLOWING THE Conference, a proposal was introduced to his parliament a motion approving the union with Guinea.

He said that the new union (which will have its own flag and constitution) is "the first step in the fulfillment of a dream long held by those who have carried higher the banner of Africans' freedom."

$40 million school aid is sought

WASHINGTON

A proposal calling for Federal aid of $40 million annually to schools complying with the Supreme Court's 1954 public school desegregation decision was introduced last week.

The measure, backed by 16 U.S. senators, was directed to the Eisenhower Administration through Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.)

Mr. Douglas additionally urged support of sweeping civil rights congressional legislation.

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THE BILL was sent to two of the President's Cabinet members, Attorney General William P. Rogers and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming.

The many - faceted proposal would provide financial aid and additional help to school making ready for desegregation.

It would also empower the Attorney General to assist officials and groups in bringing court action to compel compliance in school case decisions.

In his dispatch to the Attorney General, Mr. Douglas asked that civil rights proposals become part of the Administration's legislative plan when Congress convenes on Jan. 7, 1959.

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STANDING BEHIND the Illinois Democrat on the plan were 15 other legislators, Democrats and six Republicans.

Douglas and several other liberals have already announced their intentions to fight "without further compromise" to revise Senate Rule 22, the filibuster bill.

This is the measure invoked by Southerners to talk civil rights proposals to death. Under Rule 22, debate is unlimited, resulting in long, drawn-out filibusters.

Our proposal will help shift the focus of national debate from massive defiance to deliberate compliance and from Federal - state conflict to Federal-state cooperation," Douglas said.

Police prejudice helps to boost delinquency rate

TRENTON, N. J. — "There is a greater tendency by police to arrest for delinquency among minorities.

"Colored and Puerto Rican youths have a higher delinquency rate than whites partly because police are prejudiced."

Thus spoke Dr. Kenneth Clark, professor of psychology at New York's City College, last Wednesday at the Crossroads the Youth Study Commission here.

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HE EXPLAINED:

"Much of this comes out of a lower class white society is not necessarily kinder to low-class colored people."

The professor was quoting from a survey of an upstate New York community where the delinquency arrests were 42 out of 1,000 for colored youths and 13 out of 1,000 for whites.

Dr. Clark spoke in connection with hearings the commission is holding on the relationship of delinquency with discrimination.

CALVIN BANKS, NAACP field secretary for New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware told the commission:

"There is an enormously high correlation between discrimination and juvenile delinquency."

He said prejudice tends to weaken the family structure and contribute to delinquency.

The executive secretary of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County is Arnold Harris. He said:

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"DUE TO HOUSING, social and other forms of discrimination, the proportion of drug addiction is among colored persons and Puerto Ricans.

"This discrimination creates frustrations which lead into the use of narcotics."

Dr. Clark added:

"Reliable statistics on delinquency among minority groups are hard to find.

"What figures there are seem to show a disproportionately high delinquency rate among these groups."

THE CITY COLLEGE professor feels that the antisocial behavior called delinquency stems from a "feeling of inadequacy, rejection and hopelessness."

Terming these frustrations as inherent in minority status, Dr. Clark said they are the factor in juvenile delinquency.

Of the number of juvenile arrests being higher among minorities, Dr. Clark said "this is typical in northern urban areas."

Mr. Harris, meanwhile, called for a study of state narcotics laws.

BUNCHE GIVES LECTURE

NEW YORK — The 1958 Leipziger Memorial Lecture at Town Hall was delivered last week by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Undersecretary for political affairs. The lecture is delivered annually by an individual of "commanding eminence."

Vote recount okays a split Ark. board

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A split newly - elected Little Rock School Board will apparently remain that way, judging from a recount of votes that elected the board.

The panel is composed of three ardent segregationists and three persons described as moderates on the school integration issue.

A recount of votes that elected the board last week showed no changes in results that gave this city a divided school voice.

Defeated school board candidates asked for the recount.

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W. F. RECTOR and Mrs. C. W. Stephens, described as moderates, and C. C. Bailey, running on a segregation ticket for office, challenged the count, but it was found in order and correct.

Consequently, a split board must consider Federal court orders to integrate schools here as well as such state laws against doing so.

Foes are four high schools in Little Rock closed down to prevent integration by Gov. Orval Faubus.

The vote recount revealed that Rector lost to Ben D. Rowland Sr. by 348 tallies, Mrs. Stephens lost to Judge R. W. Laster by 186 ballots and Bailey was defeated by 346 Russell V. Matson Jr., votes.

REPORT FROM HAITI

Civil authority is in, Army is out

By LYNN GROSSBERG

PORT AU PRINCE — President Francois Duvalier last week made a move which unquestionably was the turning point in Haitian history — giving civil authority supreme control of the country.

The President dropped the bomb by promoting Col. Pierre Merceron to the rank of Brigadier General.

General Merceron who was University of Michigan.

NEW YORK — Miss Ruth Downing, Harlem district director of Community Service Life Society, last week told an audience that the "parents' love is like a deposit in the bank" because it enables the children to grow healthy, spiritually and emotionally.

PEOPLE

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — For displaying "the qualities of initiative and leadership," **Frank J. Nickerson,** 19, of Boston was chosen Brigade Commander recently during review of Troops at Great Lakes Naval Training Center recently.

NEW YORK — **Clarence Bullard,** local disc jockey, will emcee the annual Mardi Gras, Group of Upper Manhattan Branch YWCA at the organization's annual meeting, 3-5 p.m. this coming Sunday.

NEW YORK — **Roy Wilkins,** executive secretary of the NAACP, last week announced the appointment of **Jessie L. DeVore** as an assistant in the association's department of public relations. DeVore is a 1955 graduate of Rutgers University.

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — President **C. V. Troup** of Fort Valley State College attended the annual meeting of Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1-5.

WASHINGTON — **Mrs. Pearl R. Ramcharan Crowley,** East Indian writer, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the American Antropological Association here.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—"Always turn to God in times of confusion, chaos or crisis" is advice **Mrs. Hortense Williams** gave Edward Waters College students at a recent assembly program. Mrs. Williams is dean of girls at Northwestern Junior-Senior High School.

ATLANTA — **Walter Johnson,** chairman of the department of history at the University of Chicago, discussed "Martin Luther King" at the Atlanta University forum last week. He said it is time for the U.S. to recognize the government of Red China.

CHICAGO — **H. Ernest LaFontant,** a native of Haiti, has been admitted to the Illinois bar after graduating from John Marshall Law (evening) School with high honors. LaFontant earned a master's degree at Atlanta University in 1946 and has done further study at the

Georgia cites John Calhoun

ATLANTA —Some 300 persons attended the recent testimonial banquet for John H. Calhoun at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.

Mr. Calhoun, who is retiring as president of the Atlanta NAACP after three years in office, was honored for "unselfish and outstanding service" to the community.

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JOHN W. DOBBS, grand master of Prince Hall Masons, served as chairman of the sponsoring committee, representing leaders and organizations throughout the state.

Mr. Calhoun is also first vice president of the Georgia State Conference of NAACP Branches, secretary of the Georgia Voters League and assistant secretary of the Atlanta Negro Voters League.

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ON ONE occasion, he went to jail to protect the best interests of the NAACP.

Seated between the guest of honor and his brother, Mason, was their mother, Mrs. Minnie A. Calhoun of Greenville, S.C.