Oxnam Says Riots Make Communists

Methodist Bishop Hits False U.S. Patriotism

MORRISTOWN, N.J.—"The killing of colored persons in a Detroit race riot or the lynching of a colored man in Georgia creates more Communists in a day than a committee on un-American activities can ferret out in many days."

So Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, white secretary of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, declared in a Washington Birthday speech here Monday in assailing the fraud of the "pretended patriotism" exhibited by Americans.

Faith in Democracy Needed

"We strike communism a harder blow when we abolish jim-crow cars than when we summon movie stars to the Kleig lights of Washington," the highly-placed prelate pointed out.

Stating that this Nation needs "more faith in democracy and less fear of communism," the bishop pointed out that the real need here was "to solve the country's economic, racial, social and religious problems."

Snowden Has Been at AFRO 25 Years

Samuel Snowden of 1822 Woodyear Street, foreman of the mechanical department of the Afro-American completed 25 years service with the organization today (Friday). Having worked in various capacities in the mechanical department during the years, Mr. Snowden has noted, impressively, the enlargement and expansion of the Afro plant, and its adjustments to the latest and modern trends in newspaper production.

His most memorable experience in the line of work was a stretch of 36 consecutive hours during the Christmas season of 1928. Upon completion of 20 years' service, Mr. Snowden was presented a gold watch by the company.

By SAMUEL TORSELL

The choir of Grace AME Church, rendered a musical program last Sunday at Perry Point Veterans Hospital and at St. James AME Church at Havre de Grace. Mrs. Viola Mewborn was sponsor. Mrs. Pauline Brown was group leader. The Rev. Taber Sumner gave inspirational talks. Sunday morning Mrs. Ida Torsell was accompanist.

OUSTER NOT UNANIMOUS: 3 Cheltenham Board Members Favored Kiah

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strenously objected and asked to be excused from voting and three members were absent and had no opportunity to express themselves on this action," he pointed out.

The special committee appointed to decide on the retention or rejection of Mr. Kiah did not interview the superintendent, nor make a careful study of his program, the statement charged.

Committee Member Absent

Appointed two months ago, the committee, headed by Mrs. Bertha Proctor, included J. Marshall Stewart and Joseph H. Neal.

Mr. Stewart was absent at the board meeting on Feb. 24, and knew nothing of the special committee report submitted to the board which resulted in the subsequent rejection of Mr. Kiah, it was disclosed.

Dr. Jackson recalled that, in addition, he and J. Grayson Luttrell were also absent, and that Carroll Hynson of Annapolis objected to the action and asked to be excused from voting.

Commended Month Earlier

Dr. Jackson also disclosed that minutes of the board meeting of Oct. 7, 1947, contained the following comment on the report of Mr. Kiah as superintendent of Cheltenham:

"The board felt that this was a very good report. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Mr. Kiah be commended highly for his report and work at Cheltenham."

The former member of the board also charged that factions among Cheltenham staff members offer a great deal of difficulty to any administrator.

Continual meddling by some members of the board and the executive secretary (Editor's Note: Wallace Reidt) has interfered with the free hand of the superintendent.

Board of Co-operation Urged

Concluding, Dr. Jackson's statement read:

"Now that the new board has been appointed, it is hoped that it will take cognizance of the actual situation at Cheltenham and cooperate fully with the new superintendent when he is appointed.

"This was not done in the case of Mr. Kiah."

The physician said that irregular board meetings were called at the convenience of the chairman and frequently changed. The result was that members were frequently unable to cancel previous commitments in order to attend the meetings, he pointed out.

Lewis Appointment Hit

Community opinion questions the wisdom of placing a full-time paid State employee as head of the new Cheltenham Board.

Dr. William E. Henry, president of the Maryland State Teachers College in Bowie, has been asked to call the nine-member body together at the State House in Annapolis today (Friday), at 2 p.m. to hear Governor Lane outline its duties.

A State employee, as board would necessarily be limited in his chairman, among other things, efforts to press for a new location for the school. This is one of the outstanding problems.

Board Makeup Questioned

Another opinion was that a well-chosen, integrated board would have been of greater value to the school than an all-colored board. All colored boards are open to the same criticism as all-white boards."

"Fine people do not necessarily compile a good board," stated a Baltimorean remarked, concurring with others in his objection to the leadership of the body.

"It is poor judgment to place a State employee as chairman of a board that needs as much autonomy as the Cheltenham body must display," he said.

Board Members Listed

Other members of the new board appointed on Monday are:

Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, Northwestern District policewoman; Mrs. Bertha Proctor, re-appointed after serving 10 years; the Rev. John T. Colbert, Willard W. Allen; insurance executive;

T. Wallis Lansey, laundry owner; Lt. Col. William M. Brady, Maryland National Guard officer; Dr. James A. White, dentist; and Charles E. Cornish, transportation businessman of Cambridge, Md.

Old Group Resigned En Masse

The former board, headed by Thomas B. Sprague, beauty supply dealer, met at infrequent intervals until an AFRO expose brought to public attention some of the conditions at the school which for years successive grand jury reports had labeled "disgraceful."

On the grounds that an all-colored board could establish more pleasant relationships with the Cheltenham staff, the board resigned as a body on Jan. 26.

It is felt that the colored community cannot be held responsible for the future of Cheltenham on the basis of what the new board named by Governor Lane will do.

Lack of Experience Cited

None of the new members is a lawyer, or doctor; none is a recognized bookkeeper, although the functions of the board will require such intelligence; and none is experienced in the direction of an institution of this type.

With but one or two noteworthy exceptions, this board seems to represent the recommendations of white persons, who boomed their individual selections because of their "satisfactory" relations with them in keeping with the "Maryland tradition."

With the resignation of Mr. Kiah, effective on Feb. 26, the school was placed in charge of Hiawatha B. Harris, assistant superintendent.

Thomas B. Sprague, defending the board's dismissal of Mr. Kiah, stated that the action was the unanimous decision of the six members present.

The meeting on February 24 was originally set for January 26 although no hour had been set. Mr. Sprague stated that because of his work, and the fact that he and two other board members (Mrs. Proctor and Joseph P. Healy) served on the Grand Jury, no meeting could be held before 3 o'clock.

Cab Drivers' Terror Abates

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two counts of murder at 5:30 a.m., Wednesday.

Victim Begged for Life

In confessions of how one of their victims begged for his life, police said, George, who lives at 25½ Hanover Pl., N.W., and Lawrence, who lives at 2121 L St. N.W., said they robbed their victims to "get money to pay room rent."

An anonymous phone call from a woman led to the capture of the two suspected slayers.

Det. Sgts. F. J. Winter and R. L. Dunn said the woman told them George had been talking about the slaying of the cab driver in such a way as to lead her to suspect him.

Houses Surrounded

On the strength of this tip, the two officers tracked down the other of the two brothers, who has a record dating back to January, 1945. Later detectives came upon information which implicated his brother, Lawrence, police said.

The quarters of the two suspects and the homes of their girl friends were immediately surrounded by police.

George was picked up by police about 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, in his room on Hanover St., and his brother, Lawrence, was arrested about one hour later. The watch of cab driver Jones was found in his room, officers reported.

Both Knew Victim Be Pelted

First to confess to the crimes, George reportedly told police when they arrived, "I've been expecting you, I knew my number was up."

He had been convicted of stabbing a dog to death in January, 1945. Since his arrest by detectives in this incident, he has been charged with forgery, assault, threat and cruelty to dumb animals.

During questioning at police headquarters, George Garner, according to police, said his brother Lawrence had committed both slayings.

He admitted that he, himself had beaten Hardy over the head and then turned him over to Lawrence, they said.

Pleas of Cabbie Recalled

He admitted, police said, to Hardy pleading to them not to kill him because "I have a wife and four children."

The brothers, both native Washingtonians, did not know where their father is, police said, and their mother is deceased. Both have criminal records; and both have served time on robbery charges.

Police said they admitted taking $3 in one of the holdup murders and splitting the booty. Out of the two slayings they netted about $12 and a watch, it was reported.

Barrett Commends Officers

Commenting on the work of his men in the speedy arrest of the slaying suspects, Superintendent of Police Robert J. Barrett said the slayings were "two of the most vicious I have ever known in Washington.

"My men are to be highly commended for the excellence and dispatch of their work in solving these brutal crimes," he added.

Meanwhile police were still combing the city for leads to the vicious murder of Meyer Meyrovitch, 39, who was killed in his grocery store at 90 O St., N.W., Monday night.

Pastor, Doctor Hit by Suits

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that Mrs. Smith admitted she is of colored descent.

Though the Rev. Mr. Smith claimed to be an American, rather than "a Negro," the jurist stated he (Smith) admitted pastoring a colored church, attending colored schools and being registered as a colored voter and citizen.

As to the defendants' argument viewing the enforcement of the restrictive covenant as a violation of the 14th Amendment, Judge McWilliams ruled:

"At present, the decisions of the United States Supreme Court and the Maryland Court of Appeals are to the contrary.

"At some time in the future, both of these courts may take a contrary view, but until they do, I consider that I am obliged to follow them."

Impugns Covenanter's Purpose

Defense lawyers, Charles Houston and Donald G. Murray, argued that since the covenant covered only one-third of the 100 acres, it could not be applied to the remaining section.

To this the jurist countered, "The water front property on which Beechwood Park is located was probably sold as a concession to induce the purchaser to take the wooded section, which covers the greater portion of the tract.

He added, however, "In all probability, the covenant was intended to cover the entire area."

Tolerance Plea Rejected

At another joint Judge McWilliams observed:

"It may be well that the most desirable features of the lots owned by the plaintiff is the fact that they will have white people for neighbors.

"It may well be that these particular defendants would make more desirable neighbors than any white people who might become owners of the property in the development.

"However that may be, it is of no importance here, as this is neither the time nor the place for an essay on racial tolerance."

To File for Rehearing

Disappointed But not at all disheartened, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Smith plan to continue the fight. Attorney Murray revealed that he plans to file for a rehearing to have the opinion modified.

Mrs. Smith stated that in all probability the matter will be taken to the Court of Appeals. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders were represented by white lawyers.

AFRICAN NATIVE NAMED

SIERRA LEONE, Africa (ANP) —A 33-year-old native recently was made administrative officer here, the first to receive such a governmental post.

9 More Studied for Police Force

Nine colored Baltimoreans are being considered for appointment to the local police force, it was learned this week.

The men, part of a group which in all probability will be appointed next Thursday or Friday, have been thoroughly investigated by members of the detective bureau.

The current class of probationary patrolmen named to the force late last fall is to be graduated from the police training school on Saturday.

After being appointed they were assigned to their respective districts and placed on street patrols with seasoned officers until after the Christmas holidays. Then they were sent to the police school for basic training.

The police training school is conducted in the Police Headquarters Building under the direction of Lt. Leonard H. Fehlauer.

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March 17—Pittsburgh ..... 9 a.m.—Schenley High School
March 17—New York ..... 7 p.m.—135th St. YMCA
March 17—Washington, D.C. ..... 9 a.m.—Dunbar High School
March 18—Newark ..... 7 p.m.—Court St. YMCA
March 20—Philadelphia ..... 1:45 p.m.—Board of Education Building, Parkway at 21st St., Room 711

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the week over three of the major radio networks.

A special program will be carried by ABC at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11; and an NBC program, with John Garfield, as narrator, will be heard at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

A CBS program will also be heard at a time to be announced next week.

Schools to Hear Speakers

In addition, six audiences at various local schools will hear addresses on "The Role of the Negro Press," by AFRO speakers.

On Monday, March 8, at Coppin Teachers College, Vincent Tubbs, editor of the Baltimore AFRO, will be the speaker.

Elson Higginbotham, assistant advertising manager, will speak at Douglass High School on March 9; and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips, assistant managing editor, will speak at Carver Vocational School on March 10.

Also on March 10, Miss Julia B. English, chief copy editor, will speak at Booker W. Washington Junior High School.

On the same day, Furman Templeton, personnel manager, will speak at Morgan State College; and James H. Murphy, circulation manager, will speak at Dunbar High School.

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Oust Garrett, Mayor Urged

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ict, the Progressive Party based its objection to Mr. Garrett upon the Park and Recreation Board's refusal to act upon the issue involving interracial amateur sports.

"The people of Baltimore want to hear from you!" began the open letter to Mayor D'Alesandro, which was signed by Dr. Camper.

School Board Hit

The Progressive Party also asked that Dr. William H. Watts, physician, be named to the School Board, upon which, it said "the colored community is woefully under-represented."

Dr. George W. F. McMechen is at present the only colored member on that board. The terms of three white members expired last Monday.

Concerning the recreation issue, Dr. Camper quoted Mr. Garrett as saying that "he has no plans to investigate the matter any further," and that his own position "is one of opposition to interracial play."

Avoided Making Decision

The question came up nearly three months ago when Fred Crogby, director of municipal sports, suspended remaining games of the Fulton-YCA basketball team, which includes two colored players.

This suspension was initiated "pending action by the Park and Recreation Board," which has since met three times without passing upon the issue.

"Break Silence," Mayor Urged

"We call upon you to break your public silence on this issue. We call upon you to denounce Mr. Jarrett and to institute proceedings to remove him from office," Dr. Camper wrote, adding:

"We call upon you to appoint a board chairman who will restore the Fulton PCA team to its rightful place in the basketball league and encourage interracial sports."

Trial Marriage Ends In Divorce

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their apartment door, and would only talk to him through the peep hole in the door.

Later, he said, she packed his clothes and sent them to his mother's home.

Just Got Tired

Mrs. Isabel Carter of 560 St. Mary St., who won a divorce on grounds of desertion, came forth with the plain explanation, "we just got tired of each other," when asked why their marriage went on rocks.

Mrs. Carter testified that she and Thomas Carter were married in 1932 and lived together until 1943, when their separation. She has custody of their three children; and he is to pay $15 per week for their support.

Cruelty Charged

Mrs. Havella Dobbins of 1818 Lorman St. said that Albert Dobbins blacked her eye and she left, so win a divorce. They were married in 1928 and lived together until 1946.

3 Others Get Decrees

Decrees also went to:

Mrs. Mamie Williams of 238 Spring Ct., who charged Robert L. Williams with desertion; Mrs. Madeline Lewis of 558 Pressman St., who said that Bernard Lewis left her because he tired of supporting her and their three children; and

Albert L. King, who said that Mrs. Maude L. King of 2516 Pace St. left him after six months of marriage.

The latter couple are parents of a five-year-old daughter, whom the husband would "at least like to do something for," but says he can't locate the child or its mother.

Koger to Administer George Evans Estate

Linwood Koger has been named to administer the estate of his former law partner, George W. Evans, who died Nov. 15.

Mr. Evans is survived by a wife, Mrs. Willerma A. Evans, and two children, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson and George W. Evans Jr.

COMPARE FOR YOURSELF:

Headlines Misleading, Prices Really at Peak

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as they put pressure on neighborhood storekeepers in a bid for trade, notices were posted almost simultaneously that clothing prices are going up.

Furthermore, a check behind the headlines that screamed about sensational price cuts recently will show that the cuts were concentrated in only a few classes of food and were exaggerated by wars between a few stores seeking a quick competitive advantage, while price advances in other foods were overlooked.

Actually, after three weeks of these sensational price cuts, a family of four living on a typical moderate-cost diet will find that it has saved just 21 cents on its entire week's food bill.

Comparison Will Suffice

Take a list of 33 of the 40 items that a family might buy for a week's eating and compare the cost of these items on Jan. 29 with the cost on Feb. 26 and you have a statistically accurate gauge of the trend in the cost of living has gone down.

FOOD FOR FAMILY OF FOUR

Typical Weekly Bill	Jan. 29 At store	Feb. 26 At store
1½ doz. oranges	$.46	$.48
2 lbs. spinach	.30	.28
2 lbs. squash	.10	.10
2lbs. snap beans	.58	.54
3 bunches carrots	.20	.20
2 heads lettuce	.28	.28
3 lbs. potatoes	.19	.19
4 lbs. apples	.60	.60
2 bunches celery	.38	.42
2 lbs. onions	.25	.34
3 lbs. sweet potatoes	.45	.39
1 can. tomato juice	.10	.10
2 cans peas	.30	.30
1 can tomatoes	.19	.19
2 cans vegetable soup	.25	.28
18 qts. milk	3.78	3.78
1 lb. cheese	.39	.39
1 qt. ice cream	.70	.70
2 doz. eggs	1.50	1.44
1 lb. beef liver	.49	.49
1 lb. hamburger	.55	.61
1½ lbs. flounder	.51	.51
2 lbs. lamb chops	1.50	1.38
3½ lbs. fowl	1.84	1.82
1½ lbs. pork loin	.86	.83
1 lb. butter	.37	.37
1 lb. margarine	.45	.41
1 lb. Crisco	.45	.45
7 loaves bread	1.05	1.05
2 lbs. sugar	.18	.18
1 lb. coffee	.46	.46
2 lbs. flour	.26	.26
¼ lb. preserves	.13	.13
TOTALS	$21.58	$21.37

This table shows a drop in food prices of 1%. In terms of the cost of living, the drop means a cut in the overall living expense of a family with a $60 pay envelope of about one-third of 1%.

Moreover, while food was dropping 1%, prices of other items have been rising, and it is very probable that even this small dent in living costs may have been canceled out.

During the last half of 1947, rents were going up at a rate of 1% a month. Higher prices of suits, coats and children's woolen items will greet families when they start their Easter shopping.

Men's worsted suits, for example, are $1.50 to $3 more than last Fall.

Home Furnishings Up Too

Similarly, prices of home furnishings went up 10% at wholesale this Winter and these hikes are now being translated into retail price tags.

New models of automobiles will be $100 to $200 higher than 1947 models and there is little likelihood that the prices of meats, milk and dairy products will be lower in the next few months.

Don't let the headlines kid you, Mister. Jingle your pocket. That's where the truth is told.

8 MORE ILL. GUARD UNITS

CHICAGO (ANP)—Four new units of the 178th Regional Combat Team of the State Guard have been activated.

School Buildings' Looks Neglected

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Douglass auditorium is in need of paint and repair.

Mr. Lewis advised that the examination, but that only one-on the basis of need, without dis-redecoration program was planned. third of the painting could be undertaken this year.

An AFRO survey, this week, revealed that the auditoriums and buildings proper of three of the white high schools have gone for 10 and more years without being repainted.

Miss Mildred M. Coughlin, principal of Western High School, told a reporter, "Our auditorium is terrible. We're ashamed of it."

Painted 15 Years Ago

The school was opened 21 years ago, and since that time was given a complete paint job only once. That was about 15 years ago.

As was the case with Douglass High, Western received a "going over" by workers during the days of the WPA, but it was a patch-work job.

Other School Complaints

Forest Park High, according to its principal, Wendell E. Dunn, had its auditorium painted last summer for the first time since it was built in 1923. Fallen plaster was last replaced by WPA workers in 1935.

Eastern High is in pretty good condition. The school has been open for approximately 10 years, but has not "had the face lifted" since then.

A student body of Douglass High has become alarmed over the disgraceful condition of its auditorium and the group plans to take

Son-in-Law Held as Murder Suspect

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me and ran out of the kitchen door."

Little Margaret then ran screaming the woman was lying in the dining room in a pool of blood. A gore-stained hair fastener was lying nearby.

A partially-ironed dress was draped across an ironing board in the room, and a bundle of rough dryed clothes filled a chair.

Fully aware that something was amiss, but too young to understand the tragedy they had witnessed, two of the dead woman's children, Clarence and Vonzella, wandered aimlessly about the house as police began their investigation.

Children Bewildered

The youngsters were silent and apparently bewildered. They stared sadly at the squad of policemen who hurried in and out of the house, then patiently posed for the news photographer near the spot where their mother was slain.

Lt. John B. Kenealy of the Northeastern District, who handled the investigation, said he found one bullet under the woman's body and three spent .32-caliber shells on the floor. He said that the death weapon was an automatic pistol.

The AFRO learned that Smith, who had known the dead woman for sometime, married her 18-year-old daughter two years ago. The victim's husband, Clarence Taylor, was working at Sparrows Point steel mills when the shooting occurred.

Smith, described by police as an "odd job man," lived with his wife at 1316 E. Monument St., two blocks from the scene of the shooting.

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Nurse Saves Tot

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child to Franklin Square Hospital.

Tot Left Alone in Home

There the victim, Minnie Lee Feaster, was admitted in a critical condition, with severe burns at most completely covering her body.

Returning to the home later, Mrs. Hughes learned that while the mother, Mrs. Nancy Feaster was temporarily out, the tot began playing with some newspaper near the red-hot belly of a coal stove, setting herself afire.

The stove was still piping hot and small bits of paper were found scattered on the floor in front of the heater when Mrs. Hughes reentered the house. There was no other fire damage, though.

It is believed that the child was fascinated by the color of the stove and toyed with the red-hot portion with bits of paper.

Nurse Modest Over Deed

"I don't feel that I have done anything great," observed Mrs. Hughes. "I would have done the same thing for any child or adult and would do the same thing all over again," she added.

Mrs. Hughes has done private duty nursing and has been with the Public Health Service for seven years, working out of the Druid Hill Health Center, of which Dr. Maceo Williams is director.

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