Carib Commission Not Imperialist, Aide Says

BASSE-TERRE, Guadeloupe — The third session of the West Indian Conference opened on this French colonial island Dec. 1 under the chairmanship of Pierre Pelieu, head of the French Section of the Caribbean Commission, in the new building of the Council General.

Mr. Pelieu strongly denied rumors that the commission's goals were imperialistic and injurious to peoples in the area.

Before the business began the prefect, Gilbert Philipson, welcomed the commissioners, delegates, advisors and others who had come to participate in the proceedings.

Good Will Stressed

Speaking on behalf of France, the conference host, and of the Department of Guadeloupe, Mr. Philipson described the conference as a meeting "of men of good faith and good will come together to . . . sow seeds of understanding and of peace."

Replying to Mr. Philipson, Chairman Pelieu expressed the thanks of the Caribbean Commission and delegates for the islanders' warm reception, and especially to the President of the Council General and his colleagues for the use of the chamber.

Outlining the history, aims, and activities of the Caribbean Commission, Mr. Pelieu explained that it was primarily a study organization for the improvement of those common interests which the existence of common geographical factors naturally create.

He strongly denied the "malicious stories" representing the Caribbean Commission as the instrument of an imperialist movement, and sometimes as the core of a "separatist" federation.

The member governments, he said, were partners on an equal footing, who have set themselves the tasks of improving by concerted action, the standard of living of the Caribbean peoples.

In his first appearance at a commission conference, Ward Canaday, recently appointed in place of the late Charles W. Taussig, extended the greetings of President Truman and his warm, good wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the areas represented.

Factory Worker Freed In Death

NEW BURNSWICK—It took a jury only 20 minutes to return a verdict of not guilty in the two-day manslaughter trial on Wednesday of Stillman Boskett, 30, a brick factory worker who was indicted for the Oct. 2 shovel slaying of Cornelius Murphy, 27, a fellow worker.

Boskett, a native of Lancaster, S. C., who gave his address as 334-E. 102nd St., New York City, was accused of hitting Murphy in the head with a coal shovel after the latter attacked him with a broken bottle when the defendant refused to give $2 to buy whiskey.

Boskett obtained work at the Sayre and Fisher brick plant in Sayreville last September through an employment agency and was ambitious to become a farmer in New Jersey, he said.

Before coming to work in Sayreville, Boskett supported his wife and two children by working as a Brooklyn apartment house janitor. County Court Judge Klemer Kalteisen presided at the trial.

Former Leading Drummer Gets Rites at Clinton AMEZ

NEWARK — Funeral services for David Tough, 40, white, one-time world's greatest drummer, were held on Tuesday at the Churchman funeral home.

The Rev. J. C. Nelson, pastor of Clinton Memorial AMEZ Church, and the Rev. Frank Wasser, chaplain of Lyons Veterans Hospital, conducted the funeral.

Tough, who was married to the former Miss Margaret Major, a member of one of Newark's oldest colored families, died in City Hospital on Thursday of a skull fracture, sustained in a fall on Dec. 6, at Market and Mulberry Sts.

A patient at the Veterans' Hospital since Oct. 8, Tough was scheduled to be released on Friday.

Had Just Bought Home

The Toughs had an apartment at 36 Chester Ave. at the home of Mrs. Tough's family. They had just purchased a new home and were expected to move last week-end.

Born in Oak Park, Ill., David started playing in the early 1920's, and through the years drummed with such band leaders as Eddie Condon, Benny Goodman, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Jack Teagardebm Bunny Berrigan and Stan Kenton.

Topped 3 Polls

Among the musicians' popularity polls he won included the Metronome magazine award in 1945 and 1946 and the Esquire poll in 1945 while playing with Woody Herman.

He was in radio, pictures, and most recently, was a member of Norman Granz's "Jazz at the Philharmonic" group.

Tough was the son of a Chicago business man. He served in the Navy two and a half years during World War II.

His body was shipped to Chicago for burial.

Candlelight Sing Slated at 110th Street Center

NEW-YORK — A candlelight sing featuring the carols of all nations will be held at the 110th Street Community Center, 31 W. 110th St., on Thursday Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. The public is invited. The service will be followed by a movie.

Camden Probing Slaying by GOP

CAMDEN— Investigation is being made here into circumstances around the death of Herbert R. Dunkelberger, 40, of 451 Raritan St., who was shot to death on Friday night by Patrolman Arthur Jones, who has been on the force three months.

Jones and Patrolman John Ferry, who were in a police car, answered a call saying that a man was prowling in front of the home of Mrs. Joseph F. Spytek at 2813 Westfield Ave.

Mrs. Spytek said that the prowler drove around in an auto blinked his lights and shone a flashlight into her home, and gave an auto license number which corresponded with Dunkelberger's, Police Chief Samuel Johnson stated.

Forced to Curb

He declared that when the police car chased Dunkelberger's auto until it was forced to the curb at Ediaw Ave. and Mickle St., the driver got out and made a move toward a rear pocket.

Ferry, who was approaching Dunkelberger, yelled a warning to Jones, who shot the man in the left side, the officers said. The bullet emerged on his right side. The officers said Dunkelberger had a screwdriver in his hand and a flashlight was on the auto front seat. Because versions of the actual shooting varied, a full investigation was sought.

Widow Sees Mistake

Dunkelberger's widow contended that he apparently was driving along a route he took regularly while going out to purchase delicatessen, bakery goods and cigars, and that police probably lost the car they were chasing and picked up Dunkelberger.

James A. McKee, a partner in the Integrity Oil Company of Philadelphia, which employed Dunkelberger, said that he had been with the firm as a driver 12 years and had a spotless record.

However, police said that Dunkelberger had been arrested three times since 1937 on charges of receiving stolen goods, indecent exposure and disorderly conduct. He served one sentence of three years and another of one, they stated.

Pass Exams for Army

RICHMOND, Va. (NNPA)—Only eight out of 147 colored men examined here for the new draft have passed physical and mental examinations and have been inducted into the Army and assigned to Fort Dix, N. J. an Army officer said last Monday.

Riddick Frees 'Wild Kids' in Gun Charge

NEW YORK — Magistrate Vernon C. Riddick dismissed Sullivan Law charges against Barbara Kemp, 16, adopted daughter of an advertising executive, and Charles Davis, 18, of St. Albans, Queens.

The youngsters were members of a mixed party who were arrested at 3:30 a.m. Dec. 2, with another boy at Park Ave. and 46th St. after a wild party in the Kemp home in St. Albans.

A .32-calibre gun was found in Davis's possession, but, because, police reported, it could not be fired, Magistrate Riddick ruled it was not a violation of the law against carrying concealed weapons.

The other boy, Charles Crawford, 15, also of St. Albans, was arraigned in Children's Court and sent to Bellevue Hospital for mental observation.

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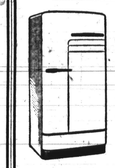

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