Provident Blood Bank's 7-Month Record Compiled

In its seven months of operation ending in December, Provident Hospital's blood bank has filled 247 requests for services, received blood from 218 persons and performed 185 transfusions.

At a cost in excess of $8,000, the blood bank was financed entirely by the Elks with city and State lodges and temples as well as the national body participating the project. The laboratory at the hospital was subsequently renovated to accommodate the blood bank.

Dr. Simon E. Carter, resident physician, is in charge of the laboratory, which last year completed a total of 23,961 tests. Since the opening of the blood bank the staff has increased from two to six persons, with Miss Celestine Rose as chief technician.

17-20 Pints Kept

At present, the blood bank keeps from 17 to 20 pints of blood, a sufficient quantity to meet the usual demands.

However such emergencies as that presented by a patient with a long infection and for whom some 15 transfusions were necessary, do may deplete its supply. Replenishments are made through specific requests.

The Provident blood bank, once met a request from an Easton, Md., hospital for two pints of blood for a patient. The precious fluid for a critically ill woman was transported to the airport by State Troopers who rallied to the emergency.

All Blood Processed

Standard procedure for processing the blood after it is drawn includes placing it in a commercially prepared vacuum bottle containing a preservative solution and then storing it in the special refrigerator.

It is next classified by the technicians as one of four types—A, B, AB, or O—and then tested for the rare RH negative properties, which are found among only 15 per cent of the population.

It is particularly imperative that RH negative blood be on hand for use among pregnant women.

VD Tests Made

The blood is then tested for syphilis, which determines whether or not it is accepted or rejected for use. Complete information about the blood is then recorded on the storage bottle.

Other members of the blood bank staff include Misses LaReesa Felder and Lois Morris, clinical laboratory workers; James Smith, histological technician; and Miss E. Marlene Holden, medical typist.

Thugs Take Cash, Coats From Trio

Police admitted Thursday that little progress had been made in the search for the seven thugs who assaulted and robbed three young men near Fremont Ave. and Lanvale St., late Sunday.

The victims were Edward Gaskins, 15, 1641 Lanvale St.; Lewis Lynn, 18, 1809 Lanvale St., and Elliott Brockington, 20, 1730 Lanvale St.

The trio told Northwestern district police they were walking through the 800 block of Lanvale St., near the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts studios when a group of men leaped upon them from the shadows of a small street.

Lose Coats, Cash

The victims were beaten; their topcoats snatched from their bodies and money and jewelry taken by the thugs, who fled through an alley.

Darkness prevented the victims from getting accurate descriptions of their assailants. This hampered police in making an investigation.

Gaskins said he lost his topcoat. Lynn lost his overcoat, pants, watch and cash, while Brockington lost his topcoat and $2 in cash.

Representing Five Generations

Mrs. Lavinia Hughes (seated) of 222 Haydock St., Rahway, N.J., is shown here with members of four other generations of her family. Her great-great-granddaughter, Yvonne Moore, is seated with her. Standing are Solomon Moore (left), Mrs. Roy Osborne and Alfred Moore. Mrs. Osborne is Mrs. Hughes's daughter, Solomon Moore is her son, and Alfred Moore is the son of Solomon Moore. Yvonne is the daughter of Alfred Moore. Mrs. Hughes, who is 87, is the oldest member of Ebenezer AMEZ Church and remains active.

Hoodlums Beat Vet at Morgan Hall

Johnn Miller, 23-year-old Army veteran, told Northwestern District police, this week, that he was brutally beaten by a group of hoodlums while attending a dance, Saturday night, at Morgan Hall.

The ex-service man said he was dancing with Miss Geraldine Moore of 223 N. Gilmor St. when he was attacked by the men.

Miller said he would not be able to identify his assailants. He was treated at Provident Hospital for lacerations of the face and head.

New Athletic Club Elects First Officers

The newly organized McCullough-Mac Athletic Club, formed on Tuesday with 18 members who plan active participation in sports, elected Raymond Moore as president and Belfore Elfey as secretary.

Cornelius Johnson and Richard D. White are business manager and publicity agent, respectively, while William Lansey is coach.

Pedestrian's Ankle Hurt in Traffic Accident

Mrs. Lillian Harris, 48, 1049 W. Fayette St., was treated in Frank Ilin Square Hospital, Monday, for an ankle injury sustained when she was struck by an automobile.

Southwestern district police said the mishap occurred in the 1100 block S. Monroe St., and charged the motorist, Ferdinand Geurth, white, of Catonsville with reckless driving.

Students Visit Exhibit on "Colonial Life"

Thirty-nine pupils of School No. 158 at Falls Rd. and Cold Spring Lane visited the Baltimore Art Museum's exhibit on "Colonial Life" Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Dale Hawthorne, teacher.

They also explored the Maryland Wing of the museum. Mrs. Ava Crowne is teacher-in-charge of the school.

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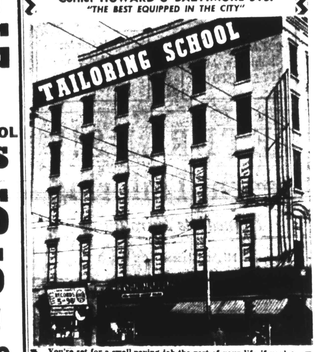

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Jury System of New York State Assailed in Trial of 11 Communists

Counsel for Davis, Winston Charge Lists Discriminate Against Jews, Other Groups

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK, N.Y. (NNPA)—New York State's "blue ribbon" jury system came under heavy attack in Federal Court here last Tuesday as the trial of 11 Communist leaders, charged with conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, got under way.

All jurors in New York for the past 10 years have been selected by a private organization of judges known as the Federal Grand Jury Association, attorneys for the Communists stated, and this organization discriminated against colored persons, Jews and others in compiling such lists.

These charges were leveled by George W. Crockett, brilliant colored Michigan attorney, and four other nationally known lawyers who are defending New York City Councilman Benjamin Davis and Henry Winston and nine other admitted Communist leaders.

Communist Secretary Tried

Among those on trial, in addition to Messrs. Davis and Winston, are:

Eugene Dennis, general secretary, Communist Party; John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker; Irving Potash, union leader; John Williamson, party labor secretary; Gilbert Green, Illinois State chairman of the party; Robert Thompson, New York State chairman, and Gus Hall, Ohio State chairman.

The battery of defense lawyers, in addition to Mr. Crockett, includes Harry F. McCabe, Harry Sacher, Abraham Inserman and Richard Gladstein. Heading the prosecution is U.S. Attorney F. D. McGohey.

Party Chairman Excused

The lawyers made their charges before Federal Judge Harold R. Medina on the second day of proceedings, after the judge had granted the Government a motion of severance in the case of William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party.

Judge Medina had also denied a motion by Crockett that the case be adjourned for 90 days to give the defense more time to prepare its case. The severance was granted Mr. Foster after medical examinations had confirmed the fact that he had a serious heart ailment.

As soon as the case was moved to trial, Tuesday, the defense lawyers challenged the entire jury panel of 325 talesmen, who were waiting in another room of the Federal Court Building.

Grounds for the challenge was that colored people, Jews, women and members of minority political parties had been discriminated against in their selection.

Judge's Disqualification Asked

The defense then followed up this move with a motion requesting that Judge Medina disqualify himself to hear debate on their challenge.

It was contended that he (Medina and all other judges in the Southern District of New York State) had an interest in and upheld the system of selecting jurors, inasmuch as none had ever challenged the so-called unconstitutional system.

The five lawyers made it plain that they were addressing their challenge to the entire system of the election of jurors in New York State.

System Without Equal

Richard Gladstein, San Francisco defense attorney, told the court that the New York system of selecting jurors demanded that a juror hold a certain amount of property and have a certain prestige in the community.

He declared that he had never heard of or found such a system in any other State in the motion.

The prejudice suffered by colored people in the United States was brought up in the trial on the very first day when the defense moved that the police detail of 400 men be removed from the vicinity of the court.

Prejudice Not Sectional

"As a colored man," Attorney Crockett declared, "I have become more or less an authority on prejudice created by the white press's propaganda.

"This is not the first trial in which I have participated, where the surroundings indicated that there could not be a fair trial for my clients," he added.

After scoring the press's headlines concerning the large police detail, Crockett said all prejudices are not confined to the South and that he had learned that prejudice against one group can be used against another group.

He then pointed out that colored persons had often been associated with the Communist Party because the party offered them certain things denied them elsewhere.

He summed up his argument by declaring that the conduct of the trial was similar to the conduct of the "infamous" Scottsboro trial.

Fanfare Attends Trial

The trial opened last Monday with the fanfare of a Hollywood movie. Harvard-trained, Georgia born Davis and Winston, the latter organizational secretary of the Communist Party, occupied the attention of photographers and newsmen as they filed into the court.

Davis was roundly cheered as he walked through the halls of the Federal building during recesses in the court. He did not appear in the court on Monday afternoon because of a toothache.

More than half the small courtroom was taken over by the press. Only two colored reporters, this writer and Carl Lawrence of the New York Amsterdam News have been accredited to cover the trial.

After members of the press had been admitted and friends and relatives of the defendants given seats, only about 30 seats were left vacant for the huge crowd which lined the corridors of the Federal building an hour before the trial got under way.

Councilmen Fall Davis

Last Tuesday afternoon, Davis obtained permission from the United States Attorney to attend the meeting of the New York City Council.

There at City Hall, he obtained the floor on a point of personal privilege and sought to enlist the aid of the council in preventing the New York City police from stationing such a large detail at the trial. He argued that the dignity of a city councilman demanded such co-operation.

He lost the floor in the middle of his argument, however, on a point of order and when the chair sustained the point of order, Davis called for a vote on the ruling of the chair. He lost the vote by 16-3.

Claudia Jones Spectator

Crockett, who is also defending two of the white men in the case, is a graduate of Morehouse College and the University of Michigan Law School.

An interested daily spectator at the trial is Claudia Jones, top ranking colored Communist, who, herself, recently faced deportation proceedings brought against her by the Federal Government on the charges that she was a subversive alien.

3 Hurt, Drivers Held in Car Crash

Three persons, passengers in the same car, were injured Wednesday at Broadway and Federal St.

The injured, all of whom were treated at Hopkins Hospital, are: Philip A. Dorsey, 22, of 104 N. Stricker St., injuries of the left side; Mrs. Gladoria Randall, 20, of 1221 Winters Ave., Catonsville, lacerations on the forehead; and Mrs. Ellen Montgomery, 21, of 2032 E. Eager St., head injuries.

Reckless driving charges were placed against Dorsey, driver of one car, and Gaston S. Hoover, of 1806 Holbrook St., operator of the other machine, was accused of failing to give the right of way at a boulevard.

Both are to appear in traffic court, Jan. 28.

School News

Tours of local points of interest were reported last week, from classes at Hayes School No. 102.

Accompanied by their teacher Miss Thelma Anderson, the 4B pupils went to the waterfront at the foot of Broadway to observe various types of boats and their uses.

A worker also explained how the crafts are inspected and protected against fire, repaired and loaded.

Miss Bertha Ralph took her 5A class to visit Fort McHenry, the harbor, and the Shot Tower. The Department of Education furnished the bus for the three-hour tour.

Visit AFRO Building

Under the direction of Mesdames Carrie Cooper, Terrie Gilmore and Sadie Marshal, the Travel Club of Wood School No. 176 visited the AFRO building on Monday.

The group included Robert Hall, Virginia Crockett, Clarence Loggins, Leroy Wilson, George Worrell, George Harrison, Gertrude Cole, Marie Hooper, Margaret Peterson, Christine Anderson, John Tillman, Samuel Walker, Robert Winchester, Charles Hill, Marcella Bruce, Wilma Poole, Magaline Hegaspeth and Gloria Coxon.

Attended Theatre in D. C.

The club meets weekly and visits not only places of interests, but "travels" in song, games, stories, poems and movies. Recently the group saw a movie in a Washington theatre.

Possibilities of holding a one-half day weekly nursery school and a community Sunday School were among the items discussed last week during the Parent-Teacher Association meeting at School No. 155.

Mesdames Roger K. Williams and Edward Brooks are president and secretary.

Panel Discussion

"Helping Parents Understand the School," was the theme of a panel discussion Wednesday at School No. 138 where Edward L. Murray is principal.

Participants included Charles Pitts, sixth grade teacher; Mrs. Gloria Banfield, visiting teacher; Mrs. Beatrice Rawlings, intermediate grades supervisor; Mrs. Frances Ashby, kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Virginia Parks and Earl Koger, parents.

Moderator was William H. Proctor, principal of School No. 100. Mrs. Lula Smith is president of the P-TA.

Summit Church Presents Organ Recital Jan. 20

SUMMIT—The young adult choir of Wallace Chapel AMEZ Church will present Albert A. Tillery in an organ recital on Thursday evening, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Tillery, orector of the Orange Majestic Singers, of Orange, was graduated from East Orange High School, and Lincoln University, Penn., and has done graduate work at Columbia University.

He was organist and choirmaster at the Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange; St. Mark Methodist Church, Montclair, and is now serving as organist of Union Baptist Church of Orange.

SOUTH AFRICA'S PROBLEM

CAPETOWN, South Africa — (ANP)—South Africa must find a solution to its race problem "immediately, even if it does not fit in the so-called sanctity of the constitution," declared Eric Louw, minister of economic affairs, at a Nationalist party rally in Hermanus, recently.

Some of Top Communists Facing Trial

A New York policeman ushers into Federal Courthouse in New York City three of the 12 Communist leaders who went on trial Monday on charges of conspiracy to teach and advocate the forcible overthrow of the U.S. Government. They are, from left, Henry Winston, Gus Hall and Benjamin Davis, New York city councilman and editor of the Daily Worker, Communist newspaper.

Reds Lose Plea for Trial Delay; 400 Police on Guard

Judge Medina Refuses to Disqualify Himself; Bids Defense to Present Facts

NEW YORK—Postponement of the trial of the 12 members of the Communist party, charged with violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and accused of conspiring to teach and advocate overthrow of the government by force and violence, was denied Monday in U. S. District Court by Judge Harold R. Medina.

A record detail of 400 Policemen kept vigil outside the court as the first day of the trial opened. The battery of eight lawyers urged Judge Medina to grant a stay of 90 days, advancing 10 different grounds for the request. Their pleas took four hours and 22 minutes, but all were denied.

Only eleven of the 12 defendants were present in court. The twelfth, William Z. Foster, 67, was reported too ill to attend the trial, and probably will be given a separate trial. All were indicted last July 20, and if convicted, face individual penalties ranging up to 10 years' imprisonment, and $10,000 fine.

Seek Polite Dispersal

The attorneys based their pleas for postponement mainly on the grounds that government and press-manufactured "hatred" had so inflamed the public that the defendants were "stripped of their presumption of innocence."

They also asked for "dispersal of the police, for a bill of particulars, and for Judge Medina to disqualify himself among other complaints.

Declaring he did not think the presence of police constituted an "armed camp," Judge Medina denied all motions and turned down the request to disqualify himself on the grounds of prejudice. He said "I have no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of these defendants" and added that the matter of his fitness had previously been rejected by him and upheld by a higher court.

Reserved Decision

Judge Medina reserved a decision on a request that "persons with weapons be kept out of court."

Defense lawyers contended that the government had built up an atmosphere of hate and that "a fair trail was impossible at this time." The Judge countered with the statement that the trial would be determined on the basis of evidence and "the quicker we get down to factual matters the quicker it could be determined," was "no good."

Robberies Net Man, 24, 80-Yr. Term

Sentences totaling 80 years in the penitentiary were imposed, Monday, upon James O. Brooks, 24, who admitted staging a series of armed robberies to obtain "Christmas money."

Judge Robert France, declaring that Brooks is "unfit for society" imposed the 20-year consecutive terms in three holdup cases, and suspended sentence in remaining charges against Brooks, including three other robberies, one sex attempt and two attempted holdups.

Sgt. Leslie Kummer, who handled the investigation of the case, and Officer Lewis Hammersly who arrested Brooks after surprising him in a holdup attempt, were publicly commended by Judge France as the grand jury filed into the courtroom during the hearing.

Police said the crimes were committed in the Northwest section of the city during the month of December. Brooks of 1137 N. Gilmor St., was arrested on Dec. 27 when he entered a twice-robbed grocery on Carrollton Ave. and Officer Hammersly, dressed in plain clothes, stepped from a hiding place and drew his pistol.

Officer Hammersly said that Brooks fled from the store, jumped into a car he had stolen, but crashed into another when one of the officer's bullets struck a front tire.

The sex charge was laid on testimony of one holdup victim that Brooks fondled his wife while holding a pistol on him. Saul Harris, assistant State's Attorney, prosecuted. He revealed that Brooks's criminal record included a six-year term for escaping from prison in 1943.

Bottle Wielder Draws $25 Fine

Found guilty of striking the bartender of the Baltimore Cricket Club in the eye with a beer bottle, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, 35, of 217 N. Fulton Ave., was given a $25 suspended fine Sunday in Northwestern police court.

The bartender, Cecil Dias, told Magistrate Fitzpatrick that Mrs. Williams struck him with the bottle "for no reason at all." He said the bottle broke after coming in contact with his glasses and later his eye. Mrs. William then hurled another bottle in his direction before bystanders could intervene.

Admits Throwing Bottle

Admitting that she threw the beer bottle, Mrs. Williams said she struck her first. She presented her own broken eye glasses to support her statement.

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