BIGGEST BECAUSE IT'S THE BEST!

—Nichols trial

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Ernest Jackson, his noted lawyer, had just emerged from the two-hour conference in the air conditioned, luxuriously appointed living room of the Bishop's living room.

He was heard to make these statements:

"IF THEY adhere strictly to the law of the church we will win," said the noted Ernest Jackson, counsel for Bishop Nichols.

"It's just a question of how honest they are when they claim they are trying to uphold the law of the church."

The Rt. Rev. Nichols was heard to ask, "Are you sure everything is all right, Mr. Jackson."

"Don't worry," replied the counselor, "keep quiet, and remain calm."

This seemed to have put into words the general atmosphere among the crowd of people in the bishop's home. Optimism was everywhere in evidence.

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FROM FLORIDA, New York, New Jersey and Alabama, the people flocked to give moral support to the man who had led them or was until a few short weeks ago their leader.

Since the five charges were filed by the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, the Episcopal responsibility in Florida has been taken over by Bishop S. L. Greene. "The best thing to happen to Bishop Nichols is that Bishop Greene shall sit here. There is no comparison between the two men."

On the flight to Jacksonville, this reporter was joined by Dr. Frank Veal, president of Allen University. "Originally," said Dr. Veal.

"The AME Church was an Episcopal democracy but at the turn of the 20th century, the men in office began what may well be called the Episcopal heirarchy.

"In 1956, at Miami, the assembly decided to turn to the democracy of our founding fathers. Bishop Nichols and I have been friends through the years, though for the past two years we have been on opposite sides of the fence. It is tragic that this must befall Bishop Nichols at a time when he has arrived at a point of international church leadership."

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BISHOP NICHOLS is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and an executive committeeman of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The Sons and daughters of Allen, a pro-Nichols group, formed in Baltimore during the recent session of the Bishops Council, held a meeting Monday night at Grant Memorial AME Church in Jacksonville.

Nearly 250 people were in attendance at the session presided over by their recently-elected president, the Rev. G. C. Cartwright of New Jersey.

Representatives of the Nichols regime in Florida, were at the Episcopal residence on fashionable West 6th St. to guarantee the comfort of the Bishop's friends. Among them were the Rev. John E. Carey, the "unofficial secretary" to Bishop Nichols; the Revs. John Grover; George W. Smith; J. S. Jackson, T. G. Shehee and C. C. Fox.

The Revs. J. J. Jackson, Lonnie Carey, and Samuel S. Singleton, motored in from New Jersey.

Dr. M. C. Jackson was also on hand.

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ON TUESDAY, about 9:00 o'clock, I arrived at the spacious Mt. Zion AME Church. In 15 minutes it was already crowded, Bishop Nichols made his dramatic appearance.

Partisans, estimated to be 750 of the 1,000 persons present, stood to give him a thundering ovation which lasted more than 4 minutes.

The bishop was natily dressed in a blue summer suit. He gave the appearance of complete composure.

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AT 10:20, the bailiff, T. M. Austin, intoned: "Hear ye, hear ye, the Ecclesiastical court of the AME Church is now in session. All person or persons having a charge or charges will come forward to be heard."

Bishop R. R. Wright, president of the Bishop's Council, ascended the rostrum, wearing his academic gown, with a blue velvet cowl, representing the doctorate degree of the University of Pennsylvania.

He was accompanied by the Bishops of AME church, among them Bishops Sherman, Wilkes, Gomez, Reid, Jordan, Primm, Baber, Hatcher, Hickman, and Bonner.

A full fledged worship service was "endured."

Dr. Frank Veal offered a prayer, Dr. George Singleton, editor of the Christian Review, read the scripture. Hymns, led by members of the church from Georgia, were sung.

Bishop Wright then appointed officers of the court.

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AT 10:40, the clerk of the court, the Rev. D. V. Kyle was called to read the charges. The counsel for the defense raised questions with reference to the proceedings of the trial.

It may be noted that each objection raised by the defense has up to this point been overruled, and the council had taken exception in every instance.

The pertinent charges filed June 14 by the Rev. M. M. Lindsay, also the charges made by Dr. William B. Stewart, ex-president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., were read.

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BISHOP WRIGHT called for identification of counsel. Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander is counsel for the complainant; Attorney Ernest Jackson, counsel for the defense.

The trial committee was announced by Bishop Wright. Members of the committee are: the Revs. Benjamin H. Hill, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Aivah A. Shaw, Columbus, Ohio; T. Wesley Gaines, New Orleans, La.; Harvey Walden, Chicago, Ill.; and Bishop Primm of the 10th Episcopal District, Waco, Texas.

One of the apparent surprises of the proceedings, up to this point, was the brilliance of Mr. Jackson for the defense.

It appears that he was underestimated and that so many people thought that Mrs. Sadie Alexander, well - known lawyer from Philadelphia, would run away with the proceedings.

UP TO THIS point, Mr. Jackson dominated the proceedings and on every hand has taken advantage of legal propositions in questioning much to the obvious annoyance of Mrs. Alexander and of Bishop Wright.

The first witness for the complainant was expounder Stewart of Edward Waters College. He was followed on the stand by Mr. Stith of a CPA firm of Columbia, S.C. which audits all of the books of all the educational institutions of the AME church.

The third witness was William Pierce, formerly business manager at Edward Waters College.

The fourth witness was Dr. Reid Jackson, eminent educator.

Another event which marked the second day of the trial came at the close of the Wednesday session.

THE FEELING of "leaving no stone unturned" reached its height when a woman was bodily ejected from the church on Wednesday night although she said she had no idea why.

Mrs. Mary Hagins of Leesburg, Fla., a member of St. Paul Church there, was sitting in the audience when, suddenly the Rev. Samuel M. Pointer, a guard over witnesses, announced to Judge Wright that she had been seen relaying messages of the trial proceedings to witnesses waiting in the basement of the church.

Upon hearing the accusation, Bishop Wright ordered Pointer to identify her and to eject her from the building.

Counsel for the defense, Judge Thomas, addressed the jury thus:

"Your honor, I don't know her. I have never seen her. I have had no contact with her, but I do not think she should be ejected from the church until she has had a chance to defend herself."

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BISHOP WRIGHT said: "We are not going to have anyone interfering with the proceedings of this court or the trial.

He then loudly told the audience, "Any marshal who sees anyone violating any rule shall eject them without any question.

"If it becomes necessary we will adjourn this trial to more limited quarters."

With that, the woman was taken from her seat and pushed out the door amid an uproar from the crowd.

As she went down the aisle she kept saying: "I don't know what this is all about. What's this that's going on?"

OUTSIDE the church she told this reporter:

"I don't know what was said. I couldn't hear.

When it was explained to her why she had been ejected, she stated,

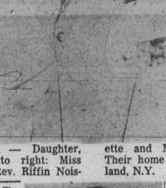
"I just went down there to get a sandwich.

"I didn't know any witnesses were down there.

"I'm from Leesburgh and I don't know a soul.

"I don't know what's going on here."

BISHOP'S FAMILY — Daughter, nephew, wife. Left to right: Miss Sioux Nichols, the Rev. Riffin Noisette and Mrs. D. Ward Nichols. Their home is Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.



ON JURY — The Rev. Harvey E. Walden of Chicago, one of the six persons serving on the jury in the Bishop Nichols trial.

2 Testify against Nichols

By LULU JONES GARRETT
AFRO Staff Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Testimony of William B. Stewart, ousted president of Edward Waters College, that Bishop D. Ward Nichols paid personal employees with college funds was the first charge hurled by the prosecution here Wednesday.

Mr. Stewart said he was peremptorily ordered to place Mrs. Virginia Nettles on the payroll as a secretary at $210 per month; Mrs. Alberta Zanders as dining room help at $120 per month and the Rev. Temperance E. Wright as superintendent of maintenance at $150 per month.

He said that Mrs. Nettles served as secretary to the bishop; Mrs. Zanders, as his personal cook; and the Rev. Mr. Wright as his messenger-chauffeur.

None, he said, gave any services to the college, nor could any college officer give orders to either of the three.

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MR. STEWART also testified that $25,000 from Duval County, earmarked for use of county students, was diverted from the college's general fund to a special "improvement" fund by Bishop Nichols. Stewart was president from 1951 to May 31, 1957, when he was dismissed.

Stewart was followed by H. Talcott Stith, Columbia, S.C., CPA, who was engaged by the AME Church to audit college books.

Stith, (white) put into the records checks showing the above payments.

Other items the auditor said he questioned was $500 to D. A. Russell for travel; $99.06 to Pittsburgh Glass Co. for mirror ordered delivered to 583 W. 8th St. here, the bishop's residence; $648.20 telephone bill; $244.95 air conditioner $202.44 lamps; $30 thermos pitcher; 152 gallons fuel oil; $129.07 china and cooking utensils; $327, letter heads.

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ON CROSS-examination by Mr. Jackson, the CPA admitted that he did not know that these items were delivered to the bishop's home but was going on books of the college.

William B. Pierce, business manager of the college from Aug. 15, 1953, until June 31, 1957, said he resigned because he "had a feeling that the next step would be firing and he jumped the gun."

He said he was ordered to place Nettles, Zanders and Wright on payroll by Nichols and that they performed no duties at the college.

Pierce testified that the $25,000 county school funds were deposited in the general school treasury, checked out and redeposited in the improvement fund account.

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THESE WITNESSES were presented by prosecution testifying to charges by Presiding Elder M. M. Lindsay of maladministration in office by Bishop Nichols and that he employed, without proper authority, unauthorized personnel to work at Edward Waters College.

Mt. Zion Church is a divided camp, even to seating. To the right, back of Bishop Nichols and his lawyers are his supporters who applaud wildly whenever they think his attorneys have made a point.

The aisles to the left are filled with the "opposition" who boo and scream "Heil Hitler!"

The Bishop came into the church smiling Wednesday morning. He wore a black Italian silk suit, white shirt and black and white tie, and a diamond on his ring finger.

One minister jumped to the pulpit and yelled: "What's the matter with Nichols? . . . etc."

The right side rang with "He's all right."

The left was stony silent.

—No. 2 wife

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$500 bail pending grand jury action.

It is understood that an agreement was reached for payment of $25 a week support for the children who are now residing in Chicago with their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Bryant.

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COMMENTING ON the marriage to wife number 3, wife number 2 told the AFRO:

"I wish them a lot of happiness. When we got married, I understood he was already divorced from his first wife. They had been apart a long time.

"I have wasted eight years. I have no regrets. I am out of it now . . ."

Wife Number 1, now Mrs. Amo Taylor Jones, of Washington, declined to comment to the AFRO Thursday evening.

"I received a letter from my lawyer,' she said, 'but I have no comment to make."

Mrs. M. Harvey dies in R.I.

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Christian Harvey, a retired attendance officer of the Baltimore school system, were held Wednesday at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Harvey, 79, died in the Newport Hospital, Newport, R.I., where she had been a patient for a week.

For the past three years Mrs. Harvey had lived in Newport with her daughter, Mrs. Joy C. Smith.

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MRS. HARVEY retired from the school system in 1946 after over 20 years of service. She was the widow of John B. Harvey.

She was born in Richmond, Va., and lived in Baltimore for 40 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Urban League, Northwest Protective Association, YWCA and the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

The Rev. Edgar Ward officiated at the services. The Robert T. Newbold read the obituary. Burial was in Mt. Asburn Cemetery.

Girl 14, assaulted on church picnic

A 14-year-old Washington girl reported to Northern District police that she was attacked by five youths last Saturday while attending a church picnic, in Druid Hill Park.

The girl reported that the attack took place around 4:30 p.m. near the park's mammal house.

'Don Juan' holdup trial postponed

The armed robbery trial of John Austin (Don Juan) Young was postponed Tuesday by agreement between the State and Alan Murrell, defense attorney. No new trial date has been set.

The 31-year-old sportsman is accused of being one of three men who robbed two sisters of $1,700 last March 7.

Object of a police search until his surrender on July 16, Mr. Young is also faced with a non-support charge lodged by his estranged wife, Mrs. Elsie M. Young, of the 300 block Gwynn Ave.

POLICE SAID the sportsman is the father of five children and his wife is expecting a sixth. The neglect charge was filed against him last Friday.

Mr. Young, also known as "Cigar Johnnie," was dubbed "Don Juan" because of his suave manner and stylish manner of dress.

Free on $10,500 bail covering the two charges, Mr. Young is accused of participating in the robbery of Mrs. Margaret Mission, and Mrs. Katherine Weems at their home at 1702 Gwynns Falls Pkwy.

One of the men implicated in the stickup, Joseph W. (Tiger Foo) Ryles, 22, 2507 Dock Raynor Ave., was convicted and is serving 15 years for his part in the holdup.

Police are still seeking the third man who allegedly took part in the robbery.

WEATHER

Friday, mostly sunny, warm and dry with high about 92.

Saturday, sunny with some cloudiness.

Sunday, warm and cloudy with chance of showers.

County asked to integrate

The State Board of Education was asked Friday to provide bus transportation for Charles Gilbert Hart Jr. in Charles County.

Hart was admitted to the integrated Indian Head Elementary School September a year ago and will attend again this September.

The school is one and one-tenth miles from the Hart home.

Under the direction of Superintendent C. Burnham Walker, Charles County school busses have been picking up white children in the neighborhood but denied to young Gilbert the right...to ride on an integrated school bus which stops within a few blocks of the Gilbert home.

Refusal of school authorities to use the school buses for all the children is designed to discourage colored children from applying to enter the nearest school, if it happens to be an all-white school, Hart's attorney contends.

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Sentenced in assault on officer

A husky construction worker who testified that he struck an officer because, "he wouldn't give me time to get dressed," was sentenced to 30 months in jail Wednesday morning.

In Southwestern District Police Court, Horace Alexander, of the 600 block W. Lexington St., was given two years for striking and biting Patrolman George Miller and six months for larceny of the officer's pistol, whistle and night stick.

The 44-year-old man was also given a 30 days suspended sentence on charges of threatening Mrs. Zora Hayes of the 600 block N. Carey St.

For the two hour hearing before Magistrate Howard L. Aaron, Alexander appeared in court dressed only in his shoes and trousers.

Bandages over his left eye and the back of his head covered wounds inflicted by the officer, Alexander told the court.

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TESTIMONY WAS brought out that both men suffered injuries as a result of a violent struggle in Alexander's apartment last Monday night.

The 28-year-old patrolman testified that he was bitten on the chest and disarmed by Alexander who went to his home around 6:30 p.m. to serve an assault warrant.

The warrant had been sworn out by Mrs. Hayes because Alexander "allegedly had threatened to Warn her following a dispute over their two young sons.

Police testified that a few hours before the warrant was served by the Southwestern District officer, Mrs. Hayes had gone to the Northwestern District and asked that it be withdrawn.

Patrolman Miller said that when he arrived to serve the warrant he found Mrs. Hayes at the home talking with Alexander.

Officer Miller testified that when he asked Alexandey to come along, the accused man said, "I'm not going."

The officer said he then put handcuffs on Alexander's right arm and was about to put a cuff on the other arm when the man struck him on the temple and reached for his revolver.

PATROLMAN Miller said he struck Alexander on the head with his night stick and they began fighting.

During the struggle, which moved from the living room Miller said Alexander drew a knife or a sharp utensil and told him to "let go of that gun or I'll stab you."

Alexander, it was stated, wrested the gun from the officer's hands and forced him to sit on the kitchen floor while he made his escape with the handcuffs dangling from his arm.

Within minutes after the battered officer put in a call for assistance, the street was filled with police who found Alexander, prior to tour of brewery by officers and delegates to Service Club's convention. In rear, from left are James E. Sneed, national secretary; Bruce Ballantine's tour guide director; James F. King, president, host chapter, and George Hopkins, ace salesman-supervisor for the brewery. At left, Mr. King presents check for $1,200 to Charles Messier, executive director, Newark Boys' Club, as the Frontiers' gift to the club's building fund campaign.

FRONTIERS TOUR BREWERY — Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., Baltimore, Md., national president, Frontiers of America, Inc., is welcomed to the P. Ballantine & Sons Brewery, Newark, N.J., by Edward J. Pawlowski, assistant general sales manager.

'Have to take him off the streets'

"It's obvious he has been running around wild without any respect for other people and other people's property.

"We will have to take him off the street. He may then get a change of heart and realize that this kind of conduct does not pay."

With these words Judge Joseph Carter sentenced George McCargo alias James McLain to ten years in prison.

McCargo had been charged with larceny, assault, deadly weapon, and burglary.

THE MOST damaging testimony at the trial was produced by a man who stated that McCargo had attacked him while he was attending services at the Macedonia Apostolic Church, 2009 E. Biddle St., and the Missionary Church at Whatcoat and Lawrence Sts.

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The witness was Edward Smith, 1838 E. Biddle St., who stated that he had experienced serious "difficulty" with McCargo although he "did not know why."

Describing each of the attacks, Mr. Smith told the court:

"I was at my church on east Biddle St. and was coming out side with my wife and kids when he came my care and said for me to get out.

The church was letting out and the brothers stopped the trouble."

The second offense occurred on Feb. 24, Mr. Smith testified.

He said:

"I was in the car under the wheel and I had my baby on my lap. My wife and the other kids were still inside the church.

"He came up to the door, opened it and hit me on my face.

"He told another guy with him to go around on other side

"I dumped the baby into the back seat, kicked the door open in this other guy's face, knocked him down and then I busted out the left hand door and ran into the church."

Mr. Smith stated that church members halted McCargo at the church door.

McCargo, an ex-convict with a record extending from 1943 to the present 60-day sentence he is serving for traffic violations, was also accused of taking five feet of temporary auto tags from a used car place.

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How to stay alive

"The recent tragic death of Baltimore woman who suffered botulism caused by inadequately processed home preserved vegetables is a warning to everyone that utmost care must be taken in processing food in the home.

This statement was made last Friday by Dr. Ross Davies, acting commissioner of health.

The death would have been avoided Dr. Davies said if the food-string beans—in this instance—had been processed in a pressure cooker or cooked after being removed from its container before serving.

Had these steps been taken said Dr. Davies, the deadly poisons of the botulinus bacteri would not have developed and the death would have been avoided.

To forestall other similar tragedies the City Health Department advises that if food is being preserved at home, be sure it is fresh and without blemishes. Vegetables and meats should be washed annd cooked in a pressure cooker.

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WHEN PRESSURED vegetables or meats are to be used it is advised to heat them to boiling point. However, if home preserving is done by any other method than pressure cooking, all foods except acid fruits should be rebolled for 15 minutes before tasting or eating.

The boiling will destroy any deadly botulinus toxin which may have been produced during the storage period.

Dr. Davies goes on to say that a safe rule is not to eat food that shows signs of gas formation. Do not rely upon odor, taste or appearance, for some strains of botulinus produce little or no odor and certain foods, notably beets, chili, beans, figs, may show no easily recognizable signs of spoilage.

Nibbling or tasting such contents is highly dangerous and has been fatal in some instances.

Man fined $100 in unemployment case

Eugene J. Fields, 33, 500 block Carrollton Ave., was given a 90-day suspended jail term and $100 and costs and ordered to make restitution of $132 when he pleaded guilty to unemployment compensation fraud Monday.

Bernard J. Doyle, of the State unemployment office, told Judg Joseph R. Byrnes that Mr. Fields fradulently received the $132 while he was working two months ago.

PENN NAMED

Austin E. Penn, a graduate of the Baltimore College of Commerce and of Maryland Law School and a father of four has been named volunteer chairman of Division A of the 1957 Community Chest-Red Cross Joint Appeal.

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