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Senator Butler Shocks Baptists

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No. 2 Wife Asks Out

Sen. Butler shocks Baptists

WASHINGTON

Six Baltimore clergymen conferring with U.S. Senator John Marshall Butler (Rep., Md.) were shocked to hear him say that President Eisenhower favored a jury trial amendment to the Civil Rights Bill.

The clergymen were:

Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, New Shiloh Baptist Church,

Rev. A. J. Payne, Enon Baptist;

Rev. James Moore, Sharon Baptist;

Rev. Luke Reynolds, Gospel Tabernacle Baptist;

Rev. John L. Tilley, New Metropolitan Baptist;

Rev. Marcus G. Wood, Provident Baptist.

The Rev. Mr. Boddie, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention, headed the delegation which was closeted with Senator Butler in his office for an hour and a half.

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WHEN THE stunned delegation heard the Senator say President Eisenhower favored a jury trial amendment, the Rev. Mr. Reynolds asked the Senator was he quoting the President correctly.

Senator Butler said, "Yes, that is why I shall vote to change the Civil Rights Bill."

Said the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, "I am going to pray for you now."

The Rev. Mr. Boddie: "You have already arrived at your decision and your mind is closed.

"We were sent by our convention delegates representing 50,000 Baptists in Maryland who unanimously urge you to vote for the Civil Rights Bill without amendments.

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"WE THINK you should waive personal opinion and speak for your constituents."

Senator Butler replied that

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Delegates laud Senator Beall

WASHINGTON

Senator J. Glenn Beall (Rep., Md.) told the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie and a delegation of Baptist clergymen that he will vote for the Civil Rights Bill without the jury trial amendment.

"A Civil Rights bill with the crippling jury trial amendment wouldn't mean a thing," Senator Beall declared.

"If these people did not intend to violate the law, why should they be so much concerned as to how they shall be tried?

"I AM a candidate for office and I intend to tour the state. My record on Civil Rights is clear.

"If I am defeated it will be by segregationists, not by those who want the Constitution upheld."

The reception given the delegation by Senator Beall was just the opposite of that given it by Senator Butler, the delegation told the AFRO.

Lawyer 'Voiceless' At Nichols Trial

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Tension is high; 750 spectators

BULLETIN

Bishop D. Ward Nichols' friends have been approached by a delegation of bishops who offer a compromise of a "brief suspension" for him. An answer is expected tomorrow (Saturday).

By R. K. HIGGENBOTTOM
(Special to the AFRO)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander lost her voice while interrogating church witnesses in the Bishop D. Ward Nichols' trial at approximately 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Mt. Zion AME Church.

This was the second day of the trial.

She asked the trial judge Bishop R. R. Wright for adjournment of the trial until Thursday morning.

At the evening session about 750 persons were present. It adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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TENSION HAS been running high throughout the day. The word was that "the cards are stacked against" Bishop Nichols and that he is not being tried on the charges.

As testimony of the several witnesses came before the court many persons felt that Bishop Nichols is a symbol of something the church wants to kill.

On the opening day of the trial this reporter visited the home of Bishop Nichols where the most talked-about man in the country was meeting with

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Ike Opposed Jury Trial Proposal

BULLETIN

By a 51-42 vote, the Senate early Friday morning surrendered to the South by attaching a jury trial amendments to the Civil Rights Bill. (Story P. 11)

Here is the White House reply to the AFRO's letter sent to President Eisenhower last week urging that the power of his office be used to see that the Civil Rights Bill is enacted without crippling amendments.

The letter, signed by the President's executive secretary, follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE

July 30, 1957

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The President has received your very thoughtful letter of July 19th, and has asked me to acknowledge it. He deeply appreciates your kind expression of confidence in his leadership.

The points you make in your communication have been studied here very carefully, and we are grateful to you for giving us the benefit of your views on this vital bill at this critical moment.

The Administration feels very strongly that the Congress should enact a civil rights bill which protects the fundamental constitutional right of all citizens to vote regardless of color.

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Blonde blackballed

By RUTH JENKINS

PHILADELPHIA

A blonde, blue-eyed dancing teacher living in Atlantic City was refused membership in the Business and Professional Women's Club there because

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"we can accept only colored members."

She is Mrs. Carl Neil who with her husband fled NYC two years ago after a series of police involvements which occurred after the interracial couple moved into an exclusive Riverside Drive home.

The B. and P. Club incident occurred last November. It came to public attention this week when the Rev. Russell Roberts, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Atlantic City, devoted his Sunday morning ser-

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6,296 new voters

"New voters registered since April 15th number 6296," according to Rev. John Tilley who leads a citywide registration campaign committee.

The Rev. Mr. Tilley said, "I am advised that 80 to 90 percent of these new voters are the result of our campaign.

"REGISTRARS TELL me," he said, "that average registrations run 8 to 10 a day normally.

"During our campaign, registrations have jumped to 80 or 90 a day.

"I was at the Court House earlier on Wednesday and already 45 persons had come in to get their names on the books.

"Before the campaign began there were 77,000 colored voters enrolled. We should be well over 80,000 now."

MRS. JEAN ANDERSON

Wife No. 2 files to annul her 1948 marriage.

Joe Black a first with the Senators

By ART CARTER

WASHINGTON

Joe Black, Rookie of the Year and standout hurler with the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952, but in the past several years a disappointment, has worked his way back to the majors.

After working out all week with the Washington Senators, Black agreed to terms Thursday with the front office management and will sign a Senators' contract today (Friday).

Once he dons a Senators' uniform, Black is expected to see almost immediate action. The Senators have been in need of additional pitching strength, and Manager Cookie Lavegetto plans to find out soon whether or not Joe can help the Senators.

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AFTER GETTING an okay on Black's long ailing arm from the club physician, Dr. George Resta, Lavegetto said he liked what he saw in Joe's workouts.

To make room for Black on the club's roster, Jim Heist was farmed out to a Senators' minor league affiliate.

Black, who has had rough sledding since the heroic World Series days of 1952, played at Tulsa at the outset of the season and later worked with the Seattle club. In both instances, his arm gave him trouble and he was released.

Subsequently he talked with Charlie Dressen, his old pilot at Brooklyn, who now is the Senators' major domo in player recruiting.

He told Dressen, "I feel better now," and Dressen sent him to Washington for a look-see by Dr. Resta and Lavegetto.

Since coming to Washington Sunday, Black has been receiving special treatments from Dr. Resta, who said Thursday that the ex-Dodger's arm had improved to the point where he is ready to pitch.

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WITH THIS news, the Senators talked terms with Joe and readied a contract for his signature.

Black, now 35, is a former Morgan State College football star.

He started his baseball career with the old Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro National League and was a familiar figure to Washington fans as the Elites battled the Washington Homestead Grays for the league championship.

He was signed by the Montreal Royals in 1951 and split the season between the

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Sues to annul '48 marriage to 'deposed' priest

Former P.E. minister and former Morgan dean tells of his third marriage to 23-year-old deb

An annulment suit filed in Baltimore Circuit Court yesterday (Thursday) reveals the tangled love affairs of handsome Leonard Curtis Anderson, 42, former Episcopal priest.

He was, until April 25, rector of St. Matthew PE Church, in Baltimore, and until February 1, dean of men at Morgan State College.

The annulment suit was filed by Robert B. Watts, attorney, for 31-year-old Mrs. Jean Stovall Anderson, 4524 St. Georges Ave., Govans.

In it, Mrs. Anderson said she became his wife number 2 in a religious ceremony on April 15, 1948 at Glencoe, Ill., while he was still married to wife number one whom she identified as Amo Taylor Anderson, residing in Washington.

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IN SEEKING the annulment, she says she wants their marriage nullified because she has been advised that it is illegal, and should be dissolved.

However, she asks that the court declare the three children born of their marriage, a boy, 7, and two girls, 3 and 6, be declared legal issue and that she be awarded their custody.

She also asks that Mr. Anderson be required to support them with "reasonable sum or sums as maintenance."

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THE DAY before the annulment suit was filed, Mr. Anderson told the AFRO of his marriage to wife No. 3, 23-year-old Meta Leah Patterson, a 1955 graduate of Morgan.

She is a 1953 debutante and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Patterson, 2746 W. Mosher St.

Mr. Anderson on Wednesday declined to reveal the date or place of this third marriage or to discuss his marital status, or to say whether there are any children.

All he would say was, "Yes, I am married to the former Meta Patterson."

He also stated he has no knowledge of his status in the church. He said "I am presently engaged in writing."

The annulment suit was addressed to him in care of the GI Veterans Taxicab Co., 2309 Greenmount Ave.

HOWEVER, THE Rt. Rev. Noble C. Powell, Episcopal bishop of Maryland, told the AFRO on Wednesday, that the former Father Anderson was "deposed" from the ministry on April 25, 1957.

At the time of the deposal, the bishop said, Mr. Anderson was priest in charge of St. Matthew PE Church at 1801 N. Bond St.

Prior to that, he was associate rector at St. James PE Church.

Bishop Powell explained that the reason Mr. Anderson was deposed is "confidential."

Asked whether a report of his new marriage entered into it, the Bishop said he had no knowledge of a new marriage, 'only rumors.'

He added: "I can say he was estopped from further participation as a minister. He has no official connection with the church. He is just a lay member."

THE ANNULMENT suit by Mrs. Anderson No. 2 is the second court action she has taken in the last twelve days.

On July 20, she swore out a warrant for her former minister - husband charging him with "neglecting to provide" for the support of her and their three children on or about June 20, 1957.

She gave his address as 2700 Elsinor Ave.

Magistrate Benjamin A. Earnshaw, sitting in Northeastern Police Court at 4 p.m. on July 20, released him under

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MRS. META ANDERSON

She is wife No. 3

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SHOCKING REVELATIONS — Left to right, Senators Gordon Allot, Colorado; Clifford Case, New Jersey; Paul Douglas, Illinois, and Jacob Javitts, New York, hear "shocking" and "amazing" testimony of W. P. Mitchell and L. T. Dorsey (at end of table) of the Tuskegee Civic Association on restrictions of registraton and voting in Macon County, Alabama. In the background are the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie and other clergymen of Baltimore, Md., who were in Washington to talk with Maryland Senators Butler and Beall on the Civil Rights Bill. Other Senators who attended the press conference for the Tuskegee Civic Association representatives were: J. Glenn Beall, Maryland; Pat McNamara, Michigan; Joseph D. Clark, Pennsylvania; Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota; Thomas Kuchel, California; Richard Neuberger, Oregon and Thomas Martin, Iowa.

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Three Preston St. churches learn of condemnation

Three alarmed Baptist congregations in East Baltimore have just learned they will lose their church buildings if the Preston Street Expressway goes through as planned.

They are: Memorial Baptist, Caroline and Preston Sts., the Rev. C. Edward Browne, pastor;

Southern Baptist Church, Bond at Preston St., the Rev. J. S. Grant, pastor.

Sinai Baptist Church, Wilcox and Preston Sts., the Rev. J. R. Butler, pastor.

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PRESTON STREET Express plans call for a depressed 8-lane highway on land now occupied by the north side of Preston St. and the south side of Hoffman St. from Homewood Ave. to Broadway.

From Preston and Broadway, the Expressway, which connects with Jones Fall Expressway, runs between Preston and Chase Streets.

Williams Pharmacy, Sanders and Collick Funeral Homes, Dr. Frank Sykes, dentist, and hundreds of colored homes would also be condemned.

East Baltimore leaders met Thursday and planned a mass meeting next week at Memorial Baptist.