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—Was he framed?

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sider the case closed and the police have marked it "case solved," the Rev. Mr. Garrett has continued to protest that he is innocent.

His latest move to clear his name has taken the form of a letter written the Baltimore Delegation to the General Assembly which is scheduled to investigate the regime of Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron.

In his letter, the Rev. Mr. Garrett said:

"I was taken to Northwestern Police Station where a white sheet of paper was placed before me for my signature without a word having been written on it.

"Of course this was to have been used as my confession. . . I was viciously beaten and called derrogatory names.

The minister insists all through the letter that he was framed and he tells the delegation that the incident has practically finished his work in the ministerial field, aggravated a heart condition and caused him a severe financial hardship.

In closing, he tells the delegation:

"It has been said in truth that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. To a poor man that is all he has and when that is taken away, he has very little left.

"I request that my plea be considered because I desire to restore that name that was stolen from me through unethical practices of the Police Department."

According to the Rev. Mr. Garrett he hopes that he will be called before the investigating group and given a chance to back up his claims of being framed.

PROTESTS INNOCENCE — The Rev. James C. Garrett (left) has continued for almost a year to insist that he was unjustly convicted on a burglary charge. He is shown here with his attorney Leroy A. Cooper.

"I am a minister, I do not lie," he says.

An appeal could have been filed, but there was a question of funds and now the minister seeks this way of clearing his name.

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MEANWHILE, an additional complaint against the Police Department came from the mother of a former policeman. Her name was signed to the letter, but it has been withheld for obvious reasons.

"My concern is a personal one because it concerns the treatment of my son, a former policeman. He was a member of the Police Department for over two years.

"He had done excellent work. He was cited by Judge Anselm Sodaro for his single handed capture of an armed holdup man cornered in an alley.

"He risked his life in the performance of his duty. This he did on his way to report for duty. Ironically the citation came while he was under suspension on a citizen's complaint, a citizen of questionable character who later withdrew the charge against him.

"I was under the impression that in a case of this kind that after going through channels including a departmental hearing he might be able to be reinstated, but that was far from what actually happened.

"His superiors made it so hard for him even without any previous black marks against his record that he chose to resign under such pressure rather than fight the case.

"I sleep better now knowing my son is no longer on such a dangerous mission but he loved his job and that is what counts in life, to do a job that pleases you.

"I pray that in the future, after this investigation, that **other sincere, honest policemen who happen to fall into disfavor will be given a chance to defend themselves and I** tell that this can only be done if their fate hinges on the judgment of more than one individual as it is now."

The Rev. Mr. Garrett is a Sparrows Point worker.

Two solons seek farm wage scale

ALBANY, N.Y. — A bill to require farmers to pay migrant laborers the minimum hourly wage rate is one of several major proposals which have been introduced in the Legislature by Sen. James L. Watson and Del. Lloyd E. Dickens.

The Watson - Dickens bills have the endorsement of the New York State NAACP and several other organizations. The bills have been described as the most far-reaching legislation affecting migrant labor yet introduced.

Some 40,000 migrant workers from the South, West Indies and Puerto Rico assist state farmers in harvesting their crops annually, the two Harlem legislators estimate.

By: R. DELACY PETERS

Read the following and you have no excuse for not keeping the various isms straight.

Socialism: If you have two cows, give one to your neighbor. . . . Communism: If you have two cows, give them to the government and the government gives you some milk.

. . . .Fascism: If you have two cows, keep the cows and give the milk to the government, whereupon the government sells you some milk. . . . Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows. . . . New Dealism: If you have two cows, shoot one, milk the other, then pour the milk down the drain. . . . Capitalism: If you have two cows, sell one and buy a bull. . . .

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—AFRO photog

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picture of someone on the street.

As he walked toward me I turned my back to him. This is when he took hold of me by the pants at my waist and said:

"I'm going to take you in."

"You're certainly embarrassing me talking me down the street holding me like this with all of the people watching," I told him.

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WHEN WE reached Pennsylvania Ave. I said to him:

"This is the most embarrassing thing I have experienced in my life."

As I walked into the station with my equipment everybody looked at me. One of the officers asked what I had done.

"Nothing but try to carry out my job taking pictures at the polling place," I said.

Captain Wade Poole, commander at the station, came out and asked what was the trouble and I told him.

"Come into my office and see if we can straighten this out," he said.

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INSIDE THE office I explained to Captain Poole what had happened. The captain said to the officer:

"He can take pictures in the polling places, he's a newspaperman — I have seen him around for a long time."

The captain said, there's nothing wrong with taking pictures at the polls — the officer must have gotten this mixed up with the last general election.

In the meanlime the Captain and arresting officer were talking about the picture difficulties in the last election. After talking, the officer said, he was willing to forget the whole thing and I said:

"Not after the way you embarrassed me at the school and by bringing me down here to be arrested by leading me through the street holding on to my pants like I was a criminal or something."

IN THE meantime, the assistant to the president of the AFRO-AMERICAN, Mrs. B. M. Phillips, called and Captain Poole answered the phone and said the call was for me.

Mrs. Phillips asked me what was wrong and I told her everything was alright — I was leaving in a minute.

After leaving the station, going back to School No. 118, I met my city editor, Mr. Moses Newson, and he said he thought I was in jail and that he came out to find out what the trouble was.

I told him, everything was alright and he rode me back to the school and we got the picture at the polls that I was assigned to do in the first place.

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The Baltimore branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has sent the following telegram to Commissioner Hepbron.

"Baltimore has too many fine policemen to allow on the police force the type of man as Officer Wilson. The Baltimore branch of the NAACP respectfully calls for his removal.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson
President

THIS WAS THE PLACE AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips was trying to reach to get a picture for his paper when Officer Henry Wilson of Southwestern District arrested him for trying to shoot a picture. Officials inside the polling place did not even know of the unusual arrest. The voter is Benson D. Lee, 906 Argyle Ave. Seated officals are Mrs. Dorothy Hammond, 1107 Argyle and Leroy O. Dyett, 801 N. Fremont Ave. Officials standing in rear are Miss Lillie Millard, 917 Myrtle Ave. and Cuba Austin.

Dear Commissioner

MARCH 4, 1959

Dear Commissioner Hepbron:

The editors of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers respectfully direct your attention to an incident which occurred on March 3, 1959, at School 118, Argyle Avenue near Lanvale Street.

Officer Henry Wilson of the Southwestern Police District prevented our photographer, Mr. I. Henry Phillips, from taking a picture at this polling place.

This is the first time, to our knowledge, that a newspaper photographer, with a legitimate assignment of this nature, has been accorded such treatment.

It is standard procedure for photographers to take pictures at polling places. Here in Baltimore such pictures are taken and published in newspapers at every election.

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MR. PHILLIPS tried in vain to identify himself by showing his press card. Officer Wilson repeatedly ignored his statements that he was a staff member of the AFRO and placed Mr. Phillips under arrest.

He grabbed him by his belt and walked him down Lanvale St., to Pennsylvania Ave., and then to Northwestern Police Station.

The arrest and humiliation of the phtographer was witnessed by a number of spectators and was reported to our office by a citizen who was amazed that such a thing could happen.

Upon reaching the station house, Officer Wilson was about to place a charge against Mr. Phillips until Captain Wade Poole intervened.

After learning what had transpired, Officer Wilson was advised he was in error in making such an arrest and Mr. Phillips was released from custody.

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THE DEPLORABLE incident should never have happened, but since it did, we respectfully request that disciplinary action be taken against the officer.

Freedom of the press is a American tradition, rooted in our Constitution and in common law.

The arrest of Mr. Phillips was a violation of this freedom, and we would be derelict in our duties to the standards of journalism if we did not lodge a strong protest.

Incidents of this nature can not help but reflect unfavorably on the police department and serve to lessen public confidence in the department's concern for civil rights.

We further respectfully request that you inform this paper what action will be taken in this matter and what assurances are there that similar incidents will not be repeated.

Cordially yours,
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500 attend Barbour services

WASHINGTON

More than 500 persons attended funeral services Wednesday for Ralph J. G. Barbour, 60, funeral home director, fraternal and religious leader.

Gathered at Third Baptist Church, Fifth and Q Sts., NW, the throng of mourners heard five ministers testify to the "dedication" of Mr. Barbour's life.

In addition, more than 100 telegrams to the bereaved family were acknowledged during the two-hour rites.

Among the ministers speaking at the services were the Rev. Henry Miles, assistant pastor of Third Baptist where Mr. Barbour had been a member for over 50 years; the Revs. J. L. S. Holloman, pastor of Second Baptist Church; L. T. Hughes, A. Joseph Edwards, and George C. Bullock, pastor of Third Baptist.

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THE REV. MR. Holloman stated that Mr. Barbour had been "a living example of high ideals in a time when so many people are content with mediocre outlooks."

He had reference mainly to Mr. Barbour's many religious and fraternal organizations and his leadership of youth through the Sunday school at Third Baptist.

These untiring efforts were brought out later by Mrs. Naomi J. McKethan, who stated:

"Some people contend that when you become affiliated with the fraternal world you tend to neglect your work in the church.

IN ADDITION to this religious service, Mr. Barbour, who directed the Barbour Funeral Home for more than 30 years, was also a member of many Masonic and other fraternal organizations.

Mr. Barbour is survived by his wife, Isabella; a daughter, Mrs. Estralda B. Henderson; a sister, Mrs. Ladonia Brooks; four brothers, Delaware, William, Calvin and Rufus; a grandson, Forrest Henderson; a son-in-law, Harold Henderson, and many other relatives and friends.

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—21 sleeping boys die

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was reported to have been in a hospital.

L. R. Gaines is superintendent of the school.

An aide who was in a nearby building when the fire started said that when he got to the scene the door was open, but the boys were trapped inside by the blaze outside the exit.

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THE SURVIVORS escaped by kicking out windows which were covered by heavy-gauge wire netting, designed to prevent escape.

One of the youngsters who got out said he kicked out a window and helped three other boys out.

He said a fourth boy was so confused he ran back into the smoke - clogged building and perished in bed.

Firemen said they found 12 bodies piled in one spot. The 21 bodies recovered were burned too badly to be recognizable.

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GOV. ORVAL E. FAUBUS, who later visited the scene of the tragedy, announced he will make an investigation.

Gov. Faubus added:

"I inspected this school a year ago and found it safe. It's the first time anything like this has happened at such an institution in Arkansas."

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MRS. DAISY BATES, mentor of the Little Rock Nine, said, however, that numerous complaints have been made about all the training schools for colored.

"The girls industrial school also is a firetrap," she declared.

Fireman said the fire was due to faulty electrical wiring in the building.

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List Of Victims

LITTLE ROCK — This is an unofficial list of the boys who died in the Wrightsville Training School fire:

John Daniels, 16, Eldorado
Ames Gyle, 16, Woodson
Cecil Preston, 17, Blythville
Charles White, 15, Melvin
Johnnie Pullison, 16, La Grange
Charles Thomas, 15, Little Rock
O. F. Meadows, 15, Eldorado
Frank Barnes, 15, Lee Village
Henry Daniel, 15, Little Rock
Jesse Carpenter, 16, Fountain Hill
Edward Tolston, 15, Wilmot
Willie Horner, 16, North Little Rock
Willie Lee Williams, 15, Helena
John A. George, 15, North Little Rock
Jessie C. Charles, 16, Blytheville
R. D. Brown, 16, Emerson
Willie (Piggie) Dewitt, 15
Carl Thornton, 15 North Little Rock
Roy Hogwood, 15, Eldorado
Ray C. Powell, 16, Forest City
Lindsey Cross, 15, North Little Rock

1st all-white grand jury here in 20-year period

No colored persons have been selected to serve on the January term of the Grand Jury.

Twenty-three grand jurors were named and it was the first time in twenty 20 years that a colored citizen was not included.

Traddidionally, colored persons are represented by at least one member of the grand jury.

Science Shrinks Piles
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New York, N. Y. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids, stop itching, and relieve pain — without surgery.

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THE CURIOUS continued to stop to watch the damage, an estimated $170,000 worth, which fire caused early Wednesday morning to four stores at Fulton and Pennsylvania Aves. Acting Chief Charles Thiess of the Fire Department, said it was possible a burglar touched off the fire. Incoming traffic was blocked off for a while on the main arteries as firemen fought the six-alarm blaze for five hours.

Necchi-Elna sponsors contest

The Necchi-Elna Sewing Circle is sponsoring a contest that it is not only easy to win but also educational.

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Only one entry per household will be accepted. Employees of the company and the employees of this paper are not eligible.

Entries will be judged for accuracy, neatness and earliest postmark.

Virginia coed is surprised school's faculty integrated

By CLAY CLAYBOURNE

ATLANTIC CITY — A group of southern students started a week long visit to Atlantic City High School Tuesday to become acquainted with a field trip with a class that included a number of colored students.

It didn't bother me at all — said Susanne Fredrickson all of 16 from the Atlantic County Courthouse in Mays Landing, N.J. It seemed just normal. I spoke to some of the colored girls and they were friendly and nice.

The pretty brunette said her companion on the visit here Jon Bailey felt the same way.

The two Southerners, both 17, are pupils at Lane High School in Charlottesville, Va. Susanne is a member of the Lane Student Legislature of which Jon is president.

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THE TEENAGERS came here at the invitation of the Atlantic City High School Student Council, which is paying the expenses of their trip.

They are staying at the homes of local pupils.

"We're here to see how integration works," said Jon when the pair arrived Sunday.

"We want to see both sides of the story," said Susanne. Both say the traditional pride of Virginians is an important factor in the state's resistance to integration on the public schools.

They added that states rights is also an issue and that "the people of Virginia resent the Federal Government telling them they have to integrate."

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REFUSAL TO admit Negro colored pupils kept the school from opening in September. Instead most Lane pupils attended classes in churches, lodge halls and other meeting places.

The school reopened Feb. 4 when a Federal court approved its plan to operate integrated classes in September.

Both Susanne and Jon intend to go to college and do not think their chances have been hurt by the disruption in their public schooling.

Susanne, the daughter of an Army officer has lived in Virginia only eight months. Last year she attened at integrated government - operated school in Japan.

Jon, however has known only the southern custom of segregation and this trip here has resulted in some surprises.

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"YOU MEAN you have colored teachers here" she asked in astonishment, when told there were colored instructors on the local high school faculty.

The southerners had a busy week.

Wednesday they were introduced to the student body at an assembly. Friday the pair joined the Atlantic City High School cheering section at a basketball game against Bridgeton.

Topping the visit was the Virginians' attendance at the Senior Prom Saturday night.

In explaining the purpose of inviting the Southerners here Atlantic City High School principal Samuel Gillingham said:

"This isn't a missionary movement to sell integration. This is a step in promoting understanding among schools — different regions of the country. We hope the program will grow.

Ray speaks at Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Joseph R. Ray, assistant to the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, told a Louisville audience last week that responsibility for seeing to it that good housing is provided for minority families at prices within their means is the responsibility of the housing industry and of the local community.

Mr. Ray, who was speaker at a dinner meeting which celebrated the dedication of the Chipley Realty Company's Lincoln Park subdivision, constructed under insurance provided by FHA through its Section 221, specially designed to insure provision of good low-cost housing for families displaced by urban improvement or redevelopment.

Mr. Ray pointed out that if for any reason, qualified minority buyers are unable to obtain financing locally, they can apply to the regional office of the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Committee which will undertake to find a private lender willing to make the necessary loan under FHA terms.

STRESSING the improvement in opportunities for financing of minority group housing under programs of FHA, VA, Federal National Mortgage Association and the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program, the speaker urged his listeners to inform, assist and encourage those who need homes to consider the opportunities offered them under Section 221 housing.

"This," he said in conclusion, "is not solely a matter of more wholesome living for many Louisville families. It is a matter of community - wide standards and improvement.

Job equality program urged

WASHINGTON

An effective program to insure equality of job opportunity in District government and private employment is needed, David A. Sawyer declared Monday.

Mr. Sawyer, executive director of the Commissioners Council on Human Relations, spoke at a meeting of the Congregation of Adas Israel Sisterhood.

"WHETHER WE LIKE or not," Mr. Sawyer emphasized, "our domestic practices in human rights have a direct bearing on the way our country is regarded abroad and hence on the effectiveness of our foreign policy."

Mr. Sawyer's talk commemorated the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of rights by the United Nations ten years ago. On this point, Mr. Sawyer said "The best way to commemorate this anniversary is close at home."

90,756 in Catholic schools

WASHINGTON

A mounting number of non-whites are enrolling in Catholic schools, both integrated and segregated.

An episcopal commission headed by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York released a report here which reveals that 90,756 pupils are registered in 340 Catholic schools for colored pupils. Last year 343 schools had 83,384 students.

A similar situation exists among the integrated schools, although no statistics exist. Parochial schools do not keep records by race.

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"BESIDES THESE 90,756 pupils," the commission said, "many others are attending other parochial schools. In several large cities the number of these pupils exceeds the number of pupils in the all colored schools."

The commission for Catholic missions among colored people and Indians made the report.

Other members of the commission, established in 1884 to aid colored and Indian mission work are Cardinal O'Hara of Philadelphia and Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore.

The report noted that colored American Catholics total 500,155, an increase of 20,000 over last year.

"The increase in terms of percentage is three times the increase of the colored population in this country," the commission noted. There are about 12 million colored Americans.

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MANY OF the colored students seeking entry into Catholic schools, both integrated and segregated, are not Catholics.

Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Chicago, reporting on his former Milwaukee See, stated that "more and more colored parents are striving to have their children educated in a Catholic school. But in a few years we will be able to accommodate only Catholic children."

Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., reported to the commission that in his diocese there are "only 3,000 colored Catholics and over 1,200 colored children in our schools."

BISHOP Henry J. Grimmelsman of Evansville, Ind. wrote "there are colored Catholic children in all the Catholic high schools. That the colored parent is interested in Catholic education is evident from the fact that of the 156 children in our elementary grades seventy are from homes where in neither parent is a Catholic for are the children."

Colored Catholics in the South number 245,000. Border, Northern and Western states account for 250,000. Parochial schools for colored in the South number 203, and in other sections of the country, 134. Funds for the commission's work is derived from an annual collection taken up in all Catholic churches during Lent. The money is allotted to dioceses for mission work on the basis of need.

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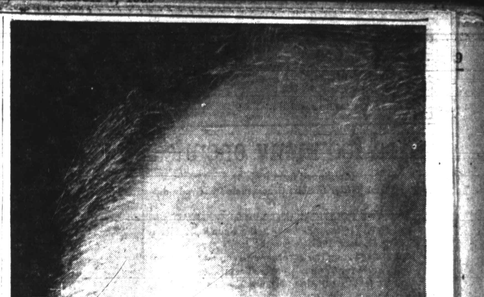

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