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FBI Hears Report Of Alabama Police Beating

HE'D GIVE $50,000:

'But that's not my child . . .'

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—$50,000 to be the father of 10 babies but that's not my child.

An 89-year-old "prophet" called "Uncle Dummy" made this regretful plea of innocence to an 18-year-old girl's charge that he was the father of her daughter born Oct. 28.

"Uncle Dummy" admitted, however, that he had been intimate with the girl—to whom he was once engaged. He claimed that she broke the engagement.

Her parents made the complaint against the bearded native of Lebanon, Palestine.

Hearing on the paternity charge was postponed until May when the child will be six months old. At that time, blood tests will be taken.

"I'd give $50,000 to be the father of 10 babies but that's not my child."

MEANWHILE, "Uncle Dummy" continues his preaching and prophesying here. He got his nickname, he said, by being born deaf and dumb. However, in 1935, he acquired the powers of speech and hearing while visiting Lexington, Ky.

Since then, he has been traveling around the country forming a sect similar to that of the late Bishop C. M. "Daddy" Grace.

One of his predictions was that something terrible will happen to Grand Rapids does not "return to righteousness."

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A cynical citizen observed that something terrible will happen to "Uncle Dummy" during that period if the blood tests indicate he is the father.

Mother of the child is Miss Daisy Larkin.

ASKS FBI PROBE — George Moore of Prichard, Ala., who says he was beaten by members of the police force.

Victim tells of 'worst incident'

MOBILE, Ala.—The Department of Justice has been asked to investigate a new wave of terror in Prichard, Ala., an incorporated city of about 45,000 population six miles from Mobile.

The request was made Monday as a sequence to the recent beating of George Moore, 31, and several other alleged incidents of "head beatings" suffered by colored persons at the hands of Prichard police officers.

The plea to the Justice Department was made by J. L. LeFlore, veteran civil rights leader.

He described Moore's experience as the "worst incident" him in more than 25 years of his activity in civil rights work —"with the exception of several instances which resulted in death to the victims."

LeFlore said that Moore had previously reported that Prichard police beat him and another man on the night of Last Oct. 2, but not as severely as in the latest incident.

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HE POINTED out that Moore was arrested on drunk and disorderly conduct charges, but after someone "leaked" information to Prichard officials that Moore had given a statement to the FBI, "he was arrested again about a week later on a charge brought by a colored woman of Prichard."

LeFlore added, "we don't want any of the other alleged victims of police brutality to suffer a similar fate."

He commended the FBI for "standing by" from 2:30 p.m., when the matter was reported by him to R. B. Miller, special agent in charge, until late that night when Moore was released from the emergency ward at the General Hospital here.

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LeFLORE said Moore, his face hideously battered and lacerated, and masked with dry blood, came to his home after having been released from the Prichard jail about an hour earlier on his own recognizance.

Moore said he had been arrested on drunk and disorderly conduct charges about 6 o'clock after two Prichard prowl car officers stopped him and asked him where had he stolen some gift packages he was taking home.

He said when he told them he didn't steal the packages but they had been given him, the officers accused him of being a "smart n . . ." got out of their car and handcuffed him with his hands behind him.

Moore declared they struck him across the face with a club or blackjack when putting him in the car and beat him afterwards until he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Moore, a veteran and married, is married and the father of six children.

Purnell Jones heads NAACP youth council

Purnell Jones, 17-year-old graduate of Dunbar High School, was elected president of the Jackie Robinson Youth Council of the NAACP at the regular meeting Feb. 1.

A delegate to the NAACP's 50th Anniversary Convention, Mr. Jones has been active in the Youth Council for a number of years. He was last year's winner in the Piano division of the annual NAACP youth talent program.

Other officers elected for the year are Olivia Copeland, vice president; Brenda Jones, secretary; Leroy Stokes, treasurer; Mr. Jones, program; Stanley Butler, publicity, and Betty Wood, labor.

THE NAACP YOUTH Council meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the Community Center of the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting. All youths in the Baltimore area are eligible for membership.

Plans are being made for the annual Youth Talent Program to be held on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church.

Talent will be presented in voice, piano and "dramatics" and a cash award will be given the best performance in each category.

Youth, 21, charged in theft of books

A well dressed studious looking young steel worker who was planning to register for classes at a local college was charged with larceny of $14 worth of chemistry books Thursday.

In Central Police Court, Ernest C. Owens Jr., 21, of the 2300 block Brighton St., pleaded not guilty and was given a one-month suspended sentence before Chief Magistrate Joseph Kobin.

A detective testified that Mr. Owens attempted to leave a store at Howard and Lexington Sts., with the books.

Sale of the books was entitled "Chemistry Problems of Life." He had a textbook on chemistry and physics.

The youth, who according to police makes $75 a week per week and has more than $22 in his pockets, said he intended to be brought in "bail or bail for the books."

Trio convicted of ice cream robbery

Sentence was withheld Tuesday in Criminal Court for three defendants convicted of the armed robbery of the Daniels Ice Cream Co., Monroe and Mosher Sts., last Dec. 1.

The defendants, convicted by Judge James K. Cullen were:

James Alfred Gross, 17, 1500 block W. Lexington St.

James Alfred Green, 18, 100 block N. Fulton Ave. Also convicted of violating liquor laws: George Irvin Hillery, 18, 600 block Myrtle Ave.

A clerk in the store, Mrs. Yvonne B. Murrell, 17, testified two men came into the store and held a gun to her back while one opened the cash register, then told her to call the police after they left, she testified.

MRS. MURRELL also testified that she was positive in their identification of Hillery because she had seen him in the cafeteria of the school she once attended, but didn't know if he was enrolled there.

Assistant State's attorney, John W. Sause, said two other witnesses, Miss Emma Warren, 14, and Ernest Harn, both of the 1000 block N. Appleton St., were sitting on a pair of steps on Appleton St. when they saw the car drive up.

After parking the car, two of the men got out, the witness said, and went into a nearby alley.

They also testified Miss Warren took the license number of the car while Harn followed the men and watched two men enter the store while one stationed himself outside.

The witnesses also testified they saw the three men leave the store and ran down the alley behind it, making a detour in the blue sedan.

On the description of the black men, the witnesses, including three eyewitnesses, officer Charles Stephen of Western District said he had a hunch one of the defendants a few blocks away and found a gun above the sun visor.

A BALLISTICS report introduced into the testimony showed the gun was a starter pistol, which could only fire blank shells.

Owners of the ice cream store, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin William Daniels, were not called to testify.

Lad charges Memphis cops beat confession out of him

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—After hearing the story of an 18-year-old youth, hauled into Federal Court on a probation violator, Judge Marion S. Boyd last week ordered the FBI to investigate charges by Henry M. Hayes that Memphis police beat a confession out of him.

"I held out for two days," the youth told the court. "Every time I dozed off they started on me again. They did it in shifts. Finally I signed a confession."

The youth was convicted on a Federal car theft charge in 1958 and put on three years probation. He only recently was released from jail after having been convicted of another car theft charge.

Hayes contends he was not guilty of the charge. He said police tied my hands behind my back and beat him until he confessed. He added that he is going to use that state for false arrest and the beating.

Publishers back NAACP with life memberships

NEW YORK — Enrollment of Carter W. Wesley, president and publisher of The Houston Informer, as an NAACP life member was announced by Kivie Kaplan, co-chairman of the Association's life membership committee.

Mr. Wesley joins a growing list of editors, publishers and publications supporting the NAACP through $500 life membership. This movement was initiated in 1951 when the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers of Baltimore became the first publication to become NAACP life member.

Later in 1955, Dr. Carl Murphy, president and editor of the AFRO chain, enrolled as a life member of the Association.

W. O. Walker, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and editor of the Cleveland Call, became a life member of the Association in 1956.

The New York Amsterdam News, the New York Amsterdam News Welfare Inc., and C. B. Powell, president and editor of the publication, are all life members. Likewise, C. C. Dejoie of New Orleans and the Louisiana Weekly Publishing Company which he heads are both life members.

Others in the distinguished list include the Norfolk Journal and Guide, Louis E. Martin of the Michigan Chronicle and the Chicago Defender, Frank Lyman and Mrs. Daisy Lampkin of the Pittsburgh Courier.

Also, Mrs. Daisy Bates of the new defunct Arkansas State Press, Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City Black Dispatch, Alice D. Adams, Westchester County Press, Harry Ashmore, Arkansas and other Johnson publications, and the New York Post Foundation.

Masons set drive

PHILADELPHIA — John A. Hilton, of Mount Airy, has been appointed chairman of the NAACP membership drive among Prince Hall Masons in Pennsylvania, Mr. Hilton also is president of the local NAACP.

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Cut representation for Dixie, Wilkins urges

NEW YORK — NAACP chairman Roy Wilkins said that if the South persists in its racial "philosophy and practices to the rest of the nation, Mr. Wilkins said, "the South will be in for trouble."

He said, he asserted, "no man can predict exactly what national representation will do on an election day. However, he doesn't like much of what he sees in the behavior of either party.

He reported that "only five Southern states still retain the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting, Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi.

"But," he added, "other devices are effective in barring so many citizens from the ballot box.

"NO WONDER," Secretary Wilkins added, "that on Southside basis only 25 percent of the colored citizens of voting age are registered.

"Mississippi, Mr. Wilkins cited by way of example, claims that 33.8 per cent of its citizens are colored. Only 4 percent of them are registered. This state has 14 counties with a total nonwhite population of 100,000, in which not a single colored resident was registered to vote in 1955," he concluded.

Board approves 4 liquor applications

The Board of Liquor Control approved transfers of beer and wine licenses on four applications Thursday.

They turned down on application and withheld decisions on three others.

The Board granted the 229th NCO Club of the Maryland National Guard permission to transfer a beer and wine permit from 306 Armory Pl., to 2620 Winchester St.

Protests were filed against the application.

It also gave the NCO Club of the 136th Evacuation Hospital at 206 Armory Pl., a new beer and wine

Sidney Hirsch, Calvin Frankland Mr. Eva May Kromer were permitted to accept the transfer of a liquor permit from Edward J. Finnesey Jr.

AN APPLICATION by Norman Jackson Jr., and Taylor Son of Jack's Food Mkt., 1938 Orleans St., was turned down.

The applicants had asked for permission to transfer a beer and wine permit from 200 N. Calvin St., and to add the name of Mr. Wilson.

Hearings on the following applications will be rendered at future date:

Consent to Bernard S. Lee of "Bar and Lounge," 3 East Lexington Street, to transfer a beer and wine license to Brilliana Corp., and the addition of beer and wine license.

Application by Raymond E. McCoy of Mrs. Anna McCoy of "Anna's Delicatessen" at 798 W. Cross St. for a class "D" beer and wine permit.

Application of Charles J. Mrs. Myrtle Wakeman of 4506-10 Myrtle V. Wakeman of 4506-10 Harford Road, for a beer license, and for a liquor permit from Mrs. Myrtle M. Wakeman.

Livingstone looks for half-million $$ on Founder's Day

SALISBURY, N.C.—Founder's Day will be held Feb. 10 at Livingstone College. At that time, the college hopes to raise its building fund to $500,000.

The Founder's Day event is a church-wide rally which attracts AME Zion leaders from all sections of the country.

Dr. Jerome H. Holland, president of Delaware State College, will speak. Bishop W. J. Walls, chairman of the board of trustees, will be present. Dr. S. E. Duncan, president, will preside.

IN DIVORCE COURT

Gordon Perkinses and Joe Marshalls divorced

Gordo G. Perkins of 2206 Roslyn Ave., and Helen Elcock of 3 Perkins of 1601 Bruce Court, were divorced Monday.

The decree, awarded in Circuit Court No. 2, went to the husband after he testified that they voluntarily ended their union.

"I left her, he said. "Ever since the marriage we had been fussing along terribly, fussing and arguing. So we sat down and talked it over and came to an agreement to separate. I went to live with my mother," he added.

MARRIED ON July 5, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins separated on Christmas Day, 1956, according to the testimony.

The action, which resulted in divorce, this week, was the second attempt at ending the marriage.

Mrs. Perkins had earlier filed a suit for divorce, and a cross-bill had been filed by the husband.

Both bills were dismissed without any testimony being taken.

The Perkinses are parents of a 10-year-old son, now in custody of the mother.

Mr. Perkins is under order from the Criminal Court to provide $15 per week for the child's support.

George E. Russell was attorney for the husband.

JOSEPH MARSHALL of 2236 Madison Avenue, who divorced Mrs. Hattie Marshall of 2300 W. North Avenue, said that she deserted him.

They were married in February, 1952 and separated in July of 1952.

He didn't say anything—she just packed up and left. When it was at work, Mr. Marshall told an Examiner.

MRS. MARY HENRY of 317 Lyndhurst St., who said that she and Stanley Henry volunteerily separated, was given a divorce and restoration of her maiden name, Robinson.

They were married on Sept. 9, 1949 and ended the union on March 22, 1957, according to the testimony.

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ALSO WINNING a divorce on the grounds of desertion was a woman who gave her name as Willie Walker of 2300 N. Carolina St. from Mrs. Naomi Walker.

They were married from February 15, 1946 to January 15, 1949.

Jail term increases by 9 for Newkirk on appeal

Charged with the theft of $10 he allegedly snatched from a matron who refused to be talked into a game of "three-card monte," a defendant appealing a 60-day police court sentence came away with a 9-month term in Criminal Court Wednesday.

The defendant was James Newkirk, 45, 1400 block W. Lexington St.

Thomas Maxwell, assistant State's attorney, told Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast Newkirk was convicted and sentenced Municipal Court. The defendant appealed.

AT THAT hearing, Mr. Maxwell said, Mrs. Laverne Kelly, 1700 block W. Lanvale St., testified she was coming out of a public market, Sept. 19, when she met the defendant and an unidentified man.

The matron said the magistrate Newkirk snatched a $10 bill from her hand when she refused to take part in the betting game, similar to the pea and shell shuffle. Mr. Maxwell said.

Bail was forfeited when the defendant failed to appear for the appeal hearing when it was first scheduled Nov. 4.

A bench warrant was issued before his appearance on Wednesday.

PO worker gets year for auto manslaughter

Calvin E. Gladden, 22, 1909 block Oakhill Rd., a postal worker and former Marine, was sentenced to one year in the House of Correction Wednesday for automobile manslaughter.

Judge Russell J. White, assistant State's attorney, told Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast in Criminal Court, the defendant struck a taxi cab in which Mrs. Emily Gaskins, a blonde, was riding on June 6 at Franklin and Schroeder Sts.

In a statement allegedly signed by the defendant, the defendant is saying he was on his way to Franklin Square Hospital, where his wife was having a baby at the time of the accident occurred.

Mr. Gladden was the driver, according to the statement that he had been drinking and went through a red light before the collision.

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RESULTS OF a blood test introduced into the testimony showed that although Mr. Gladden had been drinking, he was not intoxicated.

Mr. Gladden was not represented by attorney, but sat at the defense table with his father, who identified as his son.

The defendant testified he had suffered a nervous spell and he refused a psychiatric examination.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Prendergast said he felt clemence proved Mr. Gladden was driving at a high speed and showed criminal negligence.

Dentists slate mid-winter meeting in St. Louis

WASHINGTON

Dr. R. Q. Venson of Memphis, Tenn. chairman, executive board, National Dental Association, issued a call for the mid-winter meeting, Feb. 13-14 in St. Louis, Mo.

Board sessions will be held at the Claridge Hotel where the 47th annual convention is scheduled August 1-5.

Arrangements for scientific clinics, exhibits and social events will be made by the Round City Dental Society. Dr. W. S. Gibson, president, and officers along with local convention chairman, Dr. Richard Layne.

EXECUTIVE BOARD members in attendance will be national officers, Drs. H. M. Proffitt, president; W. K. Elliott, president-elect; J. B. Singleton, vice president; E. N. Jackson, secretary-treasurer; H. C. Edwards Sr., assistant secretary, J. C. Carr, sergeant-at-arms.

Also: G. W. Hawkins, secretary of the board; H. W. Williamson; B. M. Jefferson; D. I. Walton; W. C. Walker; M. Primas, Pennsylvania; G. E. Williams; and M. Williams.

Regional executive board members are: Drs. E. B. Brown, Philadelphia; L. E. Parker, Ohio; F. D. Laidlaw, Illinois; R. Bestcaro, Missouri; and C. W. Flint, Texas. Junior board members are: Drs. E. F. Primas, Pennsylvania and G. P. Freeman, Arkansas.

Department heads are: Drs. C. O. Dimmitt, Tuskegee, Ala.; W. J. Walker, Chicago; A. R. Thompson, Chicago; Mildred E. Dean, Washington, and Richard Layne, St. Louis.

Zone vice presidents are: Drs. F. E. Baker, Pennsylvania; J. C. Wallace, Illinois; Newman C. Taylor, Alexandria, Va.; J. W. House, Georgia; E. Quillen, Arkansas; and J. L. Brown, Texas.

74-year-old man given 2 year team

Mose Hardy, 74, 1200 block Madison St., was sentenced to two years in the House of Correction yesterday (Monday) by Judge James K. Cullen in Criminal Court.

According to Officer Anthony Sarto he and other officers arrested Mr. Hardy's home Dec. 11, 1959, with a search and seizure warrant.

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SHE WON'T WALK — Miss Eroseanna Robinson, 35, a social worker, is carried from a U. S. Marshal's van into the federal courthouse in Chicago for a hearing on her refusal to file an income tax returns. She refused to walk and was brought into court in a wheelchair. She says she won't pay taxes to support arms-buying.

She says she won't pay taxes to buy H-Bombs

CHICAGO (ANP)—A member of a national group which calls itself "The Peacemakers" caused quite a furore in U.S. District court last week when she refused to discuss her income tax affairs with the government.

Miss Eroseanna Robinson, 35-year-old social worker employed by the Bethlehem community center, is charged with failing to file returns for 1954 through 1958, and refusing to discuss her income with the Internal Revenue services for those years.

As a matter of fact, Miss Robinson was so firmly set against answering any questions that she even refused to walk into court, and U.S. deputy marshals who, on one occasion had to carry her into the courtroom, provided a wheelchair in a subsequent visit.

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HER REFUSAL to cooperate landed Judge Edwin A. Robson in the extent that he ordered her jailed until such time as she decides to discuss the case with the court and federal authorities.

In county jail, Miss Robinson added a bit more to the confusion by going off a hunger strike and demanding a mad hatter's tea party. She was brought in to clean up her cell, Warden Jack Johnson however, took a dim view of her antics.

He told her that inmates clean their own cells, and ordered matrons to leave food for her in the cell at each meal time.

If she persists in fasting, he said steps would be taken to forcibly feed her.

Her only comment so far has been:

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"I'M HERE against my will. I was brought here against my will. I come taxes, because I knew a large part of the tax would go for militarization. Much of the money is spent on atomic and hydrogen bombs.

"These bombs have a deadly fallout that causes human destruction, as it has been proved.

"If I pay income tax, I am participating in that destruction. We have a duty to contribute constructively to life, and not destructively."

In the courtroom at the time were a dozen "peacemakers" giving her their moral support.

Miss Robinson, a graduate of the Art Institute, held a brief moment of glory two years ago, when she refused to join a group of American ladies going to Russia. She was to have participated as a high jumper.

At that time she based her refusal on the claim that the Communist country had a warlike attitude.

Billy Graham's Tour Of Africa

AN EDITORIAL

Billy Graham, the evangelist, is off to Africa, to preach Christianity in some sixteen cities.

Polite Africans are certain to give him a real welcome, applaud his eloquence and enjoy the singing of his massed choirs.

On the first day in Ghana's capital, they turned out in large numbers.

But on the second day, when it became clear the Rev. Mr. Graham would say nothing about the French testing of the atom bomb in the nearby Sahara Desert with the wind blowing toward Ghana, the first day's 15,000 attendance dwindled to 5,000.

Christianity, even with Billy Graham preaching it, is in an impossible position in Africa.

As the London (England) Observer points out, it has been the Christian nations of Europe which have tormented and persecuted the Jews for centuries.

And it was these same Christian nations which abducted, enslaved and scattered Africans in bondage all over the continents of North and South America and numerous islands in between.

On the African continent, they have robbed these people of their best land, looted their natural resources and exploited their labor until today hardly a third of this vast land area is free and independent.

Slavery, exploitation and discrimination on the grounds of race does not exist in any Moslem or Buddhist country.

The fact that colonialism and Christianity have become synonymous in the minds of millions of Africans, poses a most difficult challenge for Christianity generally.

In Africa Evangelist Billy Graham is accused of overlooking 'racism'

ACCRA, Ghana — American evangelist Billy Graham noted last week that he was quite surprised over the "cordiality and warmth" he has received from Africans as his "Safari for Souls" crusade gets underway.

He didn't receive such a rousing welcome, however, from "The Evening News," a newspaper founded by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah.

The paper noted that no one can squawk about the gospel that Graham preaches, but declared that the evangelist's interpretation of the gospel "is too narrow and inadequate for new Africa."

"If Graham wants to do something constructive, it was added, he should tackle the problem of apartheid (discrimination) in South Africa.

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THE PAPER accused the evangelist of purposely steering clear of the actual problem "for fear of persecution or treading on the toes of American financiers in the South."

Graham, a native of North Carolina in the heart of segregated Dixie in America, was described by the Evening News as being "a good actor and a good psychologist" with no new message greater than that to which Kwame Nkrumah of Africa is interpreting in word and deed to the world today.

The editorial, "Seek Ye First the Political Kingdom," blamed Christian civilization for all enequities and oppressions in Africa — even the French's proposal to test A-bombs in the Sahara.

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"CHRISTIAN civilization," according to the paper, "is today busily dragging Christ to Golgotha, and an African is bearing the cross for the son of man."

This African, "the paper said, "is Kwame Nkrumah."

Billy Graham preaches love thy neighbor, the paper continued, but asked:

"How can you love your neighbor when that neighbor sits tight on his neck, firmly believing that he was created inferior and therefore must have no right to universal adult suffrage, freedom from nuclear explosions, freedom from passes and torture, and freedom from exploitation and want in the midst of plenty?"

The two month and a half crusade by Billy Graham and his evangelistic team got under way recently in Monrovia, Liberia. The tour will cover 16 cities in nine countries. Besides Liberia and Ghana, other countries include Kenya, Tanganyika, and land of the Watusis, Ruanda-Urundi and also Ethiopia.

'Zeke' gives up life ambition for sake of country

By CLAUDE A. BARNETT
Director ANP

LAGOS, Nigeria (ANP) — With the opportunity of becoming either the first prime minister or governor-general of Nigeria within his grasp, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwi, who has dominated the fight for Nigerian freedom, stepped aside to insure unity in his nation as Nigeria faces independence.

"Zik," as he is popularly known — now president of the Nigerian Federal Senate — outmaneuvered skilled British planning which sought to save this last and largest of British colonial possessions by dividing the regions and using the Moslem North—long-time holdouts from Nigerian independence—as a pawn.

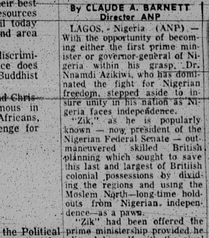
"Zik" had been offered the prime ministership provided he aligned himself with the rival Action group, headed by Chief Obafemi Owolowo.

However, he preferred to see the two top prizes go to the present Prime Minister, Alhaji Abubaker Tafewa Balewa, and Sir Ahmadu Bello, Sardauna of Sokoto and premier of Northern Nigeria.

The Sardauna had previously announced his retirement from politics, but retracted it on Dec. 30 when the post of governor-general appeared possible.

ZIK TURNED down Owolowo's Action Group—whose votes combined with NCNC would have insured control—because the Northern region, where the British have kept 75 percent of the country's heavily armed forces, could easily have been persuaded to start a civil war that would have thwarted independence and assured continued British control.

The prime problem was whether freedom could be achieved while retaining unity in the country. The deciding factor was the attitude of the North.



DR. NnAMDI AZIKIWI

For years, this region, refused to consider the idea of independence. The British officials and expatriates had great influence in that sector and consistently spoke against the idea, developing fear that the South would move into control.

There were many conferences through the years and before the elections The Action Group and NCNC both knew they could not canvass enough votes to organize a government.

The NCNC then decided to court the Northern region to secure its support. They finally did secure their consent to go to the London conference and support a request for Independence.

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MANY BLOCKS were overcome, including those of the middle states. Zik oscillated between the two groups, selling the idea that only by striving for unity and opposing the division program of the British could they ever hope to achieve independence.

He was offered definite cooperation by the Action Group. They pointed out that the two parties could organize the government, but Zik was certain civil war and the dissipation of the effort for freedom would result.

The elections finally came. The Action Group offered Zik the post of prime minister and the larger share of ministries—warning him of the danger of limiting the strength and character of the North.

Zik, still fearful of the British—against whom he seems to have a fetish—went to Alhaji Abubaker and continued their alliance—certain it was necessary to keep them in line.

Thus, as it now apparently stands, Zik has settled—temporarily, at least—for the number three spot, president of the Senate in the Nigerian government.

Only time will tell what other moves he will or feels he must make to ensure the continued unity of his country.

Broker is convicted of bilking $50,000

CHICAGO (ANP) — Robert J. Price, 36-year-old, operator of Carney Realty Co., received a one-to-eight years prison term last Wednesday on conviction of swindling customers out of $50,000 in a nine-month period.

Price, who pleaded guilty to four charges of running a confidence game, was accused of taking sums ranging from $1,000 to $4,000 from customers and then failing to close real estate deals. He said he had paid back $20,000, but spent the rest "on women."

Freedom party set

By DICK CAMPBELL

LAGOS, Nigeria (Special)—Next Oct. 1st the 13th largest country in the world will receive its independence when Great Britain grants Nigeria its freedom.

Simultaneously, nearly 40-million people within its bounds dare will go on a binge. It'll be a lulu.

I have just concluded a three-week trip through the country, visiting eight of the leading cities comprising three regions known as the Federation of Nigeria.

I HAVE seen at first hand the plans here that may, I can safely predict there will be nothing like it in history.

It will be a New Orleans Mardi Gras on a country-wide scale. Nothing, but nothing, will equal the pageantry, the dancing the streets, music, drumming exhibitions, parades, games, contests, speech-making, ceremonies, rituals, colorful costumes, pageantry. State balls, and just plain balls which everyone will have.

It will be the most garish, gaga and gala carnival spree ever.

There are just two things of which I am skeptical.

First, I doubt whether 85% of the will get any sleep from the last week of September through the first week of October (but who wants to sleep during that period?).

And second, I doubt whether there will be enough accommodations for visitors.

Only the very top VIPs will occupy the new hotel now being built on Victoria Island (it is finished in time), and I hear that all other hotels and rooming houses have been "commandeered" by the government for lesser VIPs.

Where will just plain Joe and Jane stay?

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EVERY NATION will be invited, but the British will be running the show, and they're not going to be robbed of the glory by an "outside" nation.

After all, they're giving up a choice parcel of real estate when they give Nigeria back to the Nigerians, and they're sending Princess Margaret to take all the bows and "salutes."

DECORATED — Liberian President William V. S. Tubman explains details of grand commander, Humane Order of African Redemption, which he presented to Evangelist Billy Graham in ceremony at the executive mansion in Monrovia, Liberia last week. Graham is on an African evangelistic tour.

Business growth keeps pace with political as Africans gain freedom

(Special to AFRO)
By J. A. WELLS

BRAZZAVILLE, The Congo—Even though Africa is giving birth to four new governments, bringing the number of sovereign black nations to twenty in 1960, its growth in business is moving equally swiftly.

The popping-up of new and even swanky hotels all over Africa is a good indication. To measure this magic growth over the once dark continent, Mr. seventh tour over Africa shows rapid improvement.

There are now good hotels by any standard, from Cairo to the Cape of Good Hope. We have seen good hotels all through Africa.

The "N'gor at Dakar, The Hotel France at Conakry, Guinea, and The Place in Abidjan of the Ivory Coast are Peers of A-1 hotels anywhere.

Let's take a look at The Hotel Ambassador at Accra, Ghana.

Ghana's masterpiece, air-conditioned, with terrace dining rooms, roof garden, elevators, conference rooms, tailored-to-order service and excellent cuisine with offerings from antelope steak to a scampiorgasbord is a shining example of hostelry improvement in Africa.

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AS WE ROAM over Africa filming the RISING NEW AFRICA, we are finding inns, government and airline rest houses phenomenal and no end of motion, class airports sprouting not only along the seacoasts, but inland at cities like Kano, Livingstone, Leopoldville, Nairobi and Salisbury.

Liberia is near finishing a work of art and splendor overlooking the sea and smiling commanding upon the entire city of Monrovia. Every room has both an ocean view, and a city-wide view.

The new hotel is called Dixie Palace Hotel, and a palace it is. The cost tops three million.

Before Liberia gets this one finished, she has another one on the drawing boards to go up in the suburbs of Liberia, near her famous Sanniquelle area.

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WE ARE HUNTING for progress and filming it all over and we are finding plenty of it.

Even Nigeria staid, solid, and rich, is rising in its majesty to build a big hotel to put the rest to shame, and plans to have it ready for the Independence celebration by Oct. 1, 1960.

The hotels are filled, too, and the prices are high.

It's nothing unusual to spend over $20 a day for a room and board in places as widely spread apart as Conakry in Guinea, and Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo. Africa is on the march.

In gathering art objects and filming the wonders of Africa, we are travelling through some 20 countries and covering upward of 30,000 miles. Africa is stretching and moving in all directions.

Dr. T. H. Henderson heads Va. Council

RICHMOND—Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, dean of the college of Virginia Union University, was recently elected president of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. He was chosen at the annual board meeting of the council.

Fate stopped son of Rabbi before he could collect bet

By LEN HOLT

NORFOLK, Va. "Having just met you, it may seem to differ. You're just wrong."

Pausing only to let Lucille set the quart bottle of tea on the table between them at Russell's grill, Norman continued:

"Your clients will be thrown out of Federal court. Judge Hoffman will give the opinion. There will be no split. And the Reid case (Reid vs. Norfolk attacking laws requiring the segregation of races at public gatherings) will be heard and decided.

"The conversation took place between a new reporter for the Virginian-Pilot assigned to the Norfolk beat, and a former Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch reporter now practicing law.

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TAKEN BACK by the blunt opinion, the student of the law asked:

"Have you talked with Jim Henderson, the fellow you are replacing? For a colored man in the South, it's the Federal court for nothing. Man, going to a state court with a civil rights issue is a joke. A big joke."

Back and forth the banter went between the two. One was spoken and very determined. The other was capable of more volume, and just as determined.

As is often the case when determined persons disagree, a $5 bet was made that the opinion in the case attacking segregation in public gatherings would be favorable to the colored plaintiffs and would not be unanimous.

Another glass of tea or so, and the men went their separate ways.

Norman wrote a feature article for the Sunday edition of his paper — citing legal points, which prohibit the sons of Rabbis and the sons of AME ministers from discussing mutual concerns over a quart of tea in a public place.

Back to "lawyer-lining" went the ex-reporter. With some sort of design, fate kept the paths of the two fellows separate.

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NORMAN BEING a colored gentleman — and Norfolk having little culture — took off a few days ago for a long weekend. He had decided as 26th birthday present for himself he would go and consume the intellectual vibrancy of our capital, Washington, D.C.

Along with 50 other persons, on the way back to Norfolk, he boarded a plane. The eyeblinding silver gleam of the plane seemed to shout "I'm the King of the Air" as the four turbo-prop engines hurtled the Capitol Airline Viscount into space.

All went well . . . for a while.

Minutes later — somewhere over Virginia — two of the engines apparently froze. The two remaining engines apparently started to spin in reverse. The silver air chariot didn't go forward. It didn't go up. It just didn't go.

As if someone had kicked the plane on an elevator at the 193rd floor, it dropped like a stone.

AS NORMAN had bet, the three-judge Federal court unanimously referred the case attacking public gathering and segregated seating to the state courts.

Sent, in the name of Norman Regner, reporter for the Virginian-Pilot, and incidently the son of a Rabbi, was $5 to B'nai B'rith.

The sender (the son of an AME preacher) thought the Rabbi's son would have preferred it that way.

This story is reported only because it happened in Norfolk. In Norfolk there are laws which prohibit the sons of Rabbis and the sons of AME ministers from discussing mutual concerns over a quart of tea in a public place.

ACLU asks quick okey of U. S. registrar bill

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union last week called for prompt approval of a bill that would authorize the appointment of temporary Federal registrars in areas where the vote is denied because of color, race, religion or national origin.

Testifying before the Senate Rules Committee last week, Mr. Rabb of New York, University Law School presented the case for the ACLU.

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