

BATESBURG POLICE CHIEF ADMITS WOODARD BLINDING

New York, August 22, 1946—At last the man whose "storm trooper" cruelty to Isaac Woodard enraged the country has been found out. L. L. Shaw, Police Chief of Batesburg, S.C., has now admitted it was he who beat out the eyes of the young Negro soldier just a few hours after his Army discharge, and while he was still wearing his uniform.

The New York Post, in an editorial August 21st, expressed its indignation at Shaw's bare-faced arrogance. Said the Post:

"This is more than the cause of Negro citizens. If it is once established that terrorism in a police uniform is outside the law, the rights and liberties of every citizen are threatened."

"If Police Chief Shaw's announcement were allowed to go unchallenged, it would be the greatest victory possible for the Ku Klux Klan and every anti-democratic group which gambles on violence. It would open the way for strong-arm squads of any Huey Long which might arise to terrorize a state or the nation."

"Nazism showed that uniformed terror outside the law is a weapon which leaves the citizens of a modern state with no power to defend their institutions. It is not enough to sympathize with Woodard. We must make sure that such outrages are not encouraged by inaction."

An entire nation heard Orson Welles denounce Shaw last Sunday afternoon over the American Broadcasting network. Welles announced over the radio that his source of information on the identity of Woodard's brutal attacker had been NAACP investigators who were working with him and the FBI. He pledged himself to pursue Shaw "to the ends of the earth" should he have to, to see that his crime was punished.

NAACP BRANCH TAKES FIRST LIFE MEMBERSHIP

New York, August 22nd — Miss Justina K. Spencer, Chairman, membership committee of the Roanoke, Virginia Branch visited the National Office on Thursday, August 22nd, 1946 to bring a check for \$500.00, the first Life Membership ever to be taken out by an NAACP Branch.

Miss Spencer stated that the branch was anxious to present the full payment for two reasons:

1. That the Roanoke Branch felt that the National Office needed the full amount in view of the many cases which it is handling at present and
2. That the branch would be the first of such to have its name inscribed on the bronze tablet here on display in the national office.

NAACP HEAD CALLS FOR ANTI-LYNCH LEGISLATION

New York, August 22nd—Walter White, NAACP Executive Secretary in an emergency appeal to more than 1000 NAACP Branches and more than 60 national organizations co-operating with the NAACP in the present lynch crisis now facing the nation, emphasized the imperative need for immediate Federal Anti-Lynch legislation. In the appeal it was pointed out that local units of national organizations and branches should call upon Senators and Congressmen to discuss issues.

Mr. White's action is considered of major political importance involving millions of voters among whom are more than 600,000 NAACP branch members. This potential bloc will watch Congressional representatives, taking careful note of their actions or failure to act on this critical issue.

Senators are urged to pledge to vote for cloture, while members of the lower house are expected to sign the discharge petition if they have not already done so. They are also petitioned to change rules of

House and Senate on the first day of session to prevent filibustering in Senate and throttling of legislation by House Rules Committee. This would be in support of a proposal already made by Senator Wayne Morse.

It was also noted that many nationally powerful organizations have already begun action to support the NAACP drive on lynch law. One of these organizations, the Y.W.C.A. has through Mrs. Alfred E. Mudge, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee and Mrs. John Muma, Chairman, Race Relations Committee, issued directives to local Y.W.C.A.'s calling for immediate individual action in support of the program.

ANTI-MOB VIOLENCE COMMITTEE MEETS

New York, August 22nd—Expressions of indignation and deep concern over the alarming increase in lynchings and anti-Negro "incidents" were transformed yesterday into a militant plan of action at a meeting called by Arthur B. Spingarn, of the Executive Committee of the newly-formed Committee Against Mob Violence.

Key individuals, who dominate the social forces of the country, will be mobilized to commit themselves openly against mob violence, in an attempt to curb the rising tide of prejudice and terrorism. National, state and county officials, with an enlightened public opinion pressing for peaceable and constitutional law enforcement methods will, it is expected, hesitate to ride lawlessly over the rights of minority groups, as has been the pattern set in some sections of the United States in the past few months.

Some of the members of the Executive Committee are Philip Murray, President CIO; Charles G. Bolte, Chairman, American Veterans' Committee; Edward L. Bernays, public relations consultant; Clyde Miller of Teachers College, Columbia University; Max Yergan of the National Negro Congress; Mrs. Alfred E. Mudge of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A.; Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers of the Broadway Tabernacle, and Walter White, Executive Secretary, NAACP.

Definitions

A bore—one who, when you ask him "How are you?" he tells you.

A boy—an appetite with a skin pulled over it.

A friend—one who dislikes the same people you dislike.

A husband—merely a lover with a two days' growth of beard, his collar off and a cold in the head.

Father and Son Banquet—an improved version of the old-fashioned woodshed conference.

Optimist—The fellow who believes the thinning out of his hair is only a temporary matter. The housewife who takes a market basket now when she goes shopping with \$5.00.

Progress—Illustration: In the old days a woman's face was her fortune. Now it's the druggist's.

Income—The thing you can't live without or within.

FOUR M.P.'s FLOWN TO MIAMI FROM BASE IN LIBERIA

MIAMI, Fla. — Here awaiting re-assignment or release under the Army point system are four military policemen who were flown from their base in Liberia by the Air Transport Command to the Army Air Field here.

They are Pfc. Jesse Jennings, Pamplin, Va.; Thomas Branch Stockton, Ala., and Norman Henderson, St. Louis, and Pvt. Lott P. Westmoreland, Cleveland.

COLORED AIDE IN LABOR DEPT. SEEN

By Ernest E. Johnson

Washington — (ANP) — Adequate confirmation was found here last week in high official quarters, that the appointment of a colored assistant secretary in the Department of Labor has been given serious consideration.

However, there was no real grounds to support the report that A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters had been offered the post. He is a Socialist, an arch New Deal critic, and recently threatened trouble for the present administration.

About a month ago, this correspondent learned of proposed legislation to allow appointment of a third assistant secretary of labor, success of which would permit designation of a colored nominee by the AFL or the CIO.

A vacancy exists at present in the department which could be filled by a colored person acceptable to both wings of labor. Randolph's appointment is problematical, but the CIO could name Willard S. Townsend, president, United Transport Service Employees, and CIO executive board member.

Dr. Chahnnning H. Tobias, National Y.M.C.A. Secretary for colored work, would be a likely choice outside the ranks of labor. He was being groomed for a post on the national War Labor Board just before President Roosevelt died.

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