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FEDERAL PROSECUTION IS URGED

New York, Jan. 23rd — The Department of Justice was today urged by the NAACP to investigate and prosecute those Mississippians who testified before a Senate sub-committee in December that they resorted to intimidation and fraud to prevent Negroes from voting in the Democratic primary last July 2, which nominated Theodore G. Bilbo.

In a letter to Attorney General Tom Clark, Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel, NAACP, cited evidence from the review of proceedings of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Investigating Committee's hearings in Jackson, Mississippi, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of December, showing that sixty-nine complaints appeared and testified under oath to such fraud and intimidation and at least sixteen individuals, clothed with the authority of the State or whose actions at the time of the primary were under color of law, appeared and testified under oath to numerous violations of federal statutes.

Instances were cited of testimony of Circuit Clerks denying to qualified Negro citizens the right to register, by making requirements of them which they did not make of whites with the admitted purpose of preventing them from registering. Some officers of the law, said Mr. Marshall, testified to "subjecting Negroes to violence and threats of violence to prevent them from registering and voting . . . One city officer admitted using his official position to inform Negroes that the primary was restricted to whites."

Mr. Marshall added, "We are convinced that investigation will show that he went much further than this in his zeal and desire to prevent Negroes from exercising their lawful rights." Another ruse concocted by Mississippi officials to keep Negroes from the polls was to require that they show affiliation with the Democratic party for two years before they could be registered, whereas the Mississippi statute merely requires a showing of affiliation within two years.

"The sworn testimony of Negro citizens to the effect that they were denied registration by trickery and false questions deserves thorough investigation," wrote Marshall. "Assaults committed against Negroes by peace officers for the obvious purpose of preventing their exercising the right to register and vote were numerous."

"The Department of Justice cannot afford to allow this almost statewide condition of intimidation of Negroes and unlawful refusal of state officers to allow Negroes to register and vote to go unnoticed. That these citizens were deprived of rights and privileges secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States simply because of their race is obvious when the testimony

appearing in the report is carefully studied . . .

"The American Republican form of government is based upon and depends for its continued existence upon the free and untrammelled exercise of the elective franchise by all of its citizens. The legislature of the United States has placed upon our statute books laws which enable your department to protect this privilege by prosecuting individuals guilty of depriving citizens of this right or privilege because of their race or color. That such deprivations occurred in the Democratic primary of Mississippi in 1946 is clear when the testimony in the Report of Proceedings . . . is considered . . ."

WANT NEW WAR COMMITTEE

New York, Jan. 23rd — Regret was expressed today by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, at the extension of the life of the special War Investigating Committee by a slim margin of 51 to 44 votes. Mr. White had last week telegraphed thirty-one Senators urging them to vote against the resolution to continue the committee, because of its prejudiced treatment of Negro soldiers in the Meader Report.

Mr. White stated: "I regret that the special War Investigating Committee was not disbanded, because at no time did the Committee, and particularly Senator Owen Brewster, either repudiate or express any regret in debate on the floor of the Senate at the smear of Negro occupation troops in Germany or of Jewish displaced persons, contained in the Meader Report."

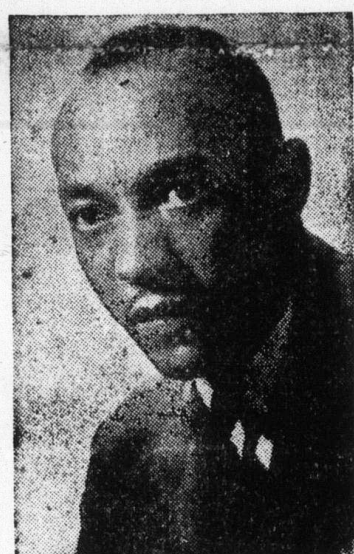
"In view, however, of the continued and vigorous protest of the NAACP and others, particularly Senator Claude Pepper, who mentioned the committee smear of minority groups on the Senate floor, Senator Brewster did propose to limit future investigations of his committee to matters involving 'excessive profits, fraud, corruption, waste, extravagance, mismanagement, incompetence and inefficiency of expenditures in the national defense program for World War II.' By a vote of 49 to 43, special investigating groups will now be continued, but with curbed jurisdiction. Under this restriction, the committee may not carry its inquiries into foreign countries or deal with 'present' situations. Hence any further investigations into the conduct of American forces and military governments overseas could not be pursued by the committee."

"It would be most helpful if Senator Brewster and Senator Taft are urged by letter and telegraph to see that the committee abstains from prejudiced action and the smearing of minorities on uncorroborated evidence."

JESSE OWENS ON SPEAKING TOUR

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (Special) — Jesse Owens, "world's fastest human" and holder of 18 world track records, authority on health and currently on a world speaking tour on hygiene in conjunction with the educational motion picture "Mom and Dad", put forth a suggestion with much merit toward a possible solution of the colored juvenile delinquency problem throughout the nation, during a press conference while stopping here over night enroute to speaking engagements in Mississippi and Louisiana theatres.

Owens, graduate of Ohio State U. and sensation of the last World Olympic games and the living hero of modern-day colored youth, came to the defense of boys and girls who are getting into trouble nightly. "Boys and girls of today aren't bad!" Owens declared, explaining youngsters of these times are as good or better, morally, as were boys and girls of past generations. "The trouble



is," Owens declared, "Today's youth is growing up in a modern, rapidly-changing age."

"Ignorance is the true basis of most delinquency, the famed track star and hygiene lecturer believes. "Ignorance is a sin", he said, "Knowledge is power", borrowing from an age-old proverb. "You can't control delinquency," the likeable colored young man shouted to the press representatives, adding, "You have to prevent it!"

"Not a national plan or program is as badly needed as are many suitable and workable local plans, in Jesse's opinion. He pointed out that where teen-towns, swimming pools, playgrounds and the like practically solve the delinquency problems in some communities, they only "scratch the surface" so great is the youth problem in other towns. Every community needs its own plan, Owens claims, worked out by its own civic leaders and ably directed by competent and paid Youth leaders and adequately financed by the public—for the public's good.

It's as simple as A-B-C- in the

opinion of the former Ohio State University athletic star. Without going into great detail Owens explained, "every city, town and community needs a major youth program. It should have 15 distinct divisions, each designed and focused upon the group from 7 up to 21. All these should be dove-tailed into a program with three main divisions and designed to "occupy" happily, healthfully and inexpensively all the spare time and idle moments of all youngsters," he suggested.

Memphis, Tenn. — The eyes of America's colored race, the attention of Ohio State University alumni throughout the world, and the keen interest of Alpha Phi Alpha colored fraternity members, all will be focussed upon the state of Mississippi this week, where on Monday, Jan. 27th, the pride of colored people everywhere, Jesse Owens, will open his world tour as a professional public speaker—a lecturer on health and hygiene. Owens, the "world's fastest human" and holder of 18 world records in sports and the American team's hero in the last Olympic games, has chosen the subject of "The Secrets of Sensible Sex."

The colored hero of collegiate sports is now under contract at sizeable figures to tour and speak on Hygienic Productions, Hollywood educational motion picture producers, in conjunction with their famous new screen hit "Mom and Dad." Owens is to appear at each performance, three times daily, in theatres from coast-to-coast and will tour other countries later. His international tour will open at Tunica, Miss.—an hour's drive southwest of Memphis. Many from here plan to attend.

Travelling in a new 1947 Lincoln custom-interior sedan and carrying with his theatre unit two attractive colored nurses, Owens' popularity at the box office is expected to result in record crowds. The hygiene motion picture "Mom and Dad" has been playing to capacity audiences everywhere, since its recent release. "Mom and Dad" is a brand new film with an all-star Hollywood cast headed by lovely June Carlson, 20th Century-Fox star and Hardie Albright, capable United Artists character actor. It is a story of modern-day youth, the pitfalls which lead millions into sexual delinquency and it contains powerful and bold medical sequences depicting the 'Facts of Life' and the ravages of venereal diseases which are sweeping this country and the world today.

Jesse Owens' tour is under the personal direction of Billy Weinberg, ace advance agent of Hygienic Productions world-wide organization. All arrangements for launching Owens' all-colored theatre unit of "Mom and Dad" were handled by movie producer Kroger Babb. The company will spend \$100,000.00 exploiting Owens' personal appearances this year.

MOUNTIES DENY ANY ANTI-SEMITISM

Commissioner S. T. Wood of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has stated that the R.C.M.P. will not tolerate any religious or political considerations in the performance of its duties. In an exchange of telegrams with the Canadian Jewish Congress Mr. Wood said, "I have noted Inspector Anthony's public denial of anti-semitic statements attributed to him by evidence given during the Nightingale trial. As is well known there is an old and well established policy under which members of this force must never permit racial, religious or political considerations to sway them in the performance of their duties. No deviation from this policy would be tolerated and complete impartiality is a vital standard of this force."

(Commissioner Wood was referring to the denial by Inspector N. F. Anthony of the R.C.M.P. on charges made by ex-Squadron Leader M. S. Nightingale that Inspector Anthony had told him that it was Nightingale's duty to help "send these damn Jews back where they came from." Mr. Anthony, who is at present C.I. B. chief of the R.C.M.P. in British Columbia, stated to the press: "Normally such statements would be ignored, but I do not feel inclined to ignore any statements which attribute utterances to me that, even by implication, raise the question of racial discrimination, animus or prejudice . . . at no time during my conversations with Nightingale did I make, or have cause to make any statement relative to persons of the Jewish race, or creed.")

The Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed its satisfaction with the statements of Commissioner Wood and Inspector Anthony in a statement to the press as follows:

The Jewish community of Canada was pleased to have the official denial by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of a charge of anti-semitism levelled against one of its officers. We believe firmly that there is not any room in Canadian life, least of all in the administration of justice, for racial or religious prejudice. Public confidence on this point must never have any cause for alarm. Racial origin and the religious beliefs of persons accused or convicted of crimes must play no part in their trials or in the public discussions of their cases. The Canadian public, and particularly the press of Canada, has been notably free of the tendency to connect criminals with their race or their religion, and this has been a factor in the development of Canadian citizenship. We hope that the public will continue to remain vigilant against the infiltration of such prejudices or unfair moments of thinking. The R.C.M.P. prompt disavowal of such charges is reassuring.