

Rights Suit Is Dismissed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (P)—Alabama officials claimed a victory in their running battle with the U.S. Civil Rights Commission after a government suit was dismissed in federal court.

But the Justice Department announced that Friday's ruling by U.S. Dist. Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. will be appealed.

The judge threw out the government's suit seeking an injunction to prevent denial of Negro voting rights in Macon County where Negroes outnumber white persons by nearly 6:1. The Civil Rights Commission recently investigated voter registration in this county. Johnson held that the county has no functioning voter registration board since December when the last two members resigned. He said there is no one to sue. The third board member died.

Victory For People

The decision was described as "a victory for the people and our constitutional form of government" by Gov. John Patterson. "It reaffirms the fact," he said, "that we have a government of laws and not of men."

Government attorneys filed a motion with the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans asking an order to preserve the records of the case pending an appeal to that court.

A hearing on this motion is scheduled Wednesday at Jacksonville, Fla.

Johnson in upholding the state's motion to dismiss the suit said the state's case is based on these major contentions:

1. The Civil Rights Act of 1957 authorizes actions only against "individual persons" and not against states.
2. States have exclusive jurisdiction in the field of voting by reason of the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
3. The Supreme Court of the United States has original and exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving sovereign immunity.
4. The Civil Rights Act of 1957 is unconstitutional—especially "art IV which deals with 'means of further securing and protecting the right to vote'."
5. Even if this court determines that it has jurisdiction and determines that the act is constitutional, it should refrain from exercising jurisdiction on this case because of comity.

Church Notebook

By Pat Duggins

The Session of Randolph Presbyterian Church, Archdale, announces that the Rev. George H. V. Hunter Jr., has been called to the pastorate of the church. He will assume his duties on April 1.

At the present time, the Rev. Mr. Hunter is pastor of Grove and Unity Presbyterian Churches in Dunn. While in Dunn, he has served as Boy Scout District Commissioner, a member of the Unit-

Classes will be conducted at the church each evening and a nursery will be open for small children.

Courses to be offered and their teachers are as follows: Adults, "Personal Soul-Winning" taught by Dr. Rawlinson; Young people, "Winning Others to Christ," Roger C. Bell; Intermediate, "Intermediate Fishers," Robert A. Culler; Juniors, "Jesus Saved," taught by Mrs. J. Dennis Young and Miss Marilyn Fairfax.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

The Rev. Harold Robinson will conduct services at Main Street Methodist Church Sunday-Friday evenings. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The church's commission on Membership and Evangelism has adopted the "Fill a Pew Plan" as a means of promoting attendance. Some 120 members have agreed to invite a group of members to sit in their pews and greet them as they arrive. Cottage prayer

A native of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Mr. Hunter came to Charlotte in 1938. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. He is a graduate of New York University and Union Theological Seminary.

AT CALVARY METHODIST

William S. Reasonover, director of development at Pfeiffer College will speak at the closing session of a school of missions at Calvary Methodist Church Sunday at 7:30 p.m. He will speak concerning the work of the Methodist Church in Alaska and show slides he made while working there under the Board of Missions.

Before coming to Pfeiffer, Reasonover served for two years as manager of the organizational office of the Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage. Before entering the mission field, he was engaged in newspaper work in Lumberton.

THE REV. HAROLD ROBINSON

meetings are scheduled prior for each service. Attendance goal for each service is 100.

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wild March snow storm tapered off and whipped through the Northeast today after leaving the upper Midwest straight-jacketed in the worst late winter weather pouncing in a decade.

Numerous highways remained blocked in snow-covered sections of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan as high winds whipped snowfalls of up to 22 inches into 20-foot drifts.

Deaths blamed on the storm numbered 33—12 in Iowa, 10 in Indiana, 6 in Wisconsin, 2 in Michigan, 2 in New York and 1 in Pennsylvania. The presiding cause of winter claimed its victims through snow shoveling heart attacks, traffic accidents and asphyxiation.

Winds gusting up to 50 miles an hour swept the heavy snow area as the storm moved northeastward into Canada.

Towers Topped

Two 300-foot towers were downed by 45 m.p.h. winds at Bowling Green, Ohio, and a house trailer was overturned while being towed on a highway near Lancaster.

Temperatures took a sharp skid east of the Mississippi River, and early morning readings were up to 20 degrees colder than a day earlier.

Snowfall tapered off to flurries in most of the Northeast, although locally heavy flurries deposited a fresh blanket near the lower Great Lakes.

In New England, the precipitation came as heavy rain in mild 50-degree temperatures. A rainfall of 2.17 inches soaked Portland, Maine, halting air traffic and harbor activities. The rain produced local flooding in western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Highway maintenance officials in Iowa said some communities in the northeastern part of the state would be snowbound or drifted days in the wake of several 20-inch snowfalls. Intercity bus travel over the state was almost nonexistent after the worst snow storm in 10 years.

Unestimated thousands of cars were abandoned on Iowa highways and city streets, and the situation was little better in Wisconsin where the snow measured up to 22 inches at La Crosse.



IDA BELLE INGRAM

Teen-Age Beauty Robs Bank

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A bold, teen-age beauty, wrestled off in the middle of the desert, has been charged with robbing a Las Vegas bank of \$1,761.

The FBI said Ida Belle Ingram, 19, blonde and belligerent, is the youngest bank robber they've had to deal with. Certainly, she's the prettiest.

The girl, a former bank teller in Washington, D.C., drew a trail of admiring glances as she strode into a downtown Las Vegas bank Friday. So when teller Mary Herring, 21, announced moments later that she had been robbed, police had numerous descriptions to go by.

"Knockout," was the way Miss Ingram was described by the teller. "A beautiful, champagne blonde, really a knockout," was the way Miss Herring described the girl who had handed her a note demanding \$3,000 and told the teller she was covered by a gun.

"A gorgeous girl," said night club singer Shirley Scott, in the bank at the time.

"While on a date with a female, champagne blonde, 5 feet 6, extremely good looking," said the police broadcast.

Alert detectives found that Miss Ingram had taken a cab to the bank, had it wait for her and then sped in the cab to the bank. She remembered clearly because she was so pretty. And for the same reason, a ticket seller remembered she took a bus to the bank.

The bus was 50 miles out along the lonely desert road to Reno when Deputy Sheriff Clark Olson spotted it, flagged it down, and stopped and alighted. He went up and down the aisle looking for an extremely pretty girl.

Slaps On Handcuffs

When he came to Miss Ingram, he didn't say a word. He took one look and slapped handcuffs on her. The girl shrieked, swore and battled the deputy all the way as he dragged her out of the bus and put her in his patrol car. Olson opened her purse and said she found the \$1,761, with only \$2.20 in addition.

She refused to answer questions. But the FBI said papers in her purse revealed she was from Roanoke, Va.

She was arraigned on a charge of bank robbery and held in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Several Members Of Ohio Family Found Dead

LANCASTER, Ohio (AP)—Seven members of a farm family in the Colfax Community northeast of Lancaster were found dead in their home today. Authorities said the deaths may have been due to murder and suicide.

Sheriff Dale George said his deputies were on the scene along with the county prosecutor. He had no other information immediately.

Identity of the dead was not available.

The house is situated about five miles northeast of Lancaster.

Outstanding Farmer

OXFORD, N.C. (AP)—R. Sullivan Fisher, 31, near -old Mount farmer, is the state's "Outstanding Young Farmer."

He was selected Friday night at a banquet of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Rep. Sam J. Ervin (D-NC) told the group he felt there would be no major changes in the federal tobacco program this year.

Fisher will compete for the national "Outstanding Young Farmer" title April 6-8 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Khrushchev May Bring Satellites Into Treaty

Hoodlums Run Into Bad Days

WASHINGTON (P)—Several of the nation's top hoodlums have run into black days since the Justice Department started a big push against the underworld a year ago.

More are expected to topple as federal authorities continue a steady whittling out of cases against underworld characters.

Justice Department officials said today Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers' program for an unrelenting long-term attack on the hoodlum element moving along just as planned.

"Non-sensational" Rogers announced the program a year ago as a systematic "non-sensational" drive to combat organized crime with a highly organized series of prosecutions aimed primarily at getting "the 100 top hoodlums" behind bars or out of the country.

The names on the select list have never been published, but as a starter Rogers ordered a pooling of information on these characters from the files of the FBI, the immigration service, and the Treasury, and handing counterfeiting, narcotics, alcohol and income tax cases. The Council of State Governments and the National Assn. of State Attorneys General also pledged cooperation with respect to information available to them.

Milton Wessel, 35, former assistant U.S. attorney in New York City, was recalled from private law practice to act as an information coordinator with the title of special assistant to the attorney general.

Field Offices

In recognition of the fact that the underworld many years ago divided the country roughly into four operating areas—Northeast, Midwest, Far West and Southeast—Wessel and his staff set up field offices at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami.

One of its tasks was to check out the activities of some 60 men who showed up for a so-called "crime convention" at Apalachin, N.Y., Nov. 14, 1957.

In the year since the Wessel task force started its highly secret work—and in cooperation with state and local officials—Vito Genovese, who has been described as top man in the New York underworld—and who attended the Apalachin meeting, was indicted on a narcotics charge and is now on trial in New York.

Russell Bufalino of New York, another Apalachin delegate, has been ordered deported and deportation proceedings have been started against some others who went to Apalachin.

Joe Profaci, also a delegate, and who has been identified with Brooklyn racketeers, has been denounced as usually a preliminary step toward deportation action.

Citizenship Revoked

Gambler Frank Costello, already in prison for federal tax evasion, has had his acquired American citizenship revoked.

Paul (The Walter) Krice, one-time right hand man for Al Capone, was convicted of income tax evasion in Chicago and received a three-year prison sentence.

Peter Licavoli, reputed leader of the Detroit Purple Gang, was also convicted on the same charge and got 2 1/2 years.

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev met in a strange kind of contest—each trying to convince the other his side is united on the issue of Berlin's future.

Official said today Eisenhower may make a radio-television appeal for public understanding and support. They said the President does not yet think the situation warrants such a broadcast. But they foresaw it as a possible move if there is a further heightening tension.

Eisenhower's radio-TV adviser, actor-producer Robert Montgomery, was at the White House Friday and Thursday. Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said the move was coincidental and the President has no present plans for a broadcast.

Other Steps

But Eisenhower was taking other well-publicized steps.

He met for 90 minutes at the White House Friday with the four top Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress. He followed that up with a White House session with eight other key Republicans and Democratic members of Congress.

A proclamation of complete bipartisan support came from the four top leaders—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, both of Texas, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and House Republican Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana.

They all said they are four solid behind Eisenhower's policy of standing firm against Soviet efforts to take the Allies from Berlin while keeping flexibly disposed to negotiate a settlement.

In between meeting congressional leaders, Eisenhower paid a hospital visit to Dallas. The White House said he brought Dulles up to date on his consultation.

Alabama Desperado Wounded By Sheriff

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Tenn. (AP)—A Tennessee Highway Patrolman today said a man he identified as Alabama desperado William E. Smothers was shot and wounded by the sheriff of Dade County, Ga., near Wildwood, Ga., today.

The dispatcher said Smothers was still alive and that a Georgia ambulance, being from Dade County, was taking Smothers to a hospital. The location of the hospital was not determined immediately.

The search for the crafty, cigar-smoking desperado, who held four persons hostage in his flight from Alabama imprisonment, had centered in this southeastern Tennessee area.

Possemen mobilized from Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, said their task was made doubly hard because the fugitive, William E. Smothers, 38, was thoroughly familiar with this cave-pocked tri-state area and has numerous friends in the section.

Officers believed Smothers was trying to reach Chattanooga, about 35 miles east of here, where he has relatives. Chattanooga police reported they had the relatives' homes under surveillance.

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U.S. And Soviets In Strange Contest

LEIPZIG, East Germany (P)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has dropped a hint that he may invite Poland and Czechoslovakia to join the Soviet Union in signing a peace treaty with East Germany.

Blowing hot and cold, the ebullient Soviet leader let leak the suggestion that this may be his maneuver in his pressure campaign against the West.

The Soviets are demanding an all-German treaty that would, in effect, stall two Germanys to counter Western proposals for reunification of the country.

Bouncing around existing content since arriving here on Wednesday, Khrushchev has given the impression that he feels he is making headway in the war of nerves on Germany—and particularly Berlin.

Unchanged

Basically, the Soviet position has not changed—but the 64-year-old Khrushchev has been speaking in two tones.

Friday he told a group of foreign businessmen, "I believe there will be no war."

Later in the interview Khrushchev said he received rather specific talk about the support offered for his brother.

Asked whether this was political or financial aid, Khrushchev replied, "political support."

In two cases, he said at another point, those making the proposals were in a position to execute the offer. Both offers "in which the people making the offer had some power," he said, came within the last year.

One union has been involved in similar offer, Khrushchev said. But he declined to discuss the case any further except to say that the union has been under investigation.

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ICHIRO HATOYAMA

Attack Fatal To Hatoyama

TOKYO (AP)—Ichiro Hatoyama, 76, crippled former prime minister who helped restore Japan's postwar diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, died today of a heart attack.

Hatoyama, prime minister three times from December 1954 to December 1956, died at his Tokyo home before a doctor could arrive after he had suffered severe chest pains.

He had been in poor health since he suffered a stroke in 1951. It left him partially paralyzed and with a slight speech impediment.

In 1956 he made a sudden trip to Moscow and returned with a signed short time later in Tokyo. A formal treaty is still pending.

Hatoyama was considered a firm friend of the West.

The ailing politician was instrumental in forming the Liberal-Democratic party in 1955 from two warring conservative factions. It still is the ruling party in Japan under Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi.

Hatoyama sat out World War II in the mountain resort of Karuizawa.

In 1946 he was elected Japan's first postwar premier but was purged by U.S. occupation authorities as he was about to take office.

His removal was based on pre-war writings praising Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. Years later Hatoyama said they were ghost written.

His funeral will be Wednesday.

Six Killed As Flames Burn Home

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—A family of six was killed early today when a smoldering fire filled their small East Side Flint home with dense smoke.

Police said Richard Peleh, 29, his wife, Audrey, 24, and their children, Diane 8, Carol 7, Richard 5 and James 3, suffocated in the dense smoke which filled their four-room, single-story frame home. None of the bodies were burned.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started from a cigarette in an overstuffed chair in the living room. They said the flames smoldered for a long time, filling the house with dense smoke. It also burned a hole in the floor beneath the chair.

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