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WAS IT MURDER OR SELF-DEFENSE?



HARASSED in Tennessee — Appeal of the breach of peace conviction of NAACP field secretary Phillip Savage will be heard Feb. 8. Savage was jailed for securing first hand information on food clothing and housing needs of Haywood and Fayette Co. Negroes. He is still on duty in crisis area. NAACP staff have covered beleaguered counties for nearly a year. (naacp photo)

MORE TEETH PUT IN HOUSING BILL

SACRAMENTO. — Assembly Bill No. 7, "to put teeth" into the enforcement of non-discrimination in housing, has been proposed in the state legislature by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, it was reported today by the California Committee for Fair Practices. The bill is now being circulated to permit other assemblymen to sign as co-sponsors. Under the proposed measure, the Hawkins Fair Housing Law enacted in 1959 would be extended to prohibit discrimination on basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale or rental of all housing — private as well as public and publicly assisted housing. It would also provide for administration enforcement by the Fair Employment Practices Commission (which will become the Fair Practices Commission). "Successful enactment of A. B. 7 will give us the broadest, soundest and most effective legislation against housing discrimination to be found anywhere in the United States," Assemblyman Hawkins declared. "The housing law passed in 1959 was a first step — now let's complete the job."



TAKING A BREAK after a hard day at Arizona State U, where he is serving as an assistant professor, the second Negro in this area to do so, is Weldon Williams, 53 East Mitchell Drive. (PHOTO — C. Campbell)

VICTIM SHOT OUTSIDE NEAR CHURCH STEPS

(Editor's note: This is the second part of a series about Garsie Williams, a local man who works and sleeps among us. This series is written in hope that some of the readers will help save Williams from extradition, by writing to: Governor Paul Fannin, Capitol Building, Phoenix, Arizona in his behalf.)

A very scared man, palms dripping with sweat, accidentally squeezes a piece of two-inch curved steel—that not only triggers a gun in his hand—but also triggers off an "unfortunate moment"; costing him 15 years of his life and a life sentence for murder.



(SUN PHOTO—Staff)

GOAL SET TO END JOB BIAS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The South Carolina NAACP has launched a state-wide program to end job bias in federal agencies and in companies operating in the state with government contracts. The program was initiated during a two-day conference sponsored here Jan. 28-29 by the South Carolina State Conference of NAACP branches. Over 200 members and leaders of NAACP branches participated in the discussions with Negro workers presenting affidavits alleging denial of equal promotion rights at both the Navy Yard and Air Force base here. The affidavits will be forwarded by the NAACP to federal civil rights agencies, Herbert Hill, NAACP labor secretary, said.

\$100,000 Foundation For Orphans

Three hundred children in an orphanage in Selma, Ala., will be aided by a \$100,000 foundation which is being established by jazz pianist Dorothy Donegan. She expects to raise the money within two years and says the money will be used to help build a hospital which will be open to folks of all races. Mr. Hill, who conducted the discussions, reported that at least 26 vocational courses available to white youth are denied to Negroes in the segregated vocational schools. Joseph Brown, president of the South Carolina State Conference, was chairman of the conference, and the Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, South Carolina NAACP field secretary, was consultant.

ACTION URGED ON RIGHTS IN DC

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Kennedy can do a great deal for civil rights through executive action, asserted NAACP attorney J. Francis Pohlhaus. "A significant civil rights advance could be made by requiring that all federal funds be distributed in a discriminatory manner," writes Mr. Pohlhaus in the current issue of Community, a Catholic lay publication.

Teachers Group Honors Founders

NEW YORK — Phi Delta Kappa, the national teachers sorority, enrolled two more of its founders as paid-in-full NAACP life members. The two new members are Mrs. Julia A. Barnes and Mrs. Florence Steele Hunt of Jersey City, N. J. They are the third and fourth founders of the group to receive life memberships in honor of their organizational work with the sorority. During 1959 Mrs. Gladys Ross and Mrs. Gladys Nunery were awarded life memberships. Mrs. Helen Maxwell, supreme basileus, announced that two more of the founders will be presented life memberships during 1961, bringing the total to six of the eight original organizers holding \$500 memberships. Miss Mildred Bond, NAACP life membership secretary, said that ten of the sixty chapters of Phi Delta Kappa sorority are now life members of the Association.

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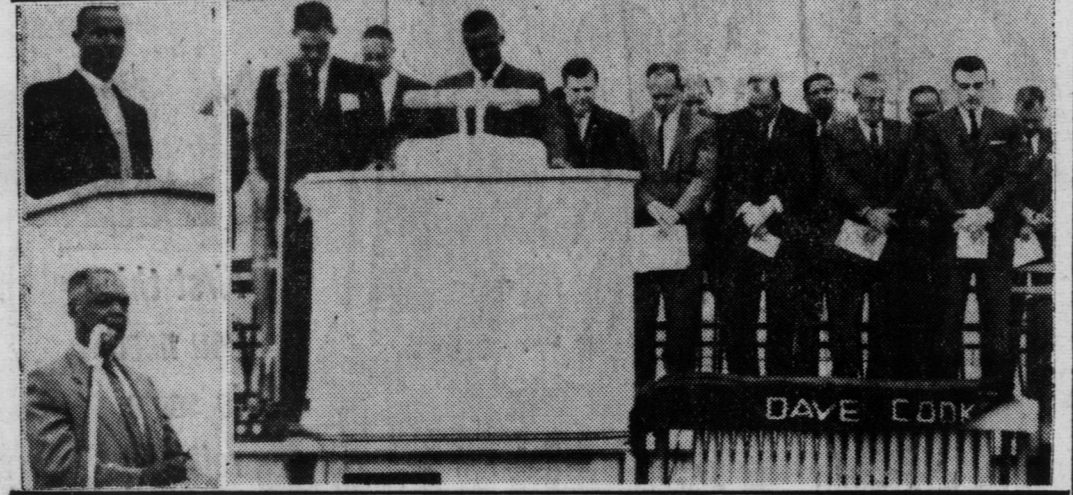
SHOWING HOW he pushed the knife aside that Lillie Mae pulled on him is Garsie Williams, the shoe-shiner, who says, "If they return me to Mississippi, they'll kill me!"

Arizona Citizens are writing letters to the Governor to help keep Williams from being extradited. (SUN PHOTO—Staff)

What happened before that moment? What happened that Sunday morning, May 4, 1941, to change the Church-yard into a bloody place of violence — where three bodies lay? What happened to make religious Garsie Williams shoot a man in front of the Baptist Church he attended each Sunday for years? While Garsie Williams was worshipping God on this fateful day Les Dickson and his brother-in-law, Hugh Buckley, had their cars parked in front of the church. This was the way Les and Hugh spent most of their Sundays, along with a few other whites. They would spend it harrasing or as they put it, "making the niggers know who's boss" — and selling "corn likker" to them. Les besides being a tenant farmer like Williams, made his own corn liquor and sold it for "extra change" to the Negroes coming out of the church, mostly by force. Because of the men like Les and Hugh, the Negroes carried guns for self-protection. In Williams' case, Garsie carried a gun because of the large amount of "barbering" cash he had in his pockets and to shoot hares with on his farm. Twenty minutes before Williams shot Les Dickson, with sounds of hymns coming from the church, a man beat up a Negro for no good reason, with a large hunk of wood. The Negro, battered and bloody, got off the ground and shot twice at his assailant. One bullet hit the white man in the leg—the other going haywire and killing instantly a young Negro girl sitting in a car nearby. Les and his brother-in-law stayed around to sell some liquor. The pair was still mad, as they put it, at "a nigger getting smart and shooting a white." Along with them was Lillie Mae, a Negro girl who lived and slept with Les—or with anyone she could for that matter. Lillie Mae, because she slept with "whites" was looked down upon by most of the local Negroes and she in "feeling no pain" stumbled into them cursing. Shoving her aside, Williams said distastefully, "Get the h--- out of the way!" return didn't have too much to do with them. This particular Sunday, she was drunk on Les' and Hugh's "rot-gut," rowdy, and cursed everyone that left or entered the church. A little while after the first shooting, Garsie and his cousin came out of the church towards the "out-house" that was in the back. They just stepped off the porch, when Lillie Mae, who was (Continued on page 2)

Rev. Boone Heads Houston NAACP

HOUSTON, Texas — The Rev. Earl R. Boone was installed as president of the NAACP here, replacing Frances L. Williams. Others elected include J. E. Robinson, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Hortense Lane, secretary, and W. Bonner Berry, treasurer.



PARK SOUTH HOME SHOW—There were many distinguished guests among the large number of visitors at Park South Model Homes opening. Among the speakers were the Mayor of Phoenix, officials from Valley National Bank and FHA, the Rev. George B. Brooks and Travis Williams. All offered congratulations to Park South and Williams & Jones Construction Company. (SUN Photo—Bert Lewis)

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IN NEXT WEEK'S ARIZONA SUN

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE NAMES YOUNG AS NEW DIRECTOR

Whitney M. Young, Jr., Dean of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the National Urban League to be the organization's new Executive Director, Henry Steeger, Sr., League President, announced today. Mr. Steeger said, "Mr. Young has been chosen with the unanimous consent of the Board. We are delighted with his acceptance. A dynamic and vigorous leader, who has a record distinguished well beyond his years, I am convinced that Mr. Young will move the Urban League forward to exciting new achievements. An organization with a fifty year history of "firsts" has chosen a man who has blazed for himself one first after another. Mr. Young, 39, will take over the organization's top professional job from current Executive Director Lester B. Granger who retires October 1, 1961. Mr. Granger was recently elected to the Presidency of the International Conference of Social Work. Presently, Mr. Young is on leave from Atlanta University studying at Harvard University under a special Rockefeller Foundation grant. A graduate of Kentucky State College, Mr. Young holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota. He also did graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Young began his professional social work career with the organization he will soon lead. His first professional assignment was with the St. Paul Urban League as a Director of Industrial Relations and Vocational Guidance. He later became the Executive Director of the Omaha Urban League, holding that post from 1950 to 1954. Mr. Young has been extremely active as a civic leader in Atlanta, serving on the Executive Board of the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP and consultant to the National Social Science Committee of that organization. He co-authored the recent booklet "A Second Look - The Negro Citizen in Atlanta." Mr. Young is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Council on Social Work Education and was a member of the National Planning Committee of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. He has served too on the faculty of the University of Nebraska. In recognition for his outstanding achievements in the field of social work, Mr. Young received the "Florida Lasker Award" at the 1959 conference of the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco, California — the first Negro to receive the award. In 1960 he received an "Outstanding Alumni Award" from the University of Minnesota—the first graduate of the University's School of Social Work to receive the award. Mr. Young is married to the former Margaret Buckner of Aurora, Illinois, and the couple has two children. Mrs. Young holds an M. A. from the University of Minnesota in psychology. Mr. Young's father is President of Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, and his mother is the Postmistress of Lincoln Ridge. She was the first Negro Postmistress in the country. The National Urban League is an interracial agency with 500 professional and administrative employees and 5,000 volunteer board members. It has 63 local affiliates in every section of the country. The aims of the organization are to make real the true integration of Negro citizens in all phases of American life.