

Local International Harvester Officials Explain Stand

R. G. Mahal, Manager, Tells Public About Working Policy

By JAMES H. PURDY JR. Officials of the International Harvester Company Wednesday explained their position in the promoting of a Negro Welder which touched off a "so called wildcat strike" of welders here on April 23 and ended on April 29.

In a letter to some 600 Memphians, R. G. Mahal, Work Manager said: "Dear Fellow Memphians: As you undoubtedly read in the newspapers recently, the upgrading of a Negro at our Memphis Works caused an unauthorized work stoppage which focused public attention non-discrimination practices at our plant. It is our belief that our neighbors in the community are entitled to a full explanation of our position on this subject, and we are writing this letter to community leaders on our community mailing list. We would like to make three specific points.

"1. We are committed to non-discrimination in hiring and upgrading employees by company policy and our labor contract with United Automobiles, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America-CIO, stated simply, a person's ability to get a job with us, retain that job, and be upgraded to higher positions is in no way affected by his race, religion or national origin.

"2. This is not a new policy at Memphis Harvester's Memphis Works. It has been in effect here since the first day we began hiring employees in our employment interviews, we have made it quite clear to job applicants that such was the case. In the past six years, hundreds of Negro employees have been upgraded to numerous kinds of jobs—Machine Operators, Crane Operators, Assemblers, Lift Truck Drivers, Core Makers, Checker's and others. These promotions were made on the basis of seniority and qualification in keeping with our labor contract. In many departments such as Foundry, Sheet Metal, Forge, Materials Handling, Implementation Assembly, Shipping and others, White and Negro employees have worked together harmoniously for years.

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"3. We did not come South as crusaders when we opened our Memphis Works six years ago. We have no intention of attempting to change custom or tradition. We have urged other employers to follow our example. Our direct interest is limited to activities inside our plant. We have always believed, as a matter of conscience and moral

principle, that we are obligated to provide opportunity for all our employees. After all they are Americans, living and working in a great Democracy. "It was unfortunate that this incident occurred. Looking back on it, we would not have made any other decision. We believe that what we did was right and fair. So long as our actions pass that test, we are satisfied."

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POLICE BEAT

BY JIMMIE COOPER

TRAFFIC COURT

Eddie Galles, 36, 878 Lewis, charged leaving the scene of an accident, and following too close, fined \$51. Mack Winston, 37, LaGrange, Tenn., charged with reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, leaving a scene of an accident, fined, \$51. William White 51, 229 Dunlap, charged with speeding 50 m. p. h., fined \$51.

CITY COURT DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Milton Blackman, 21, 626 Gallows, disorderly conduct, fined \$11. Tommie Cunningham, 17, 309 Ashland, charged with disorderly conduct, fined \$26. Odessa Franklin, 23, 175 Beale, charged with disorderly conduct, fined \$26.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Pete Young, 46, 192 Jackson, Apt. 4, charged with assault and battery, fined \$26. L. G. Timberson, 18, 2288 Eldridge, charged with assault and battery, fined, case dismissed.

OTHER CITY COURT CASES

Willie Benson, 25, 1716 La Palma, forgery, case dismissed. Fred Hill, 32, 2011 Boyle, charged with possessing untaxed liquor, fined \$11.

TRAFFIC COURT

Charles Lee Barrell, 32, 1046 Doge, assault and battery and a stolen automobile, bound over to the state. Edward L. Collier, 33, 604 Lester, material witness, dismissed. Edward D. Carsley, 23, E. McLemore, reckless driving, fined \$51. James D. Stansberry, 25, 91 W. Olive, no driver's license, \$26; following too close, \$11.

HOLLYWOOD STUDIO

The Ladies Home Journal, first magazine she sent it to, accepted the story, however, and shortly after it appeared in June, 1951, a major Hollywood studio began production of the film. Miss Vroman spent six weeks in Hollywood acting as technical advisor for the production, which tells of a sensitive Negro school-teacher in a Southern town and her problems with her class of fourth-graders.

Another Woman Slugged and Robbed Here Friday Night

Another woman became the victim of a slugger Friday night on the dangerous streets of Memphis when she was slugged and robbed. Mrs. Etta Mae Ford, 38, 169 W. McKellar was slugged and robbed by an unknown assailant Friday night at Gage and Kansas Streets after alighting from a number 12 Chelsea Florida bus. Mrs. Ford told a Memphis World reporter, she had started across Kansas Street when some one hit her on the back of her head. She did not see her assailant, she was knocked unconscious, when she came to, she was lying in a grass patch, her purse was open and the \$17 it contained was gone as well as her Bulova watch, that she valued at \$61.

Interest Rates Explained By Commissioner Hollyday

Commissioner Guy T. O. Hollyday sent the following wire to all FHA field offices Saturday, May 2. "Effective immediately the maximum interest rate allowable under section 203, 603-610, 903 and title one section 8 is amended to 4 1-2 percent per annum and the maximum interest allowable under section 207 and section 608-610 is amended to 4 1-4 percent for annum. Upon request of mortgagee new maximum rates will apply to applications in process and commitments outstanding. This action does not affect the following types of FHA mortgages; military, defense, and cooperative housing upon which the rate of 4 percent is set by law.

Brenner Named To Shelby County Election Commission

Attorney Lester H. Brenner, old guard Republican, was renamed Monday as a member of the Shelby County Election Commission. New Democratic members of the Shelby County Election Commission appointed by the three-member state election board in Nashville, are Lee Winchester Sr., attorney and H. Price Corder, banker and investment official.

Armed Forces To Be Slashed In Economy Move

BY DARRELL GARWOOD WASHINGTON — (INS) — Defense Department officials disclosed Monday that economy plans will slice nearly 200,000 men from U. S. military strength and may further reduce calls even if the Korean war continues. If the war ends, the officials said, another slash of 60,000 to 100,000 men in addition to the already scheduled cut would be in sight. The manpower reduction, larger than expected, may make possible a further cut in the draft rate. The draft already has been reduced from 53,000 men for May to 32,000 for June. The further reduction may drop it to approximately 26,000 a month.



CLAIMS REDS FORCED HIM TO SIGN GERM WARFARE "CONFESSION" — PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. — Cpl. Marvin L. Brown, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is shown at the Valley Forge Military Hospital where he and 19 other American POWs were flown from the West Coast for treatment. The airman, who lost an arm while in a Korean prison camp, said that he was hammered with questions and threatened with death until he signed a false confession that he had used germ warfare. Cpl. Brown said his Chinese captors had subjected at least two other prisoners to the same treatment. (International News Photo by Ed. Grady).



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PRINCIPALS IN NAACP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

3 Are Elected To Posts In Tar Heel State

RALEIGH, N. C. — (INS) — Negroes have been elected to City Councils for the first time in history in three North Carolina cities.

Mississippi College To Hold 47th Annual Commencement

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. — The 47th Annual Commencement of the Mississippi Industrial College to be observed May 22 through 27 was announced Wednesday by W. M. Frazer, president.

Powell Urges Support For Anti-Bias Labor Measure

WASHINGTON — (SNS) — Congressman A. Clayton Powell urged nation-wide support for a proposed anti-bias amendment to the Taft-Hartley law yesterday as Senator Robert Taft, author of the original law, charged the proviso would delay changes in the law.

Ala. Teacher Praised For Film Story

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (INS) — The showing of a motion picture in Montgomery Wednesday brought honor in her own country to one kind of prophet. The film "Bright Road" which opened at a white motion picture theatre in Montgomery brought the spotlight on one of the leading Negro citizens of the Alabama capital.

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Christian Home Discussed At Presbyterian Church May 21

Many of the city's church congregations will study the Christian Home in an Annual Conference sponsored by a group of church women of district 3, women of the church, Memphis Presbytery, on Thursday, May 21.

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"FUGITIVES FROM NORTHERN WEATHER": A bevy of attractive fugitives from the rigors of northern weather pose at a Miami hotel before plunging into the pool. From left to right are Nancy Hallway, Cleveland; Merdis Thomas, Chicago; La Bomme, Detroit; Jackie Greenwood, Chicago; Jackie Branch, East Orange, N. J.; Audery Danson, Jamaica, New York.

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ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

BY JAMES H. PURDY, JR.

MEMPHIS—Picture a speeding auto, out of control, that's what happened on a Memphis Street, South Wellington near East Carolina Monday night.

Miraculously there were no deaths, but four persons, two of them children were injured. Police said the car driven by Charles Burrell, 32, bounced off the Missouri-Pacific viaduct wall, raced across a lawn embankment, jumped across the concrete steps of an apartment house.

The other injured were identified as Lula Mae Cross, 28, injured as she leaped out of the path of the speeding car, and Edward L. Collier, 33, a passenger in Burrell's car.

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Poetic Musing By MRS. CORINNE ELIZABETH ROWAN

MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE Mother dear, you have formed a special part Promoting the ideals dear to my heart, Paying tribute to you on this Mother's Day Stamps your memory indelibly to stay.

Beale Street Is My Beat

By Jimmie Cooper

To start Beale Street Is My Beat off this week I'd like to make an apology to the waitress of Harlem House No. 6 for what's been said in the past two issues of Beale Street Is My Beat.

After leaving the Harlem House No. 6 I wheeled on down the Hippodrome looking forward to dig some of the big happenings. To my surprise what I expected wasn't there.

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MEALTIME MELODIES!

By GRACE WATSON

When car owners get together they'll hear this question buzzing in the air: "How many miles do you get to the gallon?"

Human bodies may be likened to cars. We have the slim sports model, the dashingly run about, the glitzy limousine, the little business coupe, the sensible sedan.

So when you compare it with a car your body has one disadvantage—you can't trade it in on the brothers before going to court to get the news for the POLICE BEAT

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR KATHLEEN and Rawls waited on the river bank while the dusk deepened, but most of the Indians were busy farther upstream where the current swirled with wreckage.

push onward, until in the early morning light they came upon a clearing in the woods. Just ahead, among the screen of trees, something moved. They tensed, then watched with increasing wonder. There was a man there, but he seemed furtive, as anxious as themselves to escape observation.

Rawls moved quietly among the horses, grunting a low word in Indian, as their owners would do. A few reared away but there was no great fright, and he selected two, twisted rawhide about their jaws expertly, and removed the hobbles.

Rawls was like a cornered animal—and just as dangerous. His hand swept up, clutching a long knife, and he slashed savagely. It was a tricky blow, like the darting of a snake, and almost as hard to avoid.

Rawls was barely conscious of the pain, for now they were locked together, each fighting for possession of the knife, for life. Then Jenkyn twisted, heaving, and the slippery leaves which were thick underfoot aided him.

There was nothing Rawls could do, no chance to turn the blade or evade its sweep. Then something moved beneath their struggling bodies, a slippery, slithering form instinctive with horror. It reared a flat ugly head at lightning speed and struck with blind ferocity, and the tangs buried themselves in Jenkyn's descending arm, striking through the shirt sleeve, then caught and clung in the cloth.

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The Editor

SOBORITY THANKS WORLD FOR PUBLICITY

Alpha Eta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority cordially invites you to attend the concert version of "Carmen Jones," starring Muriel Rahn, Tuesday May 8, 1953, at 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Auditorium.

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Powell Urges

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whole Senate bloc of declared liberals in both parties—will raise at least a latent threat, the degree of which will be determined by future events, to the whole program of the Republican Congressional leadership for an early adjournment.

Human Rights Pact Altered

GENEVA, Switzerland — (NNPA) The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, meeting in Geneva to complete the drafting of covenants on human rights, last week decided that only nations may bring charges of violations of the provisions of the covenants, which ultimately are to be submitted to the

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