Negroes Angered by Searches for Liquor

BY EDDIE WILCOX
MONROEVILLE, Ala.--Ezra Cunningham, a member of the Christian Movement, said he was 'standing at the window' last week when he saw police enter his house with 'lock and key'.

"They had a lot of police cars out there," Cunningham said, "and they were looking for liquor. It's not legal to sell liquor in the county, and it's not legal for me to have liquor in my house."

Cunningham said that when he went to the police station to report the incident, he was told that he could be charged with 'possession of liquor'.

"I told them that I had no liquor in my house," Cunningham said, "and they said I was lying."

Cunningham said that he had been trying to get a job at Bruno's store in Monroeville, and that he had been 'hired as a clerk'.

"I was told that I would be paid $10 a day," Cunningham said, "but I was only paid $8."

Cunningham said that he had been trying to get a job at Bruno's store for three years, and that he had been 'turned down' because of his race.

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Cunningham said that he had been trying to get a job at Bruno's store because he needed money to support his family.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.—"There's more to Christmas than ho-ho-ho. Black people know this—especially poor black people. Here is what Christmas was like for some people around Montgomery, Ala."

"I am disheartened here," said Mrs. Rose Turner as she waited for Christmas Day in one of Montgomery's West End neighborhoods. Turner makes meals for her family on a shoestring budget. She has no gas in the house, so she has to put hot pots and pans everywhere "right where they'll get the smoke through the leaks in the ceiling."

Mrs. Turner said her children (seven still live at home) would be with her on Christmas Day. "I may not have any new clothes for Christmas, but I guarantee you they'll be clean," she said.

On Christmas Day, one of the Turners' older sons came home on leave from the Army. The children took turns riding in a new, shiny, red wagon given by a friend of the family.

"Some relatives give the girls a doll," Mrs. Turner said. After Christmas, when the toy box was empty, she might be able to buy something for the children. But if not, she said, "they'll understand, because we have other financial problems."

The Turners were one of the families to receive free food from the Alabama Action Committee (AAC).

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, AAC distributed boxes of food to needy families who came to the B.B. King Funeral Home in Montgomery. The boxes of food had been collected from grocery stores and restaurants by AAC leaders. The Hauptكف

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Jim Pepper

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LADY REMOVES BAG OF FOOD (ABOVE) AAC DELIVERS FOOD TO TURNERS (BELOW) CHILD IS TOO SHY TO TAKE COOKIES AT HEAD START PARTY (BELOW)
Mrs. Mary Thomas Derico of West monitor Christmas Eve in those separate homes. They expected no Christmas presents the next day, and held no clothes but the ones they were wearing.

They didn't even have a house of their own. It burned down four days earlier.

But on Christmas Eve, the children laughed and played, and Mrs. Derico visited them at school, because the whole family was together for Christmas.

The day of the fire was Tony Derico's fourth birthday, and his birthday cake burned up in the house.

A week-old electric stove, two television sets, three sets of bedroom furniture that had just been paid for, and the money Mrs. Gertrude Thomas (the grandmother) had hidden under her bed also went up in flames.

So did the Christmas tree.

The Derico family was one of the ones that got free food from AAC.

The children from the St. Jude Head Start center had a Christmas party Dec. 21, and Santa Claus paid them a surprise visit. Santa, who was black, listened to the children's gift requests, and gave them fruit and cookies.

Then he left, saying, "We've got to go now, we have to get back to Gaylord's."

Some people said Santa bore a close resemblance to Henri Cofield, a Head Start bus driver.

Mrs. Bertha D. Howard, superintendent of the School of Promise, the newest elementary group at the Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, was about to get started on Christmas morning with "Buds of Promise.

"We went into about 18 homes where the people were shut in," said Mrs. Howard, "and we could bring a little Christmas cheer into their homes."

Mrs. Rosa Lee Turner, whose house burned down Dec. 20, for Mrs. Rosa Lee Turner (below), Christmas is still a Monday.
A&M Survives Rally, Downs Miles, 50-38

By Paul Morgan
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Alabama A&M basketball team had the last laugh and rebounding of Ohio Braxton and Clarence Moore to a 50-38 victory Monday night at Crutcher Coliseum, 11. It is the 12th straight victory for the Maroon and White.

Two players for Alabama A&M, Robert Atkinson and Ron Smith, had identical scores of 10 points each. Atkinson, a senior, shot over 50 percent from the field, while Smith, a junior, scored his 10 points from the foul line.

When the Golden Dome's afternoon crowd of 3,400 looked up at the scoreboard that late last night, A&M and Miles College were playing for 1967 and no more.

During the first quarter, Miles had been up 13-6, but by the time the first quarter was over, A&M had pulled to within 8-13. It was 13-8 at the end of the first quarter.

The last 13 minutes of the game, however, were the real story. The Miles College offense was not to be faced with 10 points.

A&M scored 17 points in the final 13 minutes of the game. They scored 17 points in the last 13 minutes of the game, and Miles College scored 18 points in that same period.

A&M won its 12th straight victory and did it with style, with 17 points in the final 13 minutes of the game.

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