

Robey Trader to Governor Andrew Schoeppel

This letter, from Robey Trader to Governor Schoeppel, concerns Trader's belief that expanded rights for African Americans in Kansas City, Kansas, might lead to increased racial tensions because, as Trader states, "the Negro has become so overbearing white folks can stand it no longer."

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Hon Andrew Schoepnell
Governor.

Negro problem

Hon Sir:

I am attaching her to a clipping from
KCTimes of Aug 17th.

This brings home what I am afraid
of will happen here in Kansas City "a Real
race-war. The Negro has become so overbearing
white folks can stand it no longer.

I have rape against white women here
in Greater Kansas City & only 1 arrest & no
conviction. These negro soldiers & service men
coming back will be worse than ever.

a negro sitting up in Court House as a County
Commissioner, negro clerks, negro State Representative
is incouraging them to be more Bredon & inciting
hatred by white folks.

Your duty as Governor is to Caution these
negroes to keep their place.

Our Executive officers & peace officers is
going to be held responsible for any blood shed

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This thing catering to the negro to
get his vote, is low down & degrading.
I do not see how any real white-man
can stoop so low.
I hope you will give this serious
consideration & action.

Yours truly
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um: "Poor Churchill. I st
now he will be shot."
"My friend was able to reassu
her by saying that the sentence
might be mitigated to various
forms of hard labor."

A UNION STATION CLASH

MARINE WHO RESENTED NEGRO
SAILOR'S REMARK IS SLASHED.

Military Police Quell Scuffling
Involving Eighteen Men in
Lobby—Fountain Girls
Walk Off Job.

An incident involving six marines
and twelve Negro sailors at the
Union Station at 9 o'clock last night
resulted in the slashing of one ma-
rine with a knife and the arrest of
one of the sailors, who was injured.
All the men were members of trans-
ient groups.

Military police said the Negroes,
walking six abreast, were first con-
fronted by the marines at the traffic
safety island on the Main street side
of the station. A brief scuffle fol-
lowed which was broken up imme-
diately by military police.

RESENTED A SAILOR'S REMARK

Inside the station, military police
said, the sailors, still in two ranks
of six met the marines again in
front of the ticket windows in the
main lobby. This time, according to
one of the marines, Pfc. Carlton
Summers, 20, Eagle Mountain, Va.,
one of the sailors made a personal
remark the marine resented.

Summers said he and the sailor
began scuffling and the sailor drew
a knife. Cpl. James M. Lahiff, 25, of
Leavenworth, an M. P. seized the
sailor from the rear as the sailor
struck out at Summers, cutting the
marine on the left arm. Lahiff's
partner, Pfc. Robert W. Peterson,
31, of Bethel, Kas., struck the sailor
several times with a night stick to
subdue him.

The sailor was identified by an-
other sailor from his train as W. B.
Sherrill. He was not wearing identi-
fication tags. His home address was
not known.

Summers was taken to the naval
dispensary at 1703 Wyandotte
street, where his wound was treated
and he was returned to his train.
Sherrill was treated at the dis-
pensary, and taken by the shore
patrol to the Jackson County jail.

CUT ON M. P.'S LEG.

Lahiff discovered after the affray
that he had received a minor cut
on the right leg. It was treated at
the station.

While Sherrill was being placed
in a navy ambulance, the shore
patrolmen were called to the train
sheds to quiet a disturbance which
broke out between marines and
Negro sailors in two adjacent trains.
That fight last about ten minutes.
After quiet was restored a marine
SP was treated for a minor cut on
his right shoulder, and shore pa-
trolmen were stationed in each car
of both trains.

Forty-five minutes after the inci-
dent, nine Negro girls working at
the two soda fountains in the sta-
tion walked out. The fountains
were closed for the night.

SPEED BRIDLE TO HALSEY.