

### NIGHTLIFE IN NEW YORK

By Alvin Moses

#### "DAWN PATROL NOTEBOOK"

NEW YORK, (ANP)—Come next Thursday, exactly 12 months will have passed since I brought to your attention a condition existing in the section of Broadway and 52nd street, called by me the "street of dreams" . . . I named it so because it provided top salaries and classy notices in the powerful white press for ranking colored performers and entertainers like: Art Tatum, Billie Holiday, Maurice Rocco, Ben Webster, Coleman Hawkins, et al . . . Our prediction, if you recall, stemmed from the assembling of white and colored thrill-seekers and exhibitionists at the Onyx club, Club Downbeat, and the Three Deuces.

As we write these lines, my "dream street" might rightly be called, "padlock lane" for law enforcement officials have clamped down upon them causing highly paid entertainers to be temporarily out of work . . . On all sides reports just don't add up to make sense. One faction will tell you that there is absolutely no truth in the statement that these places were closed because of interracial mixing on dance floor and at tables . . . Others who should know the truth of it all say that the "close down" order came for no other reason under the sun.

My investigation conducted on a strict reporter's basis leads me to the opinion that had not those "half-men and mannish women" been encouraged to flock nightly to these sin dens playing their nefarious thrade, the spots would not be under police department surveillance and—that's that.

#### CREDIT AND DEBIT SIDE

We were amazed to look around in Elks Rendezvous one night last week and note a couple (black and tan) who have created a rumpus in at least five of our better night-spots to my personal knowledge . . . Bistro owners, plain saloon-keepers, tavern, nightclub, and "shoppe" owners, listen to me while I proach this sermon this morning—Keep your house clear under new Police Commissioner Wallender and Mayor-elect O'Dwyer or—I predict we will return to the cop in the corner of certain places which characterized the last ten days of JEFF BLUNT, acclaimed king of colored night club operators following death of BARON WILKINS—think about this fellow Americans of color."

DICKIE WELLS and "HORSE" STEELE, chatting with me for hours on a street corner 2 a. m. in the yawning . . . Wells telling me how he introduced columnists Walter Winchell and Louie Sobol to Harlem nightlife many moons ago; intimate highlights on his personal friend Tallulah Bankhead, etc., etc. . . Steele telling me about a chat he had the other evening with writer ROI OTTLEY, and commenting on his AMSTERDAM NEWS column of a decade ago called "The Coal Bin", et al, et al . . . It was great fun, and provided me with rich material for future talks between . . . YOU, and ME . . . So long for now folks.



The Delphian Oracle held forth in Greece and was the most famous of the ancient world. Revelations were dishd up by a priestess who—seated on a golden grumble-seat, over a chasm from which issued poisonous and smelly vapors—muttered as if drunk with sleep. But Aunt Stella herself—the unseen priestess now exercising such a benign influence over the members of this community. And this Gifted Little Lady does not operate out of Delphi while the fumes, if any, that unlock the mysterious recesses of her all-knowing mind, issue not from some mephitic chasm. On the contrary, they might come from bottles bearing revenue stamps. But who are we to criticize? After all, America's Favorite Advisor does not stutter. And one needs no priestly interpreter to reveal a hidden meaning in her speech! Our readers are invited to bare their secret souls to her. Her answers—invariably—are pat, pertinent and pithy. But send no box tops. Editor.

Dear Aunt Stella: The Colonel's rich widow is a man-handler and I love it, but what'll I say when she discovers that I wear a toupe? Small But Ambitious.

Dear Aunt Stella: My boy-friend's awfully good-looking but the heck of it is that he knows it. Do you think that time will tone down this handicap? No Man's Slavey.

No Man's Slavey: I wouldn't worry too much about the male animal with too much Vitamin I in his system; if time doesn't tone him down, his contacts will. Aunt (Dust To Dust) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: I'd like to marry and settle down but the eligibles I've met all are assertive, selfish or thoughtless. At what age do men begin to get good? Home-maker.

Home-maker: Men don't get good—they just get old. Aunt (Live & Learn) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: It is said that man seems to be the only creature that does not co-operate with his kind. Do wild animals ever work together? Library Lout.

Library Lout: Certainly! Take the wolf and the stork, for instance; don't they usually work in the same neighborhood? Aunt (Underprivileged) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: My wife is so extravagant that she's driving me to bankruptcy. What can I do to keep my head above water? Harassed.

Harassed: Why not take up deep sea diving? Then you don't have to keep your head above water! Aunt (Turntable) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: Where is the capital of the USA? Teacher's Pet.

Teacher's Pet: Loaned to England, Russia, China, et al. Aunt (Long Time No See) Stella.

Dear Aunt Stella: Your idioms are awful! What's the meaning of No, Freckles, the best time for picking apples is not on Sunday when the adults are all in church.

### LIL GREEN AND HER ORCHESTRA MAKES BOW ON SOUTHERN TOUR



LIL GREEN, the blues queen, one of the top ranking Bluebird and Decca recording artists who on her initial appearance in New York played the popularly frequented Blue Angel nightery. She was held over for six weeks and since that time has been a sensational singing star. The star debuts with Her 15 Rhythmasters—playing key southern cities commencing October 26—going on location at the celebrated Willie Davis "hot" spot in Miami, Florida, for ten days enroute. After playing the Deep South Lil will lead her musical men through the Southwest playing Texas, and Oklahoma on a one-nighter jaunt that should prove highly entertaining to music and dance lovers. Itinerary calls for dates in Asheville, N. C.; Macon, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Columbus, Ga.; Columbia, S. C.; Birmingham, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.; Mobile, Ala.; Pensacola, Fla.; Jackson, Miss.; and Monroe, Louisiana. Other dates call for appearances in Shreveport, Pa.; Baton Rouge, La.; Biloxi, Miss.; and Alexandria, Louisiana.

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### BETWEEN THE LINES

#### DEGREEISM DECLINES

In today's mail came the Fall catalog of the Columbia University Press. Coming as it did from Columbia University, not only one of the top-flight universities but one of the world's largest, it was of considerable size. One of the most striking features of the publication was the absence of degrees after the authors' name.

For a long time in this country we have laid special emphasis on an author's degree, which in many instances overawed us into believing that the author could speak no wrong. It came about that for quite two generations, we have been under a degree spell that so bound us as to make us seek after a man's degrees rather than seek after his character. The man with a degree has hitherto been the man of the hour. In spite of the fact that this nation's foundations were laid by men who were long on vision and character and short on degrees, we have virtually sold ourselves into a kind of degree slavery.

A kind of degreeism has bound us in mighty thrall from which we are crying for deliverance. It is not a fact that our men of degrees are invariably our principal men. There are too many degreed failures and too many un-degreed success for a lack of degrees to ever mean certain failure or the possession of a degree to ever mean certain success. Today as always character is the determining factor in life and character is in no way correlated with degrees. The present generation of world administrators has the benefits of the men of degrees as was never true before of world administrators; but it cannot be said that the world affairs are better administered.

The white race dominates the 20th century world and degrees abound among them. But the claim to superb moral leadership of the world cannot be claimed by a race that twice within a quarter of a century has deluged the world in blood in two of the most terrible wars of history. These wars were not brought on because the leaders were white, but because they were human; but this fact in no way vitiates the conclusion that degreeism does not contain the germs of infallibility.

This release is by no means an attempt to disparg degrees; but it is designed to warn against degreeism, a belief in the omnipotence of degrees detached from wholesome character. Character is the thing that puts degreed men over and not the degrees. Why then do we not stress character with some of the enthusiasm with which we subscribe to degreeism?

Nor is this article designed to disparg education and learning. What we are trying to get across is the fact that education will get greatest chance in this country in proportion as degreeism declines. When we arrive at the point where he will not feel certain of success because he has attained unto one, then the deck will have been cleared for an era of real intellectual achievement.

It is mor than passing thrange that at the very height of degreeism among Negroes, the dominant whites are breaking away from its bondage. When degreeism has sufficiently declined, poor parents will no longer enslave themselves to get their worthless sons and daughters degreed to do nothing but become degreed failures. When degreeism's spell has been broken in this country we will not longer measure a man's stature by his degree but by his contribution to the public weal. When degreeism is subordinated to its proper place, then a man will not feel that he is a failure when he rears a robust honest brood of fine American citizens of undegreed usefulness.

It has come about that the man who brings up one degreed child is proclaimed a "howling success"; but when his neighbor brings up 10 honest but undegreed citizens who work with their hands for an honest living he is regarded as a failure. This very notion is one of the most damnable things in the social life of our times. It is degreeism reduced to its last analysis.

Degreeism hides the righteous ruggedness so beautifully portrayed in the Village Blacksmith of yesteryear:  
 His hair is crisp and black and long  
 His face is like the tan;  
 His brow is wet with honest sweat  
 He earns whatever he can,  
 And looks the whole world in the face  
 For he owes not any man."

May the passion for knowledge never assuage; but may degreeism rapidly decline!

### LABOR VIEW

By George F. McCray for ANP

#### NEGRO WORKERS WANT NEW TIEUP

Very slowly Negro workers are coming out of that sense of security which they have felt as the result of the charming personality of Mr. Roosevelt and of the smart politics and statesmanship of the late President himself. Several ugly realities stare Negro Workers in the face. Completely gone is the soothing thought of the "great man in the White House."

A big factor in Negro uneasiness is the Truman family. The picture of Mr. Truman watching Negroes dig ditches on the White House lawn might have been idle curiosity at seeing other people work, but it might have indicated an interest in the problems of all labor. But there can be no mistake over the meaning of Mrs. Truman's for the labor of Hazel Scott. She is in sympathy with discrimination. Mrs. Roosevelt had set a high standard of conduct for presidential wives, and Mrs. Truman failed to measure up.

But what really worries Negroes is Mr. Truman's inability to get anything done with congress and his administrators. Nowhere in his administration does he seem to have enthusiastic and loyal support. Perhaps labor and Negroes long accustomed to running to the White House now need to realize that the power is now in congress.

Anyway Mr. Truman falls short of the wise, able, soft-hearted "Mr. Big" in the White House who somehow sends home the bacon at the right time. As for Mr. Truman's radio speeches, well, honest and sincere as they

are, he really should lay off. Not that the President doesn't have qualities of a s. t. As Negro workers discover they can no longer look to Washington with any hope of effective action, they are coming face to face with two old enemies. They see employers and big daily papers complain constantly about the tens of thousands of job openings and the refusal of workers to accept "decent jobs at reasonable wages." Negroes know that the real story behind these so called job openings is not only low wages, but the stubborn, prejudiced refusal of many employers to hire Negroes or to increase their present number of Negro employees.

The lily-white independent and AFL unions are again openly opposing job equality for Negroes. The AFL's International Association of Machinists and various AFL building trades unions are either barring Negroes outright or is telling them to wait until all the "members" are put to work. In many of these unions Negroes rarely become anything but temporary "permit" members, though here and there notable exceptions can be found.

All of this adds up to the fact that the Negro workers are much more uneasy about the future than other American citizens. Negro reaction to their present situation vary from near panic to cool, determined anger. Strikes in which they share the leadership as in the case of the Kelsey Hayes strike in Detroit are particularly bitter. What their new affiliations will be now that the Roosevelt's are no longer a part of things in Washington remain to be seen.

### Registration Up In State of Georgia

ATLANTA—(ANP) — Spurred by reports of unprecedented registration of Negroes in virtually every Georgia county, the Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic clubs re-enforced their efforts last week to establish a vote in all elections throughout the state.

Registration by Negroes in Georgia counties shows as high as 75% increase, the gains being attributed in part to the invalidation of the Democratic white primary by Middle Georgia Federal District Judge T. Hoyt Davis. Gathered at Macon for their semi-annual session, Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic club members listened to a comprehensive report on the progress of court action over the past year and heard an outlining of new plans for continuing objectives and a report on the financial strength of the organization to date.

C. R. Alexander, president of the Savannah Democrats, reported registration of nearly 2,000 additional Negroes since July, 1944. H. D. Heath, of Fitzgerald, reported more than 200 registered Negroes as compared to only 12 in 1944.

J. M. Arkinson reported that where there were only 175 Negroes registered in Brunswick in 1944, there are today over 800 registered. The Negro Democrats endorsed objectives calling for infiltration of their organization into every community of the state and made plans for an annual Franklin D. Roosevelt dinner, the first of which will take place in Atlanta on the late President's birthday, January 30.

"HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND?"

### School System Against Racism

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The local public school system here has launched a fight against racism by the introduction of a 44-page guidebook, entitled "Going Along Together—Literature Points the Way," to teachers.

First copies of the book were issued to teachers and principals of 39 elementary schools last week during a literature conference, presided over by Miss Nellie Ryan, at Moose Elementary school. The teaching of tolerance should begin in kindergarten, Miss Ryan believes.

"Children do not have prejudices," she said. "Prejudices are planted by adults, and it is the responsibility of the schools to lead in creating a new world."

The book aims to instill in the pupil attitudes of respect, trust, and understanding toward all racial and religious groups; to acquaint him through literature with the contributions made by various groups; to lead him toward closer cooperation with these groups, and to develop in him pride in his own heritage.

The recent anti-Negro school strikes caused Miss Helen P. Bull, president of the YWCA, to write Mayor Edward J. Kelly a letter, urging complete reorganization of the school board to "establish democratic practices and highest educational standards."

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