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## GREAT ARMY FOR PEACE OCCUPIES LONDON NEW LABOR PROBLEM INVADERS SOUTHWEST

### MEXICAN OR NOGRO LABOR IS QUESTION

#### Southwest Confronted With New Problem

Los Angeles, Calif., July 25.—The real economic competition for the control of the agricultural and industrial situation in the Southwest territory, comprising western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Baja (Lower California) Mexico and California has again become acute problem in this section, having shifted since the exclusion of the orientals from the labor situation, to the various other types of available labor.

**A Serious Problem**  
With the disappearance of the Orientals from agriculture the dominant question is "who is to do the manual labor?" The European white worker is leaving the country faster than he is arriving; 44,750 having departed in 1925 to 27,908 arrivals. Of those who remain only a small number get west of the Rockies. Filipinos, Porto Ricans and East Indians used in small numbers can hardly be considered in any quantity. There remain but two groups, the Mexicans and the Negroes.

**Use Of Black Labor Discouraged**  
The rapid development of cotton acreage in the Southwestern States has created a serious shortage during the seasons of experienced workers. In the Rio Grand Valley of Texas around Harlingen with a total cotton production in excess of 100,000 bales, a shortage of 5,000 cotton pickers existed in July, last year. In the Yuma Valley district of Arizona below Needles with 30,000 acres in cotton, a call was sent in for 3,000 cotton pickers. In the Lower California-Mexico district with 135,000 acres and the Imperial Valley district of Calif. with 150,000 acres a shortage exists. In the San Joaquin Valley district of California, near the Colored town of Allensworth, with 4,000 pickers employed at \$1.00 per day, last year, more pickers were needed.

While quite a number of black Americans are used around Allensworth in the San Joaquin district; around Calipatria and El Centro in the Imperial Valley district; around Yuma in the Palo Verde Valley district and in the various Arizona and Western Texas districts, the tendency is to discourage the employment of Negro labor, giving as a reason that only the shiftless migratory class of Negro labor is attracted and that after the season is over he drifts to the cities and becomes a parasite on the economic conditions prevailing in the large centers where there is no demand for this class of labor.

**The Black Man's Opportunity**  
The Negro himself could overcome this aversion to his employment if a better class could be attracted. A producing class is needed. A progressive type of producing labor, who can acquire land, establish homes, become citizens and add to the productive value of the community.

The economic condition of the colored laborer is growing more difficult as organized movements by white associations bring pressure to bear in favor of the white worker, even in the heretofore menial positions considered "a colored man's job."

California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Western Texas present little industrial opportunity to the Negro. In the building trades organized labor does not welcome colored building artisans and will oppose any large influx into the trades. In Southern California and other localities where the open shop predominates, the colored artisan is employed to some degree when more efficient than his white co-worker; however, the demand is for the skilled colored man with sufficient capital, experience and executive ability to handle his own contracts.

It is in the agricultural sections of the Southwest region comprising Southwest Texas, Arizona and California, a region of varied crops with cotton predominating that the Negro has the opportunity to supplant the Japanese as the dominating factor in the agricultural and industrial life of this section.

**To Employ Mexican Labor**  
It is this shiftless, migratory type of Mexican that is now predominating the labor situation of these states. So acute has become the situation that relief has been sought through the introduction of the Vincent Bill into the last session of the California Congress proposing to make contract labor from Mexico possible.

At present the Southwest is absolutely dependent upon Mexican labor. They are the Southwestern only reliance both in the industries and on the farm.

The Mexican laborer is a migratory workman. He lives along the line of least resistance. He cannot be classed as an immigrant or of the tenant class like the Japanese who arose rapidly from the status of laborer to tenants. He comes to America to sell his labor that he may return to his own country and be independent. He is not acquisitive, has no idea of time nor sense of value. Consequently the Southwest wants only his labor; to bring him here, use him and return him home.

**80 Per Cent "Bootleg" Labor**  
It is estimated that 80 per cent of the Mexicans arriving in America are "bootleg" (smuggled across the border.) Around 50,000 enter the United States each year and probably as many more are smuggled in. Only about 5,000 of those on record enter California yearly, yet Los Angeles is about the fourth ranking city in the world in Mexican population.

"I caught the cook this morning straining the coffee through one of my socks."  
"Did you discharge her?"  
"Certainly not; it wasn't a clean one."

### Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry



Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry, foremost among the club women of the northwest, was in the city Sunday night enroute to the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Bi-annual Convention in Oakland, Calif., from July 29th to Aug. 6th. Mrs. Mary Bethune of Florida, the National president.

Mrs. Asberry is the president of the Washington State Federation, which just closed its annual session in Seattle, on the 16th. It is reported that this session was one of the most important ever held and that the president's annual message was replete with helpful information and progressive suggestions for the future activities of the clubs.

Mrs. Asberry will be gone until the latter part of September. She will spend some time with her brother in Oakland, and with relatives in other California cities. Approximately 25 women from Washington, principally from Seattle, will attend the Convention some going by boat, others by stage and private autos and still others by rail.

While here Mrs. Asberry was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Logan, 380 Larrabee Street. She left Monday morning.

### CALLED A NEGRO; SUES FOR \$50,000

John H. Ryan publisher of the Tacoma Weekly has filed suit against three of the Tacoma daily papers for \$50,000 because these papers referred to him as the Negro Editor.

John Thibodeaux, brother of Mrs. I. B. Vessell of this city, died in Pendleton, Oregon, Thursday and will be buried Sunday, according to a telegram to the Advocate Thursday.

Mrs. Lucile Parker of Spokane was in Portland for two days this week enroute to Oakland to attend the National Association of Club Women.

While in the city Mrs. Parker was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reese.

Judge John Rand of the State Supreme Court is very ill at St. Vincent Hospital. He may have to undergo an operation. However, his many friends are earnestly hoping for him a speedy recovery.

### TO THE PUBLIC

The following letter was received by the Associate Editor of the Advocate one day last week from the vice-president of a large business institution in Portland:

Portland, Oregon, July 19, 1926.  
Dear Mr. Cannady:  
The writer has been approached by a Mr. George Harrison, pastor of the Colored Baptist Church, who seems to be raising a fund of \$8,000.00 for a Colored Industrial building, special-ty to accommodate Colored servant girls et cetera, along the line of the Martha Washington, I assume.

What is your opinion of this project? Is it bona fide and supported by people like yourself? It seems that the amount of \$8,000.00 is rather small sum for a building which would amount to anything in this cause. It also seems rather an unbusiness-like system for a man to solicit money without any real credentials and without any recommendations from well known citizens or institutions.

Thanking you for whatever information you may have in regard to this program, I am  
Very truly yours,

Vice President.  
We are with-holding the name of the writer of the above letter because we did not ask his permission to publish the same. And our only reason for doing so is because we believe the public should be informed concerning such activities.

We are not acquainted with any individual of the name of George Harrison and if such an one is representing him as pastor of a local church, we believe him to be a fake and an impostor.

We believe that if a bona fide proposition, such as the Mr. Harrison represented, were on foot in Portland we would certainly know something about it.

Therefore we would advise our white and Colored business friends to look well before making donations to strangers.  
Signed  
Mrs. E. D. Cannady.

### SEASIDE NOTES

(By Lillian Morrow)

Mrs. J. McLemore, who has had charge of the Golf Links camp, broke camp Tuesday and left with her family on Wednesday for Portland.

Mrs. B. Sigmund, who has been at the Golf Links Camp for the past two weeks, left Wednesday noon for Portland. She was accompanied by her son, little Ruth Cage and three caddies.

Mrs. Mm. Badger and Mrs. Beulah Allen attended the Spirit of the West picnic Wednesday, at Astoria.

Mrs. M. M. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. A. H. Morrow and family, attended the Salt Cairn dedication at Seaside Wednesday morning and spent the afternoon at Astoria attending the Spirit of the West Parade.

Mr. J. Johnson, who has conducted a shining stand at Seaside for the past month left Sunday for Portland. Mr. and Mrs. S. Golden and sons, Shelby and Hayden, Mrs. A. Golden of Kansas City, the Williams, a sister-in-law of the Golden, and Ardella J. Engless, a niece, arrived at the Sunflower Thursday noon. Misses Lucy M. Williams and Ruth E. Kirk arrived on the evening train.

Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Vaughn and Minor went clam digging Thursday morning and were very successful. Mr. Golden and family went clam digging on Friday and returned with a large bucket of clams. Everybody had clams 'n' everything.

Attorney E. J. Minor, Mrs. L. Crosswhite and A. H. Morrow, motored down Friday night. Mrs. Minor, who has been visiting Mrs. Schweich for two weeks, returned with her husband and party, Sunday evening.

Mr. S. Golden was the "Barn-yard Golf" champion this week and Mr. A. H. Morrow the Croquet champion. The reporter can't report on Monday's games as the series was unfinished, cause a family secret—Sh! Mr. Golden says Mrs. Golden cheated. Don't tell anybody.

Mr. O. W. Stevens was at Gearhart on the weekend. Attorney and Mrs. E. J. Minor, Mrs. Schweich and daughter, Mrs. Crosswhite, went clam digging Sunday morning at Gearhart, the butcher has been wondering if they have left town.

Mr. S. Golden and party enjoyed a pleasant trip to Tillamook Head, Sunday afternoon. They visited the Hermit, registered at the Inn and brought back many beautiful souvenirs.

The beach party Saturday evening was a very pleasant affair, everyone enjoyed roasting "Hot Dogs" and Marshmallows. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Golden, Mrs. A. Golden, Miss Lucy Williams, Mrs. Ruth Kirk, Attorney and Mrs. Minor, Mrs. L. Crosswhite, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morrow, Hayden and Shelby Golden, Ardell Engless, Mary Jane and Betty Jean Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Golden and party left Monday evening for Portland. Mesdames J. A. Johnson, L. Welch and daughter, Dorothy, of Gearhart were pleasant callers, Sunday afternoon.

A little boy adopted from an orphan home was being ridiculed by his playmates because he had no real parents.

"Maybe I haven't any real parents," he choked, "but the ones I have got, love me as much as yours love you."

"They can't," taunted his playmates. "Our parents are real parents."

"Well," said he, with sudden inspiration "mine love me more than yours do because mine picked me out of a hundred other babies, and yours had to take what they got."

### LOCAL AND FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, 374 Williams Avenue, N., accompanied by their charming daughter, Carlotta and Miss Nannie May Gahn, of Indianapolis, who is visiting with them, spent the week-end in Seattle, their former home.

They motored up, returning Monday. Miss Gahn is a niece of Mr. Mitchell and is a teacher in the public schools of her home town.

Mrs. J. C. Wycliffe is here from Chicago visiting the Keene family, 425 Church Street, who are her relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Rolling has opened a delightful seven room Rest-home on the west side where convalescents may go for quiet and rest.

Mrs. George Mullen went to Salem Thursday to visit Mrs. Hattie Jackson who is in the State Hospital. She also took Mrs. Jackson a basket of "goodies."

The Roland Hayes Quartette sang Sunday night at the First Christian Church, of which Rev. E. E. Griffith is pastor. The musical program was preceded by an educational talk on Negro music by Miss Shirley Macanna.

The Quartette is composed of Miss Macanna, Mrs. Clara Bell, Mr. Mm. Drew and James McArthur, the accompanist is Mrs. Jessie Edwards.

Mr. H. Von Tipton, of Seattle, who formerly resided here, was in the city several days this week.

Mrs. Adah McGill, 641 Union Ave., North, was the guest, at dinner Sunday, of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Geo. B. Hardin, 1008 E. Yamhill Street.

Mrs. Isabelle De Journette, 157 Admiral St., and Mrs. G. N. White, 65 East 10th St. will attend the Grand Lodge in California next month.

Mrs. J. D. Patton's condition is improved at this writing.

Mr. J. W. Houser is still very ill at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Leon Gregory was noted among the 5,000 officials and employees at the O. W. R. & N. picnic at Bonneville, Sunday. The picnickers left at 6 in the morning and returned about 7 in the evening.

It is said that, in spite of her serious illness, she stood the trip well, and was none the worse for going.

Mrs. Alfred Evans' and children, Junior, four and Elizabeth, two, arrived in the city Tuesday from Austin, Texas, to join her husband who preceded them by several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans and children are domiciled at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Patton, 165 N. 12th Street.

H. H. Champe of Oberlin, Ohio arrived in the city last week and may decide to go into business of some kind. He is being entertained by J. W. Curry, an old friend.

Rev. J. E. Wood D. D., president of the National Baptist Convention, (un-inc.) U. S. A., addressed the citizens of Portland last Tuesday at the Y. W. C. A., quite a crowd heard him. He was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson while in the city.

He left for Seattle, accompanied by Rev. J. W. Anderson, where he spoke to a great crowd in the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. Dr. J. S. Moore, pastor. Dr. Wood is considered a very fine speaker.

### A. M. E. ZION C. E. NEWS

#### Keren H. Mills "For Christ and the church we stand."

—C. E.—  
We C. E.'s held our regular meeting Sunday, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. The topic for discussion being, "Saking Cities Christian." The three minute orators were: Misses Edna Mills, and Myrtle Moore, Messrs Jack Bedford, Roy Holmes, Ansell Bell and Von Tipton. All spoke well and seemed to gain much inspiration from the lesson.

—C. E.—  
On Sunday morning, Rev. Moreland spoke to us from Deut. 33:25 and in the evening he chose for his text: "Some present day spiritual gifts." The sermons were well delivered to appreciative audiences. On Sunday morning we were pleased to have with us, Misses Thelma Woodard and Helen Arkansas, Mrs. Rutnerford S. C., Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Jamison of Dallas Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Poller, of Tucson, Ariz. These and other visitors are welcome at any time. We extend the warmest hand of fellowship to them.

—C. E.—  
The Gleaners Art Club held its monthly luncheon at the home of Mrs. Hattie Prescott on Overton St. Thursday. The club has disbanded until September.

—C. E.—  
We Zionites held a Watermelon social at the church Tuesday evening. No explanation needed.

—C. E.—  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cannon were hosts on Friday evening, at dinner in honor of Mrs. Maggie Webb of Dallas, Texas. Covers were laid for Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Kerens Mills assisted. Mrs. Webb is the mother of Mr. J. R. Mills.

—C. E.—  
Gossip—  
Word was received from our president, Miss Rosalind Bird. She writes us from Kansas City, Mo. She informs us that she wouldn't bring anything new back but a fine pair of hose and some handkerchiefs, she also said that she was learning the "Miss around" Sign. The club has disbanded until September.

—C. E.—  
K. C., as she calls it, is red hot with lots of high-browns. She closed by saying that she would write more but she was afraid she would be reading it in the Advocate.

—C. E.—  
Miss Myrtle Moore, who was loaned to us from St. Louis, left for home Tuesday. Miss Moore's last words were: "If I return to Portland, it will be because Louis and I can't agree. Good-bye forever!"

—C. E.—  
"Girls watch your beaux, there's a new girl in town." Ask the "Noble Three."

—C. E.—  
Mr. Booker Washington has decided to move from Cook Avenue, and set up a tent on Mrs. Flowers' lawn. He has really decided to have first chance.

—C. E.—  
The Misses Mills called on Mrs. Cannady, Sunday p. m. Their report is: Mrs. Cannady is improving rapidly. She was down stairs for her first time. It is really a blessing to see her up again.

—C. E.—  
Miss Ruth Anderson writes the reporter from Parkdale, Ore. Ruth says she is really working hard. Imagine it!

—C. E.—  
Mr. Walt Roark hasn't been out since he and his best girl "cashed in." Cheer up Walt, there are others.

—C. E.—  
Little Guy-Guy came out Sunday morning for the first time since that "certain party" left.

—C. E.—  
I wonder if M. Mills, our advisor, has received a spanking since his mother arrived. You always have to behave when Ma's around. How do you feel, Mr. advisor?

—C. E.—  
With my fingers, little ones.

—C. E.—  
That what you don't know will never hurt you—Rah! Rah—Zionites!

—C. E.—  
"He was my fourth husband," sighed the widow. "I cremated them all." At this an old maid burst into tears. "How unjust the world is!" she sobbed. "I've never had one man, and you've had 'em to burn!"

### Senator Charles McNary



United States Senator McNary spent several hours in Portland Monday while enroute to his farm in Marion County. Every one expected him to say something concerning Senator Stanfield's success in putting over the tax bill, but he said nothing.

### FOSTER MOTHER

Special correspondence, Omaha, Neb.  
Some years ago a Negro here was left with four children, the eldest being a girl of eight years. He refused to listen to the arguments to put the children into an institution, for the reason that he himself was separated from his brothers and sisters when a child and he wanted to keep his children together.

A friend one of his race volunteered to help look after the children, which she has done for almost eight years. Although she is away from home at her work a part of almost every day, she has kept a watchful eye on this family and they came to her with all their problems.

The father, who is a waiter is obliged to be away from home at noon and evening meal time and very often the children are supplied with food by their kind friend. She has told her patrons about "her children" as she calls them, and many useful things in the way of clothing are given her for them. One of these patrons has supplied the Christmas dinner for several years.

This woman and her husband have prospered far beyond the expectations of the average Negro family, and what wonder? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Christian Science Monitor.

### CLUB WOMEN RAISE COLLEGE FUND

Tacoma, Washington, July 10.—A young Negro woman now enrolled at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, owes her opportunity for higher education indirectly to a cookshop, and directly to the enterprise of the State Federation of Colored Women's Organization of Washington. This group of women, bent on helping girls and boys of their race, compiled their favorite receipts into a volume which they sold for the benefit of the scholarship fund. Money from this source has been lent to this young woman now in her second year in College.

Besides contributing to the state federation activities, Negro women of Washington are promoting their people's welfare through their local clubs and through the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. The Sojourner Truth Club of Seattle has established a home for women and children. A Spokane club furnished a room in the Huttie Settlement Home for Orphans.

The women's club has brought a new force in progressive womanhood, a great awakening of race appreciation and race expression," said Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry, president of the Colored Women's Federation of Washington. The department program extends over a wide range of work. Its standing committees include literary and race history, business, arts and crafts, music, religion and education.

Club work for Negro women began in Washington at the time of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909. A group of Tacoma women met at the call of Mrs. Asberry to plan a display of handicraft for the exposition. The exhibit won a gold medal. It was not until 1917, however, that a call was issued for a state federation and it was then formed. Until the armistice, clubs occupied themselves chiefly with patriotic relief work and organization.

—Christian Science Monitor.  
People who live in the same square don't always move in the same circle.

Though man is supposed to have conquered the air, there are many street musicians who haven't.

—C. E.—  
"Nora, you were entertaining a man in the kitchen last night, were you not?"  
"That's for him to say, ma'am. I did my best."

### GRANDMOTHERS' BIG TREK

#### Women Peace Pilgrims' Experiences

A great Army of Peace has occupied London.  
An old lady walked from Leeds, and two grandmothers walked from Liverpool to take part in the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage. Another woman trekked the whole 500 miles from Aberdeen to Charing Cross.

Such is the spirit which has actuated the 7000 women who completed their crusade against war by a huge demonstration in Hyde Park on Saturday. They have marched from practically every part of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, spreading wide their slogan: "Law no war."

**An Arresting Spectacle**  
Blue was the pilgrims' colour, and those who did not have blue coats or cloaks had blue armlets, on which the device was a white dove carrying an olive branch. The London pilgrims presented an arresting spectacle. Led by Miss Ruth London, who was mounted on a white horse, and who wore a Madonna-blue Crusader's cloak ornamented with silver doves, the procession stretched from the Temple Station to Blackfriars Bridge.

The pilgrims met many adventures on the way. Considerable interest was taken in the fact that two Quaker ladies who marched from Tunbridge Wells almost to the Crystal Palace were between 70 and 80 years of age. "We were entertained like royalty," one of these ladies said on Saturday. "The weather was bad, but I think people respect the cause all the more because we were ready to walk in the rain. I did not give up until I was within three miles of London, and then I took a tram."

**Disarming Voice**  
Lamberhurst is already notorious as the one village in England which voted against the pilgrim's resolution urging settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

Two pilgrims from the farthest north came from Dundee, dressed in their blue tabards and shod with sandals. They walked about 70 miles, but at Berwick were held up owing to the strike. Their talk was meted by torrential rain, but they marched on in the spirit of true pilgrims.

At Dunbar a gentleman took the dripping pilgrims home to his wife, who gave them tea, then offered some fatherly advice, saying that they should give up the foolish idea and go home. Needless to say, his advice was not acted upon.

**No French Heels**  
Never has modern London seen such a congregation of women wearing flat-heeled shoes, sandals, country walking shoes, rubber shoes for runners, tennis shoes, pumps, slippers and Oxford, but never a French heel. They were, indeed, the footgear of pilgrims, the shoes for service rather than for effect.

Four great processions, each led by a woman marshal on a white horse, entered Hyde Park at different points on Saturday, and converged at Marble Arch end, where they were met by pilgrims dressed to represent, symbolically, the coming of peace.

**Britain Must Lead**  
Lord Parmoor, who spoke from the Dundee platform, said that he only make the other Governments believe that the British people were really in earnest in demanding the settlement of international differences by peaceful means, success might be obtained. There was not the slightest chance of real advance in the problem of disarmament, unless Great Britain took a lead.

Other speakers included Miss Margaret Bondfield, Miss Maude Dodden, Mrs. W. W. Wilkinson, and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M. P.

**MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
By Mrs. Octavia Williams  
Both services were well attended, Sunday morning and evening.

The pastor preached a wonderful sermon in the morning, from the 3rd chapter of Joel, 14-15 verses, subject: "This is the hour of decision." Three members were enrolled on their Christian experience. They were: Mr. N. G. McCalla, Mrs. Nora Williams, Mrs. Anna Porter of Eugene.

The pastor preached in the evening from Matthew 20th chapter and 32-33 verses, subject, "The Sight vision Christ."

Every one is making preparations for the closing of the annual rally, August 29th.

Watch for the future date of the Brotherhood's Chicken dinner and program.

The Seniors and Juniors met at the church Monday, the 26th. 13 Juniors were present with 6 Seniors and one visitor, Mrs. Yancy, of Pasadena.

Mrs. Yancy gave a very interesting talk to the Seniors.

Our next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. S. D. Porter, 4914-41st Avenue S. E. all ladies and girls are invited to spend a social afternoon with us.

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BOAT EXCURSION—MONDAY, AUG. 2nd  
Under auspices Excelsior Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. M. And Mt. Hood Chapter, No. 16, O. E. S.  
ON THE BOAT "SWAN"  
Leaves Morrison Street Bridge at 8:30 o'clock  
MUSIC BY BILLY TURNER'S ORCHESTRA