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ANOTHER DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NEEDED

(By C. E. Newman)

American Negroes joined Americans of other colors in celebrating July 4, anniversary of the historic Declaration of Independence.

Yet, most blacks and many whites do not enjoy the lofty ideals expressed by the Declaration. Any celebration loses its spontaneity when conditions are as they are today. America today, has little to celebrate for Negro America, less. Depression and distribution of wealth among a few, has the American masses struggling under worse tyrants than were the British.

At the bottom of the heap is the Negro who yet has to make his Declaration of Independence. At present he is mixed up in the web of small things. Envy, jealousy, unprogressiveness, laziness, illiteracy, combined with a tendency to live only for today impede him on his way to full independence. Negro America needs a Thomas Jefferson or a Franklin to lead it on to an independence based on a firm foundation of racial solidarity. It needs men and women of vision and unselfishness willing to sacrifice all for the common good. Such leadership is perhaps present, but the masses, nor the so-called upper class are perhaps, too busy with the artificial things, to recognize its presence.

Here, in your beautiful city of Portland there are Negroes of worth and achievement who, if encouraged by their people, would rise to heights unthought of, taking with them the whole people. Few, if any, of you Portlanders if I know "my folks", are willing to admit that there is any such thing as outstanding persons of color in your city. If we are wrong about this presumption, we are happy, and your city is a notable exception.

In this section of the country, the Japanese are showing dependent minorities how to write the Declaration of Independence. In other cities east, the Jews living side by side with our people are living examples of people who have signed their Declaration.

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ORGANIZING

According to press releases appearing in today's news, the Negro in Portland is pretty well organized. He has four or five churches, a Y, numerous fraternal and strictly social organizations, clubs, social and otherwise; the N.A.A.C.P. the I. of S. for N.R. and others. The number of colored people in Portland is limited, their means are still more so. In this wave of organization which seems to be sweeping the country, it is well that we consider carefully before taking on more obligations lest the object of our efforts be lost in over-organization. This admonition is given not in consideration of any particular organization but in general and not in the sense of adverse criticism but in the spirit of service.

AND STILL THEY ARE DISAGREEING

The Advocate is in receipt of news releases this week from both the I.L.D. and N.A.A.C.P., each claiming leadership in conducting the defense of the Scottsboro cases, all of which is disconcerting to us and we dare say to the average reader. Isn't it a great pity that both organizations cannot find a common meeting ground in this defense program? Nine Negro youths await execution in the electric chair on a trumped up charge while two great national organizations spat over their defense.

HOODLUMS BUSY AGAIN

Hoodlums again broke the windows in the Unthank residence in Westmoreland last Saturday night while the Unthinks were absent from their home. This action is in keeping with the cowardice and veiled threats and hints intimated by representatives of the intolerant neighborhood during several conference with the Unthinks and their friends when they first moved into the neighborhood a couple of months ago. It would seem that some people in Portland are still in the "dark ages" and their tactics are as small as the people who live there and tacitly approve of the vandalism. The whole idea is to so frighten the Unthinks that they will move out of their home willingly. We hardly think this can be done. Negroes who have the courage to go to war and face the enemies' guns in battle certainly are not afraid to live in and protect their homes in "Christian" America. We should however, that Portland would feel ashamed of the action of the white people in this case and would do something to prevent being further disgraced. It is most alarming to note the utter intolerance and colossal ignorance on the part of some people who would like to be considered superior.

"We live in a sick epoch!" "An acquisitive society has broken down. With machinery enough to abolish poverty it has multiplied the misery of economic inequality—witness the tragedy of 7 million unemployed. Its false ethics of profit have brought the stress and strain of national rivalries threaten world peace. There is no hope save in a new order of society based on cooperative production for use, not profit, upon planning, international and not merely national, for an interdependent world." Norman Thomas.

OUR LEADERSHIP

Colored citizens in Portland have much to be proud of when they consider the type and character of their leadership. One example is furnished in their ministers, all of whom are college men—prepared for their duties. These men's services as lecturers, teachers and speakers are constantly in demand. Witness last week, Rev. Hill of Bethel occupied the position as instructor in a summer school—a request has been made for the services of Dr. Caston of Mt. Olivet church to teach and lecture in a summer school and Rev. Lovell of Zion A.M.E. church has been invited to address the Bahai Assembly. All these activities demand training of the type and the fact that the invitations and requests are frequent proves the leaders to be worthy and satisfactory. Isn't it something for which we should feel proud?

The Advocate acknowledges with appreciation an invitation from the National body to attend the 22nd annual conference of the N.A.A.C.P. at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 30—July 5, 1931.

ZION CHURCH NOTES

Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor.

Sunday School at 10 A.M.; at 11 A.M. the Rev. E. J. Magruder, of San Francisco will preach and administer communion. The C. E. Society meeting at 6:30 P.M. will hear a talk by Edward Redo, student of Tuskegee Institute.

Rev. Magruder will preach and administer communion again at 8 P.M. Don't fail to attend the Barbecue, Saturday, at the church.

IN THE REALM of Society

By Rosalie Bird



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Mrs. Henrietta Marshall was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Sarah Williams June 26.

Word has been received by friends in Portland of the marriage of Miss Melba Burge to Mr. Donaldson, a railroad man. Miss Burge left Portland several weeks ago to visit her father in the East.

A CORRECTION

In the social column of last week's issue of The Advocate appeared an article regarding the contemplated trip north by Mesdames Randolph Baldwin and W. Mercier. The article stated that Mrs. Mercier was Mrs. Randolph's niece while it should have been said the ladies are sisters.

Honoring her 75th birthday anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pickett entertained a coterie of friends at a card party at their lovely home on Vancouver Avenue, Monday night. Whist was played at four tables. Twenty-two guests enjoyed the delightful affair. Mrs. Pickett was assisted by Mesdames Lillian Jenkins-Lay and Mrs. U. S. Reed, her sister-in-law and Miss Ozie Matt. Delicious salad, coffee, cake and ice cream were served. Mrs. Pickett was the recipient of several pretty gifts.

Among pleasant callers callers on Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reed, newlyweds, last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingersoll and Mr. Ingersoll's brother, Theo. Ingersoll of Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holliday.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel G. Hill, Jr. are looking forward with pleasure to the anticipated visit this summer of Mr. Hill's brother, Richard Hill and his baby sister, Miss Lee Francis Hill.

The Zion club met Friday, July 3, at the church.

Bethel Church New

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Marguerite Griffith—Reporter
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The Loyal Knights met at the church to make preparations for men's day, Sunday, July 12. They plan to present a guest speaker at the evening service.

Sunday, July 5, is the closing night for the emergency fund. All members are requested to see their captain either Mrs. Butler or Mrs. Fuller, so as to enable them to make a full report.

The S. S. P. B. met at the parsonage with Mrs. Hill instructing. Rev. Duncan Cameron, State chaplain of the American Legion, delivered a splendid address, Sunday evening. The Adventurers closed their meetings for this year with a party at the home of Theodosia Standler, on Prescott street. Mrs. H. L. Moore, the hosts' mother, Mrs. W. H. Rutherford, Mrs. Roy Gragg, Mrs. Rachel Bellard and the advisor Mrs. Mae Hill, were the chaperons.

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CEMETERY PLOTS BOUGHT TO BURY TELEPHONE CABLE

Long New England Cable Route Makes Underground Crossing to Avoid City Airport

Down in Maine there is a cemetery in which not everything that's buried is dead. In fact, there is one thing that is very much alive, and that is a tape-armored telephone cable.

In order to avoid laying a new cable across an airport on the outskirts of Bangor, permission was obtained from the commissioners of a municipally owned cemetery to place the cable underground along one of the drives within the cemetery. To reach this drive, however, it was necessary to cross a cemetery lot on each side of it with the underground cable, and so the telephone company now owns these two lots under a perpetual-care agreement.

Part of "Backbone" Cable Route
This cable is part of the new line between Brunswick and Bangor which was begun in 1929, and is an extension of the cable north from Boston. The new sector across the Pine Tree State has been constructed at an outlay of \$1,500,000, and with its recent completion, serves as the easternmost terminus of the Bell System "backbone" cable network which now extends from Bangor, Me., westward to Kansas City, Mo. It provides practically storm-proof circuits linking eastern Maine and the Maritime Provinces of Canada with the rest of the country. Included in it are circuits from the receiving station for transatlantic radio telephone calls at Houlton, Me., and other wires to connect with the transatlantic telephone cable when that is put in operation.

Cable Withstands Northern Storms
Progress in extending toll cables east and north from Boston has been rapid in recent years. In 1924 the cable from Boston to Newburyport was placed in service. In 1925 it was extended to Portsmouth, and in 1926 to Portland. In 1927 it was carried ten miles east of Portland, and in 1928 was extended to Brunswick. The following year it was further extended to Bath along the shore route, and now has reached Bangor. Maine is subject to severe snow and sleet, and hardly a winter has elapsed without considerable damage to open wire telephone lines. Telephone cable will withstand heavy storms, and the new line across Maine will prove a great boon to that section.

Mrs. Mae Hill and Mrs. C. F. Cantrell are rehearsing the children for the "Mother Goose" play to be given sometime this month. Those who saw the kiddies in the fashion show and play last year will not want to miss this.

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