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SECTION ONE

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OF NATION FILM CROPS UP HERE AGAIN

L. D. PLEADS FOR UNITED FRONT IN SCOTTSBORO CASE

COMMISSIONER CLYDE SPEAKS

Colon Ideals in Every Day Life" the subject of the discourse of C. Clyde, City Commissioner of Utilities, who will speak under auspices of the Portland branch National Association for the Cement of Colored People. The address will be given next Sunday (7:30 p. m.) in the Auditorium of the Willamette Hotel, 1000 Commercial street. Admission free. C. Clyde will be no admission charge and the meeting is open to the general public.

Commissioner Clyde represents the spectacle of a man in public making his speeches after election instead of before. He is a very interesting talker and has a keen sense of humor. This will be the first time that Mr. Clyde has ever spoken to a group of colored people since he returned to public life. Commissioner Clyde has proven his friendship for the people in the matter of appointments and has protected them from movements to stir race feeling. He is a leader in the movement for municipal ownership of public utilities.

Mr. Clyde has ever been steadfast in his record in legislature, as old City Councilman when he was City Commissioner. It was the Mayor George W. Joseph who persuaded Mr. Clyde out of retirement after an absence of 17 years ago without any news-clipper and with little or no support. Mr. Clyde polled 36,999 votes as a surprise, as the politicians expected him 5,000 or 6,000 votes. Next time he ran, a year ago, he was elected for a four-year term and a four-year term. Since his election, he has been making history battling for what he believes to be the right.

Mr. Clyde, president of the branch National Association for the Cement of Colored People who spoke at this meeting, anticipated the meeting and states that Commissioner Clyde will be pleased to answer questions at the conclusion of the address.

BISHOP DEAD

State of \$100,000 — Practiced medicine for thirty years in New York. — Elected Zion pastor in 1928.

Jan. 9.—After thirty years practicing as a physician and pastor as a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Dr. Charles Miller Jacobs, died on last day at the Long Island College Hospital. He had undergone an operation Tuesday.

Mr. Jacobs had been ill for more than two years. An operation was performed some time ago. He had a late prelate owned real estate at more than \$75,000, and cash approximately \$25,000 or more. He was a strong race champion, and a dark and chilly champion, with a bouquet of flowers around an expensive one-piece easket, the body of the easket was borne to its last resting place in Evergreen cemetery on the Fleet Street Zion A. Church with Bishop J. S. Caldwell, Philadelphia, presiding.

SEVEN DROWNED IN MISSISSIPPI FLOOD

Jan. 14.—The lives of seven persons are reported to have been lost in the destructive flood which gripped the vicinity of the river in northern Mississippi. Those reported are John Davis, Joseph Paul Brown, Emma Lee, and Charles Lee.

Cross workers have been sent to the scene of the disaster to carry out work. Thousands of families are homeless and many others are in a state of distress. A fight is being waged to save the levees against the rising waters.



GENERAL GEORGE W. CHAMLEE, SR., ESQ.

Chief Counsel now in full charge of the Scottsboro Appeal Case, representing the nine Negro boys sentenced to die in the electric chair for the alleged "raping of two white prostitutes. Attorney Chamlee is retained by the International Labor Defense. According to latest reports, the hearing has been set for January 18 before the Alabama Supreme Court.

THOUSANDS HEAR GENL CHAMLEE BOYS COUNSEL

SCOTTSBORO LAWYER, IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, N. Y. Jan. 14.—(BY CNA)—George W. Chamlee, attorney for the nine Scottsboro boys, was the chief speaker at a giant mass meeting held here on Sunday afternoon at the Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

Thousands of Negro and white people who crowded the hall, applauded enthusiastically as Mr. Chamlee outlined the next steps in the struggle to save the boys. They pledged themselves to a determined struggle to secure the release of the defendants.

Chamlee read an appeal which the mothers of the Scottsboro boys had given him to convey to the workers of New York. The appeal asks toiling masses of whatever color or nationality, to join hands in the fight to save the boys.

Chamlee arrived in New York Friday with other attorneys of the International Labor Defense. He is a former attorney - general of the state of Alabama.

WONT MEET NOW

NEWSPAPER CONVENTION IS POSTPONED

Officials Call Off California Meeting For February, For Economic Reasons Wont Be Held.

Nashville, Tennessee Jan. 15.—(By Special Release) "Please notify members of the Press Association that with the advice of the chairman of the executive committee, the president and secretary-treasurer, the February meeting of the Association is hereby indefinitely postponed, to meet at such time and place as the officers may call it. Signed — B. J. Davis, President"

The above message reached the corresponding secretary's office this week, which means that the Association will not hold a meeting in Los Angeles during the month of February.

Much correspondence has been carried on between the chairman of the executive committee, the president and corresponding secretary since last fall, in an effort to arrive at the most feasible plan and the most sensible thing to do in the present crisis and emergency. It was agreed by these three executives that the newspaper men should take the lead in a program of economy at this particular time, by calling off the annual convention and thus save the newspaper men and the publications belonging to the Association many thousands of dollars in travelling expenses.

It is the first time in many years that the meeting has been postponed, but the Constitution provides that the president, in emergencies, acting with the two executive officers, can take such a step.

RACE MAKES RAPID STRIDES

WEALTH OF NEGROES IN THE U. S. FIXED AT TWO BILLION

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 14.—(CNS)—In a New Year's message ringing with optimism, President John Hope of Atlanta University, cited with pride the tremendous growth in prosperity which had come to the race since the emancipation. Since that time, the University president said, that the Negro in this country, had acquired almost 1,000,000 farms, established business enterprises aggregating 60,000 and amassed a wealth totalling more than \$2,000,000,000.

Summarizing the difference between the Negro at the end of the War of the Rebellion and today, Dr. Hope in his message to the friends of Negro education urged them to continue their splendid work.

GOV'T. RESTORES TENTH CAVALRY

10TH CAVALRY TO RECEIVE COMBAT TRAINING, N. A. A. C. P. STATES IN RELEASE

(By N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York, Jan. 8.—The War Department, capitulating to nationwide resentment against the turning of famous old Negro regiments of the regular Army into service detachments, has issued an order that the 10th Cavalry is to be maintained on a combat basis, receiving regular combat training.

Copy of the order released by the N. A. A. C. P. states with regard to the 10th Cavalry:

"In addition to the training prescribed in paragraph 4 above, the 10th Cavalry will be trained as a combat unit. Such training will be held at such times not to interfere with other duties and not less than once per week. The Maximum of officers and enlisted men will attend. This training will include care of animals; equitation, ceremonies, use of arms, mounted and dismounted; range firing; command post exercises; and tactical exercises."

Although the 10th Cavalry has been distributed, the retention of combat training is regarded as a victory for the colored people through their editors and national bodies protested en masse when the N. A. A. C. P. exposed the War Department's plan to reduce this famous old regiment to a merely orderlies caring for officers' horses.

CHICKEN THIEF GETS ONE YEAR BUT DIDN'T GET HIS CHICKEN

Barney Douglas, colored, accused of stealing chickens, was given a year in jail by Judge Tomlinson last week. Douglas was shot in the arm by the owner of the chickens, H. H. Diersch, 325 West Trenton street, and then escaped. He was located by the police when he applied to the County hospital for treatment.

The bullet removed from Douglas' arm was identical as the one fired by Diersch.

PLANS VIGOROUS ATTACK

DARROW, HAYS QUIT CHAMLEE IN CHARGE

New York, N. Y. Jan. 13.—(BY CNA)—The case of the nine Scottsboro boys will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States if the Alabama Supreme Court, after the hearing on January 21st, does not grant a new trial, according to statements issued by the International Labor Defense, George W. Chamlee, of Chattanooga, chief counsel for the boys, is already making preparations for such an appeal.

In the meantime, investigations are in full swing which daily produce new and conclusive evidence of the innocence of all of the boys.

Immediately following the hearing before the Supreme Court of Alabama a writ of habeas corpus will be asked for Roy Wright, Orie Powell and Eugene Williams, all 14 years of age and under. Children of this age according to the laws of the capitalist class, should stand trial only in a Juvenile Court.

No answer has been received from the officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the demand of the International Labor Defense that they account for and turn over to the Scottsboro Defense Committee, the money collected ostensibly for the defense. Eleven of the parents and nearest-of-kin of the boys wired the N. A. A. C. P. demanding an accounting of "money collected by you without authority, allegedly for the defense of the Scottsboro boys." The parents have prevailed.

MAN STRANGLES HIS MOTHER

ORGY CLAIMANT OF LIQUOR AND DOPE

Newport, Ky. Jan. 13.—Through the cooperation of the Cincinnati police, local authorities succeeded in capturing John Swopshire, 33, who strangled his aged mother to death on New Year's morning after an all night orgy of moonshine and dope.

The hideous crime was witnessed by Swopshire's sister, Bessie, who was awakened about 4 a. m. by the sounds of struggle issuing from her mother's bedroom. Rushing to her aid, the sister discovered her brother with his hands clutched about the aged mother's throat, striking her head against the wall. The anguished sister broke a china pitcher over her brother's head in an effort to subdue him, but he kicked her to the floor, and continued his murderous attack upon his mother.

Finally releasing the limp form of his mother, Swopshire dropped her on the bed, bestowed a parting kick upon his sister, and fled. The mother was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Swopshire was captured later in the day at a railroad station in Cincinnati preparing to board a train for the east. He told authorities that he and several companions had spent New Year's night drinking and snuffing cocaine, and that when he came home, his mother began to upbraid him for staying out all night. A quarrel ensued, and the son attacked his mother, but denied that he meant to kill her. He is held without bond on a charge of murder.

FREE MAN ON CHARGE OF STEALING HOUSE

Richmond, Va. Jan. 14.—Held on a charge of "stealing a house", Immanuel Iverson, 75, housewrecker, was dismissed in the Hustings Court here last week, following the failure of police to prove as they alleged that he had torn down a complete house and sold the lumber and second hand equipment to the owner of the house.

DEATH REVEALS RACE OF NEGRO-WHITE OFFICER

Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 9.—A seven days' sensation has been created by the discovery in death that Lt. William J. French, found dead near Gilroy Saturday morning, was not a white man after all, but a colored man who has had a brilliant career in the United States Army for twenty years.

Lieutenant French was stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, but had come to California on a leave of absence for the holidays and had been visiting with his mother in Pasadena.

A white woman, Mrs. Gertrude McEnroe, stated that French, when they were near Gilroy, struck her in the face. He then drove the car off the road, through a fence and straight in to a tree. She jumped out of the automobile and fled. A passing truck picked her up and took her to Gilroy. Police officers later found French dead, his body lying beside the machine with a bullet hole in the head. A pistol with one chamber empty lay on the running board of the car.

The dead officer was born in Chicago 49 years ago and educated in the public and high schools there. He had been in the army for twenty years. He married twice. His first wife was a colored woman. When she died, French told members of his family that he was going to cross the gap between the races. He then married a southern white girl from Oglethorpe, Ga., who "detested" colored people. She is now dead.

Members of his family in Chicago scouted the idea that Lieutenant French had taken his life for fear

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INTER-RACIAL MEET MARKS END OF YEAR

State Conferences Held in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and Virginia — Feature Health, Education, Child Welfare.

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 13.—During the last few weeks of the old year, a number of important conferences were held across the south, under the auspices of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The West Tennessee Interracial Conference, held at Memphis on October 20, with an attendance of nearly a hundred, featured health and child welfare. Prominent health and welfare officials led the discussions, which were frank and general, dealing with specific conditions that demanded attention. The meeting culminated in resolutions calling for better facilities for the training of Negro physicians and nurses, provision for feeble minded children and for those having tuberculosis, and the appointment of a probation officer in each county. Reports of progress were made by J. D. Burton, State Interracial Secretary, and by Robert E. Clay, State Agent for Rosenwald Schools, who work in close cooperation.

TEXAS LEADERS CONFERENCE

The Annual Texas State Meeting was held at Dallas on Nov. 6 and 7, and as usual was well attended. Economic, educational and health conditions were featured at this meeting and addresses were delivered by Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of the Houston League; J. A. Atkins, editor of the Wiley Collier; Mrs. D. M. Mason, Vice Chairman of the Commission; Miss Annie Mae Mathis, state health nurse; Rev. D. F. Williams, of Dallas, and a number of others. Reports of effective interracial activities were made by the state director, Prof. R. M. Woods and by representatives of student interracial groups.

In Kentucky and other southern states programs practically the same in effect were carried out. Other state interracial meetings are scheduled for the present month.

PROMINENT SOCIETY WOMAN AND MAID MURDERED

Mrs. Agnes Halsey, Horsewoman and Socially Prominent, Noted to Death Bootjack; Many Notables Among Friends of Victim

Middleburg, Va. Jan. 13.—George Crawford, colored, is being sought by police in connection with the sensational murder of Mrs. Agnes Halsey, one of the leading members of the cloistered colony which rides to the bounds over the Virginia hills, and her maid.

Officials called to the scene of the murder announced the Halsey's car missing, presumably stolen by the murderer or murderers.

The Halsey car was seen driven by a colored man in the streets of Washington, D. C. Officers, as we go to press had not located him. Crawford was formerly in the employ of the social leader.

GLOVER SUES CITY COUNCIL

ASKS COURT FOR RESTRAINING ORDER

Those who thought that "The Birth of a Nation" picture was dead in Portland and buried had another thought coming when it was learned that Hunter Glover, the man who has the state rights to show the film, sued the City of Portland through its Mayor and other officials Wednesday. The suit was to enjoin the Mayor and other officials from interfering with the showing of the picture, claiming that he had been granted a permit to show it.

Mr. Glover through several witnesses including Paul Werner, Robert Mount, Mr. Mapes and himself tried to establish that he, Glover had been granted a permit to show the "Birth of a Nation" and wanted to prevent, through a suit in equity, the city officials from interfering with his right to exhibit the picture.

The City contended that no permit had been issued to the plaintiff and that the one which the plaintiff claimed had been issued was not authoritative and had been issued by the Censor Board through a misapprehension. The City called one witness, Mrs. E. B. Colwell, secretary of the Motion Picture Censor Board. Mrs. Colwell testified that when the City council learned that the Board had passed the film and issued a permit, they were immediately informed that they had granted their bonds and immediately Mrs. Colwell communicated with Mr. Mapes in whose hands the permit was, requesting him to hold it until further instructions from the board.

The City contended also that application for the permit had not been made in proper form. It appears that

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HEIRESS FLAYS RACE PREJUDICE

Paris, France, Jan. 11.—Paris society, in all of its international makeup was shocked to find among its greeting cards a pamphlet written by the rich heiress, Nancy Cunard, and captioned: "Black Man and White Ladyhood" in which she virulently attacks her mother for race prejudice.

The trouble seems to have arisen through the armorous attentions which the young white society woman lavished upon Henry Crowder, former jazz band leader in the gay Montmartre section and now a composer of African melodies.

In the pamphlet, the heiress writes of an incident which occurred in London a year ago, when she and her orchestra lover went to the British capital, into the midst of the crowded Cunard drawing room, Margot Asquith prominent in London blueblood circles is said to have rushed with the question aimed at the heiress, "Hello—what is it now—drinks, drugs, or niggers?"

Following this statement, the heiress or former heiress, alleges that her mother subjected her and Henry to constant persecution, endeavoring to compel them to leave London. The pamphlet also sets forth that the ho-

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TWO NEGRO WORKERS GET DEATH SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF STEALING FIFTY CENTS

Montgomery, Ala. Jan. 13.—(CNA) Robert Strickland and Percy Irvin, two unemployed workers, are in the death house here because they are supposed to have stolen a silver half-dollar.

The two workers bumped a ride on a freight train. They are supposed to have staged a hold-up which netted one fifty-cent piece. A charge of highway robbery brought the death penalty.

Working-class organizations, in telegrams to the governor, are protesting the death sentence as part of a conspiracy to crush the Negro workers and stop all efforts on their part to organize.

N. A. A. C. P. CUTS SALARIES OF NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

(By N. A. A. C. P. Press Service) New York, N. Y. Jan. 8.—Salaries of all officers and employees of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the national office, at 659 Fifth Avenue, have been cut for the coming year.

Executive officers and others receiving more than \$1300 have been cut ten per cent and the clerical staff has received a cut of five per cent.

These cuts, together with the dropping of three members of the national office staff are part of the economy program inaugurated by the N. A. A. C. P. to meet the economic depression.