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The News
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—SOWING AND REAPING!

Recent events have brought, most emphatically, the attention of all Americans to the terrible, deplorable and most disgusting condition of the spreading growth of criminal tendencies on the part of its populace, with no seeming check or restraint in sight, except individual cases.

What with the numerous kidnappings, atrocious revenge murders, lynchings, honor slayings and the general way of all lawless activities, and the people of prominence connected therewith, even the heathens in Africa point America as the out-law country of the world.

Why is all of this? Simply because we are now reaping what we sowed centuries ago. To gain control of the country, originally, it was necessary to slay, trick and subdue a native race. Another race was brought in, as slaves, to develop the country. And on such a foundation the great land of the free and home of the brave was created.

Constitutions and Laws were enacted—and winked at, where persons of color were concerned. Customary superceded Law, and one section of the country openly laughed at and violated the very Constitution on which the country was founded. With such a precedent, other parts of the country tolerated the violating of other laws that appeared inimical to the interest and wishes of some people.

And like a giant colossus this spirit of law evasion and disregard has grown until it has become entirely out of control. No longer is it just a question of color. Greed, avarice, jealousy and revenge seem to be the motivating power and in its ruthless quest it rushes headlong to destruction caring not about Laws, Rights, Justice, or even human life.

The whole social structure is seething with iniquity and those noble souls who are crying for universal brotherhood, justice and right, go unheard, their cries being drowned out by the loud and popular appeals of the jazz age.

Fifteen years ago I entered a prison with less than a thousand inmates. Today, after much additional construction, it has close to six thousand inmates, and yet the crime situation, locally, is worse than it was fifteen years ago. No doubt, in proportion, the same conditions are true elsewhere?

What is there to do? What can be done? The answer can be found only in a Christian leadership. Not in the accepted Christian leadership of today, divided as to color, class and opinion, but in a leadership that recognizes ALL as God's children and that what is wrong for one race, class, or group, is wrong for another. When such leadership takes the stand, and the hypocrites of the present day leadership are exposed, then and only then, will America be in position to sow the seeds that will wipe out all of this disrespect of law and person, and the future generations will reap the blessings of a real land of the free and home of the brave. That's inevitable—Sowing and Reaping!

NATIONAL YOUTH TOUR WITH SISTER OF SCOTTSBORO BOYS

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 21—Lucille Wright, 11 year old sister of Roy and Andy Wright, two of the Scottsboro boys sentenced to death, started a National tour on May 24, to help her brothers and on behalf of the other boys who are also sentenced to die by the Supreme Court of Alabama. She is scheduled to cover over thirty cities as far west as Chicago.

Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of these boys and Lucille, are now in Germany with J. Louis Engdahl, National Secretary of the International Labor Defense, touring the continent, in order to help increase the already sharp protest of workers throughout the world.

The first meeting with Lucille took place in New York City, Tuesday, May 24, in St. Luke's Hall, at 125 W. 130 street. This meeting held under joint auspices of the District Youth Committee of the International Labor Defense and the Scottsboro Youth Defense Committee of Harlem.

TRAIN LITTLE LIFE LESSONS

(By Olive Roberts Barton)

When I was quite little it was quite common for parents to say, "It is wicked to steal as much as a pin."

It always puzzled me. Who on earth wanted to steal a pin, anyway? I didn't want to steal anything and neither did anyone else I knew.

No one was told why. It was just wicked to steal a pin, that was all. But hark! I often think of it. To this day if I say anyone drop a common pin I am quite sure I should pick it up and hand it back.

BAND HAS NEW CONTRACT

Al Pierre and his band have accepted a contract to play every Friday and Saturday night at De Sylva's restaurant. The band formerly was employed at Berg's Chalet.

SAY AMERICA UNFAIR TO NEGRO OFFICIALS MUST WORKERS MEET

MOTON ASSAILS WHITE AMERICAN WHITE RACE

AMERICA STILL DENIES NEGRO JUSTICE SAYS MOTON, RECEIVING SPINGARN MEDAL



Robert R. Moton, head of Tuskegee Institute, who on Friday in the auditorium of the new Department of Commerce Building, was presented with the Spingarn Medal, awarded annually for distinguished achievement by an American of African descent.

Dr. Moton's address followed the presentation of the Spingarn Medal by Senator Bronson N. Cutting of New Mexico, and was delivered to the 23rd Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Moton said in part:

"I want to testify on behalf of some 12 million black Americans, for whom I shall venture to speak tonight, to the substantial and constructive service which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has rendered not only to my race but to America and to the well-being of mankind, through its activities over a period of now more than 22 years, especially for its labors in the fields of legislation and the administration of justice."

Dr. Moton stressed the activities of the Association "in defending the rights of individuals before the courts when threatened with the degrading influence of riotous prejudice," and continued:

"It is impossible to overestimate the value of this service to the Negro, for it is in the courts where in the last analysis the Negro must win his long upward struggle for equal rights and justice. Indeed there is no part of the country which today does not give its approval and support to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people in its use of the established processes of the law to vindicate the claims of the Negro to equality before the law and to equal rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The importance of this work Dr. Moton said, was emphasized by the Scottsboro case in Alabama in which 8 Negro boys were condemned to death.

"In the state of Alabama, and in that section of the country of which Alabama is representative, the Negro, with rare exceptions is tried by a jury of white men, and every one knows that by no stretch of imagination can such a jury place themselves upon a plane of equality with the accused. "Everyone likewise knows that when a black man is haled into the courts charged with a felonious offense against a white man, the presumptions are against him even before his trial has begun; and it is a bold jury indeed that would dare to override with its judgment these presumptions of guilt without the most explicit testimony to the contrary. Indeed it is the defendant's innocence that must be established beyond the shadow of a doubt before he can be released by the processes of the court. "No one sensible of the depths in which the currents of race-consciousness in America run could for a moment expect any other verdict than that which was rendered by the jury

ELABORATE SOCIAL AFFAIRS HERALD RETURN OF WHITE LYNCHERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 23—(CNA) The American lynchers are jubilantly welcoming back into their midst the white lynchers of a dark-skinned native in Honolulu. Mrs. Granville Fortescue, who, together with Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie and two enlisted sailors, lynched Joseph Kahawai, a Hawaiian, early in January, arrived in New York last week and is being dined and winned by New York society. This self-confessed lyncher was honor guest at a dinner Wednesday night.

All four lynchers, whose sentences of ten years was commuted to an hour, will demand from the U. S. government a complete pardon. This pardon will no doubt be granted in order that the white lynchers may not lose one jot of their "respectability" and may continue to move in the best society circles of the South.

Lieutenant Massie and his wife will leave California for their home in Kentucky, where they will be able to entertain at tea with the story of how they brought the principles of lynch-law into the Hawaiian Islands, with the able assistance of Clarence Darrow.

The war aims behind all the interest of the U. S. government in white-washing the Hawaii lynchings, is brought out in a bill introduced into the House of Representatives last week by Representative Britten of Illinois, urging that the Hawaiian Islands be placed under strict military control. Under this bill, the President would appoint the Governor and Secretary of Hawaii, selecting only active or retired officers of the Army or Navy—of the type, we presume, of Lieutenant Massie. The bill states frankly that such action is considered part of the U. S. war preparations.

SCOTTSBORO CALENDAR

By CNA Press Service

MAY 23—The International Labor Defense brings this frame-up case before the United States Supreme Court, demanding an appeal on the basis of a Writ of Certiorari, backed by a carefully prepared and printed record of the case. At the same time, a motion for a stay of execution for the Scottsboro boys will be made by the I.L.D. attorneys, to give time for a full consideration of the case.

MAY 31—The Supreme Court adjourns for the summer, unless they decide to hold an extra session on the Scottsboro case.

JUNE 24—The date last set for the execution of the innocent Scottsboro boys an execution which the Governor and Attorney General of Alabama, supported by President Hoover is trying to carry out. Only the United mass pressure of all workers, white and black, can save the lives of the Scottsboro Negro boys.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 21—All records in the Scottsboro case have been certified and forwarded to the U. S. Supreme Court a week ago. The national officials of the International Labor Defense have announced. The criticisms of the N. A. A. C. P. Dr. Du Bois summarized under 7 main heads and dealt in detail with each one. Each of the criticisms was frankly stated and all of them together were taken as a basis for a thorough revision of the N. A. A. C. P. organization and program.

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"Where do we stand? With the privileged aristocracy of the world, which by its ownership and monopoly of capital is controlling the political and social development of the masses of men, or with white capitalists he will be their political victim no matter whether so-called legislative representatives are white or black. Indeed, so long as the Negro has no economic power it does not matter a great deal whether he has the suffrage or not. The Negro today perhaps has more political power than ever before, and he is worse off than ever before. It is not votes but dollars that count in this civilization."

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ADVOCATE EDITOR DEFEATED FOR LEGISLATURE; THANKS VOTERS FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT

Owing to the press of duties, many civic activities and much work, it seems impossible for me to be able to personally thank all my friends and well wishers for their support of my candidacy for state representative in the primary election, so I am taking this method to let them know that I am very grateful to one and all for giving me the excellent vote which I received—approximately 3,000.

I am exceptionally grateful to the Colored Voters Progressive League, of which Attorney Wyatt Williams is president, who in a mammoth political meeting, unanimously endorsed me; to the Non Partisan League of which O. S. Thomas was chairman for their testimonial meeting in my honor and to the unanimous endorsement; to the Municipal Ownership League, the W. C. T. U., and the Anti-Saloon League for their endorsements; the daily newspapers and many of the weeklies and to the hosts of individual friends whose names are too numerous to enumerate at this time.

There were 49 Republicans running for the 12 places from the fifth district, I being the only one of color. While I did not win, I shall always prize highly the fine contacts and warm friends I made for myself and the race during the campaign. I was, every where I spoke, cordially received and treated with the utmost courtesy and respect by my fellow campaigners as well as the voters. It was the first time in the history of Oregon that a member of the Negro race ran for office. I shall run again.

Again with my sincere thanks for your exhibition of faith in my ability and worth as a public servant I am faithfully

Beatrice Cannady-Franklin



Hoover Greeted N. A. C. P. Meet

NEW PROGRAM

DR. DUBOIS OUTLINES NEW PROGRAM FOR N.A.C.P. IN RACE LEADERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25—In a frank discussion of the various criticisms of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the Crisis and a member of the N. A. A. C. P. in Washington, outlined new directions which the Association must take in changing world order.

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I am prevented by press of public duties from being present at the 23rd Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and I have therefore requested the Secretary of the Interior to convey this message of greetings to the Conference and to express my earnest hope that its deliberations may bear fruit in the well being and advancement of the colored race in our country. Their progress in education, in wealth, in participation in agriculture, industry and civic life within the relatively short period since the Civil War, is an amazing story of courage and enterprise in which the colored people take a proper pride, and which their neighbors of other races view with satisfaction and admiration.

(Signed) Herbert Hoover.

NEGRO SPIRITUAL ON PROGRAM

MARSHFIELD, May 24—The Scandinavian Choir presented its Annual May Concert on May 16th at the Sunn Hall, under the direction of Miss Edla Larson. One of the interesting numbers on the program was the Negro Spiritual, "Listen to the Lamb" by Nathaniel Dett.

In speaking of the spirituals, Miss Larson stated, "the Negro songs tell more than historians can ever explain, because these songs came from the heart of the Negroes themselves and were never really composed. The spirituals were a spontaneous outpouring of a deep religious feeling."

heads of the Young Negroes Cooperative League, stated that 15 local groups have been organized in various parts of the country. He stated that Negroes had "hundreds of millions of dollars" in savings banks but what they had extreme difficulty in getting needed credit from white bankers.

WORKERS OPPOSE BLOCK ATTEMPT

BELIEVE CONDEMNED MAN TO BE INNOCENT VICTIM

BALTIMORE, Md., May 23—Negro and white workers picketed the Executive Mansion at Annapolis to protest the attempts of state officials and courts to block the appeal of Yuel Lee, Negro farmhand framed on a charge of murder, whose case is now before the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Governor Ritchie ordered out the state police to try to intimidate the workers, and the Annapolis police were on hand with tear-gas guns and clubs.

The Baltimore police have ordered the dispersal of all meetings protesting the railroadings of Lee.

Three attorneys from the International Labor Defense are in Annapolis, fighting for Lee. They are Joseph Brodsky, one of the attorneys for the Scottsboro boys; Bernard Ades, who fought Lee's case at Towson, Md., and David Drucker.

By means of legal technicality, State's Attorney Preston E. Lene is attempting to throw out the appeal which has duly certified by the court at Annapolis.

Lee was framed for the murder of Green Davis, white farmer, and his family, last October. He was barely saved from a boss-inspired lynch mob during the reign of terror that swept the Eastern Shore at that time. He was at first denied the right to a change of venue and to choose his own lawyer. These elementary rights were won only after a bitter legal battle by attorneys for the International Labor Defense, backed up by the mass protests of Negro and white workers in many parts of the country.

At the trial at Towson in January, the court refused to allow Negro workers to sit on the jury in spite of the fight made by the defense counsel. An all-white jury took only 94 minutes to find Lee "guilty."

It is to the benefit of Governor Ritchie, who seeking the nomination to the Presidency, that the Yuel Lee case, which involves the right of Negroes to sit on juries, be gotten out of the way as quickly as possible. Ritchie is anxious to show the Democratic bosses that he is a desirable candidate.

CIVIC EMERGENCY COMMITTEE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR EDITOR'S HELP

Beatrice Cannady-Franklin Editor of Advocate

Dear Madam:

I hasten to thank you on behalf of the Civic Emergency Committee for the splendid cooperation which you gave so freely in the interest of the emergency relief fund issue.

The success of the campaign was due entirely to the generous and unselfish efforts of those groups and individuals who joined hands together in the furtherance of this vital community cause.

It is the wish of the members of this Committee to express to you our sincere appreciation for your assistance. Of greater significance, however, is the fact that we voice to you the heartfelt gratitude of thousands of our fellow citizens to whom these emergency relief fund issues may be a real Godsend.

Cordially yours,
Worth W. Caldwell
Executive Director

STRENGTH IN POLITICAL SOLIDARITY STRESSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20—That the Negro vote hold the balance of power in 13 states and will come into its own this fall, were statements made in an address in the Washington Auditorium by Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addressing the closing meeting of the Association's 23rd Annual Conference.

Mr. White said the Negro vote was increasingly militant and independent and that Negro voters were no longer being "taken white or black."

"I predicted a greater independence of Negro voters in 1932 than has ever been known," said Mr. White. "This militant independent vote holds the balance of power in 13 states with a total electoral vote of 187. In this year of unemployment, depression and revolt, the Negro vote will play a potent role in additional states with a total electoral vote of 62."

"The Negro vote, I predict, will come into its own this year. Political parties, if they are wise, will realize this. The old practice of handing out a few dollars to a group of discredited and powerless white and Negro politicians is futile."

Don't all to attend the Decoration Day Dance by Al Pierre and his Happiness Boys Monday night at the newly decorated Hibernia Hall.

VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

It takes more than a "kick in the pants" to convince some folk, and Benjamin Davis, erstwhile, the representative of the Republican party in Georgia seems to be one of them. Through the sanction of the President, Ben was ignominiously ousted from the committee and a "Lily White" placed in his stead. But Ben continues to laud the President as one of the best ever. Ben, like many more others, will be satisfied to sport the badge of an assistant sergeant at arms at the Hoover convention to be held in Chicago and then go back "down yonder" and tell the folk how big he is. We have not heard much from "Judge" Bill since he has tried to do some political white washing in the Parker affair. "Judge" Bill like the rest of "Me Toos" is not just sure how the political wind will blow and possibly is keeping still for a while, although he is one of the delegates to the "out and dried" ratification meeting to be held in June. Neither have we heard a "blah blah" from Ed Henry, Finley Wilson or Bob Nelson. Those boys were trying to oil up a Pinchott boom. Oh well! They may have a chance yet. There is every sign of as big a debacle for the G.O.P. as that of 1912 when the Jack kicked the "stuffers" out of the Elephant.

Liberal thought in politics is prevalent among the younger class of voters. Students, and we don't mean Negro students exclusively, are expressing very few partisan views. It is a revelation to hear them discuss government and from how many different angles they argue it. They are no longer either Republicans or Democrats because their fathers happened to be of that particular political faith. They are watching the actions of our law makers closely and there is growing to be many a disappointed aspirant. Prohibition and the economic situation are both receiving close study. Unemployment and its subsequent ills are being surveyed with care. While we hear much talk of Communism, there is a strong tendency to relegate it until further trial of this present form of government. We find very few radicals among the younger group of voters. They are studying the situation with a commendable seriousness. Should there be organized a third party and that party have a liberal platform, the most of the adherents would be recruited from the younger folk and they would carry with them an enthusiasm which might prove irresistible.

Visitors coming to San Francisco seem amazed at the cheerfulness of the people. Stores are well patronized, theaters crowded, parks and beaches filled and a happiness that is contagious, as one lady, a recent visitor described it. Oh yes lady! That is the San Francisco spirit. That's California! Any people who can laugh and sing in the face of such calamity as happened a few decades past and upon the ashes of one of the world's greatest catastrophes build a better and more beautiful city; such people can never be daunted by such a small matter as it faces today. San Francisco takes care of its own unfounded worries as well as those who drift in from other places, with smiles. There's never a plea for succor that goes unheard and with the hearing is helped. We don't claim to have the greatest city in the world but we do claim to have the best people anywhere on this mundane sphere, and they say that it is the people who make a community.

One thing that can not find a foothold in San Francisco is the "Gangster." That gangster finds out, and quickly, that any street, no matter how obscure, cannot prove a hide-out for his activities. Chief Quinn, and his efficient Inspector Dullea, assisted by as fine a force of police and secret service men as ever walked a beat, have the record of every known crook and undesirable character and when he steps from boat or train he is given short shrift for his stay and as a general thing will spend his first night in the Bastille with a "move on" order for the next day. For a community generally uses its unpardonable sin, there is less criminal activity than most places we could name.