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SEGREGATING LEGIONNAIRES

The Advocate appears a letter written by a distinguished Legionnaire of Indianapolis, Indiana, deploring the fact that separate headquarters were established and maintained for colored delegates and guests to the Legion Convention just closed in Portland.

The Advocate is heartily sorry that anything should happen or arrangements made which proved unsatisfactory to all concerned and to the delegates in particular.

Anyone who knows THE ADVOCATE and its official family, knows that if there is anything we stand for, it is for equality of rights and opportunity for all American citizens regardless of race, color or creed.

We feel certain that there was no intention either on the part of Portland Post No. 1 or Mr. Mercier and his committee to segregate the colored delegates and guests to the convention. There is no complaint to the effect that any meetings or conferences were closed to any of the delegates. The committee's attitude, we were informed was to make itself useful; to meet what we all felt would be an acute and difficult problem — the problem of housing 1500 colored delegates in a city, the colored population of which equals less than twice that number, especially when available and acceptable hotels and private home accommodations were not registered adequate to take care of the anticipated white delegation and visitors up to a late date.

Had it not been for the fact that the attendance of the Legionnaires, both white and colored at the convention, fell far below the expected and reported number, we doubt whether the accommodations registered would have been adequate to meet the requirements.

Sometime ago colored citizens of Portland were requested to open their homes to members of "Green Pastures" cast. They did. But when the train bearing the cast arrived at the station, it was met by a committee of Japanese and white downtown hotel proprietors who got the majority of the members of the cast, and the colored people who had gone to the expense to prepare to receive them were "left".

It was partly to prevent a repetition of this thing that the "colored committee" functioned by having members of the race meet the trains and established a registration and housing headquarters.

As it was, many colored people who spent money preparing their homes for the Legion delegates, did not get to entertain any of them. This was due, not to the apathy of the committee, but because so few of the legionnaires came to the convention.

Many of our colored people have been out of employment for months, just as they have in other parts. The colored delegates must have places to live while at the convention. The committee reasoned they could help the unemployment situation in Portland by seeing to it that at least they should get the colored delegates.

The Advocate viewed the "colored committee" as just another group helping the Portland Post and the City of Portland to put over the Convention.

The writer of the letter referred to above, calls our attention to page 44 of the official program. We must admit that it is unfortunate that the publication in the official program was had because, unless one knows the "res gestae" — or all the facts in the case, they are apt to arrive at the same conclusion as the writer of the letter — and rightly so. And we are frank to say that had we known that such publication was to have been made, we certainly would have advised against it. For it puts the official stamp on what, in our opinion and our belief, was a sincere effort on the part of Mr. Mercier and his associate buddies to render unselfish service. If, however, we find that Portland Post through arrangement with the colored committee, was instituting official segregation into the organization, we will be the first to holler. Mr. Moore, and so loud that you will hear us over in Indianapolis. And if we find that the service rendered in the cause was not wholly an unselfish service, (as that of our own), we will let ourselves be heard from on that score, too.

The Advocate backed Mr. Mercier and his efforts because we believe him to be honest, worthy and unselfish in his motive, and that his only interest was to be of service.

There is nothing in the writer's letter, we are glad to say, that indicates any segregation at official gatherings, sight-seeing trips, meetings, etc. And we hope the official part of the precedent established will not be

followed at future Legion Conventions and we are of the opinion that should the attention of the powers that be, be called to the publication in the official program, page 44, they will be the first to correct what we hope in their zeal to put the convention over, was a mistake of the head and not of the heart.

The Advocate had to rush to press in order to be on time this week and much interesting material was omitted in this issue for that reason. However, in our next issue will have our complete report on the Convention.

PALO ALTO, Cal., Sept 12—510 Hamilton Ave., My dear Advocate:

Yours news about delegates to the World Congress against war with date and place, Amsterdam, August 27, is the very first press announcement I have been able to discover since the middle of July. I even made a special trip to the noted library of Stanford University—in vain. I took the precaution of writing a month ago to friends in New York City asking for press clippings about the congress and the delegates—nothing came. I wondered if the congress had been abandoned. I am on the mailing list of the American Committee of the World Congress, and a contributor—no news for a month.

As I am writing, the postman delivers a letter of information from the American Committee with names of five delegates. Two of the names are in your account, but not Brodsky's nor Gardner's name.

Well I hope the congress has better publicity that its advance agents have given it! I shall look to the Advocate for news from C.N.A.

Yours gratefully,
 Alice Park

This Woman Lost 64 Pounds of Fat

Mrs. H. Price of Woodside, L. I. writes: "A year ago I weighed 190 lbs. started to take Kruschen and now I weigh 126 and never felt better in my life and what's more, I look more like 20 yrs. old than the mother of 2 children, one of 19 and the other 18. My friends say it's marvelous the way I reduced."

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STEIWER GIVES TALK

Senator Frederick Steiwer spoke on "National Affairs" before the Lions club in the grand ballroom of the Multnomah hotel Friday noon. The Cotton Blossoms singers from Piney Woods, Miss., entertained with jubilee songs and Byron J. Beattie gave a three-minute talk on the business of Gus Pruhsmeier.

BEHTEL ALLEN ENDEAVOR NOTE

Last Sunday's League meeting was the first meeting of the new conference year.

We had the pleasure of welcoming back our pastor, Rev. D. J. Hill for another year with us.

Mr. K. Forney reported on his visit to the Endeavor League at Seattle Washington.

Miss E. Ingersol of Columbus, Ga., Mr. Anderson of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. F. Borders of Seattle were visitors in the League meeting.

A surprise party by the League was given in honor of Miss A. Pugh was the closing event of the season. Miss Louise Randolph, Miss D. Burdine and Mrs. Unthank were the hosts. Miss Agness Pugh left a few days late for her home in Chicago.

Leader for next Sunday will be Mr. C. Duke. Lesson subject: "What other Gods have we today". All members are requested to be present and on time. Visitors are welcome.

Reporter, Anna Morrison with the beauty and hospitality of Portland and its citizens.

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ATTENDS CONVENTION

Captain T. Edward Jones, colored physician and world war veteran of Washington, D. C., who attended the national Convention just closed in Portland.



Captain Jones was active as battalion surgeon in the 368th Infantry, 92nd division and was awarded the famed Croix de guerre for rescuing and attending wounded comrades while under heavy machine gun fire in the Argonne, being twice gassed.

Dr. Jones has been assistant surgeon in Washington for the past decade. Dr. Jones was greatly impressed with the beauty and hospitality of Portland and its citizens.

RASTUS EXPLAINS WIRELESS

"Mose, can you explain wireless telegraphy to me?" "Yessuh, it's like dis: Ef you-all had a long, houn dawg, an' he stretched from Cincinaty to Cleveland, and you step on his tail in Cincinaty he would howl in Cleveland. Dat am telegraphy. Only in wireless you does de same thing without de dawg."

YOUTH RESCUES CRIPPLE

Prompt action on the part of Roy Lee Spicer, colored, living at 460 Williams Avenue, last night saved the life of A. J. Meier, 58, cripple, who tipped over a kerosene lamp and set fire to the bed in his second-floor room at 420 Vancouver avenue.

Young Spicer rushed into the building when he heard calls for help and found Meier helpless at the top of the stairs and the room filled with smoke and flames. He helped the cripple from the building and had the blaze under control when police arrived.

FOX BROADWAY "MR. ROBINSON CRUSOE" with Note:—Please see editorial (pg 2) Douglass Fairbanks, Jr.

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