

JORDAN WORKERS CLASH

MRS. ROBESON RETURNS TO U. S. WITH PLAY

ROOSEVELT SHOT AT LIFE SPARED

Digesting...
The News
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WHAT WE WANT

As March 4th is rapidly approaching us, or rather we it, the Negro Press is more and more filled with pleas, suggestions and demands, all designed to catch the eye of the incoming Administration in the hope that some particular attention will be given to the plight of the submerged tenth in America.

We will leave to those organizations, partisan political affiliations, and job-seekers, the task of making specific recommendations for their particular individual requirements—and without a doubt these will be many and seemingly convincing.

For the Negroes, as a whole, however, our wants can be briefly and succinctly summed up in the few following paragraphs:

LEGISLATION:
We neither ask for nor do we require special legislation for Negroes but we do ask for and want a strict interpretation of all laws that are in conformity with the Constitution of the United States.

JUDICIAL:
We neither ask for nor do we require special judicial consideration but we do ask for and want a strict interpretation of all judicial matters strictly in keeping with facts without bias because of color.

SOCIAL:
We neither ask for nor do we require man-made edicts to define our social relations but we do ask for and want the right of choosing or rejecting our associates on the basis of natural laws of attraction, character and mutual compatibility.

ECONOMIC:
We neither ask for nor do we require special economic privileges but we do ask for and want the right to earn our daily bread, to enjoy the fruits of our labor, and to progress in an economic world in keeping with our individual abilities, with no regard to color.

POLITICAL:
We neither ask for nor do we require a political heritage of any one political party but we do ask for and want the right to participate in all branches of our political activities without any unnecessary restrictions which are conceived to debar us purely because of color.

VOCAATIONAL:
We neither ask for nor do we require any social jobs or trades that are grouped as being especially adaptable for persons of color but we do ask for and want the right to fill or master any job or trade strictly in keeping with our ability to do so.

ENJOYMENT:
We neither ask for nor do we require any particular pleasures that are distinctly "Jim-crow" but we do ask for and want the right to live and enjoy our lives as best as we can, conforming ourselves to the laws of the land, receiving equal rights with every other American citizen.

These things are—What we want.

N.A.A.C.P. PROTESTS N. Y. HOTEL BARRING VISITING ATHELETES

NEW YORK, FEB. 15—The N.A.A.C.P. has protested to Charles L. Ornstein, manager of the Paramount hotel, near the Times Square district, against the barring of Eugene Beatty and Maurice Walton, two members of the Michigan Normal College track team which competed here February 4 in the Killbuck games. The hotel not only refused the men rooms, but ordered them to cease visiting in the rooms of their white teammates and to leave the hotel by the freight elevator and the back door. The necessity of the athletes returning promptly to Michigan prevented a suit being brought against the hotel under the New York civil rights act.

PASTOR KILLED BY JEALOUS HUSBAND

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., Feb. 15—The Rev. A. V. Bell, pastor of a small congregation in Drumright, was dead Wednesday night, the victim of a husband, who chose to have his victim die as did Eugene O'Neill's Emperor Jones, with a hymn on his lips.

"Pastor," said the husband, "I want you to sing." When he went into his mother-in-law's house and found the pastor there.

"What would you have, brother?" asked the parson.

"Sing Jesus Will Make up Your Dying Bed," commanded Adams.

The pastor sang softly, but mechanically, the song requested.

"Well, well, well, don't be uneasy—Jesus will make up Your Dying Bed."

As Pastor Bell ended the line, brother Adams drew a pistol and fired. Wounded in the neck, the minister began to run. Adams pursued, still firing.

Another shot struck the minister in the back and he dropped mortally wounded.

"He broke up my home," said brother Adams, as he surrendered to the police in this little oil field town.

INTOLERANCE EXPOSED IN LETTER

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 14—To the Editor:

The Jordan Defense Committee would like to state its position.

It is only fair that we after being attacked and slandered in an almost unbelievable manner by Mr. C. E. Ivey and other heads of the local N. A. A. C. P. that we be afforded an opportunity to present our side of the story to the general public.

About a week ago, Attorneys Robert Creamer, Gus J. Solomon, Doctor McMickel, Attorney Irvin Goodman and Revels Cayton of the I. L. D. formed a "Jordan Defense Committee".

The Jordan Defense Com. is absolutely non-political in nature and has for its sole purpose the reaching of certain groups that have so far not been approached so that the campaign in defense of Jordan could be broadened out so that it includes thousands of persons interested in the case and so that more finance can be raised, and also secure the aid of many sympathetic lawyers. It planned then in all honesty and in good faith the offer of its aid and assistance to the N. A. A. C. P.

The Committee in a very short time was able to enlist the support of no less than thirty-three mass organizations, controlling thousands of people and the endorsement of such prominent citizens—both white and colored—as W. C. and W. H. Holliday, Robt. McKinney, Dr. DeNorval Unthank, Rev. D. G. Hill, Rev. L. R. Kinard, Atty's Gus Solomon, Atty's Wyatt W. Williams, Dr. McMickel, Alfred Purnell and others; secured the aid of a prominent Race lawyer, who up until that time had been completely excluded from the case, Wyatt W. Williams and also Irvin Goodman one of Portland's most outstanding criminal attorneys to help with the legal defense.

It then went, and mind you, with the expectation that they would be received with open arms by Mr. Ivey, president of the N. A. A. C. P. and laid the Committee in all its strength namely—three mass organizations—thousands on thousands of people—several lawyers—before him and Mr. C. E. Ivey the same Mr. Ivey who made an appeal for help and support in the fight to save Jordan REFUSED TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COMMITTEE. And what is him that he couldn't see why the N. A. A. C. P. refuses the help of the (Continued on Page 2 Col. 5)

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JIM-CROWED AT COLORED PERFORMANCE

"SPECIAL NIGHT" FOR NEGROES AT "GREEN PASTURES" IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 14—A special, separate night has been set aside "for Negroes" by the National theater here when colored people will be granted an opportunity all by themselves to see Richard B. Harrison and the all-Negro cast in the world-famous religious play, "The Green Pastures." No Negroes will be allowed to enter the National theater at any other performance during the two-week run of the play.

The Elks have closed a contract for the Jim Crow performance and have announced that the proceeds will go into their educational fund. It is said that a high official of the lodge stated that he was sorry he did not know the high feeling over the segregation as he would not have signed the contract.

Washington is in an uproar over the fight which has been waged quietly until the last few days. Many prominent people, among them Dr. Carter G. Woodson, have stated they would not attend the play if any sort of segregation is practiced.

Say Harrison Okeys Jim Crow

The District of Columbia branch of the N. A. A. C. P., the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, and A. M. E. Zion church general officer all fought the segregation and interviewed Richard B. Harrison, who plays the part of "De Lawd" in the play, requesting him to refuse to play if his people were segregated.

Mr. Harrison is said to have told the committee in Baltimore, where the show is playing that he "accepted the plan" of the theater. He expressed the belief that a great contribution to race advancement and interracial understanding would be made by such a cast as he is a part of, performing to a white audience in Washington. He said he had tried to have a segregated part of the theater made available for Negroes at some of the performances, but had finally accepted the theater's plan. Some of the committee suggested that he would demand admission of Negroes to all performances without restriction but Mr. Harrison indicated he had not even thought of taking such a stand.

All Negro groups were a unit against segregation, except the Elks, according to the New York Times, of Feb. 10. The Times correspondent quotes Stephen E. Cochran, manager of the theater as saying the only Negro group which showed a disposition "to cooperate" was the Elks. Said Manager Cochran:

"Other organized Negro groups would have been satisfied with nothing short of opening the National to them, together with our white patrons, which is impossible. To have done that would have ruined us. To admit them to a special performance, as proposed will not be approved any more by many of our regular patrons than by the Negroes, who are trying to break down all exclusion from the National."

The New York office of the N. A. A. C. P. has urged the producers to withdraw the play from Washington, calling the exclusion of Negroes, who form one-fourth the capital city's population, "an insult and a humiliation at the seat of the government of all the people."

"The Green Pastures" tells of the humanity of the Lord and preaches love and tolerance for all His children.

Prominent Negro Professional Men Insulted By N.A.A.P. Officers At Open Mass Meeting

EXHIBITION OF DEAD BODY IS CALLED MIDDLE AGE BARBARISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—The proposal of Solicitor W. Gist Finley of York, S. C., to exhibit the dead body of Will Sanders, 14, on the court house steps after the boy hanged March 3, was branded "Middle Age barbarism" by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a sharp telegram of protest sent today to Governor Ibra C. Blackwood of S. C.

The association has asked attorneys in South Carolina to examine the case of Sanders to see if there are not still some legal steps which can be taken in his behalf. He is said to have confessed to murdering a white woman. The telegram to Governor Blackwood was signed by the Secretary of the Association.

HUSBAND SLAIN BY WIFE

YOUNG WASHINGTON MATRON SAYS HUSBAND WAS BRUTAL TO HER AND ACCUSED HER OF INFIDELITY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—A Coroner's jury ordered Mrs. Anna F. Stultz, 29 year old, held for the Grand Jury on a murder charge at an inquest into the death of her husband, Dr. Christopher C. Stultz, 36. Both the individuals had prominent social and civic positions in the Capital.

Police in response to information that something was wrong in the doctor's quarters, broke in and found him lying on the floor in a pool of blood. There were five bullet wounds in his head and body and a pistol lay nearby.

NEW FIELD INVADED BY NEGRO

KANSAS CITY NOW BOASTS A NEGRO RADIO ANNOUNCER

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Feb. 16—Radio station WLBK here uses John E. Garth, a radio favorite, each Wednesday and Friday at 2:15 p.m., was revealed to an A.N.P. staff officer in an interview.

Wednesday's program consists of popular numbers while Friday's program is devoted to classical and Negro spirituals. Garth also has charge of "Kiddies Hour" each Saturday at 3:45 p.m. A call has been made for parents and social and civic organizations to cooperate with Mr. Garth in making the so-called "Kiddies Hour" the best possible to have.

WOULD-BE ASSASSIN'S BULLETS GO WILD; CERMAK WOUNDED

President Franklin D. Roosevelt narrowly escaped being killed by a bullet fired in the hands of an assassin when Joe Zangara of New Jersey emptied a gun at the President-elect as he finished making a speech down in Miami, Florida at the close of his fishing vacation.

The bullets went wild and struck Mayor Anton Cermack, of Chicago, and four other members of the president's party and spectators were wounded, some seriously.

Mayor Cermack, whom physicians say will recover, told the president-elect that he was glad it was himself instead of Mr. Roosevelt. "The country needs you," he said.

News of the attempted assassination of Mr. Roosevelt reached Portlanders by the radio almost as soon as it happened and hearts were saddened and much anxiety manifested among them over the sad occurrence.

Zangara stated that he hated presidents and rich people which was his reason for trying to kill the president-elect. Quick action on the part of a little woman who threw herself against Zangara's arm when he was firing, probably was the cause of the President-elect's life being spared.

DR. WALTER L. NILES HEADS HARLEM HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Dr. Walter Lindsay Niles, of this city was elected Monday by the committee which is investigating Harlem hospital, as its chairman. Dr. Niles has been professor of clinical medicine at Cornell university medical college since 1916, was dean of the college for nine years; he is an attending physician at Bellevue hospital and consulting physician of Memorial, Southampton and Jamaica hospitals. He is a member of the Association of American Physicians, American Climatological and Clinical Association, Harvey Society and New York Academy of Medicine.

FORMER SLAVE RETELLS STORY OF MOCK HANGING

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 15—George H. Allen, 195-year-old former slave, whose sight was restored after a scientific operation was performed last week, did not see the hanging of John Brown, but saw an annual hanging of an effigy.

These annual mock-hangings were old customs used by masters to impress the slaves what would happen to them if they failed to do right.

It was reported last week that Allen had twice been married and was the father of six children. Last Monday morning a son told the press that Allen had been married four times and was the father of twelve children. He was one of the last six by Allen's fourth wife.

DIVORCE ABANDONED SAYS WIFE OF SINGER

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 15—Mrs. Eslanda Goode-Robeson, wife of the well known actor and singer, has just returned from Europe, bringing with her a new play, which she has written called "Uncle Tom and His Cabin." The theme concerns a Negro jazz orchestra abroad, and the play is to be supplemented by the music of an American composer who has not yet been designated.

Mrs. Robeson when asked about the many rumors that she had begun divorce proceedings against her husband, said, "On that subject, simply say that the question of a divorce has been dropped."

Mrs. Robeson said that her husband has become intensely interested in Russia, and after two years study, has learned to speak and sing in that tongue and that it is only a matter of time until he would sing Russian operas. He finds the music particularly adapted to his deep voice, she said. Mrs. Robeson added that her husband has been interested in criticisms of the opera "Emperor Jones," recently produced here which mentions him as being well fitted for the leading role, and that she intends to hear the opera to see whether, in her opinion the role would suit him.

HEYWOOD BROWN URGES NEGRO PLAYERS IN BIG LEAGUES

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—Negro ball players ought to be given a chance on the teams in the big leagues according to Heywood Brown, famous columnist for the New York-Telegram and other Scripps-Howard newspapers. In this column of February 7, Mr. Brown says: "If the big leagues magnates want color why don't they seek it among the semi-professional Negro teams of New York, Chicago and the other large cities of America? I can see no reason why Negroes are called upon to bear the brunt of competition when America meets the world in an international meet, it seems a little silly to say that they cannot participate in a game between the Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns."

QUIET AS IT'S KEPT

HARLEM DATTLE, NEGRO GIRL OF KANSAS CITY HAS PRIZES ALL APPOINTMENTS, LIVES UP INTERESTS, SEE'S ALL SHIRTS AND HANDS ALL MONEY FOR CLEAR DOW, THE MOVIE STAR

ABOUT 25 PER CENT NEGRO BLOOD COURSES THROUGH THE VEINS OF THE "GENUINE INDIAN"

A BLACK SLAVE IN THE HOLD OF COLONIAL FLEET SAID WAS THE FIRST TO SIGHT LAND

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