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### THE INAUGURATION

The inauguration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as the thirty-second President of the United States of America today is one of the most significant events in the history of the country. The many and varied problems which confront our national government fill the minds of the people with a mingled feeling of pride and apprehension.

So many weighty problems confront the new administration that the slightest mistake will likely result in disaster not easily overcome. All eyes are trained upon our new national leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt who today takes over the reins of the greatest government in the world. All are patiently, expectantly awaiting the new deal and we are praying that every racial, religious and political group will support wholeheartedly, our new president so that he will not be handicapped in his efforts to bring our nation back to prosperity and normalcy. The Advocate and its colored people of which it is representative join the hosts today in wishing for our president and his administration a long, prosperous and just administration and to that end, we shall continually pray.

### KNOCKING NEGRO BUSINESS

Some of our group who are liberal in their criticism of others, as a rule neglect themselves an investigation and taking the time of discerning some of their own weaknesses.

Magnifying the shortcomings of others is a very easy thing for some of us to do and we hold up to the public gaze hurtful things about others of our race, while we cover up everything wrong about ourselves. Perfection in the human family is certainly not so common a thing that it is an eye sore and only on rare occasions do we meet those who are completely void of sin and blunders. It is an accusation often heard and too true that many of us "talk too much with our mouths open". We marble our tongues with a frequency that upsets whatever brains we have and when we pour ourselves down in an effort to hurt some one, the fact is brought out that we are fit to be members of an Annansia club. If we would so train our tongues that they would espouse the cause of race relations instead of working them overtime at race destruction, there would be many more great things produced by the Race that would fill our souls with joy. Our laughing at one another's blunders, keeps us busy repairing the wounds that are inflicted from time to time, and Negro civilization suffers by too much talk of the wrong kind.

Race devotion must consist of more than ordinary talk and we must set the example by doing otherwise cease to pretend that we are interested in the progress of the Race. Race love never permits any of us to continually dodge those among us who are sincerely and unselfishly striving for the advancement of the Race.

The survival of Negro business depends largely upon members of the racial group. And when we reach the conclusion to patronize our race enterprises only with adverse criticism, we have certainly allowed ourselves to go wrong.

We should not be satisfied to pull through the depression and allow others to suffer the pangs of hunger and to criticize men for their poor conditions. That Negro who attempts to operate a legitimate business cannot put it over without our combined cooperation and we should not even try to hide behind criticism as an alibi for not patronizing each other in business. Race dissension is almost sure to retard race progress. Reserve your talk and do some sincere boosting and we all will get along faster and better in a business way.

### IRA F. POWERS' PASSING

(By E. D. Cannady)  
 The death of Ira F. Powers, on Feb-

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### MORE ABOUT LOUISIANA MOB

(Continued from page one)  
 Early this morning came the tale of the killing of J. P. Hatcher, bank cashier, of the Bank of Ringgold, and the attempt to criminally assault his wife.

"Who was the nigger?" was the question heard on all sides.

I had been out in the streets in the early afternoon, and had returned to listen to Father Coughlin over the radio as he talked on "Justice and Equality". I had felt at peace with the world.

I really anticipated no trouble. I had heard other rumblings to the effect that the crime had been committed by some employe of the bank, who had blackened his face.

Most of the people hereabouts hadn't believed the hysterical utterances of Mrs. Hatcher, who told how she and her husband had been awakened at 4 o'clock Sunday morning and marched to the bank, in an attempt to rob it. The distance was almost a mile. Nor did they believe that he then marched them another mile to the edge of town, and clubbed the husband to death, when he remonstrated with him about assaulting his wife. There seemed to be too many weak-

### -BAPTISTS-

- Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
East First and Schuyler Sts.  
Rev. J. D. Wilson, Pastor
- Shiloh Baptist Church  
East 7th and Everett Sts.  
Rev. G. G. Gardner, Pastor

### -EPISCOPALIAN-

- St. Phillips Mission  
Knott and Rodney Sts.  
Blaine Coles, Lay Reader

### -HOUSE OF PRAYER-

- House of Prayer  
East 10th and Grant Sts.  
Robert Searle, Pastor

### -METHODIST-

- Bethel A. M. E. Church  
Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister
- First A. M. E. Zion Church  
417 Williams Ave.  
Rev. Lee Roy Kinard, Pastor

### "AS NOTED"



### PAVE THE WAY WITH SMILES

Listen brother. This means you also, Sister. Pave the path of Life's Highway with Smiles. One gets eternally tired of listening to folks who are constantly whining and forever spilling barrels of gloom.

Pave the way with smiles, Brother. Pave the way with Smiles, Sister. Men and women are hungering for the voice of good cheer. They are in need of words of comfort and encouragement. Give it to them. It will bless them and you.

### A TON OF WATER

Portland has one of the lowest water rates in the United States. A ton of water brought from a distance of 35 miles to your home costs only 2 1/2 cents. The average family consumption is 5,000 gallons of water a month. The rate in Portland for 5,000 gallons of water is 73 cents. San Francisco charges \$3.12. This is over four times higher than the Portland rate.

Out of every dollar revenue taken in by the Water Bureau, 71 cents goes to redeem bonds and pay interest on the same. This shows the small margin that this city-owned utility has left with which to struggle along.

### WATER BILLS MONTHLY?

The electric and gas companies are collecting their accounts monthly instead of every other month. The Water Bureau is investigating the feasibility of also going on a monthly collection basis. As it is now, water bills are sent to average consumers quarterly, while large consumers pay monthly.

Water meters are read monthly, so it would be right in line for the Water Bureau to send out bills monthly, instead of once in three months. Many water patrons claim it is much easier to pay the minimum rate of 70 cents monthly than to pay \$2.10 a quarter. What do you think about it? It would like to hear from you on this subject.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS

I am in great hopes that the Oregon Legislature will, before the session adjourns, pass an old age pension law. Twenty-four states have already adopted old-age pension systems. Oregon should do likewise. I see no reason why noble men and women who have given the best years of their lives to build up and support a commonwealth should be dragged off to the poor house when old age creeps upon them. It is only just that in turn the state should enact a dignified Old Age Pension System that will maintain them in their declining years.

### SCRIP SYSTEMS

I am in favor of a scrip system. I believe that scrip will be a great help in bettering conditions. Scrip certificates are being used in many cities in the United States with great success. Various municipalities issue different forms of scrip, and I have heard of on detrimental effect from its use. On the contrary, it is noticed that cities using scrip systems are in a more prosperous condition than such cities which have failed to make use of this remedial measure. L. C. Collins has presented a splendid system to the City Council which City Attorney Grant referred to the Federal authorities as to the legality. Senator McNary wired Mr. Grant that the Treasury Department said there were no legal objections. I am in hopes that Mr. Collins' system will be adopted—or any other, for that matter. We should not

### BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., Pastor  
 At 11 o'clock Sunday morning administering of the Lord's Supper. The Senior choir, under the direction of Prof. Elmer C. Bartlett, will sing several special numbers. Music also furnished by the Junior choir under the direction of Miss Nellie Franklin.

At 6:30 o'clock, devotional services will be conducted by Mrs. D. G. Hill, assisted by the Adventurers club.

At 7:00 P. M. the Allen Christian Endeavor will convene. Mr. Allan Rutherford will lead in discussing the subject, "Jesus' Principles".

The Tude Club will make its initial public appearance at 8:00 P. M. with a sacred program.

Mrs. Ella Young, member of the choir, class leader and former president of the Women's Missionary Society, died Sunday. Her sudden death came as a great shock to her friends.

The Knights of Bethel had a very enthusiastic meeting last Wednesday night and a most appetizing supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Randolph.

Attendance of prayer and class meetings has increased.

The "Big Broadcast" given by the Adventurers club last Friday a week ago, showed talent with professional finish and refinement. Given in the lecture room of the church, gave encouragement to the young people when they had the largest attendance in the five years Rev. Hill has been here. These young people should be encouraged in their efforts and a word of appreciation is extended to Donald Rutherford, president and who also cared for the electrical work.

The "Dett Musicals" is to be given Monday night at the church, March 6, by the chorus, under the direction of Mr. E. C. Bartlett. The program is composed of Negro compositions. Nathaniel Dett's several new numbers will be sung such as "Lamba A-Cry-Ing" and "Music in the Mine".

### FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Rev. Lee Roy Kinard, Pastor  
 Last Sunday, services were well attended both morning and evening and the spiritual fervor ran high.

Among the new members enrolled at Zion are Mrs. Belle Dunne, of 484 Williams avenue, who is ill at her home. The pastor and members of the church went to her home and fellowshiped her into the church. Mrs. S. Harris, of 462 Page street joined the church Wednesday.

There were forty-seven present at prayer meeting Tuesday night and there was great rejoicing.

Wednesday night was "Food Show-er" night. A large table was necessary to hold the supply of food brought by members and friends in addition to the contributions of cash which amounted to \$2.45. A 100-lb sack of lima beans was sent by The Advocate to be distributed to those in need.

The turkey dinner given Thursday evening by the Stewardess Board No. 2 was a great success, socially and financially. The turkey dinners were sold out during the first hour and more had to be secured to take care of the late comers.

On next Sunday (tomorrow) morning, Communion and Baptizing services will be held at 11 o'clock; at 3 P. M. baptizing at Mount Olivet Baptist church and at 8 P. M., Rev. Kinard will again fill his pulpit with the regular services.

The Bible class meets regularly at 9:45 Sunday mornings. The class has a membership of sixteen and is growing rapidly.

Everybody is invited to services at Zion the friendly church.

### Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Vesper services Sunday will be under the leadership of the Grade School Girl Reserves.

On Sunday, March 12th, Mrs. R. H. Camp will have charge of the Vesper Services.

The public is cordially invited to attend a Jig-Saw Puzzle party at the home of Miss Nellie Franklin, 1405 E. Davis street on Saturday night, March 11th. Prizes and refreshments will be included in the price of admission.

The Committee of Management will meet on Wednesday at 10 A. M. with the chairman, Mrs. Elmer Flowers, presiding.

# The Goal of a New World Order

(By Shoghi Effendi)

Although this communication is addressed to the adherents of the Baha' Faith in Europe and America, and was written in order to deepen their understanding of the Providential forces released in this age, nevertheless its analysis of the causes of the present world depression has so vital an interest, its assertion of the true outcome is so firm, its regeneration so vital, that the administrative body of the American Baha' is deemed it not only a privilege, but a high religious obligation, to make the letter available to all who sincerely seek light and guidance in these days of direst trouble ever experienced by mankind.

### THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF WORLD ORDER

All we can reasonably venture to attempt is to strive to obtain a glimpse of the first streaks of the promised Dawn that must, in the fulness of time, chase away the gloom that has enshrouded humanity. All we can do is to point out, in their broadest outlines, what appears to us to be the guiding principles underlying the World Order of Baha'ullah, as amplified and enunciated by 'Abdu'l-Baha, the Center of His Covenant with all mankind and the appointed Interpreter and Expounder of His Word.

That the unrest and suffering afflicting the mass of mankind are in on small measure the direct consequences of the World War and are attributable to the unwise and shortsightedness of the framers of the Peace Treaties only a biased mind can refuse to admit. That the financial obligations contracted in the course of the war, as well as the imposition of a staggering burden of reparations upon the vanquished, have, to a very great extent, been responsible for the maldistribution and consequent shortage of the world's monetary gold supply, which in turn has, to a very great measure, accentuated the phenomenal fall in prices and thereby relentlessly increased the burdens of impoverished countries, no impartial mind would question. That inter-governmental debts have imposed a severe strain on the masses of the people in Europe, have upset the equilibrium of national budgets, have crippled national industries, and led to an increase in the number of the unemployed, is no less apparent to an unprejudiced observer. That the spirit of vindictiveness, of suspicion, of fear and rivalry, engendered by the war, and which the provisions of the Peace Treaties have served to perpetuate and foster, has led to an enormous increase of national competitive armaments, involving during the last year the aggregate expenditure of no less than a thousand million pounds, which in turn has accentuated the effects of the world-wide depression, is a truth that even the most superficial observer will readily admit. That a narrow and brutal nationalism, which the post-war theory of self-determination has served to reinforce, has been chiefly responsible for the policy of high and prohibitive tariffs, so injurious to the healthy flow of international trade and to the mechanism of international finance, is a fact which few would venture to dispute.

It would be idle, however, to contend that the war, with all the losses it involved, the passions it aroused and the grievances it left behind, has solely stop to split hairs on any method that will relieve a distressed people, so long as such method has been successfully used in other communities.

### BIG INTERNATIONAL REVUE TO BE STAGED AFTER EASTER

Twenty Five Nationalities To Participate in Festivities

Under the combined auspices of the Morning Oregonian, KGW and the International Club, a big International Show will be presented to the Portland public soon after Easter holidays.

Twenty to twenty-five different nationalities will participate in the program. Jack Biles, popular dance teacher with offices at 210A Studio Bldg., will train the white and colored American entrants in their stunts.

Invitations are extended to young colored boys and girls from 5 to 18 years of age to register at Mr. Biles Studio where he will instruct them in tap dancing and other steps absolutely free. Those who desire to learn to tap dance and who wish to learn to do other fancy dancing are requested to hurry up and register and be one of the lucky ones.

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