

STRIKES RACE EQUALITY

ACCUSE METROPOLITAN Father Serves As Butler To Son

Digesting . . .
The News
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A DICTATOR NEEDED

We can well imagine that if human life on some other planet could look down upon us through a powerful telescope, observing in detail our every action, that such observers would reach about the same conclusions as this columnist, whose observations are made purely by reading our many weekly "exchanges", releases, etc., occasionally supplemented by pertinent correspondence.

Many governments have, and are bestowing dictatorial powers and in the hands of their rulers because experience has taught them, at least—that without a unification of purpose nature's human individual greed will wreck the very best of plans.

And, thinking along the same line in light of current facts, we must conclude that the race of American Negroes are in need of an unselfish, conscientious and all-wise dictatorial board to regulate all racial affairs, if we are not to perish through wasted energy in fighting each other.

Let us digest the news for the past week—or rather the news as it reached me during the past week. Judging its prominence by the amount of newspaper space consumed we are primarily attracted by the battle for supremacy waged between two national organizations, both of whom seek and accept public contributions for the same avowed purpose.

In just one week's time what do we find? In South Carolina, a human life is snuffed out by electrocution while the two organizations battle. In Oregon, precisely the same thing is about to occur. In Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma and Michigan, a hot and wordy battle is being engaged—not as to the correct procedure to assist worthy cases but merely as to which organization shall be allowed to handle the case. Yet, they both, avowedly, seek to accomplish the same end.

In the field of business the situation is even more ridiculous. In many communities we read of, and record, many duplications of efforts by high-sounding, pompously titled organizations—all seeking the same end but not realizing that in individualizing their efforts they are wasting the assets and energies of the race, or if they do realize it, make no efforts to harmoniously unite their interests so that something really constructive and worthwhile can be accomplished.

Even in our field of journalism we could use a dictator. How foolish it is to prate in editorials about the poor condition of the down-trodden race when in the advertising columns of the very same publication we find dozens of paid advertisements, which if responded to will, forever, make "suckers" out of the readers and the race.

STORY OF JORDAN TOLD AT POLITICAL CLUB MEET

Tacoma, Washington, Mar. 25—The Colored Women's Political Club of this city held their annual election of officers this week and elected the following: Mrs. Anna Laura Buck, re-elected president; Mrs. Fannie Bradshaw, vice-president; Mrs. Callie B. Matthews, secretary; Mrs. Ella DuPre treasurer; Mrs. Hattie Chavis, Chaplain; Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Sgt. at Arms; Mrs. Minnie Miller, Parliamentarian. Mr. W. R. Cayton of Seattle was the principal speaker and gave a very interesting talk on the Jordan Case of Portland, Oregon and in particular in the interest of the Jordan Defense Club.

AFRICAN NATIVE REBUKES PREJUDICED BRITON SOLON

London, March 19—(By ANP)—The condemnation of colored people being received in society here on the part of James Stuart, formerly assistant secretary for Native Affairs in South Africa, aroused the ire and drew a severe rebuke from Oba, a native of the Gold Coast in West Africa, here last week. Mr. Stuart in an address at the Royal United Services Institution, decried the practice of Europeans receiving native Africans and people of color of all parts of the world in society and entertaining them while visiting this country. After describing the life of the natives at home and the impression made upon them by the treatment as equals as accorded them by Britons, Mr. Stewart declared:

"It is nothing to hosts and hostesses and their daughters, that a few months later, the guest will be back in his polygamistic surroundings, and amidst European garments cast aside, rushing off in scantiest garb to every available beer drinking, with doctor's 'smelling out' performances, or faction fight, within reach. All that impresses is the monetary appearance and the novelty of welcoming an African brother. This listless attitude of complain and seeming lack of policy or active friendly concern in this regard, if not remedied one day will react on Great Britain."

YOUTHFUL JUMPER EYES 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES

Los Angeles, Calif., March 19—A two-year campaign which took Cornelius Johnson, 18-year-old Los Angeles boy, to fourth place in the high jump of the 10th Olympiad will now serve as background for the tall lad as he campaigns for the 1936 games in Berlin.

In 1931, Johnson opened his jumping career by figuring in a three-way tie for the city championship at 6 feet. Before the year was out he had cleared 6 feet 2 3/4 inches. A season later he won the title at 6 feet 4 1/2 inches.

From there Johnson went right on to the Olympic games, winning the Southern California and California championships en route. The Pacific Coast regional trials saw him tie with Walter Marty, Fresno college and national A. A. U. champion, at 6 feet 5 inches. He tied with George Spitz and Bob Van Osdel in the final trials at Palo Alto, clearing 6 feet 7 3/8 inches.

FORMER PORTLANDERS ESCAPE INJURY IN QUAKE AREA

Mr. and Mrs. J. X. Tronjeau and their four children escaped injury in Watts, California when their house was wrecked by the recent earthquake in that section. Mrs. Tronjeau was formerly Miss Ruth Hooker of Portland.

Mrs. Estella Moseley who conducts a rooming house at 1940 Williams ave., had a fight last Thursday with Ervin L. Johnson, one of her roomers. It is said. The row was caused by an argument about politics. Johnson, it seems got the worse of the scrape as he was arrested charged with disorderly conduct after being bitten on the left arm and stabbed on his right side. He was treated at the emergency and at Saint Vincent hospital. Mrs. Moseley was charged with assault.

Local News Events

Morton Brown, 22, colored, who had the earmarks of a gentleman and a scholar, faced vagrancy charges on Monday in many court. He had a library book from Tacoma library, and a savings bank, issued in Tacoma. The bank had been pried open.

Fifteen new members joined the Young Colored Democratic Club of Oregon at its meeting held last Wednesday night at the Williams Avenue Y. W. C. A. Three delegates were elected to attend the State convention to be held on Jefferson's birthday in Portland.

Charles Adams is president and Jerome Franklin, secretary.

Mr. Ioas, of San Francisco, California was in the city Thursday and addressed the Bahai meeting at night. He left on Friday for Seattle and will return on Saturday. Saturday night he will talk to a group of Bahai friends at the residence of Mrs. Myrtle W. Campbell.

Mr. E. D. Rawlins who underwent an operation for the amputation of his leg, is reported to be doing fairly well at Saint Vincent hospital.

NEGRO AVIATORS JOIN JAPAN'S AIR FORCES

NEW YORK, MARCH 23—(CNS)—It is reported from London, England, that the steamer Stanleyville, left Blyth, Northumberland, Monday, Mar. 6, for Japan, carrying a crew of Negroes determined, they said, to join the Japanese air force. The ship was dropping over the horizon when a delegation of the British Anti-War Council arrived in taxicabs bearing 200 pounds with which they hoped to induce the discontinuance of the voyage.

The Anti-War Council was in conference in London when a member announced dramatically that the crew of the Stanleyville, a Belgian ship sold to the Japanese government, was prepared to desert if the council would guarantee sufficient funds to keep its members until they could find other jobs.

The meeting insisted on taking up a collection at once. Members hold trade union flags by the corners while persons in the gallery poured down copper and silver coins. Others passed hats around and 200 pounds was raised in a few minutes.

Delegates from the meeting left at once for Blyth in taxicabs and rode all night, but arrived too late.

SOCIALIST PARTY URGES MORE MONEY FOR LEVEE PROJECT

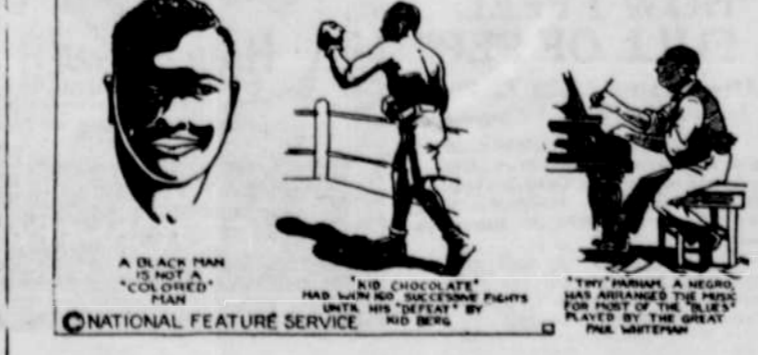
Indianapolis, Ind., March 23—The national executive committee of the Socialist party in a two-day conference here passed a resolution March 12th urging an increase in the appropriation for investigation of labor conditions in the Mississippi levee camps from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The resolution calls the exploitation of Negro labor on the levees "one of the outstanding scandals of the present time." Clarence O. Senior, executive secretary of the party, has sent a copy of the resolution to the NAACP and to Senators Townsend, Wagner and Vice President Garner.

ADDRESSES WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY

Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., pastor of Bethel church addressed the student body of Willamette university at chapel on the 16th for twenty five minutes. He talked on "The New Negro" and was enthusiastically received by the student body. At the close of his talk he was the guest at lunch of the Alpha Phi Alpha sorority where all students who cared to were invited to speak with him.

car is said to have escaped with minor injuries. Friends of the victims in Portland are hoping for a speedy recovery for all of them.

QUIET AS IT'S KEPT



Story of George Garner's Rise To Fame Reads Like Fiction

WILL MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN PORTLAND ORE. NEXT MONTH

WHO IS THEODORE JORDAN?

INSTALLMENT TWO (Continued from last week)

Portland, Oregon, March 25—White "science" has been, for years, digging up biological "facts" and "data" to substantiate the deliberate device of white-man's rule to keep the oppressed 12 million Negroes in America in subjection. The "scientists" called to the defense of white supremacy are very clever in their blending of fact with lies, producing a concoction of logic that convinces the gullible. One of the popular methods of logic is the statement that the Negro race is not far progressed from the anthropoid ape as the white race, as proved by the "sloping forehead" and full lips of the Negroes. (Personally, I never saw an ape with other than thin, very Nordic lips, but the "logic" is employed by scientists to prove white superiority, nevertheless.)

The late George Dorsey, a white compiler and popularizer of anthropological and biological information, devoted considerable space in one of his books, "Why We Behave Like Human Beings", to a refutation of the propaganda spread by fanatical Nordics. With a deft and amusing technique, he proved that the white race have just as many characteristics in common with the anthropoid apes as have the Negroes.

But we are concerned here with the academic quibbling of the scientists, would-be, pseudo and otherwise, except as they reflect upon the contemptible, cowardly methods of the white ruling classes in suppressing the victims of their mercenary slave-traffic. It is just one of the methods used to keep the fires of race hatred smoldering, ready to burst into a flame of sadistic lynching whenever white rulers feel that the Negroes need to be impressed by "white superiority".

Lynching . . . the word, with all the significance it carries with it, should cause every civilized human being to shudder. But, because of the efficiency of white propaganda, it does not. Lynching episodes from the south are reported by the newspapers as casually as social items. The most horrible outrages can be perpetrated against members of the Negro race with scarcely a murmur of protest from even the liberal-minded white people. Just a few months ago in a Southern state, a Negro, accused of an attack on a white girl, was taken by an organized mob of "superior" whites, and burned to death on the roof of a school house. From 1885 to 1927 there were 3,226 "illegal" lynchings of Negro victims in the United States. Did any murder charges, or even misdemeanors or charges grow out of these lynchings? Yet the perpetrators have been known. Between 1889 and 1925 there is a record of 90 women lynched in this country. James W. Ford, who was mentioned in last week's article of this series, had white supremacy burned on his young mind when he witnessed his grandfather burned alive in a pile of railroad ties—a victim of white man's power. Although protection of white womanhood—a stock phrase used by the mongers of race hatred—is commonly accepted as the reason for most lynching, such is not the case. Out of 2,522 lynchings, 900 were accused of murder, 477 with rape 237 with attacks upon women, 253 with crimes against property and 393 with "miscellaneous" offenses.

The slogan of white supremacy seems to be, WHAT THE COURTS WON'T DO, THE LYNCHING MOB WILL! I do not exaggerate—as proof I submit the fact that the nine Scottsboro boys have been threatened with lynching if they are released by the court! Legal lynching, of course, is better than anarchistic mob violence. But the two coordinate in the work of terrorizing the black race.

Theodore Jordan is and has been a candidate for legal lynching. And as he so well realizes, as evinced by his statement and appeal to the white and Negro masses, it will be the combined protests of those masses that will save him!

(Continued next week)

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