

BOOK REVIEW

(Reviewed by Clifford Mitchell)

CHICAGO'S FIRST CITIZEN

JEAN APTISTE POINT DE SABLE

By Elizabeth Matlock & Hugert Simon

If you are a reader of the Bronze- man magazine, you will have noted re- cently, a series of articles on Distin- guished Negroes, etc., by Hubert V. Simon. The book — or rather pamph- let — that I am now commenting upon is from the pen of the same writer. It is on Chicago's first citizen and Mr. Simon has presented his material in such a fashion as to leave but little room for doubt that a Negro actually was Chicago's first citizen.

It is very timely that the book is issued now for with people World's Fair minded, they will be interested in wanting to know what part the Negro played in helping to found this great community.

In receiving the review copy of this book I was signally honored for on the very afternoon that the first copies were off the press, Mr. Simon called and presented me with an autographed copy, incidentally detailing to me the struggles he has had to piece together worthwhile literature of early members of our race and particularly the difficulties he was laboring under in presenting "Chicago's First Citizen" to the reading public.

His experiences made a deep im- pression upon me — so deep that I shall endeavor to work out and build up a plan, through this column, where- by I can secure the name and address of every colored book-lover in Ameri- ca. After I receive and compile these names it is just possible that I can make a survey of the field and can work out or suggest some plan where- by our aspiring writers will find a ready market awaiting their output. In this connection I would thank every reader who is reading this column to send me their name and address at once, either addressed in care of this paper or to Clifford C. Mitchell, Wri- ter, 3597 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

But to continue on DeSable. As you perhaps know he was a trader and trapper in the 1790's and settled in the communities now known as Peoria and Chicago. There seems to be no doubt as to his being a Negro but most of the white historians have made a foreigner out of him. That he was black, however, there is no doubt, even if there might be some doubt as to his birthplace.

Mr. Simon hopes to sell his pam- phlet on a national scale for 35 cents a copy and those interested in reading historical racial works can communi- cate with him in care of the Bronze- man, 418 E. 47th St., Chicago. And those so communicating will not only receive a worthy little pamphlet but they will be helping a struggling race writer to get a foothold.

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Continued from page one of Europe, but when he did they got mad about it, and are saying worse things about him than he ever thought of saying about them. After all, Mr. Roosevelt is a very high bred gentleman and has good manners.

In the fifth place, Mr. Roosevelt, with enlightened conscious regard for his own country, saw the interests of the United States seriously jeopardized by any compact of currency stabilization, at this particular time, dictated by, what appeared to be, a conspiracy of an international "Gold Bloc", engineered by France, a defaulting nation, whose selfish interest seemed to supersede every other consideration, and it was this phase that rapidly moving whirling that caught the discerning eye of the President. So we would add to the many other fine qualities of our President what we might term an ingenious highly vitalized perspicacity. Look that up for yourself.

So it seems to me that when we look into the back ground of that conference and understand the real objectives, and the motivating thoughts, particularly of the "Gold Bloc" nations, we see enough to warrant the very drastic nature of the Roosevelt note. The American people will endorse his stand, for it is based upon a sound and practical policy, and most of all it is the heart of an American to call a bluff at any time.

Some will say the conference was ill timed, out of place and of no practical use, and should never have been called. That is all a mistake. The Conference will do good. Europe understands us better and Mr. Roosevelt has made himself acquainted with a lot of people that he could not have frankness, dragging things out in the open, do good, as they are made manifest, their opposites are made manifest, and that does good, even at the cost of confidence, often times.

My contention is that the real objective of the conference were obscured, if not lost, in the transparent and implied, maneuvers of the "Gold Bloc" nations, and that Mr. Roosevelt's message was fully warranted, if not compelled, by the very exigencies of the situation.

This London Conference is headed for an unending line of discussion and the President is going to be pictured as responsible for a debacle producing nothing but international disruption and embarrassment, but no intelligent discussion of it can be made a part from the real elements that were adroitly but furtively engineered into it, and to meet exactly that situation our President has decisively shown that none of his political acumen, boldness, dash, and wizardry of perception left him.

ETTA MOTEN WINS PLACE IN "GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933"

(Continued from page one) men" march in review. In the finale the camera is focussed on Etta, a forlorn creature whom the ravages of war has robbed of her man and her living, reminds the world reviewing forgotten men of other nations that it can't forget "her forgotten man". She runs the gamut of emotions in two short choruses when she tells of their tranquil love moments before they put a gun in his hand and sent him far away; grows defiant with "A Woman's G.O.A. to have a man", wails plaintively "forgetting him, you see, means you're forgetting me"; ends militantly with an unforgettable climax.

It is a grand thrust at the old social order and regardless of the musical comedy atmosphere, the social significance of the entire picture and certainly of Etta's interpretation does credit to the so-called New Deal idea sweeping the country.

Coming soon on the silver screen will be "Careless" starring the little firebrand, Ginger Rogers. In this we see Etta in a lighter vein singing "My Imaginary Sweetheart."

Between pictures she has been starred with Earl Dancer's band in Warner Brothers' Hollywood, Downtown and San Pedro theatres. We out here close to Hollywood who have seen so many promising dark stars twinkle and fade completely out of the cinematic firmament are expecting this little engineer to do some clever "fixing" while she has the chance. And why not? She is a composite of all the neotropical types that have paraded before the camera. She most nearly approximates Anita Thompson's sophistication; eclipses Nina Mae McKinney's bruited sex appeal (I claim the gal never had any more authority and finesse; has a keen sense of comedy as Vivian Smith or Louise Beavers; respects all the native traits in song and dance; sings spirituals with less pose than Clarence Muse — puts a mischievous twist on racial rhythms that makes them classic instead of downright vulgar; that perfect dentistry the race is supposed to be endowed with; those gorgeous eyes that roll high, wide and handsome and a teasing

Note: The film is showing at the Music Box, a local theatre. —Ed.

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By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

VISITORS ARE COMING!

Although I have not publicly invited any visitors to Chicago to drop in and have a chat with me still they are beginning to arrive. The reason that I have not invited visitors — publicly — is because I have so much strictly routine work to do that it is impossible for me to do this work and entertain visitors at the same time. And everyone knows that I am a writer for Negro papers which means little or no revenue from that source — not even enough to enable me to hire stenographers — or even one — so that my time could be used along other lines. But, maybe, someday, the conditions will change and when they do I shall announce to the house-tops that I am ready to receive and welcome visitors on their arrival in Chicago. Right now I welcome their letters and these I do promise to take care of promptly. So, address me, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago.

I couldn't object to the visit of my sister to my little office. She, Mrs. Beulah Mitchell Hill, formerly of the Chicago Bee, but for the past year and a half, women's editor, music editor, rotogravure editor, and out of town editor of the Atlanta Daily World and affiliated fifty-day papers of the Scott Newspaper Syndicate, of Atlanta, called and talked shop and other more personal matters.

And the publishers of the Gary American, Arthur B. Whitlock, Fritz W. Alexander, and George C. Anderson, called and spent an hour or so discussing possibilities of a future service I may soon launch. It was Mr. Whitlock, as my readers know, who made every effort to secure my parole to Gary where he promised to permit me the use of his entire plant facilities.

Another editor, a namesake of mine, J. E. Mitchell, editor of the Saint Louis Argus, was brought up to the office by Mr. Truman K. Gibson, chairman of the board, of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company. We also enjoyed an hour or so chatting shop.

Thanks to the following publishers who changed my address from Jacksonville, during the week: Birmingham World; Cincinnati Union, City Call, Louisville Leader, Memphis World, Seattle Enterprise and the Shreveport Sun.

And thanks to the following for their publicly expressed tributes: The Shreveport Sun for the leading editorial; The editorial in the Palmist to Leader; Robert Durr's comment in the Birmingham World and to Mayme Osby Brown for her comment in "Town Talk" in the New Orleans, Louisiana Weekly.

During the week I noticed eight more papers using my new feature, "Chicago — An 4 Chicagoans", being: St. Louis American, Shreveport Sun, Tampa Bulletin, Wichita Negro Star, Arizona Glean, Grenville Leader, Carroll Tribune and the Monroe Broadcast. Seventeen papers in less than three weeks.

And speaking of features reminds me that right in Chicago there lies so much material that is worthy of being featured each week that I can visualize a real service that I can render our papers in the time to come. Just as fast as my facilities will permit I shall expand and gradually add new features so that the papers who have been cooperating with me for years will be receiving many features from which they can select a worthy amount for their readers. And there is plenty of other talent that I expect to make use of. Eventually I hope to have someone to "cover" every important affair and then have it written up descriptively for your readers. And the best way I have of knowing whether you like these new features is by the rapidity in which the various editors use them. Hence, you know I am lated over the fact that in less than three weeks, seventeen different papers commented the use of "Chicago — And Chicagoans".

Quite a number of the colored democrats will attend the state-wide picnic of the party to be held tomorrow at Viking Park. The committee in charge is urging them to be present and participate in the fun.

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Social Dolms



Mrs. Hattie Truitt of Butte, Mont., is visiting Mrs. H. S. Buford in South Portland.

Gilbert Kirk was in the city last week visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Ella and Lillie Meissner, of 80 E. 68th street were hostesses at a beautiful afternoon tea on Thursday in honor of Mrs. Ida Finch, their house guest for the past two months. Mrs. Finch will left Friday morning for her home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reed and family motored to Government Camp Thursday.

Mr. Henry Clark of Omaha, Neb., spent two days in Portland this week. He is a chauffeur for a party of tourists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jamison passed a few days with Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Anderson, in Seattle recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Turner motored to Seattle last week and passed a few days as the guest of their sister, Mrs. Edith Johnson and her husband, Rev. H. Leo Johnson. They report having had a lovely time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams were hosts at dinner Tuesday in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Roy Kinard.

Mr. W. H. LaBelle, Miss Grace Scott, Mrs. Clara Pickett and Mrs. Lenora Henderson attended the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star in Seattle this week.

Mrs. Mildred Smith and her son, Mr. Clifford Strobe have moved from 502 Market street to 2333 Second St. Southwest.

Miss Florence Cantrell, talented and youthful pianist observed her thirtieth birthday anniversary with a party at the home of her parents on Monday.

Miss Louise Randolph announced her engagement to Mr. Price, at a party at the home of her parents in Alberta last Thursday evening.

The Industrial Girls Club held a picnic Tuesday evening at Mount Taylor Park.

Mrs. Bonnie Bogie was hostess at an afternoon tea Monday for the honor of Mrs. Dolly Paries, elected delegate to the Convention of Colored Women's Clubs to be held this month in Chicago.

Mrs. Lillian Jenkins Lay will attend the Century of Progress Fair in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin will motor to Kelso, Washington Sunday to be with Rev. and Mrs. Lynch Brown.

Mrs. Wass and her sister Mrs. Ray held a feast at their home on the Terwilliger Boulevard last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Arthur LeBon was in Portland Sunday from Berkeley. He was greeted by time-honored friends.

Mrs. U. S. Reed motored to Orchards, Washington Monday to visit Mrs. A. Lopez.

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I. L. D. DEMANDS DEFENSE FUNDS

DON'T WANT STRINGS TIED TO THEM, EITHER

TURN SCOTTSBORO FUNDS OVER OR CEASE COLLECTING SAYS MILITANT ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, July —An ultimatum to the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, demanding that they turn over all funds collected for Scottsboro defense, unconditionally, to the International Labor Defense, sole authorized defenders of the Scottsboro boys, or cease collecting, was delivered in a letter, made public today, Monday, by William L. Patterson, national secretary of the I. L. D.

The excuse put forward by the leadership of the N. A. A. C. P. to retain the funds collected from thousands of Negroes under protest at that time, made public today, Monday, by William L. Patterson, national secretary of the I. L. D.

"Walper White's statement about sums asked him by I. L. D. even for purely legal purposes, are falsified. His statement that his organization pledged itself to hold such funds for such purposes is false. No mention of such a pledge is made in the announcement by the N. A. A. C. P. that it would collect funds for Scottsboro."

An analysis of the financial history of the N. A. A. C. P., quoting its own figures which show that without any authorization from any responsible source it collected more than \$17,000 for Scottsboro defense, before the retrial of Heywood Patterson, but that only \$1,000 ever found its way to the accomplishment of such a purpose, is contained in Patterson's letter. The letter blasts Walter White's boast of "the Association's reputation for careful handling of an accounting for funds."

Following an exhaustive analysis of the activities and role of the International Labor Defense and of the N. A. A. C. P. in the Scottsboro and other cases, and of the history of the fund-collecting relation of the N. A. A. C. P. in the Scottsboro case, the I. L. D. letter states:

"In conclusion, I must say definitely that if the leadership of your organization will not agree that the organization defending the lives of the Scottsboro boys shall have unconditional control of the funds collected for this purpose, we must insist that you cease collecting funds. Funds collected under any other conditions are not collected for Scottsboro defense. We cannot have this fraud perpetrated upon the Negro masses. We cannot be a party to this betrayal of the liberation struggles of the Negro masses and the fight for unconditional freedom of the Scottsboro boys."

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