



Well, the elections are over, C. C. Did they come out the way you had hoped, or anticipated? Not knowing anything about the local set-up the elections did not excite me in the least but everywhere I went the topic was well discussed pro and con.

The local election remind me of the elections just about to be held in the Bahamas, British West Indies. You know I get a daily paper from there, C. C. and they are having a general election there right now. There, the candidate is popular according to the amount of rum he dispenses. They have a slick way of advertising in the Bahamas, at election time. They will announce a meeting in behalf of a certain candidate and all the natives will attend knowing that they will hear a few speeches and then a keg of rum will be opened. After the keg has been exhausted they will announce another meeting at another hall in another district and the whole assemblage will trail along to the other hall, all in good spirits, and picking up new recruits as they march along. That same procedure will be repeated perhaps three or four times in one night. That's native life in the West Indies for you. Very few care much about the candidate for once he is elected he is almost unapproachable until next election.

In spite of the elections though, C. C. I did mingle among the folks during the past week. I picked up a lot of gossip, and also a lot of news. I'll try and recall some of it for you.

The most personal bit of news was received from Mrs. Hallot Barnett, 2709 Wirr Street. You know she was in Minneapolis and St. Paul recently and while there she met friends of mine, and friends of some loved ones of mine, and believe me it was cheering news just to hear indirectly from them.

Last Sunday, being Mother's Day, I attended the special Mother's Day program at the Cleaves C. M. E. Temple, 25th and Decatur Streets, pastored by the Rev. L. A. Story. Not only was the discourse topical but it was quite productive emotionally and spiritually. Listening to the emotional outbursts of others touched a responsive chord within me. I thought of my own memories and of the mother I never knew. (In fact that Mother's Day poem by Jean Parker, 3110 Corby Street, in the Star, last week, expressed my feelings exactly, "To The Mother I Never Knew.") The choir rendered some very appropriate and pleasing numbers. And the choir leader, and soloist, looked angelic indeed in her white satin robe. Upon inquiry I learned (Continued on page 2)

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RANDOLPH, ETHRIDGE, WEBSTER, FENTON, JUDGE HASTIE, DR. JOHNSON LAYLE LANE, COL. GINSBERG, TO BE AMONG GUEST SPEAKERS

TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON "The Negro, Labor and War" Conference To Get Under Way Saturday Morning, May 23, at 10:00 O'clock

OMAHA UNIVERSITY TO BE SCENE OF MEETING The Omaha Labor Institute sponsored by Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Local No. 32, Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters, Local No. 465, Omaha unit, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Local No. 732, Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, Local No. 1140, Omaha Urban League, Omaha Central Labor Union, Nebraska State Federation of Labor, in cooperation with the Workers Education Bureau of America of the Omaha Municipal University, will hold a general conference on Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24 on the theme: The Negro, Labor and War at the Municipal University. "We are all seeking the achievement of victory. This Institute is devoted to the study of how best the Negro can make his contribution with Labor towards that victory," is the keynote of the conference. SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1942 10:00—Opening of Conference—Gordon C. Preble. Invocation—Reverend E. F. Ridley. Message of Welcome—Dr. Roland Hayes. Introduction of Spencer Miller Jr., Moderator by Roy Brewer. The Problem: A WORLD AT WAR This Global War—Spencer Miller, Jr. The Place of the Negro in the Global War—A. Philip Randolph. General Discussion. SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2:00—Theme: The Negro and Production. The Negro in the Production Process—Milton Webster. Collective Bargaining and Production—Frank Fenton. Related Problems: Mark Ethridge.

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This week's Editorial Review

UNHAPPY FRANCE France lies prostrate beneath the spiked boots of her German overlords. The liberty she has so long cherished for herself and mankind everywhere is no longer theirs. Their rallying cry which sounded pure and clear in the throes of the French Revolution of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity is no longer heard aloud. Men and women all over the world who for many years have looked upon France as a symbol of FREEDOM, grieve over her misfortunes and her misdeeds. France was the only great colonial power of either the ancient or modern world which extended to her colonies and her colonialists such a large measure of freedom and participation in her government. The tragedy of France today is the tragedy of Liberty everywhere. And we must not stop fighting until France is made France again and stands as the hope of freedom for all men not yet free. By casual glance at modern history one sees here the world's best

example man's desire for freedom for all men. When slavery of human beings was universal, every slave became free who set foot on the soil of France. Never was such freedom denied even to dark men. And the silly "color prejudices" practiced by other peoples had no place in FREE FRANCE. Many years ago travellers sought from Frenchmen the reasons for this attitude, and they were told: "We rose from the French Revolution, purged and glorified, washed clean by the blood of that reform." May we dare to hope that the "world blood bath" of today will do for the nations of the earth what it did for France in the long ago.

THE DEFENSE OF DARK PEOPLES Thus far in the effort to defend dark peoples has met with failure. China has defended herself, and India is to be defended, Indians must defend her, just as China has done and just as Russia has done for herself and as Dark Turkey must do for herself and Dark Africa must do for herself. There must be no illusions about it. A supreme effort will be made to defend Australia, the land of the whites from "down under". In the discussion of this whole question, however, it must be remembered that dark people did not "set the world on fire". This was done by the so-called pure ARYANS of Germany. In the long ago Dark leaders did the same thing, and they died in "the tented field". And the same fate will be met by all the Hitlers, BIG and little. The mischief they will do before

ALL 'INS' REELECTED

Tuesday the election for city commissioners was held. A vote was also had at the same time on the proposal to increase the pay of firemen and policemen from \$140.00 per month to \$180.00 per month, a 1 to 1 2/3 pensions for firemen and policemen at \$70.00 per month. The present city commissioners were reelected. The increase of salaries for firemen and policemen was beaten, but the proposal to fix future pensions of firemen and policemen at \$70.00 per month was adopted. The vote in the city as a whole

was very light. In the second ward it was shamefully small. Two of the candidates running on the out ticket placed in the first seven in the second ward, due to "two-thirding" by certain folks who claimed to be for the INS. Nevertheless, GOOD GOVERNMENT has won out, and the officials should now take a look around and make "the boys" dance to Good Government Music. Congratulations, gentlemen of the Commission of Omaha. We did what we could in the closing hours of the campaign. And our hope is that in the days to come, we may be permitted to cooperate more helpfully day by day. We will meet you "half-way". What say you all?

To Become Mrs. McDavis



The very popular Miss Doris Martin, of 2602 North 30th Street, will trek down the center aisle with Mr. George H. McDavis, 2425 Ohio Street at 8 o'clock next Wednesday evening, the 20th, at her home. The Rev. F. C. Williams, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, will tie the knot. The happy couple will leave the next day for a short honeymoon trip to Chicago. The groom is an advertising representative on the Star, having arrived in the city only a few weeks ago from Des Moines, Iowa. The bride is well known having earned the reputation of being a thoroughly capable, and pleasing worker at the E & E Little Diner Cafe, 2314 North 24th Street, for years during her fourteen or fifteen years residence in Omaha. The romance dates back to the school days of the couple.

NEGRO RECRUITS TO BE TRAINED AT GREAT LAKES

Negro recruits who volunteer for general service in the Navy will be trained at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Negotiations are being conducted with other schools for advanced training facilities. Recruiting of Negroes for general service is to be begun as soon as barracks and other buildings now under construction, are ready for occupancy. It is expected that this work will be completed about June 15. It has been the Navy's policy to keep recruiting in close step with the availability of training facilities as it is considered undesirable to have enlisted men stand by for more than a few days awaiting orders.

\$70 PENSION BILL CARRIES; FIRE -POLICE PAY RESTORATION LOSES

Table with columns for RESTORATION COMPENSATION and PENSION, listing amounts for various wards.

Table titled 'Complete Returns of Colored Votes BY WARD AND DISTRICT' showing vote counts for various candidates across different wards and districts.

"Good Government" by 3-2 Margin

