

Prominent Woman Visits Lincoln

Mary White Ovington of New York, Organizer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Addressed Large Audience at Temple Theater.

MAYOR MILLER ALSO SPEAKS

A LARGE audience of about 700 Colored people greeted Miss Mary White Ovington, when she spoke on the Negro problem Friday night at Temple theater. Miss Ovington came from New York, where she has for the past five years devoted her time and interests to the advancement of this society.

The meeting was opened by singing of the national anthem, "America," an instrumental solo by Mrs. Isetta Malone, followed by invocation by the Rev. R. R. Powers. Mayor Miller was introduced by Clyde Malone, who is president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P.

Mayor Miller in turn thanked the audience heartily for the greeting received. He assured the Colored people that he would always be a friend to them. He spoke of Colored troops in France and how they have rallied to the cause.

He also said he was a firm believer of political liberty. That democracy meant political equality. In speaking of the nation as a whole, he said that if he had the power he would allow no man, whether black or white, the right of franchise unless he was able to read and write.

Miss Ovington in her address told of the beginning of the association and how she had lived in a Colored settlement in Brooklyn in order to make a better study of their problems and difficulties. She had to visit the homes before she really un-

derstood the conditions that existed there.

She also stated that the association was founded after the Springfield race riots in 1908, which were directed against the Colored people of that city. William English Walling, who was in Springfield at the time, wrote an article, "Race War in the North," which stirred up enthusiasm rapidly and the result was to form a society that would take such matters under consideration.

The society was organized on Lincoln's birthday in 1909. When the organization started out, the members pledged themselves to protect the rights of Colored citizens. The organization now has 119 branches with a membership of 35,200. Their aim is to make it reach the 50,000 mark before the beginning of next year. Lincoln has a membership of 200.

She said that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People dealt with affairs concerning lynching, segregation, Jim Crow cars, education and disfranchisement. One of the biggest questions was the disfranchisement of the Negro of the south.

In considering the photo play, "The Birth of a Nation," she said the national officers of which Moorfield Storey is president, and she one of the vice presidents, tried to get it censored at the very beginning, while in Boston. Mr. Storey meeting Mr. Griffith, the producer, refused to shake hands with him on account of the great humiliation his play was causing among both Colored and white people. She asserted lynchings marked disgrace upon people of both races.

Miss Ovington said that the branches of the N. A. A. C. P. were expected to fight any battles that presented themselves and to induce their members to subscribe for the "Crisis," a magazine which is published every month and which tells of the work done by the branches

in various cities. The "Crisis" has a circulation of 76,000.

She urged her listeners to work diligently in order to get best results. She also assured them that every means will be taken to see that the Negro be allowed to share equally in the American heritage of citizenship. MRS. SARAH WALKER.

'COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED'

(Continued from First Page.)

Mr. H. B. Hudson, secretary National Baptist Convention (Incorporated), Selma, Ala.

Mr. Clarence W. Allen, president Press Publishing company, Mobile, Ala.

Dr. A. F. Owens, dean theological department, Selma university, Selma, Ala.

Dr. E. T. Belsaw, secretary executive board, National Medical Association, Mobile, Ala.

Dr. Byrd Pfillerman, president West Virginia Collegiate Institute, Institute, W. Va.

Mr. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, assistant superintendent public schools, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, secretary State Migrant Welfare commission, Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Robert L. Vann, editor the Courier and assistant city solicitor, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Chris J. Perry, president National Negro Press association, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, president Normal Industrial and Mechanical college, Orangeburg, S. C.

Mr. James A. Ross, publisher, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. W. W. Lucas, general officer M. E. church, Meridian, Miss.

A Renewed Impetus to Negro Patriotism

Zones of activity have been worked out and it is expected that speakers will accept assignments as near their

homes as possible to avoid the expense incident to long journeys. Except in special cases, expenses connected with speaking appointments should be borne by the local auspices under which the speakers appear.

The loyalty of the 12,000,000 Negroes of America is not doubted, but it is believed that their natural patriotism will be stirred anew and their helpful activities will be given a livelier impetus through the eloquent reminders voiced by leaders of thought and opinion who enjoy in the fullest measure their confidence and esteem.

BRITISH SUBJECTS ENROLL IN LARGE NUMBERS

Philadelphia, June 28.—Negro British subjects to the number of twenty per week are being enrolled for service at the British recruiting office, Sixteenth and Chestnut streets, according to information received at the office today. An average of ten per day, principally those from the Bermuda and Bahama islands, have applied for enlistment during the past several weeks, and these have been examined and data regarding them recorded. None of these, however, were enlisted until the order to that effect calling for Negroes to be enrolled was received.

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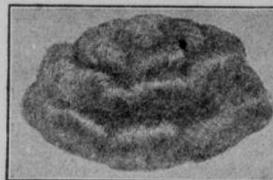


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